

507 Kanawha Ave.,
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April 13, 1970

Miss Agnes B. Pearlman,
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Dear Miss Pearlman:

Your request in Feb. 28 Hillbilly for information about the parentage of Oliver Browning and the wife of James Whitman, both of Logan County, W. Va. (formerly Virginia), has just come to my attention. Since I have some knowledge of the people in that section I will tell you what I know about them.

Writing in 1896, Henry Clay Ragland, historian of Logan County, said that several families from North Carolina settled in the Buffalo Creek-Spruce Fork region of that county, among them those of William Browning, and William, John, Tandy, and Meredith Burgess. Also settling there at about the same time, perhaps about 1830, was the family of James White from Virginia, whose children intermarried with the Brownings. Ragland further says:

"William Browning brought with him, in addition to his family, which consisted of a wife and several daughters, two nephews, Nathaniel and Simeon Browning."

also Lucinda Canterbury

Ragland had come to Logan County about 1870 and got his information by talking directly with the people, and though he made mistakes, as all of us do, he seems to have tried to be accurate. He mentions that William Browning had several daughters and mentions no sons. This appears to be supported by a document recorded in Logan County which lists the heirs of William Browning as being Nancy F. Walker, Catherine Christian, Elizabeth Burgess, Mary Browning, and Margaret Browning. It is of some importance to know that William Browning had no sons, as it eliminates him as a possible father of Oliver Browning.

Though Ragland says that Simeon and Nathaniel Browning were nephews of this William Browning he does not mention that both were also his sons-in-law. Both of them had married their first cousins, daughters of this William Browning and his wife, Catherine.

Looking at the records of these, the 1850 census shows that Nathaniel Browning was 38, only 12 years older than Oliver Browning, which seems to eliminate him as Oliver's father. This leaves only Simeon and his wife Mary as the likely parents, both having been born in 1799.

The situation in Logan County is complicated by the fact that there was another settlement of Brownings from North Carolina on Island Creek of Guyandot River. The two groups were quite some distance apart and I have never learned of

any relationship or contacts between them.

You no doubt know that census takers numbered families in the order in which they visited them. In 1850 census numbers for families in the Buffalo-Creek-Spruce Fork were in part as follows: family No. 25, Simeon Browning (Jr.), age 23, son of Simeon Browning; family No. 26, James M. White, son-in-law of William and Catherine Browning, and Catherine, born 1781, is living with him; family No. 27, Oliver Browning, age 26, in my opinion a son of Simeon Browning; family No. 28, William Browning, age 28, son of Simeon Browning; family No. 30, Nathaniel Browning, age 38; and family No. 31, Simeon Browning, age 51.

You will see then that the Brownings were bunched up in this neighborhood and that the only couple old enough to have been the parents of Oliver Browning and his wife Mary. This is not positive proof, but to the best of my belief was actually the case.

were Simeon

This group of Brownings was from Caswell County, North Carolina, and it is possible that search of records there would yield further information.

As to Mary Ann, wife of James Whitman of Logan County, I have a note that her maiden name was Richards. I do not recall where that came from and I could very well be wrong about it, and since you have her exact date of birth your information about her maiden name being Hale is most likely right. Your data is supported by the fact that there was in the same neighborhood a man named John Hale, who was of about the same age and could have been her brother. I do not know his parentage but he came to Logan County from Franklin County, Virginia, where search might yield further data.

Yours very truly



P. S. A local descendant of the White family has a very good record of the ancestry of Amanda White, wife of Oliver Browning, in case your people are interested in it.

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April 22, 1970

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you so much for your detailed letter in response to queries in the February 28 Hillbilly.

The remarks concerning Mary Ann, wife of James Whitman, have been forwarded to Mrs. Lenore (Whitman) McNeer and to Mr. Vern Whitman. Although I do not know the source of their information that Mary Ann's maiden name was Hale, I do know that they originally believed it to be Richards. Both correspondents will be pleased to learn, however, that the John Hale you mention come from Franklin County, Virginia, since this may enable them to trace Mary Ann's ancestry.

In regard to the Browning data: I appreciate the time you took to outline ~~the~~ possibilities. I will forward your evaluation to Mrs. Alma Lou (Browning) Williams and Mr. Paul Smith, who are descended from Oliver Browning. Another descendant thinks that Oliver's father may have been named "Tanner." Considering the propensity of these early families to use a first name on official documents and a middle name for family communication, I have wondered whether William, Simeon, or Nathaniel also had the name Tanner. It is possible, too, that Simeon and Nathaniel had a brother Tanner who died early and whose child Oliver was raised by the other relatives; in fact, one of their wives may even have been formerly married to such a brother. I agree with your speculation, however, that Simeon Sr. is a likely father for Oliver. With the knowledge that these families came from Caswell County, North Carolina (which section my correspondents did not know), I believe the puzzle might be cleared up with further research.

Several intriguing questions are raised by the list of heirs of William Browning. Apparently Catherine Christian is a grandchild. Only twelve years of age in 1850, she was living in the Walker household in Boone County. Do you happen to

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know who Catherine's parents were? Also, what was the date and nature of the document you mention?

I was delighted with your Postscript that a descendant of the Amanda White who married Oliver Browning has a good record of Amanda's ancestry. Not only will my correspondents be pleased to have the information but it would fulfill several personal needs. I am now trying to "unravel" the early Virginia White relationships. As you can guess, this is no small task. In addition, I am descended from an uncle of Amanda White and have been unable to trace his ancestry. Further, it is in the White family connections that Ragland has made a number of errors--the corrections to which I am trying to prove. Could you therefore send me the name and address of the local descendant who could provide information? Would this be someone who will be willing to do so? If necessary, I would be willing to pay for the service. Perhaps you might be interested in obtaining the information and forwarding it to me. Several Family Group Record forms as well as stamped, self-addressed envelopes are enclosed for the convenience of you and your local resident in replying.

You are so knowledgeable about the early families that I wonder what your interest might be. Are you a local historian? Are you descended from any of these West Virginia families? I have just recently transcribed the Logan, Cabell, and Boone County 1850 census records and was ready to start indexing them. From your remarks I sense that you might already have easy access to indexed copies. Is this so? I would not want to duplicate work already done.

Please let me know if you want names and addresses of all correspondents whom you have helped so much with your reply. Also, let me know if there is anything I could check for you in my files. I would be happy to send you any information I might have available.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

507 Kanawha Avenue,
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May 2, 1970.

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have picked up the chart about the ancestry of Amanda (White) Browning from Mr. Turner and it is enclosed. This extends it as far as Mr. Turner has it except for the Buford and Goodwin families. Genealogical books have been published about them, "The Buford Family in America", and "The Goodwin Family of Virginia", and Mr. Turner ties into them. I have seen these books but am not certain that the above titles are exactly right, but they are near enough so that they can be found in a genealogical library, and perhaps you know all about them now.

I mentioned that Mr. Turner is very cautious. He thinks that the White family came from the north of Ireland to Philadelphia, and that the first James White may have been the immigrant, but is not certain enough to put it in writing.

He says too that he is not positive that the second James White, No. 2 on the chart, was father of Amanda (White) Browning. I consider the evidence good enough. Benjamin H. White appears in the 1820 census of Cabell County, which at that time included the portion of Logan County where the Whites lived. The second James lived on or near the same place but was not living in 1850 and I feel reasonably certain that he died before 1840. Ragland, writing about Logan County in 1896 has Amanda and her brothers and sisters as children of Benjamin H. (Chickasaw Ben) White while in fact they were the children of the second James and Mary (Robinette) White. The death record of Russell White, great grandfather of Mr. Turner and brother of Amanda, shows that he was the son of James and Mary Robinette White.

Logan County was formed in 1824 but its courthouse was destroyed during the Civil War, together with most of its records. No birth, death, or marriage records earlier than 1865 are found there.

Mr. Turner had noted your Branch name. His Branch ancestors lived in Chesterfield County, Va., and his father was born there.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

P.S. Mary White, widow of the second James, is family no. 38 in 1850 census of Logan Co.

and Benj. H. White's grandchildren.

Results of No 16 →

32. James White
33. Mary Kitchen

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler David A. Turner
Address 263 Jackson Avenue
City, State Madison, W. Va., 25130
Date _____

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

Chart No. _____

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

4 Benjamin H. White
(Father of No. 2)
b. ca 1755
p.b.
m. 1787 (Amherst Co. Va.)
d.
p.d.

2 James White
(Father of No. 1)
b. ca 1788
p.b.
m. 1816 (Wythe Co. Va.)
d.
p.d.
5 Nancy Goodwin
(Mother of No. 2)
b. 1758
p.b.
d.
p.d.

1 Amanda White
b. 1824
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

6 Daniel Robinette
(Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m. 1786
d.
p.d.

3 Mary Robinette
(Mother of No. 1)
b. 1797
p.b.
d.
p.d.

7 Mary McFarland
(Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Cliver Prowing
(Spouse of No. 1)
b. 1824
p.b. d.
p.d.

8 Wesley White
(Father of No. 4)
b. ca 1738
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.
9 Mary
(Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

10 Micajah Goodwin
(Father of No. 5)
b. ca 1735
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.
11 Elizabeth Buford
(Mother of No. 5)
b. Dec. 3, 1738
p.b. Amelia Co, Va.
d.
p.d.

12 Thomas Robinette (?)
(Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.
13
(Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14
(Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.
15
(Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 William White
(Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. ca 1700
m.
d.
17 Sarah
(Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.
18
(Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.
19
(Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.
20 John Goodwin
(Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.
21 Jane
(Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.
22 Henry Buford, Jr.
(Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b. 1710 (Lancaster Co. Va.)
m.
d.
23 Frances
(Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.
24
(Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.
25
(Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.
26
(Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.
27
(Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.
28
(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.
29
(Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.
30
(Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
m.
d.
31
(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
b.
d.

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507 Kanawha Ave.,
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April 30, 1970

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I will try to answer some of the questions in your letter of April 22nd, though perhaps not in the order in which you asked them.

First, as to myself, I am a native of Minnesota and have no relatives in West Virginia, though my three children were all born here, also grew up here, but now they live in New York, Cleveland and Alexandria, Va. All of my grandparents were Icelanders who came to America nearly a hundred years ago and settled in Dakota Territory in what is now North Dakota. I became involved in mining in Minnesota and eventually wound up here. I might be called the local historian since I dabble in it a little and no one else does. I don't know why genealogy interests me. It just does, and that is all. Perhaps it is something inherited from my Icelandic ancestors for the Icelanders seem more concerned about it than any others. I have a copy of a history of Iceland written in 1124. A. D. and in the author gives his ancestry in the male parental line for 36 generations.

As to the Whites, I should have mentioned that there are well over 1,000 White descendants in Boone County, where I live, and perhaps an equal number in adjoining Logan County. With one exception I do not know of any of them who have tried to learn much about their ancestry. The exception is a local friend, David A. Turner, 263 Jackson Ave., Madison, W. Va. 25130. Mr. Turner is a self-trained genealogist (as I am) but he is cautious, thorough, and dependable. He is a great-grandson of Russell White, brother of the Amanda White who married Oliver Browning. Russell and Amanda, as well as several others, were children of James and Mary (Robinette) White. James White was the son of Benjamin H. (Chickasaw Ben) and Nancy (Goodwin) White.

Mr. Turner has a copy of the marriage bond of Benjamin H. White and Nancy Goodwin, dated, I think, 1787. The son James was born in 1788 and married Mary Robinette in 1816. I showed your letter to Mr. Turner and he was greatly interested in your being descended from an uncle of Amanda (White) Browning. This must have been a brother of James and he has been trying to learn who they were. He has the names of two, Perry White and John White, but would like to have more positive information about both than he now has.

I see references to Benjamin H. White as "Chickasaw Ben" and have tried to learn why. Perhaps he engaged in the wars

against the Chickasaw tribe or he may have been a trader among them, but there has to be a reason for his being called Chickasaw Ben. Incidentally, his widow, Nancy (Goodwin) White, was living in Boone County when the 1850 census was taken, with the family of Andrew Workman (No. 420). Her age is shown as 92, indicating that she was born in 1758. Her father, Micajah Goodwin, was well known in Virginia in Colonial times and her ~~son~~, Micajah Goodwin White was an early settler in what is now Boone County.

^{grandson,}
You ask about Catherine Christian, age 12 in 1850, and living with William Walker, Sr., in Boone County. I do not know who she was. The only Christian family in this region that I am certain about is that of James P. Christian. Some of his brothers and sisters are reputed to have come here also and to have left about 1824. Perhaps they did but I have seen no evidence of it and if they did I am inclined to believe their departure was a good bit later than 1824. Catherine Christian must be of the same family.

It has been reported that Thomas Christian, father of James P. Christian, was a nephew of Col. William Christian, who participated in Braddock's campaign and in the 1774 campaign that culminated in the Battle of Point Pleasant. My information about him is that he was a native of Augusta County, Va., married a sister of Patrick Henry, and moved to Kentucky where he was killed in April, 1776, while pursuing Indians who had stolen some of his horses.

Getting back to William Walker, Like William (and Oliver) Browning, he was also from Caswell County, N. C. His wife, Nancy F., born 1800, was a sister of William Browning. They were married in N. C. and appear to have come to what is now Boone County in 1822.

You ask about "Tanner" Browning. I have never heard the name in connection with any Browning, nor have I seen it in records either. I am of the opinion that no such person ever existed. I am wondering if this is something handed down about Tandy Burgess. He too was from North Carolina, had married Elizabeth, sister of William Browning, and settled alongside of him when they came to Logan County. He was then an uncle of some of the Brownings, presumably Oliver among them, and I am wondering if in the course of retelling it Uncle Tandy Burgess became Uncle Tanner Browning.

I do have Boone County census records of 1850, 1860, and 1870, arranged in alphabetical order insofar as heads of families are concerned, and laboriously typed in loose leaf binders by the hunt and peck system, and am now beginning to work on 1880. To this I have added any information I may have gotten from other sources about any family. I have not made any study of the Browning family other than what has come to me incidentally. I also have done the same for the 1850 census of Logan County but have not typed it.

As far as I am concerned it is not necessary to give my name to your correspondents who may be interested in the families I have mentioned. Since genealogy is no more than a hobby with me I have never made any charges for data I may furnish, and I am too old to start it now. Mr. Turner is primarily interested in his ancestry and that of his wife, and has never made any charges either.

In that connection, Mr. Turner is also a descendant of the Branch family of Virginia. I noticed that the genealogical sheets you sent me were copyrighted by A. Branch Pearlman, presumably you. Any connection? There has been more than one Branch Turner among Mr. Turner's close relatives. Evidently you are distantly related to him through your White ancestry.

In reading what I have written I see that I forgot to mention that Christian County, Kentucky, was named after the Col. William Christian mentioned above.

I have asked Mr. Turner to prepare a skeletal outline of the ancestry of Amanda (White) Browning from his notes, which should also catch part of your ancestry. If he has it ready when I mail this letter it will be enclosed; otherwise it will be mailed to you shortly.

Sincerely yours

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May 13, 1970

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

You cannot imagine how appreciative I am of the informative letter you sent. It is always wonderful to make contact with another thorough, cooperative correspondent in genealogical and historical quests.

Like you, I have never made a charge for any information I might send; and I am also always willing to do whatever I can to help others. Another similarity we share: I don't know why genealogy interests me either; it just does. In fact, last year I was co-editor of a book on early Spanish families in California called Saddleback Ancestors. It was published in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration of the state's founding. Of course, my interest in West Virginia families is partly stimulated by my relation to them; but I am simply interested in all of them--not just my own.

The next time I am in West Virginia I hope it will be possible for us to get together and compare notes. Perhaps you may even visit California.

Thank you for your comments on the Christian family. I have fairly complete data on the descendants of James P. Christian. Establishing positive identity of his grandparents--that is, of the parents of Thomas Christian--is particularly difficult. There were at least ten Thomas Christians of approximately the same age living at the same time who could have been James' father. In addition, there were at least three Colonel William Christians who served in the Revolutionary War, two of whom served at the Battle of Point Pleasant. The one you mention apparently had no brothers so could not have been the direct Uncle of Thomas. I should mention that one of the Williams was of the rank of Captain at the time of the Point Pleasant encounter. The 1830 Census of Logan County shows a number of Christians in addition to James P., but all were gone by 1840. I assume that they were relatives but have little to substantiate the exact relationships.

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You may have seen my series of articles on the Christian family in the Hillbilly. All the information given there had been fully documented.

In regard to the Whites: Needless to say, I was thrilled to receive the name and address of Mr. Turner, to whom I am writing today. I hope we may be able to unravel some puzzles about some of the related lines as well.

Before outlining some of the problems, I noted that Mr. Turner had also determined that Ragland was in error concerning the parentage of Amanda (White) Browning. A number of records substantiate that Amanda's parents were, in fact, Mary (Robinette) and James P. White.

Note: I am descended from Matilda (Workman) and Micajah Goodwin White.

Problem: One of my correspondents (whose information has proved reliable in every instance) has informed me that she believes James P. White and Micajah Goodwin White were brothers. If this were actually the case, who then was their father? Was it Perry White as shown on Micajah's death record? Or was it Benjamin H. White? Or were Perry and Benjamin one and the same person? Or was James P. White the uncle of Micajah Goodwin White as the information you sent would seem to indicate?

Problem: Who was truly the father of the Elizabeth Buford [Burford] who married Micajah Goodwin? All my evidence would indicate that it was Daniel rather than Henry, Jr., as Mr. Turner shows. I have sent a copy of the will of Daniel Buford, which would seem to verify that he is, indeed, the father of Elizabeth to Mr. Turner.

I have enclosed copies of some Family Group Records, which perhaps you may be able to correct or add to. Whether or not you have corrections or additions, perhaps you will return them after you use them for adding to information in your files. I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for this purpose.

In passing, you may be interested in further correspondence I have received regarding the Browning family. According to a grandson of Oliver Browning, Oliver's true surname was Tanner; thus Oliver was born Oliver Tanner. Oliver's mother was a Browning—probably Mary who later married Simeon Browning. It is my speculation that Oliver simply used the surname of his half-brothers and half-sisters. Oliver

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was brought from North Carolina as a baby. My informant does not know whether his father, Mr. Tanner, died or whether his parents were divorced. I would tend toward the former speculation.

You guessed correctly about my Branch connections. My maiden name was Branch. Although there is evidence that my North Carolina Branch ancestors were an offshoot of the Chesterfield County Branch Lines, the proof is not absolutely conclusive. I am still trying to establish beyond a shadow of a doubt the parents of John Branch, father of Colonel John Branch, who was the father of Governor John Branch of North Carolina and Florida. The latter also served as Secretary of State. The earliest John mentioned above was born sometime not too long after 1700 in either Virginia or North Carolina, I believe.

Again, my thanks for your interest. I hope I have not rambled too long on these lines we have discussed but thought you might wish to have the follow-up.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

507 Kanawha Ave.,
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May 23, 1970

Mrs Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Your letter arrived some days ago but I am a member of the West Virginia Antiquities Commission and left the next day to attend one of its meetings at Morgantown, about 250 miles away. I am also President of the West Virginia Archaeological Society and took a couple of days for its business and to prowl around certain Indian sites. I am a widower and have retired, my children are scattered far away so I have nothing to do but attend to my hobbies. I will be going on another safari of this kind day after tomorrow, so I will not comment fully on your letter until I return, the latter part of next week.

I saw Mr. Turner this evening and he said he would write to you soon. Both he and I are curious about how you are descended from ~~Micajah~~ Goodwin White. One of Micajah's great-grandsons, Hursie M. White, now deceased, was a close personal friend of mine. He was once Circuit Court Clerk of Boone County.

I have just read your article on the Coon family, and that too rings a bell. Adam Coon, 1800-1888, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Coon, was born in Harrison County, Virginia, (now W. Va) in the Coon's Fort locality. He came to what is now Boone County about 1820, married Hannah Meadows in 1822. After her death he married ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Ferrell. He had 16 children of whom I have record.

Nancy

I have a fair record of Adam's descendants down to 1870-1880, but have not tried to go beyond that for there are now just too many of them.

You show Coons Fort in Marion County, which is perhaps correct now. If built in 1774, as indicated in the sketch, it lay at that time in the District of West Augusta, Monongalia County (it was named for the Monongahela River but the author of the bill which created it could not spell) was created in 1776 and embraced all of present Harrison and more. Harrison was created in 1784 from Monongalia and until 1842 included the area of Coons Fort. Marion was created in 1842 from Harrison and Monongalia. I am not familiar with that area or the exact location of Coons Fort and no doubt your informants have it correctly located, but at the time of Adam Coon's birth it was still in Harrison.

Sincerely

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June 3, 1970

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

You were most thoughtful to write between the meetings and excursions. How I wish I could have been with you at the Indian sites. There are so many mysteries to be solved about life in the Appalachians before the Europeans settled throughout the region. I believe, too, there are still many unwritten stories about assimilation between the area's "red" men and "white" men.

Genealogically speaking: I am also curious as to the origin of the appellation "Chickasaw" Ben for Benjamin Harrison White. It is possible that he was a trader with the Chickasaw tribe, but I have no information other than that contained in Ragland's history. I have written another correspondent who might be able to shed some light on this subject, however, and will let you know what I learn.

You and Mr. Turner ~~asked~~ about my descent from Micajah Goodwin White. My great-grandmother was his daughter Clarinda "Rindy," who married Micajah Goodwin Mitchell. Like his father-in-law, M. G. Mitchell acquired his given names from a common ancestor: Micajah Goodwin. As you know, Micajah Goodwin's daughter, Nancy, married Benjamin H. "Chickasaw" White. Another daughter, Spicey, married Anselmus Mitchell, M. G. Mitchell's grandfather. Not only do I have a double Goodwin line but a double Mitchell line as well since M. G. Mitchell's sister Isabel J. is also a great-grandmother. She married Peter Christian. My grandparents, Emma Mitchell and Albert Leander Christian, were first cousins. I dare say some of the Mitchells are living in Boone County today as are the White descendants.

At present I am following several leads concerning the parentage of Micajah Goodwin White. More and more clues point to Nancy (Goodwin) and Benjamin H.

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White as his parents--making him the brother of Russell's father, James. In spite of her advanced age, Nancy had a daughter, Louisa (wife of Andrew Workman), with whom she was living in 1850. Louisa was born even later than Micajah Goodwin White. Although somewhat unusual, there is documentation of many women having children during the fifth decade of their lives. One such, as a matter of fact, was Micajah Goodwin White's mother-in-law. The only negative evidence I have that the parentage of Micajah Goodwin White was not as outlined above is the death record, which seems to give "Perry" and Nancy White as the parents. Since I obtained my information from abstracts of these records and have never seen the original, I am beginning to wonder whether the abbreviation "Benj." for Benjamin has been mistakenly read as "Perry" these many years. For example, the following are copied directly from old records in which the name is known absolutely to have been Benjamin:

Perry Perry Perry Perry Perry

In each of the above examples the ink had either faded or the scribe in his haste simply had not been careful to complete the "B: or to dot the "j". In one case the scribe had accidentally added an additional hump to the "n". On the last example the "B" was written as such, but the "e" covered the lower portion. As you will note, any of the above examples could be erroneously transcribed as "Perry" rather than as "Benj." which in fact they are. With the old-type pens and penmanship, such variations would be even more pronounced than in my writing above. Since you and Mr. Turner are right in Madison near the Court House, I would be very pleased to have your opinions after you check the original and give this matter careful study.

I do appreciate your comments on the Coon family. You seem to have such a fund of information on these early families, I only wish I were there to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

§07 Kanawha Ave.,
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June 1, 1970

Mrs Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I spent most of last week in the eastern part of the state on what was ostensibly a fishing trip but it turned out to be mostly an archaeological reconnaissance for the friend who went with me is also one of my companions in digging local Indian sites.

Mr. Turner showed me the letter he wrote to you and I can say that he is much better informed about the White family than I am. You will see that he is quite cautious about making positive statements, which is entirely proper when one is dealing with genealogy.

You say that you have been informed that James P. White and Micajah G. White were brothers. I think this must be wrong. Records here show clearly that Micajah G. White was a son of Perry and Nancy White. It also seems to be clear that James White was the son of Benjamin W. White. You call him James P. White (if we are talking about the same person) but neither Mr. Turner nor I have seen the middle initial used in the scanty records that exist here.

Mr. Turner has found Benjamin (Chickasaw Ben) White and James White in the 1820 census of Cabell County, which at that time included the portion of Logan County where the White settlement was made. We do not know when James White was born but he had children born at least as early as 1813, so we can assume that he was one of the older children of Benjamin W. and Nancy (Goodwin) White, who were married in 1787. Micajah Goodwin White was born in 1809, leaving enough time for an intervening generation, which in this instance seems to have been Perry. The information for Micajah G. Whites death record was furnished by relatives who should have known what they were talking about, and they said his father was Perry White.

There is no doubt about Russell White, early settler here, having been the son of James White. Quite a long time ago a grandson of Micajah G. White told me he was a cousin of Russell White. He did not say they were first cousins but the term "cousin" is generally used here to designate a first cousin. If relationship is more remote the term "second cousin" or "third cousin" is generally used.

One of our difficulties here is the scantiness of early records. The court houses of both Boone and Logan Counties were burned during the Civil War, though a few of the records were saved. Another thing, it appears that Perry White never came to this region for we have never seen his name anywhere

except in the death record of Micajah G. White. Mr. Turner met a man from Kentucky named Perry White, who claimed relationship to the Whites of Logan County, but he knew nothing about his ancestry or why he was given the name Perry.

We do not know when James White died, but it was perhaps before 1840. Some 55 years later, when Ragland was writing his historical notes about Logan County, James White seems to have been forgotten. He seems to have relied on tradition alone and what people told him, and to have made no use of records. In several instances he says that early settlers of Logan County served in the Revolutionary War when census records show they were born after that war was over. In some instances the fathers of these men had served, which shows how tradition confuses things. I am not belittling what Ragland did and I think he recorded truthfully what he was told, and he certainly preserved a lot of information that would otherwise have been lost forever, but some of the things he wrote have to be treated with caution.

I see that you show on the sheet relating to the family of Micajah G. White that the mother of his wife was Elizabeth McNeely, the widow of an Elkins. Records of Cabell County, W. Va., show that Joseph Workman and Elizabeth Elkins were married Nov. 7, 1813. Quite a long time ago one of the older Workman descendants told me that Elizabeth was a widow at the time she married Joseph Workman. Her maiden name was not known but was thought to have been Nelson, something I was skeptical about because no Nelsons are known to have lived in this region until some 25 years later. The Elkins family was already established here, living near the Workmans, and the McNeelys were also established in the general area. I am therefore inclined to believe that McNeely may have been her maiden name and would like to know the source of your information. The Workmans came to Logan County in 1793, and some later moved to Boone County.

I know nothing more than what I have written about the parentage of Oliver Browning and one might have to look in North Carolina for documentary evidence. It was not (nor is it yet) uncommon for the children of a widow to adopt the surname of a stepfather, so his true name could well have been Tanner.

I have not yet gone through your family groups thoroughly but will do so and return them shortly.

Sincerely

August Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
June 4, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Only a few hours before receiving your letter of June 1, I had mailed mine of June 3. I had also mailed one to Mr. Turner which was, in part, identical to the one sent you.

I will wait for your evaluation of the speculation of that letter before commenting further on the Benj. vs. Perry White parentage of Micajah Goodwin White.

I will take this opportunity to outline the data I have about Matilda Workman's mother, most of which was gleaned from the Workman Family History by Thelma C. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson used the extensive and carefully-compiled notes of her mother, Mary C. Workman, in writing the book. Most of the data was gathered from interviews and family Bibles in the early part of the century. The following is quoted from page 610 of the History:

Joseph Workman, son of Joseph Workman; born about 1788 of Tazewell Co., W. Va.; died in 1879 in Bald Knob, Boone, W. Va.; married 7 Nov. 1813 to Elizabeth McNeely Elkins born about 1788, of Spruce Creek, Logan, W. Va.; died in Bald Knob, W. Va.; married first to Joseph Elkins who was born about 1788 and died in the war of 1812, son of Zacheus Elkins. To this union were born: Zacheus Elkins born about 1809 and Celia Elkins born about 1811 in Bald Knob, W. Va.)

Joseph Workman and Mr. Elkins were neighbors in Boone Co., W. Va., when the War of 1812 broke out. They went down the canyon together to join the army. Mr. Elkins was mortally wounded during the conflict and as he was dying he turned to Joseph Workman and said, "Joe, don't let my family suffer." When Joseph Workman returned home he said he did not know any better way to take care of them than to marry the lady. He raised the Elkins children and ten of his own.

Mr. Sigfus Olafson

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Of course, there was no Boone County in 1812; but the author consistently uses the latest name for an area, which would indicate that the families were living in that region by 1812.

The Workman Family History mistakenly calls Matilda Workman's husband "James Goodwin White." It (like so many of my other sources, however) identifies Matilda's husband as the son of Benjamin. Incidentally, it is Matilda's brother, Andrew, who married Louise White, daughter of Benjamin.

If there is anything further you might wish me to check, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
June 11, 1970

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

In your letter of June 3 you speculate about blurred writing in the death record of Micajah Goodwin White, and the possibility that the name of his father might have been Benjamin. It is not so in this case and it is not possible to make anything out of his father's name except Perry. I enclose a tracing of the death records of both Micajah and his wife Matilda, which in the book are next to each other, and you can see this for yourself. The only thing not clearly written is the name of the daughter, Frances White, who in both cases furnished the information for the record.

The death records actually span two pages of the book so I condensed somewhat the record I copied, but included all pertinent information. Matilda was born on Pond Fork, at that time in Kanawha County, but since 1847 in Boone County. The oldest child of Micajah and Matilda was born in 1835, so they must have been married about 1834, at which time their home was in Logan County. If their marriage was recorded there, as is most likely, there is no existing record as the court house was burned by Union soldiers during the Civil War. If one is to find records of Micajah G. White prior to 1834 I think one would have to go to Giles County, where he was born. The same would apply to Perry White, if there was such a person.

You indicate that Louisa T., wife of Andrew Workman, was a daughter of the 92 year old Nancy White who was living in that household in 1850. More than 30 years ago I received what I considered to be reliable information that her maiden name was McGinnis, and I got it from more than one source. Andrew was a minister and the brother of Matilda, wife of Micajah G. White, and the two families lived on adjoining farms. In 1850 Joseph Workman, father of Andrew and Matilda, conveyed 100 acres of land on Pond Fork to Andrew, probably a gift as the consideration was only \$1.00. In 1858 Andrew and Louisa sold this land and moved to Marsh Fork in Raleigh County, and seem to have spent the rest of their lives there. Though I have not seen them I am told that they appear in Raleigh County census records of 1860, 1870, and 1880, Andrew listed as a minister and Louisa as a midwife.

All of this leads to a complicated mess of data about the McGinnis and Hensley families in whom you may have no interest, but I will try to condense what I say about them. Pyrrhus McGinnis, native of Rockbridge County, Va., was an early settler along Tug Fork, at the Kentucky line. Mr. Turner has found his marriage to Mary Barnes recorded in Cabell County

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in 1813. After her death he married Sophia White, niece of Benjamin H. White (possibly a daughter) and had a store on Guyandotte River in Logan County. Probably in the 1840's he moved to Marsh Fork of Coal River, in present Raleigh County, then Fayette, where he opened a store and acquired a lot of land. After the death of his wife Sophia he married the widow of Stephen Hensley, Sr.

This Stephen Hensley Sr. and one of the Workmans had land surveyed on Pond Fork before 1820, and it appears that Hensley lived there for some time as a small branch there was until recently called Hensley Branch, but some time later he moved to what was then Logan County, settling near where Pyrrhus McGinnis lived. He had two children that I know of, Stephen Hensley Jr, and Sarah C. Hensley, who married William Hatfield, first cousin of the father of Devil Anse Hatfields, the feudist.

Abot 1840 Stephen Hensley Jr. moved to Marsh Fork where Pyrrhus McGinnis lived, and about 1855 William and Sarah C. Hatfield moved to Pond Fork in Boone County, settling on or near the land that had once been surveyed for ~~his~~ father. The wife of Stephen Hensley Jr. died about 1859 and he took his three children, Sarah V., Achilles, and Cynthia E. to his sister, Sarah (Mrs. William Hatfield), who reared them. He returned to his stepfather, Pyrrhus McGinnis, and became active in public affairs. When the Civil War began he enlisted in the Union Army but soon afterward was chosen by the Union men of Raleigh County to represent it at the Wheeling Convention.

It was this convention that took the steps that eventually led to the separation of West Virginia from Virginia and its admission as a separate state in 1863. About 30 years ago Dr. C. H. Ambler, then head of the history department at West Virginia University, published a comprehensive work about the proceedings of the Wheeling Convention, and also biographical sketches of those who participated in it who are regarded as the founders of West Virginia. I helped Dr. Ambler gather data about three of the delegates, Stephen Hensley among them, so this is a long-winded way of telling you why and how I got some data about Louisa, wife of Andrew Workman. I learned that Pyrrhus McGinnis had a good bit of political power and tried to get data on that family as he was one of Stephen Hensley's supporters in the Union cause. People who should have known told me that Louisa's maiden name was McGinnis, but I never did get any documentation. Ambler's sketches turned out to be very brief and he used only a little of what I gave him.

No more than a week ago a man named Smith, from Beckley, W. Va., stopped in to see me, and I soon learned that he was very well informed about the people of Raleigh County. I took him over to meet Mr. Turner, who also is fairly well informed about Raleigh as some of his ancestors lived there. The conversation veered around to the family of Pyrrhus McGinnis, whose

descendants have been quite prominent in Raleigh, and Mr. Smith mentioned that Louisa, wife of Rev. Andrew Workman, was one of his children! He also said that the village of Sophia in Raleigh County was named after Sophia White, the second wife of Pyrrhus McGinnis.

I knew that Archelaus Mitchell had married a daughter of Micajah Goodwin. About 35 years ago I had a next door neighbor, Winfred Jarrell, whose father, Anthony Jarrell, had married Emmaline C., daughter of Jordan D. and Isobel (Gore) Mitchell, and grand-daughter of Micajah Goodwin. Winfred Jarrell died several years ago but has a daughter, now widowed, who lives here. While Archelaus Mitchell has descendants living here I do not know of any that bear the name of Mitchell. There is a Mitchell family here descended from Joshua Michel, a French soldier in Rochambeau's army that ^{who} deserted and headed for the mountains rather than to return to France after the Revolution was over.

I got this far when your letter of June 4th arrived, and it flatly contradicts some of the things I have written above. I hotfooted it over to Mr. Turner to see what he thought about it. He seems to hold views similar to mine. He thinks that Louisa, wife of Rev. Andrew Workman, was a daughter of Pyrrhus McGinnis by his second wife, Sophia White, and that Sophia was the daughter rather than the niece of Benjamin H. White. This would make Louisa the grand-daughter rather than the daughter of Nancy (Goodwin) White. We expect to see Mr. Smith before long and will see what he has in the way of documentary proof about it.

As to the Workmans, I have Joseph born in Tazewell County, Va., in 1788, the son of Joseph and Nancy Workman. But, I also have documentary evidence that the Workmans were in this area by 1793, actually the first family that remained here permanently.

Virginia paid her soldiers in the French and Indian War with land and in 1770 several of them grouped together and had a large survey made on Big Sandy River, next to the present Kentucky boundary. Indian troubles kept the land from being occupied until after the Battle of Fallen Timbers, 25 years later. By that time boundary markers could not be found and stream names had changed and others came into the area and patented land. In 1816 there was a suit to determine title to the land and sworn statements were taken from what were then old settlers as to what they knew about the matter. Among those making such sworn statements was Jacob Workman, who testified that he and his brother had come to Guyandotte River (present Logan County) 23 years before, which would make it 1793.

When I came here in 1922 there was living Dorcas White, daughter of John Workman who was born in 1799, who was a son

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of one of these Workman brothers. It is quite likely that Ragland is quoting her when he says the Workmans came to Logan in 1794. The land at the City of Logan, including the island in the River, was patented by John Breckenridge in 1784 and he later sold it to William Dingess. There had been an Indian town and old cornfields on the island and as Dorcas White had it William Dingess employed the Workmans to clean up these fields and get the land ready for him to occupy it. However, Dingess was delayed in his plans and did not move there until 1799, at which time the Workmans moved a few miles down the river where they stayed briefly and then went to Pond and Spruce Forks of Little Coal River. A Thomas Workman was living on Spruce Fork in 1809, also a William Elkins, and on Pond Fork was a William McNeely and some Workmans.

As to the romantic story about Workman and Elkins going to the War of 1812 together, I find it difficult to swallow it. The war did not begin until the middle of 1812 and there were no land battles that year. In 1813 there was an abortive attempt to take Quebec, a short invasion of the Niagara area and burning of York, now Toronto, but it does not appear that any Virginia troops were used there. The British invaded Chesapeake Bay in 1814 and burned our capitol, in revenge for the burning of York. Virginia troops were engaged there. The big battle of the war, New Orleans, was fought in 1815.

I cant see how Joseph Workman and Elkins could have gone to the war, engaged in fighting, all in time for Elkins to be killed and Workman to get back in time to marry his widow Nov. 7, 1813. The marriage is recorded in Cabell County.

Zacheus Elkins Sr. was born in 1764 and was on Pond Fork quite early. His son, Zacheus Jr., was born there in 1810.

I see that this has run into the fourth page and I did not intend to write so long a letter when I started. Perhaps it is the garrulity of old age. You said once that you might come to West Virginia some time. If you do you may be sure that Mr. Turner and I will do all we can to lead you to sources of information, and I feel certain that Mr. Smith would cooperate fully.

Sincerely

Luzius Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 5, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

You cannot imagine how much I appreciate your interest and the excellent, detailed letters you send. You never have to worry about becoming too garrulous when communicating with me since I am interested in every single detail. You have such a fund of knowledge on the Boone County area that it is a pleasure to hear from you. I only wish I could offer as much in return.

Thank you again for the time and effort in checking the record regarding "Perry" White. Apparently, "Perry" rather than "Benj." was intended in the death registry. Until I obtain definitive documentary evidence to the contrary, I will assume that "Perry" White was the father of Micajah Goodwin White and that Benjamin H. White was the grandfather. Before the end of summer, I hope to have the opportunity of studying on microfilm the records of Giles County, which might shed further light on the line. In the meantime, I placed a query in my Hillbilly column for information on "Chickasaw" Ben White and his connections.

As I mentioned some time ago, I have copied the Logan County and Boone County 1850 Census records. As you also probably found when you worked on them, some of the names are not absolutely legible--particularly if one is not thoroughly familiar with the families. If it is not too much trouble, could you indicate the correct names (by either underlining or filling in the blank space) on the two enclosed sheets. One page shows surnames, the other questionable given names. Both list dwelling and family number for Logan County. You will notice that I was not able to distinguish between Brown and Brewer or between Martin and Mastin in entry after entry. Although I have copied the Boone County records, I have not yet listed my questions. As I recall, however, there are not as many since I found the handwriting easier to decipher.

A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for the return of the "questionnaire."

With sincere thanks,

3/3	Nikoley	MaKoley	Nukoley	_____
48/48	Reis	Keis		_____
100/100	Duopit			_____
120/120		Doss@	Dop	_____
139/139	Walls	Waller	Wallu	_____
285/285	Rink	Rank	Ronk	_____
340/340		Jewell	Jerrell	_____
394/394		Statin	Stratin	_____
441/441		Muney	Muncy	_____
446/446		Majlvalin		_____
XXXXX 439/439		Messer	Meper	_____
469/469		Larkey	Lackey	_____
473/473		Bramley	Burmly	_____
493/493	Vire	Vice	Vise	_____
473/473	Misser	Miper	Messer	_____
477/477		Stroud	Strand	_____
XXXXX 524/524	Hootin	Ootin	Wootin	_____
529/529		Statin	Stratin	_____
541/541	Stolls	Stoles	States	_____
448/448		Brown	Brewer	_____
449/449		Brown	Brewer	_____
450/450		Brown	Brewer	_____
452/452		Brown	Brewer	_____
453/453		Brown	Brewer	_____
456/456		Brown	Brewer	_____
460/460		Brown	Brewer	_____

3/3	Evment		Ward	
26/26	Marion		White	age 4 F
42/42	Alvin	Abner	Ellis	age 4 M
91/91	Aloy	Aloy	Browning	
96/96	Henry	Harry	Philips	
97/97	Reasu R.	Russel	Steel	age 5 M
99/99	Sena	Lena	Vance	age 22 F
106/106	Sena	Lena	Lowe	
274/274	Doliver	Drury	Elkin	
280/280	Martin	Mastin	Toler	
289/289	Martin	Mastin	Stanley	
340/340	Martin	Mastin	Jewell or Jerrell	
385/385	Harrison		Murphy	
398/398	Martin	Mastin	Maynard	
501/501	Guan.		Lewis	
515/515	Harry	Henry	Davis	

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va.
July 9, 1970

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I am returning herewith the sheets you sent and in each case have filled in the questionable names as they appear on my transcript of the 1850 census of Logan County, W. Va. This does not mean that my list is entirely correct, but to the best of my knowledge it is.

I copied my transcript a long time ago from the census records in Washington, when microfilms could not be obtained. That gave me a little advantage in struggling with difficult writing for I think the original record is more easily read than the microfilms. Having worked a lot in Logan County I had a chance at times to check these names against other records in which they appeared, and that helped some.

On the enclosed lists I have checked with a red pencil all the names which in my opinion are correct beyond doubt. Of the others, I think I have them as the enumerator wrote them, but that does not mean that he spelled them correctly. Perhaps this is not important to the genealogist for some of them, Nucksley, Dewpit, and Ooten, do not appear in any other records of the county. Perhaps Muncy should have been Muncey, as people of that name now live there. Burnley and Stroud are names that do occur frequently in other parts of West Virginia, but this is the only case where I have seen them in Logan County.

As to the given names, Alcy was the way one was written, which may have meant Elsie, a name not much used in 1850 and hence likely to trouble half-literate census enumerators.

I see you had trouble when you ran into the Brewer settlement. Old Isaac, 452/452 had ten children, nearly all of whom settled down right around him. Your numbers run from 448 to 460 inclusive.

I saw Jim Comstock, editor of Hillbilly, las^t week. He is quite a boy.

If you have questions about Boone County census records I will be glad to try to answer them. I have more familiarity with them than any others.

Sincerely

Stephen Olafson

Dwelling No.
Family No.

Possible Given Names

3/3	Evument		✓	Evermont	Ward	
26/26	Mamnon		✓	Minerva	White	age 4 F
42/42	Alvin	Abner	✓	Owen	Ellis	age 4 M
91/91	Aley	Alcy		Elsie ?	Browning	
96/96	Henry	Harry	✓	Henry	Philips	
97/97	Reasu R.	Russel		Reason R. ?	Steel	age 5 M
99/99	Sena	Lena	✓	Sena	Vance	age 22 F
106/106	Sena	Lena	✓	Lena	Lowe	
274/274	Doliver	Drury	✓	Daniel	Elkin	
280/280	Martin	Mastin	✓	Martin	Toler	
289/289	Martin	Mastin	✓	Martin	Stanley	
340/340	Martin	Mastin	✓	Daniel	Jewell or Jerrell	
385/385	Harrison		✓	Herndon	Murphy	
398/398	Martin	Mastin	✓	Martin	Maynard	
501/501	Guan.			Gran (Granville ?)	Lewis	
515/515	Harry	Henry	✓	Henry	Davis	

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 16, 1970

Mrs. Carl B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Your string of queries in July 18 Hillbilly is quite extended and from widely scattered localities, but a couple of them do ring a bell - Chambers and Holstein.

As to Stephen Holstein, I presume you have seen the sketch by Lyman C. Draper, a footnote on page 59 of Withers Chronicles of Border Warfare, seventh impression, 1920. From that it appears that he must have been born before 1720, or so I would guess. He and others probably settled on the headwaters of Holston Rivers in Bottetourt County before 1750.

In the 1860 census of Boone County, W. Va., ^{the enumerator} made a mistake by putting county of birth in the column intended for country of birth. This has been fortunate for genealogists as it enables us to tell where our 1860 residents came from. In this 1860 census there are six Holstein heads of families born in Bottetourt County. Two of them are named Stephen, suggesting descent from the original Stephen. One was named Allen J. Holstein and probably close to 40 years ago I was told by a Holstein that Allen's father was named Peter Holstein. Allen was born 1817, suggesting that his father might have been born in the late 1780's, or later.

Allen J. Holstein moved to Putnam County, W. Va., during or soon after the Civil War. A great-great-grandson of his, Perry F. Holstein, 1228 Old Concord Road, Monroeville, Pa., 15146, is gathering data about the Holstein family and tells me that the death record of Allen J. Holstein shows that he was a son of Peter Holstein.

Peter Holstein appears in the Kanawha County census of 1830, and not in any other I know of in this area. He is the head of a family in which there are two males in the 20 to 30 bracket, hardly old enough for either to have been Allen's father, but these records are frequently unreliable.

All this does not answer your query as to old Stephen being the father of Peter. Insofar as Allen J.'s father Peter is concerned, whether or not he is the one listed in the 1830 census of Kanawha County, I think the time element requires an intervening generation, but then you may have some other Peter Holstein in mind.

Approaching it from the other end, the Perry F. Holstein mentioned above has information via the Biographical Cyclopedia of Montgomery County, Pa., (1895) that Matthis Holstein was born in Philadelphia in 1644, of Swedish parents, and

died in 1708. The only thing wrong with this is that William Penn did not found Philadelphia until 1681. However, nearby New Sweden had been settled in 1638 and Swedes had crossed into the environs of present Philadelphia by 1643, so the 1644 date could be right.

This Cyclopedia continues only the geanealogy of the second son of this Matthias, who was Matthias Jr. and who moved to Montgomery County, Pa. This too tells nothing positive about the Stephen and Peter Holstein being discussed. Again, it seems there must be at least one intervening generation, and more likely two, between the original Matthias and Stephen of Bottetourt County. However, Holstein is an unusual name, not original in Virginia whose settlers were exclusively from the British Isles except those entering from other colonies. If Holstein is a Swedish name, or even German, it just about had to enter Virginia from Pennsylvania. I think then we are dealing with the same family all the way from Matthias to the dozens that live all around me here.

Now the Chambers family. Robert Chambers, born about 1755, came to Philadelphia in 1766, and there are different tales about how he came, all questionable. I have heard he was Scottish, also that he was born in England. Enlisted in Revolutionary army 1777, was orderly seargent in 8th Va. Regt., taken prisoner by British in 1780, spent 14 months on a prison ship. Pension No. S-8194, Va. No. 4857 and 12591.

He married Hannah Thorne, said to have been Pennsylvania German and came to what is now Monroe County (then Greenbrier) soon after the Revolution. Patented land there 1787. His children known to me are Jacob, married Sarah Smith, later moved to the mouth of Mill Creek of Guyandot River in present Logan County; James, 1791-1876, married Elizabeth Dau. Isaac and M. Cole; Richard, 1806, married Mary A., dau. John and _____ (Dixon) Perry, settled on Spruce Fork of Little Coal River in Logan County. There no doubt were others. I have a good many details about children of the above. Just what do you want?

Sincerely



2001 North Westwood Avenue
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July 20, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Words cannot express my gratitude for your continued consideration. I know, too, that the correspondents who are attempting to trace their lines will find your notes most helpful.

From what you say, you are already in contact with one of them: Mr. Perry F. Holstein of Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Nonetheless, I forwarded the information you gave me in the hopes that some little reference may be new to him.

The Chambers material was sent to Mr. Jesse W. Chambers, Rt. 1, Box 418, Darville, West Virginia. I gave him your name so that he may contact you direct if he so wishes.

Beginning with the next query column (which will appear after one or two family articles), I plan to publish the name of the person making a query. In that way such duplications as that with Mr. Holstein can be avoided.

After mailing my last letter, I realized that I had not commented specifically on the Pynhus McGinnis connections you discussed. I was fascinated with the details you gave and hope to be able at some time to study the Raleigh County records in the hopes of positively identifying Louisa Workman's maiden name. Do you happen to know the ~~relationship~~ of the Harriet McGinnis who married Jacob Workman, Jr., in Cabell County, [West] Virginia, on 17 August 1833?

I am gratefully accepting your offer to double-check my questions regarding names on the 1850 Boone County U. S. Census records. A list is enclosed for your corrections, additions, and comments.

Sincerely,

BOONE COUNTY, [WEST] VIRGINIA-----Possible surnames

24/24		Guman	Geeman	_____
29/29	Clark	Clack	Clask	_____
30/30	Gynn	Gwynn	Gryan	_____
34/34			Keffer	_____
40/40			Forber	_____
59/59		Martin	Mastin	_____
113/113		McComac	Commac	_____
116/116			McGow	_____
140/140		Park	Pack	_____
141/141		Park	Pack	_____
145/145	Carrow	Canow	Canon	_____
165/165		Pomeroy	Pomeray	_____
174/174	Carrow	Canow	Canon	_____
209/209			McDilda	_____
239/239			McDilda	_____
265/265			Stowers	_____
360/360		Loller	Toller (age 66)	_____
433/433		Deekins	Dukins	_____

-----Questionable given names-----

37/37	Martin or Mastin Snodgrass?	_____
60/60	Martin or Mastin Snodgrass, Jr.?	_____
214/214	son of ?	_____
220/220	Lavinah or Savinah Pool?	_____
273/273	Marary Clark? (wife)	_____
278/278	Ballard P. or Ballard J. Perry (age 2/12)	_____
379/379	Iva or Iba Spurlock (age 10)	_____

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 25, 1970.

Mrs. Carl Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I am returning herewith the sheet with the list of names which you sent for verification, and have put on it such of them as I am certain about. I can check them from other records. I will give such data as I have about the others in this letter.

First, as to 24/24. I think the enumerator meant to write "German". In two other references pertaining to this family "German" is used in one instance and "Jarmon" in the other. I think the name was really Jarmon because the 1860 census enumerator, the best educated and most reliable among the earlier ones, has it that way in the 1860 census. As far as I know the name does not appear in any Boone County records thereafter.

29/29 is Clark and 30/30 is Gwynn, as noted on the sheet. This Clark family is not heard of again in Boone County, but the youngest Gwynn child, Lucinda, is here in 1860, but not thereafter, and the others are gone.

40/40 is spelled in various ways in earlier records, Forber, Fauver, Fauber, etc. This family is said to be of French Huguenot extraction and was in this county early, but never has been numerous. Its few members now living here spell it Fauber. Six families in nearby Charleston also spell it Fauber.

113/113, McComac, Comac, and in 1860 it was McCommack. Descendents now use McCormick, which is perhaps right. I doubt if the earlier ones could spell their name as in local records two or three forms are used for the same person.

116/116. Cannel coal mines were being developed in this county in 1850 and since the local people would not work underground Irishmen were imported for that purpose, and eventually there was quite a colony of them. Michael McGarr was one of these but soon left the county.

433/433, Deekins, Dukins. To me this looked like Dukins. This name does not again appear in any Boone county records. There were Deskins families in nearby Logan County and I suspect that is what it was.

360/360. This was written Toller but the family is an old one in West Virginia, not numerous in Boone but is so in adjoining counties, and all spell it Toler.

As to given names, the custom of naming boys after their grandfathers led to there being many men with identical names. This was particularly true of the Millers for they were very numerous. There were six John Millers here. One had been a colonel of the local militia and in deeds and similar papers is always Col. John. Two had middle initials by which they could be distinguished. One, a son of Moses Miller shows up in records as John (Mose) Miller. Another was called John Sr. And the other one lived at the forks of a creek and was called Fork John Miller. These were all heads of families.

There were also some Daniels. 214/214 was Daniel Miller, son of Jacob Miller, who sometimes appears as Daniel (Jake) Miller.

273/273. You read it as Marary Clark; I read it as Mosary Clark. Your guess is as good as mine. This family does not appear in our records after 1850.

278/278. I read it as Ballard P. Perry. This family too disappears from our records after 1850.

379/379/ I read the name as Iba Spurlock. I have not seen it in any other records.

I see Jesse Chambers of Danville, W. Va., quite often. I doubt if he has much on the Chambers family beyond what I have given him. Confidentially, he is not of the Chambers blood. His great-grandfather was adopted by Fredrick Chambers, grandson of Robert Chambers, the Revolutionary soldier. Jesse Chambers is a very nice person, employed as a teller in the bank where I do my banking.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

BOONE COUNTY, [WEST] VIRGINIA-----Possible surnames

24/24		Guman	Geeman	<u>see letter</u>	✓
29/29	Clark	Clack	Clask	<u>Clark</u>	✓
30/30	Guyann	Gwynn	Guyan	<u>Gwynn</u>	✓
34/34			Keffer	<u>Keffer</u>	✓
40/40			Forber	<u>see letter</u>	✓
59/59		Martin	Mastin	<u>Martin</u>	✓
113/113		McComac	Commac	<u>see letter</u>	✓
116/116			McGow	<u>McGarr</u>	✓
140/140		Park	Pack	<u>Pack</u>	✓
141/141		Park	Pack	<u>Pack</u>	✓
145/145	Carrow	Canow	Canon	<u>Carrow</u>	✓
165/165		Pomeroy	Pomeray	<u>Pomeroy</u>	✓
174/174	Carrow	Canow	Canon	<u>Carrow</u>	✓
209/209			McDilda	<u>McDilda</u>	✓
239/239			McDilda	<u>McDilda</u>	✓
265/265			Stowers	<u>Stowers</u>	✓
360/360		Loller	Toller	<u>Toler</u>	✓
433/433		Deekins	Dukins	<u>see letter</u>	✓

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-----Questionable given names-----

37/37	Martin or Mastin Snodgrass?	<u>Martin</u>	✓
60/60	Martin or Mastin Snodgrass, Jr.?	<u>Martin</u>	✓
214/214	son of ?	<u>see letter</u>	✓
220/220	Lavinah or Savinah Pool? (she married Saul Coffman)	<u>Lavinah</u>	✓
273/273	Marary Clark? (wife)	<u>see letter</u>	✓
278/278	Ballard P. or Ballard J. Perry (age 2/12)	<u>see letter</u>	✓
379/379	Iva or Iba Spurlock (age 10)	<u>see letter</u>	✓

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
August 8, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Again I am indebted to you for your most gracious consideration in sending the detailed notations on the 1850 Boone County Census questions which I submitted to you.

This has been such a busy summer for me that there has been all too little time to work on genealogical and local history projects. I hope soon to have several more series of articles to submit to the Hillbilly, however.

I agree with you--Jim Comstock is quite a person. His enthusiasm is "contagious," and the job he is doing on West Virginia history will prove quite monumental, I believe. I feel it is a privilege to contribute a little something now and then for his publications.

In glancing over my correspondence I came across your remarks about the Workman-Elkins tale concerning Elkin's death in the War of 1812 and Workman's subsequent marriage to his widow. I agree with your evaluation of the account as it appears in the Workman book. In some other notes (no source given, however) the time sequence is more reasonable. It states that Joseph Elkins died as the result of an accident as he and Joseph Workman were "on their way to the War of 1812." So many details become confused in oral tradition, and it is often impossible ever to determine the exact sequence of events.

Although I have no new specific problems involving Boone County settlers, it is reassuring to know that someone as cooperative as you is willing to help. Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Sept. 2, 1970

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 N. Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I enclose a print of an old map of Virginia, 1838 to be exact, which does not tell one much except the approximate boundaries of the counties then existing. Unfortunately stream locations on this map are anything but correct, and this is particularly true of Logan County.

Comparison with maps now in use will show that many of the counties of southern West Virginia had not yet come into existence when this map was made, among them Boone, Putnam, Wayne, Mingo, McDowell, Summers, and Raleigh.

The approximate location of the home of Micajah Goodwin White at the time this map was made is shown by a red dot.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 13, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

It was so considerate of you to send the old map of Virginia. Since I am acquiring quite a collection of early maps, I am particularly appreciative of having this one. One can never tell which one will have a piece of information not found on any other.

The series of maps in Edgar B. Simms' Making a State are exceptionally fine, I believe. Although I have photocopies of these maps, I have not been successful in obtaining a copy of the book. There is much valuable information in this volume, which was published by the State of West Virginia but is now out-of-print.

Speaking of books, are you familiar with George W. Atkinson's History of Kanawha County? It was published in 1876. I could obtain a photocopy of this book from the Library of Congress for \$30.00; however, since I have never seen a copy, I do not know whether it would be worth it. Do you know how much material this book has on those families who later settled in Boone and Logan Counties?

Incidentally, you will probably be hearing from a Mr. Paul Smith, who has heard of your knowledge of early families from several sources. He asked me if I had your address, which I forwarded to him. He is interested in the parentage of Oliver Browning, and I sent him a summary of our correspondence on this line.

Regarding the Brownings: In your first letter to me, you mention a document recorded in Logan County which lists the heirs of William Browning. Do you recall the date of this document and whether it is a deed, will, probate record, etc? If you have the answers, I would appreciate knowing.

Sincerely,

Agnes B. Pearlman
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Sept 18, 1970

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I will be in Logan next week and will try to find the document you mention which refers to the heirs of William Browning.

As to Atkinson's History of Kanawha County, I think you would be disappointed if you spent \$30 for a photocopy of it. It is fairly well written but has little family history and very little about Boone and Logan Counties. I have a copy of it in passable condition and will loan it to you if you wish.

Believe it or not, I had not heard of Simm's Making of a State, which sounds like I have not kept abreast of things. I haven't but there are reasons. I am a native of Minnesota who work there for people who had mining interests. In 1922 they sent me to West Virginia to manage their coal lands. Being interested in history I began delving into the past of this region, which was virgin ground as nothing like it had been done. What I was trying to get together was a sort of a blanket affair, covering all the earlier families. I was getting a good start but in 1946 my employers transferred me to their main office in New York.

I did not then know what my future would be and having little opportunity to delve into West Virginia records I laid things aside and they were dormant until my retirement, when I moved back here. That was last year and I began picking up where I left off in 1946, but I was plagued by ill health. Had major surgery and long hospitalization July and August last year, and then my wife passed away in September. By Christmas I thought I was physically fit enough to visit my children, sons in Cleveland and New York, and a daughter in Alexandria, Va., but broke my ankle and spent the month of January at my daughters, with a big cast on my leg. I then drove to my sister's in Arizona, which was foolish because I was not up to it and returned to a hospital as soon as I got back. But, I am a lot better now and in between times I manage to mess around a little with local history and genealogy. If I continue as I am now I will have no kicks coming, but you will see why I am not abreast of the times.

Sincerely

Sydney Olson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 24, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

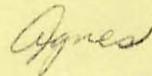
As always, I appreciate your prompt, detailed response to my letter. It is truly amazing how much you accomplished during a year in which you suffered the loss of a loved one as well as undergoing surgery, having an accident, and managing so much during the periods of recuperation.

This past year has been a difficult one for my family, too. My husband suffered a heart attack in the spring, and I underwent chest surgery during the summer. Both of us have had excellent recoveries but must still not become overtired--no easy task for two highly active individuals.

If it is convenient for you to do so, I would love to accept your offer to lend Atkinson's History of Kanawha County. As I indicated, I have not been able to find it in any of our West-Coast libraries, and the loan would enable me to make any significant notes. One dollar in postage is enclosed to cover cost of mailing. You may wish to sent it Certified with return-address card in order to be sure of its delivery.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Sept. 23, 1970

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

I was the speaker at the Rotary Club meeting in Logan today and while I was there I went to the Court House and copied the paper you want, relating to the heirs of William Browning. It is a deed which I tried to copy exactly as written, and I enclose a copy.

You will see that the spelling is good and the language fair but the person who wrote it had never heard of punctuation. The language is obscure in a couple of places but on the whole I do think it clarifies the heirship situation.

I just got back from Logan and because I expect to be engaged for the next few days I will write now while the thing is fresh on my mind, and with no more than a glance at my Browning notes. As I see it the heirs of William Browning, all daughters, were:

Mary, b. 1799, married Simeom Browning, a cousin.
Nancy, b. 1800, married Wm. Walker, lived in Boone Co.
Elizabeth, b. 1802, married Tandy Burgess.
Catherine - - - married Christian
Margaret, b. 1812, married Nathaniel Browning, a cousin.
Lucinda, born 1816, married Griffin Canterbury.
Sarah, born 1820, married James M. White.

Signing the deed were also Elizabeth Browning, daughter of Catherine Christian, who had married William Browning (son of Reuben?), and Mary Ann Browning, also daughter of Catherine Christian, who had married another Simeon Browning, relationship, if any, unknown. You told me once that you had a copy of the 1850 census of Logan. The last two, the daughters of Catherine Christian, were respectively Families Nos. 25 and 28. Of the daughters listed above who were living in Logan County in 1850, Mary is in Family No. 31; Elizabeth in No. 33; Margaret, No. 30; Lucinda, No. 27; and Sarah, No. 26. This shows that all of these families were ~~was~~ bunched up in one little community. Nancy, wife of William Walker, lived in Boone County, where her family census number is 431.

Sarah, wife of James M. White, did not sign the deed because the land was being conveyed to her husband. The Widow, Catherine Browning, by law had a one-third lifetime dower interest in the land, did not sign the deed either, perhaps because she was living with the son-in-law who acquired it.

Sincerely

Lephus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Oct. 2, 1970

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

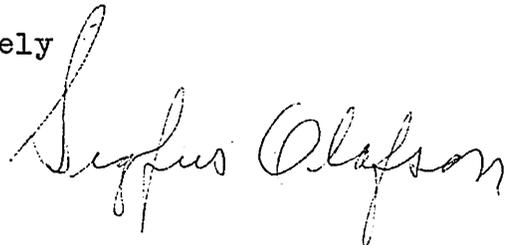
Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I am mailing to you today the history of Kanawha County (W. Va.) by G. W. Atkinson. Incidentally, some years after he wrote this he was elected governor of West Virginia.

I am not surprised to learn that you do not find this book in the libraries of your region, as it is considered rare even here.

Though I retired two years ago I recently, and perhaps foolishly, left the army of the unemployed. However, it is a temporary affair involving properties purchased by Bethlehem Steel Corp. from a company of which I was president. Now Bethlehem is opening a mine on this property and because of my familiarity with it I am asked to straighten out title matters, etc., but everyone is in such a hurry that I have been putting in about 14 hours a day, but I do not intend to continue that very long. In a way it is nice to be back in harness again.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sigfus Olafson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely".

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
October 17, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I am just now having an opportunity to peruse Atkinson's History of Kanawha County. As soon as I have made my notes, I will return it to you.

As a small token of my sincere appreciation for your continued interest and cooperation, I have mailed an unscripted copy of my Saddleback Ancestors to you. Although I realize that you probably have no direct interest in California's local history, you might like to have it in your library collection.

After a period of retirement, it must be especially stimulating to be actively engaged in familiar business transactions. As I would say to my husband, however, "Don't overdo." It's so easy to put in too many hours when one is interested in his work.

Several family obligations are interfering with historical research at the moment so it will probably be several weeks before I am back on my "regular" genealogical schedule.

Sincerely,

Agnès
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
October 20, 1970

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

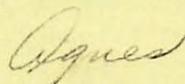
Dear Mr. Olafson:

I have finished Atkinson's History of Kanawha County sooner than anticipated. While reading it, I made an index of all individuals mentioned. This should make it simple to refer to the contents if the need should ever arise--at least for genealogical purposes. It is being returned under separate cover.

The accounts of the early days were interesting. You may recall that Atkinson repeatedly speculates that there was another race of men in the area predating the known Indian tribes. He attributes the mounds to them. I was inclined to be quite skeptical of such musings until I noticed the enclosed article in yesterday's paper. Knowing of your interest in archeological finds, I am forwarding the copy in case it did not appear in your local journals.

Again, my thanks for your generosity in making the Kanawha County history available to me.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Oct. 26, 1970.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Thanks for sending the item about the presumed Jewish writing on that site, but I had already seen it. Something like this turns up every few years, Phoenician, Egyptian, Arabic, Norse, or what have you. All these tales have so far been without any foundation in fact. The only pre-Columbian things from Europe ever authenticated in America are remains of buildings, a spindlewhorl, and some iron objects, found on the northern tip of Newfoundland and dated at about 1,000 A. D. by radiocarbon methods. In view of there having been a Norse settlement near the southern tip of Greenland from 985 A. D. until after 1400, this is not strange or entirely unexpected.

Incidentally, during the many years I lived in New York I dug in Indian sites along the Hudson River for at least a dozen years, generally on Saturdays only. My two companions were Louis A. Brennan, a writer, and Mauck Brammer, who then was managing editor of American Book Co. but has now retired.

Brennan has a book published every now and then and one has just been published by the McMillan Co. of New York and Collier-McMillan Ltd., of London. It is dedicated to Mauck and me and I am mentioned in it several times, in fact, it sounds like Brennan is my press agent.

I do not suggest that you buy this book (price \$8.95) unless you are very much interested in American archaeology. The title is American Dawn. But, if curious, you might borrow it at a library some time and from the index where you will find my name, you will learn about the experiences of one who is a dabbler or dilettante in archaeology.

Two weeks ago I was hit by an acute kidney infection and hospitalized, but the new anti-biotics seem to have fixed me up. I am home again and feeling well, though still under medication.

You have frequently sent me stamped envelopes for replying to your letters. This is a nice thought but quite unnecessary. I will use up the few I have saved.

Sincerely

Sybil Olson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
November 10, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I enjoyed reading your comments on the article I sent recently. There have been several follow-up items in the paper out here. The most reasonable possibility attributes the inscription to remnants of Spanish or Portuguese Jews who wandered as far north as Tennessee during the sixteenth century. Such finds are most provocative, however.

Thank you for calling my attention to Brennan's American Dawn. I shall look forward to borrowing it from the library at the first opportunity. Although I have never engaged in any "digs," I am always interested in reading both archaeological and anthropological works. It will be especially interesting to learn of some of your experiences.

I do hope your kidney infection has remained under control and that this letter finds you in the best of health.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va.
Nov. 23, 1970

Mr. Perry P. Holstein,
1228 Old Concord Road,
Monroeville, Pa. 15146

Dear Mr. Holstein:

Commenting on your letter to Mr. Pearlman I must admit that I cannot tell under whom Leonard Cooper served in the Battle of Point Pleasant but apparently he was a captain and a record of it must exist somewhere.

Perhaps nearly 40 years ago I was acquainted with Mrs. Livia Nye Simpson-Poffenbarger, the wife of a judge of the Supreme Court of West Virginia, who was a better than average historian and who had given a great deal of study to the Battle of Point Pleasant. She gave me a booklet relating to the battle which she had published in 1909, at the time the monument was unveiled. She has a list of the participants but says: "No official roster having been preserved either by the Government or State, the following list has been gleaned from the sources available, after years of research by the writer." She lists Leonard Cooper without showing his rank. Others of the name listed are Abraham, Francis, Nathaniel, Spencer, and Thomas Cooper.

She wrote short biographical sketches of several of the men who were in the battle, among them Leonard Cooper, which is as follows:

Captain Leonard Cooper, another Revolutionary soldier who is buried in Mason County, West Virginia, participated in the Battle of Point Pleasant. Prior to the Revolution, he held a commission in the Colonial army of Maryland. Learning of Dunmore's War, he hastened to Staunton, Virginia, and entered the Army of General Lewis. He remained in the service until the close of the Revolutionary struggle. In 1789 Major Cooper removed with his family from Maryland to Fort Randolph, later erecting a Block House, (where Mr. George W. Pullin now resides) in Cooper District, nine miles from the mouth of the Kanawha, on the upper side. He there removed with his family.

In 1804, when the new County of Mason was organized, Major Cooper was appointed a justice of the peace in which capacity he served until his death which occurred in 1808. His remains were buried near his home. His son, Leonard, born in 1791, was the first white child born at Point Pleasant. Another of Leonard Cooper's children, Mary, became the wife of William Trotter, son of Richard Trotter, killed in the Battle of Point Pleasant, and Anne (Trotter) Bailey, who, going

from Cooper's Block House by canoe to Gallipolis, where in 1800 their marriage ceremony was performed. This ceremony is said to have been the first Virginia marriage performed in the French Settlements.

Since Mrs. Poffenbarger was a resident of Mason County I presume she would have had considerable knowledge about Leonard Cooper. The pension rolls are great sources of data about Revolutionary soldiers but as he died in 1808, ten years before the pension act was passed, his name will not appear in any of them.

It must be remembered that Kanawha County was formed in 1789, the year that Leonard Copper moved to what is now Mason County but was then Kanawha. All records pertaining to him from 1789 to 1804 should be in Kanawha County, and thereafter, to the date of his death in 1808, in Mason County. I suppose you know that Cooper District in Mason County was named for Leonard Cooper.

I am a little skeptical about Mrs. Poffenbarger's statement that Leonard Cooper hurried from Maryland to Staunton to get in Dunmore's War. I feel reasonably certain that he had moved from Maryland to Virginia prior to the outbreak of that war.

As to Peter Holstein, if he was living on Mud River at the time of his death in 1859 he would have been in Cabell County.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Syrus Olafson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Syrus Olafson".

Copy to Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 1, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

As I hear from more and more researchers interested in southwestern Virginia and West Virginia families, I learn of the extent to which you have helped them. One after another has received information from you.

I appreciate your forwarding a copy of the letter you sent to Mr. Perry F. Holstein. It will aid in keeping my records up-to-date.

I am still searching and evaluating the material on the early WHITE lines. It is not easy to draw firm conclusions with so much conflicting data. I am also trying to accumulate more biographical notes--not an easy task either at this late date. If I find enough pertinent material and a few old photographs, I would like to do a series of articles on the WHITE family.

Again, my thanks for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Dec. 21, 1970

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I returned last night from a hospital where I have been since Thanksgiving. I have been ill quite a bit this year and was hospitalized in March and again in October from what appeared to be an internal infection whose source was not revealed by X-rays. This time the roof really fell in on me and X-rays ~~discovered~~ reveal a large kidney stone that completely blocked one kidney. These are ordinarily very difficult to find even with X-rays.

I was very ill and it took them a week to get me in shape so I could stand surgery, and then they took it out. I have been recovering nicely since then and they let me come home last night even though my incision is still draining.

I may have told you that I own a widower living alone. On the 23d. a grandson (a student at the U. of Colorado) will take me to the home of a daughter in Alexandria, Va., where I will spend Christmas. I then spend two days with a brother in Maryland, then a few days with a son in New York, and then the same with a son in Cleveland, and by that time I think I will be well enough to come home, soon after the first of the year,

Just tried my typewriter out and it
won't type - some simple thing I will discover
in the morning.

I think I can give that lady some
data about her Cooper family. I knew
one of them about 45 years ago. However,
she must wait until I have fully
recovered.

With the compliments of the season, I am

Sincerely yours

Sigfus Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
January 16, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

It was a real pleasure to hear from you during the holidays, but I was distressed to learn of your prolonged illness. I do hope by now you have fully recovered--and, in fact, felt sufficiently well to enjoy your recuperative stays with members of your family.

Illness has plagued us for the past year, and we are hoping 1971 will be better in that respect. Even now, my husband is suffering from an injured nerve resulting from a brace he was wearing to support his back which was sprained while he was helping to lift a patient in the operating room in late November. (A long, drawn-out sentence for a long, drawn-out illness!) I don't know whether I ever mentioned that he is an M. D. specializing in urology--so he can really understand and sympathize with you in the problems associated with kidney stones.

As spring ~~days~~ ever nearer, I begin to long for the hills of West Virginia. If my plans work out, I hope to visit the state in April, May, or June. I should certainly enjoy meeting you and would look forward to comparing genealogical notes.

Again, my best wishes for your good health.

Sincerely,

Agnes B. Pearlman
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

that went more than 70 miles per hour. When the wind died down the temperature plummeted to 8 above zero. This morning we had a blizzard that dropped about 3 inches of snow. This afternoon the sun is shining brightly. All this in 48 hours.

You mention that you may like to see the hills of West Virginia this spring. If you do you have an invitation to come to Boone County and see the land of some of your ancestors. Dave Turner and I will do all we can to make your stay a pleasant one and will make any data we have available to you. I have a kind of a shotgun approach to genealogical and historical matters, with a little information about a lot of people and things. Dave is more of a specialist, concentrating on fewer families than I do, but I have to confess that he is more thorough and systematic than I am. He has ^{MANY} county census microfilms and a projector for reading them. I think you would find a visit here worth while.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Jan. 17th, 1971.

Mrs. Judith D. Voss,
1894 El Cerrito Pl.,
Hollywood, Calif. 90028

Dear Mrs. Voss:

In November Mr. P. F. Holstein of Pennsylvania sent me copies of correspondence with you relating to the genealogy of the Cooper family. Not long afterward I became ill, was hospitalized for a month and had surgery. I have now recovered to the point where I can catch up with neglected correspondence of that kind.

Bailes (there are various spellings) Cooper, born 1776, was one of the very first settlers in what is now Boone County, W. Va., coming there between 1800 and 1810. The place he settled, Big White Oak Creek, was then in Kanawha County and remained there until 1847 when the area within which Big White Oak Creek lay was taken to form the new county of Boone. Records pertaining to him and his family from the time of his coming to 1847 will then be in Kanawha County, and thereafter in Boone.

You have this Bailes Cooper marrying an Indian girl from Kentucky, born 1785, and named Parthenia. This does not match the records I have seen. The marriage of this Bailes Cooper to Rebecca Thompson is recorded in Monroe County, W. Va., the date being July 2, 1800. The death of their son (and your ancestor), Bailes Cooper (Jr.) is recorded in Boone County, W. Va., on January 20, 1886. His age is given as 62 and his parents as Baylas and Becky Cooper, and Becky is a nickname for Rebecca. The information was furnished by his widow, Julia (Toney) Cooper, who should have known the facts.

On your family group sheet for the elder Bailes Cooper you have him, Parthenia Cooper, born 1822, John Cooper, born 1813; Polly Cooper, born 1824; and Bailes Cooper, born 1823. Except for John, this is in agreement with the Boone County census of 1850. However, there is nothing to indicate that Parthenia was a daughter and it seems more likely to me that she was the second wife of the elder Bailes Cooper. There is a big difference in their ages but things like that did happen, and still do.

Further indication that Rebecca's maiden name was Thompson is shown by the fact that she and Bailes Sr. had a son named Thompson Cooper. At that time it was not unusual for a son to bear the family name of the mother. Also, William Thompson, born 1796, came from Monroe County to the Big Whiteoak Creek locality, perhaps about 1815, and I suspect he was a brother of Rebecca. I knew Blackburn Cooper, brother of your great-grandmother, Emily Cooper,

who ran a country store near the old Cooper home. In 1923 I was in his store with a grandson of the William Thompson mentioned above and and Blackburn spoke about being cousins. Another grandson of this William Thompson worked for me for several years and he also mentioned his relationship to the Coopers, though I do not recall in what degree.

The list I have of the children of Bailes and Rebecca Cooper is as follows:

Samuel Cooper, B. 1802, married Matilda Clay.
Thompson Cooper, B. 1803, m. Nancy, dau. of James Pomeroy, Sr. (Wm. Thompson married her sister).
John Cooper, b. 1813. m. (8-1-1833) Celia, daughter of Cornelius Estep.
William Cooper, B. 1822, M. Cynthia, Dau. of John and Ruth Meadows.
Bailes Cooper, b. 1823, m. Julia, dau. of John and Mary Toney.
Polly (Mary) Cooper, b. 1824.

I am sure the above list is incomplete.

Of the above, I have a list of the children of Samuel Cooper. He and his family moved to Athens County, Ohio, soon after the Civil War, and later to Hancock County, Indiana. I also have a list of the children of Thompson and John Cooper (one of whose sons was named Bailes), and a partial list of the children of William Cooper, who moved to Missouri after the Civil War. My list of the children of Bailes and Julia Cooper is in exact agreement with yours.

Adding slightly to your pedigree chart, Seth Foster, b. 1802, native of Ohio, married Mary Jane Asbury, b. 1822 in Bedford Co., Va., on Dec. 14, 1844. She was the daughter of William (b. 1798) and Naomi (b. 1799) Asbury, from Bedford County. Caroline Hale, wife of Richard Brooks Perry, was the daughter of John (b. 1815) and Peggy (B. 1815) Hale, both born in Franklin County, Va. Caroline was born in Logan County, W. Va., in 1842.

I have no information about the relationship of Bailes Cooper, the Elder, and Leonard Cooper. Leonard patented land on Elk and Kanawha Rivers in 1776, the year that Bailes Sr. was born, so he was at least a generation earlier. The Coopers were in what is now Greenbrier County quite early, even before that county was formed in 1778, and while that region was still a part of Montgomery County. Cooper families moved from that region into the areas now covered by Mason, Kanawha, Raleigh, Boone, and Lincoln Counties from about 1780 and into the 1830's. I suspect that all were related but have no proof of it.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

Copies to Agnes Pearlman
and P. F. Holstein

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
February 17, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

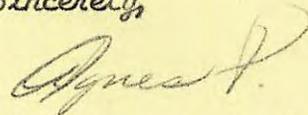
What a pleasant surprise yesterday to receive personal greetings from you through Mr. Phil Haddad, who spoke of having had lunch with you recently in Madison! I was pleased to know that you have recovered so nicely from your recent illness.

Your letter to Mrs. Voss concerning the Cooper lines was interesting and will form a welcome addition to my files. I'm sure both she and Mr. Holstein are happy to have the information. Although Hollywood and Santa Ana are not too distant from each other, Mrs. Voss and I have never managed to meet.

My travel plans are almost complete. I plan to accompany a cousin across country by automobile. We will leave Phoenix, Arizona, about March 23 for West Virginia. Even with a leisurely pace, we will probably arrive about April 1. I do hope that you have returned from Florida by that time for I look forward to meeting you. It will be so nice to accept your invitation to compare genealogical notes with you and Mr. Turner. I shall keep in touch with you concerning my itinerary.

With the expectation of the trip, I will save all comments and questions until I see you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va., 25130.
March 9, 1971

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I am pleased to hear that you and your cousin will be coming to West Virginia soon and be assured that David Turner and I will do everything we can to make your stay while in this community a pleasant and productive one. We have a motel of sorts here, also a hotel run by a lady from the Browning-Burgess settlement (although she was a Mullins) who is very nice. And, I have an extra bedroom (twin beds) next to a separate bathroom in my small house to which you would be welcome if you would care to use it.

I think I have told you that I have had a shotgun approach to genealogy - a little information about a lot of people. I copied the 1850, 1860 and 1870 census records and obtained 1880 from Turner, then arranged them alphabetically. Using this as a base I have added to it such other items as have come to my notice. This means that I have some data about most of the families that lived in Boone County prior to 1880. I also have copies of some of the earlier census records of the counties from which Boone was formed, some of them obtained from Turner, and he has others. I have some data relating to adjoining counties, particularly Logan.

Turner's approach has been more like that of the professional. He has concentrated on a few families, mostly the ancestors of his wife and himself, and he does a very thorough job. Aside from that he has a broad knowledge of the early families of this section. He has a good many microfilms of census records of West Virginia counties and a good projector for reading them.

If your genealogical interests are of a broad nature you may then want to spend several days here copying what we have, which is why I mention the type of accommodations you would like to have while you are here. I suggest that you let me know and I will arrange things accordingly. Also, if possible, let me know when you will arrive. My telephone number is 304-369-1270 and perhaps you could call me the night before you arrive. I am, as I think I have told you, a widower and live alone, but am rarely out late in the evenings.

Incidentally, Mr. Turner has just about convinced me that the death record of your ancestor, Micajah Goodwin

White, is erroneous. The death record has his father as Perry White but Turner thinks it should have been Benjamin Harrison White and has good evidence to support his views. Turner has the marriage record of Benjamin H. White and Nancy Goodwin, daughter of Micajah Goodwin. Their youngest daughter was Louisa T. White who married Rev. Andrew Workman. This couple settled on a farm adjoining the one where Micajah G. White settled. The 1850 census shows Nancy, widow of Benjamin H. White, living with the Workmans. Her age is shown as 92 but appears to be overstated by 10 years for according to 1830 and 1840 records she should have been 82 in 1850. You will be able to see all of this when you come here.

As usual, I became bored with Florida quickly and did not stay long. I spent two days with my friend Aubrey O. Smith of Beckley, W. Va., who is a historian with a broad knowledge of sothern West Virginia families. I would like very much to have you meet him but I don't know if he will be back at his Beckley home when you get here.

I then went to a resort where my brother from Minneapolis was staying and was there for five days, by which time I was ready to leave. I then spent a day in southeast Alabama and west Florida where my former employers had some interests. I did this just out of curiosity because I had done quite a little work for them in that area a long time ago. I then went on to Birmingham, Ala., where I have some good archaeological friends and spent a most pleasant evening with them.

I then went on to Louisville, Ky., where one of my former employers lives. Had another very pleasant evening there and we sat up till midnight, mostly reminiscing. When I looked out my motel window the next morning a blinding snowstorm was on, but like an idiot I started out for Charleston, 260 miles away and usually an easy five hour drive for it is nearly all Interstate. Well, it wasn't easy and it took me 8½ hours of as difficult driving as I ever did, a blizzard and icy roads all the way. A man of my age who undertakes something of that kind should have his head examined.

Looking forward to meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours

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 Mar. 2) Rebecca Browning
 dau. Missouri & William Browning

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 (dau Jane & Hendrick Sutphin, d. 1869)
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 White
 (Isaac Wade 1867-1867)

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 Amanda 33 Cabell
 James W. 16 "
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 Elizabeth 12 "
 Warren 9 Boone
 Polly 6 Cabell
 Christian C. 4 "
 Nancy Jane 2 Boone
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✓ 196 George Ferrell 50 Pittsylvania, Farmer (son George Ferrell)
 Nancy 44 Giles (dau. Farley)
 Rufus Leonard 15 Kanawha (Mar. Isabella, Dau. Joseph & Polly Nelson)
 George W. 12 Boone (M. Mariah Browning) ~~RXX~~
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 Samuel P. 9 " (M. Minerva, Dau. James & Cynthia Workman)
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 3) Shadrach Baldwin, son Fielding & Priscilla
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2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
April 18, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I have just returned home with glowing accounts of your hospitality during my stay in Madison. What marvelous records you have! And what a charming, sunny study you provided for research! I enjoyed every minute of conversation with you and sincerely appreciate the time and effort which went into your making my visit so delightful and productive.

You can imagine how pleased I was to have access to Mr. Turner's White family records. It was particularly exciting also to see his collection of Indian arrowheads and other artifacts. Viewing them was made more meaningful as a result of your knowledgeable comments.

It was a real pleasure to meet Mrs. Turley. I called her Huntington friend, Mrs. Pine, and extended greetings. Although I missed making contact with Mr. Aubrey Smith of Beckley, I expect to write to him and perhaps meet him on a future trip. If and when such a trip becomes a reality, I shall look forward to another stay at the Hotel Madison. Mrs. Peirey was a considerate hostess and the accommodations commodious. Thank you for making all the arrangements.

During the next week, I hope to obtain the microfilm for checking the Pike County, Kentucky, records for the McCoy data you desired. In addition, I should have the time to photocopy my connected copy of Bouman's 1850 Wyoming County census abstracts for you. As soon as possible, I will send these and return the notes you so generously allowed me to bring back to California.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for your many courtesies.

Sincerely,

Agnes

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
April 21, 1971

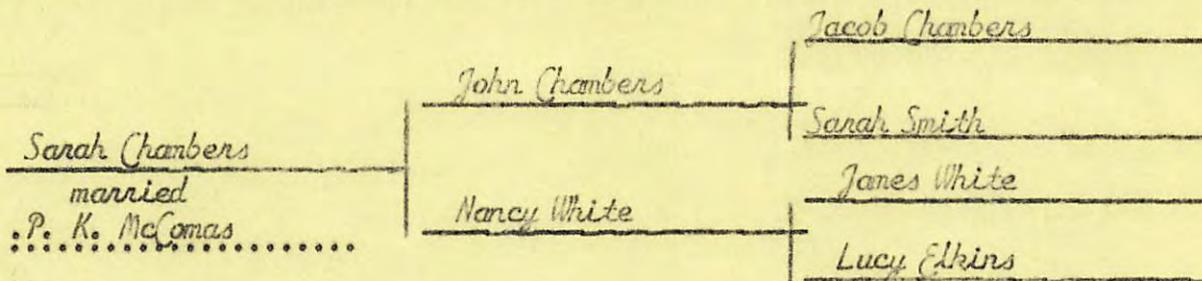
Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, West Virginia 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Enclosed are the papers from your files as well as the 1850 Wyoming County, Virginia, Census.

If there are any questions regarding my notations, please do not hesitate to let me know. The numbers to the left of each column correspond to those given for family and dwelling on the original census. Although the spelling given by Mrs. Bowman for many of the given names is undoubtedly correct, I nonetheless entered that which was given by the census taker. "Cooke" was probably intended to be "Cook" but the flourish on the end of the name makes it appear that "Cooke" was intended. Other than occasional children who were omitted in Mrs. Bowman's listings, the major errors are as follows: In families 65 and 66, the family name was Harvey, not Blankenship; omission of families No. 83, 141, 142, 143, 144, most of 240, all of 241, 242, 243, 244, 245.

As for the P. K. McComas "mystery": He was the grandson-in-law of James White.



The above lineage is from A Brief Authenticated History of the Chambers Family of Virginia & West Virginia—no author given but probably Cona Chambers.

The McCoy records will follow. Also following is a little remembrance of my wonderful stay in your town.

Sincerely,
Agnes
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
April 28, 1971

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Cal. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I received your letters of the 18th and 21st, the papers you had borrowed, the Wyoming census of 1850, and all that, and yesterday I received what you call a "little remembrance" of your stay here. That was an understatement and it gave me quite a shock. Nevertheless I appreciate it but it was not necessary for I am sure I enjoyed your visit as much as you enjoyed your stay in Madison.

Last week I went to Morgantown, W. Va., where I spoke at the monthly meeting of the local chapter of our archaeological society, and on the same trip I went to ~~Morgantown~~, *Moundsville* also on archaeological business. Also spoke on local history at one of our schools here.

Also one day last week James Burgess of Barboursville, W. Va., came to see me and spent several hours copying some of my notes. I have had correspondence with him about the Burgess family but had not met him before. He had met you and told me you spent several days in Huntington working on courthouse records. He was quite awed by your ambitious undertakings. I wanted him to stay and meet Dave Turner as I felt Dave could solve some of his problems, but he had to leave. He has since written to Dave, who was able to solve them.

A man from Charleston named Roach also came to see me last week. He was descended from the Roach and several other Boone County families, so I had a good bit of material for him. Incidentally, he was also descended from Thomas Branch of Kanawha County, so I took him over to see Dave. He knew about him and had a record of him but has been unable to connect him with the Chesterfield, Va., Branches.

As to P. K. McComas, there is some confusion somewhere. I have the same thing you sent me in my notes, namely that P. K. married Sarah, daughter of John and Nancy (White) Chambers; Nancy being the daughter of James and Lucy (Elkins) White. James was the son of John ("Jack") White who I think settled on Whites Big Branch, about 4 miles below Logan. Lucy, as I have it, was the daughter of Richard Elkins.

I have been quite busy with the above things and catching up with neglected correspondence, etc. I have also been sticking close to the telephone as a 7 year old granddaughter had an operation on her throat involving some kind of a gland, but

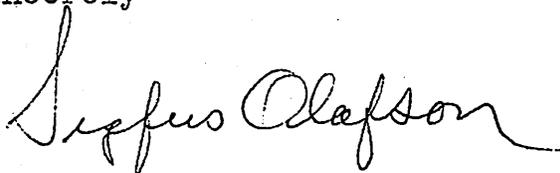
she has come through it in fine shape.

I had a card from Aubrey O. Smith of Beckley, who is wintering in Florida. He had expected to return in April but said it would not be until about 6-8, by which I don't know if he means 6-8 of May or June 8.

Next week, on May 5th, I will fly to Norman, Oklahoma, to attend the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. This is the "big" society and the affair lasts for four days.

I suppose you will spend weeks organizing all the data you gathered on your trip. I hope you will find that it was a very fruitful journey.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sigfus Olafson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely".

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
May 20, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Enclosed is the 1880 U. S. Census listing for the Randolph McCoy family. You will notice that ~~the eldest son~~ ^{his eldest son} is indeed called "Pharmer." Exactly how the family pronounced the name I do not know; however, I believe the spelling on the census form was intentional. The head of household #81 on page 652 was Pharmer McCoy, age 39.

You might also be interested in the fact that Pharmer (spelled with the Ph) was a fairly common surname in Pike County, Kentucky. On page 600, No. 376, Andrew Pharmer was head of household; and ~~the~~ ^{on} the following pages and numbers Pharmer was the surname: page 601, #394/394; page 623, #32/32; page 691, #140/141. Although Pharmer was written a sufficient number of times by several different census takers to be reasonably certain of the spelling, there is a remote chance it could be Phanner. I believe this unlikely; but since both surnames are new to me, I wish to mention the possibility. Of course, I have often seen Pharmer spelled Farmer. Following are approximations of the manner in which the name was written: *Pharmer, Pharmer*
One other comment—I do not believe the word was used in the place of Filmer or Filmore because the census taker in other listings had used such spellings.

Also enclosed is a list of pages and household numbers in which the McCoy name appeared. They were too numerous to copy unless you have a special wish to have them. Just let me know if that is the case, and I will send them to you. By 1880 the prolific families ~~have~~ ^{had} really multiplied!

My questions for the day: Do you happen to know whether early land transfers (1809-1850) in [West] Virginia were made to other than relatives for as little as \$1.00? No mention of family ties were made in several deeds in which I am interested, but I cannot account for the token amount involved unless there were personal considerations.

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May 20, 1971

Although I have ordered the geological survey maps for several of the southern West Virginia counties, they have not yet arrived. In the meantime, perhaps you can tell me where Smith Shoals might have been on the Guyandot River.

Progress is slow, but gradually my notes are being more systematically organized. During the past year I have been adding to them faster than I can properly file them. I have the system but not the time.

The view from your window must be quite lovely now with everything in full bud and the spring blooms at their fullest. It has been years since I returned in late spring. I must plan that one of these years.

Again may I express my appreciation for the wonderful help you have been in my genealogical searches.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

P. S. I do hope you enjoyed your archaeological meetings. With your great fund of knowledge, any audience would indeed be privileged to hear you speak--as you mentioned you did at Morgantown. The Oklahoma convention must have been a pleasure for you.

My husband has a meeting in Japan in June. I am planning to accompany him. It will be our first trip to the Orient.

Listings for the surname McCoy in the U. S. 1880 Census for Pike County, Kentucky

<u>Page</u>	<u>Dwelling/Family</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Dwelling/Family</u>
639	22/22	712	107/108
639	23/23	712	116/117*
648	23/23*	713	125/126*
650	53/53*	714	143/144*
651	61/61*	714	144/145*
652	81/81	715	153/154*
652	87/87	715	158/160*
653	91/91	716	164/166*
653	100/100		
653	101/101		
653	102/102		
654	117/117		
655	128/128		
655	129/129*		
659	202/202		
660	11/11		
660	27/27		
661	27/31		
661	40/46		
661	43/49		
662	60/67		
662	67/74		
662	69/76		
662	70/77		
663	74/81		
666	127/134		
666	128/135		
666	129/136		
666	130/137		
667	138/146		
672	13/13		
672	20/20		
672	22/22		
653	98/98*		

*One or more McCoy's in household with another surname.

*The McCoy's in the second column are in a neighborhood with many Hatfield families.

*Like the census takers of old, I left something out so had to add it at the bottom of the column.

Note: There may be other McCoy's listed in the census. I have not re-checked ~~my~~ improved my enumeration.

Agnes B. Pearlman
May 20, 1971

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
May 31, 1971

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Cal. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th and the data about the McCoy family. I am not at the moment interested in that family and if I were it would be best to get microfilms because there are so many other names or families come up if one is involved in a thing like that. So thanks for your offer to copy things but it will not be necessary.

My interest in "Phamer's" name just stemmed from wanting to get things right. Virgil Carrington Jones, wrote what I think is the most nearly correct account of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, but even he did not bother with much research. He does show a family tree of sorts, Daniel McCoy, the father of Randolph McCoy. He lists six brothers of Randolph - William, Phamer (that name again), Sam, John, James M., and Harman, but misses a seventh, Tolbert. He says Randolph had 13 children and lists them, but does not mention the son William, who was 14 years old in 1880.

Randolph's children who were married or away from home when the 1880 census was taken were Calvin, Sam, Floyd, James, Tolbert, and Josephine.

Daniel McCoy, father of Randolph, was born in Virginia in 1792, married Margaret Taylor, moved to what is now Mingo County, then Logan, settled very near to where Ephraim Hatfield lived, and spent the rest of his days there. Randolph McCoy then lived and grew up in the same neighborhood as Devil Anse Hatfield. He married there and did not move across Tug Fork into Kentucky until some years afterward. Randolph was 10 years older than Devil Anse but the two must have known each other from childhood.

I think these things would be worth mentioning in what purports to be a comprehensive account of the feud and its origins. Being near neighbors it is quite possible that the ill will between the two men or the two families went much farther back than the incidents that are said to have caused the feud.

Your explanation of the name Phamer-Pharmer is logical and is no doubt right.

I had a nice time at the archaeological meeting in Norman, Oklahoma. I also attended the annual meeting of the Ohio Archaeological Society at Columbus, May 15-16, and went

from there straight to Morgantown, W. Va., where I attended a meeting of the W. Va. Antiquities Commission, of which I am a member. I then spent two days in the eastern panhandle counties of West Virginia with the State Archaeologists, showing things I learned there last year.

My oldest grandson who is at the U. of Colorado, phoned me ten days ago and informed me that there will be a wedding on Sept. 9. This is the first such event in my immediate family and comes as quite a milestone. The wedding will be in Richmond, Va., and from the preparations already being made, may be a swanky affair, and I hope I can live through it.

As to your enquiries, the fact that the stated consideration in a deed, in either Virginia or West Virginia, is \$1.00 is not necessarily indicative of relationship of the parties concerned. The amount has to be that much to make such a transaction legal. It has usually been stated as " \$1.00 and other valuable considerations" and was often used by people who did not want others to know the price at which they bought or sold land. Now there is a graduated Federal tax on land sales and West Virginia law requires that the full consideration be stated in the deed.

I never hear of Smith Shoals in Guyandot River. It could be in Raleigh, Wyoming, Logan, Lincoln, or Cabell county, but sounds like a name from the lower reaches of the stream, Cabell or Lincoln County.

So you are going to Japan. Bon Voyage and I know you will have a pleasant time. My oldest son is a chemical engineer and spent 13 years abroad, putting up chemical plants for his company, including one in Japan. This was about 300 miles south of Tokyo, where Americans seldom go and he lived like a native, learned to eat raw fish and other indelicacies, and to like them. He also spent 10 days there two years ago when he was returning from a job in Bombay. He is quite impressed by what the Japanese have done and are doing.

Sincerely

P. S. If you have a family name connected with Smith Shoals let me have and I may be able to locate the place.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 7, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

June has come and gone with unexpected and forced changes in plans. Because my husband injured his back again several days before we were to leave for the Orient, the trip had to be cancelled. He has fully recovered once more, but he spent two weeks flat on his back. When I say fully recovered, I mean only to the extent one who has a deteriorated disc can be said to be recovered. My time was spent greeting friends who came by to bolster his morale although I did have some hours available for further organization of genealogical notes.

I have just finished reading Brennan's absolutely fascinating American Dawn. The author's exposition of his theme makes for engrossing reading. He manages to make complex problems understandable to the interested lay reader while maintaining an undeniably professional approach. That he has fun in his research and his writing is evident in his play on words. His excellent vocabulary was effectively and simply used. Although the copy I read was borrowed from the library (available finally), I have ordered one for my personal library.

As I once mentioned to you, I have always been interested in anthropological and archeological studies but on a superficial level. Always believing it "more blessed to give than to receive" and quite stimulated by your contributions to knowledge of West Virginia's prehistoric sites, I decided to do something about it. I am now being sponsored for membership in the Archeological Survey Association of Southern California; and after additional study hope that I can help in some small way in the work being done here.

Also after considerable additional study, I should be able to adequately appreciate Mr. Turner's "arrowhead" collection. I would certainly look forward to seeing it again.

Your comments about the Hatfields and McCoys were appreciated. Certainly you are correct in believing that any authoritative account of the feud should contain the

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background information about the neighbors. Sometimes early contributing factors can be lost in later dramatic events.

By the way, among the Cabell County deeds was the following: In 1823 Jacob Workman was granted land on Twelve-Pole Creek. Is this the reference you had to a Jacob Workman or was yours earlier?

You might wish to add the following to your 1860 Boone County census notes: In addition to the Ferrells listed in family #196, there was an older son named Rayburn (born about 1834) and two additional girls whose names I do not have. Actually, you might already have this information for those who had already moved out of the household.

Thank you for your offer to locate Smith Shoals of the Guyandotte. It came up in references during my attempt to identify the relationship of the early Christian families in Logan County. Cabell County Deed Book 3, page 499, contains the following:

23 April 1821. Peter Dingess and Sarah his wife to Allen Christian, Sr., each of Cabell County, Virginia, for \$1.00 about 50 acres, part of William Ward survey of Richard Matthews entry made 25 November 1783, Warrant #10326 dated 22 February 1782 being in Kanawha County, now Cabell County, and on great Guyandotte to Smith Shoal where Allen Christian now lives includes island and creek where Daniel Elkins now lives . . .

Unless something in the above "rings a bell" and makes identification of the locale easy, please forget the problem. It is quite possible that the Shoal is part of the Smith Creek in Cabell County not far upstream on the Guyandotte from Merritt's Creek. Although I recently obtained the geological survey maps for Logan, Boone, Wyoming, and Mingo Counties, I did not order them for the lower reaches of the Guyandotte. Next time I have access to a complete map of Lincoln and Cabell Counties, I believe I will be able to locate it unless the name has changed. My 1825/1859 blow-up map does not seem to have a Smith Shoal, only Smith Creek.

Wedding plans must be in full swing by now, and I do hope you enjoy the festivities.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)
Agnes

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 25, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Just a brief note to send you some data which I abstracted from the Montgomery County, Virginia, Marriage Register. You, like me, had apparently used Razland as the reference for the Dingess girls' spouses. Razland had even questioned whether he had correctly identified their given names; and from the Register, it would appear he was indeed mistaken. The abstracts follow:

- 7 Jan. 1800 William Henderson to Nancy Dingess (father: Peter Dingess)
- 2 Feb. 1802 Ezekiel Smith to Susana Dingess (guardian: Peter Dingess)
- 8 June 1797 David French to Polly Dingess [no parents given]
- 14 Jan. 1793 Charles Neill to Elizabeth Dingess (father: Peter Dingess)

The microfilm for the above-mentioned register will be here indefinitely, so if there are any names I could check for you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Agnes
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Aug. 30, 1971

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
San Francisco, California, 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

It occurs to me that I have not written for quite a while, which does not mean much except that there has really been nothing worth while writing about, insofar as genealogy is concerned.

I have been quite busy with archaeology. We have our annual meeting coming up on October 9 and it looked like we would have no papers and nobody was coming and I fret and stew about it, then all of a sudden there are more papers than we can use, and how are we going to take care of all the people, just something else to worry about. If I live through this term as president I will never again accept another, or anything like it.

I spent three days last week with Aubrey Smith of Beckley. We were mostly looking for and recording archaeological sites and the sites of frontier forts from the Colonial period, but Smith is constantly pointing out the early homes of the ancestors of our Boone County families. You missed a lot by not meeting him and if you return to West Virginia meeting him must be a MUST. He told me that your great uncle Mr. Stanley, passed away recently.

Our friend David Turner is on his annual vacation, to be spent in the court houses and libraries of Virginia. He now has the ancestral lines of his wife traced to six Revolutionary soldiers, and the ancestry of one of his young granddaughters to twelve!

A big event in my life is the marriage of my oldest grandson, who lives in Boulder, Colorado, on September 9th. The bride-to-be is from Richmond, Va., and from one of the families that follows the old Virginia rituals and formalities, but the functions of an old grandfather at such an event may not be strenuous enough to bring about my demise.

We have on the whole had a pleasant summer with very little hot weather. I have thought about getting air conditioning but it just does not get hot enough to force a decision. Early in July we had a little hot weather and I brought down two fans from the attic, but I have not had turn them on since then.

Sincerely

Ingfus Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
November 12, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

How time flies! By now you will have attended your grandson's wedding and have successfully, I'm sure, chaired the archaeological society's annual meeting.

One of my cousins from Welch has been sending me newspaper clippings concerning the recent "diggings" in Tazewell County with which you are undoubtedly familiar.

I had expected to be in West Virginia during the autumn, but several sets of plans were made only to be changed or cancelled. It will probably be spring again before I make another trip East. My husband has a medical convention scheduled for May in Washington, D. C. We will probably take some additional time and travel through some of our favorite states. I will let you know if we find ourselves anywhere near Madison.

Genealogically, I am at somewhat of a standstill as far as research discoveries are concerned. Most of my efforts during the past weeks have been spent consolidating the mass of material I have accumulated. I am also attempting to complete the numerous indexing projects I have had underway for some time. I'll continue to send you anything in which I think you might be interested.

Sincerely,

Agnes
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Nov. 16, 1971

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Cal. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Your letter has just been received.

My grandson's wedding was quite swanky but went off very well and perhaps would have done so even if I had not been present. I did learn that the functions of a grandfather are not of particular importance at such an affair.

I did get through the meeting of the West Virginia Archeological Society in fair shape though as usual I had been worrying and sweating blood about how things would go. I always have forebodings of dire things to come when I have the responsibility for things of this kind, but nothing really bad has ever happened.

Immediately after the meeting I flew to Minnesota where I visited two brothers and sundry cousins, nephews, and nieces, then up to my old home on the Canadian border where I visited a sister, some cousins, and the few old neighbors who are still living. The first group mentioned above is all in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. I also visited relatives of my late wife in the mining area northwest of Duluth, and our old branch office which was one of my responsibilities when I lived in New York. This included a tour through one of the mines I helped in promoting for my employers which brought back some nostalgic memories.

I came home in time to celebrate my 75th birthday on Nov. 1, so I am now $3/4$ ths of the way. Two days thereafter I took off for Florida where, among other things, I attended a three day meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, of which I am a past president. I then spent four days in Atlanta, Ga., visiting one of my favorite nieces, then went to Macon, Ga., where I attended a two day meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Then home yesterday to find a heap of mail that frightens me, so I am tackling the last of it first.

With this gadding around I have had little time or opportunity for genealogy. However, I may have told you that all my grandparents came to America from Iceland, which is the Happy Hunting Ground for genealogists. Its people seem to be the most concerned of any about their ancestry and the country has the most complete vital statistics of any. Their numbers are few (70,000 population when my grandparents left there in 1876) which simplifies things greatly.

One of my brothers was in Iceland three years ago and employed a well respected genealogist to do something about our ancestry. His manuscripte, 83 typed legal size pages, came just before I got to Minneapolis, and I have it now. I started to graph it out but don't know if I can finish it unless I use a roll of roofing paper to put it on.

This is a rather massive thing and all in Icelandic, which I do not speak well, so I suppose the next thing to do is to get an Icelandic-English dictionary. The genealogist charged \$575.00 for it, which my brother thought was a little on the high side but I have assured him that it isn't, even by the low wage standards of Iceland.

I did know some lines of my ancestry back into the 1500's which I learned from an uncle who had learned it as a child from his father. This same uncle also named some of the saga characters of a thousand years ago who he said were traditionally our ancestors. This genealogist confirms that and runs many lines into Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, England, and Scotland. Those countries were then full of petty kings whose dynasties lasted only as long as they could maintain them with the sword, which sometimes was not very long. Anyway, I have a lot of kings in my ancestral lines so if you ever see me again to not forget to greet me with a low obeisance.

I saw Dave Turner last night and he is still carrying on as usual. If his wife wanted to get into the DAR she could have six stars in her crown and one of his grand-daughters could have elevem!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "August Olafson". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the right side of the page.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Nov. 20, 1971

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I regret to report that Sylvia (Mullens) Pettry died suddenly yesterday. You will remember that she was your hostess at the hotel when you were here last spring.

She was going down a stairway to her basement, fell and broke her hip. She was taken to a hospital in Charleston where Mrs. Turley, my neighbor who had lunch with us when you were here, called on her last Wednesday and she seemed to be doing well, though she had not yet had surgery. She had that yesterday, went through it in good shape, and was brought up to the recovery room, where she had a cardiac attack and passed away.

Sylvia was a good egg, kind to everyone, and I have looked upon her as a good friend for many years. I had seen her only once since you were here and it always gives me a sense of guilt when something like this happens to friends whom I have neglected. I suppose that is why I have to tell someone about it.

Sincerely

Leif O. Larsen

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 14, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I was so distressed to learn of Mrs. Pettry's death. Such a sudden passing is always cause for grief and despair for those close to someone--especially so since there is no time for preparation.

I had written to her only a few weeks before complimenting her on her lovely accommodations and hospitable manner and expressing my desire to stay in the hotel when I next came to West Virginia. Another trip is tentatively projected for the late spring. I know that you and others in Madison will sorely miss her. Did she have any relatives who would assume ownership or management of the hotel?

Rather belatedly, may I congratulate you on your 75th birthday. I must say you are amazingly youthful for your years!

The Icelandic genealogy of your family sounds fascinating, and I'm sure you enjoyed constructing the graph from the manuscript. Of course, the "holes" in a seemingly complete manuscript quickly reveal themselves when converted to systematic charts; and by now you're probably intrigued with filling in the missing gaps. I would be most interested in reading the manuscript if circumstances even permit.

Not a minute here this past month for genealogy, archaeology, etc. Most of the time has been spent at the bedside of my son, who was recuperating (with complications) of a ruptured, gangrenous appendix. He is now out of the hospital and recovering nicely.

Although you will shortly be receiving our holiday greeting with a photograph of "our" raccoons, nightly visitors at our Idyllwild mountain retreat; in the meantime, wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Agnes

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Jan. 9, 1972.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Cal. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Your Christmas card is a beauty and it looks like those little raccoons purposely grouped themselves in a way that would give you a good picture. When I was young I had a mania about hunting, probably an instinct that so many males have inherited from their remote hunting ancestors, but as I grew older I began having twinges of conscience, especially when I killed such an innocent and harmless thing as a deer, so I quit hunting altogether.

I made my usual round of holiday visits, my daughter in Virginia, brother in Maryland, son in New York, and son in Cleveland. I am beginning to act my age and this time I flew instead of taking a car in what could have been uncertain weather. However, I could have taken a car as the weather was ideal. Not a single snowflake yet in New York City. I also spent a day in my old office and a night with my writer-archaeologist friend, Louis Brennan.

You say you would like to read the manuscript of my Icelandic genealogy. I have overcome most of the language difficulties but I think they would be too much for you. It uses a system of running the male line as far as possible, each such line bearing a number and each generation being numbered backward from my generation. Thus my parents are generation 1, their parents 2, and so on. When they get stuck on a male line they back up to the wife of one of the males in it, switch over to her father, and so on. This genealogist got back only nine generations with my paternal grandfather and not much more with either of my grandmothers, but in the case of my maternal grandfather worked some lines back for as much as 40 generations.

Iceland had a rather peculiar history of settlement. The Scandinavian countries were a hodgepodge of petty kingdoms and earldoms. Vikings, a polite name for pirates, had conquered portions of England, Scotland, Ireland, and France and had established themselves as self-appointed kings, dukes, earls, or what have you. There came a time when they spread themselves too thin, and the natives began driving them out. At the same time the more powerful kings in the Scandinavian countries began driving out the weaker ones and swallowing up their realms.

Vikings, because of their aggressive habits, were not welcomed in many places and one of the few places open to these refugees was Iceland, so many of them settled there. Their station in life had depended on their lineage so they kept good records of it, and this in many cases has continued to the

present.

Literacy was always above average in Iceland and there were asurprising number of writers and poets even a thousand years ago. Genealogies were written even that long ago and down through the middle ages. The Encyclopedia Britannica gives more than three times as much space to the literature of Iceland as to that of Japan, a country with 500 times as many people. For many generations Iceland has had the lowest rate of illiteracy of any country, and on a per capita basis they even now publish 20 times as many books as we in the U. S. do.

One thing that made things easier over there was the small population and another the fact that there was a state church which had charge of vital statistics, and it seems to have done a good job.

The colonization period had just about ended by 930 A. D. and with the belatively few people that settled there and the time that has elapsed I suppose all Icelanders are now related. There are so few people in America of Icelandic extraction that I have never seen very many of them. As far as I know I am the only one in West Virginia.

Our weather here continues to be very nice. We saw a few snowflakes in December but we also had a good bit of 70 degree days and even above 80. Last week we had our first snow, a whole inch, but it disappeared the next day. There is still time for nasty weather and if it gets too nasty I may go to Florida for a while.

I hope your son has fully recovered. It is too late to wish you a Merry Christmas but I hope you had one, and I wish you and yours a happy and successful new year.

Sincerely

Surfus Erlafsson

Feb. 15, 1972

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I happened to see this marriage record in the County Clerk's office and thought you might like a copy.

Sincerely

Lufus Claffen

February 18, 1972

Dear Mr. Clafson,

How very thoughtful of you to send the marriage bond of Micajah S. Mitchell and Clarinda White! I did not have a copy so am quite pleased to be able to add it to my collection.

Spring is in the air out here — what with the glomerating pear and plum trees and temperatures in the high 70's and 80's.

Again, thanks for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

Agnes Paulman

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Oct. 31, 1971

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

It has been a long time since you wrote to me or I wrote to you, and I have nothing in particular to write about now.

I finally got rid of my job as president of the W. Va. archaeological Society which gives me a sense of relief. I will celebrate my 76th birthday tomorrow and at that age a person should not get involved in things like that. I have held the office for 14 years, which is much too long anyway. I have become a great worrier about things for which I am responsible, so I will cut down on my responsibilities and that will help in keeping my blood pressure where it should be. My health has been good in the recent past and as long as I obey my doctor's orders I get along well.

While I will still continue archaeological activities that permit me to set my own pace I expect to devote more time to genealogical work. You perhaps remember that I arranged various census records in alphabetical order and added to them a good bit from local records, mostly vital statistics, which gives one a sort of a shotgun approach to all the families of the county. These are now in battered bindings and covered with penciled notes. I intend to retype these together with all the penciled materials and put them in better bindings and present them to the W. Va. Archives Dept. I have put a lot of hours into that and perhaps posterity can get some good out of it if I do that.

That applies to Boone County but I also have a fair amount of material pertaining to Logan County. I am thinking about digging up additional records there and adding them to what I have and putting that in Archives also.

Dave Turner keeps on getting additional census microfilms and has amassed quite a library of them. He concentrates on a few families and really does excellent work. He seems to be a naturally born detective in ferreting out these things and rarely makes a mistake. I have been out digging some with his brother recently, Branch Turner. Dave has not yet learned how the name "Branch" got into his family but it has been there for many generations.

I hope you and yours are all well and that you are enjoying success in your genealogical efforts.

Sincerely



2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ann, California 92706
November 3, 1972

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

How pleased I was to hear from you! Indeed, receiving your letter at this particular time was quite a coincidence since I was on the verge of writing to you.

Having your wonderful records available at the State Archives will make countless researchers happy. I only wish that you also planned to publish some copies for sale for those of us across country. Actually, I suppose I am among the fortunate since I am in a position to travel from time to time. And, of course, I have been privileged to study your notes in that lovely, sunny room of yours in Madison.

Speaking of publishing: I have had so many requests for several of the indexes and records I have abstracted that I believe I will have them printed in pamphlet form for sale (strictly for costs since I have no need of extra income). I would also donate copies to the appropriate state archives. It seems that more and more individuals are becoming interested in their family heritage. I plan to visit the printer on Monday to see if it would be feasible to print my notes--and in what form I could do it to make them most accessible to the greatest number.

Among the notes which I have completed for my own use which might be of more or less benefit to others are: An index to all the surnames in the 1850 Census for West Virginia's southern counties; a comprehensive index and appendix to Bowman's History of Wyoming County; genealogies and histories of several Appalachian families (such as those I have contributed to The Hillbilly from time to time); and a few other miscellaneous items.

I did get to West Virginia briefly in early summer but was not able to get either to Boone or to Kanawha County. You can imagine how frustrating it was to be so near and yet so far. My husband and daughter were with me. We spent several delightful days at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs. Carl was a patient there during World War II when it was an army hospital. He had wanted for many years to return and enjoy its "resort splendor." The remainder of our trip we visited relatives--scattered from Boston to Memphis. In addition, Carl presented a paper at a medical meeting in Washington, D. C.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
June 28, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

It has been some time since I have heard from you. I do hope that you are well and enjoying the summer months. Our weather so far this year has been quite lovely here in California.

Since I do not have access on microfilm to the later Boone County vital statistics, I wonder if you would be in a position to obtain some information for me from the Court House? Specifically, I am interested in having the enclosed Family Group Record as complete as possible. You will notice that marriage dates are lacking for all except my immediate ancestor. Also, death data is missing for several, particularly for the girls (due to the fact that on the one occasion when I visited the Court House at Madison, I did not have the time to check for the various surnames).

I would certainly appreciate any additional material, however limited it might be. In passing, I should mention that this form contains all the information which Mr. Turner had on this particular family when I copied his data. If you cannot handle the above request at this time, just let me know.

By the way, in some of our past correspondence we discussed the possibility of Joseph Workman's participation in the War of 1812; also whether or not his wife was indeed the widow of Joseph Elkins who died as a result of an accident while on the way to the war with Workman. Rather belatedly, I decided to check with the National Archives to see what records they might have.

The Joseph Workman of Wyoming County as well as the one from Boone County served. Of course, my interest is in the one of Boone County since he is the father of the Matilda on the enclosed group sheet. A few items from the record might be of interest to you. He was on the rolls of Capt. Nathan Ashby from 19 Sep. 1812 to 29 Mar. 1813, receiving his discharge on 20 Apr. 1813. He also served for another six months quite late in the war. Pursuant to the Act of February 14, 1871, he applied for a pension. In his application he "declares that he has been married; that his wife's name was Elizabeth Elkin to whom he was married at William Elkins, Kanawha County on or about the 10th day of October 1813." Unfortunately, he does not indicate whether she was a spinster or a widow. At the age of eighty when he made his deposition, he had a typical lapse of memory as to the exact date of his wedding and missed it by a month--since the bond from Cabell County would indicate that it took place in November. The words "or about" had been inserted on the printed application form.

Apparently a number of Boone and Logan County men served in the War of 1812, almost from the date of outbreak. I was quite surprised by the apparent turnout. I have since sent for other War of 1812 records on other individuals and have been delighted with the amount of material given.

Because of your general interest in all the southern West Virginia families, I will mention that the widow's affidavit regarding the Joseph Workman of Wyoming County stated that this Joseph had died in 1852 in Wayne County. Someone at a later date had crossed out the word "Wayne" and inserted "Wyoming"

but I am inclined to believe that the seeming correction was based on a false assumption. This would tend to tie the Wyoming Workmans to the Wayne County Workmans.

As usual, I have rambled on much longer than I had intended; however, I still want to ask how you are progressing with getting your records into the hands of the State archivist.

I shall look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Carl K. Pearlman
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Family Group Record of
Micajah Goodwin White & Matilda Workman

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 12, 1973.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana. Calif. 92706.

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Several things have occurred to delay a reply to your letter of June 28, the latest being that my oldest son, who lives near Cleveland, suffered a heart attack a week ago. He is doing well, the doctors say, but a thing like that is disrupting. He is 50 years old and his mother suffered her first attack at age 50, but she lived through several more, succumbing to one at age 75. My son is being kept in isolation except for two five minute visits daily by his wife. He tells her he feels fine but a doctor friend here who had a rather severe heart attack two years ago tells me that treatment now is complete rest and isolation for a rather prolonged period. In his case his home telephone was disconnected for two months after he returned from the hospital to keep people, even well meaning ones, from disturbing him. He is now working as hard as ever.

Before that, not much more than a month ago, this same son and his wife visited me for several days. Then came a niece from St. Paul, her husband, and their four sons. Then came my daughter and two children from Maryland and spent six days. And a week ago a granddaughter from New York who is still here and will be for another week. She is 14 and this is her third summer to come here so she has several girl friends here and I do not see much of her. I am not kidding myself about her coming here just to see grandpa.

Now to get to the matter of the chart of the Micajah Goodwin White family, there is practically nothing I can add to what you already have. I have looked at the county records to try to find the vital statistics you do not have, but I do not find them there. Some of my information about this family was obtained from Hursie M. White, son of George Dolliver White and Emily (Sutphin) White, who was once Circuit Clerk of Boone County and also a close personal friend. Rather than mark up your sheet I will spell things out in this letter and you can then abstract anything you may wish to use.

Emily(Sutphin) White, wife of George D., was a daughter of Hendrick and Jane (Harbor) Sutphin. They are family No. 183 in the 1860 census of Boone County, he born in Montgomery County and she in Henry, both in Va. When I lived in New York I noticed that Sutphin was not an uncommon name among the old families and it was said to be derived from Zutphen, Holland. The census has Hendrick born 1804. He died 1869 and the death record has him born 1802.

As to the elder sons of Micajah and Matilda White,

the oldest, Benjamin H., enlisted in 1861 in Co. B, 7th W. Va. Cavalry, Union Army, and died in 1862. Cause of death unknown, probably disease, and exact date unknown.

The second son, Joseph N., enlisted in 1861 in Co. B. of the same regiment and also died in service. Date and cause of death unknown. Hursie M. White said that these brothers had not married.

Come to think of it, I should correct myself here. At the time these brothers enlisted the regiment was called the 8th Va. Mounted Infantry and after West Virginia became a state in 1863 its designation was changed to 7th W. Va. Cavalry. I might add that another brother, James A. White, served in Co. B of the same regiment and survived the war. George D., a fourth brother, enlisted in the same Co B in 1864. He died in 1922 and I have a note that a younger brother, Andrew W., died in 1934.

I have a note that the daughter Frances married William A. Mutters but am unable to find a marriage record locally. The Micajah White family lived near present Bald Knob, P. O., and just a little farther up Pond Fork is Jasper Workman Branch which heads against Buffalo Creek. A road led up this branch to Buffalo Creek and in the early days there was considerable intercommunication between these places. The swains of Buffalo Creek used this route when they came to court the fair maidens on Pond Fork, one of them no doubt being your grandfather Micajah Mitchell, who used this route while courting your grandmother Clarinda White.

I think William A. Mutters must have been from Buffalo Creek also and that he may have followed your grandfathers example. There are Mutters families on Buffalo Creek now and Dave Turner says that a man by that name, from Buffalo Creek, was a candidate in the last Logan election.

It appears that the youngest daughter, Louisa, also married a Buffalo Creeker. The only Milton Broning I can find in records of this area lived on Buffalo Creek. The 1870 census of Logan shows him as heading family No. 86 in Triadelphia District. He was then married and had four children. This census shows him as being born 1844, so he was 13 years older than Louisa, who must have been his second wife.

If either of the two above marriages took place in Logan County, Dave Turner and I missed them, but I might point out that the courthouse of Wyoming County was formerly at Oceana, which was nearer to where the Whites and these Buffalo Creek families lived than the court houses at Madison and Logan.

While I am on the subject of this old "courtin'" road I might mention that it can still be used by jeeps and trucks, and that at the time of the Buffalo Creek flood disaster last year several families used it as an escape route to Pond Fork.

To get at other matters mentioned in your letter, in particular the ancestry of your great-grandmother, Matilda (Workman) White, your data about the pension application of Joseph Workman allows us to at least make some educated guesses.

In 1807 William Elkins made an entry in Kanawha County, which then covered all of this area, to patent a tract of land on Hewett Creek of Spruce Fork. Cabell County was formed from Kanawha in 1809 and records there show that this entry was rejected, no doubt because the land was already covered by the large William McCleery land grant. Soon afterward William Elkins moved up Spruce Fork far enough to get off the McCleery grant, settling at the mouth of Beech Fork. This was the house where Joseph Workman and Elizabeth Elkins were married in 1813, and since it stood on the Cabell County side of Spruce Fork the marriage was correctly recorded in Cabell County. However, Joseph soon moved to Pond Fork, then in Kanawha County, so it is easy to see how he might be confused about the location when he applied for a pension 58 years later.

As to Elizabeth being a McNeely who had first married a son of William Elkins, that is a tradition and I am somewhat skeptical about it. However, as there were McNeelys living in the area it is a possibility. To clarify this, as well as other matters mentioned herein I am enclosing a sketch map showing where some of these families lived. David McNeely was a brother of the wife of William Dingess and came with him when he settled in Logan in 1797. David settled just below the island at Logan, which you may remember as Aracoma, and has several descendants in Madison now, as well as in Logan.

A survey made on Pond Fork about 1810 mentions a William McNeely living there then, but I have seen no other record of him.

An affidavit made in 1816, and other records, show that Jacob and James Workman came to the Island in Logan to clean up the old Indian fields on it, as the owner intended to move there but instead sold the land to William Dingess. The Workmans remained in the area for some time but Jacob soon disappears from local records and James settled on Pond Fork in present Boone County, at the mouth of what is still called James Creek (see map). *In 1793

As to the White family, Benjamin Harrison White (Chickasaw Ben) settled on Buffalo Creek in present Logan County and apparently stayed there until he died. Although Micajah G. White's death record in Boone County shows that he was a son of Perry and Nancy White, David Turner has proved quite conclusively that this is an error and that his parents were Benjamin H. and Nancy White.

Benjamin H. had another son, James White, who settled at present Blair, on Spruce Fork, where U.S.#119 leaves Spruce Fork and crosses Blair Mountain, which you may remember from

your bus ride from Madison to Logan. This James White had a son, Russell White, who settled on Pond Fork but some miles from where Micaiah G. settled. He was Dave Turner's great-grandfather.

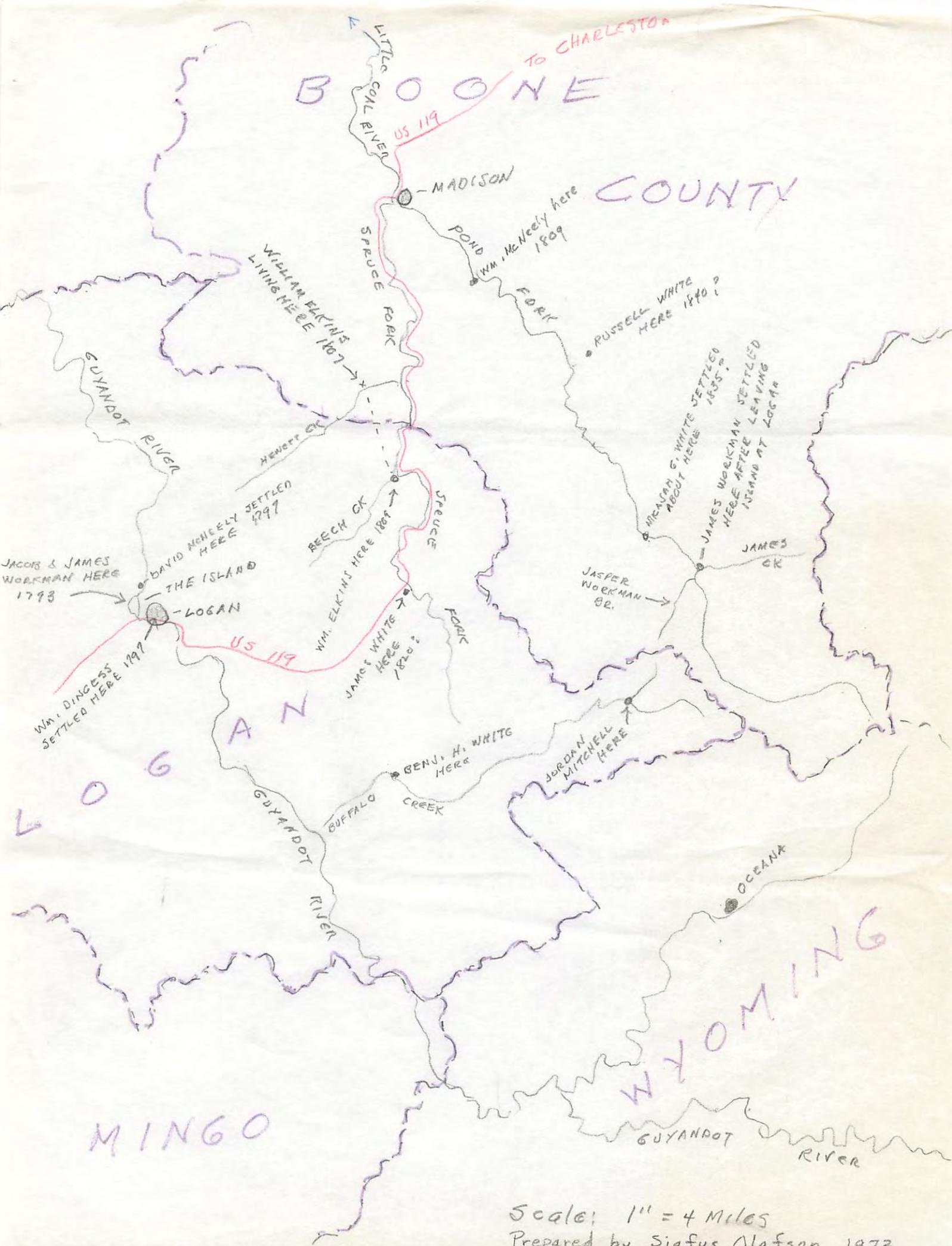
You mention Joseph Workman of Wyoming County. I have had some correspondence with a descendant, a Mr. Sayre of Buckhannon, W. Va. and the family was from Pennsylvania, so relationship with the Workmans of Boone and Logan, if any, must be distant. I will call his attention to the service of Joseph Workman of Wyoming in the War of 1812, and if anything comes of it I will forward it to you.

You ask how I am progressing with my plans for getting some of my records into the Archives. I have those relating to the 1850 census ready except for some short family sketches to accompany it. Later census records will be less troublesome than this one as a considerable part of them will be a repetition of this one. I am heavily involved in some archaeological digs being conducted by the State in this area, as well as many other things that there are not enough hours in the day for me. I should retire from this kind of "retirement."

I just ran across an ad from a local paper of about 1946, which is attached hereto. This lady was a Mormon and was seeking her ancestors for the usual Mormon reasons. I had some correspondence with her and in 1846, just when I was moving to New York, she came here and interviewed me. Think I have copies of my correspondence buried deeply in some of my files. Since this was 27 years ago I do not know if she is still living, but she is or was a relative of yours.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "August Olafson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.



Scale: 1" = 4 Miles
 Prepared by Sigfus Olafson 1973

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 18, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I sincerely appreciate the time you took to send the full response to my recent query--particularly considering the many obligations you are fulfilling.

With the excellent care he seems to be getting, your son is undoubtedly continuing to improve. Since my husband recovered from his heart attack several years ago, he has enjoyed excellent health.

For sometime I had intended to prepare a map pinpointing the home locations of some of the early settlers, but this task always ends up in my "mañana" file. It is most helpful having the map which you sent. I also enjoyed your account of the likely courting route. I have often speculated that there was more communication across the ridges on horseback (and on foot) than there is today by automobile.

Incidentally, not only was the Joseph Workman of Wyoming County born in Pennsylvania but the one of Boone County was born there also. Since they were so near the same age, it is my guess that they were first cousins. Of course, this is just speculation based on an accumulation of facts. Furthermore, I believe the Joseph of Wyoming County to be more closely related to the Wayne County line than was the Joseph of Boone County.

All that remains to be done on my surname index to the 1850 Census of West Virginia's southern counties is the typing. With several projects underway, however, it may be weeks or even months before that job is done. Activities at our local museum and genealogical society are keeping me busy.

Again, thanks for your most generous help.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I do plan to take a chance and write to your 1946 visitor on the chance that she or a member of her family still lives at the Tacoma, Washington, address.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 26, 1973

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706.

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

In my last letter I made mention of the fact that Frances White, daughter of Micajah Goodwin White and sister of your grandmother, Clarinda White Mitchell, had married William A. Mutters. I also said that I knew nothing about him and that I had heard that people by the name of Mutters were living on Buffalo Creek.

I enclose a clipping from this morning's CHARLESTON GAZETTE which confirms what I heard about people of that name living on Buffalo Creek. If you are interested in pursuing that matter further I can easily establish contact with some member of the Mutters family.

I just returned from a day of digging in an Indian site on the Kanawha River, in near 90 degree humid weather and involving a 100 mile round trip by jeep. I came back exhausted and wondering why a man rapidly approaching his 77th birthday was foolish enough to do such a thing. Now, after a shower and big drink of water, a change of clothes, and ready to go to a restaurant, I feel much better and I suppose if someone calls in the morning and suggests going digging I will be foolish enough to do it again.

According to the prognostications of a grandson in Colorado, sent to me some weeks ago, I was to become a great-grandfather as of yesterday. So far no news.

Sincerely

Jeffers Olafson

situation. Virginia and Kentucky apparently solved their problem with a straight line that crosses streams and ridges to what is now called Pine Mountain, an extension of Cumberland. The Virginia counties involved apparently settled theirs by a straight line from an agreed point on Tug Fork to the mouth of Gauley River. The earliest map I have seen of Cabell County, dating from perhaps 1815, goes to such a straight line. Such a line would have included the lower part of Buffalo Creek in Cabell County, crossed the mountain just north of Amherstdale, and thence across present Boone, Raleigh, and Fayette Counties to the mouth of Gauley River. The way land records were handled suggests that such a line was agreed upon but I have no knowledge of it having been made official.

The above conveyance mentions that it is a part of the William Ward survey. There was more than one of these and I have had occasion to deal with at least one in land surveying. It followed Guyandot River, taking in only the bottom lands. It was then easy to fix its location on a topographic map.

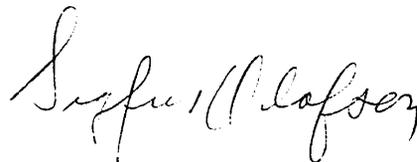
All surveys made in this area prior to the formation of Kanawha County in 1789 are recorded, or were recorded in Montgomery County, Va., and the Richmond land office. After West Virginia separated from Virginia copies were made from the land office records of all surveys or patents now in West Virginia, and these are on file in the office of the State Auditor in Charleston.

If you still want this information, and if my memory does not again play tricks on me it will be an easy matter for me to pick this up some time when I am in Charleston, plat the description, and fix its location on a map.

If there is not a strike of the airplane pilots I will leave on the 23rd for Washington, spend Christmas eve with a brother and his family in Maryland, Christmas day with my daughter and family in another part of Maryland, then perhaps three days in Larchmont with a son, then New Year with a son in Cleveland, then home on Jan. 2. Such is the plan but I will be lucky if it is not disrupted.

So far I have no complaints about the weather, but right now it is in the 20's and trying to snow, though with little success. I am one of those who can do without a white Christmas.

Sincerely



2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
August 6, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

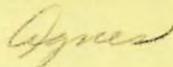
By now, congratulations to the great-grandfather are undoubtedly in order--a new girl or boy on the Olafson family tree!

I appreciate the article and your comments about the Mutters family on Buffalo Creek. At the present time, I am not pursuing research on that line beyond the marriage of Frances White to William A. Mutters. Thank you for your offer to contact them.

By the way, you may be interested in the fact that the Mrs. Morris who placed the ad in the Logan Banner during the 1940's lives only a few doors from where she did then and responded to my query to her. In fact, her response arrived in the same mail as your letter. It is likely that we will have significant data to exchange. As yet, I do not know which of us has the most material on the direct lines. Because of my general interest in many of the collateral lines, however, I believe my files are probably more complete than hers in that regard. She inquired about you.

If you ever get to California, do stop for a visit with the Pearlmans.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, Va. 25130
Dec. 17, 1973.

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
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Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have just been looking at some of our past correspondence and noted that more than two years ago you wanted to learn the location of a tract of land and an island in Guyandot River conveyed by Peter and Sarah Dingess to Allen Christian Sr., 23 April, 1821. I intended looking this up but my memory, which is increasingly unreliable, failed me and I never thought of it again.

The description was rather vague but mentioned Smith shoal and you had assumed that this related to Smith Creek in present Cabell County. I think this can't be the place for in its lower reaches the Guyandot is a deeper and narrower stream with very few shoals or rapids. Furthermore, the Christian families, as I recall, were all farther up Guyandot River than Logan, and the Dingess lands were all in present Logan County and none as far down as Smith Creek in present Cabell. Some years ago I did a little work on the several Hatfield families that settled near the Smith Creek area quite early. Some of them acquired a large land grant extending from near Salt Rock and running down Guyandotte River to, or nearly to Smith Creek, but the title was bad and after years of litigation they lost it. I am quite certain that I never saw the names Dingess or Christian in the area. ~~These Hatfields.~~ These Hatfields were rather distant relatives of those who later settled in Logan County.

Above Logan there are several islands and shoals and many could qualify in this respect but I do not know of the name Smith being applied to any of them, which is not strange as place names like that change constantly as new families live near them.

Logan County was formed in 1824 and never did go down Guyandot River far enough to get anywhere near Smith Creek, and the 1830 census has Allen Christian Sr. in Logan County.

A good bit of confusion resulted from the little that was known of geography and topography in this region when Kanawha County was formed in 1789. Its description began at the mouth of Sandy River and ran up it and Tug Fork "to the mountain generally known by the name of Cumberland mountain; thence a northeast course along the said mountain to the Great Kanawha, crossing the same at the end of Gawley Mountain". The trouble was that Cumberland Mountain, which forms much of the present Kentucky-Virginia Boundary, does not even reach Tug Fork, nor does it extend northeasterly from there. I do not know what was done to rectify this

See table above long file

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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January 6, 1974

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you so much for your recent letter. I sincerely appreciate your continued interest. I know, too, through other correspondents, that there are many who also have the benefit of your generosity.

Regarding my specific questions concerning the location of "Smith Shoals" in 1821: I share your opinion that my previous speculation relating this to Smith Creek in present Cabell County was probably in error. Although there is nothing urgent or essential about having the exact location, it would still be most helpful if I were able to pinpoint the location. So if and when it is convenient for you, perhaps you could check on the probable location--or if this is not convenient, perhaps you could just indicate what you consider the most likely possibilities.

A few words as to my reason for wishing to have the above information might be of interest to you. As you know, I have tried for a considerable length of time to identify the parents of the Thomas Christian who married Rebecca Pine. (Thomas and Rebecca were the parents of the James Pine Christian, born in 1800, who was active in Logan County affairs and who had extensive holdings along Elk Creek of the Guyan.) An increasing body of evidence would tend to identify Thomas' parents as Juda _____ and Allen Christian--the same Allen Christian, Sr., to whom the land from mouth of Run Creek to Smith Shoal" was deeded by Sarah and Peter Dingess. Until now I have not been able to find any record of Allen having sold or relinquished the above-mentioned land and am hoping that, if I can locate and trace the ownership backward, I might be able to find who (if any) of Allen's heirs came into possession of the property. In case I haven't mentioned it before, Juda and Allen Christian moved prior to 1830 to Shelby County, Indiana. Their next-door neighbor there was Nancy Dingess. Although I believe Juda and Allen probably had a large family, the only one of their children whom I have been able to positively identify was the Allen Christian who married Nancy Cooper in Monroe County, and who later moved to what is now Wayne County.

January 6, 1974

I am almost certain that the Nancy Christian who married Robert McNeely and the Margaret Christian who married Samuel McNeely are the daughters of Juda and Allen. These McNeely families also moved to Shelby County, Indiana. The Nancy Dingess who moved there was probably the former Nancy McNeely who was married to Peter Dingess but by whom she apparently had no children. Although I have other tentative children listed in my notes, I will not burden you with further speculation.

William
(See correction
in next letter)

If organizational work did not keep me so occupied, I would probably have found more answers to the above and other questions by this time. I do intend to spend more time on genealogy this year. In fact, I am planning to devote sufficient time to my many unfinished projects that hopefully 1974 can be remembered as "The Year of the Completed Works."

I hope your holiday visits were most enjoyable and that the West Virginia winter will not be too severe. We're having the heaviest rainfall in decades. I rather like the change.

I am tentatively planning another trip East during the spring this year and hope to have the opportunity of stopping by to say "hello."

Sincerely,

Agnes

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Jan. 10, 1974

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Your letter of the 6th just arrived and I will answer right away because it solved some of my problems and I hope I can solve some of yours.

I have just been copying and arranging in alphabetical order the 1810 tax list of Cabell County, also arranging in better alphabetical order the 1820 census of Cabell, not because I am particularly interested in Cabell, but because until 1824 it included about all of Logan and a sizeable part of Boone.

Tax lists do not yield anywhere near as much information as census records but with the 1810 census of Cabell lost, this is the next best thing. It appears that all the state taxed in 1810 were "tithables", slaves, and horses. What tithables were after the separation of church and state is not entirely clear to me but I think it was about the same as the later poll tax, a fixed fee imposed on every male of voting age. There is no tithable tax for any female taxpayer.

The two Allen Christians are in the 1810 Cabell tax list, each assessed with one tithable and one horse. About all that tells is that neither had adult sons living in his household. They are also in the 1820 census of Cabell, and in the household of the elder one is a male, age over 45, no doubt Allen senior, one male 10 to 16, and one under 10; one female over 45, one 26/45, one 16/26, and one 10/16.

In the household of the younger Allen Christian was a male, 26 to 45, Allen Jr. I would say, one male 16/26, one 16/18, two 10/16, and two under 10; also one female 26/45 and four under 10.

The elder Allen Christian does not appear in the Logan census of 1830, but the younger one does, one male 50/60, one 20/30, one 15/20, one 10/15, and one 5/10; also one female 70/80, one 40/50, one 20/30, one 15/20, one 10/15, ~~and~~ two 5/10, and one 0/5. The elderly female in the home of Allen Christian is a puzzle. She could have been the mother of his wife. You say Allen Sr. moved to Shelby County, Ind., before 1830, but is it possible that he had died by that time and that his widow had returned to live with Allen Jr.?

There is a Thomas Christian in the Cabell 1810 tax list, one tithable and 13 horses, but he does not appear in the 1820 census of that county and is positively not the same Thomas who appears in the 1830 census of Logan.

I think I can now come quite close to telling you where that "from Rum Creek to Smith Shoal" lay. In your previous correspondence you did not mention Rum Creek, or if you did I overlooked it. I think it extended upward from the mouth of Rum Creek for perhaps a mile to a small branch now called Winding Shoal. This would have included a nice piece of bottom land^{AND} about the only island worth having. I presume you know that Rum Creek enters Guyandot River about 5 miles above or south of Logan, and a little more than that down the river from Man. The land positively was right there or very close to it.

There are certain things that place a limit on how far up Guyandot River a person could live and still be in Cabell County, and that goes back to the formation of Kanawha County, out of which Cabell came. The description of Kanawha begins at the mouth of Big Sandy River, below Huntington, and runs up that stream and Tug Fork " to the mountain generally known by the name of Cumberland Mountain; thence a northeast course along said mountain to the Great Kanawha, crossing the same at the end of Gauley Mountain". This is an impossible course to follow because Cumberland Mountain does not even reach Tug Fork, much less the Great Kanawha.

Virginia and Kentucky settled their boundary problem by a straight line from a point on Tug Fork southwesterly to what was thought to be mountain referred to. The people on the present West Virginia side of Tug Fork appear to have solved their problem in a similar way, by drawing a straight line from an agreed point on Tug Fork to Gauley Bridge, where Gauley Mountain ends. Such a line was probably surveyed and from certain things it is possible to project it with reasonable accuracy. For instance, when Cabell County was formed its eastern boundary ran along Spruce Fork from Madison and passing Blair, you traveled that road when going from here to Logan, and continuing up Spruce Fork to where the Giles County^{line} crosses it. This permits laying down this line from Gauley Bridge and nearly to Buffalo Creek. Continuing the same course southwesterly it is not possible to get it more than a very short distance above Man.

This means that Allen Christian had to be living down the river from Man or he would not have been in Cabell County when the 1810 tax list was made, or when the 1820 census was taken. Only the Lower part of Buffalo Creek was in Cabell. I have seen a map of Cabell from about 1815 and its southern line ran as above.

According to the best available information, partly Ragland and partly traditional, David McNeely was the first of the name in Logan,^{AND} was a brother of the wife of William Dingess. His son Alexander always claimed Logan as his birthplace and was born 1798. A little later, Richard McNeely, said to have been a brother, came to Logan. Both had sons named Alexander, and both eventually came to Boone County, I think to confuse people like me.

Both David and Richard McNeely appear in the 1810 Cabell tax list, only one tithable in each household, indicating no sons there of legal age. There is also a William McNeely with three tithables in in his household. Also a John, one tithable.

David and Richard appear again in the 1820 census but William and John are missing. New names are those of Robert and Samuel, and you think they married daughters of Allen Christian and say that they moved to Shelby County, Indiana. It is rather odd that on the 6th, the day you wrote your letter, a McNeely friend, descendant of David, was here and we were going over these names, wondering who they were and what became of them. I did not think I would have the answer so soon. Perhaps, after all, there is something to this extra sensory ~~per~~ception business. But we don't know their antecedents. Perhaps they were the extra tithables in the household of William McNeely of the 1810 tax list. Try your extreme sensory perception on that.

You say that a Nancy Dingess, wife of Peter Dingess, moved to Indiana with the McNeelys and that it appears she had no children. I wonder if the name Peter is a typographical error. Ragland says that William Dingess married Nancy McNeely and had no children by her. William Dingess conveyed land in 1826 but had died before the 1830 census was taken. This would have left Nancy free to migrate with these McNeelys and it is not likely that she would have gone with them, or that they would have taken her, unless she was their sister. We may be building up a family here, this Nancy, her brothers Robert, Samuel, David, and perhaps Richard.

The only Peter Dinges of that era in Logan was a brother of William and he married Sallie, daughter of Capt. Henry and Sarah (Chitwood) Farley.

If you come east in the spring I hope you make Madison one of the places you visit. Dave Turner and I will try to cook up something good for you.

Sincerely

Seamus O'Clafson

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January 23, 1974

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

It was a pleasure to receive your prompt response to my recent letter. As always I found your geographical descriptions most interesting and helpful.

I have the answers to some of the questions (posed or implied) in your letter--particularly in regard to the CHRISTIAN families. I shall try to outline the known facts taking one generation or family group at a time.

Allen CHRISTIAN, Sr.: He was born 22 May 1754, ^{in Cumberland Co., Va.} served in the Revolutionary War; resided after the Revolution in Bedford County, Virginia for 10 to 12 years; removed to Giles County, Virginia, for 10 to 15 years; lived on Guyandotte River 10 to 12 years; then removed to Shelby County, Indiana. His wife was Juda S. [Source: Pension papers]

Most of the above migration can be substantiated through tax lists and census records; however, the use of the word "Giles" is not sufficiently specific since he uses it loosely to refer to that portion of the New River settlements roughly surrounded by Greenbrier, Montgomery, etc. prior to 1799; then in Monroe County after its formation; and later (after 1806) a portion of which was in Giles. His stay during the Guyan found him in that portion under the jurisdiction of Cabell County after 1809. As you noted, he was on the 1810 tax list and on the 1820 census, of Cabell County, that is. In 1830 he is the head of household in Liberty Township, Shelby County, Indiana: Male 70-80, male 10-15, female 60-70, female 40-50, two females 15-20.

He died after 1835. The date of last pension payment was 17 September 1842; however, this might have been to his widow.

Likely children:

Thomas, born 1776-1780 in Va., m. ante 1800 Rebecca PINE; he died ca. 1839 in Perry Co., Ky.

Judith, born 1776-1780 in Va., m. 4 Dec. 1798 Matthew MADDY in Greenbrier Co., Va.

Allen, Jr., born ca. 1780 in Prince Edward Co., Va., m. 6 July 1799 Nancy COOPER in Monroe Co., Va.; he died 27 Feb. 1859, Wayne Co., Va.

Nancy, born 1776-1794, m. 15 Sep. 1812 Cabell Co., Va., Robert McNEELY, moved "westward" apparently to Shelby Co., Indiana.

Margaret, born ca. 1790 in Va., m. 5 Sep. 1820 Samuel McNEELY in Cabell Co., Va.; she listed as head of household in Shelby Co., Ind., in 1850.

Son, born 1805-1810 in Va.

Daughter, born 1805-1810 in Va.

Son, born 1810-1820 in Va.

NOTES: It would appear from the census records that Robert McNEELY was dead by 1830 and that the 40-50 year-old female was Nancy and that the young male and two females were her children. (See above) There were four McNEELY men as head of households in Shelby Co., Ind. in 1830:

Samuel McNeely 1-3-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0

William McNeely 0-1-2-2-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0

James McNeely 1-0-1-1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-2-1-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0

Wm. McNeely, Jr. 0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0

Allen CHRISTIAN, Jr.: The vital data on this Allen is given above. It is probable that the elderly female in his household in the 1830 census of Logan County, Virginia, is his mother-in-law since Mrs. Cooper was reputedly a widow when she moved to West Virginia from Cincinnati, Ohio, with her children--apparently prior to 1799, when her daughter Nancy married Allen. I have rather complete documentation on the fourteen children of Nancy and Allen. The Thomas Christian who appears in the 1830 census of Logan is a son of Allen, Jr.

By 1840 Allen, Jr., and most of his family were living in that part of Cabell County which ultimately became Wayne County. Several land transactions, estate settlements, and complete records in Wayne County for vital statistics make it fairly easy to establish the identity of Allen, Jr., and his large family. In addition, a small history about the Riggs' family was written during the 1920's or 30's (two of Allen's daughters married Riggs' brothers).

Thomas CHRISTIAN: This Thomas is the one who married Rebecca PINE. In 1830 he appears as head of household in Perry County, Kentucky. For more than two years before I obtained proof, I had decided that this was indeed the Thomas who had previously lived in Cabell (Logan) County, Virginia. Then one of my relatives found a note in her mother's Bible stating that the parents of James Pine CHRISTIAN had moved to Perry County, Kentucky. On my last trip East, I stopped at the county seat and found a number of records (marriage, deeds, etc.) which further linked the two families.

Among the numerous references to James P. Christian was one which showed him as guardian for heirs of Edward Parsons (within a context which implied that Edward Parsons was his brother-in-law). This document was dated 1845. At the same time John Lemaster was appointed guardian for heirs of Judy Christian.

Rebecca (PINE) CHRISTIAN was still living in 1840 and was listed as the head of household at that time. She apparently died prior to the taking of the 1850 census.

Rebecca and Thomas seemingly had eleven children. My documentation on the seven oldest is quite complete.

NOTE: There was a Thomas CHRISTIAN in Tazewell County, Virginia, about the same age as the one above. He was married more than once and, I believe, was closely connected to the one mentioned previously. However, all my efforts have not established the precise link. I have many pages of notes and references on the Tazewell lines also.

James Pine CHRISTIAN: One note of interest regarding the 1830 Logan Co., Va., census listing for him and his family. You will notice that there is not only an elderly female but an elderly male as well--a most unusual occurrence. James was only 30 years old at the time but was still listed as head of the household. I have often wondered who the older couple might be--perhaps the parents of his wife Anne MOORE? Never have I found a clue, though.

You were correct in surmising that I erroneously named Nancy McNeely's husband as Peter rather than as William in my last letter. All my notes show Nancy's husband as William, a son of Peter Dingess.

Since you have a friend who is interested in the McNeely family, I mention the following (in case you do not have it):

Richard McNeely married 22 July 1799 Mary Blankenship in Monroe County, Virginia. Rev. Jacob Cook performed the ceremony; bondsmen were Frank McNeely and Beverly Blankenship.

John Neely married Martha Neely 15 Sep. 1801 in Monroe Co., Va. Rev. Jacob Cook performed the ceremony; bondsmen were John Neely and James Pine.

John Neely married Delilah Swinney 15 March 1808 in Monroe County, Virginia; bondsmen were John Neely and James McDaniel.

Whether the latter names were intended to be McNeely, I do not know.

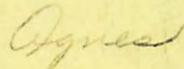
Judging from numerous marriage and birth records in Logan and Boone Counties, I think that Richard McNeely and his wife Mary Blankenship were the progenitors of many in both counties.

I have a number of miscellaneous McNeely notes that have not yet been transferred to my McNeely file. I had hoped to determine whether or not the Elizabeth Elkins who married Joseph Workman was indeed the widow of Joseph Elkins and originally a McNeely. No luck on that so far.

By the way, the Alexander McNeely born about 1816 and who had a wife, Rachel Elkins, was probably the son of Richard and Mary McNeely. This would probably mean that the Alexander who was born about 1798 and whose wife was Mary Clendenen might have been the son of David McNeely. I have no firm documentation at hand to back this up. The proof may be in those notes I mentioned a moment ago.

There are many more items and families I could mention, but the hour is late; and I will close now. Do let me know if you make any significant discoveries.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

I was most interested in your recent contribution to the FARLEY NEWSLETTER. If you wish, I would be pleased to send the names of the children of Oscar Fenton "Fent" Ferrell and his wife Sarilda Caroline Christian (which you did not have).

According to Carron Bragg, one of my correspondents, the mother of the Nancy Farley who married George Ferrell, Jr., was reputedly "a Wolfe from Germany." I have not verified this tradition.

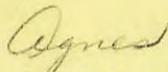
Apropos the parentage of Nancy's father, Gideon Farley: Is it possible that his father was Francis, after all? According to the Boone County Death Register kept in the Virginia State Archives, a Gideon Farley died on Big Cole, Boone County, Virginia, 31 March 1855. No age was given but his parents were listed as Francis and Mary Farley. Do you know which Gideon this might have been?

A special request: Do you have the dates and location of the litigation involving properties owned by Simon and Francis Farley? As Schedule "A" in the FARLEY NEWSLETTER of November 1972 you quoted at length from the litigation papers and from some letters written by Francis Farley. Was the suit filed in one of the West Virginia counties? Also are you in a position to identify the Francis involved? Do you know the names of any of his other children besides James Parke Farley? Any bit of information you might be able to offer would be deeply appreciated. I am most anxious to determine exactly which Francis Farley this was. From the papers you quote, it would appear that he and his son James Parke Farley at least were born in England. Do you know whether he ever lived in the New River settlement?

Every spare moment (of which there are all too few) is spent sorting my papers in order to begin writing my manuscripts. I do hope to solve a few more genealogical puzzles before publication date later this year.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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Feb. 22, 1974

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

That was indeed our Gideon Farley whose death record you found and I will forward that information to Mrs. Sadlon for future publication. Gideon was in the 1850 census of Boone, but not 1860, so I knew he had died in the interim, but it is nice to have the record and the exact date.

It is especially gratifying to learn who the parents of this Gideon were, but I am not able to associate them with any of the several Francis Farleys that are on record.

According to Boone County census records the wife of this Gideon was named Mary. I know nothing of her background.

As to the Simon and Francis Farley you enquire about, it is my feeling that are not connected with the Farleys that Mrs. Sadlonsis dealing with unless it is far back in time and in Britain. They were wealthy business men in the West Indies who dabbled in real estate in North Carolina and Virginia, and some of their descendants did live in Virginia. They were in a dither when the Revolution came along, afraid of offending England and afraid of offending the Colonists lest their Virginia and North Carolina properties would be confiscated. One of them advised his son to resign his commission in the British Army and to try to hang onto his American land, so their roots in the New World cannot have been very deep.

I enclose some material given me by Aubrey O. Smith of Beckley, which you may keep. There is nothing in it to indicate relationship with the Virginia Farleys. . I think I have seen a little more, perhaps from the 1790's, but it related to interfamily matters and had nothing indicating relationship with anyone else.

You ask a number of questions about these Farleys. I can give you no information other than what you may see in the enclosed paper.

We have had a very mild winter - only one snow that was gone in three days - the grass is green and the ground is not frozen, but a good bit of rain. So far I have had all the gasoline I have needed, and so has everyone else that I know, but it seems that everyone is doing some griping but driving with a full tank.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

enclosure placed with Farley data in files

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
February 25, 1974

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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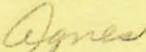
Dear Mr. Olafson:

Just a brief note to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 22--an unusually rapid delivery for West Virginia-California mail. In fact, a letter from Los Angeles post-marked February 19 did not arrive until today also. The mails are certainly no longer predictable.

If indeed the Gideon Farley who settled in Boone County was the "first cousin" of Matt Farley (Capt. Matt, that is), his father should have been Francis Farley, Jr., who was known to have married Nancy Blankenship. Among my records is a note that this Francis married Mary Blankenship. I suppose it is possible that Francis was married twice although I had always assumed that the Mary was an error. Since I have done little original research on the Farley's, I can only speculate about this. The relationship to Capt. Matt Farley might have been different. Of course, too, there is always the chance that the information on the death register is in error.

By the way, did you receive my letter of January 23 with the Shelby County, Indiana, abstracts for the McNeeley's?

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

SIGFUS OLAFSON
507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, W. VA. 25130

June 6, 1974

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Cal. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have not written for quite some time for no good reason other than that I have had very little to write about that might be of interest to you. My health has been good and I stay busy, but when I look at what I have accomplished it looks quite puny. To a large extent I have been retyping my census-genealogical notes with the intention of presenting them to the Archives and perhaps W. Va. University where the public can have access to them after I am no longer around. It is a never-ending job the way I am doing for new material is constantly coming to light that has to be inserted.

I did not know until recently that an act of the Virginia assembly once required the County Clerks of counties to file copies of vital statistics with the State, which went into effect in 1853. I was in Washington last month attending the annual meeting of the Society for American Archeology, and also visiting my daughter and a brother in nearby Maryland, so I hied myself over to the library of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. I presume you know all about these records, but I didn't. I copied 267 Logan County marriages from 1853 to 1861, inclusive, and started on the Boone marriages and got to the last year when time ran out on me. I barely glanced at the death records for that period, which did not look as if they would yield much genealogical data, and I noted that the birth records gave the maiden name of the mother in many instances, which should be helpful.

I have arranged the Logan marriages alphabetically by the bridegrooms, and an alphabetical index of the brides, so that any given name can readily be found. It is a long and tedious job.

My purpose in writing now is to tell you that if you do not have this list, or if my arrangement of it would be useful to you I will be glad to loan it to you so that you can make a copy. I am presuming that Xerox or other copying equipmant is available to you.

We had very little winter, only one snow and it had disappeared in 24 hours. We have recently had a lot of rain with flash floods that did a lot of damage in Boone and Logan Counties.

Sincerely



Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman
2001 North Westwood Avenue
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June 26, 1974

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

How thoughtful of you to write concerning the vital records for the mid-1800's! As a matter of fact, I have abstracted from microfilmed copies from time to time material related to my direct lines. You probably have a few items which I forwarded to you.

I was delighted with your offer to lend me the copy of your alphabetized index of the Logan marriages. I now have a copy machine here at home and could easily make photocopies not only for myself but extra ones for you. Just let me know your wishes regarding this. Because of the uncertainties of today's mail, it might be advisable to send the packet certified mail with return receipt requested. In that way you will know when I have received it.

You might be interested in the fact that a year or so ago I wrote to the Virginia State Library inquiring about the possibility of examining the original registers with the intention of abstracting the data for West Virginia's southern counties. The librarian informed me, however, that many of the pages of several counties were illegible due to fire and water damage. Wyoming County was a case in point. Both Cabell and Logan Counties are in good condition.

Although the death records generally contain more errors than either the birth or marriage records, I have found them valuable in numerous cases where the parents' birthplaces were given by county and state (especially where the parents had migrated from old Virginia). I have these records available locally and would be pleased to check for any items which might be of special interest to you.

I know the frustrations you must be experiencing in bringing your census-genealogical notes to a finished stage with the constantly-appearing new material. This is part of the difficulty I have had in "completing" a volume on selected Appalachian families. My full index to Bowman's book is now ready for typing, however; and the same is true for the surname index to the 1850 census of West Virginia's southern counties plus Tazewell County, Virginia.

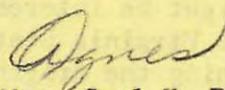
June 26, 1974

If I did not become so involved with various community projects, I would probably have completed these genealogical projects long before now. For me, though, variety is certainly the spice of life --to quote a trite truism. Our local museum, on whose board I am quite active, has exciting ventures under way; and I have loved working with them. An 18,000 square-foot new wing just completed will open in September with what we believe will be an outstanding show of pre-Columbian artifacts. I hope, too, there will be an exhibit of some of the extensive collection of Indian baskets. It is my understanding that Bowers Museum has one of the largest (if not the largest) collection of American Indian baskets in the country. Members of the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society will lend some of their collections for the pre-Columbian show.

Summer has really arrived this week. Today I used my air conditioner for the first time since the energy crisis. Temperatures close to 100° are simply too high for me to stick with conservation of resources when the conditioner is just waiting to be turned on. It's wonderful weather for taking a swim, though.

I shall look forward to receiving the marriage index. Just let me know if you would like any extra copies for yourself. Would it be all right with you if I furnished a copy to our local genealogical library also?

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

SIGFUS OLAFSON
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MADISON, W. VA. 25130
July 1, 1974

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westward Ave.,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

In accordance with your suggestion I am sending you herewith the compilation I made from the records I copied in Richmond, Va.

As explained therein this is not an exact copy of everything in the Virginia records. It would no doubt have been useful to know the occupation of the groom and the place of residence of both parties but my time there was limited and I had to omit something. I copied what I thought was most useful and practical.

I have not had an opportunity to check back my typed and rearranged copy with the original records. I have never copied thousands of names like that without making some errors, and my guess is that what I enclose may have some, but I hope they are few.

Our elected and appointed officers of the past were, I presume, selected for political convenience rather than for their scholarly attainments or penmanship. I have often wondered what to do with the errors they made, if one should perpetuate them by copying things exactly, or if they should be changed so that they can be connected with the names of persons now living. I have generally chosen the latter course as being most practical and useful.

I am now in the process of making a compilation of Logan County marriages and for good measure I include those for 1873-4-5, which I have recently completed. These have been rearranged in the alphabetical order of the grooms, with an alphabetical list of the brides. I like to have things so arranged that I can find them.

In Logan they complain about the Yankees having burned the court house and its records, but through the recent past they have not been treated much better. In the Clerk's office they tell me they have no marriage records for the 1865 to 1873 period. I hope there are W. P. A. copies in the Archives in Charleston and will look the next time I am there. If the W. P. A. copies from Logan are like those from Boone I dread trying to decipher them. Even in the Clerk's office in Logan things in the 1870's are so mixed up that it is difficult to tell which year you are in, and this applies particularly to 1873 and 1874. Boone County marriage records are a horrible mess, and I do not know if they will ever be straightened out.

I recently took the liberty of giving your name to a lady in Riverside, Cal. She is looking for Hinchmans in Ohio and seemed to be at a loss about how to do it. I thought you might refer her to a library where she might see some census microfilms, and because you two are no great distance apart I suggested that she telephone you.

You speak of having hot weather. On the last of May I turned off the pilot lights on my floor furnaces and ever since then I have had to wear a heavy sweater in the house to keep from freezing. Yesterday it was 82, the warmest for a month.

I do not have air conditioning. Last year we had three hot days when it would have been useful, and the year before we had three such days. On those hot days I decide I must have air conditioning, but when it cools off I forget about it. One of these times we will have a protracted hot spell and then I may do something about it.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafsen

July 23, 1974

Re the marriage of Joseph Elkins and Julia Burgess 21 November 1875:

My comments here are more in the nature of a question. Have you determined yet who his parents are? You ask whether this should be Joseph McNeely. The juxtaposition of names makes me wonder whether this man could be the son of Elizabeth (McNeely) and Joseph Elkins??? If you recall, said Elizabeth was supposed to have wed Joseph Workman after the death of Joseph Elkins. Let me know if you learn the answer.

A few other questions and comments come to mind as a result of studying these marriage records. Perhaps you can let me know any significant facts concerning them.

Re Peter H. Dingess:

From some notes which I copied while at your home, I notice that the Peter H. Dingess who married Catherine (Mead) Clark is listed as the son of William A. and Gertrude () Dingess. In the records you just sent you show him as the son of John & Chloe (Farley) Dingess (14 April 1873). Which parentage do you consider correct and from what source?

Re Sarah (Moore) Dingess:

Do you have any record of the parents of Sarah Moore?

Re Jane (Moore) Workman:

This question is triggered by the above. She is head of household in Logan County in 1850, Household #260. She died 7 July 1875 in Boone County. On my records her husband is shown as B. H. Workman; however, I do not know precisely where I obtained his name. Do you have any idea who her parents were? I believe she was head of #195 in Boone County 1860 Census.

I believe that the above two Moore women are likely sisters and in turn are sisters to the Anne Moore who married James P. Christian. They may be the daughters of Margaret () and George Moore. George Moore is head of household in Monroe County in 1810 and in Giles County in 1820. There are two sons in household and seven daughters (assuming all are his children). From other sources I know that Sarah (Moore) Dingess and Anne (Moore) Christian were born in Monroe County between 1800 and 1820, and there were no other Moore families there as far as one can judge from the records. Perhaps because there were so few sons, the Moore family in the area is difficult to trace. I think it likely that some of the "unknown" wives in Logan and Boone Counties might well have been the other Moore girls since there are at least four unaccounted for. Anything you might have would, of course, be appreciated and of interest.

One final question: Do you know whose child the Louisa White who married Solomon Browning was?

Again, let me emphasize how delighted I am to have your Logan County Marriage Records here on the West Coast. I hope it might be possible to make a similar arrangement to copy the Census Records when they are ready. Please be assured that I would be happy to reimburse you for any expenses (postage, etc.) and hope you will allow me to do so.

Sincerely,

Agnes
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure (Marriage Records)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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July 23, 1974

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

From the return card, you undoubtedly know that the Logan County Marriage Records arrived in good order. Until I began to photocopy the pages, I had not realized that my supply of photocopy paper was so low. I had to place an order for a new box before I could complete the job; thus the delay in returning your copy to you.

You have done a wonderful job, and I know that generations of genealogists will sing your praises. I have already made additions to some of my family groups as a result of having your beautifully indexed records.

Because I know you would like to have them as complete and perfect as possible, I offer the following additions and corrections. I did not make the changes on your copy since I felt you would prefer to do so yourself.

Re the marriage of Paren Christian and Isobel Mitchell 19 June 1854:

The parents of Isobel were Jordan D. and Isobel Mitchell rather than Jas. D. as you have shown. You correctly list them under the marriage of Curtis Ballard and Spicy Mitchell on 29 June 1854. My sources for this information are numerous.

Re the marriage of Charles Vance and Rebecca J. White 25 August 1853:

Rebecca is a widow at the time of this marriage rather than single. You do correctly show her father and mother as Jas. P. & Ann Christian. Source is the microfilm of the marriage register itself, which I rechecked to see how the listing appeared. Charles' mother was shown as Jane, not Rebecca.

Re the marriage of Harvey Buchanan and Sarah S. White 23 October 1875:

The father of Sarah S. White was G. White rather than P. as you show. His given name was Grayson, and he was the first husband of the Rebecca J. mentioned above. Sarah's middle name was Sabastine, and, indeed, she was called "Bastine" by members of the family. Her birth date was 15 Nov. 1850. My sources for this information are family members and the family Bible of her mother, Rebecca Jane (Christian)(White) Vance, which I personally inspected on my trip to West Virginia in 1972.

Re the marriage of Lorenzo D. Ferrell and Mary E. Browning 13 November 1873:

The parents of the groom would be S. Evans & Martha Jane (Duty) Ferrell rather than S. Evans Evans as shown. No special source for this. The parents of the bride are Oliver & Amanda (White) Browning. Mary Etta Browning was born 18 March 1856. My source for this information is the family Bible of Oliver & Amanda (White) Browning, whphotocopy of the birth registry page of which is now in my possession.

Re the marriage of Patterson Browning and Martha Whitman 1 March 1867:

The year of marriage should appear as 1857 rather than 1867--undoubtedly simply a typographical error. Also the month should be April rather than March--probably part of the same typographical error. Source is the photocopy of the original marriage register to which I have access.

Re the marriage of Chas. F. Dingess and ~~Elizabeth~~ Toney 29 November 1855:

Elizabeth's mother is shown on register as Mary, not Nancy. I also have her name as Mary from other sources as well.

SIGFUS OLAFSON
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July 30, 1974

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

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I appreciate the corrections you have made in the marriage records I sent you. I would, of course, like to have these as accurate as I can ~~make~~, but in handling thousands of names perfection is a goal that perhaps cannot be attained. One can only hope that the value of the data presented outweighs the damage caused by errors.

Some of those you noted were typographical errors, or just due to carelessness. For instance, I well knew that Jordan D. Mitchell was the father of Isobel Mitchell, but in spite of that I made it Jas. D. I usually work out things in longhand and then type things, but sometimes my eye strays to the wrong line.

As to the marriage of Joseph Elkins or McNeely to Julia Burgess (1875), it appears that there are two marriage records involving the same persons. On 5-21-1875 Joseph Elkins married Julia Burgess, and on 11-21-1875, Joseph McNeely married Julia Burgess. Ages and other data show beyond reasonable doubt that the same persons were involved in these two marriages. Was the clerk correcting an error he had made? Had the first marriage been made with an improper license? Your guess is as good as mine. In my opinion this is the same Joseph McNeely who headed household No. 275 in the 1850 census and 294 in the 1860 census, and Logan District No. 147 in the 1870 census.

I think I got messed up with the several Peter Dingesses and had two of them marrying ~~two~~ Catherine Clark, widow. I will check this the next time I am in Logan and let you know what I find.

I have no knowledge about the parents of Jane (Moore) Workman or of the other Moore women you mention, but your letter indicates that you are perhaps on the right track.

When I came here 52 years ago our land agent, who worked under me several years thereafter, was named F. K. Ball and who was a great-grandson of Jane (Moore) Workman and who was a truthful and reliable man. This Jane (Moore) Workman had a daughter named Dorcas who married John Dent of Boone County, who became a Union soldier, was captured, and died in Andersonville prison in Georgia. A daughter of this marriage was the mother of Mr. Ball.

Dorcas (Workman) Dent subsequently married Joseph, son of Floyd and Rhoda (Duncan) White and lived to a ripe old age. In

her community Aunt Dorcas, as everyone called her, was looked upon as the authority on pioneer times and Mr. Ball often mentioned things his grandmother told him. According to that Jane (Moore) Workman, mother of Dorcas, was the widow of John Workman, not B. H. Workman, as you have it, and that John was the son of James Workman, one of the Workman brothers who came to the islands at present Logan. She said they raised a crop of corn there and then went to Virginia and brought back their families.

Henry Clay Ragland says that John Breckenridge, owner of the patent that covered present Logan and the islands, employed James Workman to take charge of his land. Aunt Dorcas told Mr. Ball that Breckenridge intended moving to this land and employed her grandfather, James Workman, and his brother to clean up the old Indian corn fields on the island. As far as I can recall she did not ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ name the brother. She also said that Breckenridge changed his mind about moving there and went to Kentucky instead, after which the Workmans moved away. Her grandfather, James Workman, eventually wound up in Boone County, settling at the mouth of what is still called James Creek on Pond Fork.

In 1816 a case was tried in the U. S. District Court in Lewisburg, now W. Va., involving ownership of land on Tug Fork, and depositions were taken from early settlers, among them one from Jacob Workman. He testified that he had come to Guyandot River, apparently the island though he does not say so, 23 years before, which would make it 1793. He does not name his brother. Ragland has them coming there in 1794, which is not much different, but he has three brothers there and names them as James, Joseph and Nimrod. I have made a diligent search of the records and find no mention of a Nimrod Workman anywhere, and none of a Joseph workmen until many years later. Jacob Workman is mentioned occasionally in Cabell County records while it included present Logan. James Workman patented his land in present Boone in 1811 and is in the Kanawha County census of 1810 and 1820. Pond Fork was taken from Kanawha in 1824 to form part of Logan, and there is a James Workman in the 50-60 year age bracket in the Logan 1830 census, who may be the same man, though too young to have been a Revolutionary soldier, as Ragland has him. Taking everything into consideration I am inclined to accept the Aunt Dorcas version and believe that the brothers who came were James and Jacob, and that if such persons as Joseph and Nimrod Workman came their stay was short indeed.

I do not know who Louisa White was, who married Solomon Browning, but I think Lucy White, 1850 family #38, daughter of James and Mary (Robinette) White is a likely candidate. I have nothing to support that except the frequent lousing up of like sounding names by census takers- she is the right age, and the families were neighbors. You have to give people a chance to meet and for a courtship to develop into marriage, so at a time when people did not range far, look for neighborhood

marriages.

Here, before I realize it, I am on page 3. I must be like the chap who when you asked him the time of day would tell you how to build a watch.

That's about it except that the wandering Olafsons are wandering again. My only daughter and her family recently moved from Rockville, Md., to Oak Hill, W. Va., only 1½ hours away by car. My older son, a chemical engineer, is in the process of being transferred from Cleveland to Houston and he and his family just concluded a four day visit with me. A nephew, a banker of sorts in California, is being transferred to Illinois. A grandson and family, including a great-grandson, of Colorado, is due here next week, also a granddaughter from New York. It looks like a busy summer.

Sincerely

Lingfus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 31, 1974.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I mailed a letter to you yesterday and here I am again.

I saw David Turner last night and asked him about the identity of the wife of Solomon Browning. He has her in his records as a White but has no positive data about her parentage.

Dave is a great-great-grandson of James and Mary (Robinette) White, parents of the Lucy White I mentioned as being in the 1850 census and as probably the same person later shown as Louisa, the wife of Solomon Browning. Dave is inclined to agree with the theory I have that Lucy White of the 1850 census is the same person as Louisa Browning of the 1860 census, wife of Solomon Browning.

This particular set of Brownings, as well as this particular set of Whites, lived on Spruce Fork in the vicinity of Blair, which you may remember as being on the road between Madison and Logan, though nearer Logan. If you will turn to the Logan census of 1860 you will see that Mary (Robinette) White was then living with her son, (Benj.) Wesley White, household No. 274. Solomon and Louisa Browning were in household No. 276, almost next door.

If you turn to the Logan 1870 census you will see that both Solomon Browning and (Benj.) Wesley White have moved to Triadelphia District, being households Nos. 169 and 167 there, still neighbors, and Mary (Robinette) White, now shown as 81 years old, was still with her son, (Benj.) Wesley.

According to my records the wife of (Benj.) Wesley White was Marsilla, daughter of Tandy and Elizabeth Burgess, so if the above families lived close to each other because of close relationship, and moved together for the same reason, that relationship had to be between (Benj.) Wesley and Louisa. I refer to him as (Benj.) Wesley because he is listed as Benjamin in the 1850 census and as Wesley in 1860 and 1870.

Looking at all the evidence, which I have not done heretofore, I now feel certain that Louisa, wife of Solomon Browning, was a daughter of James and Mary

(Robinette)Whie and the same person that appears as Lucy
White with the family of Mary White (NO. 38) in the 1850
census of Logan County.

In case you do not remember the location of Triadelphia
District I can tell you that it covers the southeastern or
upriver part of Logan County.

Sincerely

Stephen Clapson

SIGFUS OLAFSON
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MADISON, W. VA. 25130

Aug. 10, 1974

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

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I am glad that you got some good out of the marriage records of Logan County, which I sent you. They were the records of 1853-60 that I copied in Richmond plus 1873-4-5 that I copied in Logan, and all came back O. K.

I have since copied the 1877-8-9 records and have arranged them alphabetically, etc., and where possible I have tied them into Logan census records. The 1876 record seems to be somewhat confused but I will get it straightened out on my next trip to Logan and will also copy 1880. I think I will stop there as one cannot go on with that stuff forever.

If you want to look at any of this material I will mail it to you so you can make Xerox or other copies.

Logan marriage records from 1865 to 1872, inclusive, are missing and office personnel does not know what became of them. However, the condition of some other records shows that nothing more than carelessness is responsible for their destruction. People who run for and hold office ~~and hold it~~ seem to have little interest in other things and in Logan they have been about as destructive as the Yankees who burned the courthouse.

I have had a spate of visitors recently. The son who was transferred from Cleveland to Houston, and his family, spent four days with me. Then came the daughter who recently moved back to West Virginia; then the great-grandson from Colorado, currently the apple of my eye, came, of course accompanied by his parents. And now a 15 year old grand-daughter from New York is spending a week with me. She comes every summer and has made a lot of friends, so I see little of her and am not kidding myself about being the only attraction here for her.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

P. S. I have been told that Logan 1865-72 marriage records were copied during W. P. A. days and are on file in the Archives in Charleston. If like other W. P. A. work it will be a lousy job but familiarity with Logan names and records may be helpful in deciphering it.

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

August 16, 1974

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

How I do appreciate your recent letters! I am pleased, too, that your copy of the marriage records arrived in good shape on their return to you.

You may be sure that the value of the data definitely outweighs any problems possibly caused by errors--of which there seem to be remarkably few. Nonetheless, I assume you would still like for me to mention any that come to my attention so that you can make the appropriate corrections on your copies. A few such follow:

In the index itself, it took a little searching to discover that
Julia A. Workman should be listed as on page 8, not 9
Martha W. Workman should be listed as on page 8, not 9
Mary Workman should be listed as on page 6, not 9

For the marriage 6 Feb. 1873 of James M. White and Mary Altizer:
The middle initial of James should be N., not M since his middle name was Noah.
The mother of Mary Altizer was Sarah Scaggs, space for which you left blank.

For the marriage 7 Oct. 1875 of Albert R. Browning and Penelope E. Mullens:

Shouldn't the mother of Albert be shown as Louisa, not Laura as you have shown? I believe this is the Louisa (White) Browning we discussed in our last letters and who was shown as the mother of Celia Browning, who married Isaac M. Smith on 30 Sep. 1875. Let me know if you think this speculation is correct.

For the marriage 3 Mar. 1874 of Martha Browning and Allen Farley:
The middle initial of Martha should be L., not C. since her middle name was reputedly Lee.

I believe your evaluation of Louisa (White) Browning's parentage is probably correct. In fact, I may be able to verify (or refute) the possibility on my next trip to West Virginia.

Like you, I wrote to Mr. Staley of Rochester, New York, who placed the article in THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLBILLY about Leah Toney. When he replied, he suggested that I write to you. I informed him that we were already correspondents on several other families.

Regarding the Toney family, I wondered whether the Leah Toney about whom he wrote was the daughter or granddaughter of Leah (GATLIFF) and William TONEY, who were married 22 August 1782 in Greenbrier County, (West) Virginia. The latter Leah was the daughter of Martha M. (_____) and James Gatliff. As yet, I have not been able to identify the parents of Martha.

I was checking some of my Riffe family records the other day and noticed that I do not have the names of the ^{parents of} Peter Riffe, age 43, head of Family #296 in Logan County, Virginia, in 1850. Do you have this information?

I certainly would love to photocopy any of the material on which you are now working. It is wonderful to have the indexed information at hand here on the West Coast---not only for myself but other in the area as well, for I certainly enjoy sharing information. By the way, if you ever find any significant errors in the material already sent, just let me know so that I can make appropriate notations on the copies here.

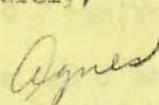
You mentioned the possibility of the Logan marriage records from 1865 to 1872 being in the archives at Charleston. Unless they were well hidden when I researched the collection there several years ago, the records for those years do not exist in the W. P. A. volumes.

By now you might be ready to welcome the quiet of an empty house, but I'm sure you enjoyed the visits of the loving members of your family.

We were expecting some of our relatives, but all our plans had to be changed when my husband's heart condition was found to require surgery. He was operated on two weeks ago today. The post-operative course has been rather "rocky" but we're hoping it will be smoother from now on.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I especially appreciated receiving the notes about Dorcas (Workman) (Dent) White's comments to her children. Knowing that her father John's father was named James is a help in sorting out the early Workman. It is my belief that there were many more brothers and cousins than we believe in southern West Virginia. The following might be of interest to you:

Joseph Workman (age not given), married 5 Mar. 1807 in Monroe Co., Va., Hannah Reed.

Joseph Workman (perhaps same as above), born ca. 1773 Allegany County, Pennsylvania, married 9 Apr. 1817 in Monroe Co., Va., Elizabeth Reed. He died 8 Nov. 1852 or 3 Wyoming Co., Va.

Joseph Workman (different from above two), married 7 Nov. 1813 Cabell Co., Elizabeth McNeely, possibly born McNeely. He also was born in Pennsylvania. He died 17 Aug 1879 in Boone Co., W. Va.

Joseph Workman, born ca. 1762 in Pennsylvania, the father of the immediately preceding Joseph, had wife Nancy, lived in Tazewell Co., Va., before settling on what became Boone County.

Abraham Workman, born about 1764 in Pennsylvania, married 16 Sep. 1786 in Montgomery Co., Va., Margaret Lightner. He died in 1858 in Tazewell Co., Va.

Ann Workman, born about 1778, married 16 June 1788 in Montgomery Co., Va., Samuel Munsey (consent Joseph Workman and Obediah Munsey).

Jacob Workman, who swore in 1816 that he came with his brother to the Guyandotte River in 1793, died in Lawrence Co., Ky. He married Eleanor Jones from Ireland.

Samuel Workman, married 30 June 1785 in Rockbridge Co., Va., Martha Rhea, daughter of Archibald Rhea.

Daniel Workman, in 1780 "of Greenbrier Co., Va."

It is my belief that Abraham and Ann are brother and sister to the Joseph with wife Nancy, who was said by descendants to have been with his two sons Joseph and James Hewett Workman the first white settlers in Boone Co., Va. James, the father of John who married Jane Moore, may have been another brother of Abraham, Ann, and Joseph. It is just as likely, however, that this James was the brother of the Joseph who married Elizabeth Reed, in which case he would have been a cousin of the other three mentioned. Because of what you related about James' connections, he was undoubtedly the brother of Jacob.

Although it is impossible to prove at this time exactly how these and several other southern West Virginia Workmans are related, several death records give some clues. Abraham's parents were Phoebe and Joseph Workman. Since Abraham was born in Pennsylvania about 1764, it is possible his parents were the Joseph Workman and Phoebe McMay/McMeagher who married 4 Aug. 1761 in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, York County, Pennsylvania. Because of difficulty in deciphering the Jos. or Jas. on the Wyoming County death records, I do not know whether that Joseph's father was named Joseph or James; the mother was given as Hannah, however. While writing all this, it occurs to me to try to find the death record of Ann (Workman) Munsey mentioned above and possibly have another clue.

I have probably rambled on long enough but will mention that I believe these families settled about 1780 in one of the New River settlements, perhaps on both sides of the river (Greenbrier and Montgomery Counties) but in the area that ultimately became Sumner County. As for the Revolutionary War ancestors, I believe later members of the family failed to extend their remarks to one generation earlier. Several Workmans, including a Joseph Workman, born about 1735, served in the Revolution and could have taken his older sons into service with him, or himself have been one of those who brought his family to southern West Virginia.

That's all for now!

Agnes

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Aug. 20, 1974

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

First let me say that I hope your husband is doing well.

Your letter was very informative and I am not going to reply to it in detail now but have some things I want to mention while they are fresh on my mind. Just the other day a lady who formerly lived in Lincoln County showed me a 1926 Hamlin High School annual in which I found some interesting material. It is printed on good paper and is a hardback, and one wonders how a small school like that could afford it. The first 18 pages are missing, also some others, but there is enough left to show that F. B. Lambert, the principal and the man who prepared it, must have been a first class historian and an interesting person.

Here and there he inserts historical items and the following is one of them and he is speaking of the way early estates were handled:

of which Lincoln
"Many of these appraisements are on record in Cabell County, was then a part. One of these is recorded under date of May 20, 1811. The appraisers were Jacob Stallings, Phillip Haggor (Hager) and Henry Farley. The estate was that of William Toney, Sr., deceased. There is nothing to show where any of these men lived - -"

I know where these men lived. Jacob Stallings lived on the big bottom about 2 miles below Chapmanville, now occupied by the Logan Country Club. Phillip Hager had been living on Crawley Creek, which entered Guyandotte River opposite the home of Stallings, but had moved to Spruce Fork in Boone County, about 5 miles from Madison. Captain Henry Farley lived at the mouth of Peach Creek, about two miles below Logan.

Turning to the 1810 tax list of Cabell I see that William Toney Sr. is listed with three titheables in his household and three slaves. Presumably these titheables are William Sr. and two sons who had passed the age of 16. Also listed are William Toney, John Toney, Squire Toney who presumably are also sons but there is only one titheable in each household, and no slaves.

~~XXXX~~ The next tax list I have for Cabell is for the year 1815. It lists Leah Toney, widow, with no tithables and three slaves, and the same William, John and Squire Toney.

There were also two newcomers on the list, Edmund Toney and Jesse Toney. Presumably these were two of the three titheables who were in the home of William Toney Sr. in 1810 and by 1815 had reached manhood and established households of their own.

This may be doing a lot of presuming but putting all of it together I think it makes a convincing argument that this William Sr. and Leah were the William and Leah married in Greenbrier in 1782.

Was Care Toney

I also enclose a clipping from a local paper, an interview with an old lady (she is my age) who is a Toney descendant, but she seems to be somewhat confused. A John Toney had patented a tract of land there in 1792 and it is believed that he lived on it for a while but had to leave because of the Indian peril. Around 1800 Pointdexter Toney reoccupied this land. He had married Jane Lilly and I believe he was a son of the earlier John Toney and the father of Robert Toney, the great-great grandfather this lady talked about, but I lack positive proof. Coming to the same land and at the same time as Pointdexter, who quite certainly was his brother. He could also have been the father of Robert Toney.

Census and other records show that Robert Toney was born in present Boone County in 1810, by which time several families were living there and the last Indians had been gone for 16 years. Indian Creek, where she says the Indians came from, is only about a mile from where the Toney families lived and takes its name from Indian mounds that are on it.

What this lady has done is to compress the incidents of three generations into one and she has forgotten the first two generations. However, the Toney's may have been the first settlers in the county for they were in the area very early, digging ginseng. Their "rooting encampment" is mentioned as early as 1784 and was on a tributary of Big Coal River then called Toney Fork but now called Clear Fork. This was about 30 miles from John Toney's land patent on Big Coal River.

Both of these items have come to my notice since I wrote to Mr. Staley.

Getting back to the Toney's on Guyandotte, when I came here 52 years ago a large hewed log house about a mile above Chapmanville was pointed out to me as the Capt. Toney house. He had been captain of the Logan Wildcats, a company of the the 36th Va. Infantry of the Confederate army. I do not know if this was the original William Toney Sr. home but am inclined to think it was below Chapmanville. I have no real proof either way. Capt. Hugh Toney was a son of William and Polly (Caperton) Toney. William was born 1787, a son of Jesse Toney of Monroe County.

Will you please return the clipping. There is not much in

it but now and then little scraps of information lead to bigger things. This lady mentions a man named Lilly who came with her great-great-grandfather. He actually came later than the great-great-great-grandfather, Pointdexter Toney, whose wife was Jane Lilly, and here we can start presuming again. Since his name was Lilly he must have been related to this Jane Lilly.

He actually was Robert Lilly and after a few years on Big Coal River he moved on to Guyandotte River and became the founder of the Lilly family of Logan, with which I am sure you are familiar.

I appreciate your good intentions in sending me postage stamps but it is quite unnecessary.

Sincerely



P. S. I have have been interrupted three times while writing this letter so it is perhaps more more disconnected than usual. One interruption was a telephone call from Louis Brennan of New York, author of archaeological books -I think you have one - who will arrive Saturday to visit me. I have had a stream of visitors this past month, first a chemical engineer son who is in the process of being transferred from Cleveland to Houston, and his wife, mother-in-law and their cat, then my daughter and son-in-law, who recently moved from Maryland to Oak Hill, W. Va., their two children and two pups, then a grandson from Colorado, his wife, and year old son, my great-grandson. He looks like a miniature Larry Czonka, not quite ready to play on the Miami Dolphins, but he might some day. Fortunately they left their two dogs and two cats at home. Next came a 15 year old granddaughter from New York. She just left and now comes Louis Brennan.

The great-grandson embarrassed me because he nearly wrecked a baby crib I borrowed for him from a kindly neighbor. It has not been a dull summer.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
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Aug. 30, 1974.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

You have asked me about the parents of Peter Riffe and in my last letter I told you I had them as Gabriel and Elizabeth (Muncey) Riffe in my notes but had a question mark after that, indicating that there was some uncertainty about it.

I have turned to my old friend Ragland and think I have found the source of my question mark. In Chapter XX he tells about the four Perry Brothers, among them Jack, who settled about a mile above Huff Creek, and lists his children, among them a daughter named Jane, and says:

Jane married Peter, a son of Conrad Riffe, who was one of the oldest settlers on upper Tug. Mrs Riffe is still living and is about eighty-seven years old. She is the mother of John Gordon and Patterson Riffe, Mrs. F. M. White and Mrs. Eli Gore.

Since Mrs. Riffe was still living when Ragland wrote this I think it likely that he knew what he was talking about.

The Riffes came to Logan County some time after 1860 and first appear in a Logan census in 1870. Listings follow:

T-121	Peter Riffe	62	
	Jane "	69 ?	
	Sarah "	18	(M. Henry, son of Jeremiah Covey of Pulaski County, 8-28-1878
	Minerva "	15	(M. Eli, son Eli & Nancy (Ellis) Gore, 12-24-1873.)
T-173	John Riffe	30	(Ragland's John Gordon Riffe)
	Minerva "	24	(Dau. of James & Sarah White)
	Leander "	2	
	Mary H. "	1	
C-17	Patterson Riffe	36	
	Martha B. "	26	(Dau. James & Mary Toney ?)
	Flora A. "	2	
	John B. "	1/12	
T-174	Francis White	25	
	Mary A. "	29	(Dau. Peter & Jane Riffe ?)
	Sarah H. "	3	
	Carlos "	6/12	

My only authority in regard to the last family is the statement of Ragland that a daughter of Peter and Jane Riffe married F. M. White. This is the only White in the 1870 census whose name begins with F. The visitation number shows that this family lived next to John Riffe. Both of these things suggest strongly that this is the F. M. White family mentioned by Ragland.

The T in front of visitation numbers stands for Triadelphia District of Logan County where these families lived. The C stands for Chapmanville District, where Patterson Riffe lived. Incidentally, the company for which I worked bought Patterson Riffe's coal and in the late 1930's I surveyed his farm, also the outcrop line of one of the coal seams, and did some prospecting on it.

This has nothing to do with the above, but a long time ago, probably in the late 1890's, the family of Patterson Riffe and a neighboring Wheatley family had a fight that is still talked about in the neighborhood. This was a fist and skull fight, which in the vernacular of the region means that no guns or knives were used, and both sides claimed a victory, but I think it was pretty much of a draw.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

P. S. After writing the above I noticed that Francis Marion White, age 16, is listed in the Logan 1860 census in the family of James M. and Sarah White, which leaves little doubt about the above interpretation being right. Listed in the same family is his sister Minerva, age 14, who married John Riffe.

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Aug. 27, 1974

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have had company almost continually for more than a month and the last, as far as I know, departed yesterday. This was Louis A. Brennan, my writer friend from New York, with whom I have been for the past three days. I induced a friend to take us to the top of one of our ridges in his four-wheel drive vehicle and we spent the day looking for Indian artifacts in an area that had not yet been tested. I thought we had a rather poor day but he found two artifacts attributable to the 8000-9000 years ago period and was practically delirious with joy. Material that old is rarely found around New York. While I do enjoy company, and this summer it has been mostly the family, it is nice to have a little time to catch up on things.

Referring to your last letter, to which I have partly replied, I appreciate your pointing out errors in the Logan marriage data, which I sent you.

You ask if I have the parents of Peter Riffe, family 296 in the Logan 1850 census. I have them as Gabriel and Elizabeth (Munsey) Riffe, but I have a question mark after that, which means that it should be checked. I have Peter marrying Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dixon) Perry.

You comment on the Workmans and mention a Joseph Workman born ca 1773 in Pa. who died 1852-3 in Wyoming County. In an earlier letter you had enquired about a Joseph Workman who lived in Wyoming for some time, but died in Wayne. Some time ago I had some correspondence with a Mr. Sayre who seems to be a descendant of this Joseph. What brings it to mind now is that a month or two ago he advertised in a local paper for information about the Workman family, but I doubt if he got any response. I will dig our correspondence out of my files and send you anything that you do not seem to have.

You have mentioned tax lists in some of your letters. I am wondering if you have the 1815 tax list of Cabell County that was prepared by Nettie Schreiner-Yantis. There is in it John Wood's map of Cabell County, made about 1920, which I find quite interesting. It does show where a few people lived, one being Squire Toney who lived below Big Creek, once known as Poplar Camp Creek. This is probably where his parents, William Sr. and Leah Toney may have lived, or at least near what was their home, and would be near the present Logan-Lincoln boundary.

One thing that arouses my curiosity greatly is Jarome's Mill on Spruce Fork, about 4 miles from Madison. As far as I know the name of Jerome or Jarome is not associated with

with anything in that area. But, I have seen mention of a mill at that place very soon after Logan County was formed, which would be only a few years after Woods made this map. This map also shows a Jarome'S Mill on Madison Creek of Guyandotte River, which is in Cabell County.

The only solution I can think of is a far fetched one that goes into a long-winded story. In 1794 the Virginia Assembly passed a very foolish law, perhaps designed by greedy politicians, which allowed state lands to be purchased for 2¢ per acre. This was supposed to help settlers but no limit was placed on the amount of land an individual could purchase and within a few months every bit of southern West Virginia was gobbled up by speculators in parcels as large as 500,000 acres.

James Swan, a wealthy merchant of Dorchester, Mass, bought a number of these surveys and later went to France. He had been a colonel on Washington's staff and must have been well-to-do because while there he paid the U. S. debt to France, dating to the Revolutionary War, which amounted to more than \$2,000,000.00. He also organized a land company whose purpose was to colonize these lands with French and German settlers. A Frenchman brought suit against him for something in connection with this land company and got a judgement for \$50,000.00, which Swan refused to pay because he said it was unjust, so in 1808 he went to a debtors prison. He remained there until his death in 1831.

Soon after his death his executors and agents came to America to find out what property he had. They found that the large tracts he had purchased had reverted to the state of Virginia for non-payment of taxes, as had most of the land purchased by the speculators. Among those who came, acting for Swan's estate was Charles William Jerome, who seems to have been active thereafter. I wonder here if this Jerome had been acting as an agent for Swan while he was in prison and had come to America and built mills on his land, for use of the expected settlers. The mill on Spruce Fork was on one of the tracts purchased by Swan, which began here at Madison and extended across Logan and Mingo Counties and into Kentucky. I do not know if the Jerome Mill in Cabell County was on land that had been bought by Swan.

Jerome and the executors persuaded the Virginia Assembly to rescind the forfeiture of Swan's lands and by that time parts of them had been repatented by actual settlers. In 1834 Jerome and the executors brought suit to regain possession of the land and this suit dragged on generation after generation and held back both settlement and development of the affected areas. In 1910 the company I worked for paid the Swan heirs for a quitclaim deed for such of its lands as lay within the Swan claims. The last order in this case was entered in Kanawha County in 1936, so in all the case was in the courts for 102 years.

Things like this do not really belong in genealogy but they affected greatly the patterns of settlement and the lives of the early settlers. By looking at the surveyors records one can see again and again where entries were made by prospective settlers

who later learned they were on one of these large grants. This situation and the consequent uncertainty about land titles are reasons for the late settlement of much of southern West Virginia and it is a phase of our history that has never been given adequate treatment.

I did quite a little title work for my employers soon after I came here and kept running into this Swan business, but it took quite a while to get to the bottom of it. Swan's will is recorded in a number of West Virginia counties, along with other documents, some of which are in French and must have given the recording officers fits. I may be daydreaming in thinking that these Jarome or Jerome mills has something to do with the Swan lands but as yet I have no other clue.

Incidentally, if you do not have the Shreiner-Yantis version of the Cabell 1810 tax list I will gladly lend you mine. The Woods map is on the inside of the covers and is easily detached for Xeroxing.

I have not yet typed the list of Boone County marriages that I got in Richmond, I did not quite finish by the time I had to leave, and the 1860-61 part is not copied. I like to arrange things alphabetically when I type them, but I do not know just when I will get back to Richmond. What I have covers the 1854-1859 inclusive period. If you want to borrow my pencilled list I will send it to you, as I do not now know when I will get back to Richmond.

I ran into one odd thing in these records. In Boone County Drury Elkins, age 18, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Elkins married Elizabeth Elkins, age 33, daughter of Elijah and Martha Elkins, May 7, 1857. Drewry Elkins, age 27, and his wife Elizabeth, age 45 are Family No. 279 in the Logan 1850 census, also in the Logan 1860 census, No. 290, ages 37 and 50. Drewry and Elizabeth Elkins, ages 22 and 36 are also in the Boone 1860 census. I wondered if it was possible that two men, both named Drewry Elkins, living in different counties but only a few miles apart, would both marry women named Elizabeth, much older than themselves, or if it was only one couple hopscotching across the ~~across the~~ county boundary. David Turner solved the problem. The one in Logan, I mean the wife Elizabeth, was a daughter of "Chickasaw Ben" (Benjamin H.) White and related to him, as well as to you, though quite distantly, so these were two distinct families.

Sincerely

Stephen Clafson

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Dear Mr. Olafson:

Finally my husband's condition is improving steadily, and barring any unforeseen circumstances should continue so until he is recovered. He was discharged from the hospital this past weekend. It is a great relief to me not to have to travel the twenty-five miles each way to and from the hospital every day. So I'm now able to catch up on my correspondence.

It was interesting to learn that F. B. Lambert was the principal at Hamlin High School. In case you have never seen them, he prepared some notebooks about the families of Cabell County which are of considerable genealogical value. It is my understanding that they were published after his death. In any event, I have seen microfilmed copies of them and have found some significant data regarding some of my own connections.

As requested, I am returning the clipping regarding the Toney family. Since Whittier is only about thirty miles from my home, I might have the opportunity of speaking with Mrs. Shiveraker. She may have far more information than that given to the paper. I agree with you that the information in the article is probably inaccurate. After hastily converting it to chart form (see enclosure), I believe the first Robert Toney referred to should have been called her great-grandfather rather than great-great-grandfather. This Robert could have married a Miss Lilly as did Poindexter Toney. You will notice that the article left out any mention of her great-grandparents other than the names of the men her great-grandmother's sisters married. The confusion in the article is probably due to the fact that the writer is not a genealogist.

Thank you for your comments concerning the Riffe family. If you recheck your 1850 Logan County Census, I believe you will find Jane and Peter Riffe with children as Family #296. From that you will notice that John and Gordon Riffe are two distinct individuals--John born about 1840 and Gordon about 1845. A comma must have been missing in Ragland's work, making it appear that the name was John Gordon. I don't know where the family was in 1860.

You might be interested in a few additions to your Riffe notes:

Jane Perry, wife of Peter Riffe, was born about 1811, daughter of Elizabeth (Dixon) and John Perry, Jr.

John Riffe (mentioned above) was born 16 Dec. 1839, son of Jane (Perry) and Peter Riffe; John died in Charleston, Kanawha County, W. Va. John married ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Minerva White 10 Aug. 1866; she was born 19 May 1846, daughter of Sarah E. (Browning) and James Madison White.

Incidentally, James Madison White was called Madison by his family. He had married first Sally Riffe; and he married second Sarah E. Browning 17 June 1843.

Mary A. Riffe, born 15 Nov. 1841, daughter of Jane (Perry) and Peter Riffe, married Francis Marion White, son of Sarah E. (Browning) and James Madison White.

Patterson Riffe, born about 1843, son of Jane (Perry) and Peter Riffe, married Sarah E. White, born 4 Oct. 1852, daughter of Sarah E. (Browning) and James Madison White. Whether this was Patterson's first or second marriage, I do not know, since I notice that he was married to Martha A. _____ in 1870. Perhaps the 1860 census would provide the answer.

One of the White family Bibles provided the information about the three White siblings marrying the three Riffe siblings. As you will notice, the exact birth dates of all except Patterson were given. I forgot to mention that Francis Marion was born 26 July 1844.

Before leaving the subject of the Riffe family, you might be interested in knowing that they have Indiana and Kentucky connections in some way related to my Christian family who moved to Perry County, Kentucky before 1830. The Indiana records for Shelby County are not available on microfilm, and I have not yet been able to visit the county seat there to investigate leads. Perhaps on my next trip East I can add such a stop-over.

Thank you for calling to my attention the discrepancy regarding the location of death of the Joseph Workman, born ca. 1773 in Pennsylvania. After obtaining photocopies of his 1812 war record and subsequent pension applications, etc., I found that an affidavit signed by his widow (with an "x") 19 Oct. 1872 gave the place of death as Wayne County; however, this had subsequently been marked out and the word Wyoming inserted by another hand above. The date of death as 8 Nov. 1852 remained. So your guess is as good as mine as to which county is correct. It is my belief that this family had close ties to the Workman's of Wayne County, and it is possible that he was visiting there shortly before his death. The fact that the word Wayne appeared at all in a document which otherwise refers to Wyoming County and was signed in Wyoming County must indicate something. Perhaps on having the document re-read, the ~~deceased~~ suddenly remembered that her husband had indeed returned to Wyoming County before his death and had someone change the word before sending the papers to Washington, D. C. I suppose I could speculate endlessly but will leave it at that.

Yes, I do have the 1815 tax list of Cabell County prepared by Nettie Schreiner-Vantis and have found it most helpful when used in conjunction with the ones she prepared for Giles, Tazewell, Wythe, etc.

I have also abstracted selected entries from the Logan County, Virginia, Land Book for the period between 1824 and 1830. It is especially valuable because it not only gives the number of acres involved but also gives the distance from the Logan Court House. A few examples follow:

YEAR	NAME	RESIDENCE	NO. OF ACRES	LOCATION	DISTANCE
1825	Allen Christian	Logan Co.	50	Guyandotte River	E 4
1825	Thomas Christian	Logan Co.	200	mouth of Tug Fork of Sandy Riv.	S 65 (or 45)
1825	Thomas Christian	Logan Co.	140	Clear Fork of Guyandotte	SE 35
1825	Richard McNeely	Logan Co.	50	Spruce Fork of Cole	NE 33
1825	Robert McNeely	Logan Co.	25	Rum Creek of Guyan	SE 7
1825	David McNeely	Logan Co.	50	Guyandotte River	SE 7
1825	Samuel McNeely	Logan Co.	250	Guyandotte River	SE 8

The value of the land, estimated fee, and other financial information was also given. I hope at a future date to abstract all names for at least 1825 and 1830 so that I can correlate the information with that on the 1830 census.

I was most interested in your comments about Jerome's Mill but have nothing to add to the puzzle. I would be inclined to think that your evaluation would be closest to the facts of the matter since you have had ^{first} intimate knowledge of the land transactions. Now that you have mentioned the subject, however, I will keep my eyes open for clues.

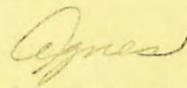
Your discussion of the two Drury Elkins with wife Elizabeth raised some interesting questions of mine in turn. My notes had shown Elizabeth White, daughter of "Chickasaw" Ben to have been born about 1793 and married to a Daniel or David Elkins. She died 23 September 1876 in Logan County, West Virginia; and I apparently was not able to decipher the name of her husband when I abstracted the information. From the census

records (Logan County 1850 #279), it would appear definitely that his name was Drury and that she was probably born about 1805. I have an unidentified daughter of "Chicasaw" Ben White born in that time span, so if I place Elizabeth there, I will now have to identify the one born between 1793±.

While reviewing the White family notes just now, I discovered another question to which you might have the answer: On 7 Dec. 1876 in Logan County, W. Va., Benjamin Harrison White, shown as son of S. (Jarrell) and Benjamin W. White, married Nancy Stafford, daughter of Levicey (Spratt) and John Stafford. On all my other records, the parents of this Benjamin Harrison White have been shown as Sarah (Burgess) and Benjamin Wesley White. Have you any notes which would clarify the discrepancy?

Once I get started, I never seem to know when to stop. But the time has come for today. I hope you are enjoying the quiet and solitude of your home and much as I know you enjoyed the excitement and presence of your visitors.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

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Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Instead of gallivanting all over the landscape, as I usually do in my letters, I will try to confine this one to one subject, the branch of the Toney family mentioned by Mrs. Shivertaker in the clipping you recently returned to me. As stated previously this is the earliest family I know of in this general area that still has descendants here.

Members of the Toney family had a ginseng digging camp on Coal River in Raleigh County as early as 1784 and perhaps also in present Boone. In 1792 a patent was issued to John Toney for a tract of land near Racine in present Boone county. It usually took two or more years from the application to the issuance of a patent, so he must have applied for it in the 1780's, and the survey is recorded in Montgomery County. The land was in that county until 1789, when Kanawha County was formed.

I have reasons to believe that John Toney lived on this land for a while, thus being the first settler in present Boone County, and that he had to leave because of the Indian menace, but I have no documentation for it. However, I can well believe it for Indians were raiding around Charleston as late as 1794. I think the traditions that Mrs. Shivertaker heard told by her family applied to this John Toney rather than later members of it. The Indians were badly defeated at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in Ohio in 1794, and no raid of any kind was made anywhere in West Virginia*by *thereafter any Indians, so this incident could not have involved Robert Toney, or any later member of the family.

Around 1800, give or take a few years, Pointdexter Toney, who had married Jane Lilly, settled on this land. I feel reasonably certain that this Pointdexter Toney (there have been many others) was a son of the John Toney mentioned above, as he took possession of the land that John had patented and spent the rest of his life there.

Among the children of Pointdexter and Jane Toney was Robert Toney, born on Big Coal River in 1810. This was 16 years after the disappearance of the last Indians. His marriage to Peninah Foster is recorded in Kanawha County, November 12, 1836, but does not give the name of her parents.

Boone County was formed in 1847 and its first census was taken in 1850. This was the first census which gives the names and ages of all white people. In this census the family of Robert and Peninah Toney is shown as follows:

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Robert Toney	age 40	(son of Pointdexter & Jane Toney)
Peninah	" 36	(Foster)
Jane (Anne)	" 12	(Married Alfred, son of Wm. A. & Sarah Kirk)
Pointdexter	" 11	(Mar. Mary M. dau. of Samuel & Jane Gillespie)
Nancy	" 9	(Married John Porter ?)
Thomas	" 8	(died 1860)
Carey	" 7	(Mar. Georgianna Doss)
(Mary) Elizabeth	" 6	(Mar. Joab, son of Thos. & Elizabeth Fowler)
(John) Leftridge	" 4	(Mar. 1st, Pharesina, dau. of Simeon & Parthena Vickers. Mar. 2. Minerva A., dau. of Francis & Henrietta Gillespie)
Frances	" 5	(Mar. Wm. H., son of Geo. & Anna Fauver)
James A.	" 2	
Pointdexter	" 8	(evidently a relative-not a child)

The material within parentheses was not in the census records. I have added it from other sources.

In the 1860 census the family is listed as follows:

Robert Toney	49	(died 1880)
Jane Anne	" 21	
Pointdexter	" 21	
Nancy	" 19	
Carey	" 17	
Mary (Elizabeth)	" 16	
Frances	" 14	
John L.	" 12	
James A.	" 10	
Robert	" 9	(m. Marg. Susan, dau. James & Martha Midkiff)
Marquis	" 8	M. Frances E. _____

From the above it will be seen that Peninah, wife of Robert Toney, had died since the previous census. Two more children had been born, Robert and Marquis. Since Marquis was born in 1852 Peninah had died after that date. None of the children had married when this census was taken.

In the 1870 census the family of Robert Toney is listed as follows:

Robert Toney	58
Helen	" 50
Robert	" , Jr. 19

This shows that Robert Toney had remarried, his wife's name being Helen. All the children except Robert Jr. are gone, some married and some moved out of the county. Of those still living in Boone County, census records show the following:

Alfred Kirk	29
Jane Ann	" 31 (Dau. Robert & Peninah Toney)
Nancy E,	" 7
Frances A.	" 1
Carey Toney	27 (Son of Robert & Peninah Toney)
Georgianna	" 17 (Doss- born in Md.)

Joab Fowler	35	
Mary E. "	26	(Dau. of Robert & Peninah Toney)
John E. "	2	
Charles H."	3/12	
William H. Fowler	25	
Frances "	23	(Dau. of Robert & Peninah Toney)
Anna P. "	2	
Robert H. "	8/12	
John L. Toney	23	(Son of Robert & Peninah Toney
Pharesina ? "	32	(Dau. Simeon & Parthena Vickers. She was a widow, previously married to _____ Jones.)

The other children of Robert and Peninah Toney are not in the 1870 census.

Robert Toney died in 1880, but not until after the census of that year was taken. In the 1880 census the family is listed as follows:

Robert Toney	70	
Helen "	65	
Mary Lavette	50	Stepdaughter
Juliet "	36	"
Louisa "	16	" ?

From this it may be inferred that Robert Toney had married for his second wife, Mary Lavette, a widow, but it does not tell us her maiden name. As there were no children this is perhaps not important.

Census records of Boone County for 1880 show the following for the children of Robert and Peninah Toney who were still living there:

Alfred Kirk	39	
Jane A, "	41	(Dau. of Robert & Peninah Toney)
Jane A. "	10	
Caroline "	8	
Robert "	6	
William "	4	
Rebecca "	3	
Oathar "	3	
Carey Toney	38	(Son of Robert & Peninah Toney)
Georgianna "	38	
Charles "	10	
Emma "	7	
George "	5	
Robert "	2	

John L. Toney	38	(Son of Robert & Peninah Toney)
Pharesina "	32	
Pointdexter "	9	
Simeon "	7	
John "	5	
Nina A. "	2	
Robert Toney Jr.	29	(Son of Robert & Peninah Toney.)
Susan "	23	
Samuel E. "	4	
Robert P. "	5/12	
Marquis Toney	28	(Son of Robert & Peninah Toney)
Frances E. "	25	
Mary "	6	
Edward "	1	

Also in 1880 - William H. Fauber - 38
 Frances " 34
 Ann O " 12
 Robert H. " 10
 Nancy J " 8
 Andrew J " 6
 Julia A " 3
 Wm H. Jr. " 1

This completes the records I have of this family and as far as I know shows all of the children of Robert and Peninah Toney, and all of their grandchildren in Boone County, down to 1880. No doubt additional ones were born after 1880 and there would be several more if we had a record of the children who moved away, and their offspring.

This family is perhaps outside of your area of Interest, but if you are ever where you can talk to Mrs. Shivertaker you can show it to her. I agree with you that she may have much more information than is indicated by the clipping.

David Turner thinks the Toney's may be of French Huguenot extraction as there were Toney's in the older parts of Virginia where there were Laprades, Pintdexters, Lacys, and other persons with French names. There is evidence that some of the Toney's on Guyandotte River came from Kanawha County and I believe all are related, though very far back in time.

As to Mrs Shivertaker, I think her generations of tonies are like this:

1. John Toney, who patented land on Big Coal River
2. Pointdexter Toney, who occupied this land about 1800.
3. Robert Toney, son of Pointdexter, lived there all his life.
4. Nancy Toney, daughter of Robert, who married John Porter
5. Andrew Porter, who married Letha Ann Alderman
6. Maymie Porter, who married _____ Shivertaker

Sincerely

Seamus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Sept. 14, 1974.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

In your letter of Sept. 4 you asked about the wife of Benjamin W. White. She was Sarah Jarrell, daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth (Farley) Jarrell of Raleigh County. The Jarrells are a numerous family in Boone and Raleigh Counties and I have a good bit of material relating to them. However, David Turner, who is a Jarrell descendant, is the authority there. He has been away on one of his periodic jaunts through Virginia libraries and court houses and just returned. I have checked this with him and I think you can rely on it fully.

Daniel Jarrell from Culpepper County, Va., married Mary Terry and came to Greenbrier, now Monroe, about 1789. He had probably lived in the part of Culpepper that later became Madison County as a son gives his birthplace as Madison County. Dave says the only Jarrell in Culpepper County old enough to have been Daniel's father was a James Jarrell but he has no proof that they were father and son.

Daniel Jarrell died in Monroe in 1804. I have seen his will but he does not name his children, but there is adequate proof that there were at least six sons and some daughters. Three of his sons, Simeon, Elijah, and John, settled in Boone County, and three others, Gibson, Lemuel, and William, in Raleigh County.

Lemuel was born in Madison County, Va., Feb. 5, 1781, and on Sept. 3, 1804, married Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Matthew and Esther (McMullen) Farley. They moved to what is now Raleigh County probably in the early 1820's, as that is when his brothers came to Boone County. Lemuel died in Raleigh County, Aug. 25, 1858.

I forgot to ask Dave if he had the birth date of the daughter Sarah, who married Benjamin Wesley White, but it was about 1812.

Sincerely

Lester Cleason

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 29, 1974

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I really appreciated receiving all the TONEY family notes, particularly the references to the early generations. I am in agreement with your analysis of the probable lineage of Mrs. Shivertaker.

In regard to the possible Indian menace after 1794: Is it possible that there was indeed a raid as late as 1820 or 1825? Another small printed history (written 1937) refers to one of the Allen Christian families who lived near Logan Court House ^{who} were forced to move because of the Indians. This is a small, privately-printed history of the Riggs Family of Wayne County and mentions that the parents of two of the men's wives "were run out by the Indians." This quote in reference to their Logan County stay. Of course, I realize that in this case also the tradition could have skipped a generation or so and that the Allen Christian who was run out by the Indians was an earlier one although the account is quite explicit.

Thank you for the information on the Jarrell's. Both my White and Mitchell families must have lived quite close to them since there were a number of inter-marriages. I had never followed through on gathering Jarrell family data so your references filled quite a gap in my notes.

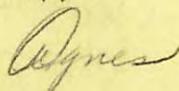
I have been busy this past week gathering estimates from several printers on the cost of publishing some of the indexes which I have prepared. I now know why so many excellent reference works remain in the files of the serious researchers. The costs seem quite forbidding; however, I plan to follow through and should have them available by December or January at the latest. The "them" refers to the following:

1840 LOGAN COUNTY, (WEST) VIRGINIA CENSUS--INDEXED
SURNAME INDEX TO 1850 CENSUS OF WEST VIRGINIA'S
SOUTHERN COUNTIES (Includes Tazewell Co., Va.)
GENEALOGICAL INDEX TO BOWMAN'S WYOMING COUNTY HISTORY

Shortly after the first of the year I hope to have Volume I of APPALACHIAN ANCESTORS ready for the printers. This will be similar to some of the columns which appeared in THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLBILLY sometime ago but will also have genealogical tables as well.

When I have the copies in hand, you may be sure you will receive complimentary copies.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

SIGFUS OLAFSON
507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, W. VA. 25130

Oct. 6, 1974

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I expect to be away most of the time for the next two weeks or so and want to comment on one item in your letter of Sept. 29, relating to the time of the last Indian raids or troubles in this general area.

I have never heard any account of any Indian troubles of any kind after 1795 that affected any part of West Virginia. In the early part year there were several raids and a few whites killed in the Kanawha Valley but later in that year the Indians were badly defeated and had heavy casualties at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in Ohio. That brought about immediate cessation of hostilities. The Treaty of Greenville was signed Aug. 5, 1795 and the Indians agreed to surrender most of Ohio, but I believe a few who had not participated in the raids or wars and were Christianized were permitted to stay.

Ohio became a state in 1804, as by that time most of it had been settled. Indians still held parts of Indiana. In 1811 they were defeated at the Battle of Tippecanoe in Indiana and again forced westward, this time as far as Kansas for a lot of them.

The Workmans came to Logan in 1793 according to a deposition made by Jacob Workman in 1816. Jacob Stollings bought land on Guyan River in 1795, described as "being the same land occupied by the said Stallings". Alexander McNeely, who by census records was born in 1798, always gave his birthplace as Cabell County, though it actually was Kanawha at the time. This, and far more recods along the Ohio and Big Sandy Rivers show conclusively that the settlers flocked in as soon as they knew the Indians were moving west in accordance with the Treaty of Greenville. By 1820 more than 300 miles of settlements separated West Virginia from any hostile Indians and any tales about Indian raids in Logan are just too absurd for consideration, no matter how explicit.

There is often some truth behind such traditions but those who tell them are not intentionally telling untruths. They are just skipping a few generations. What they credit to great-grandpa really happened to great-great-great-grandpa. I think I know a little about Logan County history and do not know of any settler there that was ever bothered by Indians. James Crawley was killed in 1784 on Crawley Creek while a member of a surveying party, and Richard Hewett on Hewett Creek while a member of a group pursuing Indians, and Joseph Gilbert similarly on Gilbert Creek, also Thomas Huff on Huff Creek. None of these were settlers and

possibly Crawley was the only one of these actually killed in what is now Logan County.

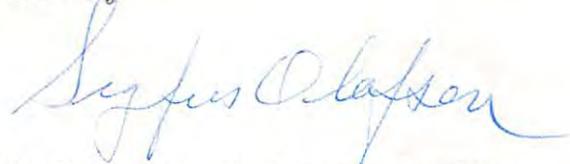
I mentioned going away for a while. I am a member of the W. Va. Antiquities Commission which will meet in Parkersburg, W. Va. on Oct. 10 and 11. The W. Va. Archaeological Society, of which I am a past president, meets in Parkersburg also, on Oct. 12-13. I will then leave for the annual meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, of which I am also a past president, which meets in Bangor, Maine, Oct. 17, 18, and 19, but I will spend a day or so with a son in New York.

I have had a rather convenient travel pattern in visiting my children during the year-end holidays but now that is disrupted. My daughter lived near Washington and I would spend Christmas ~~Christmas~~ there because her children were young. I would then go to New York where my son lives, in Larchmont, one of the suburbs and spend a few days there, then fly to Cleveland where my older son lived and spend New Year with him. This summer my daughter and her family moved to Oak Hill, W. Va., only 70 miles away, and my older son has been transferred from Cleveland to Houston.

The son in Houston says he still has a week of vacation coming and wants me to come there and go with him and his wife to Mexico. I may do that and then spend Christmas with my daughter and let this visit to the New York son take the place of the one usually made in December.

The winters here have been so nice for the past several years that I am afraid the situation is due for a change and I am toying with the idea of going to Spain or Portugal, or both, for a while, but I am always doing that and then backing out at the last minute. I will probably wind up going nowhere.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sigfus Olafsson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "n".

P. S. By the way, are you interested in the McGinnis family? I ran across some McGinnis material given me by Aubrey Smith of Beckley, some years ago, in case you are interested.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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November 6, 1974

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Once more I am indebted to you for sending such a detailed analysis of the encounters early settlers had with the Indians. Unquestionably you are correct in determination of dates for final encounters. I would not have asked the additional questions had it not been for the instance I mentioned in my last letter. Frankly, I believe, as you surmise, that the author was referring to an earlier generation living on New River rather than to the later one living on the Guyan.

If it's not too much trouble to send the McGinnis family information given you by Mr. Aubrey Smith, I would be interested in studying it and perhaps making copies. Naturally, I would return your originals to you at the earliest convenience afterwards.

My husband's condition continues to improve, and I am beginning to think about spring travel plans. I hope this time he can accompany me so that he might make your acquaintance and that of some of my recently-discovered cousins.

I hope you enjoyed your meetings and visits during October.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

ABP

March 2, 1975

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Southern West Virginia counties seem to be becoming more popular subjects for genealogical publications. Mrs. Claude Fowler recently informed me that a Mr. Shepherd of Dayton, Ohio, plans a publication on Logan ~~family~~ County 1850 census and 1853-1862 marriages; but she has just learned that someone else has already published one. She says that the two of you have compared your notes.

After typing my notes on Tazewell County, Virginia, the surname index to the 1850 Census which I mentioned to you will be ready for distribution. You will certainly be one of the first to receive a complimentary copy.

Another Santa Ana researcher and I will be departing next Sunday for a "genealogical tour." She is especially interested in the Woods and Wallace families as well as a number of others located in Monroe and Greenbrier Counties. We expect to make stops in most of the southern West Virginia families, and I do hope you will be able to spare a few hours when we arrive in Boone County. Unfortunately, we do not know exactly when that will be since we are trying to keep a very flexible schedule in order to be able to follow specific leads. We will land by plane in Louisville, Kentucky; then make stops in southern Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee before coming to West Virginia. Chances are that we will be in Madison a few days before or after March 21.

In the meantime, I wonder if you could check your records to see if you have the names (maiden surnames, that is) of the wives of the men listed on the enclosed sheet. I have used the family and dwelling number from the 1850 Census to identify them.

I am most encouraged about my Moore family research and believe I am close to finding the parents of Anne Moore, who married James Pine Christian. Ever greater circumstantial evidence points to Margaret () and George Moore. Of course, if indeed they are the ones, I am then faced with the task of identifying them more precisely. I do enjoy every minute of the search, however.

Hoping to see you later this month . . .

Most sincerely,

Agnes

What are maiden names of wives of
following men?

Lamin 6
1850 Census

# 3	John Brown	: Nancy	age 52	b. ca. 1798
# 11	John Campbell	: Teresa	age 53	b. ca. 1797
# ³² / ₃₂	James P. Mitchell	: Harriet	age 29	b. ca. 1821
# ³¹ / ₃₄	Thomas Burgess	: Harriet	age 30	b. ca. 1820
# ³³ / ₄₅	Ulysses Hiramaw	: Rebecca	age 39	b. ca. 1811
# ⁵⁴ / ₅₄	Archibald Mitchell	: Harriet	age 25	b. ca. 1825
# ⁵⁹ / ₅₄	William Ellis	: Amy	age 41	b. ca. 1809
# ⁶⁴ / ₆₄	William Dempsey	: Nancy	age 49	b. ca. 1801
# ⁷¹ / ₇	Andrew Dempsey	: Martha	age 36	b. ca. 1814
# ⁷² / ₇₂	Samuel Dempsey	: Alice	age 59	b. ca. 1791

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
March 5, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

While digging through the accumulated debris on my desk I came up with your letter of November 6 in which you said you would like to have me send you the McGinnis material given me by Aubrey Smith. I hurriedly went to the Pearlman file to see if there was a carbon of a letter indicating that it had been sent to you, but finding none I have concluded that I goofed again. or perhaps I am only three months late. I now enclose it along with my apologies.

I see that two sons of Pyrrhus McGinnis married daughters of Andrew and Louisa (White) Workman. These daughters were first-cousins (or was it double first-cousins ?) of your grandmother, Clarinda White.

I think I mentioned visiting a son in Texas in November, and we spent 8 days in Mexico City. I had thoughts of going to Portugal and Spain this winter but had misgivings about it and when the time of the tour was changed I had them return my deposit. Perhaps I should have gone because we have had a dreary winter, not particularly cold and not much snow, but a lot of rain and cloudy, misty weather.

I have kept myself busy, working on the census and other material relating to Logan and Boone Counties which I intend to give to the State Archives and the library of the University of West Virginia, and in a few months should bring that to a finish. I have just about finished Logan with four ring binders, each with about 90 typed pages. The first has excerpts from Cabell County 1810 and 1815 tax lists, and 1820 Cabell census, all trying to show Logan (I should say Logan-Mingo) residents, 1830 census, 1840 census, county maps at census dates, and some historical notes. There is also a binder for each census, 1850-60-70, with families arranged alphabetically and all the genealogical data I have added.

I am doing the same in Boone for 1850-60-70-80, and have part of that completed. It is a wonder that my typing finger has not been worn down to a stub. I have also dabbled some with the Wyoming 1850 census, largely from Mrs. Bowman's book, so I may have been duplicating your work in part. I have thought some about going to Wyoming for additional material. There must be much more genealogical material there than is shown in the book.

There is a small Community College in Logan now that has a surprisingly good library - more than 2,000 volumes by West Virginia authors or relating to West Virginia. They want to

Xerox my material relating to Logan County and as I do not, at my age, want to become involved in all the headaches and frustrations of publishing, I see no objection.

A bicentennial history of Logan County is to be published and a young man named Spence has been delegated to do it. He called me recently and is coming here on the 8th to talk to me. I hope he is someone with a real feeling for history and not some journalism graduate looking for a job.

My home county in Minnesota, which is history minded even though its history goes back to less than ten years before I was born, secured a Federal grant of \$3,000.00 towards the publishing of a history and an able retired history teacher wrote it (for free, of course) and there were enough advance sales to finance it. It has already gone to the publisher. I collaborated on the geology and archaeology of the county.

I was recently reappointed to another three-year term as a member of the West Virginia Antiquities Commission, which is my third and positively my last one.

I hope that Dr. Pearlman has fully recovered by now.

Sincerely

Sydney Olafson

Elkins, W. Va.
August 19, 1970

Mr. Sigfus Olafson,
507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

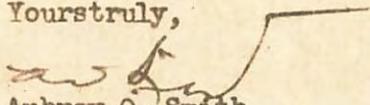
I regret that I was unable to attend the gathering at Lake Stephens on last Sunday as I am certain it would have been a pleasant occasion. I advised over the telephone that I would send you certain McGinnis information which I enclose herewith but in a limited state as it was my intent to carry this thru the grand children of Pyrrhus as I have that stage substantially complete lacking a few dates which I feel that I will be able to supply. When this is done I would like to furnish you a copy as this represents a lot of work and much of it would be unobtainable except thru my records.

I have known personally many of the grand-children of Pyrrhus and am a brother-in-law of James B., son of Thomas Jefferson, sixth child of Pyrrhus. He was a typical Workman as I have known them. He died about ten years ago. He confirmed the fact that his father and Uncle Gord married daughters of Rev. Andrew and Louise White Workman.

I am of the opinion that the license for the Workman- White marriage was issued in Logan County and all records burned with the Court House on May 1, 1864. That was a tremendous loss to those of us living in the area once included in Logan county, our county of Raleigh being a part thereof 1824-1831.

I hope to be in Madison soon and will call you.

Yourstruly,



Aubrey O. Smith,
811 S. Kanawha St.,
Beckley, W. Va. 25801
or
PO Box 102.

McGINNIS

PYRRHUS McGINNIS, son of James and Sarah (Davis) McGinnis was born in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1792 and died in Raleigh County, West Virginia, in 1875. James was a Revolutionary soldier and according to tradition so was his father. James moved to the territory embraced in Cabell county in the early 1800's settling at or near Guyandotte.

Pyrrhus married first according to the Cabell County Marriage Record on December 3, 1812 to Betsy Barnes (or Barner the record not clear). According to W. Oley McGinnis, son of Achilles and grand-son of Pyrrhus, and a former Supt. of Schools of Raleigh County, she was a Barnes and of this marriage there were three daughters: Harriett married James Mitchell and they had Lewis and John, sons, and a daughter Lavalette, and others whose names he does not recall; Mary J. married John N. Ridgeway and the third daughter whose name he does not recall married a Welch, the last two daughters lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. This statement dated August 3, 1937.

Pyrrhus married second, Mrs. Nancy (Farley) Hensley of Logan County. She was a native of Giles County, Virginia, the daughter of Capt. Henry and Sally (Chitwood) Farley, he having rendered distinguished service as an Indian-fighter. They had the following children:

*Data unknown
came to
Raleigh Co.
1842*

1. Penelope, b. c1823, date of death unknown, m. Preston Perry in Logan County of which I have no further record.
2. Achilles, b. Nov. 26, 1825 - d. May 2, 1908 - m. 4-29-1849 Rebecca, d. Charles and Elizabeth Ellison Hutchinson. 8 children.
3. James Hereford, b. July 30, 1828 on the Nighbert place in Logan County, died Beckley, W. Va. Sept. __, 1907 - m. May, d. of William and Polly Gannon Williams of Johns Creek, Pike Co. Ky. on August 6, 1851. 8 children. Jas. H. was an attorney and his two sons, Wm. H. and Doug when so inclined were attorneys; Wm. H. was Judge of Supreme Court for W. Va.
4. Samuel, b. August 28, 1830, d. _____ m. (first) July 14, 1859, Evoline, d. Jacob and Elvira Snuffer Harper, she born Feb. 5, 1840, dec. Dec. 29, 1869 - 5 children including Thomas Jefferson, long time Judge of the Criminal Court of Raleigh County.

Samuel married (second) November 10, 1870, Mrs. Louisa Vandervort, dau. William and Elizabeth Chambers. 6 Children.

Samuel married (third) October 14, 1900, Laura Wirt Keffer, daughter of Samuel and Mary Keffer.
5. Gordon, b. Nov. 14, 1833 - d. May 2, 1898.
married 4/16/1857 to Amelia, d. Rev. Andrew & Louise White Workman, she born Nov. 24, 1838, died Sept. 2, 1900. 7 children.
6. Thomas Jefferson, b. Nov. 9, 1835, died Sept. 2, 1908, married 10-16-1866 Nancy H., d. Rev. Andrew and Louise White Workman, she born May 15, 1842, died March 2, 1898. *A Sons - 1. Dau.*

Aubrey O. Smith
Box 102, Beckley, W. Va.

1762
1761
JAMES MCGINNIS married Sarah Davis.

Children:

1. Sarah married first, a Fugate, second a Johnson.
2. Samuel
3. John
4. Edmund married Sarah Bryan of Rockingham County, Va.
5. James
6. Achilles (Judge Ben McGinnis ancestor)
7. Pyrrhus

Above information contained in a letter to Judge William H. McGinnis, Beckley, W. Va. dated July 6, 1929 from Mrs. Eileen (McGinnis) Higbee, (husband Paul) of Kirksville, Mo. who was a descendant of Edmund. She mentioned John B. McGinnis of County Antrim.

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Paulina Hensley married James T. Williams of Pike County, Ky., son of William Williams, born in North Carolina in 1785, died in Ky. in 1862 and Mary (Polly) Gannon (1792-1883). William Williams was the son of James Williams, Revolutionary soldier, born in Va. in 1758, died 1832, and wife, Zela Norman. Polly Gannon was a daughter of William Gannon, born in Ireland in 1758, died in 1833?. His wife was a Trammel. Hence the James Trammel Williams. William drew a pension for his service in the Revolution.

James T. Williams and Paulina Hensley issue:

Achilles McGinnis, Gordon Hereford, William Henry, Melvin.
Nancy (married Jeff Maynard), Julie (married Rev. Henry Thompson, a Baptist preacher.

James T. Williams had a sister who married George Stump and one who married Allen Adkins.

Reference to letter from Mrs. Rex C. McCoy to Wm. H. McGinnis, Beckley, W. Va. Oct. 14, 1939. Mrs. McCoy was Truda Williams, daughter of James Trammel Williams, and grand-daughter of Achilles McGinnis Williams.

Aubrey O. Smith,
Box 102,
Beckley, W. Va.

Paulina, her sister, the wife who married William that had a brother, Stephen. ADS

noted similarity to names of the children of Pyrrhus McGinnis

McGINNIS

Cabell County, Virginia, was formed in 1809. The first McGinnis deed filed in the same year was from Edmund McGinnis to John Amoss. This Edmund was not emigrant who according to tradition settled in the area of Philadelphia but his son who frequently signed his name as Edmund, Junior. John Amoss appears to be his brother in law, who married in Cabell in 1811, Aresba McGinnis. This John Amoss lived only a short time, for in 1821, Aresba Amoss married Kelly Ferguson, deeds showing her to be the widow of John Amoss.

Several members of the McGinnis family came to this area: Samuel, Edmund, Phyrrus, Aresba and James, with John appearing infrequently in the deeds. They would appear to be the children of Edmund, Sr., if that was his name. Early administration of the estate of Margaret was signed by Edmund McGinnis, Jr. This Margaret was likely the widow of Edmond, Sr., who came to Cabell with her children. Of these brothers, Samuel, James and John are listed on the Revolutionary soldiers rolls. John lived in eastern Virginia.

Samuel was dead in 1826, when his estate was divided among the following: Eleanor Cardwell (married in Cabell county September 19, 1811 as Nellie McGinnis to Nathan Cardwell). She later married Matthew Richardson; second child of Samuel McGinnis, Sarah Fuller, married in Cabell December 24, 1812, Sylvester Fuller; third child, Eliza Hatton (married Cabell county Feb. 12, 1818, to Elijah Hatton; fourth child, Edmund, married Polly Hoagland of Washington county, Ohio; fifth child, John W. McGinnis; sixth, Martha wife of Skelton Poteet (married Cabell county, Oct. 23, 1831; seventh child, Achilles B., married Miriam Spurlock; eighth, Harriett (married August 17, 1833, Jacob Workman) See deed book 4, page 226, and deed book 7, page 385. 1833

James, one of the brothers, made declaration in Gallia county, Ohio, August 11, 1832, age 77 last July. Service enlisted from Philadelphia county, Pa. in the "Flying Camp" troop, Captain Valentine, Col. Mac Collister's regiment; battles, Long Island and wintered at Valley Forge. Was born within 26 miles of Philadelphia in July 1755.

Edmund, Jr., of the original brothers in the valley, married in Rockingham county, Va., Sally Bryan, daughter of Thomas. Owned much land in Cabell county and was Sheriff in 1827 leaving the county about that time for the west. In Cincinnati he signed papers that had to do with his service as sheriff. They were witnessed by Edmund, Jr. and Nancy McGinnis, probably his children? Other children were Ira and Allen. Allen married Eliza, daughter of William Holderby, Sr., and was the only child to remain in Cabell county when his family moved west. His children, nine in number, are ancestors of many of the McGinnis clan of the Cabell section.

PYRRHUS McGINNIS.

Pyrrhus married, first, in Cabell County, Virginia, Betsy Barnes on December 3, 1812. There were three daughters born of this marriage: Harriett, married James Mitchell; Mary J. married John N. Ridgeway and the third daughter, name not recalled, married a man by the name of Welch. The latter two lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Information by W. O. McGinnis, son of Achilles, Aug. 3, 1937, Beckley, W. Va.) Harriett had daughters and sons only names recalled being Lewis and John and daughter Lavelette. (WOMcG)

Case to Raleigh Co

This subject found on sheet earlier called

*Arthur O. Smith
Box 107 - Beckley, W. Va.*

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
March 8, 1975.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

First of all I want to say that I am indeed pleased to hear that you are coming "east" again and I hope you can spend some time here in Madison, but your letter is dated March 2 and you say you are leaving next Sunday, which is tomorrow, and no mail out of here until Monday evening, the 10th, so immediate communication is a problem. I would have liked to ask you and your friend to spend a night here as I have an empty bedroom with two single beds in it and a bath next to it. I think I have enough new material to keep you occupied into the wee small hours.

I will also alert Dave Turner who covers a narrower field than I do and as a consequence does better work than I. Having no duties and responsibilities I can also double as a chauffeur. My accommodations are not quite up to Waldorf Astoria standards but I think you would both live through them, and my breakfast cooking.

As to the information you request, I do not know the maiden name of Nancy M., wife of Dr. Hugh Bryan. He was from Allegheny County, Va., and I think he married before coming to Logan.

The wife of John Claypool was Rebecca Shaver and I am quite certain they were married in Greenbrier County. The Claypools moved there before coming to Logan County.

I have no information about Harriet, wife of James P. Mitchell, or Harriet, wife of Thomas Burgess.

Amy, wife of William Ellis, was a daughter of Francis and Tabitha (Vance) Browning. I presume you know that Tabitha was the daughter of Abner and Susannah (Howard) Vance, the same abner who was hanged in 1817 for killing Dr. Horton,

Nancy, the wife of William Dempsey, was a daughter of John Vannatter, early settler in Logan, mentioned by Ragland as being from the valley of the south branch of the Potomac. I do not know the name of his wife.

Martha, wife of Andrew Dempsey, was a daughter of James and Rachel Starr. James was married twice, his first wife being Rachel, daughter of Emile Millard, who may have been the same person as Embly Miller, occasionally mentioned in early records from the Tug Fork section.

Alena, wife of Joseph Dempsey, was a daughter of the Abner and Susannah (Howard) Vance mentioned above. She was also the

grandmother of Hiram Dempsey, father of Jack Dempsey, my favorite prize fighter.

I recently had a letter from Mrs. Fowler and apparently she had talked to the publisher after she wrote to you, as he had told her ~~he~~ would publish her material. I do not know the person who is publishing the Logan 1850 census, but I doubt if it has the extensive genealogical notes that Mrs. Fowler has in her version. We compared notes some time ago. I have added a good many items since then and presume she has done the same.

Mrs. Fowler and her family stopped here very briefly last, on their way back to Roanoke from a relatives funeral. I would have liked to have them stay longer as I wanted to talk to her about many things. She talks in the same breezy way that she writes, and is a likeable person.

Your new stationary just slays me.

Sincerely

Lucius Clafser

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SPONK

March 26, 1975

Dear Mr. Olafson,

Where else but at 507 Kanawha
could one find such a cordial,
knowledgeable host, a first-rate genealogical
library, and ideal living accommodations
all rolled into one!

Both Ruth and I sincerely appreciate
your hospitality and thoughtfulness. I
only wish that we had had more time
for discussion.

When I return home, I shall send
the items promised.

Again, with many thanks,
Agnes Pearlman

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
April 25, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Since returning home I have had house guests and the accompanying entertainment which one expects with it. My husband's sister flew back to New York yesterday; and before the next group arrives later this evening, I am trying to write a few notes.

In my waiting mail when I arrived home were the photocopies from Boone County Court-house. I sent them a check for the charges immediately. Earlier today I wrote to David Turner and sent him transcriptions of the Cass County, Michigan, 1850 and 1860 census entries for the Hinchman families. Also photocopies from the BURFORD GENEALOGY and from a BRANCH FAMILY OUTLINE.

Enclosed for you are abstracts of the pages from the WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY pertaining to those who settled in southern West Virginia. The material, although fuzzy in spots, is about the best my copying machine can do. The machine is a cast-off from my husband's office. It functions beautifully for four or five copies per week. I also photocopied the errata pages.

You will find your correspondence with Mr. Smith returned herewith. I made copies for my records and believed that you would like to have yours so that your correspondence would be complete. Coincidentally, his McGINNIS family notes contain the answer to one of the questions I had asked and which you need for your Logan County 1850 Census annotations. Harriet, wife of James P. Mitchell in Family #32 of 1850 Logan County Census was the daughter of Betsy (Barnes) and Pyrrhus McGinnis. James P. Mitchell's second wife was Jane Lewis, whom he married 6 Sep. 1855, in Raleigh County, W. Va. I could not find them on the 1860 Raleigh County Census and wonder if you have them on your 1860 Logan or Wyoming records. I might mention that Mr. Smith attributes some of Jane's children to Harriet--or so I believe. The 1860 census should clarify this point. I have written to one of the granddaughters of Jane (Lewis) and James P. Mitchell who is living in Barboursville to obtain additional data on the two sets of children.

In regard to the matter of Nancy Dingess: The answer to her lack of interest in the later estate settlement of William Dingess was found in Cabell County, West Virginia, Deed Book 3, Page 631, for 25 March 1823. "Nancy Dingess, widow and relict of William Dingess, late of the County of Cabell, Dec'd. . . . of first part . . . and Peter Dingess Sen. of same County^{2nd part} party of first part is entitled as the widow of her late husband to Dower in certain tracts of lands . . . she . . . has instituted against John Dingess and against the heirs of William Dingess her late husband Dec'd her two certain actions the one in Chancery in the County of Cabell . . . other in Superior Court . . . being desirous on the part of his brothers and sisters to compromise and settle for \$1200.00 . . . she has sold, conveyed, released and quit claimed to second party all right title and claim she may have to Dower--also relinquishes claims of and benefits in judgment against late husband for alimony, . . ." There is much other information in papers, but since I was there in Cabell County Courthouse at a time when copying facilities were not available, I simply had to make abstracts. There were such exclusions as "claims for rents which she keeps," etc.

Mr. Sigfus Olafson

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April 25, 1975

Although I did not find the Chambers marriage record which would have proved the name of Hannah Doarn rather than Thorn, I shall continue to search for it on microfilm when I have the opportunity.

In the probate Order Book A, page 3, of Logan County, West Virginia, fiscal books, there was the following entry for Monday 8 Feb. 1886: "A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Leander Doarn Chambers deceased was this day presented in open Court, and the signature of the said Leander Doarn Chambers thereto being fully proven by the oaths of T. C. Whited and L. C. White . . ."

Once all my house guests depart, I should have time to completely sort my notes and send any other material I promised. I decided, however, to forward the enclosed without further delay.

Again may I take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful hospitality and marvelous help while I was in your home recently. As always, you were especially generous with your time and talents.

Sincerely,

Agnis

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

*I do hope you will
honor us with a visit one
of these days -*

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
May 6, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Your letter of April 25th and the materials you sent with it arrived quite some time ago and I especially appreciate your sending the Workman family history. I have been away some and otherwise occupied so I let Dave Turner have it and he returned it yesterday. It is his opinion, and mine too from the little study I have given it, that there are many errors and omissions with respect to the early members of the family, but the material relating to the later ones seems to be quite accurate and has much valuable information.

On April 23 my son in New York and his 16 year old daughter, clad in the latest New York style (faded and patched blue jeans, with patches on the patches), came from New York to see me and spent five days. They were soon followed by my daughter, her husband, two children, and two dogs, so we had a houseful, seven of us, but I can bed that many by sleeping on the living room couch. All left on April 27.

Last week I attended the Spring meeting of the W. Va. Antiquities Commission at Morgantown, and also went to Wheeling and Moundsville on some archaeological business, all of which took three days.

Tomorrow morning I leave for a three day meeting of the Society for American Archaeology at Dallas, Texas, May 8-9-10, and then, either on the evening of the 10th or morning of the 11th I will fly to Houston where my other son lives. He was transferred there from Cleveland last summer and has just built a new house that he is anxious to show off. And best of all, the grandson from Colorado will be there with his wife and the great-grandson. The last mentioned is now the apple of my eye for he is out of the baby stage and not old enough to have gotten nasty.

What occasions this letter is mostly that I have been looking through our correspondence file, which has now reached respectable dimensions, and I see that you have asked many questions which I have carelessly failed to answer. I will have to get into that when I return.

Sincerely

Suzanne Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
May 19, 1975

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

You would certainly have been pleased to see the enthusiasm with which your contribution of books was greeted by members of the Orange County California Genealogical Society. Several of the researchers made a point of coming over to tell me how pleased and delighted they were, and one of them found ~~one~~ book an "absolute gold mine." The Society's library is now located in a beautiful new building, and the books are available daily. Again, may I extend heartfelt thanks for your generosity.

Indeed, our correspondence file is quite voluminous; and I appreciate every letter. May the file continue to grow!

I am pleased that David Turner was able to make use of the Workman family abstracts. I agree with both of you that there are many errors and omissions with respect to the early West Virginia generations. In fact, since we last discussed the possibilities for reconstructing those early families, I have acquired more information which sheds light on several of the members of the family. Have I mentioned to you that I believe the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (??McNeely) Elkins was the son of the Joseph Workman who died in Wyoming County, who also had a wife Elizabeth--probably the second or even third wife of the latter Joseph.

Back to our correspondence and whatever questions you feel have gone unanswered. Please do not concern yourself with them at this time. Since having had access to your files on my trips East, most have undoubtedly been answered. Any questions which remain will become apparent to me as I prepare some of my material for publication. --at which time you will probably receive an urgent request for help.

Tomorrow I expect to obtain a fresh supply of photocopy paper and shall send you my index to Ragland's LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY. Also on current order is the micro-film for Monroe County marriages, from which I hope to obtain the answer to the Chambers/Thorn/Doran dilemma.

If you are ever able to spare (temporarily) a copy of your various census books, we could make photocopies for the Society library. Having such records available here on the west coast would be wonderful. I might also be able to make additions from material on hand but not with me when I travel.

I do hope you enjoyed your Texas meeting and the visit with members of your family.. It's wonderful that the Colorado branches of the family tree were able to join you there.

Sincerely,

Agnes

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
May 26, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman:
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have been on the move much of this month, Antiquities Commission meeting May 1 to 3, then left on the 7th for an archaeological meeting, 8th to 10th inclusive, then on to my son's in Houston where his family, consisting of his English wife and mother-in-law, himself, and an Abyssinian cat, the meanest cat I ever saw, awaited me, also the grandson from Colorado, his wife (she is a Guamanian, if you know what that is), and the one and only great-grandson, who is now nearly two years old. He did not seem much impressed by a mere great-grandfather and had pressing affairs on his mind that took up most of his time elsewhere, but it was still nice to see the little rascal. I flew back on the 14th and got home late.

On the 18th I drove to Wheeling, W. Va. for a meeting of the directors of our archaeological society, and the next day I went on to a nature reserve owned by Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, about 70 miles east of that city. A group of archaeologists had been invited there for a conference on rock art, meaning carving, painting, or doodling on rocks, by primitive people. Fifteen had been invited there as guests of the museum, one from South Africa, one from Australia, one from Italy, one from Canada, one from Sweden by the way of Canada, and ten from the United States, and we ate high on the hog while there, and don't ask me how I came to be invited for I don't know. I got home late on the 23rd, dog tired. I am now trying to take off the four pounds I added at this gathering.

I am glad your library liked the books. They were of little use to me because hardly any of the people in this area have their ancestral roots in that part of Virginia. I have another book here, Livelys of America, that I have little use for, and I doubt if you took a look at it while you were here. It has 892 pages and is not indexed - and what a job that would be - and seems to me to be pretty much of a hodge-podge. It starts out in Virginia about 1690 and spreads in all directions. If you want it for your library I will send it to you, but don't say you have not been warned.

I have been corresponding occasionally with Mrs. Judith (Foster) Voss, 3844 Mayfield Ave., La Crescenta, Cal. 91214, some of whose ancestors are from Boone County, and recently she sent me a 47 page typed manuscript relating to the Asbury family, by H. C. Holtzclaw of the University of Richmond. It is well written and very well documented and though the author did not know that some his Asburys had gotten into Boone County I had no difficulty in relating the ancestors of Mrs. Voss to

those in the manuscript, which carries the family back to the mid-1600's, and perhaps farther. I think Asbury is not an uncommon English name and there may have been early ones in New England, but if anyone is looking for the early ones in Virginia I think this manuscript is the place to find them.

I think I partly straightened out for Mrs. Voss her Perry ancestry. This comes through William Perry who was living in Logan County in 1840. He had married Ann Brook, daughter of Richard Brook of present Wyoming County, and around the mid-1840's they moved to Nicholas County, and in the 1850's to Boone County, where they spent the rest of their days. It is possible that when William Perry lived in Logan in the 1840's he was in the part that later became Wyoming as that was where his wife's family lived. I am not certain about his relationship to the other Perrys.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
June 24, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I was just looking at my recent correspondence and noticed that in your letter of May 19 you asked if I would ever be able to spare my census books so that you could make photocopies for your library, and I did not reply to that. Of course I will, but they are not quite ready. I have so far completed the four pertaining to Logan-Mingo counties except for the forewords or introductions, also 1850 and 1860 for Boone. I have just about completed rewriting 1870, the earlier one being just about worn out. The one for Boone 1880 is so butchered up now with pencilled notes that I will have to retype it, but that will come later.

I have talked to both the Library of West Virginia University and the W. Va. Archives in our capitol and both want my material and will microfilm or xerox it, or both. I hope I can have that done in a month. The little Community College at Logan has xeroxed the first one relating to Mingo-Logan, but that is just a matter of taking them there for they do that very rapidly. I may also speak to the library at Marshall University in Huntington to see if they want to make microfilm or xerox copies for their historical library.

A correspondent of mine in Utah has told the L. D. S. library what I am doing and I have a letter from the librarian asking permission to make copies, and this I will do in due time. This does not mean that you will have to wait until all of this is done, but I think I should take care of the Archives and the W. Va. U. library first. I should have said that the L. D. S. library mentioned above is the one in Salt Lake City, but you surely know that.

In my letter of May 26 I mentioned Livelys of America, a book I do not regard very highly, and offered to give it to your library, if you want it, but evidently you did not take the bait for you did not mention it.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
June 26, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Until your letter of June 24 arrived today, I did not realize that I had failed to respond to your letter of May 26--although I must confess that I feel hopelessly behind in my correspondence.

First, if you still have the book, Livelys of America, available for contribution to our library, I am sure it would be gratefully received.

Enclosed is copy of the Society's May President's Letter. On the recent accessions page you will notice reference to your donation of the Bell books. I assume that you also received official acknowledgment from the secretary of librarian. Everyone interested in Virginia research (of whom there are many) was delighted with these additions to our library. The new quarters are superb.

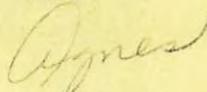
All of us will look forward to making the copies of your West Virginia Census records. I thank you for including us among those who will receive copies for that purpose.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I could check for you on the microfilmed records which we have available here.

Speaking of records: Although I have searched a number of the southwestern Virginia/West Virginia marriage registers, I have not found anything which would clarify the Chambers--Thorn/Doarn marriage. I shall certainly notify you of any findings.

Best wishes for a most pleasant summer.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S.: Enclosed is photocopy of Ragland's LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY index which I prepared sometime ago--and promised to you months ago.

Also, since it might be an extended period before your census notes arrive, could you check them to see if you have the answers of any of the questions on the enclosed sheet. Thanks so much!

Maiden name of wife of John D. MITCHELL #9 Logan Co. 1850 & #238/246 Logan Co. 1860:

Martha A. _____

Maiden name of wife of George Kinder #108 Boone Co. 1850:

Mary _____

Parents of the William Lee Barker who married Dorcas Workman #259 Logan Co. 1850:

Name of mother of Mitchell Evans who married Mary Ann Workman:

Do you know the parents of the Milton Browning who married Louisa White? She was the daughter of Matilda Workman and Micajah Goodwin White, and she was born ca. 1857.:

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 2, 1975

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

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

The book Livelys in America, 1690-1968 is being mailed to you at the same time as this letter. It has practically nothing applicable to my immediate area of interest but as it deals with Lively families in several states it does touch upon other families and one can never tell what that may lead to.

Anyway, I hope it will be more useful in your library than it has been to me.

Sincerely

Sydney Olafson

Maiden name of wife of John D. MITCHELL #9 Logan Co. 1850 & #238/246 Logan Co. 1860:

Martha A. Massey

Maiden name of wife of George Kinder #108 Boone Co. 1850:

Mary Not known

Parents of the William Lee Barker who married Dorcas Workman #259 Logan Co. 1850:

Joseph & Jane Barker, came from Montgomery Co., both b. 1795

Name of mother of Mitchell Evans who married Mary Ann Workman:

Mitchell Evans was b. Ashe Co., N. C. son of Wm. & Mary Evans.
maiden name of mother unknown, parents did not come here, as
far as I know.

Do you know the parents of the Milton Browning who married Louisa White? She was
the daughter of Matilda Workman and Micajah Goodwin White, and she was born ca. 1857.:

see below

William and Rebecca (Toler) Browning had a son, William Chapman
Browning (in the 1870 census as Chapman Browning and 1880 as
Chap Browning) who married Jane, daughter of Joseph and Nancy
(Evans) Hatfield. Among their children was Milton G. Browning
who married Louisa, daughter of Micajah G. and Matilda (Workman)
White. This has been checked with David A. Turner who got his
information from Hursie M. White, nephew of Louisa.

As to Martha A. Massey, first above, there were masseys in
Raleigh County before 1850. This Marth and her husband, John
D. Mitchell, later moved to Raleigh, suggesting a relationship.

In Boone census records the age of Louisa White is shown as 1 in
1860, 11 in 1870, and 21 in 1880, indicating she was born ~~1849~~,
not 1857 as shown above. 1859

There were two Dorcas Workmans and at times I have gotten them
confused. The other was a daughter of John and Jane (Moore)
Workman and Married John Dent of Boone County, son of William
and Mary Dent, who died in Andersonville Prison during the
Civil War. She later married Joseph A., son of Floyd and Rhoda
(Duncan) White, and lived in Boone County into the 1920's.

Sigfus Olafsen

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 7, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you for your note and the response to my questions.

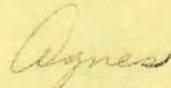
I was especially pleased to have the data on Milton G. Browning. In regard to his wife Louisa's birth date, you might be interested in the following. In the Boone County Birth Register, there are two separate entries for a daughter named Louisa born to Matilda and Micajah G. White (one spelling the father's name "Micahger"). The first entry lists her birth date as 27 May 1857; the second entry lists the birth date as 27 May 1858, although the latter is in the 1859 sequence of entries. Judging from your comments about her age on the 1860, '70, and '80 census records, it would appear that the correct date was 27 May 1859. Even though I think it highly unlikely that two consecutive births were on 27 May, it is possible that they had a child named Louisa in 1857 who died and that they gave the same name to the next born. At least, I have found that this is the case for several other children on whom I have complete records.

Enclosed are the abstracts I made last winter from the 1890 Special Census. I had delayed sending it because I had expected to review microfilm of the original to see how complete my abstracts are. I usually make a notation on my work so that I know, but somehow I overlooked doing so when I made these. I shall let you know after I have reviewed the microfilm.

Did I mention that we will soon be most fortunate in this area. The General Services Administration is opening a branch of the National Archives within a few miles of my home. Already they have installed the records for those states beginning with A through M. By fall they expect the installation to be complete. I am awaiting anxiously the Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina records--which will include the 1900 census.

It seems that I can't end a letter without another question. Do you have the parents of the James Browning in household #486 in Logan County 1850 census?

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

July 9, 1975

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Just a card to let you know that THE LIVELYS OF AMERICA arrived today. Thanks so much.

It will be August before I can donate it to the genealogical society, but you may be sure I shall do so at the first opportunity.

Sincerely,

Agnes Paulman

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison
West Virginia 25130

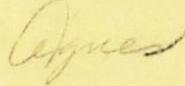
2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 16, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

You may not wish to clutter your files with the enclosed letter and notes. I forward them to you, however, since they reflect some of my most recent thoughts on the WORKMAN family.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

My July 16 correspondence to Mr. Ralph H. Sayre enclosed.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 16, 1975

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

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

July 16, 1975

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~~ expressions 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,

Agnes B. Pearlman

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

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

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

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

POSSIBLE WORKMAN FAMILY LINEAGE: ALTERNATE ONE

(July 16, 1975 evaluation)

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

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:

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

Children of Phoebe & Joseph Workman would then be:

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

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

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

Children of James were possibly:

1. James, born 1770-1780
2. Joseph, born ca. 1780 (if #1 in Daniel/Nimrod family non-existent)
3. Male born 1784-1794
4. Female born 1784-1794
5. Female born 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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July 19, 1975

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Y
Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

More verbiage on the WORKMAN connections.

By the way, I have continued to search for an answer to the CHAMBERS--DOARN/THORN dilemma but with no success.

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Letter of July 19, 1975, to Mrs. William Hager

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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.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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

507 Kanawha Ave.,
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July 27, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

My thanks for the copies of your letters to Mr. Sayre, dealing with problems relating to Workman family history, which I enjoy even though I can contribute little towards their solution. Perhaps if we throw all the Workman data into one pot and fish out the individuals, one by one, we can eliminate enough of them to simplify problems relating to the remaining ones.

With that in mind I want to mention one that has had little notice in Anderson's Workman Family History, or elsewhere, this being Thomas Workman. The marriage of Thomas Workman and Sarah Deskins is recorded in Tazewell County, Virginia, Nov. 24, 1805. Some have read her name as Dickerson but I am inclined to go along with Deskins because it was a common name in the area.

The beginning corner of the Dingess & French 600 acre survey, on Spruce Fork of Little Coal River, made in 1809, is described as being "near Thomas Workman's Improvement".

The 1850 census of Boone County lists a family consisting of Thomas Workman, age 78, born in Pennsylvania, his wife, Sarah Workman, age 67, born in Virginia, and Harvey Workman, age 31, apparently their son. The visitation number is 437.

The Boone 1850 census also lists as family number 252 Joseph McNeely, his wife Martha, age 37, and their children, Rhoda, 14, Louisa, 12, Andrew, 10, Wilson, 8, and Martha, 4. This Joseph McNeely must have died about 1855 as among the Boone County marriages listed in the library of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, on August 31, 1857, is the marriage of his widow, Martha, to Dr. Alexander Church. He was a native of ~~Massachusetts~~ ^{NEW HAMPSHIRE}, born 1788, a son of A. & P. Church. ^{of Mass.}

Family No. 628 in the 1860 census of Boone County consists of Alexander Church, age 72, physician, age 72, his wife Martha, age 48, and Sarah Workman, age 76. Her age is so close to that of Sarah, wife of Thomas Workman in the 1850 census, that I feel she is the same person. What all this seems to tell us is that Thomas and Sarah Workman had a daughter Martha who married Joseph McNeely; that after his death she married Dr. Church; that after the death of her father, Thomas Workman, her mother ~~Martha~~ ^{SARAH} came to live with them. In the Boone 1867 census the birthplace of this Sarah Workman is shown as Halifax County, Virginia.

From the above it seems to be very likely that the Thomas and Sarah Workman who were in Boone County were the same

Thomas Workman and Sarah Deskins who were married in Tazewell county in 1805. His age is comparable to that of the elder Workmans of this area, and this, together with the fact that he was born in Pennsylvania, came here from Tazewell County, and lived in close proximity to other Workmans, is strongly indicative of close relationship with them.

The Thomas Workman Improvement, mentioned in the Dingess and French Survey in 1809, was about 4 miles south of Madison, and the lay of the land suggests that it was on the east side of Spruce Fork. Since this stream was in Kanawha County until 1809, and thereafter until 1824 the line between Cabell and Kanawha, one would expect to find him in one or the other of these counties. However, he does not appear in the 1810 census of Kanawha, or the 1810 tax list of Cabell. Apparently then he left Spruce Fork and went elsewhere. He seems to have been absent from this area for quite a few years, and then to have returned to where several Workman families were living on Pond Fork.

I am as yet uncertain about his children. Quite surely the Martha who first married Joseph McNeely and later Dr. Alexander Church, was a daughter, and the Harvey Workman who was with Thomas and Sarah Workman when the 1850 census was taken, was a son. It seems likely that David Workman, who in 1850 was living next door to Thomas and Sarah, was their son. There was also a Robert Workman here in 1850 that I once thought might be a son but it now appears certain that he was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman, as listed by Mr. Sayre. There is a James M. Workman, age 23, in the Boone 1850 census who lived not far from Thomas and Sarah, and whose parentage is unknown.

I have a hunch that Thomas and Sarah might have moved back to Tazewell after a brief stay in this area around 1809, and then later to the Workman "settlement" on Pond Fork, but so far this is no more than a hunch. However, their daughter Martha, born 1812, wife of Dr. Alexander Church, gives her birthplace as Tazewell in the 1860 census of Boone. The David Workman mentioned above, born 1822, also gives his birthplace as Tazewell.

I mention these things with the thought that we might be able to segregate a few of the individuals from the herd, and perhaps we can do that with many of the others.

Sincerely

Jeffrey R. Olson

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July 29, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I first want to tell you that I sent a copy of my letter to you, of the 27th, to Mr. Sayre, though I failed to mark that properly on the one I sent you.

This letter will pertain to the family of John Workman, who on page 643 of Anderson's Workman Family History is listed as of unknown parentage. It is apparent that Anderson did not get much reliable information about this family from her informants. I have in previous letters mentioned his daughter, Dorcas White, who said he was a son of James Workman, one of the Workman brothers who came to the island at Logan in 1793. As far as I have been able to learn this John Workman never did live on Pond Fork or anywhere else in Boone County. He lived on Garrett Fork of Big Creek which heads against tributaries of Hewett Creek, a stream that lies partly in Boone and partly in Logan County.

I am sure you know that this John Workman married Jane Moore, daughter of George and Margaret Moore. In the 1860 census of Boone County Jane gives her birthplace as Bath County, Virginia. John Workman died in Logan County at some time prior to 1850, and in the 1850 census of Logan County his widow and children are listed as follows:

260 Jane Workman	51	
Margaret "	24	
George "	21	Mar. Mariah, dau. William & Hannah (Huffman) McNeely
Virginia "	18	" Isaac R., son Geo. W. & Nancy (Farley) Ferrell
Tuncil "	16	" Lucy Ann, dau. Wm. & Hannah (Huffman) McNeely
Mary (Nancy?) W. "	18	
Mary J. "	14	
Dorcas "	12	" 1. John, son Wm. & Mary Dent. Mar. 3-17-1858
		" 2. Joseph, s. Floyd & Rhoda (Duncan) White
William "	10	" Judah Cath., d. Willis & Judah Brinkley ?
Benjamin "	8	" Rebecca, d. Joseph & Delilah (Comer) Ball
Valentine	2	

In the above the names and ages are taken from the 1850 census and the remainder from other sources.

I also have what I regard as reliable evidence that there was a daughter Ann who married a widower, Greenville Nelson, who lived on the part of Hewett Creek in Boone County, no great distance from where John and Jane Workman lived. In the Boone County census of 1850 she is shown as 26 years old and there is a 2 year old child, Valentine. This must be the same 2 year old Valentine that is listed above with Jane Workman. This Ann (Workman) Nelson must have died about 1857-8, as her youngest child was born in 1856 and her husband, Greenville Nelson, remarried in 1859.

It will be seen that the 1850 census list does not list all the children of John and Jane Workman that were listed by Anderson, nor does Anderson list all of those shown in the census. We do not have the age of John Workman but it was probably near that of his wife Jane, who was born in 1799. It is possible that some of the older children, beside Ann, were married and had left home when the 1850 census was taken.

At some time in the 1850's Jane Workman moved from Logan to Pond Fork in Boone County, settling some 4 or 5 miles from present Van, which was in the lower part of the area where so many of her husband's relatives lived. In the 1860 census of Boone County her household appears as follows:

195	Jane Workman	61	b.	Bath Co.
	William "	21	"	Logan
	Benjamin "	18	"	"
	Louisa "	11	"	Boone
	Valentine Nelson	12	"	"
	Nancy Jane "	8	"	"
	Ruhama "	6	"	"

The three Nelsons were children of Jane Workman's deceased daughter Ann, now making their home with their grandmother. I might add that in 1870 Jane Workman was living with her son Benjamin Workman, on Hewett Creek, not many miles from her former home. She died in 1879.

As to the 11 year old Louisa listed with Jane Workman in 1860, as shown above, she must be a granddaughter but I do not know anything about her parentage.

The 1850 census of Logan lists a daughter Margaret in the family of Jane Workman. I do not know what became of her.

The son George moved to Nicholas County, W. Va. during or soon after the Civil War. He had, as noted by Anderson, married Mariah McNeely, but I know nothing about their children, or children he may have had by a subsequent marriage, except what Anderson says.

The son Tuncil Price Workman married Lucy Ann, daughter of William and Hannah(Huffman) McNeely and their children were as follows:

Harriet C. Workman,	b.1860,	M.1.Marshall, s. Wm. & Mary Chambers.
		M.2.Robert, son of Thos.& Eliz.(vance)Hunter
Scott	"	1862, died young
James	"	1864, died 1868
Monarcha	"	1867, mar.Wm.B.,s.Joel Jr.& Marg. (Auxier) Estep
Theora J		1869, m.Tuncil Clay,s.Thompson & Eliza Workman (Eliza was dau. of John & Sarah Vannatter)
Ellsworth	"	1873 m.Nancy Ann,d.Wm.& Adeline(McNeely)Gibson
Charles	"	1877 m. Martha, d. James & _____ Elkins
Eliza	"	1876 died young
Oscar French	"	1879

Virginia, daughter of John and Jane (Moore) Workman, as noted above, married Isaac Raeburn, son of George and Nancy (Farley) Ferrell, and at least for a while lived on the part of Hewett Creek that lies within Boone County. I have a record of two of their children, Sarah J. A., born 1854, and Benjamin, born 1856. Virginia died in 1867. There may have been more children but I have no further record of this family.

The daughter Dorcas married John Dent, March 3, 1858 and they lived on Dent Branch of Meadow Fork, a Boone County tributary of Hewett Creek. John Dent enlisted in a unit that became Co. A of the 7th W. Va. Cavalry. He was captured at Jackson River Bridge, Dec. 19, 1863, and died in Andersonville Prison Sept 11, 1864. There was one child of this marriage, Virginia Dent, born 1859, whom I knew quite well. She married Gilbert Ball and had several children, among them Floyd Kenna Ball, whom I have mentioned several times as having been land agent for our company, and I was associated with him for many years.

Dorcas (Workman) Dent, widow of John Dent, about 1866 married Joseph White, son of Floyd and Rhoda (Duncan) White. Their children, as far as I know, were Benjamin R. born 1867, died young; Robert B., b. 1870, died 1892; Chloe, born 1874; William B., b. 1876, Lorenzo, b. 1877, and Willard, born 1879. I was personally acquainted with with Willard.

William Workman, son of John and Jane (Moore) Workman, married Judah Catherine, daughter of Willis and Judah Brinkley. They Had one child, Columbia, born 1868. Here I must confess a little uncertainty; there were several William Workmans and I have been told that this one was a son of John and Jane, but at the moment I cannot lay my hands on any documentary proof confirming this.

Benjamin H. Workman, the youngest son of John and Jane (Moore) Workman, married Rebecca C., daughter of Joseph Jr. and Delilah (Comer) Ball. Their children were Sella, b. 1871; Winford, b. 1873; Charles, b. 1875; and Electra, b. 1877. Benjamin H. Workman died in 1879, the same year as his mother, Jane (Moore) Workman, who was living with him at the time of her death.

This completes a list of all of the children and grandchildren of John and Jane (Moore) Workman, as far as I know them. I have gone into considerable detail because in Workman Family History Anderson went into considerable detail in dealing with certain members of this family, some of which is not in accord with what I believe to be the true record.

I realize that this is not closely related to the problems that you and Mr. Sayre are trying to solve, but nevertheless it is another bunch of Workmans that can be stashed away as not involved in these problems.

Sincerely

CC to Mr. Sayre



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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 ~~have~~ not taken the time to see if she was missing from the McNeely 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 1920's by Mrs. Anderson's mother from the grandson of the Joseph who married Elizabeth McNeely: namely, William #4886, 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 Nancy _____ and Joseph Workman, their parents, seem to have died by shortly after 1800.

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When I say that William's knowledge of his great-aunts and great-uncles would have been fairly accurate, place the emphasis on "fairly." Usually the grand-nephew or grand-niece knows the names of at least those of his grand-uncles and grand-aunts especially loved by his or her parents or of those who have caused trouble or consternation in the family or of those for whom someone was named. He or she often forgets the names of those who died many years previously or "moved away" if none of the above-named criteria existed. It seems that the Boone County information is most accurate for those individuals most closely related to 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. ~~XXXXX~~ The informant in this case was Alderson, born in 1830 (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 Anderson probably provided the approximate dates which prove to be so misleading. Rather than Phoebe moving in company with her brother Jacob, I believe that she and Moses followed Jacob to the area. Between census years any of them could have moved back and forth across the river. I have not done

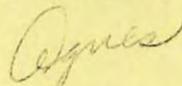
I have not done research in Boyd and some of the other Kentucky counties across the river but know that the distances even in the early years could be measured in the minutes. Because of the terrain, today one can go from Huntington to Wayne to Louisa, visiting briefly in each place and still be back 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 Mrs. 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, Leif, Leij-- Leif?

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.*

Agnes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In finally completing my census profile of the Workmans in all southern West Virginia Counties plus Giles and Tazewell Counties, Virginia, and Lawrence County, Kentucky from 1810 through 1850, I have been able to account for the eldest James Workman--although the following involves the most speculation of all. Starting with the 1810 Kanawha County, Virginia, census with James, Sr., as head of household born before 1765 with wife (probably Hannah) in the 1765-1785 range. The next two listed in the age 16-26 group I believe to be his son James, Jr., and James, Jr.'s, wife (in this case the enumerator having placed their ages in the wrong column). In addition to the John M. ~~1816~~ who married Jane Moore, I believe one of the "under 10" males to be the Joseph, Jr., who married Margaret. Joseph, Jr., along with perhaps one of the other children would be the child of James, Jr. In this case three generations would be making their home together (as we find in several instances in the 1850 census where the picture is clearer). Between 1810 and 1820, Hannah apparently died, and James, Sr., in 1820 must have been with his son, Joseph, who married the Reed's. James, Jr., and his wife have an 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.

August 3, 1975

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

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

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

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

Until next time,

Signed

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. Sayre:

I enclose a sketch of the Logan-Boone ^{boundary area} near which John and Jane (Moore) Workman lived until his death, and though Jane moved to Pond Fork she returned to this area to spend her last days with her son Benjamin, who lived on or near Meadow Fork. She must be buried somewhere in that area.

The purpose of this letter is to make some comments on your letter of July 24 to Mrs. Pearlman. I see that on page 1 you mention Nimrod Workman as an early Logan settler. As far as I know there is no evidence that such a person as Nimrod Workman existed at that time except what Ragland wrote more than a hundred years later. I admire Ragland and believe he set down faithfully what he was told, including some traditions that are positively wrong, and he did no research on his own. It seems clear to me that someone misinformed him as he does not mention Jacob Workman, whose presence in Logan as one of the three original Workmans there is well documented. I think the name of Nimrod should be dropped unless actual evidence is found that he existed. The one Nimrod who is mentioned in Logan came along much later.

On page 2 you mention Moses Workman and there I can perhaps do no more than add confusion to a confusing situation, but here I think consideration should be given to the geographical area of Logan County at various times. When organized in 1824 Logan included, beside its present area, all of present Mingo, Wyoming and Raleigh Counties, and substantial parts of Lincoln, Boone, Fayette, and McDowell. It extended from the Kentucky border to New River, and this was its extent when the 1830 census was taken. In the Logan 1830 census is a Moses Workman but he could have been living anywhere within this vast area.

I suspect he was living on Workman Branch, a tributary of Clear Fork of Big Coal River, which was then in Logan County, later in Fayette, and now in Raleigh, my suspicion stemming from the fact that he married Elizabeth Scarborough. This is a name entirely missing in all the early records of present Boone, Wyoming, Boggs, and Mingo, but Scarborough is a rather common name in Raleigh, Fayette region, and along New River. There is a little town in Fayette County called Scarborough.

Fayette County was formed in 1831 and beside part of its present present area took from Logan County all of present Raleigh except Slab Fork District. This district is in southwestern Raleigh and in no way affects the Workman picture. Thus when Fayette was formed Workman Branch was within its boundaries and remained there until Raleigh was formed early in 1850. I do not have the 1840 census of Fayette County but you say on page 2 that Elizabeth Workman appears in it as the head of a

household in Fayette County, which indicates quite clearly that husband Moses had either died or departed. When Raleigh County was formed in 1850 Workman Branch fell within it, and Elizabeth and some of her children are listed in the Raleigh census of that year. You suspect that this Moses was a son of Daniel Workman of Greenbrier County, and I think the above tends to support that theory.

To permit comparisons I have put the 1830 Moses Workman and his family on a sheet of graph paper, which is enclosed, and below that I have put the two Moses Workmans who appeared in the Logan 1840 census. When consideration is given to the ten year interval between these census periods it can be seen that the 1830 Moses Workman family does not match either of those in the 1840 census.

When the 1840 census was taken Logan County still included all of present Wyoming and all the portion of Boone where the Workmans lived. On the same sheet of graph paper I show the four Joseph Workman families that appear in the Logan 1840 census. This is something to play around with and see if one can properly segregate them.

On page 5 of your letter - I do not agree that James Workman ever lived in Charleston. In the Kanawha County census of 1810 his name is among people who lived on Big Coal River, but in that census the families are not always in a sequence related to the places where they lived. All local traditions place James at the mouth of James Creek, at present Bald Knob postoffice.

Workman

You have mentioned James Hewett several times and I have wondered why he had that second name of Hewett. Pioneer histories tell about an Indian raid on New River settlements in 1784 and of settlers pursuing the raiders, overtaking them at what is called Indian Gap in the head of Pond Fork, where the two groups fired at each other without any casualties. The next day the pursuit continued and the settlers were ambushed on Hewett Creek, one of their number, Richard Hewett, being killed. The pursuit continued and the settlers claimed that two Indians were killed on Guyandotte River, 2 miles below the island where the Workmans first settled, and seven more at the Falls of Guyandotte, near present West Hamlin.

I enclose a sketch showing Logan 1830 boundaries in red, superimposed on current county boundaries, and its 1840 boundaries in green, on the same sketch. These are intended to show the areas covered by Logan County census records of 1830 and 1840.

Sincerely

CCto Mrs. Pearlman

LOGAN 1830 CENSUS

	MALES											FEMALES										
	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 95	95 to 100			
MOSES WORKMAN	1		1	1													2		1			

LOGAN 1840 CENSUS

Moses Workman	1	2	1														2	1	1	
Moses Workman	1		1	1													2	1	1	
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[Reed] Joseph Workman	1	1	1	2				1										1	1	1
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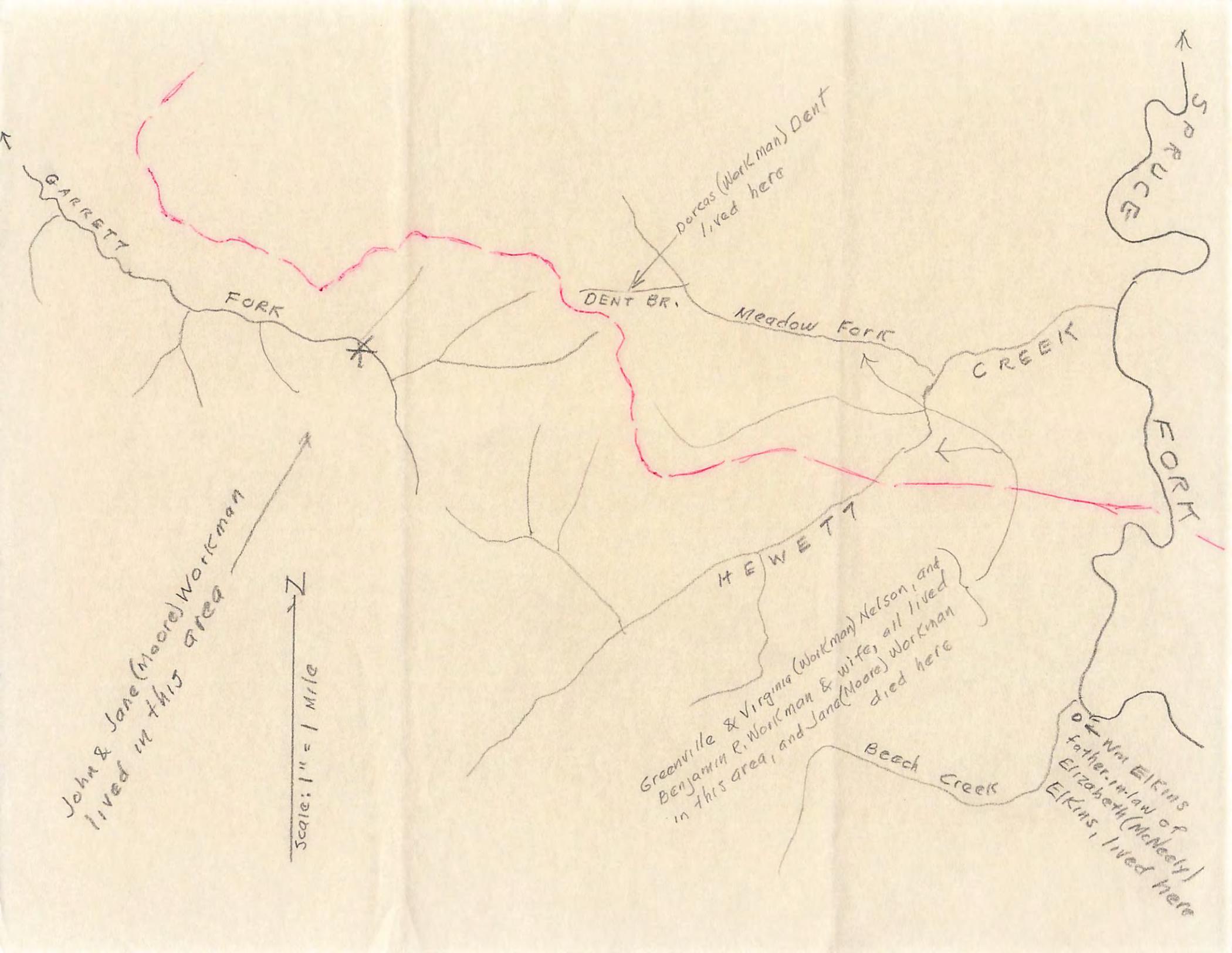


Present County Boundaries in pencil

Logan County 1830 Boundaries - in red

Logan County 1840 Boundaries - in green

Except for Slab Fork District Raleigh County was part of Fayette, 1831 to 1850
 Dates show when other counties were formed or areas were taken from Logan



GARRETT

FORK

DENT BR.

Dorcas (Workman) Dent
lived here

Meadow Fork

CREEK

SPRUCE

FORK

HEWETT

Greenville & Virginia (Workman) Nelson, and
Benjamin R. Workman & wife, all lived
in this area, and Jane (Moore) Workman
died here

Beech Creek

Wm Elkins
father-in-law of
Elizabeth (McNeely)
Elkins, lived here

John & Jane (Moore) Workman
lived in this area

Scale: 1" = 1 Mile

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Dear Mr. Olafson:

Before continuing with the Workman family discussion, I wish to let you know how much the genealogical society appreciated receiving THE LIVELEYS OF AMERICA. The preceding month our "Virginia Kin" group made use of it.

Also, I wish to give you some information I promised when I was last in West Virginia. If you recall, you allowed me to use some material which Mr. Aubrey Smith had collected on the McGinnis family. I can now offer you additions and corrections on the family groups of James P. Mitchell with his first wife, Harriet McGinnis, and his second wife, Jane Lewis. In Mr. Smith's notes, as I recall, he had an incomplete list of children and had attributed all of them to Harriet. Following is documented data:

James P. Mitchell, born ca. 1821 in Rockbridge County, Virginia, the son of
Isabella J. (?Gore) and Jordan D. Mitchell--married
1st: Harriet McGinnis, daughter of Betsy (Barnes) & Pyrrhus McGinnis
Their children were:

Manitta/Marcilla, born ca. 1844

Albert, born ca. 1847

Lewis, born ca. 1849

James P. Mitchell married 2nd: ^{6 September 1855 Raleigh Co., Va.} Jane Lewis, daughter of Jane, (Va.) & Charles Lewis
Their children were:

Buena Josephine "Jose", born ca. 1860, mar. 1880 John Henderson "Hence" Cook

Jane Lavett "Lav", born ca. 1861, mar. James Edward Browning, Sr.

John S., born ca. 1864, married _____ in Pittsburg, Pa.

Harriet Emaline "Emma", born 29 Apr. 1868, mar. 1885 Charles Franklin Vance

Henry Bascom, born ca. 1869

Elgin W., born ca. 1871, mar. 1) Anna Brooke Blankenship

2) Lillian Barnard

Marinda Alice, born ca. 1873, mar. 1897 Everett Ross Christian

James P. Mitchell died between 1873 and 1880. (Only Elgin & John were known by first names.)

I especially appreciated receiving the copy of maps which you made for Mr. Sayre. It was most helpful learning the relationship of the Slab Fork District to county boundary changes and will prove most helpful in understanding some of the connections of the Gore, Acord, and other Wyoming-Raleigh families. Even when I feel that I have a clear understanding of the various changes, I always find that I can learn from your descriptions since your knowledge of the minute details is so thorough.

Sorting out the various Joseph Workman's on the 1840 Logan County census is fairly easy, but establishing their parentage is another problem. Joseph with youngest male 10 to 15 is the husband of Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins; Joseph with one youngest male 0 to 5 is husband of Elizabeth Reed; Joseph with two males 0 to 5 is husband of Margaret _____; and Joseph, with youngest male 5 to 10 is husband of Mary Burgess. Have you any clues to the identity of Margaret?

Charles F., born 1863, apparently died young

I finally did check the household of Hannah and William McNeely and found that Mariah/Mary W. was no longer there in 1850, indicating that she had indeed already married George Washington Workman. This would seem to confirm that the extra Mary in the 1850 household of Jane Workman was her daughter-in-law.

Do you happen to know the maiden name of the wife of John Workman, #189 in 1850 Logan County census?

Considering the enclosures, I have probably written enough for one day. I just hope some of the more difficult questions will be answered shortly.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures (Today's letters to Mrs. Hager & Mr. Sayre)

P. S. Your most welcome letter of August 18 with additional information on the family of Polly (Ballard) and Abraham Workman arrived before I had sealed this one. As you will notice in my letter to Mrs. Hager, I questioned the listing of his place of birth as North Carolina. If, indeed, he is the brother of James Hewett Workman and Joseph Workman (of McNeely), then the birthplace of one child in North Carolina opens a whole new area of research. I had questioned my reading of the census listing; but if you interpreted it in the same manner, then that must have been what was intended. Or is it possible that his wife Polly was the one born in North Carolina. Certainly the Ballard family was a prolific one in North Carolina. The North Carolina Ballard's are collateral lines on my father's side.

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August 20, 1975

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Dear Cousin Janet:

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

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

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

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

Marinda Workman married 7 July 1832 John Ourey

I wonder if the same Marinda is involved? Since "Ourey" seemed to me an unusual name, I spent considerable time trying to find out if the name could have been Owey, Oney, Owsby, 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 ~~and 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,

Agnes
(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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

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Dear Cousin Ralph:

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

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

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

In your August 11 letter to Mr. Olafson, you discussed the Thomas Workman, born about 1772, who appears in the Boone County, Virginia, census of 1850 in household #437. There is no doubt in my mind that this is the same Thomas Workman who appears on the Tazewell County, Virginia, tax lists, and whose "improvement" ~~is~~ 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 woman: The Alleghany County which was mentioned as place of birth in the death record refers to Alleghany, Pa., not Va. The last time I checked the Wyoming County death register at the county seat--not on microfilm, it was clear that the abbreviation referred to Pennsylvania, not Virginia. This is also in conformity with the census reference to place of birth. Since Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, was not formed until 1788, he was probably born in that part of Washington County which became Alleghany. Joseph's closer ties to eastern West Virginia may have been through his mother's relatives rather than through his father. His mother, Hannah, might have been a Reed or Moore or someone connected to them. At the first opportunity, I hope to check western Pennsylvania marriage records. The answer to your Joseph's parents' identity is likely to be found there--whether Joseph and Hannah or James and Hannah.

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

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parents to the area.

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

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

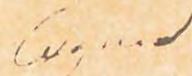
From Mrs. Whitman, quoting Greever's BURKES GARDEN: Margaret "Peggy" Workman married James Patton Thompson in 1810 in Kilmacronan, Washington County, Virginia. No parents were given.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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

cc: Mrs. Hager
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Mrs. Agnes Pearlman,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I spent most of last week on an archaeological "safari" with a local friend, and spent a night in Buckhannon, where Mr. Sayre lives. I gave him a ring, was asked to come out, but it was late, already dark, and I am too old to risk trying to find someone in the country at night.

You say in your letter of Aug. 4 that I said Virginia, wife of Isaac Raeburn Ferrell, was a daughter of James Madison Workman and his wife Cynthia. I must have said that when I typed until I was sleepy as I am then in just the right condition to make boobos. A daughter and son of James M. and Cynthia Workman married - a brother and sister of Isaac Raeburn Ferrell, which may be how I became confused. Isaac himself married Virginia, daughter of John and Jane (Moore) Workman, and after her death he married Cynthia, daughter of Sylvester and Rebecca (Ball) Conley. I have had that in my records for perhaps 40 years and still stick with it because I believe it is right.

When I came to Boone County 53 years ago one of the first people I met was Bill Workman, and a few years later, when I made a bank loan to build a home, he endorsed my note. If you will look at the top line on page 651 of Anderson's Workman Family History you will see him listed as 5374, W. Henry Workman. He is one of the few Workmans I have met who is interested in his ancestry and seems to know it well, not only the Workman line but others as well. He told me a long time ago that his great-grandparents in the paternal line were Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman, whose only son was James Madison Workman, but they had several daughters.

Bill still lives here and will soon be 86. His eyesight is poor but he still has his wits about him. I telephoned him a few minutes ago and he firmly verified the above. He said he and his son Bill Bruce went to Abrahams grave recently, which is on Spruce Fork three miles from Madison, with the intention of cleaning up the old cemetery, but found it so full of poison ivy that they decided to wait until the foliage died down some.

I asked him to name the daughters of Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman. He said one was Frances who married Tuncil Price. This can be documented and is family No. 433 in the Boone 1850 census and there is a host of descendants still in this area. The census shows Frances born 1809.

Another was Lucy, born 1813, who married Thomas Chandler. This is family No. 488 in the Boone 1850 census.

A third, whose name he did not remember, married a

McCormick and moved to Lens Creek in Kanawha County. They should be in the 1850 census of that county.

A fourth was Millie, who married Crispin I. Stone of Logan County and this is family No. 234 in the Logan census of 1850. It indicates that she was born in 1813. In records she appears as Mildred, Millie, and Melia.

A fifth daughter, Susan, married a Collins, probably George Collins. No such family appears in Boone County census records of 1850 or 1860, but George (b. 1820) and Susan (b. 1825, appear in the 1870 Boone census, but not in the one for 1880. Bill Workman thinks this may be his great-aunt but is uncertain about it.

It seems quite certain that there was a sixth daughter, Amanda, who married Mitchell C. Clay. They appear in the Boone 1850 census as family No. 424. I know little about this Mitchell C. Clay but the name suggests that he was a descendant of the Mitchell Clay of New River, part of whose family was massacred by Indians in colonial times. He appears as a captain of Boone Militia in 1847 and in the 1850 census. He patented a tract of land on Hewett Creek, a tributary of Spruce Fork, but thereafter disappears from Boone records.

Bill Workman thinks that Abraham and Mary Ballard Workman may have had as many as seven daughters. The 1830 census of Logan County, which then included the part of Boone County in which Abraham Workman lived, The 1830 census of Logan shows six young females in the household of Abraham Workman, but by that time the oldest daughter, Frances, was already married to Tuncil Price and had three children, which suggests that he may be right.

I questioned him about the parentage of Abraham Workman but he had no information about that. He said his father, Mandeville Clay Workman and John L. Workman recognized each other as relatives and thinks they may have been second or third cousins. John L. Workman was a son of Benjamin R. and Rebecca (French) Workman. Benjamin R. Workman was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman, and there I think you are getting into Mr. Sayre's branch of the Workmans.

As far as I can tell, Abraham Workman never lived in what is now Logan County. According to the Boone 1850 census he was born in North Carolina in 1782. He lived on Pond Fork for a good many years and a stream there called Big Abe Fork is said to have been named after him, but he spent his last years on Spruce Fork, living near his son in law, Tuncil Price.

James Madison Workman was known as Madison Workman. In the 1860 census of Boone he gives his birthplace as Kanawha County, which in a way is correct as he was born on Pond Fork which at the time of his birth, 1820, was in Kanawha. He spent all of his life in what is now Boone County. The Workman Family History lists 13 of his 14 children, but not in the order

of their age. It also has them born near Chatmansville, Boone County. This no doubt means Chapmanville which is in Logan County and at a time when post offices were scarce it may have been the family's post office. The family home was on Trace Fork of Big Creek, not far from the Logan County line.

I do have a fair record of most of the descendants of this family down to about 1880 and if you or Mr. Sayre want them I will list them for you, but I warn you that they would add many pages to a Workman history and most of the names would be other than Workman.

My brief telephone conversation with Bill Workman today was the first time I have discussed family history with him for many years. I will take some of my records there and see if they will bring back to his mind anything that might solve some of the Workman problems.

Incidentally, the mention of a Thomas Workman improvement in an 1809 survey does not mean that he was living on it then. He could have come there soon after his marriage, made a clearing, found out that land titles were questionable, which was the case, and then departed. The clearing, or "improvement" would have remained and could have served as a landmark for surveys in the area. Dingess & French made three surveys in the area in 1809, were unable to get a patent for one of them, and did not get a patent for another for nearly ten years.

Sincerely



CC to Mr. Sayre

P. S. The Workman Family History has James Madison Workman as a son of Robert Workman, which is positively wrong.

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Dear Mr. Olafson:

As I mentioned in my last postscript, your letter of August 18 arrived just before I had sealed mine of August 20.

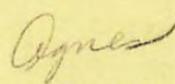
I certainly appreciated receiving all the details on the family of Mary (Ballard) and Abraham Workman. One daughter not mentioned was Lurana, born ca. 1822, who married Nelson Stollings and from whom Mrs. Hager is descended. That would make a total of seven daughters and one son for Mary and Abraham.

I am still sorting and cataloging many of my notes and came across one which might be of interest to you. From Mr. Harry Wortman several years ago before his death: Parents of Sarah Ann Ellis, born ca. 1827, were Margaret Temperance (Smith) and Evan Ellis. Sarah Ann married Dr. John Westey Perry.

In checking the census records for the family of Evan Ellis, it would be my guess that he had had a prior marriage or marriages since Margaret was definitely too young to have been the mother of several of his older children. The first wife may have been a Doran or Hines, as I believe your records show. Other than your notes, I do not have any substantiation for the names or Doran or Hines.

Your continued interest is gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Letter of August 26 to Mrs. William Hager with much more Workman family information.

P. S. Sometime ago I indicated that I would be pleased to copy the Boone County, Virginia, vital records after 1860 for you. When checking them last week for Mrs. Hager, I found that they cover only the years 1854-1859 inclusive. If ever there is anything you would like to have me check for those years, please do not hesitate to ask. I'm sorry the later ones are not available.

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Dear Cousin Janet:

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

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

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

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

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

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

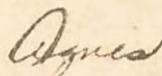
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to them. They have in their books a number of such "correction sheets." I mention this in detail to show how easily the wrong information can be given, particularly, it seems, for a mother's name. In fact, my mail just arrived; and I have another example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

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

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

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

A
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 Phillip Greever; Sally who mar. 26 Dec. 1818 James Marrs; Margaret Phoebe who mar. James W. Henager; Joseph who mar. Margaret _____; Elizabeth Ann who mar. Phillip Henager; John L. who mar. Sophia _____; Grisilla/Priscilla (Suiter) Lambert; Robert who mar. _____; Marinda who mar. John Durey/Curey &/or Robert Kilgore Green; another daughter _____.
2. Ann WORKMAN, born ca. 1765, who married 16 June 1788 in Montgomery County, Virginia, Samuel MUNCEY. Where did they settle?
3. James WORKMAN, born 1765-1775, who married Nancy _____ ?HEWETT; in Kanawha County, Virginia, 1810 & 1820 enumerations, and Logan County, Virginia, 1830 census; they apparently moved or died between 1820 and 1840. Tentative children: Abraham who mar. Mary BALLARD; Joseph who mar. Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins; female _____; Elizabeth who mar. George McNeely; James Hewett who mar. Ruth Alsted; ~~John~~ who mar. ~~Jane~~ Moore; female; male; male _____; Hannah who mar. Daniel Jarrell; and another male _____.
4. Thomas WORKMAN, born ca. 1772, who was apparently married twice. By his first wife _____ he apparently had John M. (whose middle name may have been Moses and who could have been the husband of Elizabeth Scarbrough). Thomas apparently married secondly 24 October 1805 in Tazewell County, Virginia, Sarah DESKINS/DICKERSON. Likely children were: James who mar. Rachel Fickle &/or Mary Ann Houghbok; female _____; male _____; Martha who mar. Joseph McNeely & Alexander Church; male _____; Harvey who died single; David who mar. Elizabeth _____, and another female.
5. Phoebe WORKMAN, born ca. 1769-1775, who reputedly had at least one son Jesse Workman before her marriage to Isaac Roberts.
6. Jacob WORKMAN, ~~born 1770-1780~~, married Eleanor JONES; HE apparently died before 1850. Their children: Joseph P. who mar. Nancy Osborn; Stephen who mar. Catherine Edwards; Pleasant who mar. Sarah Ferguson; Jacob who mar. Harriet McGinnis &/or Elizabeth Deane; Nancy _____; William who mar. Phoebe Vaughn & believed dead before 1840; and James who mar. Nancy _____.
7. Joseph WORKMAN, born ca. 1779, who Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, is known to have been married at least twice: first 5 Mar. 1807 in Monroe County, Virginia, to Hannah REED and secondly to Elizabeth REED on 9 Apr. 1817 in same county. By Hannah he had Benjamin Reed who mar. Rebecca French; John who mar _____; and Robert who may have mar. Sarah Jane Kirk. By Elizabeth he had Charles W. who mar Phoebe Margaret Bailey; Mary who mar. Franklin Sizemore; James Madison who mar. Mary Elizabeth Webb; Malinda Jane who mar. Edward Sizemore; Raymond Shanton who mar. Surilda Webb & Lucina Roberts; William Washington who mar. Eva Stanley & _____; and George Floyd who mar. Sarah Belcher.
8. Isaac WORKMAN, born ca. 1780, in Virginia (signalling approximate date of move of parents), married Susan LEIT. Their likely children: Russell who mar. _____; female _____; Squire T. who mar Nancy _____; Elias who mar. Nancy _____; Josephus who mar. Mary Burgess; female _____; and another female _____.
9. Moses WORKMAN, born 1780-1790 (see next page for continuation of lineage)

POSSIBLE WORKMAN FAMILY LINEAGE: ALTERNATE THREE

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

9. Moses WORKMAN, born 1780-1790, seemingly married twice: first to Elizabeth MUNCY 17 June 1801 in Tazewell County, Virginia, and secondly to Sarah Marrs on 11 July 1820 in the same county. By his first wife he probably had Eleonor 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.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
August 25, 1975

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre,
Route 1, Box 92,
Buckhannon, W. Va. 26201

Dear Mr. Sayre:

Your letter of the 23rd is thought-provoking and in a way supports the thinking of my friend Bill Workman, who sees as his relatives descendants of your ancestor, Joseph Workman, rather than some of those nearer at hand.

I had noted that a son of John and Jane (Moore) Workman was named Tuncil Price Workman, and knew that Tuncil Price had married Frances, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman. As presently known there was not close relationship involved and I am unable to explain the matter. Perhaps, as we learn more, the reason will become apparent.

As to the Price family, I have traced it back to St. Mary's County, Maryland, where Benjamin Price married Eleanor (Nellie) Smoot. Their oldest son, Thomas, was born there, about 1778. Probably around 1790 the family moved to Culpepper County, Va., where Tuncil and others were born. There is some indication that his name was Tunstall, and in some way connected with a family of that name. Later the family moved to North Carolina, where the Thomas, the oldest son, married Elizabeth DeJournett, and in 1806 they settled in present Danville, two miles from where I live. Tradition has them as the first settlers in this vicinity. They were soon followed here by the parents of Thomas, Benjamin and Eleanor Price, and their sons, Peter, Vernon, Saul, and ^{FRANCES} Tuncil, who was the youngest, and in 1825 he married ~~Mary Ballard~~, daughter of Abraham. This marriage is recorded in Kanawha County, as neither Boone nor Logan had been formed, I know of no record of Abraham Workman having been in this area at that time, but as his daughter was married here he must have been in this vicinity.

It is rather odd that the first mention of a Workman in this area and what is now Boone County was an 1809 reference to Thomas Workman's improvement, in a survey, and later the same year the second reference is to the marriage of Abraham. And Abraham spent his last days within a mile of this "improvement" and is buried there.

You mention having a note from Swain's EOGAN COUNTY HISTORY, but I do not look upon him as a historian. He was a newspaper man who came to Logan in the early 1920's who persuaded the Chamber of Commerce that the county should have a new history. He wrote short biographies of some of the prominent local business men, got others to write accounts of local industrial development, threw in the family history that Henry Clay Ragland had published 25 years earlier, got his money, and departed.

If he had copied Ragland correctly, it would not have been so bad, but that part of the work was carelessly and sloppily

Done. As far as I can tell Swain did no research whatever. Ragland didn't do any either but he at least interviewed a large number of people and set down truthfully what he was told. There are many errors in what he wrote but most of them were made by his informants.

About 1940 I was able to borrow what was said to be Ragland's manuscript and my secretary copied it for me. You mention what Swain said about the marriage of Mildred Workman, but this is the way Ragland has it: "John Stone, who settled at the old Stone Farm in 1809, is also well represented in the county. He was from Pittsylvania County, where he married Miss Jennie Shelton. Among his sons was Crispin I., who was born in Pittsylvania in 1807. He married Miss Mildred Workman - - -". My friend Bill Workman is in agreement with this except that she was referred to in the family as Millie or Melia.

About 1852 the Virginia Assembly passed a law requiring County Clerks to send copies of vital statistics to the capitol in Richmond. This began in 1853 and continued until the outbreak of the Civil War, and I copied the marriages in Richmond. These recorded in the Logan courthouse were destroyed, which included, no doubt, the the marriage of Crispin I. Stone and Millie Workman.

The Richmond records show the marriage of Admiral Fry, age 25, son of John and Catherine Fry, to Rhoda Workman, daughter of Obed and Rebecca Workman, 4-19-1855. I do not know Catherine Fry's maiden name but Rebecca Workman's maiden name was Lambert, Admiral Fry and family appear in the Logan 1860 census, but not thereafter as the area where the Frys lived was taken from Logan in 1867 to form part of Lincoln.

Other Workman marriages in Logan County that are recorded in Richmond are John Workman, 23, and Charlotte Davis, 13, no data about parents, 5-30-1853; John Workman, son Josephus and Mary Workman, to Mary Thompson, daughter of Patton & M. Thompson, 5-21-1858 (ages not shown); Joseph Workman, 20, son of Joseph & Workman, to Lyra ? Lowe, 17, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Lowe, 12, 25-1853; Obediah Workman, 18, son of John & Sally Workman, to Mary Dalton, 15, daughter of William & Mary Dalton, 3-17-1856; John Dent, 18, son of William & Mary Dent, to Dorcas Workman, 20, dau. of John & Jane Workman, 3-17-1858; Charles Hibbets, 21, son Stanley & Margaret Hibbets, to Julia A. Workman, dau. of Josephus & Mary Workman, 10-24-1858; Gordon Lilly, 19, son of G. Fry & Panny Lilly, to Martha W. Workman, 17, dau. of Josephus & Mary Workman, 8-13-1858; and Emazious ? Evans, 20, son of Wilson & Pheobe H. ? Evans, to Mary Workman (no age given) dau. of Aly and Nancy Workman. I am listing all of these on the assumption that you want all Workman marriages. Logan at that time included all of present Mingo, which bordered on Kentucky, and some of these people may have come out of there as they are new to me.

I will enquire about a Workman family bible from Bill Workman.

Sincerely

CC to Mrs. Pearlman



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

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

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

Although I have been able to identify the parents of the various Workman men and women who married between 1853-1859 in Logan, Wyoming, and Boone Counties, I am still at a loss regarding the parents of Joseph Workman who married Lydia Lowe. He was listed as son of Jas./Jos. & _____ Workman. Most likely parentage would have been Ruth and James H.; however, Anderson shows this Joseph as having married Arminta 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?

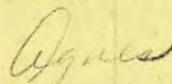
I wish to add my comments to the discussion of given names. Since there is no evidence of any son being named James Madison Workman before the presidency of James Madison, I think it likely that the name first entered the family in the president's honor. Subsequently, of course, others would have been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

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Sept. 8, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have talked to Bill Workman again and he has no knowledge of there having been an Abraham Workman Bible. However, [think some progress was made in determining the identity of his daughters and the persons they married.

You will recall that in my letter of Aug. 18th Bill Workman named four of them and the men whom they married. He also said there was a Susan who married a Collins and another whose name he did not recall who married a McCormick and lived in Kanawha County on Lens Creek. In your letter of Sept. 3 you show that this family had to be either that of Samuel McCormick or Jerry McCormick.

A railroad did not reach this area until 1909 and before that all goods coming here were hauled by wagon from Marmet, which is at the mouth of Lens Creek. Mandeville Clay Workman, Bill's father, would make occasional trips there and when he did would stay overnight at his uncles home, as the road went right by it. When Bill was 9 years old, which would be in 1898, he went with his father on one of these trips and stayed overnight with his father's uncle. He thinks his name was Sam, which would correspond with your Samuel. He recalls no children and the ones you mention would by 1898 have been past middle age.

In a previous letter I mentioned that there was a George Collins with a wife Susan in the 1970 Boone census, but I had no way of telling if this Susan was Abraham Workman's daughter. I now think I have a clue. Under the old Virginia constitution the only elected officials of a county were justices of the peace, and they bore the respected title of Squire. They chose the county officers, such as sheriff, clerk of the county court, etc. James Madison Workman, the only son of Abraham Workman, was always known as Madison Workman, and as he had served as a Justice I presume he was called Squire Madison Workman.

I have just noticed that George and Susan Collins had a son named Squire Madison Collins. It just looks like Susan Collins was proud of her brother, Squire Madison Workman, and that this might indicate that she was Abraham's daughter Susan, who married a Collins. Evidence like this may be a little thin, but I think it is worth considering.

I have long had a record about Abraham's daughter Lurana being the wife of Nelson Stollings, but at the time I wrote it had completely slipped my mind. This will then account for all the children of Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman, if the above evidence is acceptable,

Sincerely



Copy to Mr. Sayre

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September 17, 1975

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

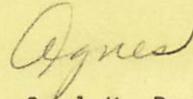
Thank you for your letter of September 8. Please accept, too, my best wishes for your new genealogical society. I am sure that your efforts had much to do with getting it started.

Enclosed are letters written to Mrs. Hager and Mr. Sayre. Until one of us makes a significant discovery, I believe we are at an impasse as far as the earliest Workman generations are concerned. Perhaps my North Carolina search will be fruitful.

As you will notice from my letter to Mrs. Hager, I have been working again on the McNeely lines. Perhaps you will have some comments to make regarding those I have mentioned.

I do appreciate all you have done to help complete so many of the family groups.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosures

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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September 17, 1975

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre
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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.

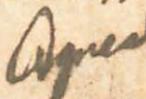
September 17, 1975

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

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

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

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Peariman)

CC: Mrs. Hager & Mr. Olafson

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September 17, 1975

Mrs. William Hager
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Dear Cousin Janet:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

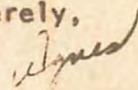
Since writing my last letter, I have been sorting and checking my McNeely notes one by one, and the thought occurs to me that the cousin relationship of the Mary (Ballard)-Abraham Workman children to Elizabeth (McNeely)-Joseph Workman children might have been through one or another of the mothers--not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

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

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

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

Sincerely,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

CC: Mr. Olafson & Mr. Sayre

Sept. 14, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
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Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

You will recall our Thorn- Doren discussions and today, though really busy in other matters I have run into two persons with information about it.

I think I have told you about my interest in archaeology. Recently I learned of the impending destruction of a mound in the area and persuaded the State of W. Va. to send an archaeologist to dig it properly and he is staying with me. Last night a lady neighbor said she was having as guests a couple she had met on a recent tour and the wife had ancestor troubles or difficulties. The neighbor told her about me and I was able to give her some help. One of the reasons for this dinner was to permit the lady to meet me.

I told this neighbor that because of my committment to the archaeologist I could not come to the dinner but as the site to be explored was only 13 miles out of Madison I would come in long enough to spend a few minutes with this couple, which I did. *her notebook* The lady showed me and glancing through it I noticed mention of Catherine Doren and the will whereby she left her estate to her four daughters, Catherine Johnson, Christina Ellis, Mary Garrod ?, and Hannah Chambers. She also had notes about the husband of Catherine Doren. *Jacob Doren* There was, as I recall, data about a brother of Jacob Doren, a Revolutionary soldier who had been born in a certain township in New Jersey.

This lady, Mrs. Fields, went to the records of that New Jersey township and found no Dorens in it, but a lot of Van Dorens, including a Jacob who was the right age and who disappeared at the right time to come to Virginia to be the one mentioned above, after dropping the Van from his name. She also learned about his ancestors who came from Holland to New York in the late 1600s.

Mrs. Hager, with whom you have corresponded about the Workmans, told me about a High School son who wanted very much to do some archaeological work. I told her to send him to our dig today and Mr. Hager brought him. He invited us to come to supper (dinner is a noon meal here) tonight. We went and during the evening I mehtioned my experience with Mrs. Fields. Mrs Hager said she had the data about the wills. The will of Jacob Doren was appraised in Greenbrier County, January, 1794. The Dorens lived in the part of Greenbrier that became Monroe in 1799, and the will of Catherine Doren was approved in Monroe, August 1821, with the above heirs.

Mrs. Fields will send me her notes which I will send to you.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafsen

*Sleepy and tired
hence lots of mistakes*

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 19, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Just a brief note to thank you for sending the Chambers-Doren information.

Certainly the documentation from the wills of Catherine and Jacob Doren would substantiate your speculation that the maiden surname of Hannah Chambers was Hannah Doren rather than Thorn as shown in the small history of the family.

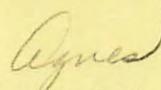
Do you think it was Christina Doren who married Phillip Ellis and whose daughter Christina Ellis married the Isaac Browning born about 1810?

Just as a matter of interest, my great-aunt Eliza Virginia "Jennie" Mitchell married Van Doren Browning, son of Mary Ann (White) and "Squire" Isaac E. Browning who was born 1847. I had often wondered about the Van Doren name, thinking it might have been a corruption of Van Buren (also a given name in the Browning family); but it is now possible to trace it back to another New Jersey Dutch family. The number of "Van's" in the Logan and Boone County families now becomes more meaningful.

I notice that the Sutphin family was also from Holland and followed the same migratory pattern as the Workman groups from New Amsterdam, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and finally Boone County, West Virginia. As you can tell, I believe that this is the Workman family which we find in southern West Virginia.

I shall look forward to receiving copies of the notes which Mrs. Fields sends to you.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 19, 1975

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

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.

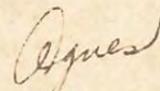
In a small history published on the Chambers family Robert's wife had been listed as Hannah Thorn; however, for sometime Mr. Olafson and I had believed from other evidence that the name was more likely Doarn or Doren. It now appears that we were correct and that actually the name had been Van Doren, 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 ^{to} 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

SIGFUS OLAFSON
807 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, W. VA. 25130

Oct. 3, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 N. Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Cal., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

As usual, I have let myself become involved in many things, including helping dig an Indian mound that was scheduled for destruction, and working in rain and with cold mud led to a bout with a flu-bug in which I was coming out second best for a while, but I am O. K. now and am trying to catch up with my correspondence.

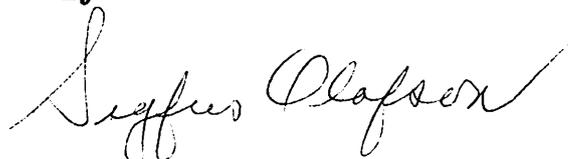
On Sept. 29 I wrote to Mrs. Dorsey C. Fields, 1414 West Virginia Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. 25064, who has the Doren-van Doren material and asked her to send a resume of it directly to you. As I understood her she has the van Doren family from Holland to N. Y. about 1690, and then into a certain township in N. J., until the Revolution.

A Jacob van Doren disappears from this N. J. locality and a Jacob Doren appears in Virginia around the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The Revolutionary record of another Doren, thought to be a brother of Jacob, also in Va., shows that he was from the same N. J. locality, so it appears both had dropped the "van" from their names on arriving in Va.

Later, Catherine Doren, widow of Jacob Doren, left her estate to her four daughters, among them Hannah Chambers and Christina Ellis. The Doren, Chambers, and Ellis families all lived in the same area of Monroe County and I think there is no doubt about Hannah being the one who married Robert Chambers and Christina marrying Owen Ellis. As far as I know, neither Robert Chambers nor Owen Ellis ever moved to Logan County, but some of their sons did, Jacob and James Chambers, and Evan and Phillip Ellis, and they seem to have come about the same time, probably because they were related. Ragland says The Ellis brothers came to Logan in 1811 and that Evans married a Hines and Phillip married a Black. The marriage record in Monroe shows that Phillip married Elizabeth Hinchman, which may account for the Hinchmans coming to Logan. Ragland says that was about 1814.

I am unable to tell you why your great-aunt and husband named their son Van Doren, unless there were traditions of the name in the neighborhood. There was a much later Doren Hinchman, during my previous residence in W. Va., and for all I know he may still be living.

Sincerely



2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
October 21, 1975

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

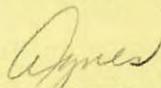
Thank you so much for your letter of October 3 with the Doren-VanDoren information. In yesterday's mail I received a detailed letter from Mrs. Fields. You may be sure I appreciate your referring her to me.

From the results of her research, it is obvious that Doren/Doan, rather than Thorn, was the correct maiden surname of Hannah Chambers. The erroneous appellation probably crept into the records when one of the descendants read a faded "Th" in a family Bible as "D"--not too uncommon a mistake when dealing with certain styles of old script.

I still have not had the opportunity of going to Los Angeles to check the Workman marriages in North Carolina prior to 1810. Of course, I am especially interested in those prior to 1800. Although Mr. Sayre does not believe the West Virginia Workman groups descend from the New Jersey lines, I think the evidence so far supports such a relationship. Nonetheless, I am keeping an open mind on the subject. Until something significant is uncovered, I will not clutter your files with copies of my correspondence with him or Mrs. Hager.

When do you think you might have a copy of your census annotations ready to mail to me for making copies for our library? I would return your originals to you as soon as the copies were completed. We have an increasing number of researchers interested in West Virginia families.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. On the Workman family--reexamination of the Boone County, West Virginia, death register by Mrs. Hager, Mr. Turner, and myself would tend to support an interpretation of Joseph, rather than James, for the Jos. given as father of the Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) (Elkins).

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Oct. 18, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I think both you and Mr. Sayre are West Virginia Hillbilly subscribers, and I am wondering if you noticed the photo of Nimrod Workman and his daughter, Phyllis Boyers, on page 5 of the October 18 issue, which incidentally is today, though I received my copy some days ago.

Both of these people are from Mingo County, W. Va. I expect to go there in the near future for a short stay, and if I have the opportunity I will try to meet them. Both are said to be singers of country ballads, etc., and if I learn anything I will send it to both of you.

Sincerely

Jeffus Claffern

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Oct. 19, 1975

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre,
Rte. 1, Box 92,
Buchannon, W. Va. 26201

Dear Mr. Sayre:

I enclose comments on the list of Workman families in the 1900 census of Boone and Logan Counties, West Virginia, which you sent me recently, and hope they will be of some help to you.

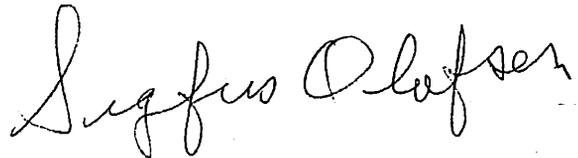
In these comments the various families are shown in the same order in which you listed them except the Boone County ones are placed in one group. You had them in two groups with the Logan families between them.

I have also used the same family or visitation numbers as you did.

Whether indicated on my letters or not, I send copies of all of my Workman correspondence to Mrs. Pearlman. There is a limit to the number of legible copies that my old typewriter will make so I do not ordinarily send copies to Mrs. Janet Hager, but I see her frequently and let her read my Workman file and copy from it anything she wants.

Sincerely

Copy to Mrs. Pearlman



Comments on list of Workmans in Boone and Logan census records which was furnished by Mr. Sayre. From 1900 census.

BOONE COUNTY

212-212. This Benjamin Workman was son of Joseph and Arminta (Workman) Workman - see family 41 in Peytona Dist., 1870 census, and 1880 census. Joseph was son of James H. and Ruth (Halstead) Workman, and his wife, Arminta, was daughter of Benjamin R. and Rebecca (French) Workman, and Benjamin R. was a son of your Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman. The first named Benjamin above married Angenora C., daughter of William W. and Margaret (Javins) Harless - see family 198 in Peytona Dist., Boone 1870 census.

39-39. Columbus Workman was a son of David and Elizabeth (Brown) Workman - see family 230 in Boone 1860 census where Columbus is shown as age 7. For ancestry of David see 30-30 below. Columbus married first Almira, daughter of George and Eliza Coon, and second, Amanda, maiden name unknown.

220-222. Edwin Workman was son of Jasper and Arrisba (Hinchman) Workman, who were married in 1865 and not in 1895, as shown in Anderson's Workman Family History. Arrisba was daughter of William and Nancy (Stollings) Hinchman of Logan County. Edwin married Sarah, maiden name unknown. On second thought and by Boone 1880 census Edwin appears to have been a son of Jasper by his first wife, Martha Chambers, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cole) Chambers, who died in 1864.

102-102. Austin Workman was a son of James Jr. and Rebecca (Chambers) Workman - see family 432, Boone 1850 census. James Jr. was a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely) Workman, the Jr. having been attached to his name to distinguish him from the elder James Workman in the same community. His wife, Rebecca, was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cole) Chambers of Logan County, and a sister of the first wife of Jasper Workman, mentioned in the paragraph above. Austin Workman's wife Sarah, was a daughter of Stephen M. Hensley.

171-172. This Charles Workman was a son of Millard F. and Eveline (Bradley) Workman - see family 58 in Crook Dist. in Boone 1870 census. Millard F. was a son of James Jr. and Rebecca (Chambers) Workman and a brother of the Austin Workman in the preceding paragraph, which see. Eveline, the wife of Millard F., was a daughter of John D. and Martha J. (Pauley) Bradley. Rosa, the wife of this Charles Workman, was Rosa Ann Burgess, her parentage unknown to me.

30-30. David Workman, whose full name was David Pierce Workman, is listed as living alone. He was born in Tazewell County, Va., the son of Thomas and Sarah Workman. This seems to be the same Thomas Workman who married Sarah Deskins in Tazewell in 1804 and the same Thomas Workman who made the "improvement" on Spruce Fork in Boone County, mentioned in the Fingess & French 600 acre survey, made in 1809. His stay there appears to have been brief as he does not appear in the 1810 census of Kanawha or the 1810 Cabell tax list, and these counties bordered on

Spruce Fork at the point where the "improvement" was made, but he was back in Boone when the 1850 census was taken, living next door to his son David, see families 437 and 438. It seems likely that Thomas returned to Boone around 1845 as about that year his son David married Elizabeth, daughter of James and Lucy (Ferrell) Brown. In the Boone 1870 census David is shown as having five children (family No. 22 in Crook District).

22-22. Charles Workman, single, in jail. I cannot identify him but Columbus Workman (39-39 in Crook District) had a son Charles of the same age as this one.

40-40. William Mooney, son of Matthew and Harriet (Ferrell) Mooney, married Emmazetta, daughter of Moses and Caroline Workman -see family No. 53 in Crook Dist. in Boone 1870 census. This Moses was probably a son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman, who may have lived in Logan County, but I am not certain about it. I knew William Mooney for several years, as well as some of his sons.

41-41. Allen Workman was a son of David Workman, 39-39 above, and his wife, Elizabeth (Brown) Workman, and a brother of Columbus Workman, 39-39 above. He married first, Arabella, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Williams) Price, and second, Nancy Ellen, daughter of James and Minerva (Kirk) Honaker.

147-147. Columbus W. Workman. No information.

262-262. Charles L. Workman. I have no records of this family.

108-108. Charles Workman. Age does not match but this may be son of William J. Workman, family No. 145 in Sherman Dist., Boone 1860 census, but I doubt it.

65-65. This Charles Workman was a son of Benjamin Workman, who was son of John and Jane Workman of Logan County. This Benjamin, or I should say Benjamin H., married Rebecca C., daughter of Joseph Jr. and Delilah (Comer) Ball. He died in the latter 1870's and is buried near the home of Mrs. Janet Hager. See family No. 156 in Washington Dist., Boone 1870 census. His widow married ~~married~~ Wm. Hansford Cook. See family No. 131, Washington Dist., Boone 1860 census.

325-326. Charles E. Workman was a son of Tuncil P. and Lucy Ann (McNeely) Workman. Tuncil P. was a son of John and Jane (Moore) Workman and a brother of the Benjamin H. ^{Wagon} Hager in the preceding paragraph. Charles E. Workman married Martha Florence, daughter of James and _____ Elkins.

67-67. Clay Workman. This was Mandeville Clay Workman, son of Jas. Madison and Cynthia (McNeely) Workman, and James Madison Workman was a son of Abraham and Mary (Ballard) Workman. Cynthia, wife of James Madison Workman, was a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Clendenen) McNeely. Clay Workman married Victoria, daughter of Montgomery and Armintha (Garretson) Hager. Their son is a close friend of mine.

284-285. Ellsworth Workman was a son of Tuncil P. Workman and a

brother of Charles E. Workman, second paragraph above, which see. His wife was Nancy A., daughter of William and Adeline (McNeely) Gibson.

235-236. Man, Bennett. This should be Martin Bennett, see family 221 in Washington District, Boone 1880 census. I have no information about Asa L. Workman, the boarder, 5 years old.

LOGAN COUNTY

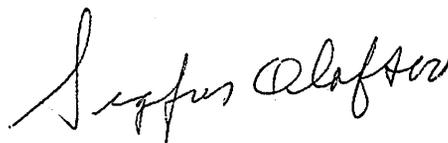
28-28. Elias Workman was a son of Moses and Polly (Mullins) Workman - see family 178 in Logan 1860 census where he was Eli Workman, and family 133 in Chapmanville District in Logan 1870 census where he is Elias Workman. I have no information about the parents of Moses or the wife of Elias.

27-27. William S. Workman. Probably son of Abijah and Nancy (Perry) Workman, who had a son William born about 1850. See family No. 177 in Logan 1860 census. I have no information about Mary E., the wife of William S. Workman.

30-30. Bige Workman. This was Abijah Workman, son of Moses and Polly (Mullins) Workman, and brother of Elias Workman, second paragraph above, Mariah, the wife of Bige, was a daughter of Meekin and Pheobe (Workman) Vance, who lived in adjacent Mingo County but then still a part of Logan. See family No. 394 in Logan 1860 census.

280-280. Winfield Hill. No information about this group.

Oct. 19, 1975.



Copy to Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W, Va, 25130
Oct. 28, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

You ask when I may be able to send you some of my census annotations ready for copying. I wish I knew. As of now I have finished the early one on Logan-Mingo, pre-1850, and it has been xeroxed by Southern West Virginia College in Logan, and the W. Va. Archives. ~~XXXX~~ Archives has also xeroxed Boone 1850 and they did the same with a miscellaneous one I had on Cabell County which I thought was not worth copying. Boone 1860 is in the tail end of a final check. Boone 1870 is ready except for a section on the Negroes, records from 1870 relating to them are very scarce - we never had many - and they are unable to supply much about their ancestry. My 1880 one is now so full of penciled notations that I will have to retype it.

As to my commitments, I have promised all to the Archives, to W. Va. University Library, the LDS library in Salt Lake City, and am uncertain about what Marshall U. and the little college in Mingo County will want. I had thought about waiting until all were completed and then driving to Morgantown with them to the University Library, but I have about concluded to feed them out piecemeal when I finish them.

The principal cause of the delay is my getting involved in so many other things. For instance, during this month I spent one whole week at a mound in this county being dug by State archaeologists. I had promoted the thing and felt obligated to stay there. Also, I spent more than half my life, 45 years to be exact, working for Thomas A. Yawkey, who owns the Boston Red Sox baseball team in the American League. This year they won their division title, beat Oakland in the league playoffs, and then played Cincinnati in the World Series. I took my son-in-law and grandson to the games in Cincinnati and that consumed another week. I attended an archaeological meetin in Wheeling, which used up three days. I am a member of the W. Va. Antiquities Commission and it had a meeting that took another day.

Since I started this letter I have had a telephone call asking me to be chairman of our county's bicentennial committee. I have not accepted but will think it over. Looking forward to November I have archaeological and Antiquities Commission meetings that will consume six days and my daughter wants me for Thanksgiving. It's a tough life.

Sincerely



507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Nov. 1, 1975.

Mr. Ralph H. Sayre,
Route 1, Box 92.,
Buckhannon, W. Va. 26201

Dear Mr. Sayre:

This is my birthday and I will start my 80th year by giving you what information I have about the Workmans on the list you sent with your letter of Oct. 23. As before, I will use your family numbers that you used and list them in the same order as you did. I have no information whatever about some of the families you list.

CROOK DISTRICT

21-21. Floyd Workman was a son of George F. and Nancy (Gunnoe) Workman, and a grandson of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) Workman, see Crook family 8 in Boone 1880 census. He married Rose Bell Coon 1-29-1896.

118-118. This is George Floyd Workman, the same George ^{mentioned} ~~mentioned~~ in the preceding paragraph as the father of Floyd Workman, and his home in Boone County was close to the Wyoming line. You have stated that his first wife was Sarah Belcher. His second wife, Nancy, was a daughter of John and Jane Gunnoe, who lived near the Wyoming line.

43-43. Isaac Workman was a son of Joseph Jr. and Margaret Workman, family No. 419 in the Boone 1850 census. I am uncertain about his marriages but think he first married Nancy, daughter of Elijah and Nancy (Dick) Jattrell, and second, Harriet, born 1847, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Ferrell) Brown. The children listed in the 1880 census are Isaac, age 7, Eveline, age 5, and Albert, age 1. I do not know the mother to which each of these should be assigned.

85-85. This is the 7 year old Isaac mentioned in the preceding paragraph, and son of the Isaac who heads it. He married Cosby, daughter of George and Martha (Pauley) Green, 2-1-1893.

1-1. Lucretia, wife of William C. Cook, was a daughter of James and Sarah Webb who first married Leander, son of David and Elizabeth (Brown) Workman, who are in the Boone 1880 census as Crook Dist, family 89, and then had two children, Chloe, age 2, and Martha, 4 months. The children on your list, Van and Jacob, are of this marriage, and Hansford, whom you show as born Oct. 1891, must also be of this marriage, though the father, Leander, had died four months earlier, 4-22-1891. Lucretia thereafter married a widower from Wyoming County, William Chapman Cook.

219-221. Jasper Workman was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely) Workman and is No. 4847 in Anderson's Workman Family History. He married first Martha, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cole) Chambers, who died in 1864. He married

Hinchman,

second, in 1865, Rispah (or Arrispah), daughter of William and Nancy Stollings and widow of Thomas Nelson Ballard, who had died of wounds in the Civil War while in the Union Army. Anderson has him marrying Rispah in 1895, which is wrong.

169-170. Millard F. Workman was a son of James and Rebecca (Chambers) Workman, who are Crook family 35 while Millards family is No. 36, and all are in Family 209 in the Boone 1860 census. Millard married Evaline, daughter of John D. and Martha (Bradley) Pauley. You mention a child of this family which was gone in 1900. This was Charles Workman who had married by that time and he was in the 1900 list you previously sent as family 171-172.

32-32. Nighbar Workman should be Nighbert Workman. He was a son of Moses and Caroline Workman, see Crook family 24 in Boone 1880 census. Nighbert married Delilah, daughter of Floyd and Nancy (Miller) Brown and in the Boone 1880 census their family is Crook 73.

99-99. This is William Workman, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely) Workman, No. 4844 in Anderson's Workman Family History. He married first, Hannah, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cole) Chambers; second, Martha P. (Berry) Womelsdorf; third, Virginia, daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Akers) Curry.

100-100. Serepta Workman was a daughter of the William and Hannah Workman mentioned in the preceding paragraph, who married Clayton Workman, son of Amos and Flora ~~XXXXXX~~ (Perry) Workman - see family 214 in Boone 1850 census, or Crook family 2 in the Boone 1880 census. I am puzzled about Henry, shown in the 1900 census as a stepson of Serepta. In Anderson's Workman Family History it is stated that Clayton adopted Serepta's son Henry. However, in the 1880 census this same Henry is with Clayton's parents and listed as their grandson, so it is quite evident that Clayton was his father as he had not yet married Serepta.

141-142. Wallace Workman was a son of Moses and Caroline Workman - see Crook family 53 in the Boone 1870 census. He married first, Martha J., daughter of Zachariah and Emily (Workman) Price, and second, Venila, daughter of James A. and Paulina (Estep) White.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

115-115. Hugh L. Workman. I cannot find his name in any of my records in Boone or Logan Counties until he married Letitia (not Laliska) Barker in Boone County, 12-6-1896, but in 1900 he was living in the same area long occupied by James Madison Workman and his sons and daughters. Hugh and Letitia reported the death of a child (Charles A.) on 7-29-1898, and another on 11-15-1899. I have not seen his name in Boone County records since that time.

116-116. James Workman's full name was James Ballard Workman, his second name no doubt being derived from his grandmother,

Mary Ballard, wife of Abraham Workman, and he was a son of James Madison Workman, commonly called Madison Workman, and his wife, Cynthia McNeely. James B. Workman married ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Nancy J., ~~XXXXXXXX~~ daughter of Thomas and Virginia (Jane) Nelson, who had previously been married to Joshua, son of Andrew J. and Martha Hager.

120-120. John Workman. I have not been able to place him with certainty, but he lived in the same area as many of the descendants of James Madison and Cynthia (McNeely) Workman.

285-286. Tonsel P. Workman. This should be Tuncil P. Workman, and he was a son of John and Jane (Moore) Workman of Logan county, and a grandson of the first James Workman who came to Logan in 1793. I previously sent you a list of the family of John and Jane Workman. Tuncil P. Workman married Lucy, a daughter of William and Hannah (Huffman) McNeely.

40-40. W. W. Workman was William Wallace Workman, No. 4886 in Anderson's Workman Family History, a son of James and Hannah (Chambers) Workman, a long-time minister who lived in many places. He married first, Mary A. Roach, probably of Ohio; second, Chloe L., daughter of Thomas G. and Margaret (Brooks) Cook of Wyoming County; and third, Armintta (Minnie), daughter of William and Martha E. (Hager) Epling of Boone County. His third marriage is not mentioned in Anderson's book.

343-345. Josephine Workman. I have nothing about her.

95-95. Rufus Workman was a son of James Madison and Cynthia (McNeely) Workman and a brother of James B. Workman who is 116-116 above. I do not know if he ever married.

Scott District

289-290. George W. Workman was a son of James Madison and Cynthia (McNeely) Workman, and a brother of James B. and Rufus Workman, listed above in Washington District. I knew this family quite well. The daughter Pearl married Ross Turley and is now a widow living in Danville, W. Va. The son Basil, now deceased, married Dot Linville, and worked for me off and on for several years.

41-42. I know nothing about Gracie Workman, a servant in the household of Jesse Alderson.

PEYTONA DISTRICT

115-115. Matilda Workman. No information.

119-119. Walter Workman was a son of Joseph and Ann Workman, see Peytons family 57 in Boone 1880 census, and a grandson of James H. and Ruth (Halstead) Workman. He married Margaret Browning 10-15-1896.

SHERMAN DISTRICT

106-106. I have no information about Lulie Workman, a servant in the household of Daniel Elkins.

99-99. Gilbert Workman. No information.

11-11. John L. Workman was a son of Benjamin R. and Rebecca (French) Workman, and your records show that Benjamin R. was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Reed) Workman. Louisa Harriet, the wife of John L. Workman, was a daughter of Floyd and Rhoda (Duncan) White. Their son, Siegel Workman, was U. S. Marshall for the Southern District of West Virginia for eight years, and a close personal friend of mine for many years, He is now deceased but has a son living in Charleston.

I have been sending carbon copies of our correspondence to Mrs. Pearlman, but forgot to put in an extra sheet for this letter. You seem to have Xeroxing facilities so if you want her to have a copy of this letter will you please xerox a copy and send it to her.

Sincerely

Siegfried Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
November 12, 1975

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

*And my belated wishes, Mr. Olafson, for
a happy birthday and a happy year.
You're a very young 80.*

Dear Workman family correspondents:

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

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

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

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

-- --- 1802	James McVially and Polly Workman (I believe the transcriber probably made a mistake and that the name was "McNeally.)
9 Nov 1809	Abraham Workman and Mary Ballard by Jacob Stolling
5 Jan 1812	George McNeeley 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.

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)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 2, 1975

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Time out for a brief up-date and a few questions!

Since writing to you 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 register) as the son of Rebecca (Lambert) and Obediah Workman:

31 Jan 1856 Moses Workman married Nancy Queen

Moses--age 24, single, born Tazewell Co., Va., farmer residing in Wayne Co., 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

Although by now you may have the following information, at the time I last saw your records you had not identified the wife of William A. Dingess, son of Sarah (Farley) and Peter Dingess, Jr. The Logan County, West Virginia, Death Register has the following:

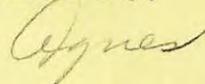
Sarah Ann Wellman died 26 October 1932 of "senility" & buried in Dingess Cemetery at Stollings, aged 88 years 3 days, having been born 23 October 1844 in West Virginia, daughter of Gertrude (Smith) and Anderson Dingess.

This would seem to establish the fact that William was called by his middle name, Anderson, a practice so common in the southeast and that his wife was Gertrude Smith (possibly a cousin). Sarah Ann can be found in their 1850 household.

As you will notice from the above, I have been abstracting very late death records for whatever references to early families I can find.

Now for my questions: Do you know names of parents of the Elizabeth Ellis who married George Avis (#291 on 1850 Logan Co., Va., Census) and can you identify the spouses of their children? I know that Thomas married Christine Harmon. Also, have you the family number for Elizabeth and George on the 1860 census? Any help on this Avis family will be appreciated. My step-mother was an Avis, and this is her family.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W, Va, 25130
Dec. 9, 1975.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I will first give you what I have about the Avis family. George Avis was an Englishman, born 4-22-1818, and died in Logan 5-7-1862. In speaking of the Ellis family Ragland says that Bettie, daughter of Phillip Ellis, married George Avis, and I have found nothing to contradict that. Ragland also says that Phillip Ellis married a Miss Black but the marriage of Phillip Ellis to Elizabeth Hinchman is recorded in Monroe County and the date is 1804. The Ellis and Hinchman families were neighbors in Monroe and I think it likely that they came to Logan together. Ragland says the Hinchmans came to Logan in 1814. They and the Ellis families appear in the Cabell tax list for 1815, and at that time Cabell included most of Logan.

I do not find George Avis in the 1840 census of Logan but he may have been there without having established a household of his own. I have an 1843 Logan tax list and he is on it. In the Logan 1850 census his family is listed as follows:

#291	George Avis	32	England
	Elizabeth "	31	(Dau. Phillip & Elizabeth Ellis)
	Harriet "	10	(Mar. Hickman S., son William & Polly (Sansom) White)
	Hugh C. "	7	(M.1. Jane, dau. John & Sarah (Moore) Dingess) (M.2. Amanda, dau. John & Mary Buchanan and widow of William Claypool)
	Burwell "	4	(M. Jane
	Ann "	2	(M. John Edwin, son J.E. & Chloe (Stone) Robinson)
	Thomas "	6/12	M. Christina Harmon

All of the above appear in the 1860 census of Logan, though ten years older, and there are two more children, as follows:

# 16	Elizabeth Avis	8	
	Minerva "	6	(M. John Scott, son of John & Mary Jane (Bryan) DeJournett. The above are reckoned from 1860.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

When the 1870 census of Logan was taken George Avis was dead, and his wife may also have been dead because the family was scattered. I can account for the children as follows:

L.#14	Hickman S. White	44	
	Harriet "	30	Dau. Geo. & Elizabeth Avis
	Stonewall J. "	4	
	George V. "	1	
	Elizabeth Avis	19	Dau. Geo. & Elizabeth Avis

T.#14	Hugh Avis	28	(Son Geo. & Elizabeth Avis) (M.2. Amanda, d. John & Mary T. Buchanan and widow Wm. Claypool)
	Martha J. "	29	(Dau. John & Sarah (Moore) Dingess)
	Ella A. "	7/12	
	Albert "	13	(I can't place him)
L-226	Burwell Avis	25	(Son Geo. & Elizabeth Avis)
	Jane "	23	
	Mary "	2	
	Ann "	1	

Thomas Avis was staying next door to his ~~brother Hugh~~ ^{sister Harriet} when the 1870 census was taken and was not yet married. His sister Ann was in the household of Edwin Robertson or Robinson, whose son John Edwin she later married. I have no record of what became of Minerva Avis.

As to visitation numbers, ~~the~~ George Avis was No. 291 in the 1850 census and 16 in 1860. In the 1870 census each of the five districts then composing the county had its own series of numbers. Hugh was #14 in Triadelphia and the rest were in Logan District. I said above that Thomas was next door to Hugh but this is wrong, so disregard what I said. He is #15 in Logan, and living next door to his sister Harriet White, who is #14. Burwell is #226 and Ann #250, both in Logan District.

I now turn to the Workmans and there I open a can of worms and find I have made a booboo, which isn't really anything unusual. In the 1850 census of Logan there is an 18 year old Moses Workman in the family of Obediah & Rebecca Workman, No. 186, and with Alex Tomblin, No. 188, is a 17 year old Moses Workman. Since they were so near to each other and so near in age I assumed they were the same person. I have seen instances where a family listed a son who was hoeing corn for a neighbor and the neighbor lists the boy who is hoeing his corn. And when I found a single Moses Workman in the 1860 Logan census, 28 years old, exactly the right age to have been the son of Obediah and Rebecca, and living next door them -he is No. 178 and they 179, I was sure I had my man. And I even found he had married Polly Mullins and his oldest child was 8 in 1860.

Now you come up with a marriage record that just cannot be disputed. So I check back to the 1850 census and find I overlooked a third Moses Workman, this one 19 years old, and in 1850 he was living next door to Obediah and Rebecca. I now believe that it was this 19 year old Moses who married Polly Mullins, and perhaps he and Obediah were living on exactly the same spots in 1860 as in 1850. Moses and Polly are in the Logan 1870 census, now with 8 children, but Obediah is gone.

I then turn to 1850 Boone County and find a 15 year old Moses Workman there, but he is not there in 1860. A 35 year old Moses reappears suddenly ~~zzzzzzzz~~ in 1870, twenty years after the first moses, and they may be the same person.

I am still working on my census and genealogical records but as usual allow myself to become involved in so many other things that progress is slow. Some are completed and while in Huntington recently I showed two that are completed to the Librarian at Marshall University and he immediately said they wanted all I had and xeroxed those I had with me.

One thing that has delayed is that I am retyping the Boone 1880 census and trying to make a complete job of it with everything rechecked and it is indeed a tedious and time-consuming affair. The earlier one was so marked with penciled additions and corrections that I decided that this should be done. I told the L. D. S. people in Salt Lake City that I thought I would have them ready by the last of October (that was last summer) but I will ~~na~~ do well to have them ready by the last of February.

I may have told you that we now have a small genealogical society here and I am its president. Never had any experience with things like that and I wonder what one can do about providing programs that will keep the membership entertained.

I take my census books down and so far they spend their time on them and say they don't want any other program, but that won't last forever. Mrs. Hager is our secretary and does a good job. We have only about a dozen members but some of them seem really enthusiastic.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 30, 1975

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Your letter of December 9 (which had been returned to you by the post office for readdressing) just arrived. It would seem that they should have some method in a city of this size to see that the addressee receives such mail, particularly since the location was only ten blocks away.

Thank you for the additional Avis family material. You might wish to add the following to your census annotations. From the Logan County Death Register:

Elizabeth Perry, born 23 July 1852 in W. Va., died 29 Jan. 1924 at Aeneid, Logan Co., W. Va., of dropsy, widowed, daughter of Ellis and George Avis.
Minerva Osborne, born 14 Jan. 1854 in W. Va., died 31 Aug. 1934 at Stollings, Logan Co., W. Va., widowed, daughter of Elizabeth Ellis and George Avis.

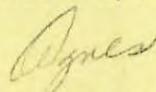
It would seem from the above that Minerva had more than one marriage since your records show her as having married first John Scott DeJournett.

As for the various Moses Workman youths in 1850: ~~MINNESOTA MINNESOTA MINNESOTA~~ I believe the one in Abijah's household is Abijah's younger brother, a son of Sarah (Marrs) and Moses Workman, and that you are correct in assuming that he is the one who married Polly Mullins. At least two are now accounted for!

You will be amazed at how long your genealogical group will be kept interested by working with your records. In spite of many fascinating lectures and programs given at our meetings, "the thing" is still the workshop portion.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a wonderful 1976. And good luck on completing your recopying.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

As we are made constantly aware in genealogical research, one thing leads to another. So once again I come to you to see if your notes reveal the identity of four individuals.

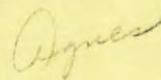
I am now trying to identify the great-grandparents of Cora FERRELL, born 3 Apr. 1875, who married George Robert AVIS. Cora was the first child born to Elizabeth A. (MULLINS) and Anthony W. FERRELL. As you know, Elizabeth was the daughter of Rhoda (BAISDEN) and John R. MULLINS; and Anthony was the son of Martha J. (DUTY) and Evans FERRELL.

Martha J. and Evans had already married by 1850 and were in the Logan County, Virginia, household #561. Do you have the names of their respective parents?

Rhoda and John apparently married within a year or so after the 1850 census was taken. At that time he was in household #50, and she was an employee in #46. Can you also identify their parents? I have fairly complete info on John.

Thank you again for your continued help and interest.

Most sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va.,
January 16, 1976

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Replying to your letter of Jan. 12 about the ancestry of Cora Ferrell, I think the simplest way to give you what I have is on an ancestor chart.

Since I do not yet have the Logan 1880 census I have nothing about Cora Ferrell or her marriage to George Robert Avis, so that much of what is on the chart is taken from your letter. Like yours, my records show that Anthony Ferrell married Elizabeth Mullins and that Anthony was the son of Evans and Martha Jane (Duty) Ferrell, and that Evans was a son of Richard and Rebecca Ferrell, Rebecca's maiden name being unknown to me. Ragland says that Richard Ferrell was a son of an older Richard Ferrell, who was killed in the Thompson Valley, Virginia, in 1780, by Indians.

As to Elizabeth Mullins, my records show that she was a daughter of John R. and Rhoda (Baisden) Mullens, and I am assuming that John R. was a son of Nathaniel and Margaret (Wilson) Mullens because they had a son named John and John R. had a son named Nathaniel. I have no real proof and if my assumption is wrong, please correct me.

I have no information about the parents of Rhoda Baisden. I do not find her in the Logan 1850 census in a context that indicates her parentage. She was a cook in the home of George Nighbert and either Joseph and Lucinda Baisden, or Solomon and Mary A. Baisden could have been her parents. Since this Rhoda (Baisden) Mullins had a son named Joseph and a daughter named Lucinda my guess is that she was a daughter of Joseph and Lucinda. If not one would have to look for her parents in Kentucky as at that time there were no Baisdens in Boone.

I think too that it is a reasonable assumption that she was a granddaughter of Jean Schmidt Baisden and his wife, Rhoda Branham. You no doubt know that this Jean Schmidt Baisden also appears in records as John Smith Baisden.

Reading the above I see that I made no mention of the Duty family. All the information I have about its origins is on the chart.

Ages are those shown in census records.

Sincerely

Stephen Olofer

Killed by Indians - 1780
in Thompson Valley Va

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date _____

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

Chart No. _____

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

4 Evans Ferrell
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 1812
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

2 Anthony W. Ferrell
 (Father of No. 1)

b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

5 Martha J. Duty
 (Mother of No. 2)

b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

1 Cora Ferrell

b. APR. 3, 1875

p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

6 John R. Mullins
 (Father of No. 3)

b. 1832
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

3 Elizabeth A. Mullins
 (Mother of No. 1)

b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

7 Rhoda Baisden
 (Mother of No. 3)

b. 1833
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. _____
 p.b. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

8 Richard Ferrell
 (Father of No. 4)

b. 1780
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

9 Rebecca Romains
 (Mother of No. 4)

b. 1790
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

10 George W. Duty
 (Father of No. 5)

b. 1800
 p.b. Russell Co. Va.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

11 Mary Ann
 (Mother of No. 5)

b. 1811
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

12 Nathaniel Mullins
 (Father of No. 6)

b.
 p.b. N.C.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

13 Margaret Wilson
 (Mother of No. 6)

b. 1791
 p.b. N.C.
 d.
 p.d.

14 Joseph Baisden?
 (Father of No. 7)

b. 1794
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

15 Lucinda Osborne?
 (Mother of No. 7)

b. 1802
 p.b.
 d. 1878
 p.d.

16 Richard Ferrell Sr

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

18 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

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

20 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

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

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

23 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

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

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

26 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

27 b. _____
 d. _____
 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

28 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

29 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

30 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

31 b. _____
 d. _____
 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

28 Jean Schmidt Baisden

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

29 Rhoda Branham

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

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

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

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2001 North Westwood Avenue
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February 13, 1976

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
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Dear Mr. Olafson:

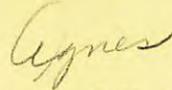
Please excuse the delay in acknowledging the Ferrell data which you sent. I do appreciate having the lineage chart and would have written sooner had we not been entertaining our usual round of house guests, etc.

In what available time I have during the coming weeks, I must devote to manuscript preparation. The 1850 surname index (which I completed typing several months ago) will probably be of even more limited value than originally since Accelerated Systems will release the 1850 census index for the entire state and all listings in July. I have not, of course, seen their work so do not know how accurate or complete the index will be.

I would love to make one more trip East before publishing the genealogies now being prepared. If such a trip can be coordinated with other commitments, it is possible that I shall. I am particularly desirous of continuing research at the North Carolina State Archives.

Best wishes to you and other members of your Boone County Genealogical group.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Feb. 22, 1975

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 N. Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

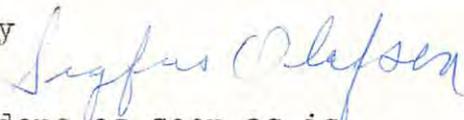
The time is approaching when we have to be thinking of taking care of Uncle Sam and as I had a fairly good year in 1975 he will take a deep bite out of my bank account. For that reason I am trying to assemble data about the deductions to which I may be legally entitled.

Last year I gave a book on the Lively family to your library, also some books by Bell on Lunenburg County and southside Virginia - I think there were four of them.

I believe I am legally entitled to deduct the value of this gift from my income but I have no knowledge of what that might be. I think all the books by Bell are now out of print, which means that they may be obtainable only at stores specializing in genealogical books.

Will you be good enough to have your librarian, or the proper official in your organization, write me a letter in which the value of these books is stated. Since you are active in matters of this kind you can probably give the librarian the proper figures.

Sincerely



P. S. I will appreciate this being done as soon as is convenient.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
February 29, 1976

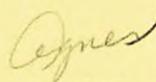
Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, West Virginia 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Under separate cover I have mailed acknowledgment of your contribution to our genealogical society with valuation arrived at as follows: Bell's books valued at \$55.00 each and the Lively family book at \$35.00, making the total of \$255.00.

If you have any questions or there is anything further I can do, please let me know. We truly appreciate your donations.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)



ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

POST OFFICE BOX 1587
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92668

February 29, 1976

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, WV 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

On behalf of the Society, I wish to thank you once again for your donations last year to our library collection.

These donations are valued at \$255.00.

Your interest and support are greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely,

Agnes B. Pearlman

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Parliamentarian

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507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
March 7, 1976

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

David Turner mentioned last night that the Gatliff family was one of those that you are researching.

Mrs. Janet Hager has recently been researching her husbands Toney line and is in touch with people in Indiana who are gathering Toney material for a book that is to be published. They have sent her a lot of Toney material that goes back to William Toney, born 1727, who had 14 children. One of his sons was William Toney Jr. who married Leah Gatliff and settled on Guyandot River in what was then Cabell County. The area where their children lived seems to have been near the present Logan-Lincoln County line and by 1850 the Toneys were nearly all in Logan County.

I had thought that these Logan Toneys were descended from Jesse Toney, one of the sons of the first William Toney, but this seems to be well researched and I am now convinced they are descended from William Jr. and Leah (Gatliff) Toney.

I thought I should direct your attention to this for if you are looking ~~for if you are looking~~ for Gatliff descendants you can find a flock of them on Guyandotte River.

Mrs. Hager loaned me this Toney material and if you are interested in the Gatliff part I will send copies to you.

Sincerely

Lugfee Clafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
March 14, 1976

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have let myself get so involved in so many things that I am something like the British general who in the heat of battle mounted his horse and rode off furiously in all directions. Anyway, I seem to be running around in circles and not getting anything worthwhile done. I have now made a resolution to finish my census-genealogy before getting any deeper in other things.

I will have about ten volumes, averaging a hundred pages or more, when I finish it. The Archives outfit in the capitol has xeroxed four of them, and Marshall University has done two of them. Later this week I will go to an archaeological meeting in Front Royal, Virginia, and will go by the way of Morgantown so I can leave four volumes with W. Va. University for xeroxing, and I can pick them up on my way back. If I was not so fouled up with other things I could finish all of them in two weeks, but genealogy has got me now, telephone calls and visitors all the time, to say nothing about the mail I get. But at that I think I like it.

I have been going over my work carefully, comparing each volume with those based on other censuses, and I am disturbed by the number of errors I find, many of which are typographical. What disturbs me even more is that I feel that even with these comparisons and corrections there must still be a lot that I have missed. However, I am going to send them in as they are with hope that that the value of the material that is right is greater than the harm caused by things that are wrong. And when I finish with W. Va. U., Marshall, the Archives, two small colleges, and our brand new local library, I will send them to the L.D.S. library in Salt Lake City, and to your library if you want to make copies.

What got me started on this letter was something I just noticed which I should have seen a thousand times, but didn't. In the 1870 census of Boone County household No. 4 in Crook District is listed as follows:

Joseph Workman	41
Rhoda "	43
Clarinda "	19
Cartwright "	14
Elias S. "	9
Andrew "	4
Joseph "	89
Aleetha "	19 Domestic

The 89 year old Joseph must be our old friend Joseph Workman who married Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins, and Aleetha, the domestic, is no doubt the Letha in the household of Ruth Workman (widow of James H.) in the 1860 census. But who are these other characters? A hurried look through the other Boone census records does not reveal them, nor do Logan census records or Anderson's Workman Family History. At least I do not see them.

Old Joseph has aged rapidly in the preceding ten years for he was 72 in 1860, but that is understandable, at least to me. When people reach a certain age they become proud of having lived so long and like to tack on a few extra years.

Since you are preparing a book on the Workmans you have no doubt noticed this. It really should not matter to me but I am curious about it and if you have a ready explanation I would like to have it, but forget about it if it requires research.

I have recently become involved in a small way with the Toney family, and that is like opening a can of worms.

Our genealogical group seems to be getting along fairly well. Our secretary, Mrs. Hager, is a live wire, writes a little for the local papers, calls the radio stations in Charleston and Logan, and gets them talking about our meetings. She shows great aptitude in learning how source material can be found. We get as many people from Logan and Kanawha Counties as we do from Boone. As might be expected, some of them occasionally discover that they are distantly related.

You have mentioned that you might come east again this year. If you do and if your travels bring you into our neighborhood the latch string will be out as usual.

Sincerely

Sydney Olafsen

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
March 18, 1976

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you for your letters of March 7 and 14. Because of two sets of out-of-town guests, I am somewhat late in responding to the first.

I would be most interested in receiving any copies of Gatliff material which you may have since that is one of my direct lines. Of course, it is possible that I already have the data; but often another researcher finds information which someone else might have overlooked. I can return anything you send.

You mention the Toney family. Although I have much Toney data, it is of a "hit and miss" nature with many marriage records but with nothing to show the parentage of most of them. For example, the Jonathan Toney, born 1786-1790, who married Elizabeth Caperton was the probable son of Mary (Fletcher) and John Toney; while William Toney, born 1787 or thereabouts, who married Mary "Polly" Caperton was probably the son of Leah (Gatliff) and William Toney. How this William was related to John, I do not yet know. Perhaps they were both the son of the senior William Toney you mention. There's also the Poindexter Toney who married Jane Lilly (about whom we corresponded some months ago). I have record of another Poindexter Toney who married Mary Rawson 28 December 1788 in Franklin County, Virginia, as well as of Carey Toney who married Betsy Isom 27 August 1789 and Edward Toney who married Linny Chasteen 6 February 1795, both also in Franklin County--James Toney was surety to the last bond. My records on the later Logan County Toney connections is somewhat more complete.

In regard to the Workman 1870 household to which you refer in your March 14 letter: I believe you will find on rechecking the original census that you have combined data from Households No. 4 and 2 and that the name of head of household 4 is Jasper rather than Joseph. My abstracts reveal the following for these two households in Boone County:

No. 2:	Browning, Ben H.	24
	" Venila	28
	Kinder, Nancy H.	4
	" Mary E.	2
	Workman, Aleetha	21
	Workman, Joseph	89
No. 4:	Workman, Jasper	41
	" Rhoda	43
	" Clarinda	19
	" Cartwright	14
	" Elias	9
	" Andrew	4

March 18, 1976

As you will notice, this places Joseph Workman, widower of Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins, in the household of their youngest daughter, Venila (Workman) (Kinder) Browning. I believe that Aleetha is, as you also surmise, the daughter of Ruth (Halstead) and James H. Workman.

As yet, I have not been able to identify the parents of the 41-year-old Jasper Workman or his wife, Rhoda. I have tentatively placed him in the household of Margaret "Peggy" () and Joseph Workman since the 1840 census shows a male born between 1825 and 1830 belonging to them. However, I have not found Jasper in the 1850 or 1860 census records. I may simply have overlooked ~~him~~ in the 1860 Raleigh County census since ~~he and wife were~~ certainly there. At least three of their children were born in Raleigh County:

Richard Cartwright Workman, born 12 August 1855, Raleigh County, Virginia

Elias Workman, born 19 July 1860, Raleigh County, Virginia

Andrew Workman, born 17 March 1866, Raleigh County, West Virginia

Their parents were identified as Rhoda and Jasper Workman in the birth register.

I suppose there is a slight possibility that Jasper was a son of Louisa T.

(White) and Rev. Andrew Workman, but I rather doubt it. Elias might have been

Jasper's father, if one judges by the 1840 census breakdown of the Isaac-Elias household

From the evidence, it is obvious that this Jasper Workman is a distinct indi-

vidual from the Jasper Workman, son of Elizabeth (McNeely) and Joseph Workman;

but they were apparently born within a year of each other and probably closely

related. The question is, exactly how?

Unless there is some unforeseen change of plans, my trip East this year will be in the autumn. I look forward to meeting some of the genealogical group. It would appear that your meetings are exciting and that the membership is growing.

Our society would certainly love to make copies of your census genealogies and we appreciate your offer to make them available to us for that purpose. Certainly the benefits of having your works available far offset any errors which may be in them. A number of individuals here are already looking forward to having access to them.

Don't hesitate to let me know if there are any names I might check for you in the vital records we have here.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25103
March 25, 1976.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

In your letter of March 18 you ask if I have Gatliff data. On my own I have little beyond the marriage of Leah Gatliff to the William Toney who settled in Cabell County prior to 1810, probably in the part of it that later became Logan or Lincoln County. However, David Turner has given me Gatliff material which, if placed in chronological order, would look something like this:

March 20, 1758, James Gatliff killed by Indians on Roanoke River.
1762, Squire Gatliff, probably a son of James, died.
Aug. 25, 1762, Robert Montgomery appointed executor of Estate of Squire Gatliff.
Nov. 23, 1762, above appointment revoked and Martha Gatliff, widow, appointed executrix of estate of Squire Gatliff.
Aug. 22, 1782, Leah Gatliff (dau. of Squire and ~~Leah~~ Martha Gatliff ?) married William Toney.
1783. First child of above couple born and named Squire (after Leah's father ?)

If the above does not match what you have you had better check with Dave, for I may not have understood him clearly. Later there was a lawsuit, McDaniel vs Gatliff, in which Leah Toney is named as an heir of Martha Gatliff and which appears to have involved property in Botetourt County. Several others were also named as heirs, among them Chas. Gatliff, Hannah Daily, Hafty Wylie, Rebecca Christian, etc.

In the material that Mrs. Janet Hager got from the man in Indiana was a copy of the Will of William Toney, beyond whom those researchers have not been able to get. A copy of this copy is enclosed, and the name of his son William, who married Leah Gatliff, is underlined in red.

Also enclosed is a copy of a note in the Bible of James Toney of Preble County, Ohio, grandson of the first William, which may have been embellished by his daughter or granddaughter, Chloe Niccum, a Toney researcher. The same William Toney, who married Leah Gatliff, has his name underlined in red there also.

X The two lists, the one in the will and the one in ~~James~~ James Toney's Bible, do not quite agree. The latter names Harrison Toney as a son but the Will makes no mention of him. The Bible note says he died young, so perhaps ^{he} died before the

Will was made. The Bible note also lists Rebecca Toney who married Joshua Ferguson, but the Will does not mention her either. The Toney material seems to have been well researched and has quite a bit about Joshua and Rebecca Ferguson, who settled in Wayne County, West Virginia, where Fergusons are now very plentiful. A good many Toneys also wound up in Wayne.

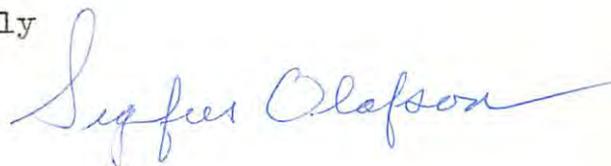
The brother who stayed in Boone County was Pointdexter and this Indiana researcher has less data about him than any of the others, and that is what he is wanting now. He had a large family, as did nearly all of his children, so getting them in proper order is quite an undertaking. I will do some of it but it is too big a job to go into seriously.

The Pointdexter Toney who married Mary Rawson was the same Pointdexter who later married Jane Lilly.

I took four of my "books" to the library of West Virginia university on the 23rd, where they were xeroxed, and I returned on the 24th. Three of them related to Boone County, being those based on 1850, 1860, and 1880 census records, and 4th was pre-1850 Logan and Mingo. The same ones have been xeroxed at the Archives in the Capitol. Some has been done at Marshall University and only one at Southern W. Va. College at Logan. I hope to have the others ready before long.

A friend who has access to a copying machine has volunteered to make copies for the local library and has already done some of the work, so I am beginning to see a little daylight, but other things keep intruding. I want to attend the annual meetings of both the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and the N. Y. State Archaeological Association, both to be held in April, as in the past I was active in both of them. And one of my former employers wants me to spend a week at his home in the Adirondacks. All that would use up a lot of time, and here I am living on borrowed time, rapidly approaching my 80th birthday.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sigfus Olefson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

WILL OF WILLIAM TONEY

In the name of God, Amen, I, William Toney of Franklin County and State of Virginia, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory. Blessed by God for his moneys do this 8th day of November in the year 1804, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following

my soul, I commend to Almighty God, who gave it me, and my body to earth to the earth from whence it came in hopes of joyful resurrection through the merits of my God to help me with, I dispose thereof as follows:

First of all I give to my well beloved wife, Marget Toney, her maintenance out of my Estate, and one feather bed & furniture, two milch Cows, two hogs, one chest and all the kitchen furniture I give and bequeath unto my son Littlebury Toney, Marion Toney, now Marion Woodson, Elizabeth Toney, now Elizabeth Bales, Averila Toney, now Avirila Thompson, Carey Toney my son, Pointdexter, my son, Edmund Toney my son, eight dollars to be equally divided between them. I give and bequeath unto William Toney my son, and John Toney, my son, ten pounds to be equally divided between them. I give and bequeath unto Susannah Toney my daughter, part of my land, beginning at John Webster's line, leaving the line to a path that crosses on to a ridge road on the top of the Ridge, so on the said road to the old line. Item I give ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ unto my daughter Susannah Toney two feather beds, one cow and calf, to her, and her heirs, forever. I give to Susannah Toney my granddaughter, one feather Bed and cow and calf, to be raised out of my Estate, to her heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto Hannah Toney now Hannah Peters, to Her, her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to James Toney my son, Jesse Toney my son, the balance of my lands equally divided between them, my son Jesse to have the upper end of my land & and my son Jesse the lower end, to them, their heirs and assigns forever. I give the balance of my goods and chattels to my son James Toney, and my son Jesse to them, their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly, I do make and appoint James Toney, my son, and Jesse Toney my son, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all former wills by me made. I appoint this and no other to be my my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

his
William X Toney
mark

Dec. 30, 1804
Franklin County Court House
Will Book #1, page 245

Note in James Toney Bible (Chloe Niccum)

William Toney lived in Franklin County Virginia in 1760. I don't know if he was born in Virginia or not. He had one brother and one sister who lived in Georgia. I don't know if there was any more in the family or not. William was married three times. His first wife was the mother of one son, Littlebury. I think he lived in Georgia. The second wife was the mother of two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. One of them married a man named Dudley Street. I don't know who the other one married. I think they lived in Georgia.

The third wife's name was Margaret Sutherland. She was the mother of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. One daughter's name was Eva, she married a man named William Thompson. They both died in Virginia. Rebecca married Joshua Ferguson, they also died in Virginia. Susannah came to Union County, near the Ohio line in Indiana where she died. Hannah married Matthew Peters and came to Ohio. They both died of Cholera in 1832.

Their sons names were John, William, Pointdexter and Cary twins, Edmund, Harrison, James and Jesse.

John went to Georgia and married his cousin, Mollie Toney and brought her back to Virginia where they lived in Giles County. They were wealthy. Their only son's name was Jonathan. He married a girl named Caperton and they had several girls and one son named Washington. He had one daughter and she married a man named Tanner and they live at Huntington West Virginia.

I don't know what Williams Wife's name was, I think there were several boys in the family and I don't know what county they lived in.

Pointdexter lived in Kanawha County and there were several children in his family.

Carey, our grandfather, and his family came to Ohio in 1819. They had nine sons and one daughter, one son died in Virginia, one went to Missouri.

Edward came to Ohio where he died. His family went to Missouri.

Harrison died in Virginia while a young man.

Jesse came to Ohio, then moved to northern Indiana. Some of his family live in Michigan and some of them went to Iowa.

James lived on the old farm where his father raised his family. I think his children were girls. I don't know whether any of them are living or not.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
April 10, 1976

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, West Virginia 25103

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you so much for the Toney family data. It contains some information which will be of interest to another of my correspondents.

I appreciate, too, your rechecking your notes on the Gatliff family. If, indeed, David Turner's ~~and your~~ records show Robert Montgomery as executor in 1762 of Squire Gatliff estate, please change them to James Gatliff estate--the same James who was killed March 20, 1758, on Roanoke River. The husband of Martha was James Gatliff; one of their sons being named Squire.

After I left West Virginia last spring, I stopped at the Kentucky State Historical Society where I found a manuscript which answered many of my previous questions about that Gatliff generation. I also obtained probate papers and pension applications for Charles Gatliff. Documented evidence supports the following reconstruction:

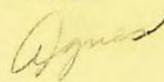
(Lt.) James Gatliff, killed 20 March 1758, married about 1740 Martha M. Farris, who died between 11 June 1798 & 6 August 1799 in that part of Greenbrier County, Virginia, which became Monroe. Their children were:

- Squire Gatliff, born Pennsylvania, died 1776-1777, willsta proved Montgomery County, Virginia
- Charles Gatliff, born 28 May 1748 Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; married 1) ca. 1773 Christiana McGuire; married 2) 19 June 1809 Knox County, Kentucky, Rachel Cummins; he died 30 June 1838 Whitley County, Kentucky.
- Hannah Gatliff, married 1) _____ Neely; married 2) _____ Dailey; she died between September 1825 & February 1826 Giles County, Virginia
- Mary Gatliff, married ca. 1775 James Alexander Pine; she died before 6 April 1805 but after 1798
- Reese Gatliff, apparently died before 1799; no further info
- Leah Gatliff, married 22 August 1782 William Toney in Greenbrier County, Virginia
- Karenhapouch "Happy" Gatliff, married 24 May 1784 Greenbrier County, Virginia, William Wiley. (Was this the Happy Wiley who married later Andrew Wilson or did her daughter so marry?)
- Abigail "Abby" Gatliff, married 5 November 1785 Thomas Trimble in Greenbrier County, Virginia
- Nancy Gatliff, never married, apparently ~~married~~ died before 1799.

I send the foregoing simply to bring your records up to date on that generation insofar as I have it. At one time I questioned whether or not Squire and James were one and the same person but am now satisfied that Squire was a son of James Gatliff.

I'm pleased to learn that several of the libraries have made copies of your census abstracts and annotations. In fact, it would appear that you have made significant progress in that regard during the past year. I'm slowly but surely getting my material in form for printing.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I just received a letter from Mrs. Dorsey Fields in which she gave a correction regarding the spouse of Sarah "Sally" Justice, daughter of Jane "Jenny" (HATFIELD) and James JUSTICE. Her notes--and she believes yours--showed Jenny's husband as Scott McDonald; however, Jenny's husband should be listed as Albert Shannon. Mrs. Fields says Albert Shannon was Sally's only husband. Did a different ~~Scott~~ Justice marry a Scott McDonald?

SIGFUS OLAFSON
507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, W. VA. 25130

April 17, 1976

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706.

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have very little information about the Gatliff family, which you wrote about recently, so I took your letter to David Turner and enclose a page of his comments.

Robert Montgomery did qualify as administrator of the estate of James Gatliff, but this was later revoked and transferred to his widow. As you indicate, Squire Gatliff died much later and Leah Gatliff qualified as administratrix of his estate. Presumably this is the same Leah Gatliff that you list as one of the children of James and Mary^{Ann} Gatliff and one wonders why she was chosen for this position, but she probably was the oldest of the children still in the area. It is possible, of course, that Squire had a wife named Leah, but this seems unlikely. It seems more likely that he had not married.

The suit in Augusta County, mentioned by Dave, lists Gatliff heirs that are not on your list of the children of James and Mary^{Ann} Gatliff. I have no explanation for this.

The Peter Dingess who was one of the bondsmen for Leah Gatliff in the administration of the estate of Squire Gatliff was the father of William Dingess and the other Dingess brothers who settled in Logan County. The land on which the City of Logan is located (including the island and mouth of Island Creek) was patented by John Breckenridge, deputy surveyor of Montgomery County, who later sold it to his father-in-law, Col. William Preston. It was one of these two, perhaps Breckenridge, who hired the Workman brothers to clean up the old Indian cornfields on the island. Preston sold the land to old Peter Dingess, who in turn sold it to his son William some years after he settled on it.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

GATLIFF FAMILY

One of the choice tracts of land on the Roanoke fronting on Buffalo Creek north of the Stone House Land was acquired in 1753 by James Gatliff. This he sold in 1754 to James Neely who conveyed it to Robert Neely and he in turn sold to William Christian. In 1758 James Gatlive on the Roanoke is reported killed by Indians. The administrator appointed was Robert Montgomery, but James' wife, Martha, qualified in February, 1763. The property was appraised by John McFerrin, Thomas McFerrin and Patrick Sharkey, which would indicate that the family was then on Catawba. He had only three horses and one cow. In 1764, Martha Gatlive was returned "no inhabitant."

16 Feb 1762 - Robert Montgomery's bond (With Saml. McRoberts, Thomas Roberts).

16 Nov 1762 - Robert Montgomerie qualified as administrator of James Gatliff's estate.

16 Feb 1763 - Administration heretofore granted to Robert Montgomerie is revoked and granted to the widow, Martha.

15 Feb 1763 - Martha M. Gatlive's bond (with John Smith, George Wilson) as administratrix of James Gatlive.

14 Jun 1763 - James Gatlive's estate appraised (by John McFerrin, Thomas McFerrin, Patrick Sharkey).

22 Jun 1764 - Martha Gatlive, returned "no inhabitant".

Montgomery County - 2 Apr 1777

The Last Will and Testament of Esquire Gatlive, deceased, was produced into Court and Proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereunto subscribed and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Leah Gatlive administration with the Will annexed is granted her on the estate of said Squire Gatliff whereupon she entered into and acknowledged her bond with Michael Woods and Peter Dingess her security in the sum of Two hundred pounds for her true and faithful discharge of administration on said Estate.

Augusta Records

McDaniel vs. Gatlive - Martha Gatlive died in Botetourt, intestate, leaving heirs, viz: Charles Gatlive, Hannah Dailey, William Wiley and Hafy, his wife, William Toney and Leah, his wife, Thomas Christian and Rebecca, his wife, Joseph Goar and Martha, his wife, Thomas, Nancy, James, Mary and Alexander Pine.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
April 21, 1976

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison, W. Va. 25130

Dear Mr. Olafson:

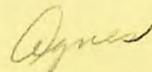
Thank you for the additional comments on the Gatliff family.

The Gatliff heirs mentioned in the Augusta County suit include not only children but grandchildren of Martha (Farris) Gatliff. Thus, the grandchildren (all children of Mary Gatliff and James Alexander Pine) are: Rebecca Pine, wife of Thomas Christian; Martha Pine, wife of Joseph Goar, Nancy Pine, James Pine, Mary Pine, and Alexander Pine, all unmarried at the time suit was filed. At least two Pine children were not mentioned in the suit since they were apparently unknown to the plaintiff. I might also mention that the suit was in error in showing the place of Martha's death as Botetourt County and in stating that she died intestate. She wrote her will while living in Greenbrier County, but by the time she died the will was probated in Monroe County. All this information sent just to make your records more complete.

Actually, the only ones of the above-mentioned who would be of significance for your records would be Martha (Pine) and Joseph Gore, who were the progenitors of most of the Logan and Boone County Gore's. After Martha's death, Joseph Gore married secondly, Rachel Swinney, widow of Richard Toler; he married thirdly, Louisa Meador, widow of _____ Spradling. Joseph Gore owned considerable land in Logan County and at one time or another before his death between 1862 and 1867, he lived in most of the counties of southern West Virginia.

Like much of the east, California is having beautiful, summer days.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
August 10, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

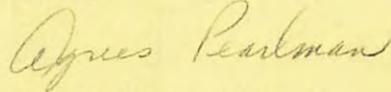
Enclosed is a complimentary copy of the 1840 CENSUS & INDEX FOR LOGAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, which I have just published.

Although I realize that you probably already have all the information you need from that census, you may still be able to make use of this copy. If not, perhaps you might wish to pass it along to your local genealogical society.

Because of work on this and the other two publications to come out later this month, I have had little time for research during the past few months. You will be receiving complimentary copies of the other publications when they are ready.

I do hope you are well and enjoying the summer. If I get back to West Virginia during the autumn months, as I hope, I shall look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

P. S. I have also sent copies of the enclosed to Mrs. Hager and Mr. Turner.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Sept. 6, 1976

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

For no particular reason it has been some time since I wrote to you and this ^{is} a much belated acknowledgement of having received your publication relating to the 1840 census of Logan County, and my thanks for the same.

I stay very busy and there are hardly enough hours in the day for me, which is mainly due to allowing myself to get involved in so many things. I have been feeling well - no aches or pains - but age is catching up with me. Last Saturday I went out digging in an Indian site with Dave Turner, and by three in the afternoon I was so exhausted that I could hardly walk. Perhaps I should expect it because I will become an octogenarian in less than two months, but mentally I feel much younger.

I have at long last gotten my census books virtually completed and some have been xeroxed by the Archives, the library of W. V. University, Marshall University, and we have a xeroxed set for our local library. Before long I hope to send them to the Mormon library in Salt Lake City.

I also have the Logan-Mingo series about completed, one volume for the 1810 to 1840 period, and a volume each for the 1850-60-70 census records. Dave Turner has just *completed* one for the 1880 census of Logan, which, as you know, then included Mingo I have also done one for 1850 Wyoming, 1850 Cabell, plus a miscellaneous one for the earlier Cabell period. Dave has also done 1860 Raleigh. Xerox copies of all of these are or will be in our local library.

I think I told you that I am president of our local genealogical society which meets in our local library the first Thursday night each month. I have been worried about the kind of program to have but it seems that all of them want to dive into these census books and spend their time on them.

Mrs. Babe Fowler spoke at one of our meetings and she must have liked it here for she spent four nights with Mrs. Janet Hager, and two with a Mrs. Barker. We had 16 people at our last meeting and about the same, or more, at the previous one, and people from Kanawha, Lincoln, and Logan come to them, as well as people from Boone county.

Our library here is new and not yet functioning as it should. The inexperienced library board let the contractor talk them into making advance payments and

he promptly left, was charged with burning a building he owned for the insurance, was convicted and is in prison. The company that bonded him is now finishing the things he left undone but is taking its sweet time about it. The board also hired a librarian who had a degree in library science and nothing else. He was so arrogant that he made every patron mad and when the board protested he said they should resign and not interfere with his operation of the library. The Board promptly fired him. That was a month ago his two assistants, local women have been running it since then, and I hear they have now hired a librarian who will arrive in about a week. I have been telling board members that there should be a room devoted to W. Va. material, history, genealogy, etc., and they want to discuss it with the librarian, when he comes, and I am getting impatient.

We use our dues to buy books relating to genealogical matters, as we have no expenses except postage for meeting notices. So far all we have in the library is one shelf, which is entirely inadequate.

The grapevine says you are coming East this fall. If you do you will be welcomed as usual and it would be very nice if you could time it for the first Thursday in the month. I think you would enjoy meeting our group, among them Mrs. Hager, your cousin, but probably distant. She shows considerable promise as a genealogist, and so do others.

Sincerely

Luffus Olafson

SIGFUS OLAFSON
507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, W. VA. 25130

Sept. 12, 1976

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have compared the names in your 1840 census publication with those in a list I compiled, and I find there are several differences. I suppose you copied the list of the enumerator as exactly as you could, which may be the right way to do it, but I copied a list prepared by David Turner from microfilm, and he thinks he may have corrected a few errors made by the enumerator, and I am not above making a few mistakes of my own.

Many of the differences I noted are of minor importance. Several of the Jarrell and Ferrell names are terminated by a final e. In other records these names are never, as far as I know, terminated in this way. I am wondering if this could have been a curlicue or flourish used by the enumerator in his writing that looked like an e. . Also, I think that now the Riffe families spell their names with a double f. In your publication a single f is used. And now the Elkins families I know all terminate their names with an s, while in your list some are Elkin. None of these differences are important because anyone should be able to tell what the enumerator meant.

However, there are others that the enumerator has not spelled correctly. You have Nos. 12, 492, 504, and 515, all with the surname Manor. I feel certain that all should be Maynard. Below are listed others whose correct spelling I believe you can verify from other sources:

- 26, Felin Canterbury, should be Felix.
- 67, Should be Altizer
- 71, Should be St. Clair
- 124. Should be Morgan. He was member of legislature from Logan.
- 131. Should be Bryant.
- 164. Should be Humphrey Trent.
- ✓ 212. Should be Joseph Halstead. He was a brother of Benjamin and James Halstead, whom you list, and a son of Amos Halstead, whose wife was sister of Phillip & Evan Ellis of Logan.
- ✓ 218. Should be Balt Woodrum, his name probably Archibald Woodrum.
- 239. I have this James May. Not certain what it is.
- 264. I have this Samuel S. Stone, as in 1850 census
- ✓ 292. Full name in Boone and N.C. records is Henry Munford DeJournett
- ✓ 294. This should be John Averell, well recorded in Boone
- ✓ 311. Should be Lewis Pauley
- ✓ 312. Should be Vernon Price
- ✓ 314. Should be Susan ~~KAREN~~ Lawrence
- ✓ 319. Should be Griffin Vickers
- ✓ 321. Should be Joseph Harris
- ✓ 322. Should be Wilson Kessinger Sr.
- ✓ 324. Should be St. Clair Ballard. Member legislature 1846-7. from LOGAN

- ✓ 330. Should be Medley Ballard
- ✓ 331. Also appears as John Phipps
- ✓ 340. Should be Wm. Griffith. Griifith sometimes locally pronounced as Griffy, even now.
- ✓ 341. Should be Noah Leffler.
- ✓ 345. Should be Bryson Adkins.
- ✓ 371. Should be Robt. A. Clendenen
- ✓ 399. Should be William Martin
- ✓ 407. Should be John Vannatter (earlier that may have been van Natta)
- 427. Should be Moses Coleman
- 435. Should be John Carey
- 436. Should be Elijah Ferrell
- 437. I have it Bird Lockard. Uncertain.
- 438. Should be George Duty
- 456. Should be Lowrey Evans
- 467. Should be Solomon Baisden
- 506. Probably John Dial.
- 519. Should be Hiram Blankenship *Wyoming*
- 549. Should be Alfred Wilhite
- 580. Should be Iain Shannon (Wyoming Co.)
- 581. Should be George Morgan " "
- 582. Should be Samuel Lambert
- 596. Should be Stephen Hart (lived in present Lincoln)
- 608. Should be George Harris
- 642. Should be Moses Brown

A number of the above lived in Boone County (I will pencil a check mark in front of their names) and I have compared them with later census and local records. Insofar as they are concerned I feel certain that the above is correct. I have also checked most of the others against Logan and Wyoming records and as far as I know they are correct, but I warn you that I am not infallible.

You also have No. 472 as John Bowen-Bower. That one stumped Dave Turner and he came up with something else, but we have no idea about which is right. You also have No. 431 as Jane Stodridge. I have her as Jane Madridge. In another record I deciphered her name as Jane Lotridge. I don't know if any of these are right.

There are other minor spelling errors but I think none would prevent a person from recognizing the real name.

Sincerely

Lester Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
September 30, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you for your most welcome letters of September 6 and 12. Due to the pressure of other matters, I have not been able to respond before now.

I sincerely appreciate the corrections and additions to my 1840 census. Actually, I had much of the information was already known on the basis of knowledge of the other census years; however, I made the editorial decision to handle the ambiguous material in what I considered the most efficient manner. In retrospect, it might have been better had I simply listed what the enumerator wrote (or seemed to write) and then followed up with a footnote indicating what I thought he meant and the commonly used spelling in the region today.

To illustrate: The census copy I used had #124 listed as Isaac Moran. Rather than simply leave it that way since I was convinced that this was Isaac Morgan, I listed it as Isaac ?Morgan/?Moran so that anyone searching for the name Morgan would find it in the index and be able to make his or her own determination. The same procedure was followed for #67 who was listed by the enumerator as David Alisir and whom I knew to be David Altiser (the ancestor of my great aunt's husband, incidentally). St. Clair/Sinclair, etc. are other similar instances.

In the case of Humphry Trent, whom the enumerator and I both listed as Umphry Trent (#164): I used the "U" spelling since on so many vital records he is shown simply as "U. Trent." Until I did this census I had not figured out exactly who U. Trent was, so decided that he might have spelled his name that way.

For #264: The middle name of Samuel S. Stone might be Steven since the spelling seemed quite distinct on the copy I used.

Felin, rather than Felix, Canterbury was a misprint; and Batt, rather than Balt, Woodran was an oversight on my part. You may recall that he is connected to the Gore family, and we corresponded about him some years ago.

I believe that #239 is indeed James Mars (usually spelled Marrs). He is probably related to the Sarah Marrs who married Moses Workman 11 July 1820. You will notice that James Mars is surrounded by others with Workman connections; namely, Barker, Dalton, Pauley, Stone, etc.

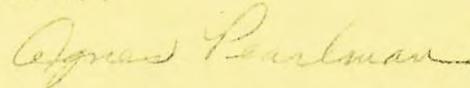
In those cases where there were simply variant spellings, I used the spelling of the enumerator, even though it might differ from the one commonly used in Logan County today. Often, one of the variant forms was adopted as the norm for members of the same family in other sections of the country. I thought the simplest way to handle it (in order to keep the book small and inexpensive) was to use the spelling on the census record and let the researcher do the rest. Manor for Maynard and Elkin instead of Elkins are cases in point. I simply goofed in not noticing that Wm. Guffy was actually Griffy being used for Griffith. For this and any other errors, I will make an errata sheet and mail to all purchasers of the census index. That goes for recipients of complimentary copies also.

You and Dave Turner are certainly to be commended for your efforts on the census records of the nineteenth century. At the rate you and others in Boone County are preparing material, you will have one of the best local genealogical collections in that section of the country. I look forward to visiting your new library the next time I am in the area.

Unfortunately, that will not be this fall. Once again I will be missing West Virginia's autumn foliage. I was making preparations for my trip when I received a call from the moving company which was transporting the family heirlooms and furniture from the East that there had been a fire aboard the van. Half the items were completely destroyed, and the remaining ones severely damaged. I must therefore be here to supervise the repairs and refinishing.

I do appreciate your hospitable offer but will "take a rain check." I'm still hoping you will visit us in California one of these days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Agnes Pearlman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

October 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Olafson,

This is by way of a post-script to my last letter regarding James Marrs, #239 on the 1840 Logan County census. I mentioned Workman connections to the Marrs family but failed to say that one James Marrs married a Sally Workman 26 Dec. 1810 in Taxewell County, Virginia. Whether these two James Marrs are one and the same, I do not know but thought I would mention the connection.

Sincerely,

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
Madison
West Virginia 25130

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

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

cc: Mrs. William Hager

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Nov. 18, 1976

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have neglected my correspondence lately, and perhaps you in particular, and I have on several occasions told about getting involved in so many things, but I seem to do little to correct the situation. However, last week I did have nerve or sense enough to send his excellency, the Governor, a letter in which I resigned my position as a member of the West Virginia Antiquities Commission, using my 80th birthday as an excuse.

I have also completed my census series, Boone 1850-60-70 and 80, Logan (Mingo) 1850-60-70 and one pre-1850 with 1830-40 Logan plus early tax lists and excerpts from Cabell records, also 1850 Cabell and 1850 Wyoming. All of these have been xeroxed by the W. Va. Archives in Charleston, the library of Marshall University, and our local library here in Madison. Four of the volumes have been xeroxed by the library of W. Va. University and I hope to get the rest there before long. I have submitted only one to the little college in Logan but will let any of the others be xeroxed if they want them. Then I expect to send all to the LDS library in Salt Lake City, and after that to anyone who wants them. I will then feel easier because the material in them should be preserved for anyone interested.

I have just finished a booklet with the 1854-1861 Boone County marriages, actually two lists of the same marriages, one with the grooms or husbands in alphabetical order and the other one with the brides or wives in the same way. I had previously done that with Logan. I copied all of the Logan marriages, and most of those for Boone, in Richmond, and Mrs. Hager ordered photocopies of the other Boone sheets so I could finish them.

Your letter about another probable daughter of Abraham Workman has arrived but I have not had time to go into that. This is written in the morning and this afternoon I am leaving for Richmond to attend the annual meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation, of which I am a past-president. I will return Sunday and then look into the Workman matter.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

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

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

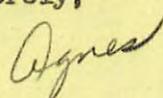
Enclosed is your complimentary copy of the GENEALOGICAL INDEX AND GAZETTEER FOR BOWMAN'S REFERENCE BOOK OF WYOMING COUNTY HISTORY. As I recall, you have a copy of her book.

This is just a small token of my appreciation for your continued help and hospitality.

Since I missed seeing you in '76, I'm hoping I will have the pleasure in 1977.

Wishing you the best of health in the coming year . . .

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

Congratulations! Congratulations! And many more for the wonderful job you have done on the Boone and Logan County records! I know how appreciative the various libraries must be to have a copy of them.

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

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I do hope the holiday season was an enjoyable one for you. It was for us but seemed even busier than usual.

Now that the new year is under way, I am trying to bring my miscellaneous genealogical notes up to date. As is usual under such circumstances, several questions surface; and I'm hoping you will have the answers to a few.

In the 1850 Logan County, Virginia, Census #242 there is a John M. Dingess, age 26. Do you have the maiden name of his wife? And who are his parents? Are they Mary Ann (Stone) and Dr. Peter Dingess? Also, do you know whether Mary Ann and Peter are the parents of the Micajah Dingess, born about 1825?

What of the parentage of the Nancy Dingess who married William B. Chapman, #240 in the 1850 Logan County census? From old notes (I believe copied from your annotations), I show her parents as Chloe (Farley) and John Dingess but think it possible they were the above-mentioned Mary Ann (Stone) and Peter Dingess. Do you have anything definite?

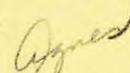
Did I ever send you a correction for the Dingess family notes you wrote? In them you show Peggy Dingess as having married John McClagherty. The Giles County, Virginia, marriage register lists Sarah Dingess as having married John McClagherty there 12 August 1813. She died in Mercer County, West Virginia.

In trying to clarify the parentage of the various men named Peter Dingess, I notice in your 1873 Logan County marriage abstracts you show the Peter H. Dingess who married Catherine Clark 14 April 1873 as the son of Chloe (Farley) and John Dingess. It would appear from other sources that this Peter Henry Dingess was the son of Gertrude (Smith) and William Anderson Dingess and that he married 1) about 1848 Priscilla Canterbury, 2) Catherine Mead, a widow Mrs. Clark, and 3) 27 August 1885 Josephine McCoy.

If that reconstruction is correct, then the son of Chloe (Farley) and John Dingess was Peter C. "Coffe Pete" Dingess, who married Jane Adams. Have you anything you could add for further clarification? Do I perhaps have the parentage for these two Peter's reversed?

A final request, if it's not asking too much: Could you please send the Mitchell household numbers only of anyone in the 1860 and 1870 households which you have indexed. It would save me so much time not to have to go through those census years name by name. I am reconstructing the Mitchell families of southern West Virginia. After almost finishing those related to me, I decided to complete group sheets on the other Mitchell families as well.

Many thanks,


(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
January 19, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

The Dingess family is a rough one to work on because of so many identical names and the scarcity of records, and I have only used records in the limited work I have done on it. Most of what I did was quite long ago, before I had realized the value of getting good sources. I am afraid then that I will be of little help to you, But I will try to answer your questions in the order in which you have asked them.

First, I think I should perhaps gossip a little about the family in general because it might help understand things about certain individuals in it. The first land acquired was the Breckenridge 300 acre survey, which included the City of Logan, the island, and the mouth of Island Creek. It was bought by Peter Dingess who soon conveyed it to his son, William Dingess, who moved there about 1798, along with some relatives and in-laws who came with him, or soon afterward. Most of these settled near what is now the City of Logan. William had no children by his wife, but had an illegitimate son, Peter Dingess, by Catherine or Katy McComas, member of the prominent McComas family of Montgomery and later Cabell County. He was born about 1798, and eventually settled on Big Creek, across the hill from present Chapmanville. Katy McComas had another illegitimate son, John Garrett, probably born in Cabell County, who later also lived on Big Creek, farther up the creek than Peter.

In the 1780's several land grants, mostly for Revolutionary Soldiers, were made on Guyandot River and Big Creek, and one of these was for Abraham Shelton. His daughter Jenny had married a John Stone and in 1809 they came to Big Creek but for reasons unknown to me did not settle on the Shelton patent, but farther down the creek, near where Peter Dingess lived, and later he married their daughter Mary Ann. The 1830 Logan census indicates that they then had three sons and a daughter and also living with them was a female in the 50-60 year age bracket, who was Katy McComas, Peter's mother.

The 1840 Logan census indicates that Dr. Peter and Mary Ann Dingess then had four sons and three daughters. His half-brother, John Garrett, had by then established his own home and a female in his household in the 60-70 year age bracket was his mother, Katy McComas. In the 1850 census Catherine McComas, 77 years old, is listed in John Garretts household.

It is my opinion that John M. Dingess was a son of Dr. Peter and Mary Ann (Stone) Dinges, but I have no positive proof. However, he was living ~~close to~~ close to Dr. Peter's home, a usual thing at that time. The wife of John M. Dingess was Matilda J., daughter of Richard and Mary (Ingram) McDonald. Zattoo C. Dinges, another son of Dr. Peter and Mary Dingess, married Elizabeth, also a daughter of Richard and Mary (Ingram) McDonald, so it does look like two brothers marrying two sisters.

This Richard McDonald was of the McDonald family of Logan, a brother of Edward, Hercules, John, and Jonas. I think he was some kind of a timberman as he moved around quite a bit and for a while lived in Boone County. I think he lived near Chapmanville for a while in the 1850's, but he was not there during a census period.

I do not find John M. Dingess in other census records, so he either moved away or died, perhaps the latter for somewhere in the back of my mind is a vague recollection of having seen something about the remarriage of Matilda McDonald Dingess.

I have nothing definite about the parentage of Nancy Dingess who married William B. Chapman. In my notes on the 1850 census I have her as a daughter of Dr. Peter and Mary Dingess, but with a question mark after it, indicating that I was uncertain. She had a daughter, Mary Ann, with the same names as Dr. Peter's wife. In the notes on the 1860 census I show her as a daughter of John & Chloe Dingess, but still have a question mark there.

In the Dingess family notes, to which you refer, I did have Peggy Dingess marrying John McClaugherty, but had a question mark after her name, indicating that I was uncertain about the accuracy of my information. Thanks for the correction and I will change it from Peggy to Sarah in my records.

I cannot explain the marriage record in which I have Peter H. Dingess as a son of John and Chloe Dingess, but will try to remember looking at it the next time I am in Logan. In the census records of 1850 and 1860 I have ^{as a son of} William and Gertrude (Smith) Dingess. William and Gertrude lived in what is now Mingo County, quite far removed from the other Dingess families. In the 1850 census the house number of William and Gertrude is 494, and that of Peter H. is 495. In the 1860 census these numbers are 399 and 400. In both cases they lived next door to each other, so a close kinship is indicated. Peter H

John D. There were few Mitchell families in Logan County in 1860 and 1870. All I find in 1860 are Family No. 246, Jordan and Martha A. (Massey) Mitchell, and three children; Family NO. 488, Jordan and Isobel (Gore) Mitchell, no children; and Family No. 262, Micajah and Frances (Elkins) Mitchell. Also listed with Family No. 247, Patterson Christian, are Micajah and Emmaline Mitchell, children of

Jordan and Isobel. I presume you have the names of the Mitchell women who had married and thus lost their names, but the wife of Patterson Christian was one and others were 279, spicy, wife of Curtis Ballard; and there may have been others.

In the 1870 census Family T-104 has Albert Mitchell and this T (for Triadelphia) 104 is that of Poren Christian whose wife was Isabella Mitchell; Henry Mitchell is Family M*104, and Micajah Mitchell family T-58. I suppose there are also Mitchell women who have lost their identity but I have no separate list of them.

If you are working on Mitchell families of southern West ~~Virginia~~ Virginia I wonder if you have those of Boone, whose descendants are numerous here. They are descended from Joshua Michel, a French soldier in the Revolution who deserted and headed for the mountains when the French army was ordered back to France. He was naturalized in 1814 in Monroe County and as far as I know always used the name Michel. However, all of his children, some of which came to Boone, Anglicized their names to Mitchell.

We have had a month of what is said to be the worst weather that ever hit West Virginia, with temperatures here to 7 below and much colder in other spots, and no relief in sight. I have so far been lucky, with no frozen water pipes and no shortage of gas. People who went to Florida say they are freezing to death, as it snowed in Tampa and even as far south as Palm Beach. I suppose that next year we will have to eat those crummy California grapefruits and oranges.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Jan. 23, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706.

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I think I wrote to you rather hurriedly the other day and I see I did not answer all your questions. You asked about Micajah Dingess but there is nothing I could have told you about him for I never heard about him until he popped up in the 1880 census, and in Hardee District in present Mingo County.

The Dingess families in general lived along Guyandot River, or on its tributaries not far from the river, and in earlier times all were in Logan and Chapmanville Districts, except one, and that was the William who married Gertrude Smith. I have him as a son of Peter and Sally (Farley) Dingess and born 1806 or 1807. In the 1850 census he is shown as William A. Dingess. There is a William A. Dingess in the Logan 1840 census, undoubtedly the same man, for he is in the age bracket that would have him born between 1800 and 1810. In his household are two males in the 10 to 15 year age bracket, one in the 5 to 10, and one in the 0 to 5. In the 1850 census there are three sons born before 1840, James born 1832, died May 17, 1854, Charles A., born 1837, and the next son John, was born in 1842, but one, Peter H., was already married and is shown as 20 years old. This leaves one of the older sons missing and I suspect he was Micajah.

In the 1860 census William and Gertrude are family No. 399 and Peter H. is No. 400, so Peter had not strayed very far from the parental home. In the 1870 census William and Gertrude are in household No. 256 in Hardee District, which then covered most of the northern half of present Mingo County. The son, Peter H., was No. 258 in the same district, so he still had not gotten very far away. The only other Dingess family in present Mingo was that of Napoleon Dingess, who was a son of Julius Dingess. Julius died before 1850 and I am uncertain about his parents, who could have been Peter and Sally (Farley) Dingess. The wife of Julius was a Smith, as I have it, and could have been a sister of Gertrude, wife of William. At any rate close kinship is suggested for Napoleon is No. 257 and was living between William (No. 256) and Peter H. (No. 258).

In the 1870 census William and Gertrude are No. 13 in Hardee District. And which family lives next to them? Micajah Dingess, No. 14, and it looks like he had come home to papa and mama. William's son Peter, shown in this census as Henry, is No. 9, and his son, John A., is No. 11. Napoleon is No. 15, so these Dingess families were quite closely clustered together in Hardee District, quite a little ways from the cluster of Dingess families in Logan District and

and the cluster in Chapmanville District.

Having been born in a community that was just being settled I remember things that help explain some things that happened in most pioneer communities, including those in West Virginia. There were no relief agencies in those days, no orphanages, food stamps, or anything of the kind. The rule was root hog or die. Usually families that were related or were good friends would move to new places together so they could help each other.

My parents, (whose parents had pioneered in Dakota Territory) when newly married decided to go alone into an area of northern Minnesota that had been ceded by the Indians. A river bisected that area and they were the second family to settle north of it, in that area, the first one being a German family named Streib. Mrs. Streib helped deliver my oldest brother, Milton, when he was born. She died soon afterward, as did so many pioneer women, for it was a rough life. For instance, dad had gone ahead and built a log cabin but the first night he and mother were in it wolves killed eleven of their twelve sheep.

But it was not long until others started coming in and homesteading nearby, among them my father's sister and her husband, two of Mother's first cousins, and other relatives of theirs. I think that kind of thing occurred here because many of our pioneer families were related.

By the time these Dingess families went to Hardee District the critical or perilous stages of settlement were past, but it still helped to have relatives around to whom one could turn in time of trouble. Insofar as Micajah Dingess is concerned I see nothing that would associate him with Dr. Peter Dingess but there are several things, as noted above, that suggest a connection with William A. and Gertrude Dingess, but positive proof as to what it might be, is lacking.

The 1870 census shows that Micajah Dingess, his wife, and their oldest child, were all born in Virginia, and West Virginia was a part of Virginia at the time of their birth.

Now see if you can work out the rest of it.

Sincerely



2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
February 6, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

As always, you responded to my questioning with careful, thorough explanations; and I do appreciate it.

Although a few discrepancies remain, I believe I am close to working out all the pre-1850 Dingess family connections. My records show Julius C. Dingess' parents as John and Chloe (Farley) Dingess rather than Peter and Sally (Farley) Dingess. I believe that Julius' son Napoleon may have been living near William Anderson and Gertrude (Smith) Dingess in Hardee district because of the closeness of the Smith connection.

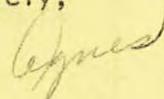
I believe it possible that the Kentucky records may offer a clue to Micajah Dingess' parentage. I will check them at the first opportunity. Your tentative placement of Micajah in the family of William A. and Gertrude seems to be supported by the circumstantial evidence. I was pleased to receive your analysis.

As for the Mitchell families: Yes, I am preparing the lineages of the children of Joshua Michel as well as the one of the descendants of Archelaus Mitchell. One of the members of our genealogical society is descended from Joshua Michel and gave me a short history of the family--not a date in the account. I have supplemented the material with dates from the Monroe County, West Virginia, records, however, as well as with the later Boone County material. Thank you for sending the household numbers for the 1860 and 1870 Logan County Mitchell groups. Could you do the same for Boone County? All I would need are the household numbers since I do have the census in our local library--but not indexed.

It's difficult to realize that southern West Virginia is having such amazingly cold and snowy weather. One of my Huntington cousins wrote to say that the city does not own even one snow plow. I suppose this is the first year they have ever really needed one.

Although northern California is suffering from a drought and water is being rationed, we here in southern California are enjoying the best of the best weather-wise--very little smog, beautiful sunny days, and cool nights, and plenty of water.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Feb. 10, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Right off the bat I see that I started this letter too close to the left edge of the paper, but I never will be a neat typist anyway, so I will just continue it that way.

Right now I am deeply involved in various things so this letter will pertain only to the descendants of Joshua Michel-Mitchell in Logan County, as your informant may not have known about them. I will cover the Boone County descendants in another letter. I am referring to the family of John Phipps (sometimes spelled Fips) and his wife Lucy, the latter a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Michel-Mitchell, born in Monroe County in 1802. This is Household No. 244 in the Logan 1850 census. The family follows, names and ages from the Logan 1850 census and rest mostly from Jane Albright, the youngest child in the family who lived to an age of over 100, and whom I knew quite well.

John	Phipps	50	married in Monroe Co., Dec. 11, 1824
Lucy	"	48	Dau. of Joshua & Elizabeth (Stigard) Mitchell
James	"	20	in Confederate Army-did not return from War.
Alifair	"	18	Mar. Thomas Nichols, later divorced or separated
Elizabeth	"	16	died young
Mary A.?	"	13	Mar. Richard?, son Of Zacheus & Lurecia(Walls)Elkins
Delilah	"	9	Mar. John, son of William & _____ Harless
Joseph	"	7	died in Camp Chase, a prisoner of war
Eveline	"	5	Mar. Marion, son of John & Mollie Wallen
Jane	"	3	Mar, Peter, son of James & Mary (Veely) Albright

Jane Albright was well up in her 90's and spry as a cricket when she gave me this information, most of which can be confirmed in local records. She said her sister Mary married a son of Zacheus and Luresia Elkins, and thought his name might have been Richrd, but Zacheus had no son of that name. He had a son named Riland whose wife was Mary and they lived in close proximity to John Phipps, so I am certain he is the one she talked about. If you substitute Riland for Richard I believe all of the above will be correct.

In the early 1920's, before there were roads and bridges, I walked to Logan more than once and have stayed overnight at the home of Jane's son, Jim Albright, which was about half-way to Logan. Jane had a daughter, Belzora, who married Clark Welch, and they and their sons were tenants who lived on our company's land for many years, so I knew them quite well.

In the Logan 1860 census the Phipps family was small. James, the oldest son, was no longer in the household (No. 766) nor do I find him in Logan County. Alifair had married Thomas Nichols and was already separated from him. She is No. 771 but Thomas was with A. R. Thompson, in household No. 12. Mary had married

see Feb. 23 letter for info on daughter Matilda, age 22 who married James Miller son of "Pop" Johnny Catherine (Mitchell) Miller

Riland Elkins and they are No. 768. Elizabeth is no longer in the household and apparently had died by that time. The four younger children, Delilah, Joseph, Eveline, and Jane, were still at home.

When the 1870 census was taken all the children were gone from the John and Lucy Phipps household, which is No. 165 in Logan District. James, according to my informant, did not return from the Civil War. Apparently Alifair and her husband were back together in the household of Ballard Blankenship, No. 14 in Logan Dist., though I seem to be confused here; Delilah and her husband, John Harless, are No. 164 in Logan District, and they have two children, Letha, age 8, and Emily, age 5. Joseph, of course, is not there as he died during the Civil War. Evaline and her husband, Marion Wallen, are NO. 167 in Logan Dist. and have one child, Andrew J., age 1; and my informant, Jane, and her husband, Peter Albright, are No. 166 in Logan, and have one child, the Belzora mentioned above.

In the 1880 census John and Lucy Phipps are still by themselves, No. 177 in Logan; Alifair and her children, I should say four of the five listed previously, are No. 173 in Logan, but her husband, Thomas Nichols, is with Simeon Browning, No. 324 in Logan. Mary and her husband, Riland Elkins, were not in Logan, or elsewhere in this region, as far as I know, and the same was true of Evaline and her husband, Marion Wallen. Jane, and her husband, Peter Albright, are Logan No. 176 in this census and had four children. The Belzora mentioned above is Amanda B. in this census, as her full name was Amanda Belzora.

The situation in Boone County is more complicated. One daughter of Joshua Michel married a Miller who settled here, and another married his nephew, likewise an early settler, and a son, a rather prominent minister, lived here intermittently, and his children and other grandchildren married here and there has been more or less in the way of cousin marriages and there are now hundreds of descendants of old Joshua in this are. You may not know that Joshua was nateralized in Monroe County in 1814.

The night set for the January meeting of our genealogical group was one of our worst, weatherwise, and I was the only one foolish enough to venture down to the library, and only because I am the president and had the library keys. The night set for our February meeting was not much better, and there were only six there beside me. Three of them were descended from Joshua Michel, and two had visited his grave. One had slides showing the tombstone, which is homemade and plain. I am urging them to have Revolutionary markers placed on Joshua's grave and on the grave of Augustus Comer, another Revolutionary soldier in the same cemetery, from whom most of the local Mitchells are also descended. I will write about the local Mitchells as soon as I have time.

Sincerely

Seamus Olafson

P O S T C A A R D

February 16, 1977

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you so much for the Phipps family material
--far more than I ever expected.

There is no rush on the other Mitchell family data
since I have plenty to keep me busy for weeks. In fact,
I will probably limit my correspondence for several
weeks until I finish several manuscripts on which I am
working.

Most sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
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Feb. 20, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I am at last getting back to the Mitchells and the sheet of corrections for Dave's 1880 Logan census shows me that Family Ch-101, D. J. M. Mitchell, was actually Dr. James M. Mitchell, native of Boone County, son of Rev. James and Sarah (Miller) Mitchell, and grandson of the original Joshua Michel of Monroe County. Rev. James was an early settler here and a noted minister who performed many of the early marriages and who did not stay here all the time as he served churches in many places.

While on the subject of that corrective sheet I might mention that I am puzzled by your statement that Leander, son of Asbury Chambers, mentioned Juliet Raines in his will as his sister. In the Logan 1850 census Asbury is 24, still single, and in the home of his parents. In the 1860 census he is married to Martha McDonald, his age is 33, and he has three children, Freeland S., age 5, Lorenzo D., 4, and Leander, age 2. Also in this household, which is No. 226, is what I copied as Julia Reeves, age 16, but which could have been Julia Raines. It is my feeling that Julia ~~of~~ Juliet was a daughter of Martha McDonald by an earlier marriage and thus a half-sister of Leander but unrelated to Leander's father, Asbury Chambers. Her being born in Ohio lends further support to such a theory. I have a xerox copy of A Brief Authenticated History of the Chambers Family by Cora Chambers of Logan County, much scribbled over by Mrs. Fowlers notes, and some of my own. She does not mention this Juliet. If you do not have a copy I will lend you this one.

Perhaps I should say something about ^{Louisa} Dr. James M. Mitchell's wife before leaving him. She was Virginia Vickers, daughter of Griffin and Virginia (Allen) Vickers and was born within sight of my home. I know nothing about Griffin's antecedents but Virginia was a daughter of Henry and Pheobe (Rucker) Allen who settled here about 1819.

^{Joshua Mitchell}
I suppose you have Morton's History of Monroe County. In it he says he had two children by his first marriage, to Nancy and died in 1847, who were Thomas who married Margaret Matthews and died in 1847; and Nancy, who married Abraham Cox in 1807. ^{before} By his marriage to Elizabeth Stigard he had James, who married Sarah Miller in 1819; Polly, who married Fredrick Comer in 1834; Elizabeth, who married Col. John Miller; Jane, who married John Comer in 1824; Margaret, who married a Cox; Lucy, who married John Phipps in 1824; Susannah who married James Ellison in 1822; Joseph, who married Sarah Coner in 1829; and Patterson who married Nancy Harvey.

James Mitchell above was born about 1793 and married around 1815 and his oldest son Joshua, was born in Monroe County in 1817, and he probably moved to what is now Boone County soon after 1820. The following items are taken from the minutes of the Olive Branch Baptist Church when it was located two miles

simple if I take one of his children and then follow through with their descendants. I will then proceed here with the descendants of James in the order in which they were listed by Mr. Nelson in his history of Olive Branch Church. The next will be Dr. James who has been discussed on the first page of this letter, but here I will list all I have about his children. They were as follows:

Leonard, born 1857, married Fannie Smoot, disappeared from area.
 Mary V. b. 1859, mar. Reuben H., son R. & N. (Cornett) Berry
 John McC. b. 1862
 Edwin L. born 1864, mar. Ella Clark
 Lillian Dale, b. 1867, m. Charles Berry

Dr. James heads family No. 134 in the Boone 1860 census, No. 14-W in Boone 1870 census, and Ch-101 in the Logan 1880 census

The third son of James and Sarah Mitchel was Michael, according to Mr. Nelson, who married a Miss Garrett. I have no information about him or his family. The first daughter listed is Sarah, who married Rev. Lewis E. Ellison. I have no information about either of them.

The next is Susan, born about 1821, who married a cousin, Col. Ezekiel S. Miller, son of Col. John and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Miller, who are family 403 in the Boone 1850 census, 120 in 1860, and 25-W in 1870. Ezekiel died before 1880 but his widow is with Family 3-W. Their children follow.

Benton J. Miller, b. 1838, m. Venila, dau. Daniel & Agnes (Mitchell) Miller, 11-9-1858. M.2. Martha Sheets, widow.
 Mary (Polly) b. 1842, mar. Wm. R., son Millie Nelson, 11-9-1858
 Elizabeth, b. 1845 M. Charles M., son Hezekiah & _____ Turley
 M. 2. John, son Oscar & Margaret (Walker) McKinney
 Eliza, b. 1847, mar. Silas, s. Peter and Margaret Billups
 Lavina, b. 1851, mar. Burwell, son Henry & Mary (McDilda) Pauley

I do not find Benton J. Miller in the Boone 1870 census but his family is 13-W in the 1880 census. The five oldest children are by his marriage to his first wife, and the youngest, one month old, is by his second marriage.

Mary, daughter of Ezekiel S. and Susan Miller, who married William R. Nelson, is Family No. 112 in 1860, 41-W in 1870, and 94 W. in 1880, all in Boone County. Their Children were:

Sylvester, b. 1859, mar. Valeria, d. Aug. & Julia Ann (Pauley) Miller
 Floyd B., b. 1862 " Betty A. " " " " " " "
 Martha, b. 1864, mar. Napoleon B., son Peter & Margaret Billups
 Isaiah, b. 1866, mar. Eliza A., d. Aug. & Julia Ann (Pauley) Miller
 Ezekiel S. b. 1869, m. Ella Griffith
 Sarah b. 1861 single, died 1945.
 Alice C. M. Elbert E., son John & Rebecca (Roberts) Ball
 Wilson W., b. 1874, mar. Isabella, d. Aug. & Julia A. (Pauley) Miller
 Samuel, b. 1877
 Victoria, b. 1879

Incidentally, Elmer Nelson, a child of this family, born after 1880, is still living, and his son, Marvin Nelson, who has grandchildren, is currently vice-president of our genealogical group. I have no record of the children of the two daughters of Ezekiel and Susan Miller who married Silas Billups and Burwell Pauley.

The next daughter of James and Sarah Mitchell listed by Mr. Nelson in his church history was Betsey (Elizabeth) Mitchell who married William, son of Daniel Sr. and Elizabeth (Comer) Miller. Betsy was born 1816 and died 1867. Their children:

Joseph, b. 1836, mar. Margaret, dau. John & Susan (Adkins) Cummins
 Mitchell J., b. 1838, crippled, single, died 1872
 Rachel, b. 1839, mar. Floyd, s. "Fork" John & Cath. (Mitchell) Miller
 Daniel, b. 1841, m. Louanna, d. John & Susan (Adkins) Cummins
 b. 1843 Martha A., m. Dryden, s. Daniel & Agnes (Mitchell) Miller
 b. 1845 Augustus, m. Julia Pauley of Cobbs Ck. d. Ephraim Pauley
 Isabella, b. 1846, died 10-14-1859
 Rebecca, b. 1848, died young
 Isaiah, b. 1849, m. Melissa, d. Eli & Athalia (Pauley) Pauley

The above family is No. 400 in 1850, and 117 in 1860. Elizabeth, wife of William Miller, died before 1870. The oldest son, Joseph, is No. 116 in 1860, 47-W in 1870, 111-W in 1880. He and his wife had these children:

Elihu, b. 1860, M. Nancy, d. Benj. & Adeline (Fry) Barker
 Viola, b. 1862, M. Thomas, s. Wm. & Dolly (Roberts) Miller
 Martha, b. 1865, m. Esmond, s. Daniel & Agnes (Mitchell) Miller
 Roxanna, b. 1866, M. Benj. & Adeline (Fry) Barker.
 Elizabeth, b. 1869
 Flora, b. 1871
 Mary, b. 1873
 Cinderella, b. 1875
 Emmacella, bo 1877
 Virginia, b. 1879

Rachel, daughter of William & Elizabeth Miller, who married Floyd Miller, was family 21-W in 1870 and 220-W in 1880. Their children were:

Victoria, born 1861, mar. Burwell, s. Burwell & Susan (Bowman) Ballard
 John, b. 1862?
 Granville, b. 1864, died 1872
 Augustus, b. 1866, m. ~~Myrtle~~ Emmazetta, d. Sylvanus & Susannah (Pauley) Miller
 Margaret J., b. 1868, M. Asa, s. Wade & Stacy Canterbury.
 Rosey, b. 1874, M. Preston, s. Benj. & Adeline (Fry) Barker

Daniel (son of Wm. & Elizabeth (Mitchell) Miller) and his wife Louanna (Cummins) are family 46 W in 1870 and 115-W in 1880. Their children were:

Mary S., born 1864, mar. Beaugard, s. of Oscar & Marg. (Walker) McKinney
 Martha, b. 1866, " oscar " " " " " " "
 William, b. 1868.
 Cordelia, b. 1877

The family of Mary Ann, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Miller, who married Dryden Miller, is 29-W in 1870 and 114-W in 1880. Their children were:

Ernest Douten, b. 1862, mar. Paulina _____
 Matthew, b. 1864, mar. Viola, d. Fernandes & Virginia (Miller) Thompson
 Agnes, b. 1866, mar. Joseph, s. Joseph & Nancy (McNeely) Roberts
 Matilda, b. 1868, died young
 Daniel, b. 1870, m. Almeda, d. Rufus & Frances (Hager) Ball
 Caperton, b. 1872, M. Sarah, d. Sulvester & Elizabeth (Ball) Bias
 E. Malone, b. 1874, mar. Willa Cummins
 Joseph Ball, b. 1877
 Rachel, b. 1879, m. Horton, s. Freeman & Agnes (Griffith) Mitchell

Augustus Miller, son of Wm. & Elizabeth Miller, who married Julia Pauley of Cobbs Creek, is family 44-W in 1870 and 10-W in 1880. Their children were:

Valera Jane, b. 1871, m. Sylvester, s. Wm. R. & Mary (Miller) Nelson
 Betsy A. b. 1873 mar. Floyd " " " " " " "
 Albert S. b. 1874, m. Martha, d. Sylvester & Elizabeth (Ball) Bias
 Eliza Ann, b. 1875, m. Henry, s. Sylvester & Elizabeth (Ball) Bias
 Isabella, b. 1877, m. Wilson W., s. Wm. R. & Mary (Miller) Nelson
 Floyd, b. 1879, m. Stacy, d. Asa & Margaret (Miller) Canterbury
 Lena, b. 1879, mar. Roy Covert

Isaiah Miller, youngest son of William & Elizabeth (Mitchell) Miller, who married Melissa Pauley, is Family 59-W in the Boone 1880 census. Their children were as follows:

Columbus, b. 1860, mar. T. E. Canterbury
 Rebecca, b. 1872, mar. Samuel T., s. Wade & Lucy Canterbury
 Annie, b. 1874.
 Noah, b. 1876.
 Millard, b. 1879

Here I am, on page 5 of this letter, and have not even finished with the descendants of Rev. James Mitchell, one of the four children of old Joshua Michel of Monroe County, who came to what is now Boone County, and nothing has been extended beyond 1880.

If you have read this closely you will have noticed a good many cousin marriages. This means that the other three will not be as lengthy or as tough as this one for there is no need of duplicating families that may be descended from old Joshua through two or more lines,

I have a copy of Joshua's Will, in which he names his children and it differs slightly from the one I copied from Morton's History of Monroe County. It is getting late and I will mail this much, and the rest when I have time. You asked for the family census numbers but it seems to me they would not be very useful with ^{out} knowledge of all these marriagea.

Sincerely

Rufus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Feb. 23, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I received your card telling me there was nothing urgent about the Joshua Michel-Mitchell family and will act accordingly, but I find that I missed one of the children of John and Lucy Phipps of Logan County, and I wonder if I could have missed more. This was their daughter Matilda, born about 1828, who was already married and living in Boone County when the 1850 census of Logan was taken.

Of course, in keeping with Mitchell custom, she married a first cousin, James Miller, son of "Fork" John and Catherine (Mitchell) Miller. The mothers of these two were sisters, both daughters of Joshua Michel. In the census of 1850 they are family 325 and listed as follows:

James Miller	28
Matilda "	22
Oliver "	2

In 1860 they are back in Logan County, family 770, and listed as follows:

James Miller	37
Matilda "	32
Oliver "	12
Washington "	9
Mary Ann "	8

In 1870 they are back in Boone County again, family 31-W, and listed as follows:

James Miller	48
Matilda "	45
Washington "	20
Mary Ann "	16

The son Oliver had married by that time and is family 32-W, listed as follows:

Oliver Miller	22
Susan "	15

When the 1880 Boone census was taken this couple is listed as family 9-W, and as follows:

James Miller	58
Matilda "	53
Lily "	5
Matilda "	3

The last two above are grandchildren, quite certainly those of their daughter Mary Ann, who had died about 1878, and who had married Charles, son of William and Dolly (Roberts) Miller. By 1880 he had remarried.

In my genealogical records I list this family as follows:

Matilda Phipps, born about 1828, daughter of John and Lucy (Mitchell) Phipps, married James Miller, son of "Fork" John and Catherine (Mitchell) Miller. Their children were:

Oliver Miller, b. 1848, mar. Susan, dau. Wm. & Dolly (Roberts) Miller
Washington " b. 1851, M. Lavina, d. Henry & Polly (McDilda) Pauley
Mary Ann " b. 1853?, m. Charles, s. Wm. & Dolly (Roberts) Miller

In 1880 the family of Oliver Miller is 153-W in the Boone census and listed as follows:

Oliver Miller	31
Susan "	25
Rufus "	10
Nathaniel "	6
America "	3
Annie "	1
Lucy A. "	4
Ora "	5

The family of Oliver's brother Washington, who had married Lavina Pauley, is 86-W and shown as follows:

Washington KXXI Miller	29
Lavina "	26
Ashford "	3
Lewis E. "	1

If the above needs any clarification I will do the best I can to explain things further.

Sincerely

Sydney Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
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July 8, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

My copy of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, just arrived; and I wanted to commend you and the others who contributed. It is an excellent work, and I am looking forward to having Volume II. As you know, I am preparing some White family material for the second volume.

Several questions have come to mind which I hope you can answer. I also have a few details which you might wish to enter in the next publication if you have a correction and/or addition section.

- p. 69 Catherine Christian, age 12, with William Walker, married Daniel Gunnoe, son of Daniel & Eliza Gunnoe. Catherine was the probable daughter of _____ & Catherine (Browning) Christian if one may judge from the estate papers of the William Browning who had wife Catherine Anglin. I'm still trying to determine who her father was--from all the evidence quite closely related to "my" Christian family.
- p. 78 Isn't it probable that the Zacheus Elkins, Jr., head of household, was the son of Joseph & Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins and therefore the grandson of the Zacheus, Sr., in his household--rather than his son?
- p. 32 Undoubtedly a typographical error/oversight: On this page Wilson McNeely is shown as marrying Venila Elkins, daughter of Zacheus & Venila Elkins. Everywhere else she is shown as the daughter of Zacheus & Lucretia Elkins.
- p. 81 I am most curious as to how you identified the wife of Gideon Farley as Mary McDonald--parents of Nancy, the wife in Family #407. From other sources I had heard that Gideon's wife was named Wolfe although I had always believed that the "Wolfe from Germany" was probably an earlier generation in the Ferrell or Farley lines.
- p. 81 I have conflicting data regarding the parents of Mariah Browning who married George W. Ferrell. It happens that your records are my source in both cases. In one case you had given her parents as Francis S. & Jane (Spratt) Browning while in the book they are shown with a question mark as William & Rebecca Browning.
- p. 81 Still with this same Ferrell family: I had thought that the Moses Workman whom Carolyn Ferrell married was the probable son of Joseph and Margaret (_____) Workman. The other Moses born about the same time and who married about the same time in the early 1850's Nancy Mullins I had thought to be the son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman.

Of course, it could have easily been the other way around except that the Ferrell family #407 was living near the Joseph and Margaret Workman family #419, both in Boone County, while the others were elsewhere.

For the past few months I had set aside most research efforts to allow time for finishing some of the many projects which I have underway. Looking through the new Boone County publication after my order was filled was too irresistible to postpone, though; so I spent most of the day yesterday abstracting needed information to complete some of the family group records I am preparing. Again, I must say that all of you have done a wonderful job.

I hope next time I am in West Virginia I can be in Madison when the Society is meeting. I just wrote to Janet Hager to make arrangements to join--which I would have done long ago if the thought had occurred to me sooner.

Until then, accept my long distance wishes for your good health and the continued success of the Boone County Genealogical Society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Agnes".

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
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July 12, 1977.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
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Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

It was nice hearing from you as you have not written for some time, and thank you for your kind words about our "Kith and Kin", but I am not so sure that they are deserved. I am not certain just what my "forte" should have been but have concluded that it is not in the editorial field. However, it looks like I am stuck as no one shows the least interest in taking over. Mrs. Hager is an excellent sec-treas. and very helpful and I wish there were more of her kind. Now the things you ask about.

P. 69. I can tell you very little about Catherine Christian. If you look at page 15 or 29 you will see the record of her marriage and the only parent mentioned is her mother, Catherine Christian. In such cases one thinks of Illegitimacy but that does not necessarily follow. If her father died when she was young the groom might not have known his name when he got the marriage license. When the 1850 census was taken Catherine Christian was with Wm. Walker, whose wife was Nancy F., born in Caswell Co., N. C. in 1800, daughter of William Browning. Old timers told me long ago that this Wm. Browning settled in Boone County, had seven daughters, no sons, and died before 1850. As to this William Walker, I have some evidence, or a hint, that he was from near Burlington, N. C., which is now in Alamance Co., formed in 1850. Could Catherine, 12 years old in 1850, have been a granddaughter of the Walkers, or her mother a niece of Mrs. Walker? I suspect some such relationship, but have no proof.

p. 78. It is quite possible that Zacheus Elkins Jr. was a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McNeely) Elkins, and a grandson of Zacheus Sr. His age permits that, but I just don't know. I ran across his tombstone while surveying on Hewett Creek, perhaps 50 years ago. Nothing on it to show parentage.

p. 32 Of course this is a typographical error, and I wish it was the only one. This marriage is correctly shown on p. 16.

p. 80 (you have it 81) There were at least three Gideon Farleys, and I don't recall how I got the information that his wife was a McDonald, but I recall that when I got the information that he was a son of Francis and Mary Farley and that she was a McDonald I regarded it as A-1. She was not supposed to be related to the McDonalds of Logan and Wyoming Counties.

p. 81. I am quite certain that George W. Ferrell married Mariah, daughter of Francis S. and Jane (Spratt) Browning.

William and Rebecca Browning also had a daughter named Mariah and at first I thought it was she who married George W. Ferrell, but I later learned that she married Ellis, son of John and Elizabeth (Cline) Toler. It is all quite confusing but I think I am right and I should not have placed the question mark where I did. Ages indicate I am right.

Now as to Caroline, daughter of George and Nancy (Farley) Ferrell, there I may be entirely fouled up. The Census Bureau made the 1850 Boone census available in 1930, 80 years after it was taken. Some time thereafter, I do not recall just when, I copied this census in the Census Bureau in Washington. At that time there were no such things as tapes; one just copied things from the original record. I had a good bit of difficulty in reading many of the names, and some of them I could not decipher until after I copied the Boone 1860 census, which I did in the 1940's. I do not recall if the name Caroline was one of these but in my typed copy, which I copied for our publication, I have a question mark after noting her marriage to Moses Workman. I did not put the question mark in the publication, which I should have done.

I do not find any Caroline Ferrell or Workman in the census records of either Boone or Logan Counties in 1860. There is a Moses Workman, age 18, in the family of Obed and Rebecca (Lambert) Workman but I have a note that his wife's name was Polly (Mullins). He is the only Moses in the Logan 1860 census. There is no Moses Workman in Boone except the son of Joseph and Margaret, living not so far from George Ferrell in 1850, and I think it likely that you are right about him being the one who married Caroline. However, I do not find either one in the Boone 1860 census.

However, in the 1870 census I find Moses and Cordelia Workman. I assumed then that I had misread the name and that this was indeed Caroline, and I overlooked Moses, the son of George and Margaret, and the only likely one I could find was the son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman. I now think I may have been wrong.

But my troubles are not over. This Moses died some time in the 1870's and he is not in the 1880 Boone census. However, his widow is there and her name is Cordelia! Probably I misread her name in the 1850 census. Probably she married Moses, son of Joseph and Margaret, and they left for parts unknown. And, probably this Moses and Cordelia moved into Boone from Virginia just after the Civil War. I will appreciate any advice you can give me about it. Incidentally, Cordelia marries Floyd White in Boone County, July 27, 1884.

I have readied the remainder of the Boone 1850 census for our next publication and in it I do not show who Moses Workman married, the Moses who was son of Joseph and Margaret. I will wait until I hear from you before correcting it.

I loaned the Society \$858.00 to get our first publication out. Mrs. Hager, our sec.-treasurer, is handling sales and so far has sent me \$350.00 in a little over a month, so it looks like I will get my money back sooner than I expected. We got 500 copies and the idea is to sell enough to continue the publishing program. When we get enough material we will get out the next volume, and I will make another loan if needed, so we will not have to wait until we sell enough of the first volume to pay for it. Things like that sell for a long time.

As mentioned above, our next publication will have the remainder of the Boone 1850 census, an article on the descendants of William Brooks, Revolutionary soldier, three of whose granddaughters settled in Boone, yours on the White family, a short paper on the Asbury family by Babe Fowler, one on the Allen family, and I have been promised two others. If they don't come through I can fill in with early birth or death records.

Our meetings are at 7:00 p. m. at the local library, on the first Thursday of each month. We will appreciate your coming and if you cannot be here on our regular meeting night I can still get a contingent together for you.

A man from Charleston called me for information - said they were going to organize a Kanawha County Genealogical Society, and more recently I heard efforts are being made to organize one in Logan County. I hope both will be successful.

Sincerely

Supper Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 15, 1977.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I was troubled by the discrepancy in the Moses Workman business so I have checked it out and find it was all due to a series of boo-boos on my part. In the first place I overlooked the Moses who was a son of Joseph and Margaret as a possible husband for Caroline, daughter of George and Nancy (Farley Ferrell) Ferrell. Both Moses and Caroline were in the 1850 census but were then unmarried. Neither is in the Boone 1860 census but David Turner says he is quite certain they were then in Raleigh County.

They were back in Boone in 1870 but then I misread Caroline's name and made it out as Cordelia. I do not recall how I came to make this Moses as the son of Moses and Sarah (Marrs) Workman, but I did and it is not right. In the publication now being prepared, Moses Workman, son of Joseph and Margaret Workman, will be shown as having married Caroline, daughter of George and Nancy (Farley) Ferrell. I think I will have a page in the next publication correcting the errors that turn up in this one.

While I am at it I might call another one to your attention. I started the last paragraph on page 117 as: "Arminta Pauley, daughter of Joseph and Julia", etc., then noticed that I had mis-spelled the name Arminta. I covered it with this stuff they call liquid paper, intending to retype it when dry, but then forgot all about it and went blithely on. You can write or print the name where I should have put it.

If you find other errors beside those mentioned in your letter I will appreciate your calling them to my attention.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
July 22, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

It was a pleasure to speak with you today by telephone. I was especially relieved to learn that there is still time to obtain some of the additional data I need for proper preparation of the White family account.

Until I actually prepared the rough copy, I had not realized how many gaps there were in my material. I have ordered microfilm of late nineteenth and early twentieth century Boone County vital statistics today in order that my record of the White family for your Volume II of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY will be as complete as possible.

David Turner has been most helpful and cooperative in providing me with information on his branch of the White family, and I will, of course, give him credit in the article.

There are a few questions which you might be able to answer. Most involve discrepancies or lack of success in finding the answers.

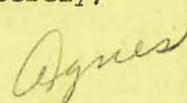
1. Minora "Minnie" White, born February 1879, d/o George Dolliver and Emily (Stuphin) White, married about 1899 William Frank Horne. Have you any information on his parents? Who were the children of Minnie and Frank other than Delphia, born December 1899?
2. Do you have the names of any of the children of Milton G. and Louisa (White) Browning? Milton was born about 1866, s/o William Chapman and Jane (Hatfield) Browning; Louisa was born 27 May 1859, d/o Micajah Goodwin and Matilda (Workman) White.
3. Frances "Frankie" White, born 13 March 1855, d/o Micajah Goodwin and Matilda (Workman) White, reputedly married William A. "Bill" Mutters. In 1900 "Frankie" was listed as sister in household of her brother Andrew W. White. Her surname was also shown as White, albeit only with a line used as ditto at the bottom of the list for those in household. Additional data was her age as 45, that she was widowed, and that she had never had any children. Have you any idea when she married Bill Mutters and the names of Bill's parents?
4. Because of the great discrepancy in ages given on census record and Bible record for Rice Peters, I am unable to determine if the one who had wife Araminta M. in the 1900 census is the son of James and Elizabeth (White) Peters. Knowing how many cousins bore the same names, I am hesitant to jump to any conclusions without backup data.
5. I would be interested in anything you have on the spouses of the children of James and Elizabeth (White) Peters. My records show the following

- *Matilda Peters, born 27 Dec. 1853, married Tolbert Jarrell, s/o Daniel & Hannah (_____) Jarrell.
 - *James B. Finley, born -- --- 1855
 - *Sanford Peters, born 6 Dec. 1856. Is he the one living in Kanawha County in 1900 with wife Almeda?
 - *Smith Peters, born 25 Oct. 1858.
 - *William E. Peters, born 22 November 1860, married about 1882 Mary _____, d/o _____.
 - *Joseph H. Peters, born 19 March 1863, married about 1886 Sarah _____, born April 1868, d/o _____.
 - *Benjamin V. Peters, born 1 December 1864, married about 1884 Nancy H. _____, born February 1861, d/o _____.
 - *Elizabeth Peters, born October 1867. Did she marry?
 - *Rice Peters, born 5 December 1869. See question 4 above.
 - *Martha Peters, born 8 November 1872, married 8 April 1891 Elijah Stanley Dickens, s/o _____.
 - *Ashford Peters, born 22 July 1875. Did he marry?
6. Have you anything about the parentage of Ward K. Stewart, born October 1887? He appears in the 1900 census as the grandson of Benjamin and Venila (Workman) (Kinder) Browning. Do you know which of their daughters married the Stewart; and if so, which one? And which Stewart?

When I started this letter, I had not intended to ask so many questions; but with so many blanks in the Peters family particularly, they multiplied. My original manuscript had carried down only those who continued to bear the White name; however, I noticed in your Volume I that the maternal lines were also given due consideration (and, I believe, rightly so). Therefore, I am trying to do the same. Some of the questions might be contained in the micro-filmed vital records I have ordered; but since you usually have extra bits of information, I will appreciate your comments.

Again, my thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I almost forgot to ask the question which prompted the others. There were two men named Allen White, both of whom were born in 1855 and both of whom married a woman named Minerva. Could you help me distinguish between their parents and the identity of their respective wives? In 1900 one was living in Logan County and the other in the Scott district of Boone County.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25103
July 30, 1977

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Cal. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I can answer only part of the questions in your letter of July 22, but will ask David Turner to try to answer the others, as he knows much more about the White family than I know.

As to your first question, there you are digging into an old scandal that people talked about when I first came to Pond Fork more than 50 years ago. W. P. Horne was a medical doctor who came to Pond Fork in the early 1870's. Census records show he was born in Kentucky and old-timers say he came from Kentucky, but some descendants insist that he was from North Carolina. That is perhaps immaterial but he became smitten with a lady who already had a husband. She was Eliza J., daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Workman) Harrell, and her husband was Benjamin, son of George and Jane (Scott) Green.

Anyway, there was a divorce and Eliza J. and Dr. Horne were soon married. The William Frank Horne mentioned in your letter was the first child of that marriage. As you note, he married Minora, daughter of George D. and Emily (Sutphin) White. I know of two sons of this marriage but there may have been others. The sons were Carl, a contractor who has done very well for himself, though it involved a prison term, and I think he now lives in Charleston. The other son, Woodrow Horne, lives in Florida, and as far as I know, is highly respected.

As far as I know, Dr. Horne and Eliza had only one other child, Emma Jane Horne, born about 1878. She married Samuel Sidney Chambers, son of Richard and Mary (Canterbury) Chambers, who lived on Spruce Fork in Logan County. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers operated the Chambers Hotel at Clothier, 12 miles south of Madison, for a long time and I stayed there occasionally a long time ago, when road conditions and lack of bridges made cars unusable in the winter time. Both have been dead for many years but the place is still operated by a son.

I am unable to answer your second question but will see what Mr. Turner can do. I also know nothing about Frances White who married William A. Mutters. They did not live in Boone County and I assumed they lived on Buffalo Creek in Logan County, as Mutters families were there in recent years, but I do not see the name in Logan census records of 1870 and 1880.

I enclose a family group sheet on which I attempt to

show the spouses of the children of James and Elizabeth (White) Peters. I will check this with Mr. Turner before mailing this letter. You mention a daughter, Elizabeth. There is no Elizabeth in the census records, but there is a Hulda. You do not mention a Huldah. Could her name have been Huldah Elizabeth, or something like that?

I knew Ward Stewart, a long time ago, but know nothing about his ancestry. I will leave that to Dave.

As to the two Allen Whites with wives named Minerva, the one in Boone County lived on Rock Creek in Scott district and his wife Minerva was a daughter of John S. and Caroline (Williams) ~~XXXXX~~ Miller. This Allen was a son of Milton and Elizabeth White and Milton was a son of Thomas and Polly White, of Mercer County. If these Whites were related to those of Boone and Logan Counties I have no knowledge of it.

The Allen White in Logan County lived in the White settlement on Mill Creek. He was a son of Maston and Susan White; and Maston was a son of John and Susannah (Marcum) White. This Allen's wife Minerva was a daughter of Green and Elizabeth (White) White; Green was a son of John and Susannah White. This takes you back to the early part of the last century. You figure out those Whites, if you can. I can't.

I will show this letter to David Turner before mailing it and if I have anything wrong will make a penciled correction.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name James Peters

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This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
		Birth	<u>c 1829</u>		<u>Floyd</u>	<u>Va</u>	
		Chr'nd					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
Places of Residence							
Occupation		Church Affiliation			Military Rec.		
<small>Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.</small>							
His Father <u>Jordan Peters</u>				Mother's Maiden Name _____			
Wife's Full Maiden Name <u>Elizabeth White</u>							
Wife's Data		Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife	
		Birth	<u>c 1834</u>				
		Chr'nd					
		Death					
		Burial					
Compiler							
Places of Residence							
Address		Occupation if other than Housewife			Church Affiliation		
<small>Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.</small>							
City, State				Her Father <u>Micajah Goodwin White</u>			
Date				Mother's Maiden Name <u>MATILDA WORKMAN</u>			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<u>Matilda Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>Talbert Jarrell</u>	Birth	<u>c 1854</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial		<u>J. Daniel & Hannah</u>			
2	<u>James B.F. Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>(died young)</u>	Birth	<u>c-1855</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
3	<u>Sanford Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>died young</u>	Birth	<u>c-1857</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4	<u>Smith Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>died young</u>	Birth	<u>c-1859</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
5	<u>Wm. Everett Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>Mary Kinder</u>	Birth	<u>c-1861</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial		<u>d. Henry & Venila (Workman) Kinder</u>			
6	<u>Joseph H. Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>Sarah Dickens</u>	Birth	<u>c-1863</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial		<u>d. Daniel & Martha Dickens</u>			
7	<u>Benjamin V. Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>Nancy Ballard</u>	Birth	<u>c-1865</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial		<u>d. Thos. N. & Arrisba (Hinchman) Ballard</u>			
8	<u>Hulda Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>Lewis Bailey</u>	Birth	<u>c-1867</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial		<u>from Wyoming County</u>			
9	<u>Rice Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>No record</u>	Birth	<u>c-1869</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
10	<u>Martha Peters</u> <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> <u>Elijah Dickens</u>	Birth	<u>c-1873</u>				
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial		<u>S. Daniel & Martha Dickens</u>			

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

also 11 - Ashford Peters, born 1876
No. Record of Marriage

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
August 8, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you so much for your letter of July 30 with many answers to the questions I asked. In the same mail I received a letter from Mr. David Turner with even more answers (as you expected), and I appreciate your visiting with him in order to acquaint him with some of the gaps in my data.

As a matter of fact, I had planned to write to him again also with still other questions but had postponed doing so in order to check more of my notes. I am most desirous of finding the proper answer to all questions involving discrepancies, of which in the White family there seem to be many. I just hope that I do not overwhelm him by asking too much. I plan to ask him if he wishes to appear as a coauthor on the White family article, for certainly I would never have the amount of material I do were it not for the results of his research as well as mine.

I have spent considerable time this past week trying to sort out all the White groups--in Logan as well as Boone County. On the whole there were not so many in Boone County as to make that difficult, but it is certainly another story in Logan. I'm hoping to receive the microfilmed records I ordered within another few days.

With genealogical societies being formed in Logan and Kanawha Counties also, those working on families in southern West Virginia will truly benefit. You in Boone County are doing a wonderful job. I am pleased to be a member.

I hope your daughter's stay was a pleasant one and that you and others in your family are well.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Aug. 16, 1977.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I was at Dave Turner's today and he showed me your last long letter with all the questions in it, and a copy of his equally long reply. I was especially pleased to see that you suggested he appear as a co-author, but I noticed that he made no comment in his reply. Dave is so utterly modest that I doubt if he will ever comment, one way or another. I think the only thing to do is to put him down as co-author without any comment, then, on the page with comments about authors, I will try to say some of the things that are due him.

I learned, with some surprise, that ours is the first genealogical society in West Virginia. Now one has just been organized in Charleston which will be called Kanawha Valley Genealogical Society and will embrace Kanawha and Putnam Counties. Another is being organized in Huntington which, I presume will include Cabell County, and perhaps adjacent areas. I hope others will be added. I have talked to some people in Logan County and although there is interest there does not seem to be anyone who is willing to take the required initiative.

Our little publication is nothing to brag about but I loaned the Society \$850.00 to get it out and we got it from the copier in June. There has been no local selling effort or campaign but I have already been repaid \$450.00 and Mrs. Hager, our sec.-treas. says she has another \$100.00 ready for me, and we have sold only about 125 of the 500 copies we ordered. I will then have no hesitancy about making another loan when the next issue is ready. If the cost can be held down to reasonable figures there is no reason why any society, even as small as ours, cannot carry on a successful publishing program.

No time has been set for the publication of our next issue, but I think October should be about right. If we can set up a program of two issues a year it should be sufficient for a county with a population as small as ours.

Sincerely

Ingvar Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
August 24, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

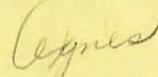
Your letter of August 16 and that of Dave Turner arrived yesterday, and I have just completed my response to his.

Although he did not mention acting as coauthor in a direct fashion, he did say that the outline I proposed would be fine with him. As you know, that included my sending him a copy of the rough draft of the manuscript for his evaluation, corrections, and additions. I would then revise the material and make a final copy to submit to the printer. I am pleased that he was agreeable since I believe readers of Volume II will benefit from our joint efforts. Since a rough draft will be ready by next week, I think we will have the final copy ready in plenty of time for your October deadline.

I'm still waiting for my order of microfilmed records to arrive and do not know what is causing the delay. Nonetheless, preparation is continuing without them.

The Boone County Genealogical Society is off to a wonderful start on its publications, and a program of two per year should establish it as one to be reckoned with. Congratulations!

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
October 8, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

By the time you receive this letter, you should already have in hand the original manuscript of "The White Families of Boone County, West Virginia," which was mailed earlier under separate cover. I also mailed a copy to David Turner so that he could make a final check of the contents.

As he has probably told you, we have had several telephone conferences to work out the details; and we hope the results are satisfactory.

Needless to say, I am embarrassed by the regrettable but unavoidable delay in getting the material to you. A few words of explanation might make the circumstances more comprehensible to you. In retrospect, I might have handled the extra research differently; but it's too late now!

Until preparation of the manuscript actually began, the gaps in my notes as well as those of David Turner were not so apparent, especially as they related to those families not descended from Benjamin Harrison "Chickasaw Ben" White. So began a portion of research that took longer than expected. It was successful in covering pretty well the latter half of the nineteenth century, but I spent perhaps far too much time in trying to identify the spouses of the following sons of John "Jack" and Susannah (Marcum) White: Thomas, Charles, and Elijah. It seemed important when I realized that they were progenitors of several Boone County branches of the family. Maybe publication of the article will stimulate someone else to provide the answers. It's possible, too, that the missing dates^{for all lines}--which we were able to find to a large extent--were not as important as they seemed when transferring information from charts to narrative. It was for this that I ordered and received more than a month too late the microfilmed records through 1950. As you can guess, I've abstracted enough White data for several more articles. The other goal--unfortunately not successful--was to carry the line back with more definiteness insofar as "Chickasaw Ben's" parents and grandparents were concerned. I believe that we are not too far away from finding the clues which will tie his line to that of the other Logan County White families. Since the Boone County Genealogical Society's publication is not primarily about the White family, we used a cut-off date of about 1900 to keep the article within manageable limits; but we now have fairly complete data up to the present which David can use in his forthcoming book.

The "few words of explanation" turned into a very long paragraph, but I hope you will understand. More than at any other time in my life, the finishing feels like a beginning; and I am anxious to get on to more research.

Momentarily, though, genealogy will have to take second place to a slide show project for our museum of which I am in charge. The narration will have to be written and musical background selected, so it will be a while yet before I can take it easy. Other circumstances have interfered with my plans to visit the East this autumn; I'm beginning to wonder when I'll be seeing

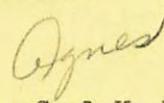
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the fall foliage again. I seem to be able to manage the trips during the spring, but fall is another story altogether.

By the way, do not hesitate to make any corrections you feel are indicated in the article. If you have basic additional information which would not be easy to insert, you could add some "Press-time Additions" below the reference notes. This would be especially valuable if the spouses of Thomas, Charles, and Elijah could be definitely identified.

Again, may I wish the Society success in this second venture. Publication of the records will prove so valuable to future generations.

Sincerely,

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

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
October 12, 1977

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Ca. 92706.

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Your manuscript arrived this morning, a day later than the copy you sent to David Turner. His arrived yesterday and he found one error. You said Russell White "settled with his as yet small family on the 54 acres surveyed for him at the head of Brown's Branch on 5 February 1848." He actually settled at the mouth of White's Branch (named after him) which is the next tributary of West Fork below Brown's Br. and remained there the rest of his life. . The 54 acre survey snaked its way along a high ridge, taking in the level tillable land on top of it, and as far as I know was not lived on by anyone.

The text was corrected to read: "settled at the mouth of Whites Branch on a 4000 acre tract of land conveyed to him by John Jarrell", which took up exactly the same space as what had been deleted. I see I left out three words. We said "by John Jarrell, his father in law".

As to the whole Story, in 1795 the Virginia legislature passed a law making state owned land available for 2¢ per acre. This was ostensibly to attract settler but the politicians saw to it that no limit was placed on it and within months all the vacant land in present West Virgini was grabbed by speculators in blocks of up to 500,000 acres. In time the tax burden became too great and most of these grants reverted to the State. The real settlers came in after that and patented most of the tillable land, after which the state sold the residue at auctions.

John Jarrell and a partner named Pauley bought on of these blocks of several thousand acres and later agreed on a division line whereby Jarrell got 7000 acres. The company I worked for so long owned most of the part that Pauley got, and I have surveyed most of the division line established by him and Jarrell. Russell White married John Jarrell's daughter Julia and the consideration in the deed was "love and affection", so the 4000 acres appears to have been a gift.

Though I read the manuscript hurriedly I must say it is good, the best and most thoroughly documented one we have had. As soon as I got it the correction was made, the pages were numbered to fit in the publication, and I was off for Charles- to the copying service. They said it would be ready in less than three weeks.

There really was no reason for haste except that I wanted to get the thing out of my hair and some of our members hoped it would be ready for distribution by the time of our next meeting, November 3rd. The copying service said it would be ready by then.

On the whole, I think we have done fairly well, considering the quality of our work. The Society wanted to preserve some of material that had been gathered but did not have any funds. I suggested typed material that could be reproduced cheaply by the copying processes that are now available. This was done and I loaned them \$850.00 for the first issue. We got that out last June and the Society has already repaid me \$650.00 and only about one-third of the publications have been sold. I think the one coming out now will be better and will sell better. It could hardly be worse than the first one, which was certainly a product of a bunch of babes-in-the-woods. It is my hope that the Society will eventually be self sustaining and have enough funds to put out a better product.

I think we are doing some worthwhile things. Copies of our publications are being given to the Archies, W. Va. University Library, Marshall University Library, and others, as well as our local library, and I think we should include the three High Schools in our county. Anyway, they are getting scattered around.

My personal thanks to you for part in it, and additional manuscripts relating to people of this region will always be welcomed. I have learned that ours is the first genealogical society to be organized, ^{in W. Va.} but it must be catching. A Kanawha Valley society has now been organized, and one in Huntington (probably Cabell County) is being organized. I am going to Logan on the 17th to talk to a group there.

I will now start trying to pry some manuscripts for the next issue, with a deadline probably for April or May. I hope we can develop a program of two issues of our publication each year. I talk as if I will live forever, but I should keep in mind that I will be 81 the first of next month.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sigfus Olafson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'S'.

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
October 17, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I was relieved to hear that the manuscript had arrived and that it was already in the hands of the printer. It is interesting that it arrived a day later than the one to David Turner since the original was mailed eight hours earlier.

Thank you for making the correction to the text. I have changed my copy here to conform.

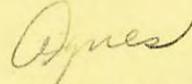
The Boone County Genealogical Society is doing a wonderful job. Thanks to your publications, research in southern West Virginia will be much easier than it would have been otherwise. I am personally anxious to receive Volume II of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY since I never did have enough time to abstract all your census annotations.

I hope that, if Logan County forms a Society, your 1850 census annotations for that county will be published as well.

Considering how tardy I was with the White family material, I hesitate to make any promises; however, it is possible that I could prepare a similar article on the Mitchell families of Boone County. With a few minor exceptions, my notes are complete for the nineteenth century. Let me know if you would wish to have me consider submitting such material for Volume III.

You are such a vital, active person, one would never guess you are approaching your eighty-first birthday. I hope it is one of your best years yet.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Oct. 21, 1977.

Mrs. Agnes Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif/ 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th and the compliments for our publication, but I must say that you have a higher opinion of it than I do.

I called the copying service today and was told that work on Vol. II is under way and will be completed by next Monday, the 24th. I will call again then and if the job is finished I will pick them up then or on the following day and we will begin distributing them immediately.

I am looking forward to the day when the Society will reach a stage of affluence high enough to give some free copies to each contributor, and perhaps a free copy to each member, but we are still in the stage that permits us to sell each member one copy at cost - \$2.00. All others are \$5.00, plus postage if mailed. Janet Hager is the financial guardian of our Society and in some ways is a regular Scrooge, but that is what the Society needs now. She is an A-1 secretary and I don't know what I would do without her.

I went to Logan Monday evening and talked to a class being instructed in genealogical research by Dana R. Dorsey, a native of Nicholas County, W. Va. He has some kind of a position at the little college there, to which I had given copies of my Logan-Mingo material. I was somewhat abashed when I learned that Mr. Dorsey was using my material to instruct his class, so there was not much I could tell them. He is trying to steer his class into a local genealogical society. The class had a dozen adults and two younger folks, probably college students.

I am please to learn that you are contemplating a Mitchell manuscript, but I am wondering if you know that most of our Boone County Mitchells are descended from Joshua Michel, a soldier in Count Rochambeau's French Army that landed in Rhode Island, marched overland to Virginia, and got there in time to help Washington corner Cornwallis and his British army in Yorktown. The French army waited there until 1784 but when orders finally came to return to France Joshua Michel was one of the many soldiers who deserted and headed for the mountains. He finally wound up in Monroe County where he was naturalized in 1814. His children Angliæized the name to Mitchell and some were early settlers here. There are now hundreds of descendants here, most with names other than Mitchell. I have been trying to get one of them to write the full story.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

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

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I appreciated your letter of October 21 and regret the delay in responding.

First, however, I want to congratulate you again on your fine editing of Volume II of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. Like Volume I, it is an excellent addition to the reference works of southern West Virginia.

Yes, I was aware that most of the Mitchell families of Boone County are descended from Joshua Michel; however, I have collected considerable material since I wished to make absolutely certain which Mitchell groups belonged to which progenitor. It was this fact that made me ready to present a manuscript of the Mitchells during the nineteenth century--if you wanted such an article for Volume III.

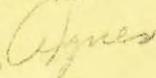
Speaking of the Mitchell groups: I notice that in Volume II, page 46, family #239, Burwell Pauley is shown as having married Lavina Mitchell, daughter of Joshua and Catherine Mitchell. When was Lavina born? Do you have a complete listing of the children of Joshua and Catherine? I have only eight children in my records, and there is no Lavina among them. Your comments will be appreciated.

Another question regarding Volume II, page 48, family #278: Emily Perry, age 17, is shown as the future wife of William Dingess, son of John and Chloe Dingess. My records show this William Dingess as having married Emaline Stollings in 1839. Did he marry a second time or did another William marry Emily Perry?

I sent a few minor corrections and additions on the Workman family to Janet Hager. It appears from Volume II that she is the one who will be handling that aspect for the next volume.

I hope that your birthday was an enjoyable one and that this year will be a most rewarding one.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Peariman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Nov. 18, 1977.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

We will indeed be glad to have you write about the family and descendants of Joshua Mitchell, or Michel. I believe his background is very interesting and he has a host of descendants in this area, and because of his service in the Revolution something should be written about him. When I came here 55 years ago there was far more talk about him than there is now. One of his descendants, George W. Mitchell, had his office alongside mine and we were very close personal friends. He died six years ago at the age of 92.

As to Joshua, that is not a French name, but that is what he was called, and I think he always used the French spelling of his name - Michel. His first name may have been the French equivalent of the Biblical Joshua.

A lot of people think he served under La Fayette, but he was a French nobleman who came here long before France became involved in the war. In other words, he came on his own and joined Washington's staff, where he rendered valuable service, but he did not command or have anything to do with the French troops.

The French troops, of which Joshua Michel was one, were to be sent to Virginia but learned that a British fleet was waiting for them there so they landed at Newport, Rhode Island, in July, 1780. It was under the command of Jean Baptist Donatien de Vimeur, Comte de Rochambeau, to give his French name and title in full, commonly called Count Rochambeau. He was an experienced officer, with about 40 years of service and had reached the rank of Lieutenant General.

The French army marched overland from Newport, R. I. to Yorktown in Virginia, which is a "fur piece" as they say here in the mountains, but they got there in time to help in forcing Cornwallis to surrender in October, 1781. That ended the major fighting activities but diplomacy moved slowly in those days and the Treaty of Peace was not signed until 1783 and it was some months until the news got over here. Rochambeau returned to France in 1783 but it was perhaps 1784 before the French troops were ordered to return. By that time they had been here four years, most of the time spent in garrison duty, and they had been associating with the local people, and I suppose they had learned to speak English as well as a Frenchman ever learns it. Anyway, a lot of them decided to stay here so they deserted and headed for the mountains. Joshua Michel was one of these.

The George Mitchell mentioned above, his great-grandson, told me a woman recognized him as a deserter from his uniform

and was going to tell the authorities about him, but he bribed her by giving her the brass buttons from his military overcoat. I suppose buttons of this kind were a valuable item in the mountains.

Anyway, tradition says he married Elizabeth Stigard, though some people thought he had been married twice, and he definitely wound up in Monroe County. A history of Monroe County, by Owen F. Morton, published around 1920 (a guess), which I read long ago and from which I took some notes, said the name of his first wife was Nancy and that he had ~~two~~ children by her, Thomas, who married Margaret Matthews and died in 1847; and Nancy, who married Abraham Cox in 1807. He next married Elizabeth Stigard and had these children: James, married Sarah Miller (came to Boone Co.); Polly, married Fredrick Comer; Elizabeth, married Col. John Miller (came to Boone); Kate, married "Fork" John Miller (came to Boone); Jane, married John Comer, 1824; Margaret, married _____ Cox; Lucy, married John Phipps (came to Logan Co.); Susannah, married James Ellison 1822; Joseph, married Sarah Comer, 1829; and Patterson, who married Nancy Harvey.

He also listed the children of the oldest son, Thomas, some of whom remained in Monroe, while others went to Braxton County and California.

Joshua Mitchell is on the first tax list of Monroe, when it was formed in 1799. I have been told that he was naturalized in 1814 in Monroe County. I have a good bit of other material about the family, who married whom, their children, etc., but that can come later.

~~xxxxx~~You ask about Lavina, wife of Burwell Pauley. In the 1850 census I have her a daughter of Joshua and Catherine Mitchell, which is an error. In my other census records I have her as a daughter of Ezekiel and Susan (Mitchell) Miller, which I believe is correct. My records show that Joshua and Catherine Mitchell had eight children, one of whom was Joseph Samson Mitchell, father of my friend Geo. W. Mitchell. I should have said that George was a great-great-grandson of the first Joshua Mitchell.

I think Mrs. Janet Hager may be descended from old Joshua. Another member, Glenn Roberts, 2097 Superior St., South Charleston, W. Va. 25503, is a ~~member~~ descendant and I have tried to get him to write something about the family but he has shied away from it. He is intelligent and reliable but is perhaps too busy. He did make a trip to Monroe County to locate the grave of old Joshua, and did find it. Inasmuch as I asked him to do the job I will call him or write to him and tell him that you are going to do it and suggest that he give you all the help he can. He would be very useful to you but he does not have the fund of information about the Mitchell family that David Turner had about the White family.

I should have said on the preceding page that Lavina Miller, who married Burwell Pauley, is shown as age 9 in the 1860 census, indicating that she was born in 1861.

I am unable to tell you how or why I had Emily Perry, daughter of Henry Perry, married to William, son of John and Chloë Dingess. (page 48, Vol. II). My Logan records show that this William Dingess married Emmaline, daughter of Josiah and Lovey (Estes) Stollings. It disturbs me to find that I made so many mistakes.

Thanks for your compliments about our "Kith and Kin" publications. I suppose they will add something to the knowledge of genealogy in this region but my own mistakes and shortcomings are constantly on my mind.

I loaned the society \$850.00 to get out Volume I. That has now been fully repaid and we have more than half of the books left. I loaned the Society \$916.45 to get the 500 copies of Volume II, which was slightly larger and cost a little more. Mrs. Hager, our sec.-treas. tells me she now has \$600.00 to apply on that debt, so sales are better than I anticipated. Sales on a limited scale should continue for a long time and I am hoping that a fund can be built up that will ~~continue~~ permit the publishing program to continue on a sel-sustaining basis. I am looking around for someone that can take over because I am now in my 82nd year and am not kidding myself about staying around forever. There comes a time when Nature will overtake all of us, and I am farther along the road than most people.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sigfus Olafson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Nov. 24, 1977.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Mrs. Hager told me recently that you were working on the McNeely family and had asked about Isaac McNeely, and as I knew the gentleman I think I should tell you what I know about his antecedents, which really isn't much, but first I want to tell you how I met him. The company for which I worked so long was founded by William C. Yawkey and Charles H. Freeman, the latter a brilliant lawyer who came here in 1901 and in the next two years bought about 250 parcels of land. The only man who ever skinned him was Isaac McNeely, who was also known as Ike Gore. He sold him the mineral rights on a farm he owned as Isaac McNeely, and later sold him the same parcel in fee as Ike Gore.

Freeman died before I went to work for the company but I was told that he was very sensitive about this incident, and his associates soon learned that it was not to be mentioned. I think he did not mind the money half as much as being skinned by an illiterate hillbilly.

Soon afterward Freeman got an option on the mineral rights in a 128 acre tract close where Mrs. Hager lives, which he later exercised. Between the granting of this option and its being exercised Isaac McNeely bought this farm, subject to Freeman's option.

Some years later Isaac McNeely leased the oil and gas rights in this tract, which he did not own, to a gas company for a dollar a year per acre, or \$128.00 a year. He collected the rentals during the 10 year term of this lease, and it was renewed and he continued collecting the rentals some years thereafter. In the 1920's I learned that this gas company had made a well location on this tract of land. I went there and found it was so and notified the people that our company owned all of the minerals and that we had leased the oil and gas rights to South Penn Oil Co. They sent a lawyer to investigate the title, who found I was right, so they canceled Isaac's lease, but were not able to recover any of the rentals he had collected.

We had a land agent then who lived in the same area and as cars could then be used only in the summer time when the streams were low we often traveled by horseback. We were riding along a local road and met Isaac McNeely not long afterward. I had never met him but our land agent wanted to have a little fun, so he introduced me to him. That was all it took to get him started and he gave me the most awful dressing down I

ever had. He really told me off and though he was illiterate he had acquired a very wide vocabulary. All I could do was to sit there and take it because I was then a husky man in my latter twenties and he was an old ex-Confederate soldier, bent over by arthritis and barely able to navigate with a cane. Our land agent laughed loud and long about it, then and afterwards. His main complaint against me was that I had taken the bread out of his mouth by depriving him of his land rentals.

As to who he was, the people in the neighborhood said he was from Logan County and was a "wood's colt", and you no doubt know that implies he was illegitimate. They said his father was a Gore but no one knew his first name, and that his mother was a McNeely. I was told, and I do not remember by whom, that her name was Sally McNeely.

I have had difficulty learning much from census records but think I may have some answers. In the Logan County census of 1850 is this family:

No. 271	Richard	McNeeley	age 74	Married in Monroe 7-22-1799
	Mary Ann	"	71	(Blankenship)
	Sarah	"	33	
	William	"	13	
	Floyd	"	10	
	Richard F.	"	8	
	John K.	"	6	
	Isaac	"	3	
	Polly	"	3/12	

All of these children are too young to be those of Richard and Mary Ann except Sarah, who in my opinion is the Sally mentioned above. I have a note that she died in 1878. I have not identified any of these people with certainty in later Logan census records, but I feel quite certain that this is the same Isaac as the one mentioned above. Local people told me Isaac married Clarissa, daughter of James and Sarah Nelson. They may have had children but if so I never heard of them.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
December 6, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Although all my days have always seemed filled, I do believe that this fall has been even busier than usual--so much so, in fact, that I wonder whether I will be able to finish the Mitchell manuscript by February. If you have enough material for the next volume, perhaps I should be scheduled for Volume IV instead!

If you believe that Mr. Glenn Roberts would wish to prepare the Mitchell article, I would defer to his wishes in the matter. When I offered, I had no idea that anyone else was working on the family. Let me know what you think would be best, and I will proceed from there. I have not yet written to Mr. Roberts and will wait to hear from you before doing so.

For your records, you might be interested in the maiden name of the first wife of the Revolutionary soldier, Joshua Michael: She was Nancy Ross. The Monroe County, West Virginia, marriage register shows the marriage dates for their two children as follows: Thomas Mitchell married Margaret "Peggy" Mathews on 10 August 1818; Nancy Mitchell married Abraham Cox on 27 November 1817. Of course, I would enter this as well as much of the other southern West Virginia abstracted material in the Mitchell article.

I appreciate your comments on my other questions. Do not worry too much about any errors. Unfortunately, they are inevitable since we are all only human. That's what a section on Corrections and Additions is for; and since the Boone County Society hopes to continue publishing, such a section in each issue of KITH AND KIN will make it possible for those interested to follow through on finding the correct data. I sent a few minor corrections and additions to Mrs. Janet Hager for the next issue.

Do you have anything definitive on the wife of Joshua's son, the Rev. James Mitchell? I noticed that you showed her name as Sarah Miller (which is also the name I have from a Mitchell family history. Her name appears to be written as Polly Miller in the Monroe County marriage register although Sally Miller might have been intended. In Ragland's history, her name is given as Elizabeth. Such discrepancies always pose problems.

I really enjoyed your account of Isaac McNeely's dealings. Quite a character!

Do you have any information on the siblings of your friend, George W. Mitchell. Although I expect to find more information from the vital records

at present my data are limited to the following:

Joseph Sampson Mitchell, born about 1844, married 1 December 1866
Roxanna Pauley, born about 1841, the daughter of Henry and Mary Ann
(McDilda) Pauley. They had at least the following children:

Alfred Mitchell, born 14 September 1867 on Turtle Creek, Boone County,
West Virginia.

W. H. Mitchell, born 15 August 1872 on Mud River, Boone
County, West Virginia.

 (male) Mitchell, born 26 August 1874 on Mud River, Boone County,
West Virginia.

Andrew Mitchell, born 8 March 1877, Washington District, Boone County,
West Virginia.

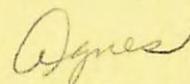
George W. Mitchell, born about 1879

John G. Mitchell, born 24 August 1886, Boone County, West Virginia.

I might mentioned that I have not yet finished my census check for the
Mitchells and have microfilm on order for filling in later years of the
vital records. In the meantime, it might be helpful to have what you can
add to the above.

I hope the holiday season is a wonderful one for you and yours.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
May 28, 1978

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

It has been quite some time since we corresponded but, as usual, I now want something.

Quite some time ago, I suggested you might prepare something about our Mitchell family but at the time you were engaged in something else. I had thought about it for our Volume III and mentioned it at one of our meetings, and one of our members who is a Mitchell descendant and a college graduate volunteered to do it. I was dubious about letting her undertake it, not because she isn't competent but because she is involved in so many other things. Well, she did not get it ready and had so far done very little, and after my inquiring about it several times finally said she could not undertake it. She returned the notes I had given her plus a little material she had gathered, which leaves me about where I started.

Mrs. Hager said you thought you could still undertake it and I will appreciate your doing so if you can spare the time. There will be no deadline and you can take as much time as you wish. We hope to have Volume IV of our Kith and Kin series out this fall, perhaps October, but if everyone comes through with the manuscripts that have been promised we will have all we can take care of at that time. What I would like to see is a backlog of manuscripts that will permit planning ahead, and the program appears to be self-sustaining financially. I loaned the Society about \$850.00 to publish our first issue in 1977 and was fully repaid by the end of the year. I also loaned them about \$960.00 for the second issue and that was fully repaid very soon afterward. We had enough in the treasury to pay the \$1,036.00 cost of the third publication, Volume III, but I thought that would reduce our treasury to a very low figure, so I took \$850.00 of its funds and paid the rest myself and I will be fully reimbursed at our meeting this week.

We have put on no sales campaign and no advertising except a little that Jim Comstock gave us free in HILLBILLY, but that did not sell many publications. They have actually been selling themselves and I think any local society can do as well as we have done.

A genealogical society has now been organized in Logan, and I am their speaker at their meeting tomorrow night. I am

urging the Logan group to start a publication program similar to ours, and I think they will do something of that kind. They should have more talent for the purpose than we have, and a larger population to support such a program.

When we discussed this Mitchell business before you suggested that you could also include your Mitchell family, but I wonder if that would be entirely proper now in view of Logan now having a genealogical society. As I am urging them to start a publication I would feel I was encroaching on their territory. Perhaps that part of it should be held in abeyance until we see what they will do.

As to our Mitchell family (and part of it got into Logan) it was descende from Joshua Michel, a French soldier, who came to America as a member of French army under General Rouchembeau in 1779 to help us against the British. That army landed at Newport, Rhode Island, and marched overland to Virginia, joining Washington on the way, and along with his army forced Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown.

It was 1783 before the Treaty of Peace was signed and even later when the way was cleared for the French soldiers to return. Joshua Michel, along with several others, deserted then or earlier and headed for the mountains. That is our first record of but his experiences were no doubt those of the army he was with. We have records of his two marriages, the names of his children, and their marriages. The record of his naturalization is in Monroe County. We have records of his earlier descendants, all of which would be sent to you. The later ones are yet to be gathered and as much of that as can be gathered would be sent to you also. Your job would be to put it together, and I think you are better at that than any of us. The children of Joshua Michel all Anglicized their names to Mitchell.

Incidentally, in 1924 Ezekiel Nelson wrote a history of the Olive Branch Baptist Church which was organized in 1824. A lady living near the present church is currently trying to write a much more detailed history of this church. James Mitchell, son of the above Joshua Mitchell was a charter member, was ordained as a minister there and became a highly regarded minister and circuit rider in this area.

James E. Ellison of Monroe County married a sister of this James Mitchell, moved to Turtle Creek, joined this church in 1842, became a minister and a noted evangelist, most of his work being done in Indiana and Illinois. He later wrote a story of his life which I read many years ago, but I do not recall where, nor even the title. This lady would like to see what he said about Olive Branch Church, as I think he was one of its ministers. I cannot find it in the Archives. If you can learn the title and where this book might be obtained I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely

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2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
May 31, 1978

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 28 regarding the Mitchell family.

Yes, I would be pleased to write an article on the family--particularly since there would be no deadline. Naturally, however, I would attempt to finish it as soon as possible and get it to you at the earliest opportunity.

Since writing my letter to you on December 6 of last year, I have abstracted most of the vital records of the Boone County Mitchells up to about the period of World War I. Any information you or other members of the Society could send for use in the article would be deeply appreciated. Thus the record could be more complete as well as more interesting. I will return any notes any of you might wish to have back in your possession. Your 1880 census abstracts and annotations for the Mitchell families would be especially helpful.

Regarding the use of my own Mitchell family: I had intended to include material as it relates to Boone County and do not think what I had in mind would detract from any future publication in Logan County. As you may recall, most of the children of Micajah Goodwin and Clarinda (White) Mitchell were born in Boone County. Micajah's father Jordan D. Mitchell, is reputedly buried at Flat Gap in Boone County; and Jordan's wife, Isabel J. (Gore) Mitchell, died in Boone County and is thought to have been buried in the White Cemetery in present-day Wharton. Their daughter, Emaline C. Mitchell, married Anthony Jarrell in Boone County, etc. One of the so-called Raleigh County branches of the family also had Boone County connections: Jordan Jackson Mitchell married Frances Charleton 11 June 1872 in Boone County. Do you know anything about her? Their marriage record indicates that she was born in England. There were also several Lincoln County-Boone County ties, mainly in the Joshua Mitchell line, however. In any event, I believe that future researchers would find it valuable to have data on the lineage of all those whose records appear in the Boone County registers. If I limited myself strictly to the descendants of Joshua Michael/Mitchell, the other family would be left stranded, as it were.

In fact, I had planned also to have a short introduction regarding not only the above two lines but the additional Mitchell families who found their way into southern West Virginia in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In Wyoming County, for example, there were descendants of my Revolutionary War ancestor, Archelaus Mitchell, and others who may or may not have been related. The progenitor of the Cabell County group was apparently a brother, cousin, or nephew of Archelaus Mitchell.

I had planned to wait before bombarding you with questions. I suppose, though, that the sooner some of the gaps are filled, the better it will be insofar as

work on the article is concerned. Can you identify the parents of the following:

Alfred J. Mitchell, born about 1854, possibly in Pennsylvania; married Kate Barker 17 July 1876 in Boone County although date for birth of their son was given as 1 August 1875. Need names of her parents also as well as names of any children other than Lorando.

Charles Randolph Mitchell, born about 1876 in Boone County; married 1) Ethel Chambers 24 March 1898; married 2) Martha Tawney 19 February 1917--both marriages in Boone County. Who were wives' parents also? And were there any children besides the male twins and one daughter born in 1899 and 1902 respectively?

Elverton E. "Vertie" Mitchell, born about 1862 in Lincoln County; married Mary Etta VanGundy 6 December 1905 in Boone County at home of A. J. Mitchell. They had at least nine children born in such parts of Boone County as Anchor, Low Gap, Powell Creek, Greenview, and Coalbloom. Do you know anything of her family too?

James D. Mitchell, born _____; married Delila A. "Delia" _____. They had three children born between 1896 and 1901 in the Turtle Creek area of Boone County, but I have nothing more on the family other than birth records for the three children.

Martin Van Buren Mitchell, born about 1882 in Boone County; married Belle V. "Belva" Ball 17 March 1906 although date of birth of first child is given as 9 September 1905. Do you know her parents' identity?

The Boone County vital records are seemingly rather complete for some groups but quite sketchy for others. I do hope that there will be a few descendants of Joshua Mitchell able and willing to share whatever data and anecdotes they might have on their families.

When I next visit the two genealogical libraries in Los Angeles, I will check the card catalogs to see if I can find the autobiography of James E. Ellison. If so, I will let you know. Although I have never done any specific research on the Ellison family, I have wanted to for some years. I believe there was a tie to my Christian family. One Ellison Christian died in Greenbrier County about 1794. Another Ellison Christian married Sarah Acord in Monroe County in 1808. They were living on a branch of New River which later fell into Mercer County and ultimately into Summers County. I have often wondered if the Isaac E. H. Christian (son of Rev. Byron and Elizabeth (White) Christian) was named Isaac Ellison H. Christian. No one in the family recalls what his other names were. He was murdered in 1904, but I do not know the details.

By the way, should I contact Mr. Glenn Roberts to see what he can furnish on the Mitchell family? I never did write to him because I did not know whether he wished to prepare the Mitchell article. If he had wanted to, I did not wish to interfere.

I hope within the next two weeks to have the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES off the press. I had promised it in January but could not meet the deadline--a most embarrassing situation for me.

Mr. Sigfus Olafson

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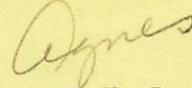
May 31, 1978

I will be donating copies to the Boone County Genealogical Society library. It is in the form of a periodical to be published twice yearly. I hope all future issues will be mailed on time.

I enjoyed the third volume of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. Everyone did an excellent job. You have really been an inspiration to the Society.

Best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Agnes".

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave., Madison, W. Va.
June 6, 1978

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

It is a relief to know that you will undertake the Mitchell paper and I enclose some notes on Joshua, those on yellow paper being mine, and those by Betty (Mitchell) Jarrell on white. She volunteered to do it when I announced at a society meeting that you were tied up, but what I enclose is the sum total of her work. However, Betty is a good egg and said she would help you in any way she could. She is a grand-daughter of George W. Mitchell, one of my close friends and as fine a person as I ever knew. He died in 1971 at the age of 92. Betty moved recently and I will send you her address when I get it.

Many people think that Joshua Michel served under LaFayette, but he positively was in the army brought here by Rochambeau. Actually, I think Rochambeau did more for the American cause than LaFayette, but somehow he never got much credit for it.

Glenn Roberts, a Mitchell descendant, is a member of our society and will furnish some data about his connections. I will speak to him about it. I think there should be something in any history of Joshua Mitchell's descendants about his naturalization and will see if I can get a copy from the County Clerk of Monroe.

I did not realize that your Mitchells were so much involved with Boone County, so include them if you wish. My views as expressed in my last letter were motivated by caution in encroaching on Logan, but any publishing by that group may be far off.

We are losing our fine ^{horn} secretary, Janet Hager, whose husband got a job in Wheeling that he cannot down. Huntington is also losing Jim Burgess, who is going to Arizona.

As to the two marriages of Joshua Michel, both have been authenticated, the first to Nancy Ross, the date unknown; the second in Fauquier County, Dec. 27, 1788.

If you have any questions, write, and I will do my best to supply anything you need

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

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

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Just a brief note to let you know that the Mitchell data you sent arrived, and I hope to have the opportunity to begin work on the article soon. As soon as I have had photocopies made, I will return your notes to you.

I wrote to Mr. Glenn Roberts today requesting any material he might have collected regarding his Mitchell line.

I hate to bother you with any additional questions but do wish to identify the parents of the following women if at all possible. I thought the answers might be readily available to you in your Boone County census annotations.

parents of Elizabeth Mitchell, born about 1866, married John Kidd

parents of M. O. Mitchell (female), born about 1876, married C. Miller

parents of America Miller, born about 1878, married Joshua Mitchell, born about 1869

parents of Agnes J. Griffith, born about 1858, married Freeman D. Mitchell

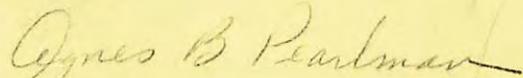
parents of Louella _____, widow Gunnoe, born about 1884, married James A. Mitchell.

parents of Eliza Ellis, born about 1874, married J. M. Mitchell

The above six questions plus the five posed in my last letter to you are the sum total of the questions I had listed after abstracting the Boone County vital records for all Mitchell entries. If you don't have the answers, perhaps you could put me in touch with someone who might.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

P. S. I'm sure all of you will miss Janet Hager.

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison. W. Va. 25130
July 27, 1978

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

First of all I want to apologize for the long delay in answering your letters, but I am trying to think of some extenuating circumstances that might justify it. I can mention none that really do justify it though I have let myself become involved in too many things. Late in June a brother who lives in Virginia called and said that he and his brother-in-law were driving to our old home in Minnesota, would pass through West Virginia, and would pick me up if I would go. Of course, I wanted to go. We visited a brother, a retired dentist in Minneapolis, another brother, also a retired dentist who lives at one of the lakes in the central part of the state, and then our old home town close to the Canadian border, where a sister lives. It is 62 years since I left there and though I have kept in touch with occasional visits nearly all of my boyhood friends and associates have passed on. This is my last visit there, in all likelihood, as I will soon be 82, have quit driving, and so few people are left that I knew.

We returned by a Canadian route that runs along the north shore of Lake Superior and which is quite scenic. However, there was a south wind and blowing across the cold water of Lake Superior, that makes fog. We drove through 400 miles of fog, not heavy enough to interfere with driving, but heavy enough to obscure the scenery. In Flint, Mich., we stopped to see a former brother-in-law, the husband of my sister who died in 1930. We found him in the last stages of cancer and I wish we had not stopped there. I am sure he did not recognize me or my brother.

Now, to get to your questions. The Alfred J. Mitchell you asked about in your first letter was in no way connected with any of the Mitchells here. He worked for a while at the cannel coal mines at Peytona, as did Mitchells from Scotland, Ireland, and Nova Scotia, but none were in any way connected with the Mitchells on Pond Fork or the descendants of Joshua Michel.

The Charles Randolph Mitchell you ask about was known as Charles R. Mitchell and for several years was Circuit Clerk of Boone County. His first wife was Ethel, daughter of Fredrick and Josephine (Tawney) Chambers. They had a daughter, Hattie, who moved to San Francisco, married, and is now deceased. No one here remembers her married name or knows if she had children. You mention twin sons but people here remember only one, Theodore R., known as Ted. At the age of 6 he had spinal meningitis and never fully recovered. He was "retarded" and for years was a familiar sight on our streets. He died last year.

You mention the second marriage of Charles R. Mitchell to Martha Tawney, who was a daughter of James and Parthena (Jones) Tawney. They had one daughter who is now a Mrs. Shonk living in Pennsylvania.

You also mention Elverton (Vertie) Mitchell. The Mitchells here say there is a group of Mitchells in Lincoln County, which adjoins Boone, that are entirely unrelated to them. I happen to know that there is or was a van Gundy family in Lincoln. I think he, along with the Mitchells who came to the cannel coal mines at Peytona, should be left out.

The full name of the James D. Mitchell you mention was James Dolliver Mitchell, born 1872, and he was known to the family and locally as Dolliver Mitchell. His relatives here know very little about him and think he married outside of this county. He moved to Putnam County, W. Va., became a farmer there, and I am told he died a long time ago.

Martin van Buren Mitchell, whom I knew as Mart Mitchell, married Bell B. Ball, daughter of Rufus and Arminta (Hager) Ball, but both are now deceased as are all of their children except one son, Willis, who lives in Ohio.

Joseph Samson Mitchell and his wife, who was Roxanna Pauley had many children and I knew several of them. The family is listed in the Boone 1880 census. As you know, our 1890 census records were destroyed in a census bureau fire. The 1900 census records have been released but I do not yet have a copy, which is quite a handicap when dealing with the after 1880 period.

As to Elizabeth Mitchell, mentioned in your letter of July 2, she was a daughter of Sylvester and Milly (Turley) ~~Kidd~~ Mitchell. Relatives here say that Sylvester married a Turley from Kanawh County. There were many Turley families there and I am unable to ^{tell} which one. Soon afterward a Hezekiah Turley married a relative of this Elizabeth and he was a son of John and Elizabeth Turley. As he lived on Turtle Creek, close to the Mitchell family, I suspect that Milly was a sister of this Hezekiah, but have ^{no} real proof.

As to M. O. Mitchell, born about 1876, who married C. Miller, the marriage record does not show the parentage of either one. In Sylvester Mitchell family in the 1880 census is Mary Mitchell, born about 1876. Just as I wrote this I remembered I had W. W. Nelson's Branches of Turtle Creek, and looked in it. He says that Sylvester and Milly (Turley) Mitchell had a daughter Mary who married Cleophas Miller. Looking in my census records I found Cleophas was the son of Caperton and Melissa (Bennett) Miller. So there you have C. Miller and M. O. Mitchell. He also says that Elverton (above) was a son of Sylvester and Milly (Turley) Mitchell, and as he was reliable and lived among them I am sure he knew what he was talking about. This shows how little one can depend on the memories of even reliable people. They said Vertie was not a relative.

Wrong
(see next letter)
abp

As to America Miller, the only one on Turtle Creek bearing that name was a daughter of Oliver and Susan Miller and was 3 years old in 1880. Oliver was borne about 1849 and was a son of James and Matilda (Phipps) Miller. Susan was a daughter of William and Dolly Ann (Roberts) Miller. The only Joshua Mitchell she might have married was a son of Sylvester and Milly (Turley) Mitchell. I have no record of their marriage.

Mitchell relatives say that the Agnes J. Griffith who married Freeman D. Mitchell was from Kanawha County and not from one of the several Griffith families in Boone County. I have not been able to find an Agnes Griffith in Boone census records of 1850 to 1880, inclusive. Sometimes names do not agree in the records, the second name being used in the family and some records, and the first name in other records. There was a Josephine Griffith in Boone County, a daughter of John and ~~WAKES~~ Harriet (Lacy) Griffith, and if her full name was Agnes Josephine she might qualify, but this is no more than a guess and cannot be used.

As mentioned above, I have practically no records after 1880 and cannot give you the parentage of Louella Gunnoe, widow, who married James A. Mitchell.

I realize that this belated effort to answer your questions is far from satisfactory. Since I am now at home and getting fairly well organized I promise I will answer your questions more promptly than I have been doing lately.

The position that Mr. Hager was going to take in Wheeling did not pan out as he expected and they could find no place to live, so Janet Hager is still with us, perhaps a disappointment to them, but a blessing to our society. We were working her to death and Mrs. Lenore Ferrell, a capable and dedicated member, is taking over the treasurer's duties. We are, via our newsletter, amending our constitution to make things more workable. Mrs. Hager is writing a book on the Barkers (her maiden name was Barker) and will publish it soon.

Our Society is doing very well financially. We have all debts paid and enough in the treasury to pay for our next publication. If we get enough manuscripts we hope to get our next publication out in October. Our books, if we can call them that, have sold surprisingly well. When we started we thought it might take 20 years to sell the 500 copies of an issue, but it looks like each of them may last three years, or less. Then we may have to start making reprints. However, since I will soon be 82 I should not be worrying about that.

I am not going to tell you how you should write the Mitchell manuscript but I think it will be impossible to bring it down to the present. Nothing worth mentioning has previously been written or published about this family. If we get the early part of the family's history researched and published we will have a valuable accomplishment. Let those who come along later trace their own roots to what we have done. The early part is the hardest and the most valuable and I think that between you and those who work on it here a good job will be done.

Sincerely *Leifur Olafson*

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 28, 1978

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I just mailed a letter to you but then I turned to W. W. Nelson's Branches of Turtle Creek for the umpteenth time and saw where he said Delilah, daughter of Charley and "Sis" Miller, had married Doll Mitchell. It suddenly dawned on me that this might mean James Dolliver Mitchell who long ago moved to Putnam County, and who was thought by local family members to have married outside of this county. So I followed it up.

"Fork" John Miller, as our notes showed, married Catherine, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Stigard) Mitchell. Among their children was James Miller who married his first cousin, Matilda, daughter of John and Lucy (Mitchell) Phipps of Logan County. James and Matilda (Phipps) Miller are in the Boone 1850 census, with one son, Oliver, 2 years old.

In 1860 they are living in Logan County, near Matilda's parents, with three children, ~~Washington~~, age 12, Washington, age 9, and Mary Ann, age 8. Mary Ann is the one that Nelson calls "Sis" in his book.

But all is not yet clear. The Charley mentioned in the first paragraph above is in records as Charles W. Miller, the son of William and Dolly Ann (Roberts) Miller. Boone County records show that he married Matilda, daughter of Anderson and Elizabeth (Gummins) Adkins. In the 1880 census Charles W. and Matilda Miller are family 108 in Washington District. What must have happened then was that this marriage ended in some way and Charles W. Miller married as his second wife Mary Ann Miller, whom Nelson calls "Sis", a nickname by which he probably knew her, and that the Delilah who married James Dolliver Mitchell, and Sarilda who married his brother Alfred Berman Mitchell, were children of this marriage. Nelson was truthful but is sometimes hard to follow because he uses the the names and nicknames by which he knew people. I believe the above is right.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
July 31, 1978

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I happened to remember that when I came here 55 years ago Madison had a good baseball player named Carter Mitchell, who left soon afterward to play ball in Charleston. I made enquiries and found he was still living in Charleston, so I telephoned.

He remembered me. He is a son of W. H. Mitchell who was known locally as Henry Mitchell and appears in the Boone 1880 census as Henry W. Mitchell. He was a son of Joseph S. (known locally as Samson or Sampson) Mitchell, and his wife, Roxanna Pauley. Carter Mitchell said there were nine sons and no daughters in the family of Joseph S. and Roxanna Mitchell. Six of these are listed in the Boone 1880 census: Alfred Berman, James Dolliver, Henry W. (should be W. Henry), Charles R., Jackson, and George W. You also had the name of Martin V. B. Carter Mitchell mentioned one named Burwell or Burrell Mitchell, but could not think of the other one.

Carter Mitchell said his mother was Nettie, daughter of Floyd and Rachel (Miller) Miller, which corresponds with my records. His full name is Lon Carter Mitchell and he married Lucille Marshall, a native of Virginia. They have two sons, Lon Carter Mitchell Jr. and Robert Carter. I forgot to ask him if they are married and have families, but this can be followed up.

Probably back in the 1890's a man named Will or William Mitchell moved to Danville, about two miles from here. He had a son named Edgar who was married and had two sons, but was separated from his family. A close friend of mine, Charles Fulton, now past 85, played with the two sons and remembers Edgar as a man who was always practicing with his pistol and who was an expert in its use. On Christmas eve, 1901, Edgar Mitchell shot and killed Lee Swords, a member of a logging crew from another county that was working in this area. As far as was known they had not had any trouble and locally the belief was that Mitchell killed Swords without any cause. He was arrested and put in jail but on the night of Jan. 25, 1902, a mob came to the jail, overpowered the jailer, took Mitchell out, and hanged him. It was generally believed that the mob was composed of Swords' logging companions, but it seems that little effort was made to do anything about it.

As far as I have been able to learn, and as far as the Mitchells and others know, this Edgar Mitchell and his

father were not descendants of Joshua Mitchell and were not related to the Mitchell family. The parents of Edgar Mitchell disappear with as little fanfare as did their arrival. I think his wife was local and remained in this area, and there may be some descendants around, but if all the yarns I have heard are true there is no purpose in detailing this story in connection with an account of the descendants of Joshua Michel, or the other Mitchells who were early settlers.

As soon as I got my notes back from Betty Mitchell Jarrell I sent them on to you, and I really did not look them over, I mean the notes she added. If I can help any now, please let me know.

Sincerely

Syfus Olafson

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

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your three most welcome letters. You well know how much I appreciate the information that you have sent on the Mitchell family.

All genealogical correspondence and projects had to be set aside temporarily while I completed the first issue of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. A copy is enclosed herewith for the Boone County Library collection. I should now be able to turn my attention to the Mitchell manuscript so that it will be ready for a forthcoming issue of KITH AND KIN of Boone County.

Also enclosed with this letter are the papers you sent concerning Joshua Michael and his descendants. Certainly my records regarding this individual and his contribution to the Revolutionary cause would have been quite sketchy without your contribution, and I will be pleased to give you credit in the short introduction which will accompany the article.

I am also returning the family group records compiled by Mrs. Betty Mitchell Cox. These did contain some information which I did not already have although, as you can guess, much of the data was already in my files. Mrs. Cox had also enclosed several sheets about the Miller family. The only material I am likely to use from those would be the information which relates directly to the Mitchell line.

I have no new questions today but probably will have a few after another week or so of writing. I agree with your suggestion to carry the generations forward only to about 1900. To do this most effectively, I have found it is best to get as much information as possible about the next generation, even though it might not be used in the article itself. I have found it most helpful to carry the research forward to the period of World War II. In that way, additional vital dates and events can be included for those individuals who were born before the 1900 date. I believe that my records are now virtually complete for the Mitchell family of the 19th century.

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
September 12, 1978
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Again, thanks so much for all the help you have so graciously provided during these many months of work on the Mitchells. I hope that you and your family are well.

One final note: I have just become a grandmother for the first time; it is quite thrilling.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

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Enclosures

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
November 30, 1978.

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I know I had a letter from you recently which I have not answered and it is somewhere in the welter that has accumulated on my desk, but at the moment I cannot find it, and I do not need it for this letter. Just two days ago I heard on the TV that it was 29 below zero in my former home town of Roseau, Minnesota, and that reminded me that the hockey season must be in full swing, and in a sort of chain reaction I thought of something I should write about for you.

In sunny California you perhaps do not think much about hockey games. Where I was born and grew up it is the principal game in most schools. Football is played too but it is secondary to Hockey, as is basket ball. The High School there, though quite small in enrollment, but is big in hockey and a contender every year for the state championship. Roseau County, with a population of only 11,000, has had one or more men on the U. S. Olympic team every Olympiad, beginning with 1940. Every little community in the county has its hockey team.

The two finest hockey players that area ever produced were two brothers of a family named Christian, of a small town named Warroad which is in Roseau County, on the west shore of Lake of the Woods. Our principal rivals in hockey in the Olympics are Canada, where everyone plays hockey, and Russia, which subsidizes its hockey players, who in reality are professionals because they do nothing. In the one Olympiad which the United States won, one of the Christian brothers scored the goal that beat Canada and the other one the goal that beat Russia. Both were simon-pure amateurs who never played hockey for pay. They worked at other things and played hockey for fun, and for their home town. Both have now retired as far as hockey is concerned and have a small plant in Warroad, Minn., where they manufacture hockey sticks.

You are now issuing a publication about the Christian Family and it occurs to me that an item about these two brothers would be appropriate. I am not implying that there is something remarkable about people in that area but they have five months of skating, and some kids do nothing else. The colleges and Universities in that area give hockey scholarships, and boys from that area are on the teams of most of them.

I left that cold country 61 years ago and the Christian brothers are from a later era than mine. If you write to them, just Christian Brothers, Warroad, Minn., it will reach them. I have not met them and know nothing about their background. One of them, who was a carpenter, once lived across the street

from a cousin of mine and though I saw him I did not meet him.

I am now in my 83rd year and though I have no aches or pains I am beginning to feel my age. I have noticed that my typewriter does not spell as well as it once did. I have lapses of memory also. I remember quite well the things that happened long ago but not the things that happened last week. I meet people today and will not know them tomorrow.

Our genealogical society is doing well and now has about 100 members, about half of them local and the rest scattered all over the U. S. We have paid all debts and obligations paid and have enough in the bank to publish our spring issue. We have induced our local library to order a reader-printer, with which we can read microfilms. We will either pay part of its cost or buy some microfilms. We have also gotten a lot of books for our library.

A branch library has now been established at Wharton, near which your Pond Fork ancestors settled. Tonight our local librarian and I will go to Whiesville, near the Raleigh County line, to see if a branch library can be established there. We manage to mix a little genealogical stuff with our library business.

Our Society seems to have overcome financial problems but I still have a rough time getting people to write for it. I hope you will have a Mitchell manuscript that we can use in our April issue.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

December 15, 1978

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you for letter of November 30 and the information on the Christian brothers. Their history and accomplishments should be of interest to readers of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES.

Speaking of accomplishments, yours are not inconsiderable. I know that archaeologists and genealogists for generations to come will appreciate your efforts. Certainly the cultural life of southern West Virginia has been enhanced by your presence. I shall look forward to visiting the recently established branch library at Wharton.

Regarding articles for publication in the Boone County Genealogical Society publications: I know how difficult it is to obtain material. Even with the best of intentions prospective authors often find it ~~inconvenient~~ ~~or~~ even impossible to produce. As for myself, I simply became overcommitted. I hope, however, to complete the Mitchell article shortly after the holidays; so it should be in your hands in plenty of time for the April issue. I assume the printer expects to have the copy sometime in February.

Please accept our best wishes for a happy holiday season. Ours will be especially joyful with the presence of our new grandson.

Sincerely,



(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Dec. 28. 1978.

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I am indeed pleased to hear that you will have the Mitchell manuscript ready for our next publication. We have as yet set no deadline but have talked about April as the month for publication. We have more than enough funds in the treasury to take care of this publication.

When we published 500 copies each of Volumes I and II I thought we would have enough to last us for 20 years. We are now down to less than 100 copies of each, and I think Volume I is particularly bad. At the rate these books (if one can call them that) are selling we will be faced with a republishing problem in about a year. If that happens we can correct some of the errors in them and dress Volume I up to some extent.

One of our members who has been very helpful to us is James Richardson of Charleston. You may recall that he wrote an article about Augustine Comer and his descendants (of whom he is one) for Volume I. He is also a descendant of Joshua Michel-Mitchell. He has gone to Monroe County and found the cemeteries where both men are buried and has found their rather poorly marked tombstones. Neither has a Revolutionary marker on it. Recently he made a survey of the Mitchell cemetery which he thinks should be published. Though it is not in Boone County I am inclined to go along with him. We have talked about initiating a campaign to have some kind of marker placed on these graves that would recognize their Revolutionary service, and this may be a help. I enclose Mr. Richardson's article. I am quite doubtful about it fitting into your paper, but please return it and if you have no objection I will insert it in our next publication, immediately following your Mitchell article. Because of insufficient margins it will have to be rewritten, but we can easily take care of that here.

In my last letter I mentioned the two Cristian brothers who have been so prominent in U. S. hockey in the Olympics. I was originally from Roseau County, Minn., which is about the coldest spot in the U. S., and which has long winters and where a lot of hockey is played. I enclose a tear-sheet from the Roseau weekly paper about a high-school boy from there who is being "drafted" for the 1980 U. S. 1980 Olympic hockey team. He will join three other graduates from his school, and David Christian from Warroad, in the same County, a son of one of the Christian Brothers that I mentioned in my last letter.

Starting in 1940, and in every Olympiad since then, Roseau County has had two or more men on the U. S. team, composed of

10 players. This next team will have five Roseau boys on it.

So it looks like it will be Roseau County (population 11,000) versus Russia (population 240,000,000) in the Olympics. The Russian "amateurs" are subsidized by their government and do nothing but play hockey. Of course, they will lose but they have always give good account of themselves.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sigfus Olafson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

January 8, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you for your letter of December 28 and the note enclosed with your earlier holiday greeting. I also appreciate the Christian and Mitchell articles.

As yet, I have not had the opportunity to make any contact with the Christian brothers in Minnesota and probably will not do so until the Mitchell article is in the mail for the next issue of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. That must be my first priority this month since I have allowed so many interruptions.

I will write to Mr. James Richardson of Charleston to see if he has anything which might identify the Elizabeth Mitchell shown as having died 18 October 1857 at age 48d 4 m 16d (shouldn't that be 48y?). Try as I might, I am not able to place her as either a spinster Elizabeth Mitchell or as a wife of anyone. I wonder if either the date of 1857 or the age of 48 is an error and if perhaps she is the former Elizabeth Stigard who was the second wife of Joshua Mitchell. With old and weathered tombstones, it is sometimes difficult to decipher the carved notations. Perhaps also there is a death record in Monroe County which would clarify the matter if Mr. Richardson has not already done so.

Another question might be answered by these inscriptions (so that the data can be included in the Mitchell article): In the Boone County Birth Register the birth 29 April 1876 in Kanawha County of William E. Mitchell is reported. His parents are listed as James H. or James K. and Ellen Mitchell. I have found nothing more about the family and wonder if the H. J. K. Mitchell and wife Ellen Caroline buried in the Joshua Mitchell Cemetery could be the same couple. Their ages would "fit." Any information you have would be appreciated.

Due to your comments about the Rosear County, Minnesota, hockey players on the U. S. Olympic team, I will look forward to the games with even more interest than usual. I'm quite a sports fan.

I made a photocopy of the Joshua Mitchell Cemetery transcriptions for my files so am returning your original with this letter.

Best wishes for a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

Agnes

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
Jan. 8, 1979.

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

It seems to me that you obtained a copy of the enclosed letter a long time ago, but if you have one this one can be passed on to your library, or to someone who is interested in some of the families mentioned in it. I think the letter is quite remarkable and there is a good bit of authentic genealogy in it.

Two of our Society's members have been to Monroe County and have found the graves of Joshua Mitchell and Augustus Comer, both of whom were Revolutionary soldiers and who have many descendants in this area. Both have home-made stones marking their graves but nothing indicating their service in the Revolution. I do not know if the D. A. R. does anything about soldiers like Mitchell, who served with the French forces.

James Richardson, a member of our Society, and a Mitchell descendant, made a survey of the Mitchell cemetery and listed all of the marked graves in it, including that of Joshua, which is marked "J. Mitchel", and gave it to me for publication in our newsletter. Since it is not in our county I have some misgivings about this but I think we should do it concurrently with the appearance of your Mitchell article in Kith and Kin. Our January newsletter is partly made up and the next one after that will be in April. Mr. Richardson also gave me a copy of the Will of Joshua Mitchell, in which he names all of his children, but I suppose you have that. If not, I will send it to you.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va.
Jan. 24, 1979.

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

As one might expect, Roseau County, Minn., did not fare so well in the junior Olympics against Russia and the rest of Europe. I enclose a clipping. You will see that Christian is mentioned near the bottom. Of the ten boys on the American team, five are from Roseau County, population 11,000. One is currently in High School and three were seniors last year. Christian is from Warroad, a town of about 700 in the same county, and is a son of one of the Christian brothers I mentioned.

You have a query in our newsletter about Christians in Boone County. In 1850 we had one family, that of Jacob Christian, also a girl, Catherine Christian, age 12. Jacob Christian was still in the county when the 1860 census was taken and his birthplace is shown as Mercer County. As far as I know Jacob does not appear in Boone records after 1850.

The 1850 census of Mercer has the Family of John Christian and a single woman. The 1810 census of Kanawha County, when it still included parts of several other counties, had Gilbert Christian, a single man, past 45, and also Robert Christian with a family. Only Robert is in its 1820 census. I have no other Kanawha census records.

You no doubt have all the records of Christians in Logan County, and Cabell that preceded it. There are about 30 families of Christians listed in the Charleston telephone directory, and two in our local directory. I do not know any of them.

We just had one of these reader-printer machines installed in our local library. At our Feb. 1 meeting our librarian will instruct us in its use. We will now have to order some tapes for it.

Our quarterly newsletter is late but we expect to get the January issue out this week or early next week.

We have more than enough funds on hand now for our next issue of KITH & KIN. David Turner and B. B. Brown have a manuscript now of the Brown family of Boone County, about 40 pages. Mrs. Janet Hager is preparing one on the Cook family of Boone County, of unknown length. Two ladies of Kanawha County have submitted a manuscript of the Hill family, which was partly in Boone and partly in Kanawha, but a lot of the family in Boone was omitted. My daughter is trying to add those of Boone and says she will have it done in February.

We hope we may get your Mitchell manuscript in time for the

April issue. I hope I may have all of this in time so we can get them in the April issue, and I am not pushing you or trying to rush you, but as soon as you know the approximate number of pages please let me know. I am a greenhorn as an editor and I like to have these figures so that the publication can be planned.

As yet I have no answer for your query about the identity of the Mitchells of Kanewha County, which you mention, but will try to find out. There are some in its 1820 census that as far as I know are unrelated to those you are covering.

So far our winter has been mild compared with the two that preceded it. The lowest temperature has been about 18F and there has not yet been enough snow to bother the roads. We have had a lot of cold drizzly rain. There are still two months during which we may have bad weather, so it is too early to crow about what we have had.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
March 3, 1979.

Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

After your telephone call of today I went to see Dave Turner about the Boone County 1900 census. He has had a microfilm of this census for some time and has his own reader at home. He has actually copied it on cards and said he would go to work on them right away and thought he would soon have them sorted out.

Your call came in today and this is Saturday. We have no mail out of here after Saturday noon, and tomorrow being Sunday, both the post office and library will be closed. I will see Dave Monday morning and if he has anything to go as is it will be mailed then. If anything needs copying I will take it to the library and do the best I can with it, but it now looks as if anything about the Mitchells in the 1900 census will be in your hands next week. This sounds like everything is in a terrible rush, which is not the case. We will not publish until well into April.

Our publications are selling much better than I expected. The things I have edited are far from being works of art and am not at all proud of them. When we published the first one we ordered 500 copies and I thought they would last us for 20 years. Now, one year and 11 months later we are almost out of them. We have put on no sales campaign and have done no advertising. The knowledge that they have been published just spreads from person to person. Vol. II, in which you and Dave Turner have the history of the White family was published six months later and is ^{also} nearing exhaustion. By next year we will have a republishing problem. It will give us a chance to make some corrections, particularly in Vol. I.

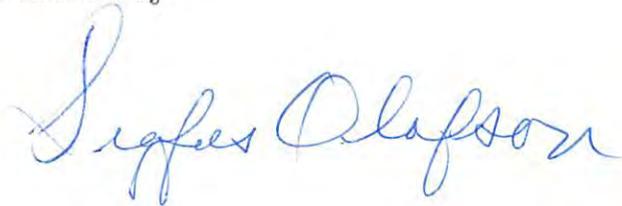
Financially, we seem to be O. K. We owe no debts and have about \$2,500.00 in the bank. Of the 2,000 copies of the four volumes published so far, we have about 650 left. All of these are paid for. We have also bought more than 25 books for our reference shelf, which cost at least \$300, and I think more.

I have been gathering archaeological, genealogical, and historical material relating to others for more than 50 years, and now my daughter has shamed me into doing something about my own antecedents. We have a good record of those in Iceland, with some lines back for 40 generations, but my grandparents, who came to America a little over 100 years ago, must have more than 200 widely scattered descendants here now.

It is these we are going to dig up now and they are in about a third of our states and half the provinces in Canada. Some are in California, the nearest one to you being Loren McLain, a pharmacist in Laguna Niguel, or that is where he was when I last heard about him. Others are away up north, in the Eureka area. A sister lives near Phoenix and a grandson in Tucson. I am not worrying much about it as my daughter will do most of the work

The weather bureau says our Feb. temperature was 8.6 degrees below normal. We are into March now and the worst of it is over. We really can't complain because snow has not interfered with our highways and that is about the worst thing that can happen.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sigfus Olafsson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

March 5, 1979

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

David Turner just brought me a copy of what he has typed from the 1900 census of Boone County and it is enclosed.

This includes the families that have the Mitchell name. There will be others, of course, who have the Mitchell ancestry but not the name, but it will take a lot of research and a lot of time to ferret all of those from the 1890 census. I think it will be sufficient to include these names in your paper, and for the time being, forget about the others. You will already have a lot of groundwork for future researchers and if they have enough interest to do a little digging and research they can readily determine their ancestry.

Also, if they have enough interest they can prepare a supplement which we will publish in a future issue. I think that you, and all of us, will have done our part if we publish what you already have and what may be added from what is enclosed.

One thing I want to tell you about and part of it is in the enclosed census records. At the top of the page is Andrew Mitchell, age 61. In the 1850 census Andrew is 11 years old, a son of Joshua and Catherine (Miller) Mitchell. This Joshua was a son of the James Mitchell who was an early minister in the Olive Branch Church in this county and a grandson of the Joshua Michel who came from France. In the 1850 census I have the above Andrew marrying Sally Ann, daughter of Matthias and Cynthia (Cottle) Kessinger, which I think is right. Andrew was 21 years old and still with his parents but apparently married soon after that and disappears from Boone County records. He is not in the Boone 1870 and 1880 census records and those for 1890 were destroyed. However, you will see that Andrew, age 61, and his wife Sallie Anne. * Also in the household is their son, Edgar Mitchell, age 37, born in Ohio, and Edgar's two sons.

1860

* are in the 1900 census

On Christmas Eve, 1902, Edgar Mitchell shot and killed Lee Swords, member of a crew of timbermen from another County that were working in the area. A close friend of mine, then 8 years old, was at the store where this occurred just a few minutes earlier and said there was no trouble there but some heavy drinking was going on. On Jan. 25, 1903, a mob broke into the jail, took Edgar Mitchell out, and hanged him. My friend had the unpleasant job of taking

the news to Edgar's mother. The mob was said to have been composed of Swords' coworkers, and nothing was ever done about it. My friend said that Edgar had no wife living there at the time and Edgar's two sons were his playmates.

All this happened 20 years before I came to Madison and the tree where they hanged Edgar was still standing when I came here.

You can use your own discretion about including the above in the Mitchell article.

Sincerely

Lyfius Claffey

2001 North Westwood Avenue
Santa Ana, California 92706
March 27, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I have finally finished "Mitchell Lines in Boone County, West Virginia" for publication in the next issue of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. I do appreciate your patience and help.

The copy is enclosed, and you will notice that the pages are numbered in blue on the lower right corner of each page. Barring any unforeseen damage in shipment, it is "camera ready" for printing.

Of course, genealogical research is never done; but I do wish time had permitted my pursuing Putnam County leads which only recently came to my attention regarding the Joshua Mitchell descendants through his son, Rev. James Mitchell. Other interested parties will simply have to follow through on that. It probably would not have affected the enclosed article appreciably except for completing some of the turn-of-century groups who probably moved there as well as to Lincoln and Logan Counties, etc. You will notice that I did find that Rev. James Mitchell was living in Putnam County in 1850.

Thank you for sending the abstracts from the 1900 census. Having them readily at hand helped to clarify several points.

I hope you find the enclosed article suitable and that readers will find it beneficial.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Carl K. Pearlman)

Enclosure

April 8, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Enclosed is new copy for "Mitchell Lines in Boone County, West Virginia." Please disregard the 28-page copy sent on March 28. You will notice that the enclosed has 30 pages.

Perhaps it is fortuitous that I became concerned yesterday when I heard from another correspondent inquiring about material sent at the same time because I decided to recopy the Mitchell article. When I got into the retyping, I found that I had left out what amounted to just over a page of material on the children of Joseph Sampson Mitchell--bringing the present total to 30 pages. I made a few other minor corrections and added a short section on the last page so that the thirtieth page would not be so short.

As a result of finding the gap in the Samson Mitchell data, I did recheck the copy and hope that I have not overlooked any other significant mistakes, either of omission or commission.

You will notice that only the children carrying the Mitchell surname were carried forward. The article would have been far too long had I included the Miller and other descendants. I alluded to the possibility of covering the Miller family in future issues (see footnote on page 4). Within the text I referred to specific previous issues of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY where a line had already been covered (as with the Comer family).

If someone decides to write the Miller article, let me know so that I can forward the material I have accumulated. I will mention that I have done no primary research on the Miller name, so my notes are not nearly as complete for that line as for the various Mitchell lines.

Again, because of space limitations, I omitted other West Virginia Mitchell lines since they did not appear in Boone County during the nineteenth century, the period covered in the enclosed Mitchell article. Except for completing families already started before the turn of the century, the "cut-off" date was usually about 1900.

I look forward to having the next copy of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY in my library.

Sincerely,

Olafson

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
April 11, 1979

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

The second manuscript arrived in today's mail and I just finished reading it rather hurriedly. It is very well done and I would like to comment on that editorially, but I am afraid that might hurt the feelings of some of our other contributors, as I have not given them praise of that kind. They are sincere and doing the best they can, and they write as well as I do, so I should not be critical of them anyway, but we have only one Agnes Pearlman.

I will try to get everything to the printer tomorrow, if one can can the copying service we use a printer. We started with them because they were cheap and I feel we should stay with them, at least for a while. Our publications seem to be wanted, at least by some people, and I do think we are doing something that will be appreciated by people of the future.

I loaned our society enough funds to publish the first two volumes and thought it likely that it would be and thought it would be a long time before I got my money back. We have ordered 500 copies of each of the four volumes we have published. The first was published in June 1977, and the second in November of that year, and I thought that would supply the demand for 20 years. However, my loan was repaid about three weeks after the second and we now have about \$2,500.00 in the bank and all obligations have been paid. We have also bought a good many books for our library, and have recently ordered several microfilms for the reader that was recently installed in our local library, largely because of our urging. Our supply of Volumes I and II are nearly exhausted. We are faced with a reprinting job less than two years after the original publishing. We will order 800 copies of our Volume V.

We have no experts in our group but I must say that we have as enthusiastic and dedicated a group as one could ask for. James Richardson, a Mitchell and Comer descendant, has listed the burials in the Mitchell cemetery in Monroe County, and while we ordinarily have those in newsletters I will put this one in Vol. V, immediately following your Mitchell paper, but under his name.

Sincerely

Lizfus Olafson

May 28, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

This is a rather belated response to your letter of April 11. However, I just returned home from the northeast and, indeed, had hoped to have the opportunity of visiting Boone County. Such was not to be the case, though.

My copy of KITH AND KIN of BOONE COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA, Vol. V, was in my waiting mail when I returned. I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and the other contributors for a very excellent job. It seems to me that Boone County is truly a leader in genealogical publications insofar as county societies are concerned.

I do appreciate your complimentary remarks concerning the article which I submitted on the Mitchell family and am pleased that it arrived before the publication deadline. Without your encouragement, I am sure that many of us would be "dragging our heels" getting our material into publishable form. One of these days I hope to prepare the Workman family material that I have collected. As you know, I have a considerable amount of data not included in Anderson's WORKMAN FAMILY HISTORY. With my other pressing commitments that is probably another year or so away, however.

I hope that you and yours have a most enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Agnes B. Pearlman

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Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

February 13, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

I have had little communication with you recently, perhaps because we have been working on different projects.

I suppose you are still working on the Christian Chronicles, a family I have never had occasion to investigate, but I still get the weekly paper from my little home town in Minnesota, perhaps the coldest place in the United States, and where the kids play hockey five months a year.

Beginning with 1940 my home town, or I should say the county, which has all of 11,000 people, has had from one to three men on each U. S. Olympic Hockey team. and two brothers named Christian have been mainstays on it. I think a third Christian brother made the team one time.

This year there are three boys from that town on the team and I send a photo of them from the home town paper. Of course, one of them is a Christian. He and the boy at the left of the picture graduated from High School last year, and the third boy, the one on the right, is still in High School. These growing boys have to play against the Russians, who are actually professionals because they do nothing but play hockey, and they will outweigh these boys about 50 lbs. to the man. I believe they cannot win, but they won't disgrace themselves.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

Feb. 22, 1980

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Since the Christian family is not one of those that I follow I have not followed very closely what you have published, but I am very much interested in the family members from my home county.

The enclosed clipping is from today's Charleston Gazette and relates to a boy who is really from Warroad, Minnesota, which is in my home county.

I see by the papers that you have had some rough weather. We have so far had a mild winter, as yet not enough snow to stay on the roads, and as I write this the temperature is a balmy 60.

I still have no aches or pains but am beginning to feel my age.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

February 25, 1980

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I was so pleased to hear from you and appreciate your taking the time to forward the articles about Dave Christian, of the United States Olympic team.

The games were exciting to watch and especially so with the remarkable achievement of the U. S. Hockey Team--winning the Gold Medal!

Some months ago I wrote to his father about my efforts in collecting Christian family genealogical and biographical material but never received a reply. I understand this because my results have generally been negligible when writing to strangers who do not already have an interest in family history or are in some way involved. Although I would like to have the supplementary genealogical data for any articles, I believe I will simply start a feature, "Christians in the News" to cover those who are appearing in articles in the press. The Dave Christian news items will be the first in the new feature to be started with the July 1980 issue.

Never did I realize that I would have so little time for research after starting to publish CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES. I'm trying to figure out a way to continue publication and still allow time for my other projects. Each issue does take fewer hours (what with headings, etc. already "set up"), but trying to maintain the quality and variety requires much work and planning.

You there in Boone County continue to do an excellent job with the Quarterly and with Kith and Kin. If I can work out the time commitments above, I might submit another article for publication.

That reminds me. I assume that the articles previously submitted ^{by me} and published in Kith and Kin of Boone County, West Virginia, ~~by me~~ could be used in one of my own family histories. I am referring to the White family and Mitchell family articles. Usually the author retains such rights, and the copyright granted to the Boone County Genealogical Society would have been for first publication rights only. Is this also your understanding?

Sincerely,

Agnes

Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

~~XXXXXX~~ Feb. 29th, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Our copyrights are solely for the purpose of protecting us against pirating; there are printers and copying houses that could put out these publications cheaper than we can and we want to protect ourselves against that, and only that. We did not have in mind any genuine researchers, and particularly not persons who have helped us out, when we got our copyrights, so have no qualms about using anything you have written in any way you chose. As to using verbatim articles submitted by others than yourself, I am quite certain they would not object, but would like to speak to them before committing myself. I think most of them would feel flattered if you wanted to use some of their material.

As to the Christians, I am not surprised that you got no response when you wrote to Dave Christian's father. Genealogy has not caught on there as yet and they think a letter like yours is a gimmick of some kind. It is newly settled in comparison with other areas. I am not a youngster but an older brother, now deceased, was the first white child born in our part of the county, and the first one in the whole county beat him by perhaps four or five years. It takes a little age to arouse interest. Most people there who are of native American stock know that their parents came from "down east", and that is about it.

I like to tell about my ^{in Nova Scotia} maternal grandparents who reared 12 children and were well into their 40's when they came to America and after three years homesteaded on the prairies of Dakota Territory. Next to them lived a Savage family, which as far as I know was of native American stock. The woman there had a young baby and an alcoholic husband, and got what I now know was lung cancer. Anyway, she knew she was going to die and asked my grandmother to look after her baby, and grandma took him. The youngest of their 12 children was about grown but Davy Savage, for that was his name, became the apple of their eye, Nothing was too good for Davy. He grew up speaking Icelandic glibly, but English with a thick Icelandic accent.

My grandparents later moved to Saskatchewan and when I was 14 I got a job during the harvest season from an Uncle in North Dakota and Davy Savage came to visit "relatives", for he looked on our grandparents children as relatives, and I remember he was riding a brand new Harley Davidson motorcycle. He zoomed around like boys do with motorcycles and I remember

how I envied him for even the cheapest bicycle was beyond my hopes. He spoke Icelandic by preference and spoke it better than I did, but I had it on him when it came to English. I have wondered about that situation. His father disappeared soon after my grandmother got Davy and as far as I know, nothing is known about Davy's background or ancestry, but my grandparents were really ga-ga about Davy, and what Davy wanted Davy got.

I will try to do something about the Christians in Roseau County. I will write to a friend there, Bill Adams, who is editor of the local paper. He knows the Christians well, and I feel certain that when they know there is no gimmick involved they will cooperate. I will try that.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

March 9, 1980

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Well, the boys did it and I still find it hard to believe. You may be certain that I watched the games with bated breath and I found it hard to believe, even though I saw it. I have seen enough hockey to know that the Russians had one of the best teams that ever got on ice. They do nothing but play hockey and actually are pros. Russia has about 250 million people who live in a climate that provides plenty of skating.

Only a small and sparsely populated part of our country has that condition. Roseau County, my home county, is larger than Rhode Island and has 11,000 people. It has two towns, Roseau, with about 2,000 people, and Warroad with about 800. Yesterday Roseau was reported as the coldest spot in the U. S. The day before Warroad had that honor. Perhaps that is why the county has had someone on the U. S. Olympic hockey team for the last 12 Olympics. Ten of the 20 men on this olympic team were from northern Minnesota. They perhaps have no better athletes than other areas, but they surely get plenty of skating.

Some years snow covers the ground for five months. When I lived there I remember times when I would run the three miles to school because it was 50 below. I remember one spell when the warmest it got for a month was 30 below. That kind of country produces good hockey players but it is not a place to go when one retires.

I like a place with seasons, a little bit of snow, a few cold days and a few hot days, but the rest of it just about the way I like it. That is why I chose West Virginia.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson

*Enclosed articles placed in
Christmas family file*



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

March 15, 1980

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Thank you for your letters of February 29 and March 9, the latter with the excellent photograph of Dave Christian and his Olympic teammate.

Like you and millions of others throughout the country, I, too, was "glued" to my television set. What an exciting victory! To bring home the gold against such superb opposition was unbelievable. Absolutely amazing! I know how you must have felt viewing the play by representatives from your hometown.

I finally mailed the January 1980 issues of CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES yesterday. One went to the Boone County Genealogical Society. The response from subscribers has been quite positive; however, publication is more work than I had anticipated --as I believe I mentioned previously. I hope now to be able to remain current if family responsibilities do not interfere.

Several "genealogical friends" and I are planning a week's research trip to Salt Lake City in May. It will be the first opportunity in months to engage in concentrated research, and I'm looking forward to the hours in the library there.

I appreciate your clarification of the copyright. It confirmed my understanding of the intent.

It's possible that I will attend the fortieth anniversary high school reunion in Huntington, West Virginia, this coming July. If I do, I will try to visit Boone County for a day or so.

In the meantime, regards to all.

Sincerely,

Agnes

Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

March 16, 1980

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

More Dave Christian material is enclosed. I realize that I am snowing you under with this stuff but promise I will quit after this installment.

If you will look at the back of the picture of Dave Christian you will see the daily range of temperatures in Roseau, Minnesota for a week and you and you will also understand why people dress as they do in some of the photos. This will also give you a hint of why I did not return there after I retired.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

July 10, 1980

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Recently through correspondence David Turner and I have discussed the possibility of preparing another article on the White family. A supplementary article seems especially desirable in order to provide certain corrections and additions to the article originally published in Volume II of KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY.

Today I wrote telling him that I would probably be free by the end of this month to work on such an article and suggested the title "Military Service of the Boone County Whites." When do you expect to publish Volume VIII? Would you wish to include such an article therein? If we can obtain the information, I thought we could include service in all the major conflicts. The article would not be long--probably no more than four pages.

I do hope that you and yours are well.

Sincerely,

Agnes

Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

July 18, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif., 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Any manuscript from you and David Turner will be welcomed at any time. We hope to have Volume VIII ready for the printer next November. We are trying to follow the schedule of two volumes each year.

We were late in getting out Volume VII, due in part to my illness and in part to manuscripts coming in late. I had a siege of some kind of flu and while most of the time I did not feel sick enough to stay in bed I soon changed my mind if I tried to get up. And if I had been up and pushing things perhaps the manuscripts would not have been late.

On next Nov. 1, assuming that nothing happens in the meantime, I will have my 84th birthday and will be starting my 85th year. It is my contention that at that age I am too old to be doing what I am trying to do. I have tried to give up my position as president of the local society and the job of editing its publications, but no one listens to me and they act as if I am going to live forever. I have told the society that my term as president ends next December 31, and this one will be for keeps. I have told them too that I will get out Volume VIII and thereafter someone else will have to assume the responsibility. I have told them too that I will help as long as I can.

I am now feeling well except for my age. I can tell that old age is catching up with me and my memory is not as good as it used to be. I remember quite well a lot of the things that happened when I was a child, but have trouble remembering some of the things that happened recently. I should not complain because, on the whole, I have had an interesting and a pleasant life.

I hope everything is well with you and yours, and with kindest regards I am

Sincerely yours

Sigfus Olafson

Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

Oct. 27, 1980

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 North Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Last night a lady from Beckley call^d me and asked if I had any information about the Christian family. She mentioned specifically Rachel Christian, born in Logan County in 1809, who married Thomas O'Neil. Since Logan County was not formed until 1824, there must be something wrong with the date. I was unable to find anything in my material about Rachel Christian and took the liberty of giving her your name and address as a possible source of information.

She asked for information about several Raleigh County families, but I told her I knew very little about that region. However, after she hung up and I had time to go through some of the litter that I call my material I found that I did have some of the material she wanted. I realized then that I had not gotten her name and adress.

If she does write to you will you be good enough to send me her name and address. She did tell me her name, which I promptly forgot, but I think it started with a P. I did not get her address.

I am starting my 85th year next week. I still have no aches or pains but I have aged a lot in the last few months. I am still trying to get rid of my job as president of our local society, and editor of its publications, but so far without success.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

November 1, 1980

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

I do appreciate your referring the caller from Beckley to me although I have not yet heard from her. I am always delighted to hear from any Christian family researcher and hope that she does get in touch.

If so, you may be sure I shall send you her name and address so that you can give her the other material you found.

From the data available to me, I would guess that the Rachel Christian in whom she is interested is the daughter of Ellison and Sally (Acord) Christian. Sally was the daughter of John and Rachel (Combs) Acord; and after the death of Ellison Christian in 1815-1816, she later married Peter G. Cozort, Sr. My notes indicate that it might have been a daughter Sally who married Peter G. Cozort. Ellison and Sally were married 9 November 1808 in Monroe County, Virginia, although 9 April 1816 as a widow she was on the Giles County, Virginia, tax list with her father John Acord. It was probably in that part of Giles which became Logan County and ultimately Wyoming County, West Virginia.

My notes on the five daughters of Ellison and Sally (Acord) Christian are somewhat contradictory. One record states that Nancy Christian married William O'Neal and another record states that Rachel Christian married William O'Neal. If, as your caller reported, Rachel Christian married Thomas O'Neal, it is likely that this is a case of sisters marrying brothers and thus the confusion.

I'm finally ready for serious work on the supplementary White family article for KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY when it should have been finished. However, these things cannot be rushed; so if I've missed the October deadline, the article should be ready for the next volume's deadline. I really would like to make a research trip to Salt Lake City before completing the article in order to check out several discrepancies in my records. I had planned to go last spring, but other commitments prevented it.

Our second grandchild was born in September. That makes a grandson and a granddaughter. Since I spent an enjoyable two weeks helping out, genealogy was momentarily set aside.

I'm pleased that you are well. It's wonderful to have good health in one's 85th year!

Sincerely,

Agnes



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

October 23, 1981

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Greetings to you and yours after a long silence on my part. I hope this finds you well.

I seem to get further and further behind on my projects but am finally completing the supplementary article on the White family for KITH AND KIN OF BOONE COUNTY. I am mailing a rough draft to David A. Turner and Charley L. Davis for their inspection before submitting it for publication.

Just recently I received information from James L. Gore, who discovered documents proving that Isabel J. (Gore) Mitchell, wife of Jordan D. Mitchell, was the daughter of James and Rebecca (Ross) Gore--not Joseph and Martha (Pine) Gore, as we had originally speculated. I thought you might wish to make corrections to whichever census annotations you have access. The couple appears in the following two census records:

1850 Logan County, Virginia, household #10/10

1860 Logan County, Virginia, household #492/488

By the couple I mean, of course, Jordan D. and Isabel J. Mitchell. Her parents, James and Rebecca (Ross) Gore, were of Rockbridge County, Virginia; and it is James' estate papers which prove the connection. Interestingly, Jordan D. and Isabel were married in Botetourt County, Virginia, 19 April 1818; and there is a bond on file there.

Because of my own publication projects, I have had no time for research during the past year but am always delighted to have another researcher make discoveries on my lines.

Sincerely,

Sigfus Olafson

507 KANAWHA AVENUE
MADISON, WEST VIRGINIA 25130

November 24, 1981.

Mrs. Agnes B. Pearlman,
2001 north Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Calif. 92076

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

Yes, it is a long time since we communicated with one another. I am now in my 86th year and am getting somewhat feeble and my memory is playing tricks on me. I am fortunate in having my daughter here to take care of me, and she has become enthused about genealogy, and I hope she will keep things going after I am out of the picture. I have no aches or pains, and feel well, but do have trouble navigating. I will try to stay active as long as I can. I have had a good life and really have no kicks about things. One of my grandchildren was married two months ago and two more, one in Colorado and one in Arizona, will be married within the next two weeks.

I have corrected the Gore data in Logan County in accordance with your instructions. I have accumulated a lot of Gore data. This appears to have been one of the very early families in the United States and to be as widely diffused as any of them.

We will appreciate getting your supplemental article on the White family. For the first time our society may have to defer publication of an issue of Kith & Kin because we do not have sufficient funds. We published 500 copies of Volumes I, II, III and IV, thinking that would last for 20 years, but we have had to reprint them to bring the number to 800, the same as our other issues. Without advertising or any sales effort on our part we sell a little over 500 copies, and then the sales slow down. We have about 1500 on hand, all paid for and all will eventually sell. We had expected to issue Volume X in December, but it may be February before we get it out.

The members of the Society have been active in recording burials and cemeteries. We have published more than 70 in our quarterly newsletters and have a good many more ready for publication. Unfortunately, the early graves are poorly marked, owing to the difficulty of getting heavy freight like tombstones transported into this area. The hardest rock here is sandstone, which weathers or spalls off very rapidly. We think that at least five Revolutionare soldiers (one of them your ancestor) are buried in this county. Only the grave of one is known.

Sincerely

Sigfus Olafson



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

June 17, 1984

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

When I noticed the listing of your 1860 Census of Boone County, West Virginia in ANCESTRY, I was reminded of two things: First, of how long it has been since I dropped a note to you to say "hello" and second, of the fact that I had never obtained a copy of your 1860 Census, for which check is enclosed.

From the Boone County Genealogical Quarterly, I can see how active your daughter has become in genealogical pursuits. I know how pleased you must be to have your work carried forward.

My own efforts in recent years have been devoted primarily to publication of the material I gathered in the earlier years. In fact, I always seem to be behind in my publication schedule--a circumstance which prevents my engaging in research. I still hope to devote more time to the research.

As always, best wishes for your health and happiness, which I hope continue into the nineties that you must be approaching. Please also extend my regards to your daughter, whom I hope someday to meet.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va. 25130
June 22, 1984

Mrs. Agnes Peaelman,
2001 N. Westwood Ave.,
Santa Ana, Ca. 92706

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

The 1860 census of Boone County, W. Va. is being sent to you by Book Mail. Unfortunately, I am not infallible, so there are probably some errors in it that I have not corrected.

I lived alone for quite some time, as was the case when you and that other lady were here, and then my daughter left her alcoholic husband and came with her two children to live with me. He is now in a mental institution.

I do not think I have corresponded with you since my older son died. He had reached a leading position in the chemical engineering profess, had built chemical plants all over the world. He represented the whole chemical industry of Texas in hearings before Congress and the Texas legislature. He had some heart trouble years ago and dropped dead while talking with someone in his office.

My younger son, that I thought would be a bust, is now the sales manager in the East for a California Concern and has a salary more than twice as big as any his pappy made.

As for me, I got something that resembled the flu more than two years ago, not sick enough to be in bed and not well enough to be up, and it just hung on. I told our Society that I could not serve it in any capacity, so they elected my daughter to that position. Then last October, I had a stroke. It was not a severe one but it left me with an impaired memory and ~~and~~ unable to walk except on a level floor and with the aid of a cane. My memory is improving and riding in a car does not seem to bother me. I have no aches or pains.

I am now in my 88th year and I really have no kick coming. I have had an interesting life and none of us live forever. The worst thing to me seems to be that all my former friends and cronies have passed on. I often go down to the main street and sit in the car while my daughter shops, but I see only strangers.

I am still active in genealogy and go to meetings with my daughter. I think I can say without bragging that I now have a fair knowledge of the people of southern West Virginia.

The Christian Boy from my home Minnesta county, who helped defeat the Russians in the Olympics, four years ago, signed a contract with Winnipeg for \$250,000 as soon as he got back. He was in his first year in college. Another boy from my home town had completed three years at college. He decided to finish college, and then he signed with one of the big teams.

Hoping that all is well with you and yours, Am

Yours sincerely

J. J. Olson

Agnes Branch Pearlman
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Santa Ana, California 92706

Mr. Sigfus Olafson
507 Kanawha Avenue
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June 28, 1984

Dear Mr. Olafson:

Your letter and the 1860 CENSUS OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, arrived in good order. Thank you for handling this so promptly.

I'm pleased that you have had such excellent improvement following your stroke.

It must have been quite a shock to lose your older son so suddenly. One of my husband's colleagues died just yesterday without any forewarning of a massive heart attack.

Although my husband has had several serious conditions, he continues active in the practice of medicine and last month was honored in Orange County as "Physician of the Year." Coincidentally, the same week he made his first hole-in-one in golf.

Sincerely,

507 Kanawha Ave.,
Madison, W. Va., 25130
April 26, 1986

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

Dear Mrs. Pearlman:

It is so long since I have written to you that I had to look up your address.

I think I told you that I have had a stroke, Or perhaps more accurately, a series of mild strokes, starting about three years ago. For quite a while i did not recognize ~~that~~ I had, one of those not sick enough to be in bed and not well enough to be ~~xxxxxx~~ up. I refused to accept any office in our society and am happy to say that they got along just as well without me.

My daughter and her twochildren had ~~had~~ come to live with me and I finally had a real attack, but got up at my usual time, shaved as usual, went into breakfast, gave every one Mail Columbia for no reason, and spoke to them in a language they did not understand. I really woke up about mid-afternoon, saw a strange man and woman, and asked them what they were doing in my bedroom at that time of mornind. They patiently explained that they were medics, had an ambulance at the door, and were trying to persuade me to go there. I then noticed my daughter, whom I had not noticed before and I decided to go. The doctor could find nothing wrong except slightly high blood pressure, gave me some pills, advised me to see my regular doctor (this was on a Sunday) and sent me homw.

My daughter remember one word I had used which was strictly Icelandic, so I had Been speaking a language I had ~~Not~~ heard spoken for 80 years. My paternal grandfather died in 1898 and Grandmother lived with us the next two years, and while she was with us I heard a good bit of Icelandic.

It was not long until I had another attack and this time I went to the hospital. Since then I have have been Hospitalized twice, and I cannot walk now except on a level floor and with the aid of a walker or a heavy cane.

A strange thing happened about a year ago. Rather late one evening I received a telephone call from your community who said his name ws ~~John B. Price~~ Price and he was mayor of one of the municipalities near Santa Ana, I believe it was Bell. He had found in a library one of our publications containing an article on the Smoot family of this area with references to its Price family ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~. He asked me if I wrote it. I said I did. He said he had spent ~~three~~ three months the preceding year searching records in Washington and Richmond and had found nothing and had found nothing. This article, he said, gave him a direct to his ancestors og long ago. My daughter and I have since located his Revolutionary War ancestors with monuments on them, Carrara Marble but cut quite thin. I suppose that transportation of heavy objects like tombstones was a problem at that time. If you fell like it, I suggest that you might give J. B. Price a call as some of his ancestry is from Pond Fork, just like yours.

I suppose you are still writing the Christian newsletter. I wrote to you one time about two Christian brothers from my home county in Minnesota who were on the U. S. Olympic hockey team. *in 1944* One of them score the winning goal against Russia, and the other scored the winning goal against Canada, giving the U. S. the championsh. A son of one of these scored the winning goal against Russia in the 1980 Olympics and was immediately given a bonus of \$80,000.00 to sign with Winnipeg. I think I wrote you about this and you wrote to the Christian brothers, and got no response.

Hockey has now gone Big Time. Most of the large cities have hockey teams and are on TV. Young Christian is now on the Washington, D. C. team. Hockey is now having its finals and I have just watched Washington lose to the New York Rangers, 3 to 2.

The two original Christian brothers are still in business, manufacturing Hockey sticks at Warroad, Minn. They might feel differently now about responding if you wrote to them. I have sen them but never was acquainted with them.

I hope you have no trouble with my typing. I will be 90 later this year and this old typewriter does not spell as well as it did when both of us were younger.

Sincerely

Lipfu Olofon



Agnes B. Pearlman, 2001 North Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92706

May 5, 1986

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

Dear Mr. Olafson:

What a delight to receive your letter and to know that you are still active and interested in life in spite of your strokes and the handicap of not being able to move about as freely as formerly!

Although I'm still fascinated with genealogical research and spend as much time as possible on it, commitments to family and community keep me occupied a good deal of the time. I'm quite interested in environmental matters and work behind the scenes with several organizations--among them the ECONews television series (based in Los Angeles) for which my daughter is host and producer. As a proud parent, I'm pleased to report that the show recently was nominated for an Emmy Award. My son and wife now have three children and live on a goat and sheep ranch about seventy miles from here. Just last month my husband retired from the active practice of medicine so now should have time for those games of golf he loves so much. He is still engaged in medical-legal work, however.

Mr. J. B. Price and I have spoken on the telephone several times, and I believe he must be the person responsible for my receiving a Price family quarterly. Of course, our connection is through the Workman family. His special interest seems to focus on his Price line.

Yes, I'm still editing and publishing the CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHRONICLES, albeit irregularly rather than biannually. I never seemed able to meet the deadline so decided to remove the pressure by notifying subscribers as editions become ready and available. The Boone County Genealogical Society will continue to receive all issues. I'm also preparing an index to all issues previously published.

By the way, I am finally entering my records on a computer data base and in a word-processing program--about as slow in getting under way with this work as with other pursuits. I believe, though, that the results will be worth the effort even though my files are already quite well organized. Preparing articles and searching for possible connections both will be easier after the initial entries are made.

Please extend my regards to your daughter, whom I hope to meet someday. From the Society's publications, I know how active and helpful she has been. If and when I next get to West Virginia, I hope to visit in Boone County.

Sincerely,


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