



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfields and members of allied families. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

THE PORTERFIELDS IN NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS (Descendants of John Milton Porterfield)

My father's affectionate recollections of his family and the friends and neighbors of his childhood aroused our interest in North Central Arkansas (Izard, Sharp, and Fulton Counties) long before we visited there. Concern about the latent danger of tuberculosis which had taken the lives of so many family members kept us away until my grandfather, John Thomas Porterfield, became seriously ill. Fear of TB was not the only deterrent. We did not own a car until 1928. Twice between Jan. 1928 and Feb. 20 1929 when my grandfather died, we drove to Arkansas to see him and Mollie, his second wife, and my father's half brothers and sisters, Hobart, Edith, Delbert, Chester, Lorena and "Bill" (Fernie).

My father was Austin L. Porterfield, fourth son, ninth child of John Thomas Porterfield and his first wife, Margaret Emmaline Rodman. Eleven children were born of this marriage, Dora, Della, Daisy, Annie, Ross, Minnie, "Lon", Allison, Austin, Emma, and Beulah. John Thomas was the first son of William Ross Porterfield who was the first son of John Milton Porterfield.

I remember, that at age ten, I was afraid of the large, full bearded, aged man whom I was seeing for the first time and was reluctant to be embraced by my grandfather. I wish that I had had a chance to know him better.

This was the first of a series of visits over the years which followed visits to the Isaac Williams', the Burges', the Sanderson's, the Helm's, and the Stuart's, homes of my father's sisters and to see Lon, his brother. My father, Austin, was the only one of the seventeen brothers and sisters who had moved out of the state (to Oklahoma) then though I believe the Williams moved just across the state line into Missouri and the Helm's to Oklahoma later. My mother, Rose Ella McCollum, became as fond of Daddy's family as if they were blood relatives and their visits to Porterfield gatherings in Arkansas continued until her death in 1966 and my father's with his second wife until 1979.

The family ties formed during those years continued to be strong, though distance, marriage, and jobs separated my sister, Rosella Porterfield Chastant, and me, Frances Porterfield Willis, from our cousins. In 1986, I persuaded Rosella to take time from her busy life to go to North Central Arkansas. What a wonderful time we had, once again visiting Burges and Sandersons. The Helms had moved to Oklahoma, the Williams to West Texas. The Burges, Ernest and Geneva, welcomed us with open arms at their home in Cave City (Sharp County) and their daughter, Anna Lee Carreiro provided us with valuable family group sheets. How fortunate that two of our Sanderson cousins from faraway Washington and Nebraska had come to Salem (Fulton County) at that time. Ava Sanderson Risner and her husband, Freeman, who live near Salem, Dwane Sanderson and his wife, Marilyn, and Noma Sanderson Baysinger helped us find the Homestead Land of our grandfather John Thomas (Tom) Porterfield and his brother, our great uncle Will Porterfield, and the site of the old Flint Hill School.

It was during this visit that we learned for the first time of a letter our father had written to family members, inquiring about their lives and their children. They thought he planned to use the information for genealogical research and wondered if we, Rosella or I, knew anything about this project. We told them we did not, that we had seen nothing of that kind among those papers of his which we had. We asked for a copy of his letter if one could still be found-- and received a copy after returning home. The letter was dated January 19, 1959, before his retirement as Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at Texas Christian University. I could not believe that he would have had time to search through census and court records for ancestry and pedigree. Since we had found no genealogical records in his effects, I dismissed the idea until last year when I had an inquiry from another family member. Rereading the letter which seemed to be addressed to families and friends from the Flint Hill community as well as to his own family, I thought perhaps he had used the information for an article on communities or in his textbook on the family. Sorting through reprints and manuscripts I found an article titled "Jes Foller Jones Holler: The Family from the Sacred to the Secular Society." According to the VITA listing his articles and books, my father presented this paper at a convention of the The Southwestern Sociological Society in 1959 (published in the Proceedings.) Both the letter and the manuscript are printed here in their original form.



TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

January 19, 1959

Mrs. Powell Kuukel
Cave City, Arkansas

Dear Gola:
I know you
are not my
Grandma, but
there are
certain

As an old Flint Hiller, I am undertaking to do something that is very near to my heart. For twenty-two years I have been teaching human relations in Texas Christian University. It is my business to learn as much about people as possible; but for years I have been coming to the conclusion that I know less about the people whom in time I have loved most than about many others, who have much less claim upon my affection. I have in mind the families of my childhood friends with whom I attended school at Flint Hill from 1902 to 1910—friends whom I could never forget—and I have come to the conclusion it is more important for me to know how these old friends, their parents, their children, and their grandchildren are doing in this blessed year of 1959 than it is for me to know anything else.

blanks
in
the
information
sheets
which
you
can
help
me
with.

I have written a good many letters and greetings to persons whose addresses I could collect, and my desire to know more about them and others has become so great that I have hit upon the idea of sending to as many people as possible some information sheets which I hope they may find time to fill out. If you have given me some of this information before now, please humor me by writing it down again, so that I may have all my facts on the same forms.

I am amazed at the fine contributions that our little group of friends in the Flint Hill community are making to American society. They have truly proved themselves to be the salt of the earth. I know, however, that others, like myself, have had their sorrows; so I am interested in both you joys and your sorrows.

Answer them just as you
would if we were talking
together. I ignore what does
not apply to you. Love
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The world has come a long way since the days when we had sixteen telephones in the Flint Hill community and sixteen in the Fairview community with Lum King as the switchboard. Many of those homes which used to have those telephones are no longer there, and our beloved who lived in those houses have scattered over the face of the earth. We used to be able to cut in thirty-two telephones to listen to a square dance at John McBrides. Now our children and our childrens' children have become scattered strangers. It is a different world—this world in which we now live. What are the advantages and the disadvantages of the changes that have taken place? Would you help me by filling out these blanks and by writing down some of your impressions?

I hope the day will come when I can see you and talk over remembrances of things past and hopes for the future.

Most cordially,

A. S. Porterfield

Austin L. Porterfield, Chairman
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P.S. Let me tell you a little about myself. My father, John Thomas Porterfield and my mother, Margaret E. Rodman were married on November 2, 1876. Being the ninth in the family, I was born on October 16, 1896. I married Rose Ella McCollum in 1917 at the age of 20. We have three grown children, all married. Frances Marie, the oldest, is now Mrs. Clayton B. Willis at Gilmer, Texas. They own and operate a ranch. Our son, V.E. Porterfield, is one of the librarians at the University of Texas in Austin. He has three daughters. Our daughter at Gilmer has three sons. Our youngest daughter, Rosella is now Mrs. W.J. Chastant, and lives in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She has four sons. Her husband is an executive in International Paper Mills at Pine Bluff. My pride is being a grandfather. In fact, I am the old man of the tribe at the age of sixty-two years.

"JES FOLLER JONES HOLLER": A STUDY OF THE FAMILY FROM THE SACRED
TO THE SECULAR SOCIETY

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When the writer was a child in the Ozarks, if anyone had asked the way to Doc and Marget Jones' house, he would have replied, "Jes foller Jones Holler till ye git to the blue hole, then turn up the hill to the right and ye cain't miss it." If anyone asks him today the way to Doc and Marget's, or to the door of any of the descendants of any of the Fulton County, Arkansas families who in the first decade of the twentieth century lived between the upper reaches of Little Strawberry and Bull Pen Creek, he must point in all directions and very far away.

"Follering Jones Holler" fifty years later leads no one to the doors of the descendants of Doc and Marget or of any of the rest of the Flint Hillers that we were in those hallowed days. To reach them now, it is necessary to travel the full distance from the sacred to the secular society and into social worlds and places that none of us could ever have dared to dream of.¹

To travel this long road, however, is exactly the objective of this study which seeks to discover what has happened to the Flint Hiller's family as he has moved from the folk-sacred to the secular order; but if Doc Jones were going to make the journey, he would be sure to walk four or five paces ahead and then call back over his shoulder, as he always did in 1900, to say with masculine assurance of feminine obedience, "Come on Marget!"

As the writer begins, he hopes that those who follow can do it as patiently as, if more critically than, Marget followed Doc, as her bare footprints hewed to those already made by the bigger footed head of the house. To make the trip at all, we must consider (1) the starting place, (2) the procedures or means of travel, and (3) distances covered in physical and social space, considered conceptually and empirically, since the beginning of the century.

I. THE STARTING PLACE

One tributary of Bull Pen Creek began as a trickle on the ancestral farm of the writer, eight crooked miles south of Salem in Fulton County, and pursued a twisted channel south toward Big

¹See Part III of this paper.

²A letter comes from a former schoolmate of the writer about a visit back to the area at which time he went fox hunting. He reports that "We went by the little school house--not used these many years--on out the ridge to your old place and parked the car in what was once your field, which is now only a small clearing just barely big enough to turn a car in...and put the dogs out...We had two exciting chases going...Soon fourteen hounds were going full speed after foxes on three sides...We needed three ears." For all they could do was listen.

Strawberry. Two miles north and east flowed the willow-lined Little Strawberry. Within the confines of 4,000 acres of wooded land and clearings, now so empty and roadless that foxes easily elude hounds which hunters cannot follow, a score of families lived in the first decade of this century.

The parents of these families belonged to mid-century pioneers who, coming from Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee, had hit the White River base-line prior to the Civil War and had bounced back up the hills into IZARD and FULTON counties after the cessation of hostilities. Here they homesteaded 160 acre plots in an isolated frontier pocket, girdled the trees to make "new grounds," and ploughed around the deadened trees and stumps until time led to the complete decay of the last of these obstacles. Everyone split rails, built worm fences, and piled fence panels full of rocks. Because of erosion rocks seemed to grow faster than the crops.

These one-family farms were connected by blazed trails, which were beaten into roads by wagon wheels. These trails wound in and out of woods into a larger trail that led to the county-seat town of Salem. Here the "General Store" of Bill Castleberry carried their accounts until "cot'on pickin'" in the fall and, in the meantime, supplied their breakfast tables until "hog killin'" with "fat-back," accompanied by a modicum of sugar and coffee beans to be home-ground in the hand-turned coffee mill before breakfast. They paid Bud White toll to grind their corn into meal, and had their wheat ground into flour in the Salem roller mill.³

The children of these families swarmed over the fields as work crews in spring and fall and trooped through the woods to the one-roomed school in summer and winter. The latter they did from three to five months in these seasons, depending upon whether local taxes supplied an annual total of \$90, \$120, or \$150 to pay the teacher. The final total never accrued more than once in the writer's memory.

Sometimes the teacher was a girl sixteen years old with a "third grade certificate," who could not do fourth grade teaching. Other times a brilliant young man with a "first grade certificate" presided over the school and became the community's idol.

The boys and girls went to this school until they were fifteen or sixteen. At seventeen the boys married neighborhood girls, or girls from Fairview, Wheeling, Oxford, or Union who were a year younger. In school, however, not many of us had ever studied Davidson's physiology, which was the textbook in health. We had not learned the ways of

³This roller mill was the most exciting thing the writer ever saw! Steam boilers at the Morrison gin and at Bud White's corn mill were really frightening!

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disease germs, or how to protect ourselves from house flies. We had not discovered the importance of privies to protect us from hook-worms; of screens to save us from mosquitoes and malaria; or of enclosed wells and springs to isolate us from typhoid.

There were no outhouses at school. A ravine ran down toward "Jones Holler" northeast of the school grounds. The girls beat a path down it, and woe be unto the boy who set foot in that path! Another ravine wound round the hill to the southeast side. The boys belonged to this parish. We also took refreshing drinks out of the branch that ran through it.

We did not learn much about disease germs, but we did learn the ways of the folk-sacred society. We learned that marriage was for keeps, and that only very naughty boys and girls ever hug and kiss before they get married. Girls demanded respect. The writer remembers walking hand in hand with girls in comradely fashion on teen-age dates; but few boys ever expected any further privileges. The reputation of any youth who sought them suffered, while the girl who granted them was universally disgraced. As familiar as you ever got with a girl's foot was when she stepped into your hand to help you boost her into a side-saddle. One young woman, whose fiancé put his hand on her shoulder, broke the engagement and refused thereafter to date any man.

Courtship followed set patterns. After the benediction in church, held in the schoolhouse, where the men always sat on one side and the women on the other; a boy beat the girl he fancied to the door, waited for her to come out, and said, "Will you accept my company?" That was the only thing to say and he said it with fear and trembling! If she said, "No," he was "sacked" and sometimes felt he had also been shipped. Who "sacked" whom last Sunday was a widespread subject of conversation during every "meetin" season.

If he walked down the road with the girl ahead of her family several times in succession, the neighbors began to get ready for another "house raisin'." For the young man, when or before he married, homesteaded 160 acres of unclaimed land, cut down trees from its hillsides, hauled logs to the spot he had chosen as the site of his house, and proclaimed a "house raisin'" festival.⁴ On that day all the neighbors came in and put up a loghouse, strongly, if not artistically, fitted together at the corners with notches made by jovial mutual-aiders, who beat a steady rhythm on the predestined logs, each with his favorite axe.

⁴The homesteading pattern hardly existed beyond 1904; for practically all the available cultivable land had been taken up by then. Millions of flint rocks of infinite shapes covered many acres, which nobody would undertake to plow. These rocks formed the subject of numerous jokes.

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The house into which the couple moved was made to last, just like the marriage.⁵ And to its door there came many visitors—parents, siblings, cousins, in-laws, and the in-laws of the in-laws, but no outlaws. For everybody was taken in—visiting neighbors, lenders, borrowers, fieldhands, and utter strangers overtaken by the night. The writer's mother, who had eleven children, never denied hospitality to the veriest tramp, not even the crude itinerant "Old Irishman," who, because of "rheumatiz," always walked sitting down. She might feed him for days at a time, although she probably always blest heaven when he left, and then felt guilty for such a blessing.

Nobody ever ate a meal in this or any other house without a blessing, said by a father who was either a member of the Church of Christ or a Baptist. Such neighbors rarely ever fought over anything but heaven. They were willing to share everything else with one another freely—joys, sorrows, rail splittin', pea pickin', fresh meat, a catch of fish, wild honey, dried apples, "settin' up with the sick," midwives, making caskets for one another's funerals, gossip, and Sunday singings. But could Baptists and members of the Church of Christ ever agree to share heaven? Never!

Much more could be said about the primary, folk-sacred, and Gemeinschaft qualities of Flint Hill community life. Howard Becker's examples of the folk-sacred society, as characterized by many universals, few options, and extensive kinship bonds can hardly exceed the examples here.⁶

There may be one exception with reference to the acceptance of something new. By 1910, we had sixteen telephones in the Flint Hill school district, connected by lines running through the trees which served as poles to which insulators were attached; and there were also sixteen in the Fairview district, strung likewise on a single line. Between these lines, one family maintained a switch; and when a Flint Hiller called up a Fairview family, 32 telephone receivers came down.⁷ Mutual aid and the wish to share led to the acceptance of something new—still sharing everything but heaven! Only one elderly woman

⁵One woman, now 70, who was married at the age of 16, says that she "did not marry whom/she/seemed to be marrying, and tried for 20 years to make a happy home." But she "could not make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," so she decided to rear her children alone, and had been happier since; but she never got a divorce, because "I don't believe in divorce except because of adultery."

⁶See Becker's criteria for the folk-sacred society in Howard Becker and Reuben Hill, Family, Marriage, and Parenthood (Boston: D. C. Heath, 1955), pp. 24-27.

⁷The writer recalls when good churchmen, who would not go to the barn-dance at John McBride's slyly listened to it on the telephone—a broadcast that predated radio by fifteen years. Today they are disturbed by TV programs which they must view.

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ever refused to talk on the telephone. She said it was the work of the devil! Now the telephones are all gone. So are the families that used to talk on them. Where are these families? We have been trying to find them. By what means?

II. PROCEDURES

In preparation for personal interviews with the oldtimers and, ultimately, with all their descendants, the writer so far has undertaken only a preliminary study by means of letters and a questionnaire. The questionnaire includes such items as name, age, sex, number of children, grandchildren, vocations, deaths in the family, and causes of death. There are also questions about their happiest and most unfortunate experiences and about their preferences for the old times or the new. One item would lead them to reflect about the problems which their children face today as compared with the main problems that confronted them in the old social order.

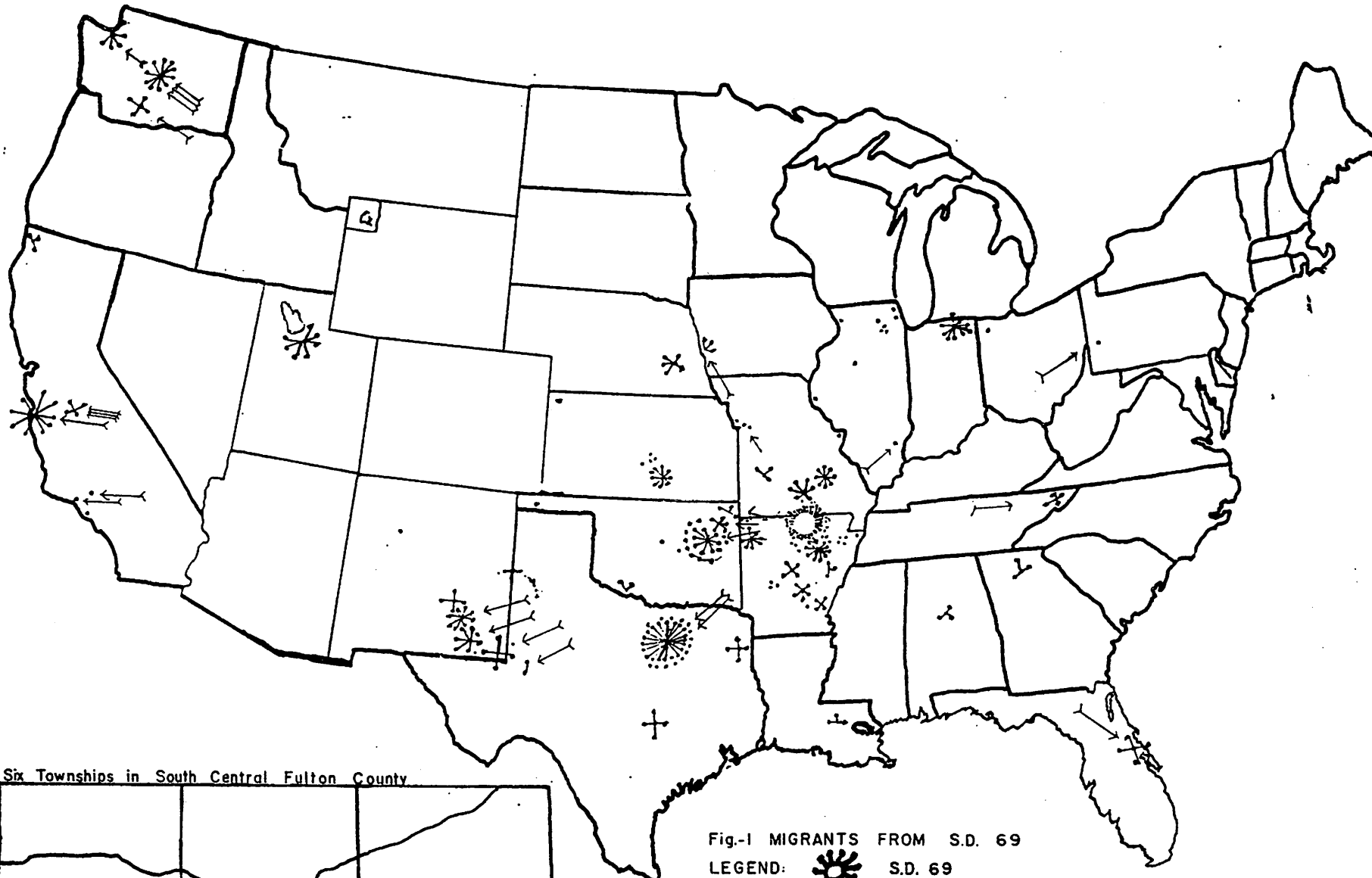
The response up to now is not complete, and there are many more to reach; but initial results have been remarkable. Figure 1, which I have called, "Migrants from School District 69: A Flint Hiller's Map of the United States," serves the purpose of indicating the widespread distribution of members of the families of interest; and it helps us to indicate the types of areas into which these members have moved.

Figure 1 is based on the addresses of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren that have been supplied by the septuagenarians who no longer live in the Flint Hill district, but reside along the Salem-Wheeling-Oxford road to the north and the west (see Figure 1). First and second generation migrants have also contributed much information. Many more addresses remain to be located; but up to now they fall in the following states.

Arkansas	87	Washington	19	Florida	4
Texas	44	Kansas	14	Tennessee	4
Oklahoma	32	Illinois	10	Alabama	3
New Mexico	25	Indiana	9	Georgia	3
Missouri	24	Utah	7	Ohio	1
California	19	Nebraska	5	Pennsylvania	1
		<u>Total</u>		<u>311</u>	

These data show that, much as Southerners like the South, they go elsewhere when they move: some place that is different.

The secular society is different, but no one becomes a part of it just by shifting his geographical location. It cannot be found on a map. You cannot say, "Lo here it is! Or there!" Like the Kingdom of God, "it shall be in you" as you grow into its attitudes. How shall we define the secular society? How do people grow into it?



Six Townships in South Central Fulton County

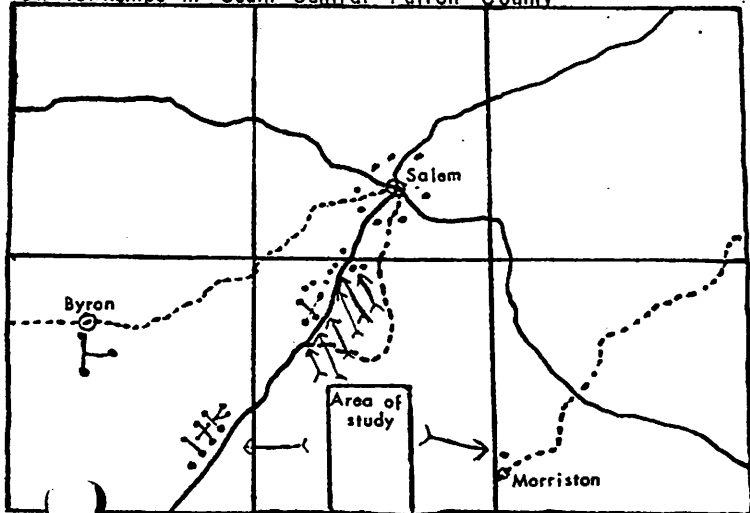






Fig-1 MIGRANTS FROM S.D. 69

- LEGEND:
-  S.D. 69
 -  Persons
 -  Family
 -  Former Student in the Group

III. THE SECULAR SOCIETY AND THE WAY TO IT

As Howard Becker describes it, secularization includes a lessening of the intensity of kinship bonds among a people; a loosening of friendship and neighborhood ties and the breakdown of primary and neighborhood groups; a reduction in the indigenous origins of regional and community populations, on the one hand, or a depletion of the local folk through migration on the other, accompanied by much institutional dislocation; and, finally, a breakdown of the prevailing mores--morals, religious sanctions, class, caste, and prestige patterns--associated with the appearance of strange people and strange machines. The new community, made up of fragments of other populations, is already secularized.⁸

In our present study, the immediate soil to which the population was indigenous is not occupied. Every family has been uprooted from its home place. Nearly all the neighborhood school-centers in Fulton County have given way to consolidation with Salem or Mammoth Spring, and the remnants of the old community institutions exist mainly in the memory of people whose age is above fifty years. In the Flint Hill area, even title to the land has become a matter of indifference. Everybody, except the elderly crescent to the northwest, has had to try to send down roots elsewhere in a world that is on the move. What happens to them when they try it?

Becker and others⁹ have elaborated the concept of secularization in their writings. Becker conceives of four gradations of the sacred-secular along an "evaluation continuum of social change": folk, prescribed, principled, and normless societies.¹⁰ The present context

⁸Howard Becker, op. cit., chapter i.

⁹Howard Becker, Through Values to Social Interpretation (Durham: Duke University Press, 1950); Becker, Man in Reciprocity (New York: F. A. Praeger, 1956); H. E. Barnes and Howard Becker, Social Thought from Lore to Science (2nd Edition, Volume I); Becker, "Processes of Secularization: An Ideal-Typical Analysis with Special Reference to Personality Change as Affected by Population Movement," The Sociological Review (British, April-July, and October, 1932. See also Lawrence K. Frank, Society and the Patient (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1949), chapters x and xix, for kindred implications. See also the reviews of theories of "Solidary, Antagonistic, and Mixed Systems of Interaction," in P. A. Sorokin, Society, Culture, and Personality (New York: Harper, 1947), pp. 99-118. Cf. Austin L. Porterfield, "Suicide and Crime in Folk and Secular Society," in the American Journal of Sociology, 57(1952), 331-338.

¹⁰Howard Becker, "Of Sacredness and Secularity..." An address delivered at the dedication ceremony for the Robert E. Park Memorial Social Science Building, Fisk University, April 1, 1955.

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involves, perhaps, what was once as nearly a folk-sacred community as has existed anywhere among "old line Americans." Now all its members are in process of change from a folk-sacred to a more secular type of social relationships.

This process requires more than a generation. The old timers, who move to any place at all, after half a century still recall all "the dear hearts and gentle people" of the familiar years; and those to whom an organ is still anathema in church all remember gathering around an organ in the home of some neighbor who had invited friends—you didn't need to be invited—to sing:

"Tell me the tales that to me were so dear,
Long, long ago, long, long ago.
Sing me the songs I delighted to hear,
Long, long ago, long ago.
Tell me of those who are waiting for me,
Those who believe in the visions I see,
Those whom I knew nought but friends ere could be,
Long, long ago, long ago."

How they would sing it if they got together today; and some of our Flint Hillers do; for Fulton Countyites have "Fulton County Home Coming" every year the first week in June.

The next generation yields more to secular influence along a continuum that progresses with a number of variables. (1) The first of these variables is the degree of difference between the new and the old scene. The cluster of families in the area of Artesia, Dexter, Hobb, and other points in New Mexico has not departed as far from the social climate of Flint Hill as the cluster of families in the city of Fort Worth (see Figure 1) where a Flint Hiller's daughter operates the IBM system at Armour's, and where God would tell the modern Moses, "Say IBM that IBM sent you."

(2) The presence or absence of a break in family ties or a parent-child conflict makes a difference. One inhabitant of California, who has been married three times and divorced twice, believes that the early death of his mother was "the worst thing that ever happened" to him. "I truly believe," he writes, "if she had lived my life would have been different, and I think it would have been a lot cleaner and better...I have never been in jail in my life, but I could have done a lot better." An intelligent divorcee, who lives far away, and who feels that her family always thought of her as an infant, asks questions that belong to a transition between the old and the new order. "I was the last girl," she explains, "hampered by an overly parental protection. They still do not regard me as an adult...with rights and privileges like their own. Developing and understanding a reason for existence has been my major problem. Helping youth find a cause worth working for is the biggest opportunity any of us have." In the old society there was no question about the meaning of life. In the normless society, there is no question about it either.

The cow is in the parlor,
The cat is in the lake,
The baby's in the ash can,
What difference does it make?"

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But this young lady wants life to make a "difference" for her two children. Her sisters, who have experienced less family conflict, are less philosophical. They talk less about "learning to accept all people without prejudice regardless of any and all social differences."

A man one generation removed from Flint Hill, who in youth lost a beloved father and who adored a devoted mother, married a woman who needed to lean on him, but gave him no emotional support. Involved in the business drinking patterns of the secular culture, he became an alcoholic and took his own life. There was no solace for him in philosophy.

(3) The amount of education the first generation born out of the area receives in the secular society is an important force in the rate of secularization. Education in the secular society is not like education in the folk-sacred community. "The only vocations I ever heard about in the schoolroom back home were farming, teaching, law, and medicine," one respondent says. "To-day my children hear about thousands of them." Perhaps the present writer is a teacher because, in childhood, the teacher with a "first grade county certificate" was almost the only vocational model. Learning became the most attractive thing in the world, and the profit motive did not matter.¹¹

Those who are segmentally educated in the secular society tend to look with scorn on the simplicities of the past. Some of them do not want to be reminded of their "hayseed" ancestry. "I want to forget it," one of them says. On the other hand, those whose education, or lack of it, is the product of the old order, over and over become the operatives in steel mills, aluminum works, railroading, packing houses, cheese plants, etc., to name a few of the vocations listed in our responses. The latter do not scorn the old times, but do not want to go back to them. They only regret their lack of training in a world that requires it.

In passing, we may observe that those who oppose federal aid to education ought to take a long look at Figure I. They will see that the children of an unheard-of community, like any other obscure or well-known place, are the children of the entire nation. They will learn that Arkansas' children are the children of many other states; that only local or state support for schools, without federal concern for less-chance areas, may have been consistent with a non-migrating folk-sacred order, but is foolish in modern secular society.

(4) Service in the military rapidly secularizes the family and its members. The youth becomes familiar with the atolls of the Pacific growing out of corals, but learns nothing about the rock fences of his father's father, which grew out of back-breaking toil. With the navy as his career, he may live in Honolulu, which his grandmother could hardly locate on Map 16 in her geography text at Flint Hill. "And all those grass skirts!"

¹¹Even church-related colleges in the secular society have fewer liberal arts than vocational students, and those who study religion are thinking of it as a vocation in terms of means rather than ends.

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To the third generation, the existence of the folk-scared community is ancient history. This child is born to the countdown and, at the age of two years, may hold a piece of kleenex before his nose and say, "3, 2, 1, blow!" He will never play "drop the handkerchief," but he wants to be a missile engineer when he grows up. He does not stow away in a rain barrel, sitting in his father's wagon, to steal a ride away from an impending haircut to a willow-shaded well, but dreams of stealing away to Mars and, thereby, escaping "the whole cockeyed world." What goods and bads will come to him that Flint Hillers did not experience? We may ask the latter what they think about it.

IV. "GOODS" AND "BADS" OF THE OLD AND NEW

This section must be short. The Flinthillers see some good in the new. They also see some bad in it. They see comfort, release from unrewarding toil, better roads, better schools, and larger vocational opportunities in today's society. They stress today's better medical care; and well they might. Table I presents the vital statistics of one man's family, which contains 11 brothers and sisters, whose child-bearing age falls within the twentieth century. It reveals an appalling rate of deaths all but one of which occurred before the age of 30.

Of the 11 brothers and sisters designated in Table I, 10 grew up to maturity and 9 married. Sib 2 died unmarried at 63 with "heart trouble." Sib 3 died at 29 with tuberculosis, and three of her four children died from that cause. Sib 5 died at 29 with tuberculosis, and his wife and five children all succumbed to the same disease. Sibs 6 and 7 had it but recovered; but the husband of the former and the wife of the latter died with it, as did the husband of Sib 1. Three infants of Sib 6 (who had tuberculosis and 11 children) died at birth. The eighth in order succumbed to intestinal worms at the age of three. The ninth, the only college graduate, has more grandchildren than anyone else in the family, except 4 and 6, who are ten to fifteen years older. Eugenists who compare the fertility of college and non-college men and women might do well to extend their comparisons to completed third generations instead of remaining fixated on the second.

On other items, Flint Hillers complain about the lack of chaperones in modern courtship. "Now a boy drives up, honks his horn, and the girl rushes out to go with him to some drive-in movie." They mention the anxieties their descendants must face in a world of intercontinental missiles and atomic warfare. They worry about "atheism in Godless schools." And they still have a pestiferous conscience.

The Puritanism, high birth-rate, death rate, and "mad-stone" remedies for curing rabies of the Flint Hillers we now consider devastating; but not one of the 311 living persons so far reached has ever been in a hospital for the mentally disordered and, so far as we know, not one has ever been in jail. The secular society which they are entering has better health physically, not mentally; for the mentally sick fill more than one-half of its hospital beds; and, on the average, 1 out of 10 Americans is heading for one of these beds. Part of this effect is due to greater sensitivity to the existence of the problem. In the secular society there is also greater awareness of the need for scientific care for mother and child, but, as the Flint Hillers claim, there may be much less time for love.

10. Porterfield

TABLE I

VITAL STATISTICS OF ELEVEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS THE LAST OF WHOM
WAS BORN IN 1904

Birth order	Children		Grandchildren		Great-grandchildren	
	Living	Dead	Living	Dead	Living	Dead
1. Living	3	3	2	1	0	0
2. Dead	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Dead	1	3	7	0	11	0
4. Living	8	0	15	4	2	2
5. Dead	0	5	0	0	0	0
6. Living	8	3	15	0	0	0
7. Living	3	1	8	1	6	0
8. Dead	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Living	3	0	10	0	0	0
10. Living	2	0	6	0	0	0
11. Living	1	0	4	0	0	0
Totals	29	15	67	6	19	2

Time elapses before the story is told. Perhaps only time can tell the story; but the study has gone far enough to open up a multitude of questions for which only personal interviews will supply even a part of the answers. Getting these interviews, however, will have to wait on further financial support from those who are interested in what is going on in American society of which the people from this obscure community are a significant part.

Editor's Note: It seems likely from the last paragraph that Austin L. Porterfield planned to continue this study, traveling to obtain personal interviews, but the grant he hoped to obtain was not forthcoming. FMW

WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE BEEN STUDENTS AT...

The Flint Hill School District was formed about 1859 and continued to be used for school until about 1949 or 1950. A Mrs. Westfall taught the first school and Elbert Green taught the last term of school conducted at the historic old school. During the intervening years between those dates, several hundred children attended the school, but I have my first to hear say, "I'm sorry that I ever attended Flint Hill School."

I cannot begin to name all the teachers that taught the Flint Hill School during the time school was conducted there, but some of them were as follows: Dora Porterfield Williams, Nan Wilkerson, Alfa Wilkerson, Susie Smith Martin, Lina Rogers White Simms, Homer Green, Lola King, Maxine Southard, Owen Stroud, Minnie Bowling Daniels, Nettie Bowling Duty, and Luther Ferguson. (The above named teachers were not named in the order of the terms they served in school but rather as their names came to my mind while writing this story.)

We have a picture of the school taught by Luther Ferguson in 1911 accompanying this sketch and we shall give the balance of the space for this sketch to the people in that picture. We shall begin with Mr. Ferguson, the teacher. Luther Ferguson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kytell Ferguson, was born near Morriston about 75 years ago. Luther was always a fellow that wanted to know what was on the other side and the inside of everything that came to his attention. This inherent urge to investigate made an usually good student of him. He was an avid Bible reader and a Bible scholar of no mean ability. Mr. Ferguson took time to explain everything that attracted his attention, especially if it was something unusual or out of the ordinary in any way. He would experiment with math problems which seemed somewhat unusual. If he saw a beautiful handwriting in a book or in some document, he would try to imitate it and practice for periods of time trying to perfect his work. Luther enjoyed debating and was above the average for a debater. All these off the cuff activities and qualifications made Luther Ferguson an outstanding teacher of his day.

We shall now devote some time to the students of this group as far as my information and space will allow. We shall talk about Austin Porterfield first. Austin Porterfield was born about three quarters of a mile east of the Old Flint Hill Schoolhouse about seventy years ago and attended his grade school work in

this old school. If we should comb the state of Arkansas with a fine tooth comb, it is doubtful if we could find another person who has climbed so high under such unfavorable circumstances and handicaps. Austin Porterfield worked his way through high school

and to secure a college education he worked eight hours at nights in the Oklahoma City Post Office to support his family, attended school six hours and studied four each day. This left him six hours to sleep out of the twenty-four.

Mr. Porterfield was not a strong man but by being careful he managed to keep going and stay in school until he received his Bachelor's Degree. From that he worked and studied until he obtained doctorate from one of the well known Eastern Universities. Mr. Porterfield has been a professor in Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas for many years. He has now retired from full time teaching. In addition to his teaching career Mr. Porterfield has written one or two books which are classed as an authority on the subject of Sociology. Of the one or two native Fulton Countians who are listed in "Who's Who in America," Austin Porterfield is one of them.

Arthur White started out as a young man on his way to a successful business career, but was struck down in the prime of life, leaving his wife and two small sons to make it the best way they could. But his wife reared the boys to be useful men, and they have proved to be an honor to their energetic and hardworking father. Tom Lewis had a lot of hobo blood in him, I guess, for he has traveled and moved a great deal. He has worked as a trainman, a ranch hand in Texas and Idaho, and as a carpenter and farmer in Oklahoma. The Southard boys moved to New Mexico soon after this school was out and grew up with that new and progressive state. Fred Lawyer has farmed for many years, but he now resides in Salem and is retired. Homer McCullough died as a young man and did not have an opportunity to do much in this world before he had to go. Curtis Chadwick grew up and went to Oklahoma to make his home. Delva McBride has worked various occupations over the years since he attended school at Flint Hill. Mr. McBride has always been a useful and well-liked man wherever he has chosen to make his home. He now lives in West Plains, Missouri. Alvin Smith has spent a successful time as farmer in his

neighborhood and takes an active part in all the social activities of the community. There are one or two boys in the group that this writer does not have any information about at all, and will have to let them go for this time.

I do not have much information about several of the girls, other than that about all of them reached maturity, married and became some of the best companions, help-mates and mothers to be found anywhere. Norah Taylor soon after this school moved back

Southard married Alvin Smith and they have lived about all their married life in the Wheeling Community. I do not know any of the history of Myrtle Caruthers, Anna White, the Porterfield girls, and the Lawyers girls since they attended school at Old Flint Hill in 1911. There will

probably be some errors in names for some of these girls I did not know personally and they have married removed from the country many years ago, and I have completely lost track of them. I offer my apologies to those names I have left out and to those whose history I have

made errors in telling. But the Old Flint Hill School was such an appealing place to me, I could not refrain from using what information that did possess to give my readers a sketch about this notable school.

FLINT HILL SCHOOL

BY VESTER WILLIAMS

Flint Hill School Of 1911



BACK ROW, READING from L to R: Robert White, Tom Lewis, Clarence Southard, Arthur White, Austin Porterfield, Herbert Southard, Maggie Taylor, Belva White, Norah Taylor, Emma Porterfield, Allie Sanderson, and Myrtle Caruthers.
 Second Row: Bernice Lawyer, Ester White, Mammie Southard, Leola Taylor, Anna White, Odie Southard, Lora Smith, Beulah Porterfield, and Mable White.
 Third Row: Edna Lawyer, Ada Buchanan, Zepha Southard, Fred Lawyer, Homer McCullough, Delva McBride, Alva Southard, Curtis Chadwick, Earnest Southard, and Alvin Smith. -- Luther Ferguson, Teacher.
 (Picture courtesy Mrs. Zepha Southard Smith)

Services Held For Frances Williams

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Magnolia Williams, 70, of Salem, were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday in the Agnos Church of Christ with Wesley Hyllton officiating. Mrs. Williams died at 6:45 P.M., Sunday in the Fulton

County Hospital in Salem. She was born May 11, 1897, in Agnos, the daughter of the late M. L. and Mary Mary Short. She was married August 21, 1919 at Agnos, Arkansas to John H. Williams who preceded her in death August 19,

1952. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Surviving is a son, James of Joplin, and two brothers, J. J. Short and J. L. Short both of West Plains, and four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Dora Porterfield Williams was teacher at Flint Hill school about 1898. She married Alvin Smith who she was 21 years old. She married one of her students. The school probably started by 84 at least.

Family History Libraries of the Latter Day Saints

Family History Libraries of The Church of the Latter Day Saints are excellent resource centers. They provide many services and research aids for the genealogist. Among these are local, county, and family histories, court records, maps and gazetteers, census indexes, microfiche and microfilm lists, readers, printers, and card catalogues.

Having collected names and records around the world, the Mormon Church has amassed a wealth of genealogical information, much of it on microfilm. Copies of all records are stored in a huge underground vault near Salt Lake City, Utah.

These records are made available to church members and non-members at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, and at Branch Libraries in every state.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is located on Northwest Temple. Across the street is a complex of buildings which make up Temple Square, where the visitor may view the Temple and hear the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearse for performances.

Branch Libraries are housed within Stake church buildings. They are staffed by members of the Saints and by local genealogists. All are volunteers skilled in genealogical research. To learn the location of the nearest branch library, call a local Mormon Church or write to the Stake office.

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THE ARCHIVES is the common name for the FGRC, Family Group Records Collections. These are records of family groups from all over the world, dating back as far as 1400 A.D.

You may add your name to the large number of names listed in FAMILY REGISTRY to find and correspond with others working on your lines. These names are on microfiche at Salt Lake City and all Family History Branch Libraries.

The ANCESTRAL FILE is a collection of Family Group Sheets which have been entered into a gigantic computer data bank. You may search for your kin and add your Family Group Sheets to those already stored.

One of the most valuable services offered by the branch libraries is the opportunity to order microfilm copies of books and other records, including copies of all existing census reports. Any microfilm at the Salt Lake City Library can be ordered for 3 weeks to 6 months for a nominal fee. Some library patrons buy microfilm rolls as gifts for the branch library's permanent collection. All film must be read at the library on library readers. Printers can be used to print excerpts from microfilm or microfiche.

A trip to Salt Lake City to search for family records will give you added joy as you view the grandeur of the Utah mountains and the beauty of the valleys. Brigham Young University (BYU) at Provo, Utah, offers Elderhostel courses in Beginning Genealogy and Intermediate Genealogy each year. (To obtain an Elderhostel catalogue, write Elderhostel, Inc., 75 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110 or consult an Elderhostel catalogue in your local library.) Two of the Elderhostel instructors, Gordon and Carolyn Casper, lead annual tours to Great Britain. An unusual feature of these trips is that after touring as a group, individuals may take a short tour tailored to meet their research needs.

Frances Porterfield Willis

The story of the PORTERFIELDS, descendants of JOHN PORTERFIELD (1675-1739), immigrant from Ireland, has been recorded by Frank Burke Porterfield in his book The Porterfields. This book, published in 1947, is now out of print. Microfilm copies are available at the Salt Lake City Family History Library described above and the microfilm can be rented and read at Family History Branch Libraries of the Latter Day Saints.

 PORTERFIELD.

Porterfield, Frank B. (Frank Burke).

The Porterfields / by Frank B. Porterfield. -- Salt Lake City :
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The Porterfields are descendanted from John Poterfield (1675-1739), immigrant to Pennsylvania. His children were:

- (1) William Porterfield (1712-1789) of Berkley County, Virginia
- (2) Charles Porterfield (1714-1778) of Frederick County, Virginia
- (3) Robert Porterfield (1716-1785) of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania
- (4) James Porterfield (1718-1777) of Cumberland County, N. C.
- (5) Patrick Porterfield (1720-1789) of Augusta County, Virginia
- (6) Eleanor Porterfield [Boyd] (1722-1782) of Augusta County, Va.
- (7) John Porterfield (1724-1786) of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
- (8) Samuel Porterfield (1726-1789) of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

PORTERFIELD LINES

PURPOSE: To present material of a genealogical nature pertaining to Porterfield and Allied Families. To share and encourage an exchange of information. To assist those researching Porterfield family history. To remember and honor our forbears.

PROPOSED CONTENTS: Maps, Family Group Sheets, resource lists, character sketches, photographs, historical and geographical background, military service records, cemetery records, ministers and churches served, census records, lineage charts of Porterfield and Allied Families, book reviews.

PUBLICATION POLICIES: Original articles from readers are welcomed. Focus of interest will be on Porterfield and Allied Families. Sources of information should be given, please. PORTERFIELD LINES solicits family group sheets, lineage charts, and other material associated with the surname. Material typed and "camera-ready" will be greatly appreciated, but if this is not possible, send your material in any legible form. Name credit will be given contributors.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: Some early records of Porterfields in North America, SOURCES: "John Milton Porterfield; From Tennessee to Arkansas."

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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfields and members of allied families. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

HOW GENEALOGY HAS CHANGED

Time was, and not so long ago, when genealogical research was thought by some to be a snobbish and self-centered pursuit, an attempt to establish status by finding ancestors of high repute. Societies were organized by those whose forebears bore arms in the American Revolution, the Colonial wars and for the Confederacy in the Civil War.

I'm not sure why the actions of the members of these organizations were so irritating to those of us not joining in. Patriotism is an admirable quality. It may have been the exclusiveness of the groups and the "I'm better than you" attitude which seemed to prevail. Perhaps it was their extreme conservatism. Perhaps it was recognition of the fact that we can validly claim prestige only on the basis of what we do ourselves.

Our parents may take credit for our successes, for the nurturing care they gave us that allowed us, indeed, helped us to become what we are. Yet in no way, unless their love for us enlarged their insight and understanding of others, and thus their capacity for achievement, can we take credit for what they became or were.

In the last decade new attitudes have replaced that forbidding snobbery with a feeling that this is for everyone who is interested. Genealogy has been reborn with a new name and a new purpose. The name is Family History.

Family History--a subject in which we can become completely absorbed. Family History--no stigma nor criticism can be attached to searching for one's ties with the past. Family History--we need to connect the past with the present. Our need to feel that life has continuity drives us on and makes our search seem urgent.

And so, a resurgence of interest in genealogy has given birth to Family History.

Family history, the names of all members of families and their kinship, has always had great religious importance in the Mormon Church. They have for many years maintained libraries for storage of records and for assistance in research. They began calling their genealogical libraries Family History Libraries about two years ago. One genealogy teacher at Brigham Young University told his Elderhostel class that the word "genealogy" has become unpopular, that the words "family history" have much greater appeal.

Another factor in the burgeoning interest in family history, may have been the example set by Alex Haley, who wrote a passionate account of his search for ROOTS, a novel which recorded for all of us the tragedies of slavery.

A search for names (surnames), which can be a hollow echo of life, has become a search for families. Who were they? Where did they live? Why did they move from one place to another, even from one continent to another? In what ways were they part of the history of their times, be they wives and mothers, farmers, wheelwrights, ministers, soldiers, storekeepers or fruit tree agents.

Family History is our personal link with the past. Our efforts to preserve and record it is the extension of our lives into the future.

Frances M. Willis

THE PORTERFIELDS IN NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS
(Descendants of John Milton Porterfield)

The Porterfields of north central Arkansas included my grandfather, John Thomas Porterfield, and his family, my great grandfather, William R. Porterfield, his descendants, and other family members, descendants of James T. (Jemmie T.) Porterfield, brother of William R., both sons of John Milton Porterfield, and descendants of the other children of John Milton and his wife, Annis Lea: Frances J., Robert W., Sophronia A., Elizabeth J., John M., and George F.

These families had a close relationship in the early days of their residency in Arkansas, as census records show. By the time my father was growing up in Arkansas, the early 1900's, the families of William R. and Jemmie T. seemed to have little or no contact with each other though they lived in the same or adjoining counties, Izard and Fulton, during that time. When did the two families lose touch? That is only one of many questions we will explore as we look at the story of the John Milton Porterfield descendants. PORTERFIELD LINES will devote much of this issue and the next to printing background information for JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD, his predecessors and descendants.

FMW

PREDECESSORS OF JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD

John Porterfield (1675-1739) father of seven sons and one daughter, immigrated to America from Ireland. His seventh child, sixth son, John, born 1724, was a direct line antecedant of John Milton Porterfield according to Frank Burke Porterfield. (Source: The Porterfields)

John Porterfield (1724-1786) of Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania, born in Ireland, came to America with his six brothers, William, Charles, Robert, James, Patrick, and Samuel, and his sister, Eleanor, about the middle of the eighteenth century. The name of his first wife (antecedant of John Milton Porterfield) is not known. The second wife's name was Sarah Cunningham, m. April 18, 1755. There are five known children of John and his first wife. They are James (1747-1811), Robert (1749-1800), John (1751-1833), William (no birth date) married Nancy Frazier, in Pennsylvania, August 6th, 1785, and Eliza (no birth date) married John Smith, in Pennsylvania, July 10, 1790. The oldest son, first child, James (1747-1811) is a direct line antecedant of John Milton Porterfield. (Source: The Porterfields by Frank Burke Porterfield)

James (1747-1811) born Lancaster County Pennsylvania, married Jane Lockhart (1747-1816) in 1773, died in Wilson County Tennessee in 1811. There are seven known children born of this marriage (five listed in The Porterfields, two were added later by researchers.) They are Charles (1776-1839), Thomas (1778-1872), James* (1780-1861), William (1782-1850), John (1784-1860), and (names added) a son, Samuel H. (b.1794) and a daughter, Sally (no birth date). James* (1780-1861) third child, third son, was the father of John Milton Porterfield. (Sources: The Porterfields, Paul LaVerne Porterfield Family Group Sheets, Margrett Singleton letter, Chalkley, Sumner, early tax, probate, and land records Tennessee.)

Frances M. Willis

PREDECESSORS OF JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD

John Porterfield Immigrant to PA (RN=40)
(Last Updated 18 Apr 1991)

FATHER: William Porterfield (1645-1728) of Ireland (NO RN)

MOTHER:

BORN: 1675

AT: Ireland

MARITAL STATUS: Unknown

DIED ON: 1739

AT: New Jersey?

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 8

1) William Porterfield (RN=41)

2) Charles Porterfield (RN=42)

3) Robert Porterfield (RN=43)

4) James Porterfield (RN=44)

5) Patrick Porterfield (RN=45)

6) Eleanor Porterfield (RN=46)

7) John Porterfield (RN=1)

8) Samuel Porterfield (RN=47)

(1: Source: FBP The Porterfields)

(2: FBP Preface: Immigrant to PA, d. 1739)

(3: FBP page 11: Merchant of Trenton, N.J., died 1738)

John Porterfield (RN=1)
(Last Updated 14 Jun 1990)

FATHER: John Porterfield Immigrant to PA (RN=40)

MOTHER:

BORN: 1724

AT: Ireland

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2

MARRIED TO: Unknown (RN=125)

STATUS: Married

ReMARRIED TO: Sarah Cunningham (RN=126)

ON: 18 Apr 1755

STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1786

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 5 known

1) James Porterfield (RN=2)

2) Robert Porterfield (RN=121)

3) John Porterfield (RN=122)

4) William Porterfield (RN=123)

5) Eliza Porterfield (RN=124)

(1: Source FBP)

(2: Rev. S., 1777-1779)

(3: 250 a. land Lancaster (Cumb) Co.)

PREDECESSORS OF JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD

James Porterfield (RN=2)
(Last Updated 18 Apr 1991)

FATHER: John Porterfield (RN=1)
MOTHER: Unknown (RN=125)
BORN: 1747
AT: Lancaster Co PA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3)
ON: 1773
AT: Augusta Co VA ?
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1811

AT: Wilson Co. TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 7

- 1) Charles Porterfield (RN=4)
- 2) Thomas Wilson Porterfield (RN=6)
- 3) James Porterfield (RN=9)
- 4) William W. Porterfield (RN=11)
- 5) John Wilson Porterfield (RN=13)
- 6) Samuel H. Porterfield (RN=15)
- 7) Sarah "Sally" Porterfield (RN=18)

(1: FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS, MS letter)

(2: Sources: Chalkley, Sumner, early tax, probate, and land records TN)

James Porterfield (RN=9)
(Last Updated 18 Apr 1991)

FATHER: James Porterfield (RN=2)
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3)
BORN: 1780
AT: Abingdon, Wash, VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Ruth Campell (RN=10)
ON: 17 Nov 1803
AT: Wash Co VA
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1861?

AT: Wilson Co. TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 11

- 1) Matilda/Utilda Porterfield (RN=20)
- 2) Samuel Campbell Porterfield (RN=21)
- 3) Charles Alburn Porterfield (RN=23)
- 4) Jervis Miles Porterfield (RN=26)
- 5) John Milton Porterfield (RN=28)
- 6) Juliana Porterfield (RN=30)
- 7) James Erastus Porterfield (RN=31)
- 8) Isabella Adeline Porterfield (RN=33)
- 9) Rufus Alverson Porterfield (RN=34)
- 10) Ruth Jane Porterfield (RN=36)
- 11) Mary Harriet Porterfield (RN=38)

(1: Sources: FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS)

(2: Sources: Microfilm copies of 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 Wilson County Tennessee censuses)

HUSBAND: John Milton Porterfield (RN=28)
 Born 14 Dec 1813 Place Wilson Co TN
 Marr 05 Aug 1834 Place Wilson Co TN
 Died after 1870 Place Fulton Co AR

HUSBAND'S

FATHER: James Porterfield (RN=9)

HUSBAND'S

MOTHER: Ruth Campell (RN=10)

WIFE: Annis Lea (RN=29)

Born 10 Apr 1814 Place Ireland
 Died After 1870 Place Fulton Co AR?

WIFE'S

FATHER: Giles Leahy (RN=130)

WIFE'S

MOTHER: Catherine Daunt (RN=131)

M/F	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED
1 M	William R. Porterfield (RN=48)	05 Jul 1835	Bedford Co TN	11 Oct 1854 Millie Ann Powers (RN=49)	05 Oct 1862
2 M	James T. "Jemie T." Porterfield (RN=50)	29 Apr 1837	Bedford Co TN	23 Dec 1856 Susan Reeves (RN=51)	14 Jul 1899
3 F	Frances J. Porterfield (RN=52)	31 Dec 1838	TN		
4 M	Robert W. Porterfield (RN=53)	14 Jun 1841	Wilson Co? TN		
5 F	Sophonra A Porterfield (RN=54)	25 Jan 1843	Wilson Co? TN	c.1868 William Martin (Martian) Ross (RN=59)	
6 F	Elizabeth J. Porterfield (RN=55)	1846	Wilson Co? TN		
7 M	John Porterfield (RN=56)	July 1848	Wilson Co? TN	c. 1869 Marona (NO RN)	
8 M	Martin M. Porterfield (RN=57)	1848			
9 M	George F. Porterfield (RN=58)	21 May 1851	Arkansas?		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

W-1-Delete Child 8, Martin M., not listed in family records or on census records.

1-1-Civil War Veteran-Union

2-1-Civil War Veteran-Union

3-

1-Frances J/Frankie J. is listed on the 1850 Wilson Co TN census but not found on the 1860Fulton Co AR census. Look for marriage.

5-

1-When Sophronia died, her husband, William Martin Ross married Elizabeth/Liz McCollum, widow of Will Porterfield who was the third child, second son of William R. Porterfield and grandson of John Milton Porterfield.

JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD

John Milton was the fifth child, fourth son of James Porterfield who was born in Virginia in 1780, died in Tennessee in 1861. The family genealogy can be found in Chapter VI "Lancaster County Porterfields" of Frank Burke Porterfield's book The Porterfields on pages 108-109 and 143-145. Eleven children are listed as offspring of James Porterfield (1780-1861) and Ruth Campbell Porterfield (1783-) who were married in Washington Co. VA , November 17, 1803: Matilda, Samuel Campbell, Charles Alburn, Jervis Miles, John Milton, Juliana, James Erastus, Isabella Adaline, Rufus Alverson, Ruth Jane, and Mary Harriet. Frank Burke gives as his source "Bible Records." He lists descendants for only two of the children, Jervis Miles and James Erastus.

The first census record in which the family names appear was the 1850 Wilson County Tennessee census: Page 1024 Family 1087 John M. 36, Annis 40, William 16, James 12, Frances 11, Robert 9, Sophronia 7, Elizabeth 5, John 3. Living next door were John M.'s father and mother: Page 1023 Family 1086 James 70 and Rutha 67 with other family members, and on the other side: Page 1024 Family 1088, John M.'s brother, Jarvis M. and his wife Mary with their 8 children.

The John M. Porterfield family moved from Wilson County Tennessee to Arkansas sometime between 1850 and 1854, perhaps as early as 1851. Family records from the bible of Sophronia Porterfield Ross show a child, George F., born to John Milton and Annis Porterfield on 21 May 1851. Vernie (Stuart) Johnson, one of the descendants who passed these records on, lists the place of birth as Arkansas.

The 1860 census microfilm for Fulton County Arkansas, pages 434-435, lists two Porterfield families as residents: Dwelling 206 Family 7, John Potterfield 46, Annis 50, Robert 18, Sophronia 16, Elizabeth 13, and John 11; Dwelling 204 Family 68 James Potterfield 23, Susan 25, and Synthey (f) 1. William R. Porterfield probably accompanied the family to Arkansas and may have settled first in Fulton County, but by 1860 he and his young family lived in Carroll County, in northwest Arkansas. The 1860 census microfilm of Prairie Township, Carroll County, Arkansas lists on page 786: Dwelling 672 Family 658 William Porterfield 25, Milly Ann 28, John T. 5, and Anny A. 2; place of birth for John T. and Anny A., Arkansas.

John Milton Porterfield family members who are missing from the 1860 census are Frances and George F. Frances would have been 12 to 16 years old when the family moved to Arkansas, 21 at the time of the 1860 census. Did she move with the family to Arkansas and marry there? Did George F. die during his childhood (before 1860 when he would have been nine years old)? If any reader has or can find information about this, please share it with us.

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(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

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Notes: In general legibility is good, but bottom of pages are so dark that words are illegible there. This is probably the reason one index recorded Julianna's place of birth as Va. It should be TN.

Place of Enumeration: Wilson County Tennessee on 16th day of October

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
1023	1084	1086	James Porterfield	70	M			1700?		Va.					
			Rutha Porterfield	67	F					Va.					
			Julianna Porterfield	30	F					?					illegible birthplace
			Christopher Blankin	17	M					Tenn.					
			Harriet	25	F					Tenn.					
			Louisa	5	F					Tenn.					
1024	1088	1087	John M. Porterfield	36	M					Tenn.					
			Annie Porterfield	40	F					Tenn.					
			William Porterfield	16	M					"		✓			
			James Porterfield	12	M					"		✓			
			Frances Porterfield	11	F					"		✓			
			Robert Porterfield	9	M					"		✓			
			Sophronia Porterfield	7	F					"					Index reads Sophronia
			Elizabeth Porterfield	5	F					"					
			John Porterfield	3	M					"					
1024	1088	1088	Jarvis M. Porterfield	38	M					Tenn.			✓		
			Mary	37	F					Tenn.			✓		
			Sarah	15	F					"					
			James	12	M					"					
			Samuel	11	M					"					
			Leonidas	10	M					"					Index has Leonidas
			Isabel	8	F					"					
			Rufus	7	M					"					
			Rutha	5	F					"					
			Christopher	2	M					"					

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Year 1860

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Notes: At bottom of page 435 listing John and Annie in summary appeared "no. of foreign born 0"

Date of Enumeration: 14th Day of June 1860 Enumerator: John A. Simpson?

Place of Enumeration:

Union Township, Fulton Co., Arkansas P.O. Eagle?

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
434	204	68	James Potterfield	23	M		Farmer	300	50	Tennessee					
			Susan	25	F								✓		
			Sydney	1	F					Arkansas					
434 +435	206	70	John Potterfield	46	M	W	Farmer	700	300	Tennessee					This enumerator did not repeat
			Annie	50	F	W							✓		or use ditto.
			Robert	18	M		Farm Labor					✓			Names & Birthplace left blank was repetition
			Sophronia	16	F		Domestic					✓			
			Elizabeth	13	F							✓			
			John	11	M							✓			

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Year 1860

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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LDS Church, Longview

Notes: Census on microfilm also read March 15, 1990 Longview Public Library (Porterfield name not spelled out for milly and children. Ditto marks used)

Date of Enumeration: 1st day of Aug. 1860 by Price Poyner?

Place of Enumeration:

Prairie Township Carroll Co., Ark. P.O. Berryville

Lines 34, 36, 37

786	672	658	William Porterfield	25	M		Farmer		100	Tenn.					
			Milly Ann Porterfield	28	F					N.C.					
			John P. Porterfield	5						Ark.					
			Anny A. Porterfield	2						Ark.					

Family Group Sheet
William R. Porterfield

HUSBAND: William R. Porterfield (RN=48)
 Born 05 Jul 1835 Place Bedford Co TN
 Marr 11 Oct 1854 Place Independence Co AR
 Died 05 Oct 1862 Place St. Louis MO

HUSBAND'S

FATHER: John Milton Porterfield (RN=28)

HUSBAND'S

MOTHER: Annis Lea (RN=29)

WIFE: Millie Ann Powers (RN=49)
 Born 05 Jul 1827 Place North Carolina
 Died 13 Dec 1911 Place Fulton Co AR

WIFE'S

FATHER: Gamba/Bambrel Powers (RN=137)

WIFE'S

MOTHER: Mary James (RN=138)

M/F	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED
1 M	John Thomas Porterfield (RN=60)	23 Dec 1855	Independence Co. AR	02 Nov 1876 Margaret Emaline Rodaan (RN=127)	20 Feb 1929
2 F	Anny, Amy, Annie Porterfield (RN=61)	15 Apr 1857	Carroll Co. AR		Not known
3 M	Will Porterfield (RN=62)	23 Sep 1860	Carroll Co. Ar	c 1880 Elizabeth "Lizzie" McCollum (RN=63)	Unknown now

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

H-1-Civil War Veteran-Union

H-2-Md by Ruben L. Butler, Minister

H-3-Milly Ann gave name Emma Adaline as name of Anny on pension application dated Aug. 13, 1866.

W-1-Civil War Pensioner

2-3-Age 12, 1870 Independence Co Ar census

2-4-Vernie (Stuart) Johnson records: d. 7-6-1915

3-1-Porterfield a. McCollum

3-2-Lizzie m. Wa. Martin Ross when Will died, moved to OK

OTHER MARRIAGES

1-Mary Drucella/Mollie Barber
 1st husband _____ Raffe (RN=146)

Family Group Sheet
James T. Porterfield

HUSBAND: James T. "Jemie T." Porterfield (RN=50)
 Born 29 Apr 1837 Place Bedford Co TN
 Marr 23 Dec 1856 Place Batesville, Independence Co AR
 Died 14 Jul 1899 Place Oxford Izard Co AR

HUSBAND'S
 FATHER: John Milton Porterfield (RN=28)

HUSBAND'S
 MOTHER: Annis Lea (RN=29)

WIFE: Susan Reeves (RN=51)
 Born 11 Feb 1835 Place Tennessee
 Died 13 Nov 1914 Place Oxford, Izard Co AR

WIFE'S
 FATHER:

WIFE'S
 MOTHER:

M/F	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED
1 M	Milton B. Porterfield	Died young (RN=64)	28 Nov 1857 AR		April 1858
2 F	Cynthia/Synthy Porterfield (RN=65)	07 Jun 1859	Fulton Co? AR	William Neal (RN=69)	06 Mar 1922
3 M	Stephen F. Porterfield	Died young (RN=66)	16 Dec 1861/4		
4 F	Sarah Jane Porterfield (RN=67)	28 Feb 1864	AR	c. 1884 William Harrison Yancey (RN=70)	22 Nov 1963
5 M	James Henry Porterfield (RN=68)	01 May 1867	AR/MO ?	04 Jan 1886 Elizabeth Luticia Smith (RN=71)	
6 F	Malissa A. Porterfield (RN=72)	23 Sep 1869	MO		22 Oct 1877
7 M	John Nelson Porterfield (RN=73)	21 Feb 1871	Oxford Izard Co AR	1891 Mary Moriah Knight (RN=74)	10 Aug 1912
8 F	Margaret Melvina/Viney Porterfield (RN=75)	12 Feb or Mar 1875/76	AR	Walter B. Yancey (RN=76)	17 Apr ???
9 F	Lydia Porterfield	Died young (RN=77)	13 Apr 1879 AR		18 Apr 1884

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

H-1-Civil War Veteran-Union
 H-2-Md by Ruben L. Butler, Minister
 W-1-Civil War Pensioner

OTHER MARRIAGES

CHART OF Larry N. Porterfield (RN=224),

1. Larry N. Porterfield (RN=224) m

-----Generation 1-----

2. Floyd Neal Porterfield (RN=222) m .
3. Nita Jo Cox (RN=223) m .

-----Generation 2-----

4. John Horton/Jack Porterfield (RN=89) b 29 Dec 1900, Alicia, Lawrence Co Ar, d 15 Jan 1974, Memorial Cem, Jonesboro, Lawrence Co AR, m .
5. Anne/Annie Holloway (RN=90) m .

-----Generation 3-----

8. John Nelson Porterfield (RN=73) b 21 Feb 1871, Oxford IZARD Co AR, d 10 Aug 1912, Oxford IZARD Co AR, m 1891, Oxford IZARD Co AR.
9. Mary Moriah Knight (RN=74) m 1891, Oxford IZARD Co AR.

-----Generation 4-----

16. James T. "Jemie T." Porterfield (RN=50) b 29 Apr 1837, Bedford Wilson Co TN, d 14 Jul 1899, Oxford IZARD Co AR, m 23 Dec 1856, Oxford IZARD Co AR.
17. Susan Reeves (RN=51) m 23 Dec 1856, Oxford IZARD Co AR.

-----Generation 5-----

32. John Milton Porterfield (RN=28) b 14 Dec 1813, Wilson Co TN, d after 1870, Fulton Co AR, m 05 Aug 1834, Wilson Co TN
33. Annis Lea (RN=29) b 10 Apr 1814, Ireland, d After 1870, Fulton Co AR?, m 05 Aug 1834, Wilson Co TN.

-----Generation 6-----

64. James Porterfield (RN=9) b 1780, Abingdon, Wash, VA, d 1861?, Wilson Co. TN, m 17 Nov 1803, Wash Co VA.
65. Ruth Campell (RN=10) b 1783, VA?, d Wilson Co TN, m 17 Nov 1803, Wash Co VA.
66. Giles Leahy (RN=130) m 07 Nov 1807, St Multose Protestant Episcopal Ch, Kinsale, Ireland.
67. Catherine Daunt (RN=131) m 07 Nov 1807, St Multose Protestant Episcopal Ch, Kinsale, Ireland.

-----Generation 7-----

128. James Porterfield (RN=2) b 1747, Lancaster Co PA, d 1811, Wilson Co. TN, m 1773, Augusta Co VA ?.
129. Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3) b 1747, Lancaster Co PA, d 1816, Wilson Co TN, m 1773, Augusta Co VA ?.
132. Meade Leahy (RN=128) m .
133. Catherine Giles (RN=129) m .

-----Generation 8-----

256. John Porterfield (RN=1) b 1724, Ireland, d 1786, m .
257. Unknown (RN=125) m .

-----Generation 9-----

512. John Porterfield Immigrant to PA (RN=40) b 1675, Ireland, d 1739, New Jersey?.

-----Generation 10-----

1024. William Porterfield (1645-1729) of Ireland (No RN).

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Larry Neal Porterfield is the son of Floyd Neal Porterfield, grandson of John Horton (Jack) Porterfield, great grandson of John Nelson Porterfield, and great, great grandson of James T. (Jemie T.) Porterfield, who was the second son of John Milton and Annis Lea Porterfield.

Larry's tribute to his grandfather, John Horton (Jack) Porterfield, and grandmother, Anne (Annie) Holloway Porterfield, appears on the opposite page.

John Milton and James T. Porterfield settled in North Central Arkansas after their removal from Tennessee to Arkansas. They first lived at Union Township, Fulton County Arkansas, later at Oxford, IZARD County Arkansas. After many years of family residence at Oxford, descendants of James T. gradually moved eastward to Lawrence and Craighead Counties of Arkansas. (Source: Paul L. Porterfield FGS)

Shady Grove and Trumann are in Poinsett County, just south of Craighead.

MY GRANDPARENTS, JOHN HORTON AND ANNE PORTERFIELD

I can remember spending summers at my grandparent's, John Horton and Anne Porterfield's home in Shady Grove, Arkansas, just on the outskirts of Trumann. They lived in a four room house which consisted of a large kitchen, a living room, and two bedrooms. The kitchen had a picnic type eating table and benches situated around it for seating. In the living room was a huge pot-bellied stove that was used for heating as well as some cooking. They used coal to heat with. During the fall and winter months huge blankets hung from the doors of the bedrooms to keep the warmth in the kitchen and living room. They had a nice front porch that was used for sitting and visiting during the summer months, with its chairs and rocking chair that was used more by my grandmother than grandpa. It was these summer months that were most enjoyable to me.

My grandparents had five children, four girls, Inez, Jelois, Essie, and Bernice, and one son, Floyd Neal, my father, who married Nita Jo Cox. They had five children. Their son Larry (me) married Donna J. Bennett of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. We have two children Nathan, age 7, Heather, age 6, and a daughter from a previous marriage, Patricia, age 12. The other children of Floyd Neal and Nita Jo Cox are Diane Carr, who has two daughters, Tracey and Dana; Anthony (Tony) and his wife Sharon who have one son, Moses; Ricky (Petey) and his wife, Charlotte, who have one son, Isriael; Loretta and her husband, Phil, who have one daughter, Autum.

Knowing that I would spend the summer months with my grandparents, I could hardly wait for school to let out, because I knew that I was heading for the country to spend time with them and FISH. You see, across the road from where they lived was an old Bay ditch and in this ditch were several varieties of fish. You might catch anything from a crawdaddy to a trophy bass, however to this day I have not caught that trophy bass. Ha! But I would spend hours at that ditch. I remember one day about 3:00 in the afternoon, the day was just starting to cool down from a high of about 90 some odd degrees as Arkansas summers go, and I came bounding across the road with my trophy catch, and proudly showed it to my grandpa and grandma, even tho this catch was a Carp that weighed about $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. My grandma told me to catch 2 more and she would fry them up for supper; now you must understand how funny this was to grandpa. The worm that I caught this fish with was the same worm that I had used since about 9:00 that morning. What I would do is dig in their front yard for fish bait (worms) and just as soon as I found one I would stop digging, run across the old gravel road, bait up my hook and fish until I either lost the worm or the fish I caught had swallowed it, at which time I would go back and dig until I found another worm, and being the summer with no running water, the house being in the middle of a cotton field, the ground was hard digging. It was quite often I would dig for 30 minutes or so before I found another worm; I mean this hole I had managed to dig in my grandpa's front yard you could bury a full grown horse in and still have room for some other animal you might have in mind. Now the nearest neighbor was about a mile down the road either way, which means there was not many other children to play with. It was always enjoyable whenever Sunday rolled around because after coming home from Sunday school and church from Promise Land Baptist Church, in Promise Land, all of my aunts, uncles, and cousins would come to visit, and we would play for hours before leaving for home when it was time to end my stay.

I can also remember visiting them on week-ends during the fall and Grandma would be fixing biscuits and gravey, eggs, salt meat, and always something sweet after each and every meal whether it be a coconut-creme pie, or peanut-butter mixed with kayro syrup, with hot biscuits, or a slice of bread added to it, which I still enjoy to this day. Anyway after breakfast we would head for the Cotton Fields to either pick cotton or pull cotton bolls.

These are some of the good times I remembered as a child, growing up in Northeastern Arkansas. It has been years since I've seen my Aunts and Uncles, and a lot of my cousins. I still miss my grandfather and grandmother to this day but I am very thankful for those memories that will always be with me, and thankful for knowing them and having them to help shape my life.

Larry Neal Porterfield

SOURCES: PORTERFIELD FAMILY HISTORIES

One of the most valuable services offered by the branch libraries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the opportunity to order microfilm copies of books and other records, including copies of all existing census reports. Any microfilm at the Salt Lake City Family History Library can be ordered for 3 weeks to 6 months for a nominal fee. All film must be read at the branch library on library readers, but printers can be used to print excerpts from microfilm or microfiche.

The following list describes books and books on microfilm which have as their subject Porterfield heritage. Books not on microfilm cannot be ordered from Salt Lake City, but may be read at library there. (See article "Family History Libraries of the Latter Day Saints" in Porterfield Lines, Volume 1, Number 1.)

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	FILM AREA
Bible records of Russum and Whiten families, and family line of Porterfield family -- [S.L.] : Mann Film Laboratories, 1960.	10219477
-- on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.	Item 15.
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Microfilm of manuscript and typescript at Athens, Clarke County, Georgia.	
The family line is that of Troy Weyman Porterfield, Jr., and Patsy June Scarboro Porterfield.	

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	BOOK AREA
Edwards, Hattie Cunningham, 1914- Cunningham history and genealogy, 1796-1975 ; containing research information of nine generations / by Mrs. M. C. (Hattie Cunningham) Edwards. -- 2nd ed. -- [Lebanon? Tenn.] : H.C. Edwards, 1979, c1975. -- xvi, 273 p. : ill., coat of arms, facsim., ports.	1929.273
	1C917c
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"All rights reserved." John Cunningham, son of Revolutionary War soldier Barney Cunningham, lived in Wilson County, Tennessee and died before 1831. Descendants lived in Tennessee, Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, Florida and elsewhere. Includes Andrews, Ashworth, Gentry, Harden (Hardin), Porterfield, Ricketts and related families.	
Also on microfilm. Salt Lake City : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1983. on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.	U.S. & CAN FILM AREA 1033967 Item 16.

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	BOOK AREA
Gheesling, Catherine Sams Bond. Notes on Charles Bond, Sr., and his descendants from 1733 / Catherine Sams Bond Gheesling (Mrs. Frank A. Gheesling). -- Atlanta, Ga. : C.S.B. Gheesling, 1975. -- 148 leaves	1929.273
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Charles Bond, Sr. (1715/1718-1774/1775) was living in Goochland County, Virginia during or before 1733, and moved to Surry County, North Carolina about 1772. Descendants lived in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas and elsewhere. Bibliography: leaves 105-115. Includes indexes. Includes Braswell, Hulm, Kennebrew, Maxwell, Porterfield, Welborn and related families.	

PORTERFIELD.

Porterfield, Frank B. (Frank Burke).
The Porterfields / by Frank B. Porterfield. -- Salt Lake City :
Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1986. -- on 1
microfilm reel ; coat of arms. ; 35 mm.

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Microreproduction of original published: Roanoke, Va. : Southeastern
Press, [1948, c. 1947]. 344 p.
The Porterfields are descended from John Porterfield (1675-1739),
immigrant to Pennsylvania. His children were:
(1) William Porterfield (1712-1789) of Berkley County, Virginia
(2) Charles Porterfield (1714-1778) of Frederick County, Virginia
(3) Robert Porterfield (1716-1785) of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania
(4) James Porterfield (1718-1777) of Cumberland County, N. C.
(5) Patrick Porterfield (1720-1789) of Augusta County, Virginia
(6) Eleanor Porterfield [Boyd] (1722-1782) of Augusta County, Va.
(7) John Porterfield (1724-1786) of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
(8) Samuel Porterfield (1726-1789) of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

PORTERFIELD.

Rice, Edna Bernice Kinney.
The genealogy and history of the Porterfield and Kinney
families. -- Salt Lake City : Filmed by the Genealogical
Society of Utah, 1983. -- 1 microfiche ; 11 x 15 cm.

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Microreproduction of typescript (6 p.) written in [1943].

PORTERFIELD.

Shaw, Roy Louis.
The Shaws and related families / by Roy Louis Shaw. -- Gilmer,
Tex. : Shaw, 1976. -- 212 p. : ports.

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Robert Shaw was born October 25, 1813 in Virginia. He married Rachel
Direndy Vaughn November 13, 1841 and died February 22, 1882 at
Dark Corner, Bowie County, Texas.

Includes index.
Includes Porterfield, Sachelford, Forester and allied families.

Also on microfilm. Salt Lake City : Filmed by the
Genealogical Society of Utah, 1976. on 1
microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

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item 3

PORTERFIELD.

Singleton, Margrett Porter, 1943-
Descendants of Samuel Campbell Portersfield (1807-1875) and
Azenith (Fite) Portersfield (1815-1868) : with Porterfield
family history from the book Portersfields--1948 / compiled
by Margrett Porter Singleton. -- Arkadelphia, Ark. : M.P.
Singleton, c1984. -- 262 p., [4] p. of plates : ill., coat of
arms, ports.

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Samuel Campbell Porterfield (1807-1875) moved from Virginia to Tennessee
and married Azenith fite in 1832. They moved (via Mississippi) to
Dallas County, Arkansas in 1842. Descendants and relatives lived in
Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, California and
elsewhere. Includes list of officers, 1982-1985, of the Samuel
Campbell Porterfield Family Association. Includes some ancestry in
Scotland to the 1100s.

Includes Bennett, DeLamar, Denton, Fite, Hudson, Langley and related
families.

PORTERFIELD.

Helm, Hal Buell.

Genealogical papers / Hal Buell Helm. -- Salt Lake City :
Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1978. -- on 1
microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

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| FILM AREA |
| 11036034 |
item 1

Microreproduction of ms. (80 leaves), written in [1961?]-1978.
Moses Helm was born before 1711 in Ireland and immigrated to
Philadelphia. He married Sarah Jameson, moved to Piscataway, New
Jersey and died between 1767 and 1780 in Virginia.
Includes Porterfield, Casey, Fenix, and related families.

PORTERFIELD.

Kemp, AnnaBelle Cregar, 1890-

Lucas genealogy / compiled and published by AnnaBelle Kemp. --
Hollywood, Calif. (1717 Sunset Plaza Drive, Hollywood, 90069)
: A. Kemp, 1964 (Los Angeles : Bookman Press). -- 495 p. :
ill., coat of arms, facsim., port.

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| BOOK AREA |
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Thomas Lucas (ca.1650-1721/1722) immigrated from England to Prince
George County, Maryland in 1668, and married twice. Descendants
lived in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and elsewhere. Includes other
Lucas immigrants and some of their descendants, without tracing
relationship to Thomas. Includes Lucas ancestry in England.
Includes indexes.
Includes Gregg, Porterfield, Shepherd, Spargur, Swan, Van Meter and
related families.

Also on microfilm. Salt Lake City : Filmed by
the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1986.
on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

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item 6

PORTERFIELD.

Alexander, John E. (John Edmiston), 1815-

A record of the descendands of John Alexander of Lanarkshire,
Scotland, and his wife, Margaret Glasson : who emigrated from
County Armagh, Ireland to Chester County, Pennsylvania,
A.D.1736 / by John E. Alexander. -- Salt Lake City : Filmed
by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1972. -- on 1 microfilm
reel ; 35 mm.

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| FILM AREA |
| 10874220 |
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Microreproduction of original published: Philadelphia : A. Martien,
1878. 220 p.

John Alexander (b.ca.1700) was a son of Thomas Alexander, who immigrated
from Scotland to County Armagh, Ireland after John was born. John
married Margaret Glasson, and in 1736 they immigrated to West
Nottingham, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Descendants and relatives
lived in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, New York,
New Jersey, Ohio and elsewhere.

Includes index.
Includes Hamilton, Porterfield, Semple, Taylor, Vance, Wakefield and
related families.

PORTERFIELD LINES

PURPOSE: To present material of a genealogical nature pertaining to Porterfield and Allied Families. To share and encourage an exchange of information. To assist those researching Porterfield family history. To remember and honor our forbears.

PROPOSED CONTENTS: Maps, Family Group Sheets, resource lists, character sketches, photographs, historical and geographical background, military service records, cemetery records, ministers and churches served, census records, lineage charts of Porterfield and Allied Families, book reviews.

PUBLICATION POLICIES: Original articles from readers are welcomed. Focus of interest will be on Porterfield and Allied Families. Sources of information should be given, please. PORTERFIELD LINES solicits family group sheets, lineage charts, and other material associated with the surname. Material typed and "camera-ready" will be greatly appreciated, but if this is not possible, send your material in any legible form. Name credit will be given contributors.

CHANGE IN PUBLICATION POLICY: Since Porterfield Lines is published to share information, queries addressed to the Newsletter Editor are encouraged. Queries should be limited to a reasonable length and should be submitted typewritten or legibly handwritten. In each issue a page of QUERIES TO READERS will be printed. Both queries and responses from readers will be printed as space allows. Give sources, please.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: "John Milton Porterfield and Descendants: The Civil War", Other Porterfield Lines, Queries.

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PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfields and members of allied families. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR RESEARCH

The definition of an original source is "The earliest recording of a piece of information." The following kinds of civil and federal documents are used for genealogical research as original sources:

1. Civil Registration - Vital Records from state, county, or city of births, marriages, deaths, and divorce.
2. Census Records - First federal census enumeration in 1790 and at 10 year intervals thereafter. Other census reports, state and county, are sometimes available. (Use of an alphabetic index will shorten search time, but the microfilm of the census, the original source, should be read.)
3. Probate Records - Wills, inventories, and other transactions pertaining to estates of deceased persons.
4. Court Records - Civil suits, criminal court records, naturalization proceedings and other court proceedings.
5. Tax Lists - Poll or head tax, property tax, road tax, and other levied taxes.
6. Land Records - Land grants, deeds, property suit settlements, all records transferring real estate.
7. Military Records.

Another important original source is Church Records - minutes, membership and withdrawal, baptism and christening, marriage, death and burial. In colonial days, the official state church registered births, marriages, and deaths.

MILITARY RECORDS

Military Records are among the most useful original documents for genealogical researchers, therefore, the table on the next page may be helpful. (Information source: Brigham Young University Elderhostel Genealogy Syllabus)

WAR

RECORDS ON FILE

Colonial Wars (Before 1775)	Some State Archives; Public Records Office, London.
The Revolutionary War (1775-1783)	East Coast States; National Archives; Loyalist records, Public Records Office, London.
War of 1812	Some states, East Coast and Mississippi River. National Archives.
Mexican War (1845-1849)	National Archives, filed with Indian War Archives.
Indian Wars and Old Wars (1816-1898)	National Archives.
Civil War (1861-1865)	Union and some Confederate records in National Archives; some Confederate in State Archives
Spanish-American War	National Archives; State Adjutant General's Office.

Photocopies of records in the National Archives are available on request. A special form must be used. Payment is not made with the order, but when photocopies of documents are received. To expedite the search, include as much information as you can about the veteran. The required minimum identification must include: Veteran's name, branch of service, state from which he served, which war or dates he served, if Civil War whether Union or Confederate.

Fortunately, alphabetic indexes of soldier's names for each war are available at many public and genealogical libraries, either as bound publications or on microfilm. From these you can obtain specific information to include on the military request form. On each form indicate whether you want to receive Service Records, Pension Records, or Bounty-land Records. If you wish to receive all three you will need to make a separate request for each.

In general, Pension Records furnish more genealogical information for the researcher than the other two because the applicant was required to give information about residence and family.

Bounty-land Warrants were offers of land in return for military service. This kind of payment for service occurred in the early days of the country's history, before 1856. Amount of genealogical data obtained will vary, but the record may be helpful in following the migration of a family from one state to another.

Service Records include enlistment and discharge papers, the date, place, and cause of death if the veteran died while in service, and may give his physical description.

JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD FAMILY
(1870)

From the 1870 Arkansas census we learn that John Milton, James T., and other family members, except Robert, still reside in Fulton County. Elizabeth, 22, is the only sibling living with John Milton and Annis: Fulton County AR, Union Township, page 183, Dwelling 8, Family 3, J.M. Porterfield 56, Annis 60, Elizabeth 22. Living next door are daughter Sophronia and her husband and child: Page 183, Dwelling 7 Family 3, W.M. Ross 24, Sophronia 25, and Sarah A. 1. The fourth son of John Milton and Annis, John, only 11 in 1860, is now married with a 1 month old son: Page 180, Dwelling 2, Family 3, J. M. Porterfield 21, Maroma 19, Lewis G 1/12.

James T., second son, lives nearby with wife, Susan, and an enlarged family of five children.: Page 184, Dwelling 1, Family 7, J. T. Porterfield 30, Susan 30, Cynthia 11, Stephen (illegible) 8, Sarah 5, James H. 4, and Mellissa A. (or E.) 8/12 born in September (1869 since the family was enumerated on the 11th day of July 1870).

Missing from those listed in the 1860 Fulton County census is Robert W., who was 18 by June 14, 1860 when that census was enumerated, would be 28 in 1870. Has he moved out of the state, died, perhaps been killed in the Civil War? We noted in the last issue of Porterfield Lines that the oldest daughter, Frances J., and the youngest son, George F., were unaccounted for.

Milly Ann Porterfield, widow of John Milton's oldest son, William R. is living with her mother, Mary Powers 70, and her three children at Ashley Township, Independence County AR: Page 008, Dwelling 103, Family 110 Milly Porterfield 35, John 14, Amy 12, William 10, Mary Powers 70. Occupation of Milly is "Keeping house." No occupation is listed for other family members and we wonder what source of income sustained them.

Also on page 008 of the census are names of three Seaton families, Willis and Alice Seaton; William and Louisa Seaton and daughter, Emma; Sarah Seaton and five children, Mary, William, George, John, and Louisa. Willis 23, William 36, and Sarah 44 are listed as farmers and sons of Sarah, William 17, George 16, and John 14, as farm hands. The 1850 Henderson County TN, and 1860 Independence County AR census records point to Sarah Seaton as Milly Porterfield's sister, both daughters of Gamble/Gambol and Mary Powers. In 1860 Sarah Seaton, a widow, and her 7 children lived with Mary Powers in Jefferson Township, Independence County. By 1870 a supportive family unit has developed at Ashley Township, Independence County AR. This may be the reason Milly Ann Porterfield returned here rather than Carroll County, her residence (as recorded on the 1860 Arkansas census), after the loss of her husband, William R.

Many significant events occurred in the lives of the Porterfield family during the 10 year period between 1860 and 1870 which census records alone do not reflect. From recollections of older family members, from tax records, from military records, we attempt to fill in those years.

1870 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

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Notes: Script sometimes hard to decipher. Enumerator began each page with Dwelling No 1, numbered 2, 3, 4, etc. on page. He listed under column "Family No.;" the number of members in the family. J. T. Porterfield was enumerated just following John Miller (8, 3) Enumerator: W. M. E. Spear

Place of Enumeration: Union Township, Fulton Co., Ark., P.O. Pilot Hill

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
180	2	3	Porterfield, J. M.	21	M		Farmer			Jenn						✓	✓	July 19	Read 4-24-91
			" M. Anna	19	F		Keeper of House			Ark									
			" Lewis D.	1/2	M					Ark.			Aug						1/12 or 11/12
183	7	3	Ross, W. M.	24	M	W	Farmer			Jenn.								✓	July 11
			" Sophronia	25	F	"	Keeper of House			Jenn.									
			" Sarah A.	1	F	"				Ark.									
183	8	3	Porterfield, J. M.	56	M	W	Farmer	600	350	Jenn								✓	July 1911
			" Annie	60	F	"	Keeper of House			"									
			" Elizabeth	22	F	"	Dom. H. keeper			"									
184	1	7	Porterfield, J. J.	30	M	W		100		Jenn									
			" Susan	30	F	"				Jenn									Can't write
			" Cynthia	11	F	"				Ark									
			" St. J. Eino (Stephen)	28	M	"				"									Stephen illegible
			" Sarah	5	F	"				"									
			" James H.	4	M	"				"									
			" Malissa A.	3/2	F	"				"			Sept						
<p>Note: Family records show that J. J. and Susan (Raeves) Porterfield had a son their first child named Milton B. He was born 28 Nov 1857 and died April 1858.</p>																			

3mW

1870 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

Date of Search 3-15-90

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Call No. _____

Notes: For some reason this enumerator made marks in the "foreign born" column for each person born in a state other than Arkansas.

Date of Enumeration: 4th day of Oct, 1870 by John Campbell, Asst Marshall

Place of Enumeration:

Ashley Township, Independence Co., Ark. P.O. Batesville.

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Per-sonal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
008	102	109	Seaton, William	33	M	W	Farmer	230	150	Arkansas									
			" Alice	19	F	W	Keeping House			Tennessee									
008	103	110	Porterfield, Willy	35	F	W				N. Carolina									
			" John	14	M	W				Arkansas									
			" Amey	62	F	W				"									clearing "Amey"
			" William	10	M	W				"									
			Powers, Mary	90	F	W				N. Carolina									
008	104	111	Richardson, James	21	M	W	Farmer		200	Tennessee									
			" Nancy	20	F	W	Keeping House			"									
			" William	1/2	M	W				Arkansas		age							1/2 or 6/2
008	105	112	Seaton, William	36	M	W	Farmer	500	250	Tennessee									Age 36?
			Louisa	26	F	W	Keeping House			"									
			Emma	4	F	W				Arkansas									
008	114	121	Seaton, Sarah	44	F	W	Farmer		150	North Carolina									
			Mary	22	F	"				Tennessee									
			William	17	M	"	Farm hand			Arkansas									
			George	16	M	"	Farm hand			"									
			John	14	M	"	Farm hand			"									
			Louisa	13	F	"				"									

Note: On page 008, Dwelling 107, Family 114 John Logan Jones age 39 and wife Mary Ann age 34 have care of 6 Seaton Jones children and four Reeves children. Reeves children are Sarah 16, Susan 14, Parale (?) 10 and Julia 7. John Logan and Mary Ann were married in August of 1870. (A. and S. 19-91)

JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD FAMILY
(1860-1870)

Recollections of Austin L. Porterfield as told to his oldest daughter, Frances Porterfield Willis:

William Ross Porterfield, my paternal grandfather, moved his family to Rolla, Missouri while he was in the army, stationed at St. Louis. He fought on the Union side. He never returned, died at St. Louis, probably of pneumonia, and is buried at Jefferson National Cemetery. He left my father's mother with two boys, also with a daughter who died. My father's mother, Milly Ann, never remarried, lived with Will and John Thomas, their sons until her death. She received a \$10 a month pension which she contributed to the family, claiming only enough for pipe tobacco for herself.

Grandma Rodman, my mother's mother, was a Methodist, more strict, had great pride. Her family fought on the Southern side. (These notes undated but taken about 1964.)

Other recollections: William R. Porterfield moved his family to Rolla, Missouri on the road from Springfield, MO to St. Louis. The family returned to Melbourne, AR after the war, then later moved to Fulton County. My grandmother, Milly Ann Porterfield was a great storyteller. She lived with my mother and father, John Thomas/Tom and Margaret Emma/Emmaline until her death. She received a veteran's widow's pension of \$12 per quarter and contributed it to the family, just keeping enough for tobacco. (This note also undated. Perhaps amount of pension was reduced after children reached maturity. Will, Tom's brother, died between 1882 and 1890; Milly Ann, his mother, on December 13, 1911. Frances Porterfield Willis)

Letter from Anna Lee Burge Carreiro dated Nov. 2, 1989

I went to Jonesboro yesterday and looked up William Ross Porterfield's civil war record. . . These records were on little sheets about 2 1/2 inches long. I indicated the pages by a mark ____.

Union	Porterfield, William R.
____ 6 months	1862
W.R. Porterfield	Pvt. Co. B 1 Batt'n
Age 26 years	
Company Muster in roll	
of th organization named above, Roll dated	
____ Helena, Ark.	July 20, 1862
Muster in to date	July 20, 1862
Joined for duty and enrolled:	
When: June 10, 1862	Where: Batesville Period: 6 months
____	Book Mark 8280D88

Company muster roll

June 10 to Aug. 1862 Present
Sept. - Oct. Absent

Remarks: Sent to Gen'l Hosp. Sept. 30, 1862

William R. Porterfield Pvt. Co. B Age 26 yrs.
Appears in Company Muster out roll. Last paid to: Pay due
from enlistment. Am't for clothing in kind or money adv. \$9.00
Remarks: Died Oct. 5, St. Louis
Clothing due since enrollment

Porterfield W.R. Pvt. Co. B 1 Batt'n
3 enclosures Bed Cards Final statements
Burial records 1 Other papers relating to
Admission to Hospital Furlough I of A Casualty sheet 1
Death or effects 1

Wm. R. Porterfield Co B 1 Batt'n Ark Inf. Died Oct 5, 1862
Casualty sheet William Porterfield Pvt. of Co B 1st Regiment
of Arkansas State Volunteers.
War Dept. Adjutant Gen's Office Washington Aug 14, 1863
This is accepted as referring to W.R. Porterfield Pvt. Co B
1st Reg Ark. Inf. Vols. who died as stated herein

Anna Lee's letter continues: One other casualty report said
"cause of casualty - Death."
(Anna Lee Burge Carreiro is the daughter of Ernest and Geneva
(Ford) Burge, granddaughter of Anna Lee/Annie (Porterfield) Burge,
great granddaughter of Tom and Margaret Emma Porterfield, great
great granddaughter of William Ross and Milly Ann Porterfield.)

Letter from Paul L. Porterfield dated March 6, 1990

Both Jack McVey and Morris Yancey, descendants of Sarah Jane
(Porterfield) Yancey, show John M. and Annis (Lea)
Porterfield's son, James T., in Gasconade County, Missouri,
in approximately 1862-1867. This fits nicely with land
records of Fulton County which show John M. Porterfield as
Non-Resident owner of land there, and J.T. Porterfield as
Non-Resident owner of land in IZARD County . . .

1861 - 1868 - Following was shown in early land records in
Fulton County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
JOHN M. PORTERFIELD	1	1861	25	18N	8W
WILLIAM PORTERFIELD		1861			
J.M. PORTERFIELD		1867	NON-RESIDENT OWNER		
J.M. PORTERFIELD		1868	300*		

*Total value of land

SOURCE: "List of Persons and Property Assessed for Taxation,"
Arkansas Historical Commission, Little Rock. AR (Reference:
"Fulton County, Arkansas Tax Records, 1849-1868," by Desmond
Walls Allen)

(Paul L. Porterfield is a direct line descendant of John
Milton Porterfield and James T. Porterfield.)

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Taken from Civil War Pension Application records
of William R. and James T. Porterfield

- 11 Oct 1854 Wm. R & Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield married
Independence Co, AR, by Ruben L. Butler, Minister
- 10 Jun 1862 Wm R. enrolled at Batesville, Independence Co., AR, Co. B,
1st Regiment of Ark. Volunteers to serve 6 months
- 17 Jul 1862 Mustered into service at Helena, AR, Phillips Co
- 05 Oct 1862 Wm R. died in Hospital, St. Louis, MO
- 11 May 1863 Milly resides in Crawford Co, MO, Osage P.O.
- 03 Jul 1863 Milly resides in Crawford Co, Mo, Osage P.O.
- 13 Aug 1866 Milly resides near Dillon, Phelps (Rolla) Co, MO, gives
age as 30
- 04 Nov 1911 Milly was last paid pension. Am't paid \$12.
- 13 Dec 1911 Milly pension dropped because of death.
- 05 Mar 1912 J.T. Porterfield, age 56, resident of Salem, Fulton Co, AR,
claimant for expenses last illness and burial
- Aug 13, 1866 pension application as widow of Wm R. witnessed and signed
by K.W. Powers and H.M. Dickerson. Present also as a sworn witness:
Wm M. Ross. K.W. Powers and Wm M. Ross residents near Dillon, Phelps Co, MO
-
- 23 Dec 1856 James & Susan Reeves married Batesville, Independence Co. AR
by R.L. Butler, Minister
- 01 Sep 1862 James T. enlisted at Springfield, Greene Co, MO, by Lt. Orr,
for 3 years, 2nd Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry.
- Nov 1862 First treated in Post Hosp, Helena, AR (on Mississippi River)
- 16 Sep 1863 Transferred to 1st Batt. Invaled Corps
- 20 Oct 1863 Hospital of the Invalid Corps, St. Louis, MO
- 29 Oct 1863 Discharged at St. Louis
- 30 Oct 1863 Honorably Discharged
- 29 Aug 1866 Applied for pension, residing at Jake's Prairie P.O.,
Gasconade Co, MO
- 29 Jul 1881 Resides Izard Co, AR, pension still pending
- 01 Jun 1891 Age 54, Resides Oxford, Izard Co, AR
- 14 Jul 1899 James died, Oxford, Izard Co, AR
- 15 Aug 1899 Susan, age 64, applied for Widow's Pension. Residence:
Oxford, Izard Co, AR
- 16 Mar 1900 Statement by J.N. Porterfield (son, John Nelson), age 29,
P.O. Izard Co AR: Susan's property, New Hope Twsp, Izard
CO, AR: No real estate, living around with children,
1 cow \$25, HH and Kitchen furniture \$50.
- 13 Nov 1914 Susan (Reeves) Porterfield died. Last pension payment of
\$12 paid Nov. 4, 1914

Claim for Invalid Pension witnessed by signatures of K.W. Powers and
Edmond Parker on 29 Aug, 1866 at Rolla, Phelps Co, Mo. Also present as
a sworn witness, William Ross made (x) his mark. K.W. Powers and Wm
Ross residents of County of Phelps, Mo

Additional information from testimony of Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield
dated Aug. 13, 1866 and April 1867.

John Thomas	b. Dec. 23, 1855	Independence Co, AR
Emma Adaline	b. April 15, 1857	Carroll Co, AR
William C.	b. Sept. 23, 1860	Carroll Co, AR

NEVER BE UNEQUIVOCALLY CERTAIN

In the last issue of Porterfield Lines, p. 31, I wrote "John Milton and Jemie T. Porterfield settled in North Central Arkansas after their removal from Tennessee to Arkansas. They first lived at Union Township, Fulton County, Arkansas . . ." I made that unequivocal statement because the original sources available to us, the 1860 Arkansas census and the Fulton County tax records of 1860 to 1870 listed these men as residents of Fulton County.

Paul L. Porterfield, direct descendant of Jemie T., had ordered the military pension application records of both William Ross and Jemie T. Porterfield who, we knew, from the stories of family members and listings of pensioners, had been Union soldiers in the Civil War. The "Chronology of Events" on the previous page was prepared by Paul. I also added a few bits of information from the pension records.

Paul sent copies of the pension records and the summary of events to me with a letter dated June 17, 1990. He wrote, "Why, I wonder, did Jemie T. marry in Independence County when available records show he and his parents lived in Fulton County."

Now, both he and I think, though not unequivocally, that the Porterfield's may have come first to Independence County, Arkansas. Evidence which leads to this surmial is:

1. The marriages of Wm. R. and Milly Ann Powers Porterfield (11 Oct 1854) and James T. and Susan Reeves Porterfield (23 Dec 1856) in Batesville, Independence County, both ceremonies performed by Ruben L. Butler, Minister. (Source: Pension Application Records)

2. The birth of John Thomas, oldest son of Wm. R. and Milly Ann, in Independence County on 23 Dec 1855. (Source: Pension Application Records)

3. For Millie Ann Powers: The presence of family members who had arrived earlier, by 1850, and established residence in Independence County. John B. and K.W. Powers, who appear to be brothers of Milly Ann Porterfield and Sarah Seaton, all children of Gamble/Gambol and Mary (James) Powers, lived in Independence County in 1850. (Sources: 1830 Montgomery Co. NC, 1840 and 1850 Henderson County TN censuses; 1850, 1860, 1870 Independence and Fulton Co. AR censuses.)

4. The presence of two Reeves' families in Independence County in 1850 and 1860 who have naming patterns similar to those of Jemie T. and Susan Reeves Porterfield. David S. Reeves 43 and Johnathon R. Reeves 45 resided in White River Township, Independence County in 1850. They live at Bigbottom Township, Independence County in 1860. It may be that Susan was the daughter of Johnathon R. listed on the 1850 census as Harriet S. 15. (1850, 1860 AR censuses)

5. K.W. Powers and Wm. M. Ross signed pension applications as witnesses, residents of Phelps Co. MO, for both Milly Ann Porterfield and Jemie T. (Source: Pension Applications)

FMW

ARKANSAS AND THE CIVIL WAR

- 1800 The growth of cotton as a commercial crop began about this time.
- 1803 Arkansas included as part of area purchased by the U.S. from France, the Louisiana Purchase.
- 1805 U.S. created Louisiana Territory; the region included present-day Arkansas.
- 1812 Arkansas became part of the new Missouri Territory.
- 1817 First post office in area established in Lawrence County.
- 1819 Congress created Arkansas Territory, March 2. The capital was Arkansas Post on the Arkansas River in Arkansas County; acting Governor was Robert Crittenden. The Missouri Compromise of 1819 which created the territory also permitted it to have slaves.
- 1820 The population quadrupled in 15 years as homesteaders flooded into the territory. The first steamboat on the Arkansas River, the Comet, reached Arkansas Post.
- 1821 Little Rock became territorial capital.
- 1822 The Eagle was first boat to steam up the Arkansas River to Little Rock.
- 1836 On June 15, Arkansas admitted to Union as slave state, with Little Rock as capital. Governor: James S. Conway.
- 1837 Financial panic in East sends many more settlers to Arkansas.
- 1861 On May 6, Arkansas seceded from the Union. Prior sequence of events: February 8, State troops took over Federal Arsenal at Little Rock. Governor Henry Rector refused to furnish Arkansas troops to Federal government. Fort Smith siezed by state troops on April 23. "Many people in the northern part of the state, however, remained loyal to the union and several regiments were organized to fight with the north." (p. 371, Compton's)
- 1862 Battle of Pea Ridge (Elkhorn Tavern), March 7-8, first Civil War battle fought in Arkansas.
- 1863 Union troops captured Arkansas Post on Arkansas River, SE Arkansas, January 11, and Little Rock, capital, central Arkansas, September 10. The secessionist control ended.
- 1864 Unionists called a convention at Little Rock and formed a new state constitution which the United States Senate refused to accept, denying Arkansas's request to be readmitted to the Union. Isaac Murphy, the only delegate to oppose secession at the convention of 1861, served as governor from 1864 to 1868.
- 1867 U.S. declared the Unionist state government illegal, put Arkansas under military rule.
- 1868 New state constitution adopted; Arkansas was readmitted to the Union on June 22.
- 1874 Reconstruction problems culminated in the "Brooks-Baxter War". Joseph Brooks, supported by Democrats, resorted to armed force to wrest the governship from the Republican governor, Elisha Baxter. In 1874, President Grant declared Baxter the lawful governor and the present constitution was adopted.

(Source: Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, 1953 Edition, Volume 1-A pp. 362-371.)

MISSOURI AND THE CIVIL WAR

- 1700 Jesuit mission established on the present site of St. Louis but abandoned in 1703.
- 1715 La Mothe Cadillac found lead ore in Southeast Missouri near present Mine La Motte.
- 1723 Phillip Renault began to work the lead mines with imported Negro slaves. He worked the mines to 1744.
- 1735 The first permanent white settlement in Missouri was founded at Sainte Genivieve where the Kaskaskia River runs into the Mississippi River from Illinois.
- 1762 Many new settlers came to Missouri from Kentucky and Tennessee by way of the Ohio River to settle on the cheap lands available there.
- 1803 Missouri acquired by U.S. in Louisiana Purchase.
- 1804 Lewis and Clark began their famous expedition from St. Louis up the Missouri to the Pacific. Later Missouri became known as "The Gateway to the West."
- 1805 Settlers had successfully protested inclusion of Missouri in the Indiana Territory; Missouri became part of the the Territory of Louisiana.
- 1812 The Territory of Missouri was organized October 1 with present state lines. Capital, St. Louis; Governor, Benjamin Howard.
- 1817 Steamship Pike steamed from New Orleans to St. Louis.
- 1819 The Independence, first steamboat attempting navigation of Missouri River, reached Franklin near Boonville.
- 1820- Missouri Compromise permitted Missouri to form state
1821 constitution without restriction on slavery.
August 10, 1821 Missouri was admitted to the Union as a slave state; capital, St. Charles.
- 1821 Capital moved to Jefferson City in central Missouri.
- 1855 Missouri-Kansas border war over slavery begins.
- 1859 Hannibal and St. Joseph R.R. first to cross state.
- 1861 State convention was called to consider state's relation to the Union, with secession expected; instead, becomes pro-Union.
- 1861- Battle of Boonville is first Civil War battle in
1862 Missouri. "Missouri was saved to the Union, but the people were equally divided in sentiment." (p. 324, Compton's) The Battle of Pea Ridge (Elkhorn Tavern) in NE Arkansas (present day Benton County near Arkansas-Missouri state line) prevented the invasion of Missouri.
- 1864? General Sterling Price, governor of Missouri in 1853-57, led Confederate army in unsuccessful raid into Missouri.
- 1866 Lincoln Institute (now Lincoln University), educational institute for Negroes, established at Jefferson City.
- 1882 Jesse James was killed at St. Joseph in NW Missouri ending post Civil War outlawry in Missouri. "Jesse James turned guerilla after his family had been mistreated by Unionists, and later he became a notorious outlaw." (p. 324, Compton's)

(Source: Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, 1953 Edition, Volume 9-M, pp. 311-325.)

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- INFANTRY
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- ARTILLERY

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Rank

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- REGULARS

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13. PLACE(S) VETERAN LIVED AFTER SERVICE

14. DATE OF BIRTH

15. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, etc.)

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16. DATE OF DEATH

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Harold (Don) Porterfield
(page 133, FBP)

THE LANCASTER COUNTY PORTERFIELDS

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FMW

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(Last Updated 18 Apr 1991)

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MOTHER: Unknown (RN=125)
BORN: 1747
AT: Lancaster Co PA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3)
ON: 1773
AT: Augusta Co VA ?
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1811

AT: Wilson Co. TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 7

- 1) Charles Porterfield (RN=4)
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- (1: FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS, MS letter)
(2: Sources: Chalkley, Sumner, early tax, probate, and land records TN)

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(Last Updated 06 Jun 1990)

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BORN: 1776
AT: Abingdon, Wash, VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2
MARRIED TO: Jane Duff (RN=5)
ON: 28 Mar 1800
STATUS: Married
ReMARRIED TO: Mariah Ellen Buckley (RN=24)
ON: 15 Mar 1832
AT: Wilson CO TN
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1839

AT: Stone River, Rutherford Co. TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 14

CHARLES

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BROTHERS WILLIAM ROSS AND JAMES T. PORTERFIELD

In a letter from Frances Marie (Porterfield) Willis, a direct descendant of William R. Porterfield, she stated her father had passed along the story that, "... (William R.) took his family to Missouri because Arkansas was Confederate." Continuing to build on that, it seems likely the entire John Milton Porterfield family went from Arkansas to Missouri before the beginning of the war, possibly accompanied by other relatives and friends.

William Ross Porterfield, oldest son of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield, enlisted (Batesville, AR) in Company B, 1st Regiment of Arkansas Infantry Volunteers, Union Forces, for a period of six months on 10 July 1862 and was mustered in 17 July 1862 on the Mississippi River at Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas, for service in Missouri, where he died 5 Oct 1862 in the General Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri of Chronic Diarrhea (contracted in service).

James T. "Jemie T." Porterfield, their second son, enlisted (Springfield, Missouri) in Company C, 2nd Arkansas Union Cavalry (01 September 1862), for a period of three years. He was initially treated for disease of the lungs at the Post Hospital in Helena, Arkansas but was subsequently transferred to the 94th Company, 1st Battalion of the Invalid Corps for treatment of disease obtained in service. He was discharged from the General Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, 29 October 1863 and honorably discharged from the Union Forces Army 30 October 1863, because of disability.

(Footnote: The Invalid Corps was a brilliant brainstorm of General Grant, although often abused by those in lower echelon command. Soldiers not seriously ill or wounded were used to perform light duties such as administrative, guard duty, etc., thereby freeing well soldiers to fight.)

Signatures appearing on the pension applications by James T. and Widow's pension applications by both Susan (Reeves) Porterfield and Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield show several people living in Missouri who had previously lived in Arkansas. Most of them returned to Arkansas after the Civil War, just as the Porterfield and related families did. Some of the signatories, such as K.W. Powers, William Ross, J.N. Porterfield (John Nelson) were relatives. K.W. Powers was probably a brother of Milly Ann Powers; William Ross was the husband of Sophronia Porterfield, daughter of

John Milton & Annis (Lea) Porterfield, and J.N. (John Nelson) Porterfield was a son of James T. & Susan (Reeves) Porterfield. Whether or not there was a familial relationship to the others has not yet been determined, but many of the same names are found in Arkansas both prior to and subsequent to the Civil War.

I have often wondered what the exact reasons were for their embracing the Union cause. It must have been an agonizing decision, particularly since they had lived their entire lives in the South. Perhaps the following bit of historical fact played some roll in their decision; at the least, it must have weighed heavily on their minds.

In late 1861, Confederate authorities in the State of Arkansas became alarmed that anti-war and possibly pro-Union secret organizations were flourishing, particularly in north central counties of the State (The Arkansas Family Historian, Volume 29, No. 1, March 1991.) Governor Henry J. Rector called upon county militia units to arrest members of such organizations, charged them with insurrection and forced many into Confederate regiments. Given the choice of joining Confederate regiments or being tried for insurrection, most joined; some did not, and were later tried and released. Of course, many were never captured and indeed, the feelings of many were never revealed. Thus far no record has been located revealing membership of a Porterfield in such societies. Membership notwithstanding, sentiment began to swing strongly in favor of those being arrested, as neighbor after neighbor was taken into custody. Feelings rose to a fever pitch and some who had been ardent Southern supporters became incensed, left the State, and joined Union Forces in neighboring states. It was in such an atmosphere that the Porterfields apparently made their decision to go to Missouri, though it is impossible to say when such a decision was made or on what grounds they based their decision.

Brothers William Ross and James T. Porterfield seem to have more in common than both joining the Union Forces. For instance, both men married their wives in Independence County, Arkansas and both ceremonies were performed by R.L. Butler, minister. I can't help but wonder why Jemmie T. was married in Independence County when he and his parents apparently lived in Fulton County. Or is that "fact" in error? Frankly, I wouldn't be surprised to find they lived in Independence County prior to going to Fulton County. Several things point toward that possibility.

Were Susan Reeves and Milly Ann Powers already friends before either married? They were approximately the same age, with Susan possibly as much as two years younger than Milly. Milly's age is impossible to pin down. On her application for widow's pension she stated her age was "30." Susan's age is also suspect. Both girls were older than their husbands. Several years ago Vernie (Stuart) Johnson sent some comments from Emma Ethel (Porterfield) Helm and Beulah May (Porterfield) Stuart (all three now deceased), both of whom recalled Milly Ann sitting in her rocker on the front porch smoking her corn cob pipe. Recently I received the following pertaining to Susan (Reeves) Porterfield:

"She (Susan (Reeves) Porterfield) lived with my great-great grandparents at the end of her life. My great aunt Nellie Yancey Verner Southwick remembers her well even now. She is 84 this year and lives here in the same town where I go to college. She was

about 6 years old when she used to go to her grandma Porterfield Yancey's house to visit "Great-Great Grandma Porterfield." She says that she remembers how Susan Porterfield would sit in her rocker at the old place and smoke a corncob pipe. Aunt Nellie just loved her to death. She told me that Susan had cancer of the tongue and died on her cot in a corner of the living room. Susan had two blue spots on her cheeks." (... 1990 Letter from Steve Riggan, Wenatchee, Washington)

Smoking a corncob pipe - one other thing the two girls apparently had in common. More and more, I get a mental picture of Jemie T. hanging around his brother's house (William & Milly Ann) as much as possible, because he is moon struck - in love with one corncob pipe smoking Susan Reeves - a few years his senior.

Paul L. Porterfield
Boerne, Texas

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

James T. & Susan (Reeves) Porterfield

23 Dec 1856	James T. Porterfield & Susan Reeves married Batesville, Independence Co. AR, by Ruben L. Butler, Minister.
28 Nov 1857	Son Milton B. born. Where? Independence Co. AR?
Apr 1858	Son Milton B. died.
07 Jun 1859	Daughter Cynthia/Synthy born. Where?
1860	Living Fulton County AR. (1860 Census)
16 Dec 1861	Son Stephen F. born, probably Fulton Co. AR.
01 Sep 1862	Enlisted at Springfield, Mo by Lt. Orr, for 3 years.
Nov 1862	First Treated in Post Hosp. Helena, Phillips Co AR
30 Apr 1863	Present
16 Sep 1863	Transferred to 1st Batt. Invalid Corps.
20 Oct 1863	Hospital of the Invalid Corps, St. Louis, MO.
29 Oct 1863	Discharged from hospital at St. Louis.
30 Oct 1863	Honorably Discharged from service.
28 Sep 1864	Resides Jake's Prairie, Gasconade Co. Mo. Daughter Sarah Jane born.
29 Aug 1866	Resides Jake's Prairie, Gasconade Co. Mo. Applied for pension as Invalid. Sworn statement attested to by Edmond L. Parker, address not stated; K.W. Powers and William Ross, both of Phelps County, MO.
12 Apr 1867	Sworn affidavits by William Butler of Washington Co Mo, and K.W. Powers of Phelps Co Mo stating they have known James T. Porterfield for a period of at least 10 years.
01 May 1867	Resides MO. Son James Henry born.
23 Sep 1869	Resides Mo. Daughter Malissa A. born
Oct 1869	Probably moved to Fulton County AR, sometime between
11 Jul 1870	these two dates. (1870 Census Fulton Co AR 11 July. 1870.)
21 Feb 1871	Son John Nelson born IZARD Co AR. Family probably moved to IZARD Co sometime between 11 July 1870 and 21 Feb 1871
20 Feb 1874	Son Stephen F. died; buried Spring Hill Cemetery outside Oxford, IZARD CO AR. Headstone handcarved natural rock.
12 Mar 1876	Daughter Margaret Melvina "Viney" born, Oxford, AR.

22 Oct 1877 Daughter Malissa A. died; buried Spring Hill Cemetery, outside Oxford AR. Headstone carved natural rock.

13 Apr 1879 Daughter Lydia Ann born in AR, probably Oxford, Izard Co.
ca 1879 Daughter Cynthia married William Neal.

(01 Jun 1880 James and Susan (Reeves) Porterfield and children living in Izard Co AR, New Hope Township Page 43, Dwelling 364, Family 364 James 43, Susan 45, Sarah 15, James 13, John 9, Margaret 4, Lydda 1. Living next door are James' nephew, John Thomas, son of William Ross, and his wife Margaret (Rodman) Porterfield and their one year old daughter, Olivia; Page 43, Dwelling 363, Family 363.)

ca 1880 Daughter Sarah Jane married Jim Molder, Izard Co AR. He eventually deserted her and reportedly ran off with the circus.

29 Jul 1881 Resides Izard Co AR. Pension claim still pending.

18 Apr 1884 Daughter Lydia Ann died: buried Spring Hill Cemetery outside Oxford AR. Headstone carved natural rock.
ca 1884 Daughter Sarah Jane married William Harrison Yancey, Oxford, Izard Co AR.

04 Jan 1886 Son James H. married Luticia Smith, Oxford, AR.

27 Jan 1890 Resides Oxford, Izard Co AR. Completed Declaration for Invalid Pension, witnessed and sworn to by T.R. Largent and J.E. Ford. Pension Application No. 262,866; Pension Certificate No. 262,877.

1891 Son John Nelson married Mary Moriah Knight, Oxford, AR.

01 Jun 1891 Resides Oxford, Izard County AR.
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14 Jul 1899 James T. died, Oxford, Izard Co AR; buried Spring Hill Cemetery outside Oxford. Civil War military units carved on tombstone.

15 Aug 1899 Susan, age shown as 64, applied for Widow's Pension, Oxford, AR Widow No. 704136.
1900 Susan living with daughter Margaret Melvina "Viney" & son-in-law Walter Burton Yancey.

16 Mar 1900 Sworn Statement by J.N. Porterfield (son, John Nelson), age 29, Post Office Izard County, AR, swearing Susan has one cow worth \$25.00, household furniture worth about \$50.00 and no real estate nor income, "and that all the above described property is in Newhope Township, Izard County, Ark., and further that Susan Porterfield is living around with her children since the death of her husband James T. Porterfield."

16 Mar 1900 Sworn statement by William P. Jacobs, Post Office Oxford, AR swearing he has known James T. & Susan Porterfield about 46 years.
1910 Susan living with daughter Sarah Jane & son-in-law William Harrison Yancey.

13 Nov 1914 Susan died of cancer of the tongue at the home of her daughter Sarah Jane Yancey, Oxford, Izard Co AR. Buried Springhill Cemetery, outside Oxford, AR.

Prepared by Paul L. Porterfield

Letters from a Descendant
of
JOHN SPROUL PORTERFIELD

For a brief introduction: Four generations of my ancestors, including John S. Porterfield, are buried at the Academy in the community of Nathan, Arkansas. The Academy is a Methodist Church and Cemetery. Nathan is a community in Pike County, 8 to 10 miles west of the Diamond Mine near Murfreesboro. I was born on a farm in Howard County, Arkansas (adjoins Pike County) and was raised in Arkansas and Texas and lived in that area until leaving Dallas in 1956.

(I have) done some genealogy research at the Mormon Temple, in Santa Monica. I have found names of all of my great and great great grandfathers and the given names (including some maiden names) of all great and great great grandmothers. I am enclosing a brief genealogy chart of my Porterfield family. (Excerpts from letter of Thomas Porterfield of Glendale, CA dated January 8, 1991.)

I suspect that I may be (a descendant) of John Porterfield (1724-1786) and William Porterfield who married Nancy Frazier in Pennsylvania, August 6 1785. William was the third youngest brother to James Porterfield (1747-1811). This information comes from 2a and 2d, page 108 FBP.

I have confirmed that I am a great great grandson of John Sproul Porterfield Sr. (1809-1896), born March 8, 1809 in Pennsylvania.

I have proof that my great great grandfather John S. Sr. (1809-1896) married and started farming in what is now Colbert County, AL in about 1836. Ann E.'s (wife's parents) lived there near I believe Coldwater--now named Tuscumbia. What is now Colbert County, AL joins what is now Alcorn County, MS and Alcorn County joins Hardeman County, TN. When John S. Sr.'s first wife (and mother of all his nine children) Annalise (Ann Eliza) died in the mid or late 1850's, she is believed to have been buried in her in-laws garden (a practice of the times I believe). This burial plot later became the Porterfield Cemetery (I believe in Hardeman County TN, but almost on the line between TN and MS)

A couple of John S. Sr.'s other great great grandchildren and I have names of perhaps 300 of his descendants. These descendants live in the areas of Alcorn County MS and Hardeman County TN (adjoining counties), West Memphis, AR, Southwest Arkansas and East Texas as well as some "lost sheep" in Northern and Southern California. Thus, we would very much like to connect John S. Sr., to his father and/or grandfather. Also, is it possible that you could give me any other guidance as to how I might go about proving or disproving my theory that John S. Sr.'s grandfather and father are John Porterfield (1724-1786) and William Porterfield who married Nancy Frazier in Pennsylvania, August 6, 1785. (I think this partly because) it seems to have been a precedent for one son to be named after the grandfather (John or William). (Excerpts from letter of Thomas Porterfield dated July 11, 1991.)

AN ANSWER
Methods and Tools

Dear Tom,

I must confess I am confused. Your chart of January 8 date shows John S. Porterfield's birthdate and birthplace to be "3/8/1809 in New York," but in your July letter you wrote that you have now confirmed the birthplace to be Pennsylvania.

To offer you help, we make these suggestions.

First, referring to the January chart, you tell us that an 1880 census shows John S., age 71, living with his daughter and son-in-law, James and Lydia S. (Porterfield) Miller. Perhaps you obtained your information from a census index. Read a microfilm copy of the census. The 1880 census enumeration included questions to each family member "Where were you born, where was your father born, where was your mother born?" The place of birth of John S. and of his mother and father should be listed as well as the place of birth of all members of the household and their parents.

Make a time line from a census, 1850 or later, which names all family members, their age, and their place of birth. Use the birth date and place of each person to search for additional information from census and other records. From your chart we know to search New York c. 1810, Alabama c. 1850, Mississippi c. 1877, Arkansas c. 1886 ff.

To learn about other Porterfield family members, record all Porterfields on censuses of states where John Sproul may have lived. Follow families as they change with each 10 year census. You mention Hardeman County Tennessee in your letter of July 11. Hardeman County was created in 1823 from the Western District. The date of the earliest settlement is given as 1819 by Everton (Handybook for Genealogists).

Find and research available reference books or microfilm in library files, using ancestor's surname, places he lived, and subject (ex. Revolutionary War). Family and county histories may be helpful. You might consult microfiche in branch libraries of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. There, micro-film copies of books can be rented for a nominal fee.

When searching surnames, use wives' names as well as the Porterfield name. "Sproul" sounds like an "allied family" name. So try searching for information using the names Sproul and Frazier (Nancy Frazier, wife of William).

Look for naming patterns or repetition of given names of both women and men. See "A Scottish Naming Tradition" on the last page of this newsletter.

Though Frank Burke Porterfield wrote of John Porterfield (1675-1739) as "the venerable John Porterfield, progenitor of the first American Porterfields..." he was not the progenitor of all the American Porterfields--and perhaps was not the first Porterfield in America. The Filby 1985 Supplement of Immigrants lists: Porterfield, David, n.a. New Jersey, 1685. 714 Boyer - Ship Passenger Lists: New York and New Jersey (1600 - 1825.)

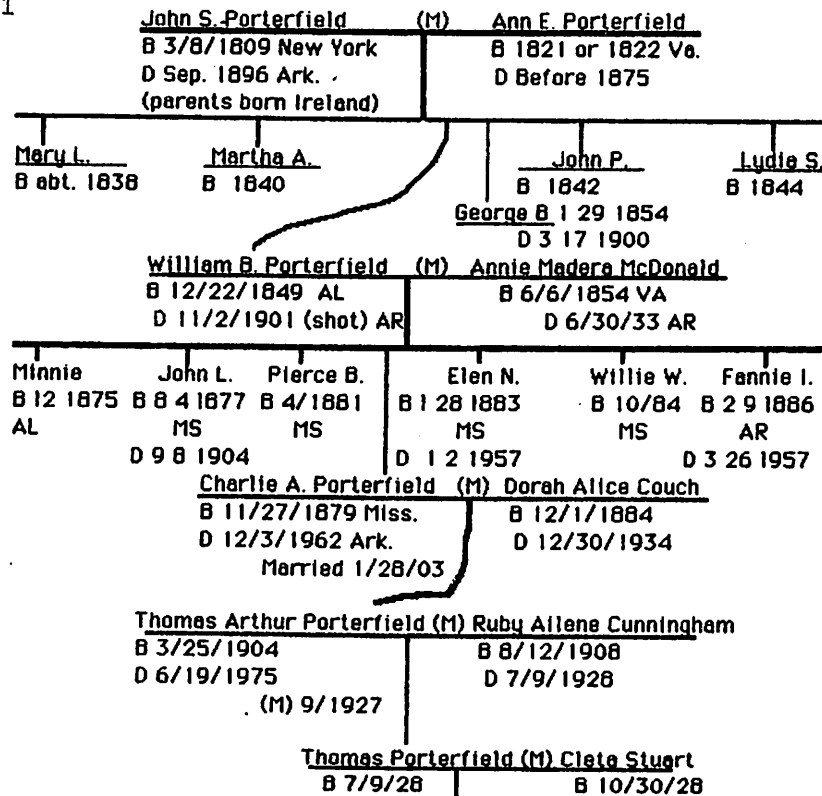
The 1790 New York census roles included three Porterfield's: Alexander Porterfield, North Hempstead, Queens Co.; John Porterfield, Rensselaerville, Albany Co.; John Porterfield, New York City, New York.

Let us know how the research goes. The line of William Porterfield who married Nancy Frazier in Pennsylvania, August 6, 1875 (2a and 2d, page 108 FBP), was one which Frank Burke Porterfield was unable to pursue, for some reason. One of the purposes of Porterfield Lines is to gather, organize, and present material which will clarify and complement records already published.

You may have used some of these methods and tools, but perhaps reviewing them will help you or other readers who are at "wit's end" in their research efforts.

Frances Marie Porterfield Willis

Thomas Porterfield
Glendale, CA
Jan. 8, 1991



Gregory Thomas Porterfield B 2-24-56 MI
Sondra Kay Porterfield Samples B 2-8-58 CA
Lisa Diane Porterfield Wilcox B 2-22-60 CA
Keith Glenn Porterfield B 5-11-62 CA

1880 Census shows John S., age 71, as head of household and living with daughter, Lydia S., age 35, and son-in-law James H. Miller, age 30. It is interesting that James Miller and his parents are shown as having been born in New York where John S. was born. Am wondering whether the Porterfield and Miller families knew each other in New York and/or travelled together to Alabama.

PORTERFIELD REUNION
Eddy, Texas

"Come early, stay late" the invitation read - and we did. Over a hundred Porterfield descendants young and old(er) attended the Porterfield Reunion near Eddy, Texas in the Moody-McGregor farm and ranch country, July 6, 1991..

Hosts were Buddy and LaVerne Porterfield. Buddy and most of those attending are descendants of Charles and Jane Duff Porterfield of Rutherford Co. Tennessee. (See pp. 51 & 52 Porterfield Lines)

The family genealogy appears in Frank Burke Porterfield's The Porterfields, Chapter VI. The Moody, McLennan County Texas branch of the family removed to "Stampede Valley" from Tennessee by way of Mississippi in the 1870's. Three brothers and one sister came and prospered.

Harold (Don) Porterfield of Huntsville, Alabama was an honored guest. A great grandson of John Duff Porterfield, (1836-1900) he has written a genealogical follow-up for his family line which begins at the point in time at which the Frank Burke Porterfield account ends.

Feasting on barbecue and complementary dishes, making new family friends and renewing old ties was the order of the day, but plans were also initiated to prepare printed accounts of the lines for each of the Charles Porterfield descendants who came to McLennan County.

Don Porterfield videotaped the activities and replayed the tape for viewers late in the afternoon. It included scenes taped earlier when Buddy Porterfield guided him on a tour of gravesites in the Moody Cemetery and to farmlands still held by family members. Don made the video primarily for his father, Harold Norman, and New Mexico based family members, but the video will be of great interest to all descendants.

Thanks are due Buddy and LaVerne and other family members who worked so hard to make this a memorable day.

FMW

Don Porterfield's booklet, The Floyd County Porterfields will appear in serial form in the next three issues of Porterfield Lines.

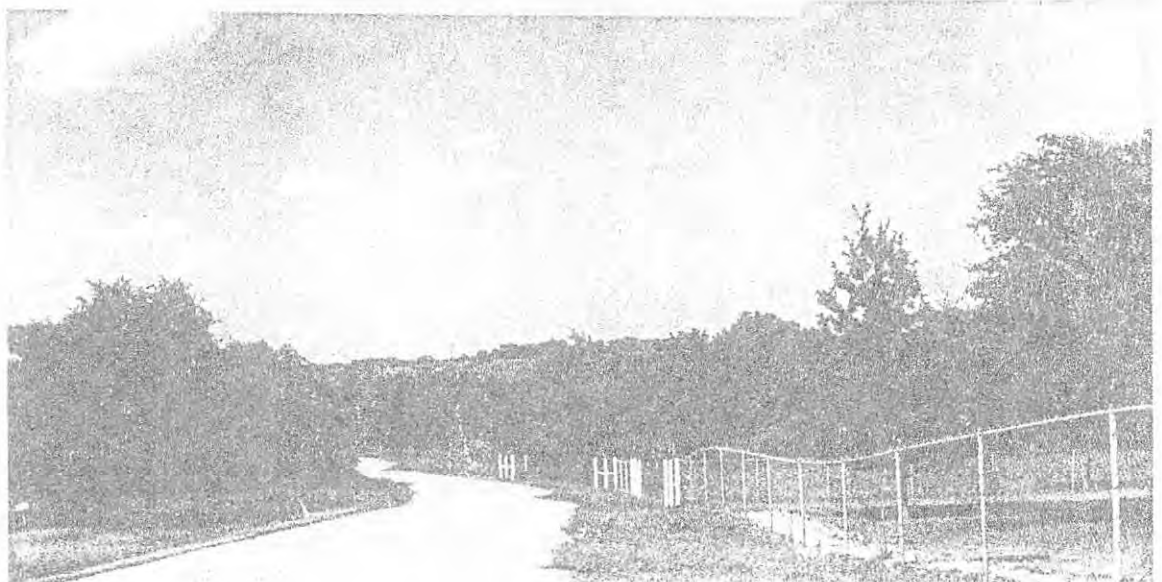
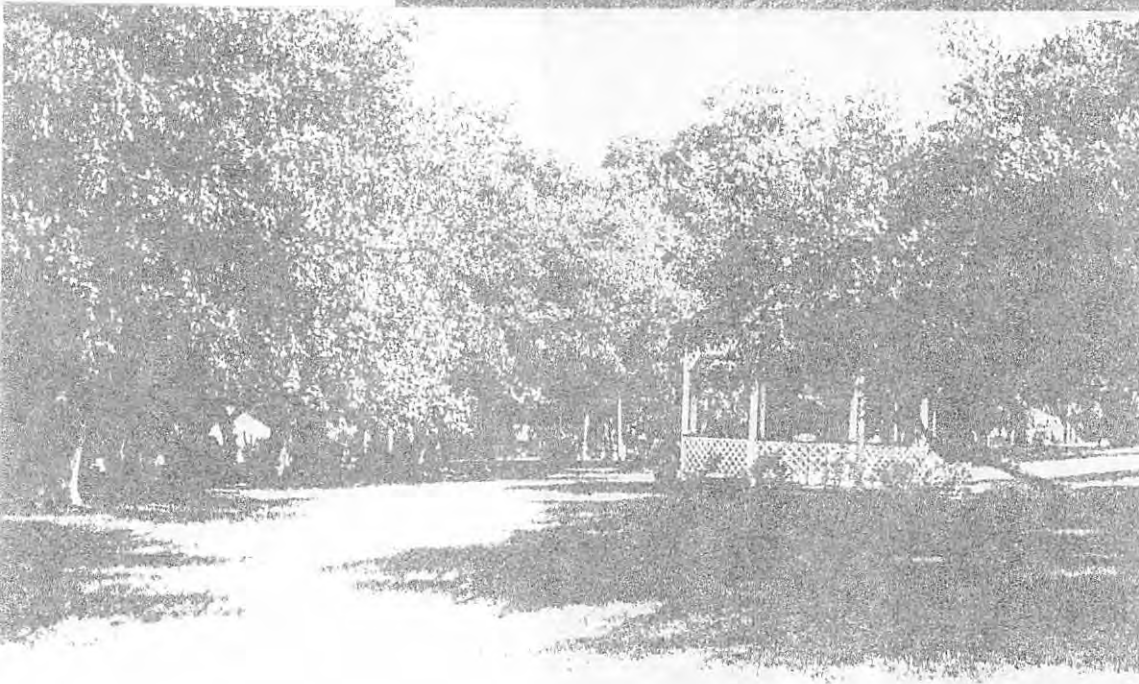
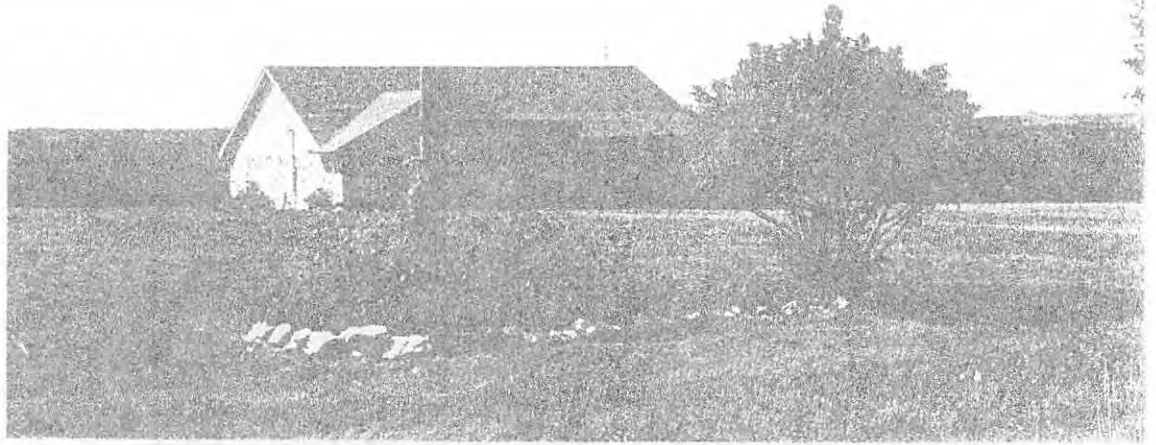


Buddy and LaVerne
Porterfield

Porterfield Reunion - Eddy, Texas - July 6, 1991

Scenes shot from entrance gate of Buddy and LaVerne Porterfield - Mackey Ranch

House in top photo is home of Joy and Bob Telschow, their daughter and son-in-law.



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FOREWORD

My intentions in this work are several fold: to compile a brief history of those who are descended from Howard Neff Porterfield who migrated from Floyd County Texas to northern New Mexico in 1930; to tie this lineage back to the Lancaster County Porterfields as compiled by Frank Burke Porterfield in his book "The Porterfields" published in 1948 by Southeastern Press Inc., Roanoke, Virginia; to provide a "roadmap" for those who are interested in their ancestry all the way back to ancient Scotland and; finally to provide each of those descendants who are included in this work with an identification of their immediate or nearly immediate relations.

After considerable deliberations, it was deemed appropriate to title this work "The Floyd County Porterfields." Floyd County Texas is the common ground for this branch of the family.

The time of this writing is 1991 - one hundred and thirteen years after the birth of Howard Neff Porterfield. It was felt that this work needed to be completed before records, personal biographies, and memories of the family are lost forever. Hopefully, this will be useful to future generations. It is true that "He who honors his ancestry honors himself."

As you review this you will find that some branches traced by Frank Burke Porterfield stop abruptly with no further identification of subsequent descendants. This is unfortunate and regrettably it is the descendants within these voids, present and future, who are left wanting. Let us pray that in future generations such will not befall the records of our lineage.

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Lastly, about halfway between Waco and Temple, Texas is the town of Eddy. A "Porterfield" reunion is held in Eddy every 4th of July. As you will see in this work three branches of the Porterfield family settled in the Moody/Eddy, Texas area shortly after the Civil War. My father, Harold Norman Porterfield, was born in nearby McGregor, Texas.

Harold (Don) Porterfield
(8a) page 25

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INTRODUCTION

This section is a continuation of the Lancaster County Porterfields as contained in the book "The Porterfields" published by Frank Burke Porterfield of Roanoke, Virginia in 1948. A copy of pertinent sections have been reproduced and enclosed herein for further reference. The specific point at which this continuation starts is with (6b) Howard Neff Porterfield (page 112 in the Porterfield book) who moved from Floydada, Texas to the northern New Mexico community of Roy, New Mexico in 1930.

If you are of the Porterfield line then you are a Scottish descendent of the Lords of Duchall. The Duchall Castle was located about two miles southwest of Kilmacolm, Renfrew County, Scotland. It was besieged by James IV in 1498 and was later purchased by the Porterfields. The Porterfields became sizable landholders. The original lands of Porterfield lie along the bank of the River Cart. This was an ancient possession of the family dePorter who took the Porterfield surname and designation. Historic Paisley is nearby and the lights of Glasgow may be seen at night. Twelve miles west is Duchall Castle and twelve miles south is Hapland and the other lands of the Porterfields. At one time possessions included the lands of Porterfield, Duchall, Hapland, Fulwood, Chapeltown, and Quarreltown.

The original lands of Porterfield were first chartered in 1362 to Stephen de Porter by his friend Robert, Earl of Strathern, and King of Scotland. Stephen de Porter was a descendent of a Norman knight, Alanus de Porter, whose name first appears in a charter dated 1160. Alanus was retained by Henry II of England as a hostage that the treaty of Falaise, 1174, be observed.

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The lands were rechartered in 1500 by James IV of England to Stephen's descendent, Robert Porter. Robert's grandson, John Porterfield, purchased the barony of Duchall in 1544 and moved his family to that historic place. It is from this line that we are descended.

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ANCESTRY

Alanus dePorter	1160	Norman knight
John dePorter	1262	Abbey of Paisley
Walter dePorter	1296	Ragman Roll
Stephen dePorter	1362	Chartered the lands of Porterfield (Robert, King of Scotland)
Robert Porter	1500	Rechartered the lands of Porterfield (King James IV, England)
John Porterfield	1544	Purchased the Barony of Duchall
William Porterfield	1540-1620	Laird* of Duchall
Alexander Porterfield	1592-1675	Laird of Duchall
Alexander Porterfield	1620-1694	Laird of Duchall
William Porterfield	1645-1728	Moved to Ireland
John Porterfield	1675-1739	Immigrant to Pennsylvania
(1d) John Porterfield	1724-1786	Lancaster County Porterfields
(2a) James Porterfield	1747-1811	Moved to Tennessee
(3a) Charles Porterfield	1776-1839	Rutherford County, Tenn.
(4a) John Duff Porterfield	1803-1879	Moved to Holly Springs Mississippi
(5e) John Duff Porterfield	1836-1900	Moved to Moody, Texas
(6b) Howard Neff Porterfield	1878-1962	Moved to Roy, New Mexico

(*) Laird is Scottish for lord.

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Porterfield

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(6b) Howard Neff Porterfield b. September 20, 1878, Bishop (Moody), Texas, m. October 4, 1899, Beta Ella Vaughan in Moody, Texas; died September 6, 1962 and is buried in the Tucumcari, New Mexico cemetery. Howard was born not long after the Civil War to a CSA veteran John Duff Porterfield and his wife Mary Zillafro (McFadden) Porterfield. He also had three Porterfield uncles, William Claude, Thomas Benton, and Frank Marlon, who fought for the CSA. In addition, one uncle, James Henry, had moved to Arkansas/Missouri prior to the war and served with the U.S. Army. Thomas Benton was killed in the battle at Resaca, just north of Atlanta, Georgia. After the war the family started its migration to Texas. Howard's father, John Duff, moved his family to Moody in 1873 when Howard's sister, Mary Elizabeth, was five years old. Two uncles, Frank Marlon and George Monroe, also relocated to McLennan County, Texas. Howard grew up on a farm in the Moody area. He was raised as a hard shell Baptist and is remembered as having been an excellent shortstop on a local baseball team.

Beta Ella b. November 11, 1881, Bethasda, Texas to S. James and Laura Alice (Sprull) Vaughan. Died January 23, 1966 and is also interred in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Her father was a Methodist Circuit Rider minister and owner of a drug store. She once stated that she was a fifth generation Texan - her mother's family having moved to Texas with Sam Houston. Beta was extremely religious and was very active in the Methodist church. She was strongly influenced by her father and uncle, Robert F. Dunn. Dunn was one of the first Methodist Circuit Riders in the western United States. His original circuit stretched from El Paso, Texas to Denver, Colorado. His portrait hangs in the museum at Texas Tech.

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Howard and Beta moved to Tulla, Texas in 1915 and then to Floydada, Texas in 1918 where they were farmers. In 1930 they moved to Roy, New Mexico where Howard worked for the historical Florsheim Mercantile Company. In 1941 he was transferred to the Florsheim operations in Springer, N.M. Howard retired in 1948 after which he and Beta moved to Tucumcari, N.M. to be near their daughter, Mary Alice (Porterfield) Spiegelmirre. It is not surprising that Beta, during her life time, lived and worked for Methodism in areas that were once part of her Uncle Robert's original circuit.

Issue:

- (7a) Howard Nelms (1901-1902)
- (7b) Lola Vletch (1902-)
- (7c) John Vaughan (1904-1988)
- (7d) Grace (NMN)(1906-1989)
- (7e) Harold Norman (1910-)
- (7f) J. Fred (1914-)
- (7g) Vallie Beta (1919-)
- (7h) Mary Alice (1924-)

Four of their children moved with them to northern New Mexico: Harold, J. Fred, Vallie, and Mary. Three of the children, Lola, J. Vaughan, and Grace, remained in Texas.

The following was taken from some of Beta's writings:

"A word picture of our seven children:

Lola - a little woman and good to write

Vaughan - so helpful - he bought his dad a windmill

Grace - good to write - one of the best babies - slept all the time

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Harold - read bible stories - took care of baby while I was at district meeting

Fred - a good obedient little son and so helpful. Baked a cake when I was ill. When Fred started to school the teacher asked him if he was Harold's brother, when he said he yes, she put him on the front row.

Vallie - In first grade walked a mile to school and wore a little bonnet. Would come in after school, stand by me, and tell of what she did or what happened that day.

Mary Alice - so good to write when she went away to work and sometimes send telegrams to know how we were, and such a sweet little child."

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(7a) Howard Nelms Porterfield b. February 3, 1901 in Bishop Texas. Died as an infant at 16 months.

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(7b) Lola Vietch Porterfield b. Sept. 15, 1902. Bishop, Texas (near Moody, Texas in Stampede Valley) at the home of her paternal grandmother, Mary Zellephra (McFadden) Porterfield. Married Willis Earl Edwards on Oct. 4, 1921 in Floydada, Texas. Lola moved with her family to Tulla (Swisher County), Texas in 1915. She rode in a horse drawn carriage to school as they lived some miles southwest of Tulla. Moved with family to Floydada, Texas in 1918 where Lola graduated from high school in 1920. Met her future husband, Earl Edwards, in his sister's Sunday School class at First Methodist Church in Floydada. After high school, she worked for a time in a drug store in Cisco, Texas owned by her maternal grandfather, S.J. Vaughan and uncle-in-law, Bob Fain (Hazel Vaughan's husband). It is told that Earl got tired of waiting for Lola to come back to Floydada, so he went to Cisco and got her.

Willis (Earl) Edwards was born on May 6, 1897 in McGregor, Texas to John Croft and Annie Belle (Dollins) Edwards. Earl served in the Army during World War I. When he was discharged he moved to Floydada and lived with his widowed sister, Stella (Edwards) Smith, and her two small children and started farming. Lola and Earl were married by her maternal grandfather, S. J. Vaughan, a Methodist minister. They bought a farm in southeast Floyd county where they lived for 56 years. Lola and Earl moved into Floydada in 1978. At the present time, 1990, they are living in the Floydada Caprock Hospital care facility where Earl is recovering from hip-replacement surgery. They are so completely devoted to each other that a daughter stated, "They are permanently joined at the hip. Mother has

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suffered every twinge and pain Daddy has experienced." At the time of this writing, 1990, Earl is 93 and Lola is 88. Next year, 1991, they will have enjoyed 70 years of wedded bliss.

Issue:

- (8a) Ara Sue Edwards (1922-)
- (8b) Jeanne (NMN) Edwards (1926-)
- (8c) Willis Earl Edwards, Jr. (1928-)

(8a) Ara Sue Edwards b. November 7, 1922 in Plainview, Texas m. Edwin Frank Fite on April 26, 1947 in Dallas, Texas. Ara (Sue) grew up in Floyd County Texas graduating from Floydada High School in 1939. She attended Texas Tech receiving a B.S. degree in food nutrition in 1945.

Edwin (Frank) Fite was born on June 17, 1923 in Lubbock, Texas to Fred and Mayme Fite. Frank grew up in Lubbock graduating from Lubbock High School in 1940. He subsequently attended Texas Tech and the University of Dallas.

Sue and Frank first met in college at Texas Tech. After graduation Sue worked at Southern Methodist University in Dallas as a dietitian. Frank moved to Dallas soon afterward to work for a jewelry firm and they were married in 1947. Subsequently, they purchased Busch Jewelers in Abilene and have lived there ever since.

Issue:

- (9a) Donald Frank (December 22, 1953)
- (9b) Jana Sue (Christmas Day, 1958)

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(9a) Donald Frank Fite b. December 22, 1955 in Abilene, Texas m. Tammy Jane Aubrey on March 31, 1984 in Abilene. Donald (Don) grew up in Abilene graduating from Cooper High School in 1974. He attended McMurray receiving a B.A. degree in 1978.

Tammy Jane Aubrey was born on November 29, 1957 in Alamogordo, New Mexico to Jim and Donna Aubrey. She graduated from Albuquerque High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976. Tammy received her R.N. in 1980 after having attended McMurray and Mary Meek Nursing.

Don has worked for the family business (Busch Jewelers) since he was a Junior in high school. Tammy is currently staying at home being a mother and housewife.

Issue:

(10a) Nathaniel Croft (March 15, 1988)

(9b) Jana Sue Fite b. December 25, 1958 in Abilene, Texas m. August 30, 1986 in Abilene to Mark Thomas Kappel. Jana grew up in Abilene graduating from Cooper High School in 1978. She attended Texas Tech receiving a B.S. degree in food nutrition in 1983.

Mark Thomas Kappel was born on November 20, 1958 in Kansas City, Missouri to George and Barbara Kappel. He graduated from high school in 1978 and attended Central Missouri State receiving a B.A. in business administration in 1982. Mark worked for the Hormel Corporation from 1982 to 1990 at which time he accepted a position with the family business (Busch Jewelers). Jana is currently (1991) enrolled at the American Culinary Institute and should graduate in December. She previously worked

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for the Kellogg Corporation, Playtex Corporation, and Virginia Department of Agriculture.

No Issue

(8b) Jeanne (NMN) Edwards b. June 21, 1926. Plainview, Texas m. Maxey Dell McKnight on August 7, 1949 in Floydada, Texas. Jeanne graduated Floydada High School, received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Texas Tech University in 1948 and a Master of Education in 1969 from South Western State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. She taught school for 29 years with 25 of those years as a First Grade teacher. She retired from teaching in 1986.

Maxey Dell McKnight, was born on August 25, 1921 in McAllen, Texas to Edwin Dunbar and Jessie Lorado (Smith) McKnight. Maxey is a member of a pioneer Lamb County Texas family, graduated Littlefield High School, started to Texas Tech on a football scholarship, but had his education interrupted by World War II. He served in the Marine Corp in the South Pacific aboard an aircraft carrier. When he was discharged, he returned to Texas Tech. receiving a B.S. degree in 1947 and an M.S. degree in 1951. There he and Jeanne met. Maxey taught, coached, and was a school administrator for 36 years, retiring in 1981. Jeanne's name was inadvertently omitted from the original "The Porterfields" book (page 113), but said that if she didn't have such a good self-image, this little oversight might have given her an inferiority complex. Not so, however!

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Issue:

- (9a) Maxey Dell, Jr. (January 23, 1953-)
- (9b) Robert Edward (March 26, 1955-)

(9a) Maxey (Dell) McKnight, Jr. b. January 23, 1953, Wellington, Texas, m. Brenda Kay Roberson (b. (October 25, 1954) August 16, 1975, Kress, Texas. Graduated Kress High School, Valedictorian, 1971; graduated West Texas State University, 1975. Dell was accepted in Medical School at Galveston, University of Texas Medical Branch; graduated 1980. He completed his Residency in Family Practice Medicine in Amarillo at the Texas Tech School of Medicine. Dell has a Family Practice in Abilene, Texas, 1990. Brenda Roberson McKnight graduated Kress High School, Salutatorian, 1973. She was a Med. Tech major at WTSU and completed three years, but put her schooling on hold when she and Dell married and he started Medical School. She went to work in the Clinical Lab at UTMB in order to help pay their rent and put food on the table while he was earning his Doctor's Degree. She should probably have her name, also, on that Medical Degree that has Dell's name on it. She says some day she will finish her education when she is not raising two boys and helping Dell in his practice.

Issue:

- (10a) Michael William (12/25/80-)
- (10b) David Wayne (3/24/83-)

(9b) Robert Edward McKnight b. March 26, 1955, Wellington, Texas, m. Amy Lynne Medford on January 22, 1983 in Haskell Texas. Robert (Rob) graduated Kress High School, 1973, and

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tried out several colleges/universities prior to attending the Lippert Court Reporting School graduating in 1979. He truly enjoys this profession. Rob did free-lance Court Reporting in Tuscaloosa, Alabama 1979-81. He then became Court Stenographer for the 39th Judicial District at Haskell, Texas in 1981 and currently continues in that position now, 1991.

Amy Medford McKnight was born on August 21, 1956 in Haskell, Texas to Wilda Dewell and Anita (Pitman) Medford. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1974, and West Texas State University in 1979 with a B.S. degree in Nursing. She is a Public Health Nurse with the position of Office Supervisor for the Texas Department of Health in Haskell which covers a five county area for the Texas Department of Health. Rob and Amy are avid fishermen, especially enjoy trout fishing in Colorado. Rob got his pilot's license in 1984 and he and Amy own a Beach Craft Debonair plane.

No Issue

(8c) Willis Earl Edwards Jr. b. November 28, 1928 in Floydada, Texas, m. Claire Nell Williams on February 10, 1951 in Austin, Texas. Willis (Earl) grew up on a farm in Floyd County where he attended school graduating from Floydada High School in 1946. Earl subsequently attended Texas A&M receiving a B.S. degree in Dairy Husbandry in 1950.

Claire Nell Williams was born on May 29, 1932 in Eden, Texas to W.J. and Gertrude Williams. She grew up in Llano County, graduating from Llano High School in 1949. Claire attended the University of Texas for three years.

PORTERFIELD LINES

PURPOSE: To present material of a genealogical nature pertaining to Porterfield and Allied Families. To share and encourage an exchange of information. To assist those researching Porterfield family history. To remember and honor our forbears.

PROPOSED CONTENTS: Maps, Family Group Sheets, resource lists, character sketches, photographs, historical and geographical background, military service records, cemetery records, ministers and churches served, census records, lineage charts of Porterfield and Allied Families, book reviews.

PUBLICATION POLICIES: Original articles from readers are welcomed. Focus of interest will be on Porterfield and Allied Families. Sources of information should be given, please. PORTERFIELD LINES solicits family group sheets, lineage charts, and other material associated with the surname. Material typed and "camera-ready" will be greatly appreciated, but if this is not possible, send your material in any legible form. Name credit will be given contributors.

PUBLICATION POLICY - QUERIES:: Since Porterfield Lines is published to share information, queries addressed to the Newsletter Editor are encouraged. Queries should be limited to a reasonable length and should be submitted typewritten or legibly handwritten. Both queries and responses from readers will be printed as space allows. Give sources, please.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: "John Milton Porterfield and Unanswered Questions"; Travel - How and Why; Other Porterfield Lines; "Floyd County Porterfields" by Harold (Don) Porterfield.

A SCOTTISH NAMING TRADITION

The first son after the father's father.
The second son after the mother's father.
The third son after the father.
The first daughter after the mother's mother.
The second daughter after the father's mother.
The third daughter after the mother.



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

MIGRATION - HOW AND WHY

One of the most absorbing facets of studying family history is learning how and why our ancestors migrated from one section of the country to another.

Colleen Rickabaugh, who is the wife of Irl Rickabaugh, a descendant of John Wilson Porterfield (1784-1860), gives us an account of the migration of this family from Tennessee to California.

Noting that John Wilson had moved to California in 1853 (Frank Burke Porterfield, The Porterfields pp 146-148), we wrote to ask whether he went there because of the discovery of gold and subsequent California Gold Rush. She replied on February 8, 1991:

Dear Frances,

I don't have all the answers on why our Porterfield line came to California but will tell you what I know.

From what I can determine, John Wilson Porterfield's family sort of fell apart after Julia's death and they became scattered. Some tried Missouri and Iowa before settling on California. It appears James Harvey Porterfield came first. In the spring of 1845 he joined Capt. Grigsby's Company for Oregon. Along the way they met a hunter and trapper who gave glowing descriptions of California. The next morning, the wagon train split and James Harvey who was acting as a teamster, came with the California party. This was prior to the Gold Rush. He ended up in Sonoma and worked as a carpenter until he joined the Bear Flag party and fought in the Mexican War. At the very dawn of the gold excitement, he tried mining but only lasted six months. He then drove stock to the mines and in 1850 he settled down in Yolo County raising stock.

In 1850 his brother, John Wilson Porterfield Jr., joined an oxen team and came to California to join his brother, James Harvey, in Yolo County. Along the way he tried gold mining but only lasted one winter. In 1852, James returned to Iowa, married and with his wife and father, he returned to

California in 1853. By 1870 everyone was settled into farming, James Harvey in Napa County and John W. Sr. and Jr. in Sonoma County. (The counties are side by side)

So even though they tried mining for gold, I don't think it was the reason for coming West. I think they were just looking for a better life. All this was obtained from "History of the State of California and Biographical Record of Coast Counties" and "History of Napa and Lake County".

Hope this will help.

Colleen Rickabaugh
Ukiah, California

John Porterfield b. 1675 Donegal, Ireland, d. 1739 Chester Co., Pa.

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John Porterfield b. 1724 Donegal, Ireland, d. 1786 PA., m. _____

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James Porterfield b. 1747 Lancaster Co., PA, d. 1811 Wilson Co., TN,
m. 1773 Jane Lockhart

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John Wilson Porterfield b. Feb. 15, 1784 Washington Co., VA.,
d. February 9, 1860 Knights Landing, CA, m. Julia or Jaley
↓ Edmond on May 25, 1809 Washington Co., VA.

Susannah Gaines Porterfield b. Mar. 10, 1815 TN, d. Feb. 6, 1866
Lake County, CA, m. James Laughlin Cox on Feb. 2, 1835

↓ Rutherford Co., TN. J. L. Cox b. Jan. 2, 1808 Washington Co.,
VA., d. May 18, 1896 Kelseyville, CA.

Marianna Amanda Cox b. Mar. 24, 1848 Ia, d. Mar. 1, 1927 Richmond,
CA., m. Nov. 24, 1864 Seth Rickabaugh in CA.. Seth Rickabaugh

↓ b. Dec. 29, 1832 Greene Co., Indiana, d. Feb. 10, 1908
Kelseyville, CA.

William Douglas Rickabaugh b. Jan. 17, 1866 Lake County, CA.,

↓ d. Sept. 4, 1953 Lakeport, CA, m. Alice Marie Yates on
Jan. 11, 1894 in CA.

William Kenneth Rickabaugh b. Oct. 1, 1906 Lake County, CA.,

↓ d. May 6, 1977 Lakeport, CA., m. Helen May Braunton on
June 23, 1931 Lakeport, CA.

Irl Rickabaugh b. July 27, 1937 Kelseyville, CA., liv., m.

Helen Colleen Taylor on April 19, 1969 Cloverdale, CA.

JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD
"Lancaster County Porterfield"

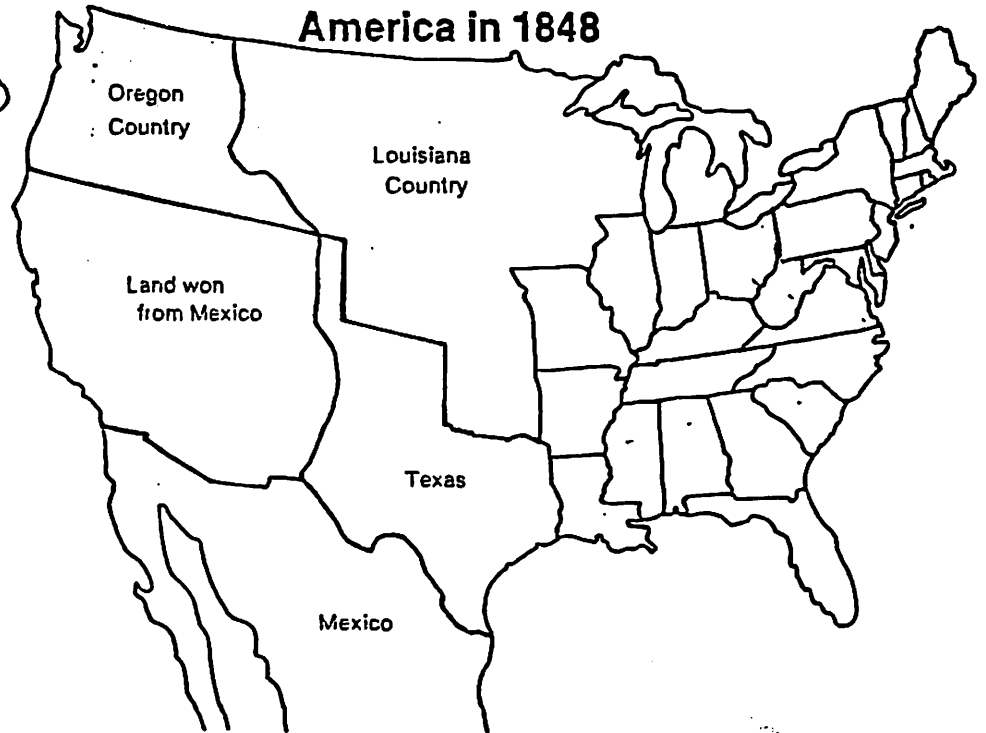
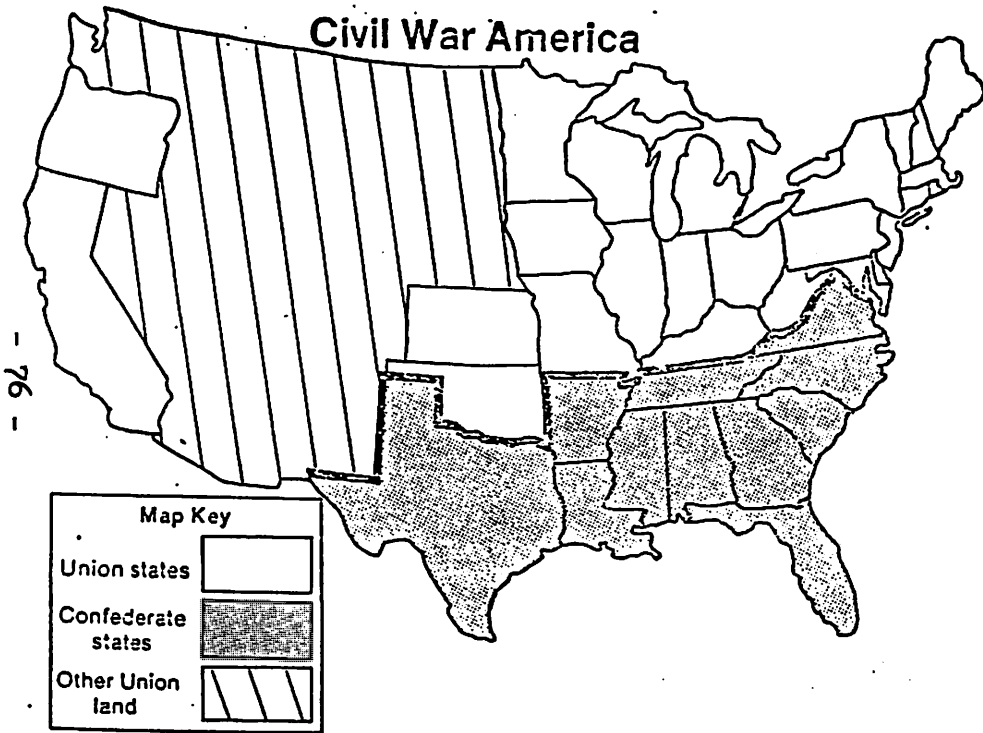
John Wilson Porterfield was the fifth son of James Porterfield (1747-1811) and Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (1747-1816) and a grandson of John Porterfield (1724-1786) of Lancaster County PA. He was a younger brother of Charles Porterfield, the oldest son, and James Porterfield, the third son, of James and Jane. (See pages 23,24, and 52, Porterfield Lines, March and May 1991 for Individual Charts.) James and Jane had six sons and one daughter, Charles (1776-1839), Thomas Wilson (1778-1872), James (1780-1861), William W. (1782-1850), John Wilson (1784-1860), Samuel H. (1794-), and Sarah "Sally" Porterfield. (Samuel H. and Sarah added from probate records.)

John Wilson married Julia/Jaley Edgmond in 1809, moved from Rutherford County Tennessee to Jones County Iowa in 1839, and to California in 1853. John Wilson and Julia had nine children. Irl Rickabaugh who married Helen Colleen Taylor on April 19, 1969 in Cloverdale, California, is a descendant of Susannah Gaines Porterfield who was born March 10, 1815 in Tennessee, married James Laughlin Cox on Feb. 2, 1835 in Rutherford County, Tennessee, died on February 6, 1866 in Lake County, California. Susannah Gaines was the third child, second daughter of John Wilson and Julia Porterfield. Since Frank Burke Porterfield made no attempt to follow the lines of the Porterfields who were women, we have very few records of their marriages and descendants. (Sources; Frank Burke Porterfield, The Porterfields, pages 146-148; Colleen Rickabaugh, Lineage Chart.)

John Wilson Porterfield (RN=13)
(Last Updated 19 Aug 1991)

FATHER: James Porterfield (RN=2)
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3)
BORN: 15 Feb 1784
AT: Washington Co. VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Julia/Jaley Edgmond (RN=14)
ON: 25 May 1809
AT: Washington Co., VA
STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 09 Feb 1860
AT: Knights Landing, CA
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 9

- 1) Elizabeth Edgmond Porterfield (1811-1824) (RN=237)
 - 2) Samuel Scott Porterfield b. 1813 (RN=238)
 - 3) Susannah Gaines Porterfield b. 1815 (RN=239)
 - 4) Margaret Strother Porterfield b. 1818 (RN=240)
 - 5) Jane Rhea Porterfield b. 1820 (RN=241)
 - 6) James Harvey Porterfield b. 1823 (RN=242)
 - 7) Julia Edgmond Porterfield b. 1825 (RN=243)
 - 8) John Wilson Porterfield (1829-1911) (RN=244)
 - 9) Sarah Elizabeth Porterfield b. 1831 (RN=245)
- (1: Moved from Rutherford County, TN to Jones Co. Iowa, 1839, and to California in 1853.)
(2: Sources: Frank Burke Porterfield; Coleen (Taylor) Rickabaugh.)



U.S. EXPANSION TO THE WEST

OREGON

- 1803 Louisiana Purchase extends U.S. territory to Oregon Country.
1805 Lewis and Clark Expedition travels overland from St. Louis, Missouri to the headwaters of Columbia River in the northwest.
1811 Extensive commercial trading in furs begins. Pacific Fur Company builds trading post, Astoria. In 1811 British North-West Fur Company takes over post, renaming it Fort George. War of 1812.
1818 U.S. and Britain agree to occupy Oregon Country jointly for ten years, then extend the agreement indefinitely in 1827.
1832 Jason Lee, Dr. Marcus Whitman and other missionaries lead in settlement of the area. In 1836 Dr. Whitman and the Rev. Henry Spalding and their wives reached Oregon. Wives first women to make the overland journey. Oregon Emigration Societies organized beginning 1838.
1843 Marcus Whitman leads a Wagon Train of 200 covered wagons with 900 settlers to Willamette Valley. Emigrant numbers increase each year.
1846 British-U.S. treaty agreement setting the 49th parallel as boundary. Congress creates Oregon Territory in 1848.
1850 Donation Land Act "guaranteed to settlers in Oregon 320 acres of domain land if they settled before Dec. 1, 1850 or 160 acres if they arrived and qualified before Dec 31, 1853."
1852 Gold discovered. Gold fever sweeps Oregon.
1853 Washington Territory created from Oregon Territory.
1859 Oregon becomes 33rd State, slavery prohibited.
1861 Another gold field discovered - this in Eastern Oregon. "...gold seekers stay to settle and farm Region."
1883 Northern Pacific and Union Pacific link Oregon to the east.
1887 Railway to California (begun in 1868) completed.

CALIFORNIA

- 1542 Cabrillo claims California coastline for Spain.
1579 Sir Francis Drake claims area near San Francisco Bay for England.
1769 Father Junipero Serra establishes first of 21 Spanish missions completed by 1823. Vinyards and orange trees planted.
1796 First U.S. ship the Otter docks at Monterey, beginning U.S.-California trade despite Spanish law forbidding it.
1812 Russians build Fort Rossiya (Ross) at the mouth of San Francisco Bay; in 1841 they sell it to John Sutter.
1821 Mexico wins independence from Spain. In 1825 claims California.
1822 Californians at Monterey declare short-lived independence. Conflicts of U.S. settlers and Mexican government continue.
1839 Captain John Sutter founds present Sacramento.
1841 First organized group travels overland five months from Missouri. The Great Immigration peaks in 1845.
1846 Fremont, on a surreptitious military expedition, asked to leave, refuses. American settlers proclaim the Bear Flag Republic. sieze Sonoma. U.S. government conducts military campaign.
1847 Mexican General Andreas Pico surrenders to General Fremont.
1848 Mexico cedes California to U.S. on Feb. 2.
1848 James Marshall discovers gold at Sutter's millrace. 1849 Gold Rush.
1849 Californians ask admission to U. S. Admitted 1850 as free state.
1862 Drought forces Mexican cattleman to sell land. Land boom.
1869 Central and Union Pacific unite, complete transcontinental R.R.
(Sources: Compton's; Encyclopedia Britannica)

CHART OF Frances Marie Porterfield (RN=182),

1. Frances Marie Porterfield (RN=182) b 24 Nov 1918, Oklahoma City, OK, liv , m 12 Oct 1940, Arlington, Texas.

-----Generation 1-----

2. Austin Larimore Porterfield (RN=162) b 16 Oct 1896, Salem Fulton Co AR, d 25 Aug 1979, Victoria TX, buried Fort Worth Tarrant Co TX, m 14 Mar 1917, Oklahoma City Okla..

3. Rose Ella McCollum (RN=163) b Oct 1894, Violet Hill IZARD Co AR, d 14 Oct 1966, Fort Worth Tarrant Co. TX, m 14 Mar 1917, Oklahoma City Okla..

-----Generation 2-----

4. John Thomas Porterfield (RN=60) b 23 Dec 1855, Independence Co. AR, d 20 Feb 1929, near Cave City, Sharp Co AR, m 02 Nov 1876, IZARD Co AR.

5. Margaret Emealine Rodman (RN=127) b 06 Jan 1860, Hickman Co KY, d 31 May 1909, Wheeling, Fulton Co AR, m 02 Nov 1876-IZARD Co AR.

6. William Harley McCollum, Jr. (No RN).

7. Mary Ellen "Molly" Lawhon (No RN).

-----Generation 3-----

8. William Ross Porterfield (RN=48) b 05 Jul 1835, Bedford Co TN, d 05 Oct 1862, St. Louis MO, m 11 Oct 1854, Independence Co AR.

9. Milly Ann Powers (RN=49) b 05 Jul 1827, North Carolina, d 13 Dec 1911, Fulton Co AR, m 11 Oct 1854, Independence Co AR.

10. Ross R. Rodman (RN=134) b 03 Oct 1834, KY, d 02 Jul 1886, IZARD Co AR, m 03 Jun 1857, Ky probably Hickman Co..

11. Nancy Jane Dinkins (RN=135) b 20 Jun 1833, TN or KY?, d 21 Mar 1915, Cave City, AR, m 03 Jun 1857, Ky probably Hickman Co..

-----Generation 4-----

16. John Milton Porterfield (RN=28) b 14 Dec 1813, Wilson Co TN, d after 1870, Fulton Co AR, m 05 Aug 1834, Wilson Co TN

17. Annis Lea (RN=29) b 10 Apr 1814, Ireland, d After 1870, Fulton Co AR?, m 05 Aug 1834, Wilson Co TN.

18. Gambol/Gambrel Powers (RN=137) b c 1791, NC, d 06 Aug 1859, Independence Co AR, m c 1820, NC.

19. Mary B. James (RN=138) b c 1800, VA?, d after 1870, Independence Co AR ?, m c 1820, NC.

20. Samuel Rodman (RN=132) b c 1801, VA, d between 1850 and 1860, Hickman Co KY, m c 1823, KY? or TN?.

21. Margaret ? (RN=133) b c 1798-99, TN, d After 1860, IZARD Co AR, m c 1823, KY? or TN?.

22. ? Dinkins Father of Nancy Jane Dinkins Rodman (RN=215) m c 1831-2.

23. Sally ? Mother of Nancy Jane Dinkins (RN=136) b c 1815-1816, Tn or Ky, m c 1831-2.

-----Generation 5-----

32. James Porterfield (RN=9) b 1780, Abingdon, Wash, VA, d 1861, Wilson Co. TN, m 17 Nov 1803, Wash Co VA.

33. Ruth Caapell (RN=10) b 1783, VA?, d Wilson Co TN, m 17 Nov 1803, Wash Co VA.

34. Giles Leahy (RN=130) m 07 Nov 1807, St Multose Protestant Episcopal Ch, Kinsale, Ireland.

35. Catherine Daunt (RN=131) m 07 Nov 1807, St Multose Protestant Episcopal Ch, Kinsale, Ireland.

36. : John Powers (RN=216).

38. John James (RN=139) b c 1775, VA, m 26 Mar 1807.

39. Mary "Polly" Poor (RN=140) b 1790???, VA, m 26 Mar 1807.

46. Broadfoot?, Broaches?Broadfeister? (No RN).

-----Generation 6-----

64. James Porterfield (RN=2) b 1747, Lancaster Co PA, d 1811, Wilson Co. TN, m 1773, Augusta Co VA ?.

65. Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3) b 1747, Lancaster Co PA, d 1816, Wilson Co TN, m 1773, Augusta Co VA ?.

68. Meade Leahy (RN=128) m .

69. Catherine Giles (RN=129) m .

76. William James (RN=141) b c 1754, Wales, m 15 Jul 1774, VA.

77. Mary Hines (RN=142) b 1775, England, m 15 Jul 1774, VA.

78. Robert Poor (RN=143) b 1755, m .

79. Elizabeth Mias (RN=144) m .

-----Generation 7-----

128. John Porterfield (RN=1) b 1724, Ireland, d 1786, Lancaster Co PA ?, m .

129. Unknown (RN=125) m .

-----Generation 8-----

256. John Porterfield Immigrant to PA (RN=40) b 1675, Ireland, d 1739, New Jersey?.

-----Generation 9-----

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS
JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD FAMILY
North Central Arkansas

FRANCES J. PORTERFIELD: Listed as 11 years old on 16 October, 1850 Wilson County Tennessee census, Frances J./Frankie J. was the oldest daughter of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield, younger sister of William Ross and James T. Porterfield. She would have been 12 to 16 when the family moved to Arkansas, 20 or 21 at the time of the 1860 census. However, on 14 June, 1860, when the Union Township Fulton County Arkansas census was enumerated, she was not living with John Milton and Annis. Did Frances J. Porterfield move with the family to Arkansas and marry there or did she become ill and die as she approached young womanhood?

ROBERT W. PORTERFIELD: Robert W. was the fourth child, third son of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. He was 9 at the time of the 16 October 1850 Wilson County Tennessee census. On the 14 June 1860 Union Township Fulton County Arkansas census, his age is recorded as 18 and he is living with John and Annis Potterfield, working at farm labor. He has attended school in the last year. Robert is missing from the 1870 Arkansas census rolls. Did he join the Union forces, as his brothers William Ross and James T. had done, and did he die during the Civil War? Or did he fall ill and die? Or did he marry and move to another state?

ELIZABETH PORTERFIELD: Elizabeth was the sixth child, the third daughter of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. Census records of 1850 Tennessee, 1860 Arkansas, and 1870 Arkansas show that she lived with her parents during that 20 year span. Her age was recorded as 5 in 1850, 13 in 1860, and 22 in 1870 on the July 11 Union Township Fulton County Arkansas census. Did Elizabeth marry in the next decade and will we find her as a wife and mother in the 1880 census?

MARTIN M: Was there a child named Martin M.? Paul Porterfield found this name among Family Group Sheets prepared by an older relative, but thinks that the name was recorded, then marked out. There is no other family record for this child she had listed as being born in 1848, and no census record, so I have made a notation on my family group sheet that this child's name should be deleted.

GEORGE F.: George F., youngest son of John Milton and Annis, does not appear on any census rolls, but family records handed down from one generation to another show that he was born 21 May 1851 in Arkansas, county not known. Did he die during childhood? If so, where did he die and where is he buried? He is not listed on the 1860 Fulton County Arkansas census with other family members.

ANNIS (LEA) PORTERFIELD, WIFE OF JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD: Is Annis Lea the daughter of Giles Leahy and Catherine Daunt, granddaughter of Meade Leahy and Catherine Giles all of Ireland and an immigrant from Ireland? This pedigree is one proposed by Hal Helm, son of Jattie and Buel Helm, grandson of Escal and Emma (Porterfield) Helm, great grandson of John Thomas and Margaret Emeline (Rodman) Porterfield, and a great great grandson of

William Ross Porterfield, but it has been questioned by several researchers.

JOHN MILTON AND ANNIS (LEA) PORTERFIELD: What are the death dates of John M. and Annis? Where did they die and where are they buried? It is likely that they would have accompanied other family members to Missouri and unlikely they would have stayed in Fulton County, even if Elizabeth stayed with them. They are on the 1870 Union Township Fulton County Arkansas census rolls; John M. is 56, Annis, 60. If they did go to Missouri, they returned with other members of the family.

MORE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS: Did other family members, sons and/or daughters of James (1780-1861), brothers and sisters of John Milton Porterfield or of Annis Lea move with them from Tennessee to Arkansas? It was a common practice for related families to emigrate in a group. Did they, the Porterfields, including Annis Lea, have relatives who had removed to Arkansas at an earlier time and were there ready to help them get settled in in this new region, as did the Gambol Powers, Milly Ann's family?

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Oh, What a Tangled Web We Weave
WILLIAM ROSS & MILLY ANN (POWERS) PORTERFIELD
RELATED FAMILIES

Milly Ann Powers' sisters, Sarah, Delaney, and Phoebe married Seatons.

Sophonria Porterfield, John Milton Porterfield's daughter, married William Martin/Martian Ross.

Will Porterfield, second son of William Ross Porterfield, grandson of John Milton Porterfield, married Lizzie McCollum. Then Lizzie McCollum married William Martin Ross, son-in-law of John Milton Porterfield.

A Ben Seaton married Jane McCollum, sister of Lizzie McCollum.

Austin L. Porterfield, nephew of Will Porterfield and grandson of William Ross and Milly Ann married Rose Ella McCollum, neice of Lizzie and Jane McCollum. Frances Marie (Porterfield) Willis, Vernon Eltinge Porterfield, deceased, and Rosella (Porterfield) Chastant are children of Austin and Rose Ella (McCollum) Porterfield, great neices and nephew of Will Porterfield, William Martin Ross (by marriage), Ben and Jane (McCollum) Seaton, and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (McCollum) Ross, and are double cousins of "Mac", Hervey, and Luther Porterfield, who are sons of Will and "Lizzie" (McCollum) Porterfield, raised by Willam Martin and "Lizzie" (McCollum) Porterfield Ross after the death of Will Porterfield. Frances, Eltinge, and Rosella are both great and great great neices and nephew of Sophronia (Porterfield) Ross who was the daughter of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield who are their great great grandparents.

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Earl and Claire lived and farmed in Floyd County during the early years of their marriage. They were subsequently successful in expanding their farming operations into Crosby County which is where their children were born. They now (1991) live in Llano County and have holdings in Llano, Floyd, and Crosby Counties.

Issue:

- (9a) Cynthia Sue (February 4, 1952)
- (9b) Jamie Lee (May 15, 1953)
- (9c) Earl William (February 15, 1956)
- (9d) Marilyn Claire (August 31, 1957)

(9a) Cynthia Sue Edwards b. February 4, 1952 in Crosbyton, Texas. m. Clinton Lester Lang on June 2, 1973 in Llano, Texas. Cynthia graduated from Llano High School in 1970. She attended Baylor University, receiving a B.S. degree in Speech Pathology in 1973 and a Masters in Educational Psychology from Texas A&M in 1976.

Clinton Lester Lang was born on May 13, 1952 in Fredericksburg, Texas to Henry and Geraldine Lang. Clinton graduated from Llano High School in 1970. He attended Texas A&M receiving a B.S. degree in Wildlife Science in 1977.

Cynthia and Clinton currently (1991) live in Llano County where she is a Learning Disability Resource teacher and he is a hardware salesman.

Issue:

- (10a) Casey Lyn (Christmas Day, 1977)
- (10b) Michael Patrick (January 12, 1980)

(9B) Jamie Lee Edwards b. May 15, 1953 in Crosbyton, Texas, m. Gerald Lynn Bond on May

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27, 1978 in College Station, Texas. Jamie graduated from Llano High School in 1971. She attended Texas A&M receiving a BS degree in Agriculture Journalism in 1975 followed by an MS in 1976.

Gerald Lynn Bond was born on December 16, 1950 in Brian, Texas to Francis Earl and Bertha Louise Bond. Gerald grew up in Bryan where he graduated from high school in 1969.

Jamie and Gerald currently (1991) live in Llano County where she is a substitute teacher and manages the Edwards (family) Pecan Company. Gerald is a truck driver.

Issue:

- (10a) William Travis (December 28, 1979-)
- (10b) Judie Lee (December 28, 1981 -)
- (10c) Andrew Edwards (May 18, 1985 -)

(9c) Earl Williams Edwards b. February 18, 1956 in Crosbyton, Texas m. Sandra LeeOra Waters on August 23, 1980 in Laferla, Texas. Earl William (Bill) graduated from Llano High School in 1974. Bill attended Texas A&M receiving a BS degree in Animal Science in 1978.

Sandra LeeOra Waters was born on September 19, 1958 in San Benito, Texas to Walter Ore and Janie Lee Waters. She graduated from Laferla High School in 1977. Sandra attended Texas A&M receiving a BS degree in Agriculture Economics in 1980.

Earl and Sandra currently (1991) live in Llano County, Texas. They ranch and farm in Llano, Floyd, and Crosby Counties and are also known for the line of registered Angora goats they raise.

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Issue:

(10a) Brian Joseph (August 9, 1983 -)

(10b) Kelli Shayne (April 5, 1987 -)

(9d) Marilyn Claire Edwards b. August 31, 1957

Crosbyton, Texas. Marilyn lives at home with her parents.

(7c) John Vaughan Porterfield, b. January 20, 1904 in McGregor, Texas, m. November 20, 1922 to Crystella Snider in Floydada, Texas. John Vaughan (J.V.) was the oldest surviving son of Howard and Beta Porterfield since their first born son Howard Nelms had died as an infant. Consequently, J.V. fell heir to the role and responsibility of helping work the farm while his sisters and brothers attended school. This was a contribution to their lives which would be forever remembered. J.V. died on January 28, 1989 and is interred in the cemetery at Petersburg, Texas. He was a very religious man having been active in the Petersburg First Baptist Church for over 50 years. However, in his youth he was baptized a Methodist and chose not to join the Baptist church.

Crystella (NMN) Snider was born on June 29, 1906 in Freemont, Missouri. No information on her parents. She died on April 29, 1981 and is also interred at Petersburg.

J.V. and Crystella lived in Silvertown, Texas until 1933 where he worked in a lumber yard. They then moved to Plainview where J.V. farmed for two years. In 1935 they moved to a farm west of Petersburg where they spent the rest of

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their lives. The big Chinese elm trees adjacent to their house were the tallest in that part of the county and could be seen for miles. J.V. is best remembered as having been a leading milk producer. He also raised feed crops and cotton. J.V. and Crystella leased out the farm and retired in 1978.

Issue:

(8a) David Vaughan (September 8, 1929-)

(8b) James Robert (August 31, 1931 -)

(8a) David Vaughan Porterfield, b. September 8, 1929 in Plainview, Texas, m. Nellie Francis Moore on August 30, 1957 in Dallas, Texas. David grew up on a farm west of Petersburg, Texas. He graduated from Petersburg High School in 1947 as valedictorian, received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech. in 1951 and pursued graduate studies at Southern Methodist University. He went to work for Chance Vaught Aircraft (currently LTVAPG, 1990) in 1952 and was almost immediately drafted into the Army. This was during the "Korean Conflict." After two years during which he served primarily at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal he was discharged and returned to Chance Vaught where he remains today (1990). Over the years David has participated in the design and development of numerous aircraft including the F-8U, F-3U, REG Missile, A-7, P-3A, and others. He is currently an engineering manager in advanced programs.

Nellie Francis (Moore) Porterfield was born on September 22, 1938 in Gilmore, Texas to Arthur Robert and Cora Frances Moore. Nellie (Nell) graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas, Texas in 1957. She is a realtor in Duncanville, Texas where she and David reside.

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Issue:

- (9a) Lisa Kay (January 8, 1961)
- (9b) Laura Lynn (January 4, 1965)

(9a) Lisa Kay Porterfield b. January 8, 1961 in Dallas, Texas m. February 25, 1989 in Dallas to Gregory Eash Estep. Lisa graduated from Sunset High School in 1979, from Rice University Cum Laude with a B.A. degree in Anthropology in 1984 and is currently (1990) working toward an M.A. degree at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her academic interest include mythology (primarily Scotland, the land of her ancestors) and the transformation of religious symbolism throughout time.

Gregory (Greg) was born August 16, 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio to Warren and June (Eash) Estep. He graduated from Richardson High School in 1977 and received a B.A. degree from Austin College in 1981. Greg works for Frito-Lay Inc. as a systems analyst and team leader in the payroll department. His goal is to become a senior analyst. Lisa and Greg currently (1991) live in Richardson, Texas. They attend the Northrich Baptist Church and are active in leadership and outreach. Greg sings in the adult choir.

No Issues

(9b) Laura Lynn Porterfield b. January 4, 1965 in Dallas, Texas, m. November 18, 1989 in Dallas to Craig Alan Angaroni. Laura graduated from Sunset High School in 1983 and received a BA degree from Baylor University in 1987. She is currently (1991) working as a financial analyst at the LTV Aero Products Group. Craig was born on March 22, 1966 in Teaneck, New Jersey to Al and Marie Angaroni. He graduated from Shawnee High School in Medford Lake, New

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Jersey in 1982, received a BA degree from Baylor University in 1988 and is currently pursuing an MA degree at the University of Texas at Arlington. He works (1991) for the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas as a financial analyst. He has been active in Young Republicans and in college was a Big Brother at the Methodist Home in Waco.

No Issue

(8b) James Robert Porterfield, b. August 31, 1932 in Plainview, Texas, m. Delphie Darna Crause of Wolfpoint, Montana in 1955. James (Bob) grew up on the family farm west of Petersburg, Texas. He graduated from Petersburg High School in 1950. Bob attended Wayland College, Texas Tech., and Golden State Theological Seminary in Berkley, California.

Delphie Darna (Crause) Porterfield was born on April 27, 1938 in Wolfpoint, Montana to Julius Herman Crause and Eva (Schloues) Crause. The family name was originally spelled Krause.

Bob and Delphie currently live in Midland, Texas where Bob has been pastor of the West Kentucky Avenue Baptist Church for the past 14 years.

Issue:

- (9a) Elizabeth Ann (December 13, 1955 -)
- (9b) James Robert (April 17, 1957 -)
- (9c) Thomas Dale (March 30, 1959 -)
- (9d) Steven Vaughn (October 31, 1960 -)
- (9e) Ruth Marie (April 22, 1963 -)
- (9f) John Herman (March 9, 1966 -)

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(9a) Elizabeth Ann Porterfield b. December 13, 1955 in Berkley, California. Elizabeth grew up primarily in Montana and Texas graduating from high school in 1975 in Monahans, Texas. She attended Secretarial Business school and is currently (1991) Exploration Technician for ARCO in Midland, Texas. Elizabeth is fond of animals having 2 dogs, 2 cats, and 3 fish. She is best known for her oil paintings, one of which is titled "Blue Mountains" and currently hangs in the headquarters building of ARCO.

No Issue

(9b) James Robert Porterfield, Jr. b. April 17, 1957 in Ukiah, California, m. Michelle Lenae Geske on August 11, 1990 in Anaheim California. James (Jim) graduated from high school in Manahans, Texas in 1975. He attended various universities graduating from Texas State Technical Institute with an AS degree in Software Applications Engineering in 1981.

Michelle Lenae (Geske) Porterfield was born on June 20, 1967 in Anaheim, Ca. to David Russel and Chere (Colburn) Geske. She graduated from Savanna High School in Anaheim in 1985 and attended Rancho Santiago in Santa Anna, Ca.

They currently (1991) live in Anaheim where Jim is a Software Applications Engineer and Michelle is a legal secretary.

No Issue

(9c) Thomas Dale Porterfield b. March 30, 1959 in Fort Benton, Montana. Graduated from Midland High School in 1977. Thomas (Tom) attended Texas State Technical Institute in Waco graduating with an AS degree in Aircraft

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Mechanics in 1988. He is currently (1991) living in Midland working as an aircraft mechanic and is also an accomplished pilot.

No Issue

(9d) Steven Vaughn Porterfield b. October 31, 1960 in Fort Benton, Montana. Graduated from Midland High School (Texas) in 1978 and from Wayland Baptist University with a BA in music in 1985. Steven (Steve) currently owns and operates the Cats Meow, a vintage clothing and jewelry business in Midland, Texas. He sells to various Hollywood production companies as well as to Dallas decorators and other buyers. Steve is active with the Midland Odessa Symphony Choral, Miss West Texas, and Senior Mrs. America organizations. He also buys and restores antique dolls in anticipation of one day operating a museum in Midland. In his spare time he teaches Sunday School at his father's church.

No Issue

(9e) Ruth Marie Porterfield b. April 22, 1963 in Fort Benton, Montana, m. Lloyd Andrew Walts on June 9, 1984 in Midland, Texas. Ruth grew up primarily in Midland, Texas graduating from high school there in 1981. She has worked as a secretary for a number of years prior to the birth of their daughter, Zoe.

Lloyd Andrew (Andy) Walts was born on November 7, 1962 to Lloyd Truman Walts and Esther Louise Shebanek in Walnut Creek, California. Andy is a radio announcer. Ruth and Andy currently live in Sparks, Nevada.

Issue:

(10a) Zoe Louise (September 23, 1990 -)

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(9f) John Herman Porterfield b. March 9, 1966 in Lubbock, Texas. Graduated Midland high school in 1984. John is currently (1991) a senior in Architecture at Texas Tech. His goal is to have his own business within 15 to 20 years. Philosophically, John says he is striving to become a designer of customized space which is tailored to the individual psyche and which will remain pleasing to the buyer for the rest of his life.

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(7d) Grace (NMN) Porterfield b. September 1, 1906 at Bishop (near Moody), Texas, m. September 1, 1928 to Herman Lelan Hardin in Abilene, Texas, died December 31, 1988 in Sweetwater, Texas. Grace moved with her parents to McGregor when she was 3 years old, to Tulla at 9, and then to Floydada at 12 years. She graduated from Floydada High School in 1924.

Herman Lelan Hardin was born on October 8, 1906 in Knox County Texas to Paul Wright and Annie Jane (Pye) Hardin, died August 23, 1987 in Sweetwater, Texas. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1924. Herman worked for the Nolan County News for over 40 years, retiring in 1973.

Issue:

- (8a) Herman Lelan Jr. (August 3, 1929 -)
- (8b) Grace Ann (October 20, 1932 -)

(8a) Herman Lelan Hardin Jr. b. August 3, 1929 in Sweetwater, Texas m. October 25, 1953 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Dorothy LaNita Russell. Herman grew up in Sweetwater graduating from high school in 1946. He is a retired Air Force Tech Sergeant. Herman is currently an officer with the Guarantee Abstract and Title Company in Wichita Falls.

Dorothy LaNita Russell was born on September 5, 1935 in Wichita Falls to Paul and Maggie Russell. She grew up in Wichita Falls graduating from high school in 1953.

Issue:

- (9a) Herman Lelan III (January 15, 1955 -)
- (9b) Margaret Ann (December 6, 1956 -)

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- (9c) Russell Paul (August 23, 1958 -)
- (9d) John Howard (March 30, 1960 -)

(9a) Herman Lelan Hardin III b. January 15, 1955 in Wichita Falls m. April 1, 1986 in Okinawa to Maria Helen Beato. Herman is a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and is currently (1991) stationed in the Azores.

Maria was born on January 15, 1956 on Luzon in the Phillipines.

Issue:

- (10a) Herman Lelan IV (January 10, 1985-)
- (10b) Lisa Marie (February 21, 1989 -)

(9b) Margaret Ann Hardin b. December 6, 1956 in Amarillo, Texas m. January 15, 1977 in Wichita Falls to Billie Don O'Brien.

Billie was born on May 1, 1951 in Wichita Falls to Henry L. and Tiney (Bond) O'Brien. Billie received a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland in 1990. He is a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corp. They currently (1991) live in Wichita Falls.

Issue:

- (10a) Michael Wayne (June 2, 1980 -)
- (10b) Virginia Ann (June 7, 1982 -)

(9c) Russell Paul Hardin b. August 23, 1958 m. June 14, 1987 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Debra Ann Gillis.

Debra was born on May 22, 1964 in Fort Worth to Lloyd and Nita Ann Gillis. They reside (1991) in Wichita Falls.

No Issue

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(9d) John Howard Hardin b. March 30, 1960 in Wichita Falls, Texas. John graduated from W.F. Rider High School in 1978 and continues to live in Wichita Falls.

No Issue

(8b) Grace Ann Hardin b. October 20, 1932 in Sweetwater, Texas m. January 1, 1978 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Robert E. McBride. Grace (Ann) grew up in Sweetwater graduating from high school in 1950. She attended the University of Texas receiving a B.A. degree in 1954 and an L.L.B. law degree in 1956. Ann worked for the Federal Government and is a retired Administrative Law Judge.

Robert was born on April 13, 1927 in Ridgley, Maryland to H.E. and Mable McBride. He graduated from high school in 1944 and received a B.S. in engineering in 1947 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Robert is a retired engineering consultant. Ann and Robert live (1991) in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

No Issue

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(7e) Harold Norman Porterfield b. 1910, McGregor, Texas. Grew up in Floydada, Texas, where he married Lora Belle White in 1929. Moved to Roy, New Mexico, 1931, where they endured the great depression and dust bowl of the 1930's. Harold was best known for his baseball playing ability (shortstop on a semi-professional ball team), owner and operator of an automobile service station, poker playing, trout fishing (small stream, artificial lure), horse race paramutual wagering, and Republican politics.

Lora Belle (1912-1959), was born in Lovington, New Mexico, to Henry and Alice (Suddith) White. Henry White was a half brother to Jim White, the discoverer of Carlsbad Caverns. Lora Belle contacted rheumatic fever as a child, which left her with an enlarged heart. At age 30, she had to have a thyroid (golter) operation which was extremely hazardous during those early days of medicine. At age 40, she was stricken by diabetes which had killed her father, Henry White, when she was only three years old. Lora Belle succumbed to the combination of these illnesses in 1959. Her stated goal in life was to live long enough to see her "children grown." This she accomplished.

Issue:

- (8a) Harold Don (November 23, 1930 -)
- (8b) Ruth Flolene (1932 -)
- (8c) Freddy Jane (1934 -)
- (8d) Jerry Glen (1938 -)
- (8e) Richard Lee (January 2, 1939-)

Harold Norman Porterfield married Mary Ellen McLaughlin b. 1912 in Springer, New Mexico, on February 6, 1960, after the death of his first wife, Lora Belle. Mary Ellen is a registered

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nurse. Her first husband, Joseph Clark McLaughlin, whom she married in 1933, had died in 1958. Mary and Joseph had two issues: Arlene Ellen (McLaughlin) Atchison, (b. 1936), now of Colorado, 1990, and Robert Lee (Bud) McLaughlin, (b. 1935), now of Redondo Beach, California, 1990.

Harold Norman and Mary Ellen are both retired and live in Roy, New Mexico, 1991.

(8a) Harold Don Porterfield b. November 23, 1930, Floydada, Texas. m. Peggy Lou McNaughton on November 7, 1952 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Harold (Don) grew up in Roy, NM, his parents having moved there when he was only a few months old. He graduated from Roy High School in 1949. Don graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in electrical engineering in 1957 after having served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Peggy Lou McNaughton was born on September 24, 1934 in Lowell, Arkansas. She was adopted by John and Mary McNaughton. Peggy attended grade school in Wichita, Kansas, and then attended Franklin High School in Seattle, Washington. In her senior year, the family moved again to Albuquerque, New Mexico where she graduated from Highlands High School in 1952. This is where she met Don while he was stationed at Kirkland Air Force Base. After their marriage, Peggy worked for Sandia Laboratories as a secretary while Don attended college on the GI Bill. After graduation, they then moved to Seattle, Washington, where Don worked for the Boeing Company.

Don subsequently served with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as

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a scientist and engineer for the Marshall Space Flight Center, Alabama, where he retired in 1984. His greatest accomplishments were achieved during the Apollo/Saturn man-on-the-moon program while working under the direction of Dr. Werner Von Braun and subsequently on the Space Shuttle Program. Don is currently, 1991, manager for Lockheed Space Operations Company in Huntsville, Alabama.

While their children were growing up, Peggy was active in PTA, scouting, school booster clubs, and politics. She was the founding president of the Republican Womens Club of Huntsville, Alabama. After the children were grown she graduated from Alabama A&M University in 1980 and is currently, 1991, employed by the Special Services Division of the Madison County School System working with emotionally disturbed children.

Issues:

(9a) Dawna Jean (June 13, 1955 - November 25, 1981)

(9b) James Norman (February 8, 1957-)

(9c) Kelly Suzanne (April 8, 1959-)

(9d) John Howard (August 8, 1961-)

(9a) Dawna Jean Porterfield b. June 13, 1955, Albuquerque, New Mexico, m. David Gibson December 29, 1976, Huntsville, Alabama, divorced July 1981, died November 25, 1981 and her ashes are interred in Valhalla in Huntsville, Alabama. She graduated from S. R. Butler High School in Huntsville in 1975 and attended John C. Calhoun College. Following her death, her parents, Harold Don and Peggy Porterfield obtained legal custody of Krissy.

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Issue:

(10a) Mary Kristine (June 15, 1978 -)

(9b) James Norman Porterfield b. February 8, 1957, Albuquerque, New Mexico, married Angela Gall Byrd, August 11, 1984, Huntsville, Ala. James (Jim) graduated from S. R. Butler High School in Huntsville in 1976, and the University of Alabama in 1981 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. Works, 1991, for the Boeing Company in Huntsville, Alabama as an engineering group supervisor responsible for design and development of a secured communication system for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Angela (Angle) b. January 10, 1959, in Huntsville, Alabama is a descendent of a long line of north Alabama farmers. The Byrd family has sizable land holdings in Madison County, Alabama. Angle graduated from Gus Grissom High School in Huntsville in 1977. Angle and Jim currently, 1991, live in New Market, Alabama.

Issue:

(10a) Lora Marie (March 6, 1985 -)

(10b) Matthew Austin (June 6, 1987 -)

(9c) Kelly Suzanne Porterfield b. April 8, 1959, Seattle, Washington, m. September 24, 1983 John Francis Diniakos of Tampa, Florida. Kelly graduated from S.R. Butler High School in 1978 and attended John C. Calhoun College. She currently, 1990, lives in Land o' Lakes, Florida and is employed by McCaw Communications.

John Francis Diniakos, b. December 16, 1957 in North Hollywood, California, graduated from school in California and is currently, 1990, in

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business for himself in the paging and mobile telephone business in Tampa, Florida.

Issue:

(10a) Gustave (Gus) Don (November 11, 1986 -)

(10b) Rio Sophia (August 30, 1990 -)

(9d) John Howard Porterfield, b. August 14, 1961, Seattle, Washington. Graduated S. R. Butler High School, 1980. Attended the University of New Mexico and graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, 1991, with a BS degree in Management Information Systems, minoring in computer sciences. John is a talented artist for a hobby. Works, 1991, for CIB, Huntsville, Alabama.

No Issue

(8b) Ruth Florene Porterfield b 1931, m. 1952, Robert Edward Main (1931-1970) in Roy, New Mexico. Ruth (Flo) and Robert (Bob) both grew up in the mesa county of Harding, New Mexico. Both graduated from high school in Roy in 1950. Bob was the son of a rancher in the Mills community. His parents were Frank and Edna Main. During high school, Bob excelled in both athletics and academics. He is best remembered for having set the New Mexico high school high jump record at the state track meet in Albuquerque in 1949. Flo was a cheerleader during this time and likewise excelled academically. After the death of Bob's father, Frank, in 1957, Bob and Flo bought out Bob's mother and brothers (Jack and Buck) and entered into the cattle ranching business. It was here that they lived and raised their family until the death of Bob in 1970.

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Issue:

- (9a) Mary Donna (1951 -)
- (9b) Sara Ann (1953 -)
- (9c) Robert Earl (1954 -)
- (9d) Wanda Jean (1955 -)
- (9e) Sandra Louise (1956 -)
- (9f) Jackle Gwyn (1958 -)
- (9g) Frank Norman (1960 -)
- (9h) Richard Edward (1962 -)

After the death of Bob Main, Flolene continued to operate the ranch and raise the family. She subsequently married James T. Roper, b. 1930 of Raton, New Mexico in 1974. James (Jim) was in the radio broadcast business, owning and operating radio station KRTN in Raton. Jim had been married to Joyce Brunelli, b. 1931, who had died in 1973. Jim and Joyce had four children: Karen Ann Roper (b. 1951), Stephen James Roper (b. 1952), Mary Lynn Roper (b. 1954), Mark Alan Roper (b. 1962).

Jim and Flo Roper live in Raton, New Mexico, 1991, where Jim now has both an AM and FM radio station. Flo sold her ranch in 1984 and is a stockholder in the LaMesa horse racetrack in Raton.

(9a) Mary Donna b. 1951, m. Bob Ray Henderson b. 1950. Mary (Donna) grew up on the Main ranch in Mills, New Mexico graduating from high school in Roy. She attended New Mexico State University where she met and married Bob. Bob received his BS degree in electrical engineering from NMSU in 1973. After graduation Bob and Donna moved to Arizona where Bob had accepted a position with Arizona Power and Light. Donna subsequently obtained a BS degree in education from Arizona State University in 1974. They currently, 1991, live in Page, Arizona where Bob is general manager for electrical power generation.

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Issue:

- (10a) Christine Loraine (1972 -)
- (10b) Marisa Renee (1975 -)
- (10c) Barbara Rae (1978 -)

(9B) Sara Ann Main b. 1953, m. 1978 to Earnest T. Maestas. Sara (Ann) grew up on the Main ranch in Mills, New Mexico and graduated from high school in Roy. She attended New Mexico State University where she received a BS in education in 1976. During this period she met and married Earnest (Ernie) Maestas. Ernie received his MS degree in civil engineering in 1978. Ann and Ernie currently live in San Antonio, Texas.

Issue:

- (10a) Christopher Edward (1979 -)
- (10b) Andrea Lynn (1982 -)
- (10c) Michael Johnathon (1985 -)

(9c) Robert Earl Main b. 1954, m. 1981 to Robin Deck. Robert Earl (Bob) grew up on the Main ranch in Mills, New Mexico and graduated from high school in Roy. He attended Kansas State University (KSU) receiving a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in 1981. It was there he met and married Robin.

Robin Deck, b. 1955, likewise received her DVM from KSU in 1981. Bob and Robin currently, 1991, live in Missouri.

Issue:

- (10a) Benjamin Andrew (1987-)
- (10b) Nicholas Robert (1989 -)

(9d) Wanda Jean Main, b. 1955, m. 1978, Steve Richards. Wanda (Jean) grew up on the Main ranch and graduated from high school in

PORTERFIELD LINES

PURPOSE: To present material of a genealogical nature pertaining to Porterfield and Allied Families. To share and encourage an exchange of information. To assist those researching Porterfield family history. To remember and honor our forbears.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: "The Powers Family - Gamble Powers' Will"; "The Reeves"; Recommended Reading; Concluding pages of Don Porterfield's account of Floyd County Porterfields; "Looking Ahead - What's Next?"; "The Porterfields in Arkansas"; A Summary.

IN THIS ISSUE: The second section of Floyd County Porterfields by Don Porterfield. The first pages appeared in the July issue of Porterfield Lines.



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfields and members of allied families. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

CORROBORATING RECORD FOUND John Milton Porterfield Family

Anna Lee Carreiro, great great great granddaughter of John Milton Porterfield, has found documents confirming family ties with the Gambol Powers' and the Seatons'. Remembering an Independence County tax record she had seen several years ago, Anna Lee drove to the courthouse in Batesville to research the Powers family's records.

In a phone conversation she related how she and one of the county clerk employees had gone through every box and bin but one in their search, that in the last one they found copies of probate records for Gambil Powers, "deceased on or about the 6th day of August, 1857." His heirs were "H.D. Powers, H.R. Powers, Pope County, K.W. Powers, Fulton, Milly Ann Porterfield Carroll County, Sarah Seaton, Delaney Seaton's heirs, Phebee Seaton, William Powers, and John P Powers Independence County Arkansas." The last name, John P., apparently should have been written John B. as that is the name listed on census rolls, and the 9th Sept 1857 document applying for letters of administration bears the sworn signature "John B. Powers." Some of the probate records are reproduced on the following pages.

Anna Lee also found records dated January 16, 1868 appointing Phebe Seaton guardian of her minor daughters Mary L. and Martha J. Seaton following the death of her husband, John W. Seaton who "departed this life sometime in the year 1863." Property devised included "Two Feather Beds and bedding valued...at thirty dollars--Also the South West Quarter, also the South East Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section Seventeen (17) Township fifteen (15) South Range Six (6) West, containing in all one hundred and twenty acres. (120), which land...is valued at two hundred and fifty Dollars making the total value of said Estate two hundred and eighty Dollars." A Guardians Bond for \$200 Dollars of same date is signed Pheby J Seeton and John B Powers.

At this time the cause of John Seaton's death is not known; perhaps he was killed in the Civil War. We can surmise that the reason for this application for guardianship after an interval of 5 years may have been that Phoebe was planning to remarry. Anna Lee Carreiro found these marriage records:

Independence County Arkansas

John Seaton 17, (b. 8 Sept. 1836) to Miss Feeby Farris
(or Fowers) 17 (b. 5 Sept. 1836) 21 Aug. 1853 by
Eusben L. Butler M.G. Bapt. B212
Noel W. Hightower 39 to Mrs. Phebe L. Seeton 33. 18 Feb.
1863 by W.M. Raney M.G. C410 and 421

Among the deeds transferring property, Anna Lee found two other important records:

Grantee	Grantor	Date of filing	Instrument Date
H.A. Powers	John R. Meacham	July 29, 1853	April 1, 1853
Wm. M. Powers	Mary A. Powers	October 13, 1868	June 16, 1868

The transfer from John R. Meacham to (H.A.?) Powers may establish the date that Gambol Powers bought property after his removal from Tennessee to Arkansas. Anna Lee wrote that it was difficult to decipher these initials and she will look at the property transfers again.

The second transfer may be from Mary (James) Powers, widow of Gambil Powers, to their son, William, but her name appears as Mary B. Powers on the inventory of property she received.

Researchers of this family have often wondered how Gambil's name should be spelled. It appeared first on an 1830 Montgomery County North Carolina census as Gamble; on the 1840 and 1850 Henderson County Tennessee census as Gambol. These probate papers do not solve that puzzle, for on them his name is spelled: Gambil/Gambril/Gambel/Gambrill/Gambrel/and Gamble. Among buyers at a sale of his property were Wm. M. Powers who bought a Scyth Blade for \$1. and John Seton who bought a horse Colt for \$45.00.

(Anna Lee Carreiro, granddaughter of Annie (Porterfield) Burge who was the granddaughter of Milly Ann (Powers) and William Ross Porterfield, is President of the Sharp County, Arkansas Historical Society and a member of the Independence County Genealogical Society. She lives at Cave City, Sharp Co., AR. Now a youthful grandmother, she has researched Porterfield and Burge genealogical lines since she was a teenager. She says her husband, Joe, is a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and is a great cook.)

FMW

A list of the personal property as shown
to us by John B Powers as administrator
of the Estate of Sarah Bowers Deceased

Item the first one saved mare	90	
one saved Colt	30	
one gray mare	45	
one red bull	9	
one fixed cow	12	
one white steer yearling	5	
one fixed bigger yearling	4	
one white cow and calf	13	
one black cow and calf	8	
three shoats		
three shoats at one dollar a piece	3	
one single mans saddle	2	
three bells and colors	4	50
one rifle gun	5	
one pair of saddle wallets		50
one chaping ax		75
one matie		50
one pair of drawing chains and other sundries	2	
one clock	3	
one hand saw	1	50
one sithe blade		75
one axe one axe axe axe axe	6	
one secured on willow ball	40	
one note & given to John B. Powers	2	50
one open account against John B. Powers	4	
one bell and color	1	
one pair of stilts	1	
five head of hogs	1	1
	$\$$ 252	50

And we do appreciate the value of the personal property
belonging to said estate to be worth \$252.50
and of five two dollars & 50 cents (\$9.25)
done this 14th day of September A.D. 1859 -

J. H. B.

Wm. B. Chapman
Eligia Davis
J. H. Bettis

Decd of John B Powers adminisr
 trator of the estate of Summil Powers
 decd as Power in said estate as the
 widow of said Decd the following articles
 viz

One Gray Mare appraised to	\$ 45.00
One White and calf "	18.00
One piled keeper yearling	14.00
Eight head of hogs appraised to	\$ 14.00
4 bells and collars do do	5.50
one axe and hatchax do	1.25
1 pr of drawing chairs and Sumbres	2.00
one clock appraised to	8.00
one hand Saw do do	1.50
	<u>\$ 89.25</u>

Received the above articles according
 to the above State ment this the 7th day of
 October 28 1857
 Mary ^{her} Powers widow
 of the Decd
 Attest A. J. Clark

STATE OF ARKANSAS, } IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY.
 Independence COUNTY. } September 9th 1857

John B Powers, here applying for letters of administration on the
 estate of Summil Powers, late of said county, being first duly
 sworn, deposes and says that the said Summil Powers departed this
 life in Independence, on or about the 6th day of
 August, 1857; That the said Summil Powers
 died without making any will: That, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the value
 of the estate of deceased is about the sum of Eighty Eight
 Dollars; that the names and residence of the heirs
 of deceased, is as follows, viz: H. D. Powers, H. C. Powers, Wm
 County, W. M. Powers, Harston, Shelby, James
 Harston, Lewis, S. B. Harston, James, S. Harston,
 Delaney, S. A. S. S. Harston, P. Harston, Harston,
 Powers, and John B Powers, Independence
 County, Arkansas.

And, Further, Depos and says, that he will make a perfect inventory of, and
 faithfully administer, all and singular the goods and chattels, rights, and credits, of the
 deceased, and pay his debts, as far as the assets which may come to his hands will extend,
 and the law direct; and that he will account for, and pay over, according to law, all
 assets which shall come to his hands or possession, so help him God.

Subscribed and sworn to.
 September 9th 1857
 day of Sept 1857
 John B Powers

THE REEVES
Family of Susan (Reeves) Porterfield

James/Jemmie T. Porterfield and Susan Reeves were married on the 23 day of December 1856 at Batesville, Independence County Arkansas. Ruben L. Butler performed the ceremony. Subsequently James T. and Susan moved to Fulton County Arkansas (1860 census). Before or shortly after the Civil War began, they fled to Missouri. James T. joined the Arkansas Union Cavalry on 01 September 1862 and was honorably discharged for disability on 30 October 1863. The family remained in Missouri and were living at Jake's Prairie, Gasconade County in 1866. They returned to Fulton County Arkansas about 1868, after the war had ended. (Pension application and 1870 census)

Little has been learned until now of the family heritage of Susan Reeves, wife of James T. Porterfield. Paul L. Porterfield, descendant of Jemmie T. and Susan, has researched their lives from their marriage to their deaths, and has written an account which appeared in Porterfield Lines, July 1991, pp. 54-57, "Brothers William Ross and James T. Porterfield."

Scanning Arkansas printed census indexes from 1840 to 1870, we have learned that 27 families with the name Reeves were living in Arkansas as early as 1840, with four in Independence County. By 1850 there were about 40 Reeves, 11 in Independence County, 3 in Fulton County. In 1860 there were around 120 Reeves families, 23 in Independence County, 9 in Fulton and 6 in Carrol County. By 1870 there were approximately 150; 14 in Independence County, 1 in Fulton County, 3 in Carrol County and 2 in IZARD County.

Names which attracted our attention as the search continued using microfilm copies of the census, were those of two families, Jonathon R. and David S./H.(?) Reeves. Their children's names were similar to those of the children of Susan (Reeves) and James T. Porterfield. Stephen, Cynthia, and Susan were names common to these families. Children born to Johnathon Reeves, Benjamin F., 5 in 1860, and Sophronia, 3 in 1860, may indicate that Johnathon and David were either kin to or well acquainted with the Seatons and the Porterfields. Benjamin Seaton was a son or stepson of Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield's sister, Sarah, and Sophronia was a younger sister of William Ross and James T. Porterfield.

Most eye-catching was the name and age of one of Johnathon R. Reeves daughters. The 18 October 1850 White River Township Independence Arkansas census lists the name of the second oldest daughter of Johnathon R. and Martha Reeves as Harriet S., her age as 15, born in Tennessee. Harriet S. no longer lived with the family in 1860 according to the Bigbottom Township, Independence County Arkansas 25 July census.

From these facts it seems quite likely that Harriet S. was Susan Reeves who married James T. Porterfield. The Fulton County 1860 census lists her as the wife of James T. Potterfield, her age as 25. The couple were living at Union Township, next door to John Milton and Annis (Lea) Potterfield and had a 1 year old daughter, Synthey. We know from family records that a son, Milton B. Porterfield, had been born on 07 June, 1857, had died in April of 1858.

Using the age of the children of Johnathon R. and David S./H. Reeves to write a time line from the 1850 census and assuming that the brothers came to Arkansas together, one can conclude that they removed from Tennessee between 1838 and 1839.

1338 Sarah Da of Johnathon R. Reeves born TN, 12 in 1850
1339 Stephen Son of David born AR, 11 in 1850

An 1840 census index gives the names, Johnathon Reeves, Drew Reeves, Jordan Reeves, and Martha Reeves as residents of Independence County Arkansas. One wonders if David might have been working or scouting in another area at this time.

Studying the 1850 Independence County census microfilm we glean these facts. Both Johnathon and David had married women much younger than they were. Johnathon had been born ca 1805, his wife Martha ca 1816; David had been born ca 1807, his wife Elizabeth ca 1820; all four had been born in Tennessee. Johnathon and Martha apparently married in Tennessee about 1831 and their four oldest children, Nancy M., Harriet S., Frances E., and Sarah, all girls, were born in Tennessee. They had eight other children, twins Rufus R. and Martha L, Maranda C. Ruth T. Susan A., Fredina A., Benjamin F., and Sophronia C., all born in Arkansas. Perhaps David and Elizabeth married in Tennessee before making the journey to Arkansas. The oldest child, son Stephen, 11 in the 1850 census, was born in Arkansas. They had 9 other children, Perry G., Harriet, Cynthia, Elizabeth, Martha S., Josephine E., William N./H.?, Susan A., and William J.. In 1860 Mary Reeves, age 76, born in Tennessee, lived with David and Elizabeth. Their daughter, Elizabeth, 1 in 1850, must have passed away during the 10 year interval, for she is no longer with the family.

The crisis brought about by the Financial Panic of 1837 was probably the driving force which pushed the Reeves from Tennessee to Arkansas. The Handy Book for Genealogists edited by George B. Everton, Sr. states that the "Panic of 1837 drained most of the settlers in the older southern and eastern states" and that many of these pioneers came to the "rich lands between the Arkansas and the White Rivers."

The Panic was caused by the Bank War which President Andrew Jackson waged against The National Bank of the United States. Reliance on State banks as depositories for federal money collected from taxes and land sales proved disastrous. Other factors also played a part in the failure of many eastern banks, i.e. the collapse of cotton prices and the farmer's dependence on speculators in buying land. (Compton's)

The Reeves, Johnathon and David, chose White River Township, Independence County, Arkansas as their new home. The White River runs through Independence County which was formed in 1820, one year after Arkansas became a Territory. White River Township was created in 1838, two years after Arkansas was admitted to the Union as a slave state.

FMW

Note: Photocopies of microfilm of the 1850 and 1860 census for Independence County Arkansas will be printed in the next newsletter.

ROBERT W. PORTERFIELD

Sadly, I read the letter from Anna Lee Carreiro. "Robert Porterfield died during the Civil War," she wrote. "I had that in my notes from a long time ago, before I even knew Robert's connection to our family. I couldn't find that "note" so I looked it up in a book to send you a good clear copy."

Second Arkansas Union Cavalry
PORTERFIELD, ROBERT PVT /PVT Co. C Age 23
Enrolled: 21 SEPT 1862 SPRINGFIELD, MO
Birthplace: BEDFORD, TN Died: 22 MAR 1863 HELENA, AR

Robert had enlisted at Springfield shortly after James T., his older brother, enlisted, may have died in the hospital where James was being treated. This military record answers one of the questions asked in "UNANSWERED QUESTIONS; JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD FAMILY " (September 1991 issue, 79-80)

The last source of information for Robert, the 14th June 1860 Union Township Fulton County Arkansas census, showed Robert, 18, working as a farmhand, but attending school, living with his mother and father, John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield, and other family members, Sophronia, Elizabeth, and John, his youngest living brother.

Now we know that two of the John Milton Porterfield sons, William Ross and Robert W., died as Union Civil War soldiers. The health of a third son, James T., was seriously impaired during his service as a member of the 2nd Regiment of the Arkansas Cavalry.

RECOMMENDED READING
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SUMMARY
Porterfield Lines 1991

Lines: All lines had the common ancestry of Lancaster Porterfields (FBP The Porterfields Chapter VI.)*

John (1675-1739) - John (1724-1786) 7th child, sixth son - James (1747-1811) 1st child, 1st son. Articles and charts were printed for descendants of three of the seven children of James (1747-1811) and Jane "Jenny" Lockhart, whose children were Charles, Thomas Wilson, James, William W., John Wilson, Samuel H., and Sarah "Sally" Porterfield.

LINE	CONTRIBUTOR	Issue, Page
	Charles (1776-1839) 1st child, 1st son. (Harold) Don Porterfield: May (49,50), July (64-71), Sept. (81-90), Nov. (100-109) Buddy and LaVerne Porterfield: July (61-63)	
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LOOKING AHEAD

Researching and editing a publication such as this is difficult. Clarity and accuracy require careful planning and attention to details. My apologies to you, the readers, if I have not lived up to your expectations--or mine, and for late publication of the March, May, and July issues.

Looking ahead to next year will mean continuing to look back in time and place, to Tennessee, then to Virginia and Pennsylvania as well as continuing to look around Arkansas for more "Porterfield Lines. FMW

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The final segment of Floyd County Porterfields descendants of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, is presented on the following pages. The account is written by Don Porterfield.

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Roy. She attended New Mexico State University receiving a BS degree in medical technology in 1978, where she met and married Steve who received a MA degree from NMSU in animal science in 1978.

Issue:

- (10a) Stephen Wayne (1979 -)
- (10b) Matthew James (1981 -)
- (10c) Nickie Jean (1984 -)

(9e) Sandra Louise Main b. 1956 grew up on the Main ranch in Mills, New Mexico and graduated from high school in Raton where the family had moved after the marriage of her mother, Flolene, to James Roper (see 8b above). Sandra attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales receiving a BS in business. She currently, 1991, lives in Roswell where she is employed by the Internal Revenue Service.

No Issue

(9f) Jackie Gwyn Main b. 1958 , m. Gary Shaw in 1987. Jackie spent her early childhood on the Main ranch in Mills and graduated from high school in Raton. She attended New Mexico State University receiving a BS degree in education in 1977.

Gary, b. 1957, is likewise from the Mills community where he grew up on the Shaw ranch and graduated from high school in Roy. Gary attended New Mexico State University receiving a BS degree in animal science in 1977. Jackie and Gary are currently, 1991, ranching in Mills.

Issue:

- (10a) Jessica Flolene (1983-)

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(9g) Frank Norman Main b.1960 , m. Debbie Everett in 1985. Frank spent his early childhood on the Main ranch in Mills. He graduated from high school in Raton and attended New Mexico State University receiving a BS degree in civil engineering in 1984.

Debbie, b. 1961, has returned to college and is, 1991, a nursing student at the NMSU branch in Alamogordo.

Issue:

- (10a) Hollie Jean (1986 -)
- (10b) Carissa Darlene (1989 -)

(9h) Richard Edward Main b. 1962, m. Julie Webster in 1989. Richard spent his early childhood on the Main ranch in Mills. He graduated from high school in Raton and attended the University of Texas in Arlington while receiving a degree in education in 1988.

Julie is currently, 1991, a business student at New Mexico State University.

No Issue

(8c) Freddy Jane Porterfield b. 1934, Roy, New Mexico, m. Bennie Kirksey on April 12, 1953 in Roy, New Mexico. Both Freddy and Bennie have been life long residents of the 6,000 foot elevation mesa country of northern New Mexico. Both are graduates of Harding County High School in Roy. They have farmed and ranched in the Roy area for 37 years where they raised their family. Bennie's grandparents were one of the early settlers to this part of the country, coming to northern New Mexico from east Texas in the late 1800's. Although Freddy

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chose a life as wife and mother and did not pursue an education beyond high school her academic prowess became well known. Currently, 1991, they have expanded their land holdings to include an irrigated farm in the Tucumcari, N.M. area. This is being used to expand their herd of registered Salers cattle.

Issue:

- (9a) Jerl Lea (1954 -)
- (9b) Rex Elbert (1955 -)
- (9c) Scott Porter (1958 -)
- (9d) Nancy Jane (1960 -)

(9a) Jerl Lea Kirksey b. 1954, m. Mark Sterret in 1977, d. 1985. Jerl graduated from Eastern New Mexico University at Portales and currently, 1991, teaches high school math in the Dexter, New Mexico school system and lives and farms in East Grand Plains. Mark lives in Roswell.

Issue:

- (10a) Kara Janell (1978 -)
- (10b) Terri Lynett ((1981 -)
- (10c) Melanie Kylan (1983 -)

(9b) Rex Elbert Kirksey b. 1955, m. Cynthia Jean Porter (b. 1956) in 1981. Rex is a graduate of Roy High School. He graduated from New Mexico State University. He is, 1991, superintendent of the New Mexico State University Experimental Station in Tucumcari, N.M.

Issue:

- (10a) Brad Elbert (1984 -)
- (10b) Erin Jean (1985 -)
- (10c) Jana Kathleen (1989 -)

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(9c) Scott Porter b. 1958 m. Denise Elizabeth Haaland. Scott graduated from Roy High. Scott attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. He is, 1991, a heavy equipment operator for the Santa Fe Coal Corporation in an open pit mine in the Grants, New Mexico area. He and his family live on the Laguna Indian Reservation as Denise is of Laguna descent.

Issue:

- (10a) Cole Porter (1983 -)
- (10b) Maranda Elizabeth (1985 -)
- (10c) Travis Hall (1988 -)

(9d) Nancy Jane Kirksey b. 1960 m. Dino Piazza in 1959. Nancy graduated from Roy High School. Nancy (Jane) and Dino live, 1991, in Glendale, Arizona where Dino is a fireman for the city of Peoria, Arizona.

Issue:

- (10a) Dina Jane (1982 -)
- (10b) Rocky John (1984 -)
- (10c) Nancy Gayle (1987 -)
- (10d) Samantha Shirley (1988 -)
- (10e) Paul Anthony Lawrence (1990-)

(8d) Jerry Glen Porterfield, b. 1937 in Raton, New Mexico, m. Ellen (Jeanette) Madole in 1956 in Roy, New Mexico. Jerry and Jeanette grew up in Roy where they both graduated from high school. Jerry is best remembered for his football (quarterback) and basketball (point guard) athletic abilities as well as his sense of humor. During this time Jeanette was a cheerleader. During the early years of their marriage, Jerry worked for his father, Harold Norman Porterfield. Currently, 1991, they live

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In Dumas, Texas, where after 20 years, Jerry has worked his way up to become a director for the Manfort Corporation (Conagra) at the Dumas meat packing operations.

Ellen (Jeanette) was born in 1939 to Hazel and Wyman Madole.

Issue:

- (9a) Debra Kay (1957 -)
- (9b) Ellen Danette (1958 -)
- (9c) Stacy John (1968 -)

(9a) Debra Kay Porterfield b. 1957 in Raton, New Mexico, m. Jimmy Amando Garcia in 1974 in Roy, New Mexico. Both Debra and Jimmy graduated from high school in Roy. They currently, 1991, live northeast of Roy where Jimmy works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Debra is the clinic manager for the Health Center of Northern New Mexico. They also ranch and raise registered Corriente cattle.

Issue:

- (10a) Darclie Janel Ann (1976 -)
- (10b) Levi Jimmy (1977 -)
- (10c) Jenny Kay (1982 -)

(9b) Ellen (Danette) Porterfield, b. 1958 in Raton, New Mexico, m. James (Jimmy) Rigoni in 1984 in Roy, New Mexico. Both Jimmy and Danette grew up in Roy. Danette graduated from high school in Canyon City, Colorado. Jimmy graduated from high school in Roy. They currently, 1991, live east of Roy where they ranch and own/operate two school buses. Jimmy will be best remembered for the magnificent house he built for Danette.

Issue:

- (10a) Rebecca Danae (1985 -)

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- (10b) Stefanie Racquel (1987 -)
- (10c) Anthony Jermone (1989 -)

(9c) Stacy John Porterfield, b. 1968 in Clovis, New Mexico, adopted at birth. Stacy has completed, 1990, 3 years in the U.S. Navy and was most recently stationed in Spain. He was a crewman on a P3 submarine search and destroy aircraft. Stacy is best remembered for his karate ability and for having received his single engine pilots license at age 17. He currently, 1991, lives in Amarillo, Texas.

(8e) Richard Lee Porterfield b. January 2, 1939 in Roy, New Mexico, m. Verna (Vicki) Bernice Wagner on April 24, 1968 in Boise City, Oklahoma. Richard (Dick) grew up in Roy, N.M. graduating from high school in 1957. He attended Highlands University receiving an associate degree in electrical engineering technology in 1960. Subsequently, he migrated to the Arkansas River area of eastern Colorado in the mid-1960's to try his hand at farming. This is where he met and married Vicki.

Verna Bernice Wagner was born on May 9, 1933 in Lamar, Colorado to A.Y. and Clara (Ferrell) Wagner. She grew up on a ranch south of LaJunta. By the time she met Dick, she was a single parent with four children at home and had managed to make a down payment on a small bar.

Prior to their marriage, both Dick and Vicki were only marginally successful in their business ventures. After their marriage however, there was a significant turnaround and they profited handsomely having owned and operated five different bars in southeastern

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Colorado at various times. They currently (1990) own and operate the Wagon Wheel Lounge and Dance Hall (saloon) in Las Animas, Colorado. Dick adopted two of Vicki's children:

(9a) Larry Al Porterfield (March 10, 1964)

(9b) Sherril Lee Porterfield (April 6, 1966)

Three of Vicki's other children were not adopted by Dick because of various legal and other reasons; Betty Jean (Brittlan) Runyan b. 1949, Calvin Bruce Ormlston b. 1951, Mitchell David Clark b. 1959.

(9a) Larry Al Porterfield b. March 10, 1964, Las Animas, Colorado. Larry is a recognized artist and has produced a number of acclaimed watercolor and oil paintings. He currently, 1991, lives in Tempe, Arizona.

(9b) Sherry Lee Porterfield b. April 6, 1966, Las Animas, Colorado, m. Danny McDowell 1984, divorced 1989.

Issues:

Chad Jacob McDowell (November 9, 1986)

Christopher Adam McDowell (May 11, 1988)

Sherry was living in Oregon at the time of her separation. Subsequently, she married Gary Scott Branson on September 22, 1989 in Las Animas where they currently live, 1990.

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(7f) J. Fred Porterfield b. March 10, 1914 in Temple, Texas m. May 31, 1938 in Roy, New Mexico to Margaret Irene Brashears. Fred spent most of his early years in Floyd County, Texas moving to Roy, New Mexico with his parents in 1930 where he graduated from high school in 1932. In high school he excelled academically and athletically - football quarterback, 880 and low hurdles in track, and tennis. In 1936 he moved to Santa Fe after recovering from a gunshot wound to the midsection by a derelict in downtown Roy. He had not been expected to live.

Margaret (Irene) Brashears was born on June 30, 1917 in Roy, New Mexico to William and Teresa (Hardy) Brashears, who had homesteaded in Roy, having moved from Hannibal, Missouri. She grew up in Roy graduating from St. George grade school in 1930. She attended Loretto Academy High School in Santa Fe, graduating in 1934.

After Fred and Irene were married, they lived in Santa Fe and were able to buy a filling station in 1942. In 1943 Fred joined the Army Air Corp and served in the European Theater as a bomber mechanic. After being discharged in 1945 as a corporal, he and Irene returned to Santa Fe where they repurchased the filling station. In 1950 Fred tried his hand in sporting goods, but returned to the filling station business in 1956. Fred was responsible for the formation of both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball in Santa Fe. He retired from the filling station in 1984 and is currently (1991) working for Texaco in Santa Fe. Fred and Irene's 50th wedding anniversary in 1988 was celebrated by the Archbishop of Santa Fe, Robert F. Sanchez. Fred is best remembered and respected as "one of the most honest and dependable automobile service people in Santa Fe."

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Issue:

(8a) Teresa Ellen (April 20, 1939-September 8, 1943)

(8b) Ronald Leo (February 26, 1941)

(8a) Teresa Ellen Porterfield b. April 20, 1939 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, died September 8, 1943 at the age of 4 years. Teresa is interred in Rosario Cemetery in Santa Fe.

(8b) Ronald Leo Porterfield b. February 26, 1941 in Santa Fe, New Mexico m. July 20, 1963 to Frances Irene Anaya. Ronald (Ron) grew up in Santa Fe where he attended St. Michaels graduating from high school in 1959. He excelled in football and as a result received a 4 year scholarship to Adams State College in Colorado to play tight end. He graduated in 1964 with a B.A. in business and physical education.

Frances Irene Anaya was born on August 6, 1941 in Santa Fe to Joseph and Juanita (Rodrigues) Anaya. Frances also grew up in Santa Fe where she attended Loretto Academy graduating from high school in 1959. She subsequently attended Highland University in Las Vegas and St. Josephs in Albuquerque.

Ron and Frances have lived in Santa Fe all of their married life where they raised their family. At the time of this writing (1990) Ron has been involved in Indian education for over 25 years. He is currently athletic director for the Santa Fe Indian School. He is best remembered as the "white man" who was teaching Indians how to shoot a bow and arrow on a nationally televised news program. Frances works for the State of New Mexico where she is director of Deferred Compensation within the

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State Retirement Program Department. She is continuing her education at the College of Santa Fe.

Issue:

(9a) Ronald John (March 8, 1965)

(9b) Bernadine Teresa (January 31, 1967)

(9c) Christopher Fred (May 6, 1969)

(9d) Marie Juanita Irene (July 8, 1970)

(9e) Ann Frances (October 2, 1972)

(9a) Ronald John Porterfield b. March 8, 1965 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Ronald (Ron John) grew up in Santa Fe where he attended St. Michaels graduating from high school in 1983. He excelled in high school athletics and played both football and baseball for New Mexico State University where he graduated in 1988 with a B.S. degree in Sports Medicine. Ron John is currently employed by the Houston Astros Baseball Corporation as a trainer. He is assigned to the Columbus "Mudcats" which is a double A baseball team in Columbus, Georgia. Ron John is also bilingual being fluent in both English and Spanish. He is a valuable asset to the ball club when working with young Spanish speaking recruits from Central and South America. During the off season he returns to Santa Fe (1991).

No Issue

(9b) Bernadine Teresa Porterfield b. January 31, 1967 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Bernadine (Nadine) grew up in Santa Fe where she attended St. Michaels graduating from high school in 1985. Nadine was a member of the 1983 St. Michaels State Championship Drill Team. She attended the University of San Diego, in San Diego, California, receiving a B.A. degree in

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commercial communication in 1990. While at the University she also attended school in Italy during the 1989 school year and as a result now speaks fluent Italian. Her ambition is to get into commercial TV broadcasting. She currently (1991) works with the "I Love a Clean San Diego" program.

No Issue

(9c) Christopher Fred Porterfield b. May 6, 1969 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Christopher (Chris) grew up in Santa Fe where he attended St. Michaels graduating from high school in 1987. Chris was an exceptional runner in high school and was the one-half mile state champion his junior year. He is currently (1990) attending New Mexico State University majoring in Tourism and Hospitality. As his brother once stated "He's after the money."

No Issue

(9d) Maree Juanita Irene Porterfield b. July 8, 1970 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Maree was named after both her maternal and paternal grandmothers. She grew up in Santa Fe and graduated from St. Michaels in 1988 where she excelled in both volleyball and track. Maree is currently (1991) attending the University of St. Marys in San Antonio, Texas where she is majoring in International Marketing. She plays on the girls varsity soccer team and attended school at the University of Solomonca in Spain this year. Maree is bilingual, speaking fluent Castellan Spanish.

No Issue

(9e) Ann Frances Porterfield b. October 2, 1972 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was named

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after her mother, Frances. Ann grew up in Santa Fe and is currently (1991) attending high school at St. Michaels where she is scheduled to graduate in 1991. She is a cheerleader and also plays volleyball and tennis. Ann's academic interests are in literature. She is fluent in sign language.

No Issue

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(7g) Vallie Beta Porterfield b. January 29, 1919 in Floydada, Texas, m. February 18, 1940 to Lawrence Craven Marr in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Vallie attended grade school in Floydada up to the time that the family moved to Roy, New Mexico in 1930. She graduated from Roy High School in 1937. Afterwards, she worked for the telephone company in Albuquerque and attended the University of New Mexico. This is where she met Lawrence.

Lawrence Craven Marr was born on December 17, 1912 in Artesia, New Mexico to Ernest and Sallie Marr. He graduated from high school in Deming, N.M. in 1932 and received a B.S. degree in engineering from the University of New Mexico in 1939.

Vallie and Lawrence left private business in 1940 when Lawrence went to work for the United States Forest Service. Lawrence was put on loan during the early phases of WW II to the Corp of Engineers where he mapped the West Coast of the United States. Following this assignment he was loaned to the Navy where he mapped several Pacific Islands. These maps were an integral part of the military strategic planning for the campaign against the Japanese. They lived in Washington, D.C. many years, then moving to Atlanta, Georgia, where Lawrence was Chief of Surveys and Maps for the Southeast USFS. Since retiring they have moved back to Albuquerque and have taken wonderful trips, visiting five continents and many islands.

Issue:

- (8a) Mahlon Lawrence (January 10, 1944-)
- (8b) Keith Allen (January 10, 1946-)

(8a) Mahlon Lawrence Marr b. January 10, 1944 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, m. March 19, 1966

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to Sara Elaine Brown in Hull, Georgia. Mahlon grew up in Atlanta, Georgia where he graduated from North Fulton High School in 1962. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Georgia in 1966 at which time he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force.

Sara (Elaine) Brown was born on June 12, 1945 in Athens, Georgia to Garnett and Sara Brown. Elaine attended school in Madison County where she graduated from high school in 1963.

Mahlon was trained to be a pilot by the Air Force. He has flown the F-4 Phantom Jet, the O-1, and the KC 135. While flying the O-1 in the Vietnam War, he received 8 air medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mahlon is presently (1991) in the Middle East supporting Operation Desert Storm.

Mahlon and Elaine have enjoyed their travels, having lived in eight states and assigned to nine different bases. They look forward to their retirement and plan on returning to Georgia.

Issue:

- (9a) Jeffery Lawrence (January 9, 1969-)

(9a) Jeffery Lawrence Marr b. January 9, 1969 in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Jeffrey (Jeff), as a cousin once stated "grew up as an Air Force brat." During his schooling he attended six different schools graduating from Warner Robins AFB High School in 1987. Jeff is an accomplished Black Belt in karate and a baseball shortstop.

Jeff joined the U.S. Coast Guard after high school. He was the youngest and graduated

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first in boot camp. He is currently (1990) a naval engineer for the Coast Guard stationed at Freeport, New York.

No Issue

(8b) Keith Allen Marr b. January 10, 1946 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. m. September 17, 1976 to Martha Irene Saffer in Flagler, Colorado. Keith grew up in Atlanta, Georgia graduating from North Fulton High School in 1964. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Georgia in 1969 at which time he was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps.

Martha Irene Saffer was born on June 16, 1951 in Burlington, Colorado to Merl and Nina Saffer. Martha (Marty) graduated from Flagler High School in 1969 and received a B.S. degree from Colorado State University in 1973.

Keith was trained to be a pilot by the Marine Corps. He flew helicopters off the carrier USS New Orleans during the Vietnam War. After their marriage, Keith and Marty moved to Eastern Colorado to become wheat farmers, where Marty's family has farms. Marty home schools their children. While at the University of Georgia, Keith found faith in Jesus Christ and he and Marty have made this their life work.

Issue:

- (9a) Nathan Lawrence (August 5, 1980-)
born in hospital/Hugo, Colo.
- (9b) JoAnna Leigh (December 25, 1982-)
born at home (blizzard. Christmas Day)
- (9c) David Elliot (April 20, 1985-)
born in hospital/Hugo, Colo.

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- (9d) Deborah Lynnette (April 23, 1988-)
born at home/Flagler, Colo.
- (9e) Daniel Asher (July 9, 1990-)
born at home/Flagler, Colo.

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(7h) Mary Alice Porterfield b. January 3, 1924 Floydada, Texas, m. April 10, 1945 in Gettysburg, Pa. too John Henry Spelgelmire, Jr. of Tucumcar, New Mexico. Mary moved with her parents from Floydada, Texas to Roy, New Mexico in 1930. This is where she was raised and attended school up to her senior year in high school. At this point (1941) the family relocated to Springer, NM where Mary was very active in school and church affairs. She played first clarinet in the high school band, wrote articles for the school paper, played the lead part in a school play, sang in the Methodist Church choir, taught Sunday School, and was active in church activities. Her greatest honors were her selection to the all district high school band and election as basketball queen at Springer High School. The 1941-1942 Springer High School team was a formidable powerhouse in northern New Mexico basketball. During World War II she became a Western Union teletype operator working in Dallas, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. It was while on a trip back to Washington, D.C. that she met John.

John Henry Spelgelmire, Jr. b. August 8, 1924 in Tucumcarl, NM was the son of J.H. Spelgelmire, Senior and Clara Hovey Spelgelmire. J.H. was in the plumbing business and Clara was a registered nurse. John, a 1941 graduate of Tucumcar High School, was in the Navy during World War II, serving primarily in the South Pacific and Florida. Mary and John were married in Gettysburg, Pa. with her sister, Vallie Marr and her husband, Lawrence, as attendants. They relocated to Tucumcarl in 1948 after John's discharge from the Navy. John purchased the plumbing business from his father in 1960 and it is here (1991) that they currently live.

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Issue:

- (8a) Judith Ann (1946-)
- (8b) Susan Jean (1947-)
- (8c) Tracy Jo (1961-)

(8a) Judith Ann Spelgelmire b. Mary 26, 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida, m. March 3, 1987 in Amarillo, Texas to Jerry (Don) Cheeley of that city. Judith (Judy) grew up in Tucumcarl where she attended and graduated from high school in 1964. She subsequently attended Draughans Business College in Amarillo receiving a degree in 1965. Judy and Don live (1991) in Amarillo where Judy works for Iowa Beef Processors and Don works for the Air Speed Corporation.

No Issue

(8b) Susan Jean Spelgelmire b. December 4, 1947 in Springer, NM, m. June 23, 1968 in Cottage Grove, Oregon to Jack Darrell Haworth of that city; divorced in 1988. Susan grew up in Tucumcarl, NM where she graduated from high school in 1965. She attended Draughans Business College in Amarillo receiving a degree in 1967. After graduation she worked for a CPA firm in Clovis, NM. It was in Clovis that she met Jack, who was stationed there with the U.S. Air Force. Subsequent to Jack's discharge they relocated to Cottage Grove Oregon.

Issue:

- (9a) Heather Janine (1968-)
- (9b) Laura Janell (1972-)

Subsequent to the divorce Susan continued to raise the girls. She currently lives in Cottage Grove and works, 1991, for the Astor Publishing Corporation in Eugene.

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(9a) Heather Janine Haworth b. December 31, 1968 in Oxnard, California. m. September 16, 1989 in Corvallis, Oregon to Gregory Randolph Ottoman of Portland, Oregon. Heather grew up in Cottage Grove, where she attended and graduated from high school in 1987. She is currently (1991) working toward a BA degree in history from Oregon State University. It was while attending OSU that she met and married Gregory (Greg).

Greg is the son of Garry Ottoman and Oriline Bennett of Portland. He graduated from OSU (1991) receiving a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and a commission in the U.S. Air Force. Heather and Greg are planning for the nomadic life of an Air Force officer.

(9b) Laura Janell Haworth b. April 30, 1971 in Cottage Grove, Oregon. This is where she grew up and attended high school graduating in 1990. Laura is currently, 1991, a bookkeeper for Safeway. She plans to become a travel agent and will start her training for such this fall, 1991.

(8c) Tracy Jo Spelgelmire b. October 11, 1961 in Tucumcari, NM m. May 25, 1985 in Amarillo, Texas to Joe Robert Oliveraz of that city. Tracy grew up in Tucumcari where she graduated from high school in 1979. She subsequently attended West Texas State University graduating with a BA degree in Criminal Justice in 1984. Tracy met and married Joe while working as a legal assistant in Amarillo. Joe is a deputy sheriff. Tracy and Joe currently, 1991, live in Amarillo where she is studying to become a paralegal.

Issue:

(9a) Keelee Grace (October 14, 1988-)

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PORTERFIELD LINES

PURPOSE: To present material of a genealogical nature pertaining to Porterfield and Allied Families. To share and encourage an exchange of information. To assist those researching Porterfield family history. To remember and honor our forbears.

PROPOSED CONTENTS: Maps, Family Group Sheets, resource lists, character sketches, photographs, historical and geographical background, military service records, cemetery records, ministers and churches served, census records, lineage charts of Porterfield and Allied Families, book reviews.

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Nita Jo 31 32

Since Nita Jo is listed under COX (all capital letters) you may assume she was born a COX. Nita Jo is also listed on page 11 as follows:

Porterfield

Nita Jo 31 32

Since this last name is upper and lower case, Nita Jo must have married a Porterfield.

Notice that in a family name, birth name appears first. For a dramatic example of this, look at the Porterfield listings. All individuals born Porterfield appear first, under the heading, "PORTERFIELD" (all capital letters). Immediately following the listing of those born Porterfield, comes a listing headed by "Porterfield" (upper & lower case). These are women who married into the Porterfield family.

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LOST MANUSCRIPT FOUND

Frank Burke Porterfield wrote these words in his 1947 publication The Porterfields: "...informants have referred to a manuscript history of the Porterfield clan by him, but the copy has not been found." The man about whom FBP was writing was James Henry Porterfield (1838-1879), the sixth child, fourth son of John Duff (I) Porterfield of the John (I)-John (II)-James (I)-Charles Porterfield line. John Duff (I), was a recruiter for the Confederate States of America. Five of his sons, John Duff (II), William Claude, Thomas Benton, Theophilus Donohoo, and Frank Marion served with the C.S.A. army during the Civil War, but James Henry, Jim, as he was called, fought with the Union forces.

The caption above should be in banner headlines. The manuscript which Frank Burke Porterfield described has been found! It has been in the safekeeping of Mrs. Mary Ethel Porterfield Kuehl, of Waco Texas, granddaughter of James Henry Porterfield.

H. Donald Porterfield of Huntsville, Alabama, author and compiler of Floyd County Porterfields, recently published by Porterfield Lines, has been entrusted with transcribing the work, a diary. Don is the great grandson of John Duff (II).

He writes:

Dec. 12, 1991

Here it is--a draft copy of the transcript of James Henry Porterfield's civil war diary. As you will see I still have a lot of work left to do.

I was in Holly Springs, Mississippi last week looking for additional information on James and the rest of the family. The trip was very very productive. My great grandfather was in the First Mississippi Unit (Home Guards) called to active duty at the start of the war. They became Co. "B" of the 9th Mississippi infantry and fought at Shiloh, Chicamauga, Atlanta, etc. The man who heads up the Holly Springs Historical Society has read what I have put together

so far and has advised me that when completed it needs to be published. He says he has read of a number of cases where brother fought brother in the war but that this is the first detailed account of such a conflict and that the document has historical significance.

H.D. Porterfield

Reading the enclosed draft copy, I was caught up in the emotional tension of the story. Though written in low key, almost terse sentences and half sentences, the narrative is so compelling that once begun it must be finished. As a woman, I sometimes found it difficult to look at the pages, too difficult to endure the turmoil in the minds and lives of these soldiers.

In the "Forward" Don Porterfield writes: "My intentions in this work are several fold: to transcribe the diary of James H. Porterfield from a handwritten format to a more readable typewritten format; to provide to those of you who are Civil War buffs some insight into the life of a southern Union Soldier who fought against friends, neighbors, relatives, and brothers and; most importantly, to add a little bit to the history of the Tennessee-Mississippi-Texas line of Porterfield's from which I am descended."

He begins with "Notes" and an "Introduction" which set the stage for the drama, and adds a "Postscript" which contains both the Union and Confederate military accounts of the fighting at Canton, Mississippi, where Jim was captured.

Publication of the Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James A. Porterfield as transcribed by H. Don Porterfield will be a landmark in the history of the Porterfields and their descendants.

Frances Porterfield Willis

NOTE: The earliest American Porterfield lines can conveniently be referred to, beginning with John (I), 1675-1738, immigrant from Ireland to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as the John (I), John (II), James (I) line, and so on, using names of children and grandchildren of John (I) to delineate lineage. This designation will sometimes be used in future issues.

The two lines we have followed most closely in Porterfield Lines have been John (I), John (II), Charles, and John (I), John (II), James (I). Frank Burke Porterfield called these lines "The Lancaster County Porterfields." Please refer to previously published charts in the March and May, 1991 issues of Porterfield Lines.

Additional Records
DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES PORTERFIELD
Anne Richards and Wayne Beeler

In this issue and the next, descendants of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield will be featured. Charles (1776-1839) fourth generation Porterfield in America, was the oldest son of James Porterfield who was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1747 and died in Wilson County Tennessee in 1811. James was the oldest son of John (II) Porterfield who was born at Donegal Ireland in 1724 and died at Newton Township, Cumberland (Lancaster) County Pennsylvania in 1786. John (II) was the seventh child, 6th son of John (I), the first Porterfield immigrant from Ireland, according to Frank Burke Porterfield in his book The Porterfields. John was an immigrant from Ireland to Pennsylvania, died at Trenton, New Jersey in 1738/39. (Sources: FBP, Paul Porterfield FGS, Margrett Porter Singleton letter, Chalkley, Sumner, early tax, probate, land, and census records of Tennessee.)

We are glad to publish the records of Anne Richards of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Wayne Beeler of Springfield, Illinois. They are descendants of Charles Porterfield and Jane Duff Porterfield.

Wayne Beeler had given credit to Anne Richards as the source of information for his Family Group Sheets through the first four generations of Porterfields in America, so it was good to receive her Pedigree Chart last fall. Compilations from their charts are printed on the next pages.

They have as their common ancestor, Charles Lockhart Porterfield, fourth child, third son of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield. Wayne is a descendant of John Alexander Porterfield who was the fourth child, oldest son of Charles Lockhart and his wife, Mary/Nancy Jane Dixon. Anne Richards is a descendant of Wm. Zaccheus, their ninth and youngest child, who was their third son.

Charles, father of Charles Lockhart, grandfather of John Alexander and Wm. Zaccheus, had fourteen children, eleven from his marriage to Jane Duff on 28 March, 1800, and three from his marriage to Ellen Buckley on 26 March, 1832.

These children and their children fanned out to the south, west, and north to build new homes, settle new land. What stories we can read from the charts! What tales of acts of love, friendship, courage, and, yes, desperation our ancestors could tell us! What hardships they must have suffered. Their lives and the lives of other pioneers wove the fabric for the history of their times.

FMW

Look for these people in the charts which follow.

John Alexander Porterfield, born 1840 in Savannah, Hardin County Tennessee, removed to Houston County Texas (County Seat, Crockett), fought with the C.S.A. in Co. B 13th Texas Cavalry, married Elizabeth Ann Ellis in 1866, was thrice married, thrice widowed, had 12 children, became a farmer in Eastland County Texas where he died in 1914 at Rising Star.

Wm. Zaccheus Porterfield, born in Savannah, Hardin County Tennessee 20 April, 1852, married Susan Alice Montgomery in 1881, had nine children, removed first to Houston County Texas, then in 1894 to Oklahoma, just five years after it was opened to white settlers, April 22, 1889. He and his family settled on a 200 acre farm in the New Hope Community near Tecumseh in Pottawatomie County, where they raised cotton, fruits, vegetables, and cattle. It would be interesting to know if Wm. Zaccheus received his land by making one of the runs into Oklahoma for land, or if he obtained it through the system of drawing lots which was established later. He died in 1948 at Shawnee, Oklahoma, having lived almost a century.

Elizabeth Coffey, born May 3, 1870 in Montgomery County Illinois, married Weldon Porterfield of Rising Star, Eastland County Texas in December of 1889 at Rising Star. After bearing two children, Arthur in 1890 and Vera Izora in 1891, Elizabeth was widowed. She may have gone back to Illinois to be near her family. She remarried in 1894, husband's name John Melton, place of marriage not given, but by 20 July 1910 when Vera Izora married Rolla Hicks, they were living in Fillmore, Montgomery County Illinois. Vera Izora, described by Frank Burke Porterfield as musically talented, with special training in voice and piano, was a Baptist. She bore two sons and two daughters. Before her death in 1968, she shared her recollections of family history with her grandson, Wayne Beeler. A note on his chart for Weldon and Elizabeth (Coffey) Porterfield gives places of residence as Texas, Oklahoma, and Illinois

- Chart 1. Charles Lockhart Porterfield Family Group Sheet
- Chart 2. John Alexander Porterfield Descendants
- Chart 3. Wm. Zaccheus Porterfield Descendants

Chart 1

HUSBAND: Charles Lockhart Porterfield (1808-1854) (RN=257)
B: 1808 @ Rutherford Co TN
M: ca 1833 @ Rutherford Co TN
D: 1854 @ Savannah Hardin Co TN
FATHER: Charles Porterfield (RN=4)
MOTHER: Jane Duff (RN=5)

WIFE: Mary/Nancy Jane Dixon (RN=335)
B: FBP 1808 Wayne Beeler c1814
D: 1857 @ Savannah, Hardin Co TN

CHILDREN

- 1 F Elizabeth J. Porterfield (RN=336)
B: 1834 @ Savannah Hardin Co TN
M: to Wm. Robbins (RN=337)
- 2 F Frances J. Porterfield FBP Dora (RN=338)
B: 1836 @ Savannah Hardin Co TN
M: to Zachariah Frank (RN=339)
- 3 F Martha J. Porterfield FBP Priscilla (RN=340)
B: 1838 @ Savannah Hardin Co TN
M: to Frank Frank (RN=341) @ Hardin Co TN
- 4 M John Alexander Porterfield (RN=342)
B: 1840 @ Hardin Co TN
M: 1866 to Elizabeth Ann Ellis (RN=343) @ Houston Co TX (Widowed)
RM: 1878 to Sarah Texanna Ellis (1852-1879) (NO RN) (Widowed)
RM: 1880 to Margaret Jane Squires (NO RN) (Widowed)
D: 1914 @ Rising Star, Eastland Co Texas
- 5 F Sarah Catherine Porterfield FBP Kathryn (RN=344)
B: 1842 @ Savannah Hardin Co TN
- 6 F Nancy A. Porterfield (RN=345)
- 7 F Septimia Ellen/Eleanor Porterfield (RN=346)
B: Jan 1847 @ Savannah Hardin Co TN
M: to James Howard Russell (RN=347)
D: 22 Mar 1908 @ Lovelady, Houston Co TX
- 8 M Charles S.D. Augustus Porterfield (RN=348)
- 9 M Wm. Zaccheus Porterfield (RN=349)
B: 20 Apr 1852 @ Savannah, Hardin Co TN
M: 1881 to Susan Alice Montgomery (RN=397)
D: 23 Sep 1948 @ Shawnee, Okla.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

H-1-A Hardin County Farmer, Savannah, TN
 W-1-FBP 87pp, Wayne Beeler FGS
 W-2-FBP gives name Mary Jane; WB gives name Nancy Jane.
 1-1-FBP: (5a) Elizabeth m. William Robbins; moved to Texas.
 1-2-Wayne Beeler FGS corroborates, adds birth date 1834.
 2-1-FBP (5b) Lists second child as Dora. "Dora m. Zachariah Frank; moved to Arkansas."
 2-2-Wayne Beeler lists second child as Frances J., m. Zachariah Frank, born 1836, moved to AR
 3-1-FBP (5c) "Priscilla m. Frank Frank of Hardin County.
 3-2-Wayne Beeler FGS lists name of third child as Martha J., born 1838, Savannah Hardin Co TN.
 4-1-Sources: FBP, Wayne Beeler.
 4-2-WB FGS: C.S.A. Co. B 13th Cavalry
 5-1-FBP: (5e) "Kathryn Porterfield moved to Arkansas."
 5-2-Other information Wayne Beeler FGS
 7-1-FBP;WB
 7-2-Buried Evergreen Cemetery, Houston Co TX
 9-1-Sources: FBP, Wayne Beeler, Anne Richards.
 9-2-Wayne Beeler: d. 25 Aug 1948 Shawnee OK bu. New Hope Cem.
 9-
 3-Wm. Z. moved to Houston Co TX 1859 (?), to New Hope community in Oklahoma, 1894, to 200 acre farm, raised cotton, fruit, vegetable s, cattle. Helped found New Hope Baptist Church.

1850 CENSUS MICROFILM JOHNATHAN R. REEVES - FATHER OF SUSAN REEVES

283 283	Johnathan R. Reeves	45 M	Farmer	100	Tenn
	Martha M	34 F			
	Nancy M	18 "			
	Headrick d	15 "			

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in White River Township in the County of Union of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 19th day of Oct 1850. W. H. McQueen

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth: Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year, Yes, Attended School within the year.
			Age	Sex	Color, (White, black, or mulatto.)				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1		Francis E	4	M				Tenn	
2		Sarah A	2	F					
3		Martha L	7	F				Ark	
4		Keefus K	7	M					
5		Miranda G	5	F					
6		Kuth J	1	M					

Chart 2

DESCENDANTS OF John Alexander Porterfield (RN=342)

04 Jan 1980

PERSON	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
John Alexander Porterfield (RN=342)							
SEX: M							
B: 1840 @ Hardin Co TN							
3 Marriages							
M: 1866 to Elizabeth Ann Ellis (RN=343) @ Houston Co TX							
Widowed							
RM: 1878 to Sarah Texanna Ellis (1852-1879) (No RN)							
Widowed							
RM: 1880 to Margaret Jane Squires (No RN)							
Widowed							
D: 1914 @ Rising Star, Eastland Co Texas							
12 Children							
(1: Sources: FBP, Wayne Beeler.)							
(2: WB FGS: C.S.A. Co. B 13th Cavalry)							
Benjamin Weldon Porterfield (RN=350)							
SEX: M							
B: 1868 @ Houston Co TX							
M: 05 Dec 1889 to Mary Elizabeth Coffey (RN=351) @ Rising Star, Eastland Co TX							
D: 1892 @ Eastland Co. TX							
2 Children							
(1: Sources: FBP, WB, Vera Izora Hicks before death 1968)							
MOTHER: Elizabeth Ann Ellis (RN=343)							
Arthur Porterfield (RN=355)							
SEX: M							
B: 1890 @ Rising Star, Eastland Co TX							
D: 1908 @ Fillmore, Montgomery Co IL							
MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth Coffey (RN=351)							
Vera Izora Porterfield (RN=356)							
SEX: F							
B: 27 Nov 1891 @ Rising Star, Eastland Co TX							
M: 20 Jul 1910 to Rolla Hicks (RN=357) @ Fillmore, Montgomery Co IL							
D: 06 Jun 1968 @ Fillmore, Montgomery IL							
4 Children							
(1: FBP, WB, Vera Hicks)							
(2: Rolla Hicks, farmer. Vera Izora talented in music, college educated, special training in voice and piano.)							
MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth Coffey (RN=351)							
Weldon Sherman Hicks (No RN)							

Continuation of Chart 2. Descendants of John Alexander Porterfield

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN
			Sheridan Edward Hicks (No RN)					
			Lora Elizabeth Hicks (No RN)					
			Helen Letitia Hicks (RN=358)					
			SEX: F					
			B: 1891					
			M: to Melvin Beeler (RN=359)					
			D: 1968 @ Montgomery Co IL					
			1 Child					
			(: Sources: FBP, WB, Vera Izora Hicks)					
			FATHER: Rolla Hicks (RN=357)					
			Wayne Beeler (RN=360)					
			SEX: M					
			B: 1945					
			Living					
			0 Children					
			(: See Note for Melvin Beeler 359.)					
			FATHER: Melvin Beeler (RN=359)					
			Charles Lorenzy Porterfield (RN=352)					
			MOTHER: Elizabeth Ann Ellis (RN=343)					
			Albert Hardy Porterfield (RN=353)					
			MOTHER: Elizabeth Ann Ellis (RN=343)					
			John Alexander (1879-1884) (No RN)					
			Lona Ann (No RN)					
			(:6f) (No RN)					
			Lennie (No RN)					
			Lula Pearl (No RN)					
			Myrtle Ellen (No RN)					
			John Alexander (No RN)					
			Franklin Augustus (No RN)					
			Riley Edwin (No RN)					

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN

|Wm. Zaccheus Porterfield (RN=349)

| SEX: M
 | B: 20 Apr 1852 @ Savannah, Hardin Co TN
 | M: 1881 to Susan Alice Montgomery (RN=397)
 | D: 23 Sep 1948 @ Shawnee, Okla.
 | 9 Children
 | (1: Sources: FBP, Wayne Beeler, Anne Richards.)
 | (2: Wayne Beeler: d. 25 Aug 1948 Shawnee OK bu. New Hope Cem.)
 | (3: Wm. Z. moved to Houston Co TX 1859 (?), to New Hope community in Oklahoma, 1894, to 200 acre farm, raised
 | cotton, fruit, vegetables, cattle. Helped found New Hope Baptist Church.)

|Eugene Edward Porterfield (RN=392)

| SEX: M
 | B: 22 Sep 1898 @ Pottawattomie Co, Okla. Territory
 | M: 29 Sep 1920 to Rhoda Susan Hathcock (RN=393)
 | D: 25 Jun 1975 @ El Dorado, AR
 | 2 Children
 | (1: Source: FBP and Anne Richards)
 | MOTHER: Susan Alice Montgomery (RN=397)

|Anne Marise Porterfield (RN=394)

| SEX: F
 | B: 13 May 1925 @ Shawnee, OK
 | M: 10 Oct 1943 to Bill Scott Richards (RN=395)
 | Living
 | 1 Child
 | MOTHER: Rhoda Susan Hathcock (RN=393)

|Anne Porterfield Richards (RN=396)

| SEX: F
 | Living
 | (1: Anne Porterfield Richards is a descendant of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield.
 | Succession: Charles Lockhart, 4th child 3rd son; Wm. Zaccheus, 9th child 3rd
 | son; Eugene Edward Porterfield, 9th child 4th son; Anne Marise Porterfield
 | Richards.)
 | FATHER: Bill Scott Richards (RN=395)

|Patricia Ellen Porterfield (No RN)

Family Group Sheet

Husband's Full Name Charles Lockhart Porterfield Chart No. _____

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth			1808		Rutherford	TN	
Chr'd							
Marr.			1833		Rutherford?	TN	
Death			1854	Savannah	Hardin	TN	
Burial							

Places of Residence _____
 Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other wives, if any, No. 11-22 etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father Charles Porterfield Mother's Maiden Name Jane Duff

Wife's Full Maiden Name Nancy Jane Dixon

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1814			TN	
Chr'd							
Death			1857	Savannah	Hardin	TN	
Burial							

Places of Residence _____
 Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other husbands, if any, No. 11-22 etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on Children
F	1 Elizabeth J.				1834	Savannah	Hardin	TN	moved to TX
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Wm. Robbins</u>								
F	2 Frances J.				1836	"	"	"	moved to AR
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Zachariah Frank</u>								
F	3 Martha J.				1838	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Frank Frank</u>								
M	4 John Alexander				1840	"	"	"	2 other
	Full Name of Spouse <u>(1) Eliz. Ann Ellis</u>				1866		Houston	TX	mar.
					1914	Rising Star	Eastland	TX	
F	5 Sarah Catherine				1842	Savannah	Hardin	TN	to AR
	Full Name of Spouse								
F	6 Nancy A.				1844	"	"	"	to Little Rock Ar.
	Full Name of Spouse								
F	7 Septina Ellen (Eleanor)				Nov. 1847	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse <u>James Howard Russell</u>				11 July 1868				
					22 March 1908	Jewelady	Houston	TX	
						Evergreen Cem.	"	"	
M	8 Charles S. P. Augustus				1849		Hardin	TN	
	Full Name of Spouse				1878		Houston	TX	

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Husband's Full Name

Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date _____

Wayne Beeler
 437 N. 5th St.
 Springfield, IL 62702

Notes: #9 Wm. Zscheuer b 20 April 1811
 m. 1881 Susan Alice Montgomery
 d. 25 Aug. 1948 Shawnee OK.
 bur. New Hope Cem.

WERE THERE TWO FRANCES J. PORTERFIELDS?

Records from Wayne Beeler's Family Group Sheet for Charles Lockhart Porterfield contained some surprising differences from those of Frank Burke Porterfield. According to FBP the children of Charles Lockhart and Mary Jane (Dixon) Porterfield were:

- (5a) Elizabeth Porterfield who married William Robbins and moved to Texas.
- (5b) Dora Porterfield who married Zachariah Frank and moved to Arkansas.
- (5c) Priscilla Porterfield who married Frank Frank of Hardin County (and remained there?).
- (5d) John Alexander Porterfield (1814-1914) who married Elizabeth Ann Ellis (1848-1877) in 1866, was C.S.A. soldier, a farmer in Eastland County Texas. (Md. 3 times.)

Beeler's chart for Charles Lockhart and Nancy Jane (Dixon) Porterfield (Note: FBP names her "Mary Jane") lists the following four oldest children.

- Child 1. Elizabeth, born 1834 Savannah Hardin County TN, married Wm. Robbins, moved to Texas.
- Child 2. Frances J., born 1836 Savannah Hardin County TN, married Zachariah Frank, moved to Arkansas.
- Child 3. Martha J., born 1838 Savannah Hardin County TN, married Frank Frank.
- Child 4. John Alexander, born 1840 Savannah Hardin County Tn, married Elizabeth Ann Ellis in 1866, had two other marriages, died 1914 at Rising Star , Eastland Co. TX.

Except for the spelling of names and a little additional information about the last five children of Charles Lockhart and Nancy Jane on the Beeler Family Group Sheet, there is little difference in the remainder of the two charts.

Surprised as I was to see the name Frances J. Porterfield, I wondered, "Could there be? -there must be some mistake!" But the surname Frank sounded familiar. Then I remembered that I had found an 1860 Arkansas census record for a family named Frank in December, while reading microfilm census records for Arkansas. The surname had been Franks, not Frank.

Jefferson County Arkansas, Vaugine Township, June 15, 1860.

Name	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Property	Birthplace
Z. Franks	34 M Farmer	600	300	N.C.
F.J. or T.J. Franks	24 F			Tennessee
L.C.T. Franks	6 M			Tennessee
Martha Franks	4 F			Arks
Z. Franks	2 M			Arks
Nancy Porterfield	16 F			Tennessee

At the bottom of the census form I had scribbled, "Could this be Frankie J. Look up Franks in Tennessee 1850."

The "Frankie J." to whom the note referred is Frances/Frankie J. Porterfield, oldest daughter of John Milton Porterfield, descendant of the John-John-James-James line of Lancaster County Porterfields. She is listed on the 1850 Wilson County Tennessee census as 11 on 16 October, the younger sister of William Ross and James T. Porterfield, but she was not living with the family in Union Township Fulton County Arkansas when the census was enumerated on 14 June 1860. "Did Frances J. Porterfield move with the family to Arkansas and marry there or did she...die as she approached young womanhood?" That is the question posed in Porterfield Lines Sept 1991, p. 79. An identical question could be asked by family members searching for Frances J. Porterfield of Hardin Co. Tn if they did not know her husband's name. A question which we did not ask was "Did she marry in Tennessee before the family moved to Arkansas, though very young, 12 to 16 years old?"

Records secured by Frank Burke Porterfield have been amazingly accurate, but now, we wonder, "Were there two Frances J. Porterfields who moved from Tennessee to Arkansas between 1850 and 1860? And who were Dora and Priscilla Porterfield? More about this later.

FMW

1850 CENSUS MICROFILM DAVID S. REEVES - UNCLE OF SUSAN REEVES

SCHEDULE I - Free Inhabitants in White River Township in the County of Wilson of Tennessee enumerated by me, on the 22nd day of Oct 1850. Chas. McLean

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION			7	8	9	10-11-12		
			4	5	6				Males	Females	Total
The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.			Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, Negro, Indian)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married	Attended School	Can read and write
		<u>James B. Baker</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Melvin M. Baker</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Diana C. Baker</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Elyabeth</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Stephen</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Henry G.</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Hebert</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Lyndine</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Elyabeth</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>James M. Johnson</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>Tenn</u>			
		<u>Jessie</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>White</u>			<u>Tenn</u>			

We continue our look at the times and the lives of Porterfields in northeast Arkansas in the 1840's to 1870's with an article about the family of Milly Ann Powers, wife of William Ross Porterfield, and with photocopies of bills which the family incurred at the General Store during the period between the death of Gambil Powers and the settlement and distribution of his estate. Gambil and Mary (James) Powers bear the same relationship to their Porterfield descendants as do the parents of William Ross Porterfield, John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield

THE POWERS GIRLS AND THEIR BROTHERS

Gambil Powers had 4 daughters to "marry off." Perhaps he felt it was fortunate that three of them, Sarah, Delaney, and Phebe found husbands among the Seatons. We do not know whether the Powers met the Seatons in Tennessee or Arkansas, but we do know the marriages occurred between the years 1850 and 1857. According to the 1850 Henderson County Tennessee census six of the Powers' children, Delaney 25, Milly Ann 23, Sarah 22, Hue 21, Phoebe 19, and William 11 still lived with Gambol who was 59 and Mary who was 50. The family probably moved to Arkansas about 1853 for Sarah Seaton's son, William R. Seaton, born in Arkansas, was 7 at the time of the 1860 Independence County Arkansas census (See below). Milly Ann Powers married William Ross Porterfield on 11 October 1854 in Batesville, Independence County Arkansas (Pension Application). Phoebe was married to John Seaton on 21 August 1853 in Independence County AR by Rueben L. Butler who also performed the marriage ceremony for Milly Ann Powers and Susan Reeves.

The first name of Sarah's husband is not known; she was a widow living with Mary (James) Powers, her mother, P.O. Rock Bayou, Jefferson Township, Independence County Arkansas in 1860. With them were seven children, William Bn Seaton 13, Mary? A. Seaton 12, Nancy J. Seaton 10, William R. Seaton 7, George M. Seaton 6, John H. Seaton 4, Louisia? Seaton 3. The three oldest children were born in Tennessee, the four youngest in Arkansas. We had assumed from this information that Sarah had married a widower with children, and that before his death ca 1857, the four youngest children named above were born to their union. The probate records for Gambil Powers reveal that Delaney (Powers) Seaton, his oldest daughter, died between 1850 and 1857 and that her children are heirs of his estate. So the question arises: Are the children living with Sarah and Mary, Sarah's children, or are they Delaney's children? No census record has been found for Delaney. Her husband's given name is also unknown. It is likely that in this frontier country both Delaney and Sarah, who were 25 and 22 in 1850, married older men, widowers who had lost their first wives.

Living next door to Sarah and Mary is Mary's youngest son William Powers, 21, with his wife Elizabeth R. 26. The same census, the 1860 Jefferson Township Independence County Arkansas census, shows that John Seaton, age 22, and his wife Pheoba Powers, age 25, were living near Mary Powers and Sarah Seaton. John and Phoebe's children were listed as Mary L. 5, Martha J. 4, Sarah L. 2, and Malinda C. 1., all born in Arkansas. According to the 1850 Henderson County Tennessee census Phoebe would be 29, not 25, in 1860.

Ten years later, in 1870, many of these same family members lived near each other in Ashley Township, Independence County Arkansas. Mary was living with Milly Ann and her three children, John 14. Amy 12, and William 10. Some, if not all the family members had gone to Missouri during the civil war. Milly Ann had been widowed; William Ross had died in the St. Louis Hospital and was buried in the Jefferson National Cemetery. William and Louisa Seaton have lost their son, have a daughter, Emma, 4. Sarah Seaton, 44, and the five youngest Seaton children, Mary 22, William 17, George 16, John 14 and Louisa 13 are not too far away; Nancy, one of Sarah's stepdaughters, now 20 years old, has married James Richardson, 21, and has a one month old son, William. Willis Seaton 23, relationship not apparent, has married a young woman named Alice 17 and lives next door to Milly Ann and Mary Powers. (See Vol I Number 3, May Issue, Porterfield Lines, p. 39-45.)

The three oldest Powers children, brothers Henry D., John B., and K.W./Kimbrel had made the pioneering move for the family, probably leaving Henderson County Tennessee about 1848 to settle in Jefferson Township, Independence County Arkansas. The 3rd Oct 1850 census for that township records their residency on pages 315 and 316: Dwelling 46 K.W. Powers 23, Nancy A. 18; Dwelling 47 John Powers 25, Marietta, 24, William 1 born in Arkansas; Dwelling 56 Henry 33, Elizabeth 28, Martha 9 born in Tennessee. The brothers were all born in North Carolina, the wives in Tennessee. By the time of Gambil's death, Henry, joined by his younger brother Hue/Hugh R. Power, had removed to Pope County, where Henry owned and operated a grocery store. According to the Dover Township Pope County AR 16th July 1860 census, page 773, Henry D. Powers 42 was a Grocery Keeper, with a Real Estate Value of 1100, a Personal Property value of \$2960, living with his wife Elizabeth 40 and Ada Gallons 9, born in Tennessee. Hugh R. Powers 30 was farming, Real Estate Value was \$2000 and Personal Property Value \$550. He had married Nancy B. ? who was 18, born in Arkansas, and they had a 10 month old son, born in Arkansas.

Frances Porterfield Willis

Evening Shade - Ark

1858

Gambrell Powers & Co. Wm. H. Shaver Treas Dr.

Jan	28	To 1/2 yd silk thread	75	38
"	"	6 1/2 " Blk Satinet	90	5 85
"	"	1 " Mohair serge		40
"	"	1 1/4 " Domestic	137	1 69
"	"	1 # sulphur		15
"	"	1 Vest		2 00
"	"	1 dog coat Button		39
"	"	1 Strain flat		10
July	2	1 Coffee sack		10
Sept	14	2 yd prints	18	36
"	"	Balance on of flannel		23
"	"	1 paper pin		14
Nov	6	7 1/4 yd Domestic	14	1 02
"	"	Balance on print		5 1/2
"	"	2 1/2 yd Satinet	80	2 00
"	"	1 # sulphur		15
"	"	3 yd Blk Domestic	15	45
"	"	1 pr men shoes		2 15
"	16	1 Curry comb m. M. Weston		15
"	"	1 # Soda		15
				18 23
1859				
Jan	14	1 1/2 # castings	8	1 24
"	"	4 1/2 " Tobacco	40	1 80
"	"	1 Coffee sack		10
July	12	By Order by J. S. Seaton		6 00
April	25	1 pr men shoes		3 15
"	"	1 " " " "		1 20
"	"	1 pr slippers		75
"	"	11 yd Drill	163	1 84
"	"	2 1/2 " apam sheets	18	45
"	"	1 Coffee sack		10
"	"	By Cash		33
				33
				33 34 56

June 17	Smith Boot Over	88	50
	To 1 plug Tobacco		25
	1 Smoking glass		25
	1 Bridle	1	50
	1 vial Rose oil		15
	1 Led pencil		10
	1/2 lb Salt str Thread		10
Aug 9	6 yd Jaconet in better 30		1 80
	6 " 60 Domestic 10		60
	6 " 80 Velvet 50		3 00
	1 in cotton in hose		25
	1 " " gloves		25
	1 lb Tobacco 10		20
			10
			10

August Term 1860
Examined & allowed
1861 of Reed judge

3.91
 1.33
 2.88
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 2.50
 2.50
 61
 49

Received of the Hon. J. B. Powers
 1 Nov 1857

of Mr. Shaver
 1857
 Sumner Powers letter

State of Arkansas } ss

I J. M. Shaver do solemnly swear that nothing has been paid or delivered towards the satisfaction of the above demands except what is credited there on, and that the sum of Fifty Six Dollar & Forty nine cents above demands is truly due.

J. M. Shaver

sworn to before me an acting Justice of the Peace within the state aforesaid on this the 8 day of November 1859

Wm. Langston J. J.

This account is accepted by John B. Powers
 as administrator of the estate of Sumner Powers Dissort

Sumner Powers letter
 1857
 J. M. Shaver

PORTERFIELD LINES

PURPOSE: To present material of a genealogical nature pertaining to Porterfield and Allied Families. To share and encourage an exchange of information. To assist those researching Porterfield family history. To remember and honor our forbears.

PROPOSED CONTENTS: Maps, Family Group Sheets, resource lists, character sketches, photographs, historical and geographical background, military service records, cemetery records, ministers and churches served, census records, lineage charts of Porterfield and Allied Families, book reviews.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: "Looking around Arkansas for Porterfields"; "Tennessee"; "Line of Charles and Jane Duff Porterfield"; "Were there two Frances J. Porterfields?"

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PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

The Lancaster County Porterfields

John Porterfield (1724-1786), his younger brother, Samuel (1726-1789), and his older brother, James (1718-1777), could be called the Cumberland County Pennsylvania Lancaster-Contians if we wanted to identify them by the location of their first homes in America. As Frank Burke Porterfield tells the story, they settled in Lancaster County before the area became Cumberland County in 1750.

Just about the end of 1761, James, the older brother, decided to move on to Cumberland County North Carolina with his family. John and Samuel, the two youngest brothers, remained in Pennsylvania, acquiring land in what later became Newton Township. All three were sons of John Porterfield (1675-1739) immigrant to Pennsylvania.

The change in county lines in 1750 led to the strange fact that the two oldest children of John II were born in Lancaster County, the younger children in Cumberland County, though the family may have lived in the same home during the years of their births. Certainly they lived in the same area.

The descendants of John II (1724-1786) are followed in Frank Burke Porterfield's book The Porterfields, Chapter VI, "Lancaster County Porterfields." The descendants of Samuel (1726--1789) are recorded in Chapter IX, "Westmoreland County Porterfields"; descendants of James (1718-1777), in Chapter V "Cumberland County (North Carolina) Porterfields." For a better understanding of family genealogy and history, consult the charts on pages 129-132.

The Porterfields is a compilation of genealogical information. Printed in 1948 by Southeastern Press, Roanoke, Virginia, it is now out of print. Many of the sources Frank Burke Porterfield relied on are still available to us today, sources such as public records and reprints of county, state, and military histories. Others, from private records, like family bibles and letters may be lost or unavailable to researchers.

JOHN PORTERFIELD I (1675-1739)

HUSBAND: John Porterfield Immigrant to PA (RN=40)
 Born 1675 Place Ireland
 Died 1739 Place New Jersey?

HUSBAND'S FATHER: William Porterfield (1645-1728) of Ireland (NO RN)

HUSBAND'S MOTHER:

WIFE: Wife of Immigrant to PA (RN=324)

WIFE'S FATHER:

WIFE'S MOTHER:

M/F	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED
1 M	William Porterfield (RN=41)	1712	Donegal Co Ireland	ca 1734 Martha Alexander (RN=298)	1789
2 M	Charles Porterfield (RN=42)	1714	Ireland	Unknown (NO RN)	1778
3 M	Robert Porterfield (RN=43)	1716	Ireland	Unknown (NO RN)	1785
4 M	James Porterfield (RN=44)	1718	Ireland	Unknown (NO RN)	1777
5 M	Patrick Porterfield (RN=45)	1720	Ireland	Unknown (NO RN)	1789
6 F	Eleanor Porterfield (RN=46)	1722	Ireland	July 1749 Robert Boyd (NO RN)	1782
7 M	John Porterfield (RN=1)	1724	Ireland	Unknown (RN=125)	1786
8 M	Saauel Porterfield (RN=47)	1726	Ireland	Unknown (NO RN)	1789

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

H-1-Source: FBP The Porterfields
 H-2-FBP Preface: Immigrant to PA, d. 1739
 H-3-FBP page 11: Merchant of Trenton, N.J., died 1738
 H-4-Sons Wm. and Charles to Chester Co PA, James, John and Saauel to Lancaster Co PA.
 1-1-FBP Ch. X Chester Co. Porterfields

7-Sarah Cunningham (RN=126)

1-
 2-Ancestor of Col. G.A. Porterfield, Charlestown, N. V. To Chester Co PA ca 1830, to Frederick Co VA in 1841 (Fort Neally on the Opequon River), later to Berkeley Co VA, owned 450 acres there in 1767. FBP

2-1-Source: FBP Ch. IV The Frederick Co VA Porterfields.
 2-

2-Ireland to Pennsylvania. About 1738 to Frederick Co VA. William and Charles came to Fred. Co. together. William bought a tract of land in the northern part of the county, now Berkeley Co; Charles settled near Winchester.

7-1-Source FBP, Ch. VI. Lancaster County Porterfields
 7-2-Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 6, Oct. 23, 1777-1779.

7-3-250 a. land Lancaster Co., in 1750 became Cumberland Co.: Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vol. 20.

JOHN PORTERFIELD II (1724-1786)

HUSBAND: John Porterfield (RN=1)

B: 1724 @ Ireland

M: to wife below

OM: 18 Apr 1755 to Sarah Cunningham (RN=126)

D: 1786 @ Newton Twp, Cumberland Co PA (Shippensburgh P.O. in 1790).

FATHER: John Porterfield Immigrant to PA (RN=40)

MOTHER: Wife of Immigrant to PA (RN=324)

WIFE: Unknown (RN=125)

CHILDREN

1 M James Porterfield (RN=2)

B: 1747 @ Lancaster Co PA

M: 1773 to Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3) @ Augusta Co VA ?

D: 1811 @ Wilson Co. TN

2 M Robert Porterfield (RN=121)

B: 1749 @ Lancaster (Cumberland Co.) PA ?

M: Marriage assumed. to Unknown Unknown Wife of Robert (1749-1800) (2b) FBP (RN=228)

D: 1800 @ Rich Valley, VA ?

3 M John Porterfield (RN=122)

B: 1751

M: to Nancy Kincannon 1st md Brooks (RN=229)

D: 1833 @ Washington Co VA, buried Ebbing Spring.

4 M William Porterfield (RN=123)

M: 06 Aug 1785 to Nancy Frazier Wife of William Porterfield, (2d) FBP (RN=230) @ Pennsylvania

5 F Eliza Porterfield (RN=124)

M: 10 Jul 1790 to John Smith Husband of Eliza Porterfield (2e) FBP (RN=231) @ Pennsylvania

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

H-1-Source FBP, Ch. VI. Lancaster County Porterfields

H-2-Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 6, Oct. 23, 1777-1779.

H-3-250 a. land Lancaster Co., in 1750 became Cumberland Co.: Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vol. 20.

1-1-FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS, MS letter

1-2-Sources: Chalkley, Suener, early tax, probate, and land records TN

2-

1-(2b) FBP p 72PP. "Robert Porterfield (1749-1800) who had 400 acres of land surveyed in Rich Valley in Virginia, September 1, 1781. He took a very prominent part in the affairs of his county in Virginia. The names of descendants have not been disclosed. Suener's Annals." No other reference.

3-1-Source FBP (2c)

3-2-Washington Co. VA Porterfields. PA to VA? Source Lilburn Breckenridge Porterfield (1830-1905)

4-1-Source: FBP (2d). No other reference.

JAMES PORTERFIELD I (1747-1811)

HUSBAND: James Porterfield (RN=2)
B: 1747 @ Lancaster Co PA
M: 1773 @ Augusta Co VA ?
D: 1811 @ Wilson Co. TN
FATHER: John Porterfield (RN=1)
MOTHER: Unknown (RN=125)

WIFE: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart (RN=3)
B: 1747 @ Lancaster Co PA
D: 1816 @ Wilson Co TN

CHILDREN

- 1 M Charles Porterfield (RN=4)
B: 1776
M: 28 Mar 1800 to Jane Duff (RN=5) @ Washington Co VA?
RM: 26 Mar 1832 to Mariah Ellen Buckley (RN=24)
D: 17 Jul 1839 @ bd Cook Cem. Rutherford Co TN
- 2 M Thomas Wilson Porterfield (RN=6)
B: 1778 @ Abingdon, Washington, VA
M: 27 Aug 1811 (issued) to Cynthia Ireland (RN=7)
RM: 29 Sep issued a. 1 Oct 1829 to RNB (NO RN)
D: 1872
- 3 M James Porterfield (RN=9)
B: 1780 @ Abingdon, Wash, VA
M: 17 Nov 1803 to Ruth Campell (RN=10) @ Wash Co VA
D: 1861 @ Wilson Co. TN
- 4 M William W. Porterfield (RN=11)
B: 1782 @ Abingdon, Wash, Va
M: 29 Mar 1809 to Myrandy Young (RN=12)
D: 1850
- 5 M John Wilson Porterfield (RN=13)
B: 15 Feb 1784 @ Washington Co. VA
M: 25 May 1809 to Julia/Jaley Edmond (RN=14) @ Washington Co., VA
D: 09 Feb 1860 @ Knights Landing, CA
- 6 M Samuel H. Porterfield (RN=15)
B: 1794? @ Abingdon, Wash, Va
M: 17 Nov 1832 to Jane Wallace Patterson (RN=16) @ Wilson Co TN
- 7 F Sarah "Sally" Porterfield (RN=18)
B: @ Abingdon, Washington, VA
M: 07 May 1827 to William Ricketts (RN=17)

James Porterfield I (1747-1811)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

H-1-FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS, MS letter

H-2-Sources: Chalkley, Sumner, early tax, probate, and land records TN

H-3-Wilson Co TN tax lists show Charles and John as householders 1805, 1806, 1807, Thomas as HH in 1807.

W-1-Source: FBP, PP, MS

1-1-Source: FBP Section 1, (3a) p.74 PP

1-

2-Removed from Washington Co. VA to Rutherford Co. TN 1804, procured there considerable acreage faro lands near Stone's River Prsb. Ch. Prominent in church and civic affairs. FBP

2-1-Paul Porterfield FGS lists second marriage to Elizabeth Jackson. Incorrect. She married a younger Thomas Wilson

2-2-Source FBP page 73 PP; PP FGS

3-1-Sources: FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS

3-2-Sources: Microfilm copies of 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 Wilson County Tennessee censuses

5-1-Moved from Rutherford County, TN to Jones Co. Iowa, 1839, and to California in 1853.

5-2-Sources: Frank Burke Porterfield; Coleen (Taylor) Rickabaugh.

LANCASTER COUNTY PORTERFIELDS (continued from page 128)

The author gathered information about all eight children of John I. Some accounts are more complete than others. He linked each child with a specific county and state. Lancaster County Pennsylvania Porterfields are those in whom our readers seem most interested.

As the "Summary" of the November 1991 Porterfield Lines, page 99, reported, information has been added for three of the siblings of this line, Charles, James, and John Wilson. Additional information is on file and, we hope, with your help to add information for each of the Lancaster County lines as well as other lines.

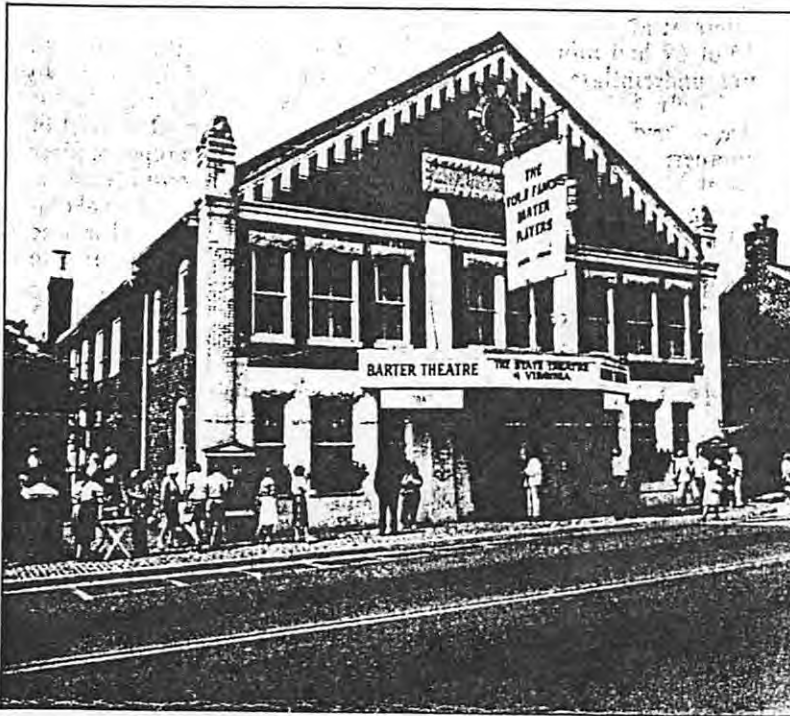
This publication, too, has linked Porterfields with the area in which they lived to relate their stories, beginning with the Porterfields of North Central Arkansas, descendants of John M. and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. Now the search will expand to cover the state of Arkansas. Descendants of other Lancaster County Porterfields -- and other lines -- can be found there. They will lead us back in time to Tennessee, Virginia, and the other colonial states from which the new nation emerged as the pioneers moved westward.

FMW

*This was in Ford Times - he is in our book
pg. 159 - Laureliter Co -*

It's a Peck of Fun at the BARTER THEATRE

Story and photo by Victor Block



Farmers traded produce for theater tickets during the Depression.

No one recalls the last time a patron showed up at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia, and asked to use a smoked ham, a bushel of potatoes or a jar of homemade preserves as the price of admission. Cash is now the accepted medium of exchange at America's longest-running professional theater. But the original offer to accept farm produce in exchange for tickets during the June-to-October season still stands.

The tradition of bartering for tickets ("Hams for Hamlet" was the original slogan) began during the Depression when an out-of-

work young actor named Robert Porterfield gathered 22 other hungry thespians in New York City and headed for his family home in the fertile farm country of southwestern Virginia.

The Barter Theatre opened its doors in June, 1933, informing area farmers: "With vegetables you cannot sell, you can buy a good laugh." At the end of the struggling company's first season, it had \$4.35 in cash, two barrels of jelly — and a collective weight gain of over 300 pounds.

From that beginning, as humble as it was unique, the Barter has developed into a first-class theater. Over the years, it has

served as training ground for countless young actors. A number of them — including Gregory Peck, Ernest Borgnine, Patricia Neal, Ned Beatty and Elizabeth Wilson — have achieved stardom.

The Barter has a bit of Broadway in its furnishings as well as in its history. In 1953 Porterfield, hearing that the elegant old Empire Theater in New York City was about to be demolished, received permission to remove the furnishings — as long as he vacated the building by the following Monday, when the wreckers were to begin. He quickly assembled a crew of Barter actors, alumni and friends who worked all weekend removing seats, curtains and equipment, and loading all of it on trucks loaned by a Virginia firm. Visiting the Barter today, you still see the ornate "E" scrolled on each seat cover, plus rococo chandeliers, bronze candelabra, and portraits of famous actors who appeared at the Empire.

The building in which the theater is located was constructed in 1831-33 as a house of worship. Over the years, the structure underwent many changes as it passed from church to temperance hall to opera house to town hall to theater. (The words CITY HALL are still visible on the facade.)

The official "State Theater of Virginia," the Barter is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Abingdon, in which it is situated, is a quaint, brick-sided town of 4,500 residents that is one of the most historic in Virginia.

Many Barter patrons combine a night at the theater with a stay at the Martha Washington Inn, directly across Main Street. Built in 1830 as the Colonel Francis Preston home, it became Martha Washington College in 1850, reopened in 1937 as an inn, and in the past three years has been restored and refurnished with valuable antiques discovered in the basement.

A stay at the Martha Washington after attending a show at the Barter Theatre blends a step into the past with the first-rate entertainment experience. □

PORTERFIELD FAMILY REUNION

July 4, 1992

AT THE HOME OF BUDDY AND LAVERNE PORTERFIELD
MACKEY RANCH EDDY, TEXAS
(817) 853-3045

In September, 1607 church problems, and the confiscation of their lands by England, forced many Scots to flee their homes in Scotland. Among these fallen chiefs were William and Patrick Porterfield, who retreated to Donegal County, Ireland. Imprisoned in Scotland were John and his son Alexander Porterfield, by King James of England. The Castle of Duchall, home of the Porterfields in Scotland for over 500 years, along with their land, became the property of the monarchy. It took 200 years of resistance to royal oppression, to once again acquire rightful ownership, and then only in part. Thus, the Porterfield family became divided. Ireland, too, was controlled by the church, and the clan did not fare much better. So, in 1730, seven brothers and a sister divided the family once again, and came to Chester County, Pennsylvania. They were Charles, James, John, Patrick, Robert, Samuel, William and Eleanor. We are descended from John born 1675 in Ireland, and died 1738 in America. This was the beginning of our American heritage.

On Saturday, July 4, 1992, at the home of Buddy and LaVerne Porterfield, Eddy, Texas, the clan reunites for a family gathering.

We extend this invitation to you, with the hope that your family may join with us on this occasion. Name alone cannot dignify our heritage, however, they who honor their ancestors, honor themselves. We are anticipating Vera McBride's arrival from Scotland on June 18. She will be staying until July 9.

Plan to come hungry and early, and stay late. Each family is asked to bring a favorite dish. We will have lots of good Bar-B-Que and cold refreshments. Please RSVP to:

Buddy and LaVerne Porterfield
P.O. Box 128
Eddy, Texas 76524
(817) 853-3045

MARY ETHEL PORTERFIELD KEUHL
GRANDDAUGHTER OF JAMES HENRY PORTERFIELD

Mary Ethel Porterfield Kuehl, granddaughter of James Henry Porterfield writes about her family:

My husband and I were blessed with three healthy children. They attended Waco Public Schools and went on to further their educations by attending Baylor University. Each of our children married and each couple had three children. We feel very fortunate to have had nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Tragedy struck our family in January of 1989 when one of our grandsons died of Cancer at the young age of twenty-eight.

My husband owned a successful barbering business in Westview Village Shopping Center in Waco. Four barbers were employed and worked many long hours.

I would like to tell you about my parents and my family. My mother passed away when she was only forty-two years of age in August, 1921. It was very devastating for all of us. My father and my brother and sister and I moved back to a farm from McGregor where we had lived for five years. My brother, Earl, who was twenty-one and my sister, Mae, who was nineteen, were both married in December of 1921. My father, James Arthur Porterfield, was respected in his community and had many friends. He was always ready and willing to help a friend in need. He led the song service where he worshipped at The Church of Christ near McGregor, Texas.

I went to Lubbock, Texas to live with my aunt and uncle and attended high school there. My uncle was a teacher in the high school. After one school year I moved to Waco and lived with my sister and her husband and attended Waco High School. When they moved to Dallas, I returned to Lubbock to continue my high school education. I married at the age of eighteen and my husband and I had fifty-eight years of happiness together. He passed away in December of 1984.

My husband and I named our first son after my father and my husband's father, James Edward. My father's dad, James Henry, who was my grandfather, fought in the Civil War. I have a diary which was written by him during the War. He writes of all the suffering and misery endured by the Union Soldiers.

James Henry's wife was pregnant with James Arthur when James Henry died in 1879. James Arthur, my father, was born on May 21, 1880. He and his brother, Oliver were orphaned at ages thirteen and sixteen years when their mother passed away.

Mary Ethel Porterfield Kuehl
Waco, Texas

(Mrs. Kuehl has made it possible for H. Don Porterfield to transcribe the diary for publication. See January 1992 issue.)

The following names were listed as household heads on page 318: S.C. Porterfield, Janey Porterfield, Milton Porterfield, C.A. Porterfield, and on page 319, another C.A. Porterfield.

The Milton Porterfield family above is, almost certainly, John Milton 26, Annis 30, William Ross 6, James T. 2, and Frances 1.

Descendants of John Milton have found no further census records for Frances. The other source available at this time, is a family record which has been handed down from one generation to the next. My father, A.L. Porterfield, gave me a copy which his younger sister, Emma (Porterfield) Helm, gave to him. She had copied the information from Sophronia Porterfield's Wedding Bible. Sophronia, four years younger than Frances, was the fifth child, second daughter of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. Sophronia married William Martin/Martian Ross, a man who was an important link between the Porterfields, the McCollums, and perhaps the Seatons. More about that at a later time. Sophronia and William Martin had at least three children: Sarah, who was 1 in 1870, Zetta/Zeeta Ross who married a McCoy, and Elihu Ross. Zetta Ross McCoy owned the bible from which Emma (Porterfield) Helm copied the information which appears on the following page.

It is from this source that we learn that Frances' name was Frances J. and that she had acquired the nickname Frankie J. I picture her as rather much a tomboy--as much as it was possible for young ladies to be in those days--well loved by the other members of her family. We must continue to hope that we find her as a wife and mother in later census schedules.

Yes, there were two Frances J. Porterfields. They were second cousins. The Hardin County "Frances" was the granddaughter of Charles Porterfield. The Wilson County "Frances" was the granddaughter of James I, younger brother of Charles.

Sons of James Porterfield I (1747-1773)	
Charles (1776-1839)	James II (1780-1861)
Son	Son
Charles Lockhart (1808-1854)	John Milton (1813-187?to8?)
Daughter	Daughter
Frances J. of Hardin Co TN	Frances J. of Wilson Co TN
born 1836	born 31 December 1838

FMW

On the next page: John M. Porterfield Family from Sophronia Porterfield's Wedding Bible

On the following page: 1860 census for Johnathon and David Reeves, father and uncle of Susan (Reeves) Porterfield

Notation made by Emma Helma Porterfield Austin L. Porterfield's note
 "Annie Porterfield and John M. Porterfield must be Papa's Grandpa
 and Wm. R. must be Papa's Dad."

HUSBAND'S NAME John M. Porterfield

Wife Born Dec 14, 1813 Where _____)
 Christened _____ Where _____)
 When Died _____ Where _____)
 When Buried _____ Where _____)
 When Married Aug. 5, 1834 Where _____)
 Other Wives (if any) _____)
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____)

His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Annis ? Porterfield

When Born April 10, 1810 Where _____)
 Christened _____ Where _____)
 When Died _____ Where _____)
 When Buried _____ Where _____)
 Other Husbands (if any) _____)
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____)

Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

Husband's Full Name _____)
 (Wife's Maiden Name) _____)
 This information obtained from
Emma Porterfield Helma
who copied this from
Sophronia A. Porterfield's
Wedding Bible)
 See Family Group Sheet for
Sophronia Porterfield.
 Date _____
 Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year	
	1	William R. Porterfield	5	Jul	1835						Date _____ To _____
	2	James Porterfield	29	Apr	1837						Date _____ To _____
	3	Frankie J. Porterfield	31	Dec	1838						Date _____ To _____
	4	Robert W. Porterfield	14	Jul	1841						Date _____ To _____
	5	Sophronia A. Porterfield	25	Jan	1843						Date _____ To _____
	6	Elizabeth J. ^(and) Porterfield			1846						Date _____ To _____
	7	John M. Porterfield		Jul	1848						Date _____ To _____
	8	George F. Porterfield	21	May	1851						Date _____ To _____
	9										Date _____ To _____
	10										Date _____ To _____
	11										Date _____ To _____
	12										Date _____ To _____
	13										Date _____ To _____
	14										Date _____ To _____

* with Group Sheet, Form 11
 * The Evening Publishers, P.O. Box 96, Iowa City, Iowa 52242
 * If burial date is known on children and not death date, write burial date prefix (Bur) Use reverse side for additional information

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Value of Estate Owned		Place of Birth	Married within the year	Whether deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict
					Real Estate	Personal Estate			
23	11948 A. C. Parris	57 m		Farmer	0	0	Tex		0
24	Elizabeth Parris	32 f					Tex		0
25	Henry C. Parris	19 m		Farmer			Tex		0
26	Bernice Parris	16 f					Tex		0
27	Lyndal Parris	14 f					Tex		0
28	Martha Parris	11 f					Tex		0
29	Josephine E. Parris	9 f					Tex		0
30	William A. Parris	7 m					Tex		0

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SCHEDULE 1. - Free Inhabitants in Right to Vote in the County of Andrew of Arkansas enumerated by me, on the 20th day of July 1891. W. C. Crawford Secy. U.S. Mar. Post Office Experton

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2	Elizabeth Parris	32 f					Tex		0
3	Henry C. Parris	19 m		Farmer			Tex		0
4	Bernice Parris	16 f					Tex		0
5	11948 Lyndal Parris	14 f					Tex		0
6	11948 Martha Parris	11 f					Tex		0
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1	11948 Samuel P. Stephens	50 m		Farming			Tex		0
2	Robert Stephens	17 m		Farmer			Tex		0
3	1164/1157 Gertrude P. Parris	57 m		Farmer	7000	600	Tex		0
4	Martha P. Parris	48 f					Tex		0
5	Martha P. Parris	16 f					Tex		0
6	Profus P. Parris	16 m					Tex		0
7	Married P. Parris	14 f					Tex		0
8	Parth P. Parris	11 f					Tex		0
9	Samuel P. Parris	9 f					Tex		0
10	Frederick P. Parris	7 f					Tex		0
11	Caroline P. Parris	5 m					Tex		0
12	Edith P. Parris	5 f					Tex		0

BURIAL PLACE OF WILLIAM ROSS PORTERFIELD
OLDEST SON OF JOHN MILTON AND ANNIS (LEA) PORTERFIELD

A telephone call just before noon on March 17 surprised me. A voice identified the caller as Catherine Terry, explaining that she was calling to answer my written inquiry about the burial place of William Ross Porterfield.

William Ross Porterfield was the oldest son of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. He died in the St. Louis Hospital while serving with Union forces during the Civil War. Austin Larimore Porterfield (1896-1979), my father, had told my sister and me that William Ross Porterfield, his grandfather, was buried at Jefferson Cemetery, St. Louis MO. We had found no source to verify that.

While reading about applications for Military Service Records in a pamphlet from the National Archives, I noticed several paragraphs headed "Information on Discharges, Burials, and Headstones. Inquiries concerning burials were to be addressed to Director, Cemetery Service (41A), National Cemetery System, Veteran's Administration, Washington, D.C. 20420.

My letter to Cemetery Services was dated March 6, 1992. I had expected to receive a reply after a six weeks to 2 month interval, and was pleasantly surprised to receive a telephone call less than two weeks later. Mrs. Terry said that she had confirmed, from the records of the National Cemetery System, that William R. Porterfield is buried at Jefferson National Cemetery in St. Louis. On his tombstone is this information: 437, W.R. Porterfield, ARK. A sketch of the gravestone is printed on the opposite page with a copy of the interment record. Both were enclosed in the letter received from the Veterans Administration on March 21.

While talking with Ms. Terry, I expressed my appreciation and told her that the family had recently learned that Wm. R's younger brother, Robert, had died at Helena, Arkansas, probably at the hospital there, while serving with the Union Army. She indicated she could look for him also on the master microfilm. I gave her the information Anna Lee Carreiro found (printed in Porterfield Lines, Nov. 1991, p98.) Using that information, she performed the search operation and called back shortly. She had not been able to find burial for Robert in any of the National Cemeteries, but gave these addresses to continue the search in state cemeteries: State Archives of Missouri, Civil War Records, Records Management & Archive Service, Office of Secretary of State, P.O. Box 778, 1001 Industrial Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101; State Archives, Arkansas History Commission, 300 West Markham St., Little Rock, AR 72201. Arkansas has three National Cemeteries; one is at Little Rock, one at Fort Smith, and one at Fayetteville.

Interment in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
 To—The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

NAME	RANK	COMPANY	REGIMENT OR TROOP			DIVISION OF WORLD WAR SOLDIER
			Number	State	Arm	
Porterfield, William		B	1	ARK	Inf	
DATE OF INTERMENT		GRAVE MARK		REMARKS		
Month	Day	Section	Grave No.	Date of interment and number of Previous Certificates, Measurements, etc.		
Nov 5	1862	49	437	Orig bur Wesleyan Cem St Louis Mo		

Shipping point for headstones:

Director
 Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
 401 Marcell Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63125

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Shipping point for headstones JEFFERSON BARRACKS, MO.

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Superintendent.

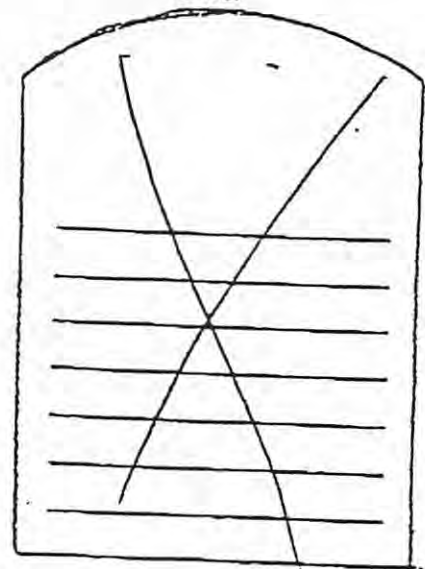
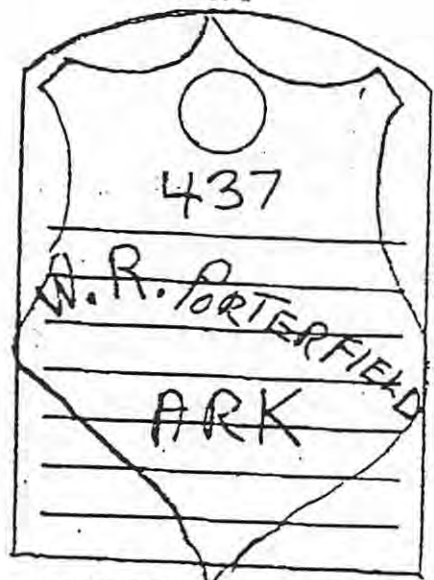
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Ms. Terry explained that the records for that area had many "Unknown" soldiers. Soldiers were often buried in grave sites near the battlefields on which they died. Many markers were wooden. When the bodies were moved to other cemeteries, the information on the markers had sometimes been obliterated by weathering. Note that the interment certificate for Wm. R. Porterfield reveals the original burial was in Wesleyan Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

All this information was given, free of charge, in the interests of the National Cemeteries, where visits are welcomed.

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	Brother/ Sister	Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	Great, Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G. G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G.G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece
	Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	FIRST COUSIN	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin 3 Times Removed	First Cousin 4 Times Removed	First Cousin 5 Times Removed	First Cousin 6 Times Removed
	Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin Once Removed	SECOND COUSIN	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin 3 Times Removed	Second Cousin 4 Times Removed	Second Cousin 5 Times Removed
	Great, Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	THIRD COUSIN	Third Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin 3 Times Removed	Third Cousin 4 Times Removed
	G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 3 Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	FOURTH COUSIN	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin 3 Times Removed
	G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 4 Times Removed	Second Cousin 3 Times Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	FIFTH COUSIN	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed
	G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 5 Times Removed	Second Cousin 4 Times Removed	Third Cousin 3 Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	SIXTH COUSIN	Sixth Cousin Once Removed
	G.G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 6 Times Removed	Second Cousin 5 Times Removed	Third Cousin 4 Times Removed	Fourth Cousin 3 Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	SEVENTH COUSIN

INSTRUCTIONS: Block 1 should be a common grandparent, with their direct descendants across the top and side of this form. Start with a simple problem first, then try the more difficult ones. Print YOUR name in block No. 2 across the top. Print a known FIRST COUSIN's name in block No. 3 along the side. Print your Mother or Father in block No. 2, your common grandparent in No. 1, your aunt or uncle in No. 2 along the side. To show SECOND COUSINS, add your children in No. 4 at top and your children in No. 4 along the side, etc.

COUSIN-FINDER

USE THIS CHART TO DETERMINE KINSHIP

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: Charles and descendants; Reuben Butler; Porterfields in Arkansas

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PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

THE CHARLES LOCKHART FAMILY AN UPDATE BY WAYNE BEELER

"Dear Wayne: While preparing your charts for the newsletter, I learned your family has quite an interesting history. Do you know ... why they moved to Texas and Oklahoma, then to Illinois? And how did Mary Elizabeth Coffey of Montgomery Co IL meet Benjamin Weldon Porterfield of Rising Star, Eastland Co TX.?" FMW I asked these and other questions of Wayne Beeler in a February 1992 letter. He replied:

4/18/92

Your letter was very welcome. It was nice of you to send me the 1850 Hardin Co TN census extract for my Charles L. Porterfield. The middle initial D. as shown there is incorrect. His middle name was Lockhart.

Now to respond to some of your questions. Yes, the family does have an interesting history and I'm very proud of my Porterfield ancestry, as all of us should be. It's very good stock all the way back. My 2nd ggf John Alexander Porterfield (1840-1914), as best I can figure, left Hardin Co TN for TX somewhere around 1859. This would have been after his father's death in 1854 and mother's in 1857. He is listed in 1860 Houston Co TX (Prairie P.O.) census under the name of Alex Poterfield (sic). Going along to TX with John A. were his younger sister and 2 bros, Septima Ellen (Eleanor) 1847-1908, Charles S.D. Augustus 1849-1878, and Wm. Zaccheus 1852-1948. Eleanor m. 1868 James Howard Russell and lived at Lovelady TX. Wm. Zaccheus m. 1881 Susan Alice Montgomery and moved to OK. He died in Shawnee OK at age 96. His desc. Anne Porterfield Richards of Tulsa OK was very generous in sending me copies of her Porterfield records.

John A. (Alexander) was a CSA veteran, having served with Co. B 13th Texas Cav. Believe his unit was in AR for most of the war. He m. Eliz. Ann Ellis in 1866 at Lovelady and had a small farm near Weldon TX. Firstborn son Benjamin Weldon b. there in 1868. This is my ggf. My uncle Weldon Hicks was named for him.

By 1880 the family had moved on to Johnson Co. TX and c 1883 settled at Rising Star in Eastland Co. I visited there last Oct. and got to see graves of Benj. W. and fa. John A.

Did considerable research at CH in Eastland. Found birthplace of my dear gm Vera Porterfield Hicks (1891) just west of Rising Star. The trip was in memory of her 100th birthday altho she d. in 1968

About 1885, 2nd ggf Andrew Coffey and wife Jame moved to Eastland TX from Montgomery Co. IL w/family in tow. They had heard of the good cheap land thru railroad advertisement and sought that land plus some adventure. They took up land 5 mi south of Eastland. Andrew was a drayman and delivered freight from town to town. On some of his trips he took along oldest dau. Mary Eliz. (Lizzie) b. 1870. It was prob. on one of these trips to Rising Star to deliver merchandise that she met the young Benj. W. Porterfield. It must've been c 1888-1889 as they were married in Dec. 1889. They had first a boy (1890-Arthur) and then a girl (1891-Vera). Weldon d. the next year of acute appendicitis. In 1894 Lizzie remarried a John Melton and c 1895-96 moved from TX to Cloud Chief, Washita Co OK. In 1904 they came to Fayette Co. IL (Bingham) to area where Lizzie was from. So that explains the TX-IL connection.

You asked about difference between my Chas. L. Porterfield FGS and Frank Burke P's. All I can say on this is that what I have was sent to me by above-mentioned Ann Richards quite a while back. I have no reason to question her data but have not really cross-checked or verified veracity. I tend to accept it as correct, barring some solid evidence to contrary.

Re the 1840 Hardin TN cen. listing of Wm Calvin P., I tend to think the younger man enumerated w/ him is prob as you suggested, younger bro Matthew Alexander, together w/ his young wife. This would make sense as they prob. hadn't established their own home yet.

I wish I could provide some info regarding the two Frances J. Porterfields in 1850 TN cen. That being a rather common name I suspect we are dealing with two separate individuals. (Ed. Note: Two individuals are listed on 1850 TN census. See Porterfield Lines Jan. and March 1992 issues, "Were There Two Frances J. Porterfields?") Apparently one of them m. before 1860 and not having husband's name, it would be next to impossible finding her in 1860 AR cen. Are there no Marr. records for either of these two Frances J's? Maybe a reader will come forward with some much needed answers.

I must also draw a blank with your question re Dora and Martha who appear on Frank Burke P's sheet. Some digging in my papers may turn up something, but off the top of my head I'm sorry that I can't provide a clue as to their identity. Will keep this in mind for further research.

Very cordially,
Wayne Beeler

NOTE: See Jan. and March 1992 issues for background, charts, and census records, pp 113-123 and 136-138.

LANCASTER COUNTY PORTERFIELDS
MORE OF THE STORY

The Lancaster County Porterfields, so-called by Frank Burke Porterfield in The Porterfields, included all descendants of the children of John Porterfield II (1724-1786), who was the sixth son, seventh child of John I, the first of the line to immigrate to America (PA) from Ireland. The known children of John II were:

James (1747-1811) m. Jane Lockhart Augusta Co. VA in 1773
Robert (1749-1800) No record of marriage or children
John (1751-1833) m. Nancy (Kincannon) Brooks
William m. Nancy Frazier in PA 6 Aug 1785
Eliza m. John Smith in PA 10 July 1790

Refer to the FGS for John Porterfield II, p. 130, March 1992 Porterfield Lines. (Please add to Note H-2 for husband, John Porterfield, the words "Service in the Revelutionary War Oct 23, 1777-1779.)

Frank Burke Porterfield was able to secure only a few of the facts about Robert, William, and Eliza. These are printed in his book along with more complete accounts of the lives and descendants of James, his oldest son, and John, his third son.

Robert bought land in Rich Valley VA. (Source: Sumner's Annals.) William and Eliza married in Pennsylvania in 1785 and 1780 respectively. Dates of their marriages suggest that they may have been children of John II and his second wife, Sarah Cunningham, whom he married 18 April 1755. The name of his first wife, mother of James, Robert, and John, born in 1747, 1749 and 1751, respectively, is not known, though FBP states that he searched diligently for her name as well as names of the wives of the other six sons of John Porterfield I. The only known names of spouses for this line of second generation Porterfields in America, are:

William Porterfield, oldest son of John I, m.1734 Martha Alexander of Chester Co PA b. 1715 Donegal Co. Ireland of Scottish parentage. (FBP "Chester County Porterfields)

Eleanor Porterfield, sixth child, only daughter of John I m. Robert Boyd in July 1749 in Augusta Co VA, two children (Chalkley).

Referring again to the last issue of Porterfield Lines, p. 132, the siblings, Charles, James, and John Wilson, second paragraph, bottom of the page, were fourth generation Porterfields in America, children of James I (1747-1811). He and his children removed from Washington County, VA to the Nashville area of Tennessee, Wilson and Rutherford Counties c.1800. The sons of James I, particularly Charles, the oldest son, are the principal subjects for review in this issue.

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LANCASTER COUNTY PA PORTERFIELDS
Descendants of John Porterfield II (1724-1786)

James Porterfield
(Last Updated 10 Mar 1992)

FATHER: John Porterfield

MOTHER: Unknown

BORN: 1747

AT: Lancaster Co PA

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1

MARRIED TO: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart

ON: 1773

AT: Augusta Co VA ?

STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1811

AT: Wilson Co. TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 7

- 1) Charles Porterfield
- 2) Thomas Wilson Porterfield
- 3) James Porterfield
- 4) William W. Porterfield
- 5) John Wilson Porterfield
- 6) Samuel H. Porterfield
- 7) Sarah "Sally" Porterfield

(1: FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS, MS letter)

(2: Sources: Chalkley, Sumner, early tax, probate, and land records TN)

(3: Wilson Co TN tax lists show Charles and John as householders 1805, 1806, 1807, Thomas as HH in 1807.)

Robert Porterfield
(Last Updated 17 Aug 1991)

FATHER: John Porterfield

MOTHER: Unknown

BORN: 1749

AT: Lancaster (Cumberland Co.) PA ?

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1

MARRIED TO: Unknown Unknown

Wife of Robert (1749-1800) (2b) FBP

ON: Marriage assumed.

STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1800

AT: Rich Valley, VA ?

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Unknown

(1: (2b) FBP "Robert Porterfield (1749-1800) who had 400 acres of land surveyed in Rich Valley in Virginia, September 1, 1781. He took a very prominent part in the affairs of his county in Virginia. The names of descendants have not been disclosed. Sumner's Annals." No other reference.)

LANCASTER COUNTY PA PORTERFIELDS (continued)

John Porterfield
(Last Updated 17 Aug 1991)

FATHER: John Porterfield

MOTHER: Unknown

BORN: 1751

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1

MARRIED TO: Nancy Kincannon 1st md Brooks

STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1833

AT: Washington Co VA, buried Ebbing Spring.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 5

- 1) Ellen Porterfield
- 2) Francis Porterfield
- 3) Sarah Porterfield
- 4) James Porterfield
- 5) Elizabeth Porterfield

(1: Source FBP (2c)

(2: Washington Co. VA Porterfields. PA to VA? Source Lilburn Breckenridge Porterfield (1830-1905))

William Porterfield
(Last Updated 17 Aug 1991)

FATHER: John Porterfield

MOTHER: Unknown

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1

MARRIED TO: Nancy Frazier

Wife of William Porterfield, (2d) FBP

ON: 06 Aug 1785

AT: Pennsylvania

STATUS: Married

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Unknown

(1: Source: FBP (2d). No other reference.)

Eliza Porterfield
(Last Updated 17 Aug 1991)

FATHER: John Porterfield

MOTHER: Unknown

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1

MARRIED TO: John Smith Husband of Eliza Porterfield (2e)

ON: 10 Jul 1790

AT: Pennsylvania

STATUS: Married

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Unknown

BROTHERS CHARLES, THOMAS WILSON, JAMES, WILLIAM AND JOHN WILSON
FOURTH GENERATION PORTERFIELDS, SONS OF JAMES I

Frank Burke Porterfield writes that Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield "removed from Washington County, Virginia to Rutherford County, Tennessee, 1804" but in Wilson County Tennessee Tax Lists (1803-1807) these names appear:

Charles Porterfield: 1805 Captain Leech's Company, 1806 Captain Doran's District, 1807 Captain McKnights' District

John Porterfield: 1805 Captain Meadows District, 1806 Captain Moore's District, 1807 Captain John Moore's Militia District

Thomas Porterfield: 1807 Captain John Moore's Militia District

From this information, it appears that Charles Porterfield, his next youngest brother, Thomas Wilson, and younger brother, John Wilson first removed from Virginia to Wilson County TN, not Rutherford County. Charles had married Jane Duff 18 March 1800 in Washington County VA., John Wilson married Julia Edgmond 25 May 1809, probably in Wilson County. (You will want to correct the chart on page 131, Child 5 in March 1992 newsletter deleting Washington Co. VA as place of marriage.) Thomas Wilson married Cynthia Ireland of Wilson County TN on 27 Aug 1811. Since the name of James, the middle brother, does not appear on this list, one wonders when he came to Wilson County. He had married Ruth Campbell in Washington County VA 1803 according to Frank Burke Porterfield, later acquiring and settling on land near Henderson Cross Roads in Wilson County TN. William Porterfield, fourth brother is not mentioned either. He married Miranda Young in 1809 in Wilson County, later bought land in Rutherford County.

The question arises, did James and Jane Lockhart and the five oldest brothers move as a family from Washington County VA to Wilson County TN? If so, when? Did the younger sister and brother, Sally and Samuel H. move with them? Frank Burke quoted from an unnamed source: "Joseph Clark (1776-1813) mentions a trip to Nashville, January 26, 1807, to see Uncle Porterfield, and Cousins John, William, Charles, and James, near 'Squire Reedle's mill, on the East Fork of Stone River.' (He explains that Joseph Clark's mother, Olga/Elce, was Jane Lockhart's sister.) Perhaps the entire family moved to Wilson County between 1803 when James II and Ruth Campbell married in Washington Co. Virginia and 1805 when the names Charles and John Porterfield were placed on tax rolls in Wilson County Tennessee.

We will continue to follow the lives of family members as Wilson County Porterfields and Rutherford County Porterfields for their names are associated with these counties: Charles, William, and John Wilson in Rutherford County; James I, James II, Samuel H. and Sarah/"Sally" in Wilson County. Thomas Wilson

and Cynthia (Ireland) Porterfield removed to Preble County Ohio shortly after their marriage in Tennessee. (David Phillip Porterfield, FBPI informant).

The next record of the whereabouts of Charles Porterfield and his wife Jane Duff can be found in a delightful book, Tennessee Cousins by Worth S. Ray. In a chapter titled "Rutherford County, Tennessee" he writes about "The McKnight Family and The Stone's River Presbyterians" and lists Charles Porterfield and Jane Porterfield along with several McKnights and others as first members in communion in the year 1816.

Frank Burke Porterfield must have had access to the church minutes. In The Porterfields he included excerpts from the minutes which list dates of birth, baptism, and death of the children and grandchildren of Charles and his first wife, Jane Duff, and his second wife, Mariah Ellen Buckley.

Important records are the names and dates of birth of the children beginning with Samuel L. Porterfield, son of Charles and Jane Duff, on 12-13-1818. Jane's death date is given as 11-17-1830. There is no record of Charles' second marriage to Mariah, but the baptism date of their three children is given: Nancy E. on 7-5-1834, Sarah Melissa on 1-20-1836, and David H. on 9-3-1838. Charles death on July 17, 1839 is noted. Membership of family members continued through 1878 according to Volumes III and IV of the church minutes. Mariah Ellen died in 1877.

Census schedules offer little assistance in locating the third and fourth generation Porterfields from 1800 to 1819. All 1800 schedules for Tennessee were lost or destroyed. The only surviving census roles for 1810 are those for Rutherford County Tennessee. That census lists no Porterfield name, so we can assume that Charles and John Wilson did not move to Rutherford County before the population census of 1810.

From the 1820 Rutherford County TN census microfilm we know that Charles and John Wilson Porterfield lived near each other.

Males Under 10 yrs. 4; 10-16 yrs. 3.
Page 100 Charles Porterfield 45 yrs. or over; Wife 26-45 yrs.
Females Under 10 yrs. 1; 10-16 yrs. 2; 16-26 yrs. 1.
Four engaged in Agriculture.
Note that 1 female under age 10 is listed on the microfilm.

Males Under 10 yrs. 1; 16 to 26 yrs. 1.
Page 101 John Porterfield 26-45 yrs.: Wife 26-45 yrs.
Females Under 10 yrs. 4.
Two engaged in Manufactures

From the 1830 Rutherford County TN census microfilm:

Males 10-15 yrs. 3; 20-30 yrs. 2
Page 264 Charles Porterfield 50-60 yrs.; Wife 50-60 years
Females 5-10 yrs. 1; 15-20 yrs. 1
Total number in household 9

Apparent discrepancies occur between census ages and birthdates of FBP, above, so we wonder if another daughter was born to Charles and Jane?

1830 Rutherford County TN census continued:

Males Under 5 yrs. 1; 5-10 yrs. 1; 15-20 yrs. 1
Page 288 John or Jno Porterfield 40-50 yrs.; Wife 40-50;
Females 5-10 yrs. 1, 10-15 yrs. 2, 15-20 yrs. 1, 50-60 yrs. 1;
Total number in household 9

Males None
Page 289 William 20-30 yrs.; wife 20-30 yrs.

Females None
Total in household 2
William listed 9 lines below John. Is William a son of
William (1782-1850), brother of Charles and John?

A realignment of county lines may have placed Stone's River Presbyterian Church in Cannon County. (Cannon County created from Wilson, Coffee, and Warren in 1836.) In the 1840 Cannon County TN census we find Maria(h) Porterfield, Charles widow, and John Wilson (?) Porterfield. It is interesting to note that the enumerator was a Mcknight (David)

Males under 5 yrs. 1; males 20-30 yrs. 2
Page 128 Maria 30-40 years
Females under 5 yrs. 1; 15-20 yrs. 1; 20-30 yrs. 1
2 engaged in Agriculture
Presumably Mariah, Samuel L. and Leonidas Franklin, David Hall, Martha Elizabeth, Perricinda Caroline, and Sarah Melissa.

John Wilson has been reported as removing from Rutherford County TN to Jones County Iowa in 1839, but this 1840 Cannon County TN census seems to place him there just before he left for Iowa. Date of Julia/Jaley (Edgmond) Porterfield's death may not be known, but their last child was born in 1831. Colleen Rickabaugh wrote that "John Wilson Porterfield's family sort of fell apart after Julia's death and they became scattered. Some tried Missouri and Iowa before settling in California." See Porterfield Lines September 1991 pp 73-75.

Cannon County TN Page 117
Males 10-15 yrs. 1
John Porterfield 50 - 60 yrs.;
Females 5-10 yrs. 1; 10-15 yrs. 1
1 engaged in Manufacture

This could be John, age 56, son John Wilson age 11, and daughters Julia Edgmond 15 and Sarah Elizabeth 9. No other John Porterfield seems to fit this profile.

CHILDREN OF JAMES PORTERFIELD I
FOURTH GENERATION PORTERFIELDS IN AMERICA

Charles Porterfield
(Last Updated 22 May 1992)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN: 1776
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2
MARRIED TO: Jane Duff (RN=5)
ON: 28 Mar 1800
AT: Washington Co VA?
STATUS: Married
ReMARRIED TO: Mariah Ellen Buckley
ON: 26 Mar 1832
STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 17 Jul 1839
AT: bd Cook Cem. Rutherford Co TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 14

- 1) Martha Elizabeth (1801-1888) Porterfield
 - 2) John Duff Porterfield
 - 3) Harvey D. Porterfield ((1805-1853)
 - 4) Charles Lockhart Porterfield (1808-1854)
 - 5) William Calvin Porterfield (1809-1891)
 - 6) 4f Porterfield (RN=259)
 - 7) 4g Porterfield (RN=260)
 - 8) Matthew Alexander Porterfield (1816--1890
 - 9) Samuel L. Porterfield (1818-1854) (RN=262)
 - 10) Leonidas Franklin Porterfield (1820-1901)
 - 11) Ferricinda Caroline Porterfield (1822----
 - 12) Nancy Ellen Porterfield (1834-----) (RN=265)
 - 13) Sarah Melissa Porterfield Porterfield (1836-1912)
 - 14) David Hall Porterfield (1838-1862)
- (1: FBP Section 1; 1820-1840 TN census.)
(2: Removed from Washington Co. VA to Rutherford Co. TN 1804,
procured there considerable acreage farm lands near Stone's
River Prsb. Ch. Prominent in church and civic affairs. FBP)

Thomas Wilson Porterfield
(Last Updated 10 Mar 1992)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN: 1778
AT: Abingdon, Washington, VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2?
MARRIED TO: Cynthia Ireland
ON: 27 Aug 1811 (issued)
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1872

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 11

- (1: Paul Porterfield FGS lists second marriage to Elizabeth Jackson.
Incorrect. She married a younger Thomas Wilson)
(2: Source FBP and PP FGS)

FOURTH GENERATION, Children of James Porterfield I (continued)

James Porterfield
(Last Updated 04 Jan 1980)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN: 1780

AT: Abingdon, Wash, VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Ruth Campell
ON: 17 Nov 1803
AT: Wash Co VA
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1861
AT: Wilson Co. TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 11

- 1) Matilda/Utilda Porterfield
 - 2) Samuel Campbell Porterfield
 - 3) Charles Alburn Porterfield
 - 4) Jervis Miles Porterfield
 - 5) John Milton Porterfield
 - 6) Juliana Porterfield
 - 7) James Erastus Porterfield
 - 8) Isabella Adeline Porterfield
 - 9) Rufus Alverson Porterfield
 - 10) Ruth Jane Porterfield
 - 11) Mary Harriet Porterfield
- (1: Sources: FBP The Porterfields,
(2: Sources: Microfilm copies of 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 Wilson
County Tennessee censuses)

William W. Porterfield
(Last Updated 21 May 1990)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN: 1782

AT: Abingdon, Wash, Va
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Myrandy Young
ON: 29 Mar 1809
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1850
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Unknown

FOURTH GENERATION, Children of James Porterfield I (continued)

John Wilson Porterfield
(Last Updated 19 Aug 1991)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN: 15 Feb 1784
AT: Washington Co. VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Julia/Jaley Edgmond
ON: 25 May 1809
AT: Washington Co., VA
STATUS: Married
DIED ON: 09 Feb 1860
AT: Knights Landing, CA

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 9

- 1) Elizabeth Edgmond Porterfield (1811-1824)
- 2) Samuel Scott Porterfield b. 1813
- 3) Susannah Gaines Porterfield b. 1815
- 4) Margaret Strother Porterfield b. 1818
- 5) Jane Rhea Porterfield b. 1820
- 6) James Harvey Porterfield b. 1823
- 7) Julia Edgmond Porterfield b. 1825
- 8) John Wilson Porterfield (1829-1911)
- 9) Sarah Elizabeth Porterfield b. 1831

(1: Moved from Rutherford County, TN to Jones Co. Iowa, 1839, and to California in 1853.)

(2: Sources: Frank Burke Porterfield; Coleen (Taylor) Rickabaugh.)

Samuel H. Porterfield
(Last Updated 21 May 1990)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN: 1794?
AT: Abingdon, Wash, Va
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Jane Wallace Patterson
ON: 17 Nov 1832
AT: Wilson Co TN
STATUS: Married
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Unknown

Sarah "Sally" Porterfield
(Last Updated 21 May 1990)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN AT: Abingdon, Washington, VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: William Ricketts
ON: 07 May 1827
STATUS: Married
NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Unknown

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

Year 1860

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

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Notes: This enumerator did not repeat or use ditto marks. Surnames and birthplaces left blank indicated repetition of last written word.

Place of Enumeration:
Union Township Fulton County, Arkansas

15th day of June

Enumerator:
John A. Simpson

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
435	208	72	Reuben Butler	37	M		M.B. Minister	1000	850	North Carolina					
			Margaret	40	F					Alabama					
			Wilson	19	M		Farm Labor			Arkansas					
			William	17	M		Farm Labor								
			Elizabeth	15	F		Domestic								
			Martin	14	M										
			Amantha	12	F										
			Rubin	10	M										
			Louisa	8	F										
			John	6	M										
			Thomas	4	M										
			Annis	2	F										
			Ruben Queen	30	M		Farm Labor			Alabama					

REUBEN BUTLER

Finding Reuben Butler was an accident. The discovery occurred as I was looking once again at the 1860 Fulton County, Arkansas census microfilm for John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. You remember Reuben Butler--he was the minister who performed the marriage ceremonies for James Porterfield and Susan Reeves, William Ross Porterfield and Milly Ann Powers, and Phoebe Powers and John Seaton. All these marriages took place in Independence County.

So did the Seeton-Turner marriage which sent me back to the 1860 Fulton County census schedule. Anna Lee Carreiro had included several family marriage records with probate records for Gambil Powers. This was one:

Seeton, Benjamin 17 to Elizabeth Turner 16, 13 Oct. 1859
at residence of Richard Turner by William Raney, M.G. Bapt.

(William Raney was likely W.M. Raney M.G. who performed the marriage ceremony for the second marriage of Phebe L. (Powers) Seeton 33 to Noel W. Hightower 38 on 18 Feb. 1868. The age, 39, printed in the Nov. 1991 newsletter was incorrect.)

Some young Turner children were listed on the lines following John Milton's Family and Habitation Numbers of the 1860 Fulton County census, then, the names of a William Turner Family as next door neighbors. The Seeton-Turner marriage made me wonder if the Turners and Porterfields were more than neighbors. Were they relatives? The answer to that question is still uncertain, but scanning the page I realized that the habitation next to the Turner's was that of the Reverend Rueben/Ruben Butler and his family.

There, in Fulton County Arkansas, two homes away, lived the minister who had married John Milton and Annis's two oldest sons and their brides in Independence County in 1854 and 1855. Had the Butlers and Turners traveled with the Porterfields from Independence County to Fulton County? We believe their son Jemmy T. and Susan did. They lived on the other side of Milton and Annis with their 1 year old daughter Synthy. William Ross and Milly Ann were in Prairie Township, Carroll County with their two children, John T. 5, and Anny A. 2.

It is likely that the two families, the Butlers and the older Porterfields, had become fast friends. I can imagine that the two women, Annis 50 and Margaret 40, were drawn together, each helping the other with the burdens of childbearing and the labor of pioneer life. Their attachment is evidenced by the name of the Butler's youngest child, a daughter, Annis.

If Annis Lea had arrived in New Orleans as an emigrant from Ireland, and been raised as a staunch Presbyterian, as one family researcher believes, her life and her faith had changed dramatically by 1860.

FMW

Year 1850

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

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Notes:

Mid-South Central Arkansas

Place of Enumeration:

Dallas County, Arkansas, Manchester Township 23 Oct. 1850 Enumerator: Rich'd L. Duff

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
32	433	433	S. C. Porterfield	45	M		Blacksmith			Tenn.					
			Asenith "	37	F					"					
			Therrisha "	16	F					"					
			Joseph R. "	13	M					"					
			Elisabeth "	11	F					"					
			Mary E. "	10	F					"					
33			Asenith Porterfield	9	F					Tenn.					
			Nelson "	8	M					Miss.					
			Caroline "	7	F					Ark					
			Louisa P. "	6	F					"					
			S.C. "	5	M					"					
			Indiana "	8/12	F					"					
34			Wm. A. Porterfield	28	M		Laborer			Ala					Enumerated 24 Oct
			Mary "	18	F					Tenn.					

The first Porterfield family to move to Arkansas was that of Samuel Campbell Porterfield who was the oldest son, second child of James Porterfield II and a brother of John Milton who settled in North Central Arkansas about 10 years later.

The Wilson County TN census of 1840 records the family on page 318: Porterfield, S.C. 30-40, 1 male under 5; Wife 20-30, 2 females under 5, 1 female 5-10

From the 1850 census we know these family members were S.C., Asenith, Therrisha, Joseph H., Elisabeth, and Mary E., that another daughter, Asenith, was born before they left TN, and that a son Nelson (James Nelson) was born in Mississippi before they reached Arkansas about 1842-43. They settled in Dallas County in Mid-South Central Arkansas. FMW

Family Reunion

When: Saturday, June 27, 1992

Where: Sorrell Game Room
Sparkman, Arkansas (Hwy. 128 about 2 miles east)

Time: 9am to 4pm

Dress: Casual

Bring a basket lunch, forks, spoons, coke, tea, cups, ice, ice chest and lawn chairs.

Please Note - Meeting place has changed. The building has large fans, kitchen, all type video games, pool & ping pong tables, and more for young people. Lots of shade trees.

Austin and Ola Merle will have open house on Friday evening the 26th from 7-9. 1035 Pine Street, Arkadelphia.

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All at I-30 & Hwy. 7

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Holiday Inn - 246-5831

Econo Lodge - 1-800-55-Econo & Others

PORTERFIELD "Story Time"

About 148 years ago a young family named Porterfield left their home in Wilson County, Tennessee with 5 or 6 young children coming to the new state Arkansas.

Their wagon was well built because Great grandpa had been a wagon maker by trade, and Grandpa James certainly wouldn't let his grandchildren make such a trip in anything less than his very best.

Down into Mississippi to visit family, maybe raise a crop. For sure a new child was born. James his name must be for we had left Grandpa back in Tennessee, a name sure he must surely have.

Traveling again, across the mighty Mississippi River into Arkansas, goodness what a wilderness, trees and more trees, and so much wild game. Now 1847 we arrive in Dallas County, with our "Homestead" grant by December 1857 and 15 children by 1859.

Many heartaches and much joy was known by all. The family grew as 14 children married. The girls became Davidson, Rogers, Bennett, Hudson, Hood, Marsh, Wells, and DeLamar. Before many years there were 98 grandchildren and today we number over 4000 from east to coast, North to South, East to West, with some in other countries.

A mystery their names must never be

Samuel Campbell Porterfield
(1807-1875)

and
Asenith (Fite) Porterfield
(1815-1868)

Come visit with us and tell your family story. Keep the story going.

Margrett P. Singleton
1992



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys, will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

CHARLES PORTERFIELD Rutherford County Tennessee

Charles Porterfield and Jane Duff were married March 28, 1800 in Washington County Virginia. By 1805, they were living in Wilson County Tennessee. Sometime between 1810 and 1816 they moved to Rutherford County, settling near Readyville, becoming faithful members of the Stone's River Presbyterian Church. (See May 1992 issue, Porterfield Lines, pp. 148,149.)

The children born to this marriage were Martha Elizabeth (1801-1888), John Duff (1803-1879), Harvey D. (1805-1853?), Charles Lockhart (1808-1854), William Calvin (1809-1891), 2 unnamed daughters (4f and 4g in The Porterfields), Matthew Alexander (1816-1890), Samuel L. (1818-1854), Leonidas Franklin (1820-1901), and Perricinda Caroline (1822-). Close scrutiny of the 1820 and 1830 census records suggest there may have been another daughter

Jane (Duff) Porterfield died November 17, 1830. Charles remarried March 26, 1832, choosing as his wife Mariah Ellen Buckley, who was 29 years old, the same age as his oldest child, Martha Elizabeth. Three children were born to this union before Charles death, July 17, 1839. They were: Nancy Ellen Porterfield (b. 1834, died young), Sarah Melissa Porterfield (1836-1912), and David Hall (1838-1862).

Charles continued to live in Rutherford County Tennessee until his death. Some family members remained there, some moved far away, as census and church records attest.

The 1820 Rutherford County TN census shows all family members born by 1820 living in one household: Charles, 7 sons, Jane, and 4 daughters. Rutherford Co. TN 1820, page 100:

Charles Porterfield, 45 yrs. or older; Males 10-16 yrs. 3; Males under 10 yrs. 4; Females 26-45 yrs. (Jane) 1; Females 16-26 yrs. 1; Females 10-16 yrs. 2, Females under 10 years 1.

Frank Burke Porterfield printed this census (without the tally of the female child under 10 years of age) to show that two unnamed children born between 1804 and 1810 were female. The third female, then, might be a daughter born 1810-1820, or a child the family has taken into their home. Perricinda Caroline was not born until 1822. Stone's River Presbyterian Church minutes record the births, beginning in 1818: Samuel L., 12-13-1818; Leonidas F., 2-7-1820; Perricinda C., 2-7-1822 (FBP).

The 1830 Rutherford County census indicates two of the older sons have set out on their own. We know from other census schedules that the two sons who have left home are John Duff Porterfield and William Harvey Porterfield. Listed on the 1830 Rutherford Co. TN census, page 288, are:

Charles Porterfield 50-60 yrs.; Males 20-30 yrs. 2;
Males 10-15 yrs. 3; Females 50-60 yrs. 1; Females
15-20 yrs. 2; Female 5-10 yrs 1.

These family members would be Charles and sons, Charles Lockhart, William Calvin, Matthew Alexander, Samuel L., and Leonidas Franklin; Jane (Duff) Porterfield and daughters, Martha Elizabeth, one of the unnamed daughters, and Perricinda Caroline. But this is puzzling. Martha Elizabeth, born 1801 should be listed as 20-30 in the 1830 census. (We will find that in later census schedules her age is recorded as being 10 years younger than it should be, if the birthdate, 1801, is correct.)

Note that Jane and 4 daughters are included in the 1820 census. With Perricinda C., born in 1822, it seems that five daughters were born to Charles and Jane. We have records of the later lives of only two, Martha Elizabeth and Perricinda Caroline.

Mariah (Buckley) Porterfield kept the family together for a while after Charles' death. How long we do not know, but the 1840 Cannon County TN census (Cannon County created in 1836) reads: Maria(h) Porterfield 30-40 yrs; Males 20-30 yrs. 2, Males under 5 yrs. 1; Females 20-30 yrs. 1, Females 15-20 yrs. 1, Females under 5 yrs. 1. These family members would be Mariah, her stepsons Samuel L. and Leonidas F., her son, David Hall, her stepdaughters, Martha Elizabeth and Perricinda Caroline, and her daughter, Sarah Melissa. Ten years have been subtracted from Martha Elizabeth's age. Charles Lockhart, William Calvin, and Matthew Alexander are the sons, not listed, who are no longer home. They can be found on the 1840 Hardin County, Tennessee census on pages 238 and 250.

By 1850, all seven older sons had established homes of their own. John Hall, only 12 years old, lives with his half brother, Samuel L.

Charles Porterfield Line: John I-John II-James I-Charles

Sources: Frank Burke Porterfield, TN census and tax records, Country Cousins by Worth S. Ray.

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARLES PORTERFIELD
Marriages to Jane Duff (1800-1830) and Mariah Buckley (1832-1839)

MARTHA ELIZABETH PORTERFIELD

Martha Elizabeth, first child of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, was born in 1801 at Washington County VA, was brought to Wilson County Tennessee by her parents when 3 or 4 Years old. She never married, remained at home until Charles death, was still with Mariah and the other children in 1840. (Cannon Co TN census)

She lived in the households of brothers as she grew older. No doubt, she was industrious and helpful and welcomed into the families. There were always too many women's chores to be done in pioneer days when one child followed the next in quick succession. She must, also, have mothered the youngest children of Charles and Mariah, Sarah Melissa and David Hall. She, Sarah Melissa, and David were all living with Samuel L. Porterfield and his wife, Mary (Summar) Porterfield and their one year old son, James L. at the time of the Cannon County TN census, November 4, 1850. Mariah is not with them.

Martha Elizabeth moved to the home of Leonidas Franklin Porterfield, her youngest brother, after the death of Samuel L. in 1854. (David Hall, born 1838, was her half brother.) The 1860 Cannon Co TN census, p. 8, lists T.F. (Leonidas F.) Porterfield 40, Eliza 37, Charles 14, Martha 9, Wm 6, J.P. Willard 25 (farm labour), Martha Porterfield 49. Leonidas and Eliza have named their first daughter after Martha Elizabeth.

Strangely, ten years were subtracted from Mary Elizabeth's age on the 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 censuses. Perhaps that isn't so strange. Perhaps reducing the age of maiden ladies as the years slipped by, to make them more marriageable, was a common practice. Certainly it was common among the North Central Arkansas females of the Seaton-Powers-Porterfield line. Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield and her mother, Mary (James) Powers had the uncanny ability to age only 7 years between each 10 year census. Milly Ann's sister, Phoebe, who was 22 when she married 17 year old John Seaton, listed her age as 17. After John's death when she married Noel W. Hightower who was 39. she gave her age as 33, though she in 1868 would have been about 37. John Milton Porterfield's sister, Julianna, who according to bible records was born January 26, 1816 (FBP), took the age of her sister Isabella, four years younger (1850 census, Wilson Co. TN) after Isabella was no longer living with the family. Perhaps, in some instances, the reason was no more than a woman's vanity, wishing to seem younger. Date of death for Martha Elizabeth is recorded as 1888 (FBP).

UNNAMED DAUGHTERS

At least four, perhaps five daughters were born to Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield according to census records but family records exist for only two: Martha Elizabeth and her much younger sister, Perricinda Caroline, born in 1822. Perhaps the unnamed daughters did not reach maturity. If they did, their lives would be difficult to follow as young married women because the early census schedules (before 1850) listed only the name of the head of the household, not names of household members. Church or civil records are needed.

PERRICINDA CAROLINE (PORTERFIELD) WATTS

Perricinda Caroline Porterfield, youngest daughter of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, did not marry Milton E. Watts and move to Obion County Ohio, as reported to FBP. She did marry Milton E. Watts, of Indiana/Ohio, but they moved to Obion County Tennessee, not Ohio. They married about 1842, remained in Cannon County TN at least through 1850, with children Mary E., Charles H., Martha J., William J., and Mariah J. born there. A nineteen year old young woman, Ruana E. Watt, perhaps a younger sister of Milton E., lived with them. Milton was farming and their farm was valued at \$800. All of this information appears on the 1850 Cannon Co. TN census roll, page 870, Dwelling and Family 607.

It would be interesting to know why Milton E. came south to Cannon County TN, how he and Perricinda met, why the move was made to Obion County TN. Most likely they moved to Obion County, which is in the Northwest corner of Tennessee, because much more valuable land became available there. Here is a real success story. In 1860 after the move, their net worth was \$350 for personal property; no valuation for real estate is shown though Milton E. is a farmer. By 1870, the family was wealthy, with land valued at \$5000 and personal property at \$2000, according to the August 30, 1870 Obion County Tn census, p. 175. Their oldest son, C.H. Watt, 26, lives nearby with his wife, Mahulda, 23, children James W. 3, Mary E. 2, and his younger brother, James W. 23. C. H. owns real estate worth \$1600 and personal property worth \$800.

Their location is shown to be District No. 8 West of M&O RR, P.O. Kenton Station. Assuming that to be Kenton, TN of today, the area is in the SE corner of Obion County through which the South Fork and the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River flow. Obion County is just south and southeast of New Madrid, Missouri and Hickman, Kentucky, hotbeds of Civil War activity in the early 1860's. The Ohio and Mobile Railroad which runs north and south through Kenton was of great strategic importance at that time. It hardly seems possible that the family was not affected by the conflict, but how? Did any of the Watts' sons serve as soldiers? Were their sentiments loyalist or were they secessionist? We do not know. We read and surmise what we can from the census records of 1850, 1860, and 1870.

Twelve or thirteen children, grandchildren of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, were born to Milton E. and Perricinda Caroline (Porterfield) Watts. In 1870, a daughter, Martha J. West, 24, was living at home with her two children, Mary P.?, 6, and John T.?, 10. Since the John Porterfield, age 1 month, of the 1860 census is not listed as a son of Milton E. and Perricinda in 1870 and a new entry, an 11 year old son, Samuel H. is, this researcher suggests that John T. of the 1870 census may be the John of the 1860 census, born to Martha J. when she was only 14.

MARY (SUMMARS) PORTERFIELD TRAVIS, Daughter-in-law

As noted earlier, Martha Elizabeth and her stepsister, Sarah Melissa, and stepbrother David Hall lived with her brother, Samuel L. Porterfield, in 1850. By 1860, Samuel L. has passed away (1854), Martha E. is living with her younger brother, Leonidas Franklin Porterfield, and the circumstances for Mary (Summars) Porterfield, widow of Samuel L., and their children, also for Sarah Melissa and David Hall, children of Charles and Mariah (Buckley) Porterfield, are quite different. However, they are all living near each other in a Cannon County Tennessee community having Readyville as its Post Office.

Mary (Summars) Porterfield has remarried to David G. Travis, date of marriage ca 1857. David Travis seems part of a large family of Travis's who have settled in Cannon County. There are several others in that locality. Mary and David Travis have two children: Mary 2 and Sam'l 1. The children of of Mary and Samuel L. Porterfield, stepchildren of David, live with them. Their names and ages are given as J.L. Porterfield 10 and Margaret Porterfield 9. Amos Travis, age 28, probably a younger brother of David, also lives with them. The 5th Jun 1860 Readyville P.O., Cannon County Tn census reads: Page 7, Dwelling 45 Family 45, D. G. Travis 30, Mary Travis 32, Mary Travis 2, Sam'l Travis 1, J. L. Porterfield 10, Margaret Porterfield 9, Amos Travis 28. David and Amos are farmers; David's real estate value is \$500, personal property value \$500; Amos' real estate value is \$500, his personal property value \$200.

Note that this information differs from that given in The Porterfields by Frank Burke Porterfield and should replace it as a primary source. The children of Samuel L. and Mary (Summars) Porterfield were: J. L., born in 1849 and Margaret born ca 1851, according to 1860 census records. Mary Travis and Sam'l Travis would be their half sister and and half brother, but would not be Porterfields by name or by blood.

This is the Travis family as it appears on the District No. 1 Cannon County TN census, June 7, 1870: Page 111, Dwelling 35 Family 35. David Travis 38, Mary 42, Mary J. 12, Samuel P. 11, Martha S.? 9, Sarah L. 5.

In 1870 neither J. L. Porterfield, who would be 20 or 21, nor Margaret Porterfield, who would be 19, live with their mother and stepfather. Two more children have been born to David G. and Mary (Summers) Porterfield Travis, Martha S. and Sarah L. The family is more prosperous with real estate worth \$1000 and personal property worth \$600. David is still farming.

The Porterfields and related families are still clustered in a community, but the place of enumeration on the 1870 census is now District No. 1, Cannon County TN, P.O. Woodbury. Does this mean that they have moved from the Readyville community to a community near the town of Woodbury or does it simply indicate that the location is the same and redistricting has changed the name of the locality. Most likely it is the later. At any rate their census records occur on pages 110 and 111 of the 1870 Cannon County Tennessee schedules. But we have gotten ahead of our story--we go back to the short accounts of the lives of Charles Porterfield's daughters.

NANCY ELLEN PORTERFIELD

Nancy Ellen, first daughter born to Charles and Mariah (Buckley) Porterfield had died as a young child (FBP). Born on 7-5-1834, birth recorded by Stone's River Presbyterian church, she is not accounted for on the 1840 census roll of Maria(h)'s household in Cannon County TN. She must have died before she reached the age of 6.

SARAH MELISSA (PORTERFIELD) PASCHAL

Sarah Melissa was their second child, born 1-20-1836. She married T.J. Paschal/Pascal, a man 8 years her senior, when she was only 17 (ca 1853). In 1860 they are shown on the Cannon County TN census, page 4: Dwelling 25, Family 25 T.J. Pascal 32, Sarah 22, W.C. 6, J.F. 3, and D.H. 1. T.J. is farming; the family has personal property valued at \$400.

T.J. Paschal/Pascal died about 1868. The 1870 Cannon County TN census records that three more children were born before his death. The children on the census roll are: William 16, John F. 13, David H. 11, Thomas C. 7, Mariah 4, Samuel J.? 1. William is the breadwinner, hiring out as farm labor; their real estate value is \$250; personal property value is \$200 The family may have made a move to another home, since their Post Office is now, on 7 June 1870, Woodbury, TN. Sarah Melissa's age is 34, her correct age per church records. The big surprise is that the youngest and the oldest family members have been reunited in one home. Mariah (Buckley) Porterfield, now Fisher, 70, is, in 1870, a part of her daughter's household as is Martha Elizabeth Porterfield, the oldest daughter and child of Charles Porterfield. On page 111 of the census, Dwelling 34, Family 34 are Sarah Paschal 34,

William 16, John T. 13, David H. 11, Thomas C. 7, Mariah 4, Samuel J. 1, Mariah Fisher 70, Martha Porterfield 59. Mariah has real estate valued at \$350, no personal property listed; Martha claims neither real estate nor personal property valuations.

THE VILLAGE OF PORTERFIELD

Hardest to recognize and therefore, hardest to find were Leonidas Franklin and Eliza Jane (Brown) Porterfield. His name on the census index is written Luvereen Porterfield, and indeed, it appears to be that on the 1870 census. Here we encounter another pleasant surprise. Leonidas and Eliza have once more taken in and given shelter to a family member. Surely Margaret, 19, whose name follows that of their own child, Martha J. 19, is their niece, second child of Samuel L., older brother of Leonidas. She, at the time of the last census, was living with her mother and stepfather, the Travis's. They were not far away, however, in 1870.

The family cluster recorded on page 111, Cannon County, includes: Dwelling No. 34 Sarah Pascal, widow of Samuel L. Porterfield with Mariah Porterfield Fisher, her mother, and Martha Elizabeth Porterfield, her oldest sister (half sister); Dwelling No. 35 David and Mary (Summar) Porterfield Travis; Dwelling No. 36 Charles Porterfield, oldest son of Leonidas Franklin Porterfield with his new bride Anne E.; Dwelling No. 37 James Donal with his new bride Harriet (included because it may turn out that Harriet is a Porterfield); Dwelling No. 37 S. W. McKnight, a widower (included because his deceased wife, Isabella, might be a Porterfield), and Dwelling No. 44 Leonidas Franklin Porterfield. The home and land of Leonidas Franklin, valued as \$5000 real estate and \$1200 personal property must have dominated the landscape and the community. It is no wonder then that later, March 10, 1884, Porterfield postoffice was established in what became known as the village of Porterfield. The P.O. was discontinued December 31, 1904 with "such mail ordered to Milton, Tennessee." (Source: FBP.)

Records read from microfilm are printed on the following pages. It is these we have used in preparing this account. There is more to tell, more to be read from the census schedules. We will leave them until the next issue of Porterfield Lines.

Sources: The Porterfields by Frank Burke Porterfield, Chalkley, Sumner, Tennessee tax and census records, Country Cousins by Worth S. Ray, Grant Moves South by Bruce Catton

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Year 1850

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Enumerator A. F. McFerrin

Place of Enumeration:

Nichols 1st District Cannon Co. TN

1850

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
872	625	625	Leonadus F. Porterfield	30	M		Farmer	750		Tennessee				5th Nov	
			Eliza A. Porterfield	28	F					Tennessee					
			Charles Porterfield	5	M					Tennessee		X			
873	628	628	Sam'l L. Porterfield	32	M		Farmer	300		Tennessee			X	5th Nov	
			Mary Porterfield	22	F					Tennessee			X		
			James L. Porterfield	1	M					Tennessee					
			Sarah M. Porterfield	14	F					Tennessee			X		
			David H. Porterfield	12	M					Tennessee			X		
			Martha E. Porterfield	39	F					Tennessee					
870	607	607	Milton E. Watt	27			Farmer	800		Indiana				4th Nov	
			Pursinda C.	27						Tennessee					
			Mary E.	7						Tennessee			X		
			Charles H.	6						Tennessee			X		
			Martha J.	4						Tennessee					
			William J.	3						Tennessee					
			Mariah J.	1						Tennessee					
			Ruana E.	19						Tennessee					

Year 1860 1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Notes:

Place of Enumeration:
 Cannon Co. TN P.O. Readyville 1860 Enumerator: S.M. Patton

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
4	25	25	T. J. Pascal	32	M		Farming		400	Tenn				2nd Jun	
			Sarah "	22	F					Tenn					Sarah M. Porterfield
			W. G. "	6	M					"					
			J. F. "	3	M					"					
			D. H. "	1	M					"					
4	27	27	D. F. Weedon	44	M		Farmer	5070	11750	Va.					
			Mariah "	43	F					Va.					Related to Mariah P. ?
			Sarah "	11	F					Ten					
			Josephine Wood	19						Ten					
7	43	43	Stephen Cook	49	M		Farmer	2500	800	Va.				5th Jun	
			Sarah "	45	F					Ten					
			Mary "	23	F					"					
			Virginia "	20	F					"					
			Susan "	17	F					"					Dumb
			Martha "	12	F					"	X				
			Hannah "	10	F					"	X				
			Eliza "	8	F					"	X				
			Stephen "	6	M					"					
			David Porterfield	22	M					Ten					
7	45	45	D. G. Travis	30	M		Farmer	500	300	Ten				5th Jun	
			Mary "	32	F					Ten					
			Mary "	2	F					"					
			Sam'l "	1	M					"					
			J. L. Porterfield	10	M					Ten	X				
			Margaret Porterfield	9	F					Ten	X				
			Amos Travis	28	M		Farmer	500	200	Ten					

Year 1860

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Notes:

Place of Enumeration: Cannon County TN P.O. Readyville

1860 Enumerator: S.M. Patton

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
8	48	48	L. F. Potterfield	40	M		Farmer	\$390	3000	Ten				5th Jun	
			Eliza "	37	F					Ten					
			Charles "	14	M					"	X				
			Martha "	9	F					"	X				
			Wm "	6	M					"					
			J. C. Willard	25	M		Farm Labour		300	Ten					Initials J.P.?
			Martha Porterfield	49	F				200	Ten					
8	49	49	S. W. McKnight	43	M		Farmer	5215	3000	Ten				5th Jun	
			Isabella "	41	F					Ten					
			John "	17	M					"	X				
			Moses "	14	M					"					
			Mary "	11	F					"	X				
			Eliza "	7	F					"					
			Isabella "	4	F					"					

Year 1860 and 1870

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Notes:

Milton E. and Perricinda Caroline (Porterfield) Watt (s): 1860 and 1870 Census Schedules
 1860 Civil District No. 11, Obion Co. TN Enumerator: W. C. Caldwell
 1870 District No. 8 West of M&O RR P.O. Kenton Station Enumerator: G. F. Isbell

Place of Enumeration:

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
			1860												
123 125	724	724	M. E. Watts	37	M		Farmer		300	Ohio				30th Aug.	
			P. C.	38	F					Tenn					
			M. E.	17	F					Tenn					
			C. H.	15	M		Farmer			Tenn		X			
			M. J.	14	F					Tenn		X			
			W. J.	12	M					Tenn					
			M. I.	11	F					Tenn		X			
			N. M.	9	F					Tenn		X			
			A. A.	7	F					Tenn		X			
			M. M.	5	M					Tenn					
			F. E.	4	F					Tenn					
			John	1/12	M					Tenn					
			1870												
175	82	82	Watt M. E.	47	M		Farmer	5000	2000	Ohio					
			Penelope C.	48	F		Keeping Home			Tn					
			Maria J.	22	F		At Home			Tn					
			Nancy S.	19	F		At Home			Tn					
			Fannie E.	14	F		At School			Tn					
			Samuel H.	11	M		At School			Tn					
			Alice M.	8	F		At School			Tn					
			George? B.	6	M					Tn					
			West Martha J.	24	F		At Home			Tn					
			Mary P.?	6	F					Tn					
			John T.?	10	M					Tn					
1971 77/77			Watt C. H.	26	M		Farmer	1600	800	Tn				23rd Aug	District # 11
			Mahulda	23	F		Keeping House			Tn					P.O. Kenton Station
			James W.	3	M					Tn					
			Mary E.	2	F					Tn					
			James W.	23	M					Tn					

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Notes:

Enumerator: A. F. Todd

Place of Enumeration:

District No. 1 Cannon Co. TN P.O. Woodbury

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Per-sonal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
111	34	34	Paschal Sarah	34	F	W	Keeping House	250	200	Tenn								7th Jun	
			William	16	M	W	Farm Labor			" "									
			John F.	13	M	W				" "									
			David H.	11	M	W				" "									
			Thomas C.	7	M	W				" "									
			Mariah	4	F	W				" "									
			Samuel J.	1	M	W				" "									
			Fisher Mariah	70	F	W		350		Mar						W			
			Porterfield Martha	59	F	W				Tenn									
35	35		Travis David	38	M	W	Farmer	1000	600	" "							X		
			Mary	43	F	W				" "									
			Mary J.	12	F	W				" "									
			Samuel P.	11	M	W				" "									
			Martha S.	9	F	W				" "									
			Sarah L.	5	F	W				" "									
36	36		Porterfield Charles	24	M	W	Farmer		625	" "							X		
			Ann E.?	21	F	W	Keeping House			" "									
37	37		Donal James	20	M	W	Farm Labor			" "			Feb						
			Harriet	18	M	W	Domestic Servant			" "									
38	38		McKnight S. W.	53	M	W		3000	1200	" "							X		
			Moses A.	23	M	W			400	" "									
			Mary E.	21	F	W				" "									
			Susannah	14	F	W				" "									
			Isobel J.	13	F	W				" "									
44	44		Porterfield Luveræen	50	M	W	Farmer	5000	1200	" "							X	8th Jun	
			Eliza A.	47	F	W	Keeping House			" "									
			Martha J.	19	F	W				" "									
			Margarett	19	F	W				" "									
			William	17	M	W				" "									

SEARCHING FOR PORTERFIELDS IN ARKANSAS

With this issue we will begin a thorough search for Porterfields in Arkansas using population census schedules as our source. We will list all Porterfields found at 10 year enumeration intervals. Our goal is to identify the lineage of each family and to learn as much as possible about the family history of each. We invite you, the readers, to participate.

A number of North Central Arkansas Porterfields have already been introduced, descendants of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. John Milton was the fifth child, third son of James Porterfield II, who was a fourth generation Porterfield in America. Lineage: John I, John II, James I, James II, John Milton. See 1991 issues of Porterfield Lines.

In the May 1992 issue, pages 156 and 157, the 1840 TN and 1850 AR census records for Samuel Campbell and Asenith (Fite) Porterfield of Dallas County, Arkansas were given. Samuel Campbell was the older brother of John Milton and the second child, the first son of James Porterfield II. Lineage: John I, John II, James I, James II, Samuel Campbell.

I brashly wrote that the Samuel Campbell Porterfield family was the first to migrate to Arkansas. Samuel may have been the first to bring his family with him to settle land and build a home. But another Porterfield, Andrew, is listed in Arkansas Tax Lists 1819-1829 (AISI). His name appears on page 73:

Andrew Porterfield Chicot County AR 002 Tax List 1829

His name does not appear, however, in the Sheriff's Census of Arkansas 1823-1829 (AISI).

Chicot County is in the Southeastmost corner of Arkansas, with the Mississippi River as its eastern boundary. Adjoining counties are: Desha to the north, Drew and Ashley to the west, Washington Co. Mississippi to the east and in Louisiana to the south, East Carroll and West Carroll counties. Chicot County was created in 1823 from Arkansas County. George B. Everton writes that Lawrence County in the northeast corner and Arkansas County in the southeast corner were settled before most other counties. (Handybook for Genealogists)

Several Andrew Porterfields are mentioned in The Porterfields. Each is of the Chester County line, descendants of John I, William. None seems young enough to have reached manhood and acquired property in Arkansas by 1829. (The Porterfields, Chapter V. Chester County Porterfields.) The search for more information about Andrew Porterfield of Chicot County continues.

The census reports appearing on the following pages are designated by counties and directional placement in Arkansas.

Year 1860

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Notes: Southwest corner of Arkansas: Lafayette, Columbia, Hempstead
 Mid-South Central: Dallas and Jefferson
 Central Arkansas: Saline (corners Jefferson)
 North Central Arkansas: Fulton Northwestern Arkansas: Carroll

Place of Enumeration: Arkansas

Lafayette, Columbia, Hempstead, Dallas, Jefferson, Saline, Fulton, and Carroll Counties

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
LF 60			Atholenia* Poterfield	19			Living with Elisha Williams Family								
LF 64			Jas. N. Poterfield				Jas. N. and Nelson in same Household								
LF 64			Nelson Poterfield												
CM390			Wm. Poterfield												
HM825			C. Poterfield												
DL982			Joseph* Porterfield	24			and Elizabeth 20 living with S.S. Pite Family								
DL959			Mary A. Porterfield												
DL960			Sam'l C. Porterfield												
JF774			Jos./James H. Porterfield				Working as Master Carpenter living with Lewis Reed Family								
JF815			Nancy Porterfield	16			Living with Z. and F.J. Franks								
SL615			Alice Porterfield	5			Living with Moses P. Spann Family								
FL434			Potterfield, Jas.				James T. and Susan (Reeves) Potterfield								
FL434			Potterfield, John				John Milton and Annis (Lea) Potterfield, their children								
FL435			Potterfield, John				and young Turner children continued from 434 to 435								
CR786			Wm Porterfield				William Ross and Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield								

Note: Four names above all members of the John Milton Porterfield Family. First researched June 21, 1986 and census read many times since then.

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Search No. _____

Enclosure No. _____

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Notes: Southwest corner of Arkansas: Hempstead
 Mid-South Central: Dallas and Clark adjoin; Jefferson
 North Central: Fulton, Independence
 Northwest: Crawford, Washington

Place of Enumeration: Arkansas
 Hempstead, Dallas, Jefferson, Crawford, Washington, Fulton, Independence and Clark Counties

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Per-sonal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks	
HM491			C. Portfield																	
HM491			Sige or Lige Portfield																	
DL422			Samuel C. Porterfield																	
DL423			John Porterfield																	
DL426			Mary Porterfield																	
291			James R. Porterfield																	
JF537			J.H. Porterfield				James Henry Porterfield Household continues on													
JF538			S. Porterfield				page 538 with S. Porterfield													
JF 529			W.J.L. Porterfield	2	F		Living with W.P. and Matilda Lowery													
Craw188			J.J. Pottersfield				J.J. Pottersfield and Nancy Pottersfield are													
Craw189			Nancy Pottersfield				members of the same household continued from 188 to 189													
Wash 119			F. Porterfield																	
FL180			Porterfield, J.W.																	
FL184			Porterfield, J.T.																	
FL183			Porterfield, J.M.																	
FL 184			Ross, W.M.				William Martin and Sophronia (Porterfield) Ross)													
IN 008			Porterfield, Millie				Milly Ann Powers, widow of William Ross Porterfield													

P | 2 Cav. | Ark

Robert Porterfield

Pat. Co. C., 2 Reg't Ark Cav.

Age: 23 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

Memphis, Tenn Aug 20, 1865.

Muster-out to date _____, 186

Last paid to pay due from enlistment, 186

Clothing account:

Last settled _____, 186 ; drawn since \$ _____ 100

Due soldier \$ _____ 100; due U. S. \$ _____ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ _____ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ _____ 100

Bounty paid \$ _____ 100; due \$ _____ 100

Valuation of horse, \$ _____ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ _____ 100

Remarks: Died (from) 23 1865.

Typhoid Fever Hospital at Helena, Ark.

Book mark: See 4621-A-1874 (for cause & date of death.)

Leary

P | 2 Cav. | Ark

Robert Porterfield

Co. C., 2 Reg't Ark Cav.

NOTATION.

Book mark: 4621-A-1874

War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, June 5, 1874

"This man was admitted to Post Hosp'l., Helena, Ark. March 5, '63 and died therein March 22, '63 of chronic Diarrhoea."

Ad. Gentry

P | 2 Cav. | Ark

Robert Porterfield

Co. C., 2 Reg't Arkansas Cav.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 23 years; height 5 feet 7 inches.

Complexion dark

Eyes blue; hair black

Where born Bedford Tenn

Occupation farmer

ENLISTMENT.

When Sept 21, 1862

Where Campfield Tenn

By whom W. Orr; term 5 yrs.

Remarks: At Helena Ark

O. Brown

CIVIL WAR RECORD OF ROBERT W. PORTERFIELD

Using Form NATF Form 80, I made separate inquiries for the military records and the pension records of Robert W. Porterfield, 3rd son of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield. I hoped the pension records would answer the important questions, "Did Robert marry before his death during the Civil War? Did he have children?" The military records should include his physical description and the cause of his death.

I waited impatiently for the replies from the General Reference Branch (NNRG-P) of the National Archives and Records Administration.

Military records were the first to arrive. Robert's description was there: " Height 5 feet 9 inches, Complexion dark; Eyes blue; hair black. Enlistment Sept. 21, 1862, Springfield, Mo by Lt. Orr; term 3 years Remarks: at Hellena Ark." Then came the shocking news: Robert died of Typhoid Fever. This statement appeared on a Co. Muster-out Roll dated, Memphis Ten., Aug 20 1867; "Died Mar 23, '63. Typhoid Fever. Hospital at Helena, Ark."

Another paper dated June 5, 1874 labeled NOTATION War Dept. Adjutant General's office stated "This man was admitted to Post Hosp, Helena Ark March 5, '63 and died there March 22, '63 of Chronic Diarrhoea."

Knowing that diarrhea is one of the symptoms of typhoid fever, I wrote Paul Porterfield that I believed both Robert and William Ross, who also is reported to have died from chronic diarrhea, died of Typhoid fever. He replied, "You have probably hit the nail squarely on the head regarding the cause of death for William Ross and Robert W. It became a common practice for the Army to try and hide the fact of outbreaks of Typhoid Fever."

Three of the 10 slips of paper received are printed here. On one of those not printed, the date of death is given as Feb. 23/63. On another was the information that Robert was: "Enrolled Sept 1/62 and mustered in Oct 1/62 at Springfield for 2 years." These show discrepancies in dates and length of enrollment

The reply from the pension inquiry arrived about two weeks after the military record was received. It was disappointing, for it was nothing more than a check mark in a square beside these words: "No--We were unable to locate the file you requested above. No Payment is necessary."

The fact that no pension application was made almost certainly means that Robert was not married and had no heirs.

Frances Porterfield Willis



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys, will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

ANOTHER NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS PORTERFIELD DESCENDANT OF HARVEY D. PORTERFIELD

As you roam through the hills of northern Arkansas in search of long-lost Porterfields, you may travel west from Fulton County into Baxter County and discover a family you cannot readily identify. If you do, the following may be helpful.

John Harvey Porterfield, my great-grandfather (appears as John Henry on page 123 of The Porterfields), moved in 1911 with his family to Cotter, Arkansas, where he purchased a large building and opened the Cotter Bakery and Grocery Store. The family remained in Cotter until John's death on January 6, 1916, during an influenza epidemic. His obituary in the Cotter Courier describes him as "one of our most prominent business men" and also indicates that, like many other Porterfields, he was of the Baptist Faith. It was also in Cotter that my grandfather, Edward J. Cox, met John's daughter, Jessie May, and decided to marry.

John Harvey lived an interesting life. He was born in Auburn, Illinois, January 15, 1855 to LaFayette Todd Porterfield and Irrilla Jane Brownell. LaFayette was the oldest son of Harvey D. Porterfield (third child of Charles and Jane Duff) and Matilda Ward who had moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, before 1830. While The Porterfields makes no mention of Harvey's brother, John Duff, as having lived in Illinois, it appears likely since both Harvey and John appear adjacent on the 1830 Sangamon County Census. While Harvey appears again on the 1840 Census, John does not. The Porterfields also shows Harvey's death as occurring in 1853, however, the 1850 Census does not list Harvey and shows Matilda as head of the house with eight children--LaFayette 17, Leander 15, Mahaly 13, John 11, Hester 9, William 7, Mary 3, and Caroline 19 (in that order). Of the eight, only LaFayette, John, and William appear in The Porterfields with information that all three served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

The Porterfields indicates LaFayette was born in 1830 while the 1850 Census shows that he was only 17 at that time.

Early Settlers of Sangamon County gives his birthdate as May 16, 1833, and states that he was married to Irrilla Jane Brownell on February 22, 1853. The same book lists eight children who were born into the family, John Harvey being the first, and that two of the children died young. LaFayette died April 26, 1869.

Some years later, John Harvey moved to Kansas where he was married to Iderah Bender of Pleasanton about 1879. Two sons, LaFayette Todd and Leon Elmer, were born in Kansas; Leonadus Carl was born in Harrison, Arkansas; and Leander John was born in 1888 in the Oklahoma Panhandle--known then as NO Man's Land or the Public Land Strip. The 1890 First Territorial Census of Oklahoma shows the Porterfields had lived there four years at the time of the Census.

No Man's Land had been created when Texas gave up the strip of land to enter the Union as a slave state. In post-Civil War years, it had been the home of so many outlaws it was known for a time as "Robber's Roost." Cattlemen leased the land from Indians and established ranches. By 1886, settlers were locating on 160 acre plots endorsing vigilante justice, even though the strip was not organized and did not become part of the Oklahoma Territory until 1890. The government issued "patents" in later years to settlers who had resided five years on the land and "proved it up."

The Porterfield 160 acre homestead was about 1 1/2 miles north of Gate, Beaver County, Oklahoma. From historical accounts, it can well be imagined that the Porterfields endured quite primitive living conditions and an often severe climate. While there, John and Iderah were divorced and he married Clara Belle Lightfoot on October 6, 1892, in Ashland, Kansas, as there were no governmental offices or public records in Beaver County at the time.

Although homestead records show the Porterfields received the Final Certificate on their property on July 26, 1894, John had purchased property in Woodward County (now Harper County) during 1893 (probably after participating in the Cherokee Outlet Run on September 16, 1893) on which he built a large store known as the John H. Porterfield General Merchandise Store and Post Office. On December 16, 1893, Clara Belle's first child was born and named Jessie May (my grandmother). By the personal account of another early settler, Samuel James, whose descendants still confirm the story, the new town was named May after my grandmother who was said to be the first baby born there.

Following the birth of a second daughter, Clara Agness, John sold his store in 1897 or 1898 and moved to Hartville, Wright County, Missouri, where George Albert and Francis Earl were born. They later moved to Gainesville, Ozark County, Missouri where twins, Hattie Irrilla and Harvey Elbert, were born in 1906. They remained in Gainesville until moving to Cotter in 1911.

John Harvey is buried in the Walnut Hill Cemetery east of Cotter. Adjacent is the grave of Harold Eugene Porterfield (1917-1929) whom I have yet to identify. Many of the Porterfields later moved to California where Clara Belle was later buried.

Jerry McClure
Carthage, Missouri

THE SONS OF CHARLES PORTERFIELD

Marriages to Jane Duff (1800-1830) and Mariah Buckley (1832-1839)

The seven sons of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield were John Duff Porterfield (1803-1879), Harvey D. Porterfield (1805-ca 1848), Charles Lockhart Porterfield (1808-1854), William Calvin Porterfield (1809-1891), Matthew Alexander Porterfield (1816-1890), Samuel L. Porterfield (1818-1854), and Leonidas Franklin Porterfield (1820-1901). His youngest son, one of three children born to Charles and Mariah Ellen Buckley, was David Hall Porterfield (1838-1862).

In this issue the two oldest sons will be featured. Articles and charts published to date have been:

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Descendants of Harvey D. Porterfield

DESCENDANTS OF Harvey D. Porterfield (RN=256)

PERSON	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
Harvey D. Porterfield (RN=256)							
SEX: M							
B: 1805 @ Wilson Co TN (Tax records)							
M: ca 1829 to Matilda Ward (RN=411) @ Rutherford Co TN?							
D: JMc ca 1848 FBP 1853 @ Sangamon Co Illinois							
8 Children							
(1: Sources: FBP, Jerome McClure)							
(2: "Later a farmer in Sangamon County, Illinois. Home: Sugar Creek)							
(3: Three sons Union soldiers in Civil War. John Wilson, third son, died in Adaas Hospital, Memphis, TN)							
(4: From Wilson to Rutherford 1810-1816)							
Caroline Porterfield (RN=533)							
SEX: F							
B: ca 1831 @ Sangamon Co IL							
MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)							
Lafayette Todd Porterfield (RN=399)							
SEX: M							
B: 16 May 1833 JMc; 1830 FB @ Sangamon Co IL							
M: 22 Feb 1853 to Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)							
D: 26 Apr 1869							
7 Children							
(1: Sources: FBP, Jerome McClure)							
(2: A soldier in the Union Army; farmer. Home: Auburn, Illinois)							
(3: JMc: Sources Cotter Courier of Cotter AR; County History - Early Settlers of Sangamon County. Wife's surname: Brownwell.)							
(4: "Early Settlers..." lists 8 children with 2 dying young.)							
MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)							
John Henry/Harvey Porterfield (1855-1916) (RN=401)							
SEX: M							
B: 15 Jan 1855 @ Auburn, Illinois							
2 Marriages							
M: ca 1879 to Iderah Bender (RN=538) @ Pleasanton, Kansas							
Divorced							
RM: 06 Oct 1892 to Clara Belle Lightfoot (RN=540) @ Ashland, Kansas							
D: 06 Jan 1916 @ Cotter, Baxter Co AR							
10 Children							
(1: Sources: FBP and Jerome H. McClure)							
(2: Addresses: Pleasanton Kansas; Harrison AR; Gate, Beaver Co OK; May, Woodward (Harper) Co OK; Hartville, Wright Co MO; Gainesville, Ozark Co MO; Cotter, Baxter Co AR.)							
MOTHER: Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)							

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN
			!Harvey Elbert Porterfield (RN=550) !SEX: M !B: 1908 @ Gainesville, Ozark Co, MO !MOTHER: Clara Belle Lightfoot (RN=540)				
			!George L. Porterfield (1856-1859) (RN=402) !B: 1856 !D: 1859 !MOTHER: Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)				
			!Marie Matilda Porterfield (1858-) (RN=403) !SEX: F !B: 1858 !MOTHER: Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)				
			!Armanda Jane Porterfield (1861-) (RN=404) !SEX: F !B: 1861 !MOTHER: Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)				
			!Francis Lafayette Porterfield (1863-) (RN=405) !SEX: M !B: 1863 !MOTHER: Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)				
			!Mary Elizabeth Porterfield (1865-) (RN=406) !SEX: F !B: 1865 !MOTHER: Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)				
			!Hattie Janette Porterfield (1868-) (RN=407) !SEX: F !B: 1868 !MOTHER: Irrilla Jane Brownwell (RN=400)				
			!Leander Porterfield (RN=534) !SEX: M !B: ca 1835 @ Sangamon Co IL !MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)				
			!Mahaly Porterfield (RN=535) !SEX: F !B: ca 1837 @ Sangamon Co IL !MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)				

Continuation: Descendants of Harvey D. Porterfield

						GREAT	GREAT
						GREAT	GREAT
				GREAT	GREAT	GREAT	GREAT
			GREAT	GREAT	GREAT	GREAT	GREAT
	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND
PERSON	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	John Wilson Porterfield (RN=412)						
;	SEX: M						
;	B: ca 1839 @ Sangamon Co IL						
;	M: 1857 to Nancy Phillips (RN=414)						
;	D: 1863 @ Adams Hospital, Memphis TN						
;	3 Children						
;	(1: Source: FBP. Union Soldier. Home Alexander Co Illinois)						
;	(2: Tragic story: Md. 1857, Union soldier, died in Adams Hospital, Memphis, TN 1863. Wife left alone						
;	with children 5, 3, and baby born same year he died. Two youngest children died in 1864. Did his						
;	namesake, John Wilson, 6, live to manhood?)						
;	MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)						
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	John Wilson Porterfield b. 1858 (RN=415)						
;	MOTHER: Nancy Phillips (RN=414)						
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	Ann Eliza Porterfield (1861-1864) (RN=416)						
;	MOTHER: Nancy Phillips (RN=414)						
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	William Wesley Porterfield (1863-1864) (RN=417)						
;	MOTHER: Nancy Phillips (RN=414)						
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	Hester Porterfield (RN=536)						
;	SEX: F						
;	B: ca 1841 @ Sangamon Co IL						
;	MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)						
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	William Harvey Porterfield (RN=413)						
;	SEX: M						
;	B: 1843 @ Sangamon Co Illinois						
;	3 Marriages						
;	M: 1867 to Elizabeth Walker (RN=426)						
;	RM: 1892 to Lou Edwards (RN=427)						
;	Widowed						
;	RM: 1898 to Della Ellett (RN=428)						
;	D: 1928 @ Christian Co Ill.						
;	8 Children						
;	(1: FBP: Was a Union soldier, farmed 55 years in Christian County, Illinois)						
;	(2: Five children by his first wife; three children by his third wife.)						
;	MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)						
;	;	;	;	;	;	;	;
;	Nellie Porterfield (1867) (RN=418)						
;	SEX: F						
;	B: 1867						
;	MOTHER: Elizabeth Walker (RN=426)						

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN
		!Grant Porterfield (1869) (RN=419)					
		SEX: M					
		B: 1869					
		(!: (6b) Grant and (6c) Sherman were twins if 1869 birthdate is correct for both of them.					
		Named for prominent Union Generals.)					
		MOTHER: Elizabeth Walker (RN=426)					
		!Sherman Porterfield (1869) (RN=420)					
		SEX: M					
		B: 1869					
		(!: If FBP birthdate of 1869 for Grant and Sherman is correct, they were twins. Named for					
		prominent Union Generals.)					
		MOTHER: Elizabeth Walker (RN=426)					
		!Mary C. Porterfield b. 1870 (RN=421)					
		SEX: F					
		B: 1870					
		MOTHER: Elizabeth Walker (RN=426)					
		!William T. Porterfield b. 1874 (RN=422)					
		SEX: M					
		B: 1874					
		MOTHER: Elizabeth Walker (RN=426)					
		!Lee Porterfield b. 1901 (RN=423)					
		SEX: M					
		B: 1901					
		MOTHER: Della Ellett (RN=428)					
		!Orville Porterfield b. 1904, is a story writer of Edinburg, Illinois (RN=424)					
		SEX: M					
		B: 1904					
		(!: FBP note written before book published 1947..."is a story writer of Edinburg, Illinois.")					
		MOTHER: Della Ellett (RN=428)					
		!Earl F. Porterfield b. 1908, of Taylorville. (RN=425)					
		SEX: M					
		B: 1908					
		(!: Source:FBP)					
		(!: Home Taylorville.)					
		MOTHER: Della Ellett (RN=428)					
		!Mary Porterfield (RN=537)					
		SEX: F					
		B: ca 1847 @ Sangamon Co IL					
		MOTHER: Matilda Ward (RN=411)					

HARVEY D. PORTERFIELD,
SECOND SON OF CHARLES AND JANE "DUFF" PORTERFIELD

Frank Burke Porterfield's account of the life of Harvey D. Porterfield and his descendants is less than one page long. Harvey D. Porterfield, second son, third child of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield of Rutherford County Tennessee was born in 1805, died 1853 (Date incorrect? May have died ca 1848), married Matilda Ward, later farmed in Sangamon County, Illinois. Three sons, Lafayette Todd Porterfield, John Wilson Porterfield, and William Harvey Porterfield, served as Union soldiers in the Civil War.

Lafayette Todd (1830-1869) married 1853 Irrilla Jane Brownwell/Brownell (1830-1912), issue seven children: John Henry (should be Harvey), George L., Marie Matilda, Armanda Jane, Francis Lafayette, Mary Elizabeth, and Hattie Janette.

John Wilson Porterfield (1832-1863) married 1857 Nancy Phillips; three children were born: John Wilson, Ann Eliza, and William Wesley.

William Harvey (1843-1928) married 1867 Elizabeth Walker, 1892 remarried to Lou Edwards, 1898 remarried to Della Elliott/Ellett, had five children by his first wife: Nellie, Grant, Sherman, Mary C., William T., three children by his third wife: Lee, Orville, and Earl F.

Both Lafayette Todd and William Harvey were farmers. Lafayette Todd Porterfield died in 1869 at age 36-39; his home, Auburn, Sangamon County, Illinois. William Harvey Porterfield farmed for 55 years in Christian County, Illinois before passing away at age 85.

The story of John Wilson Porterfield, middle son, is a tragic one. He died in the Adams Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee in 1863, leaving his wife, Nancy (Phillips) Porterfield, a widow with three children. Of the three children, the second, a daughter, Eliza, lived only three years, the third, a boy, William Wesley, lived only 1 year, both dying in the year 1864. We wonder if the first son, his namesake John Wilson Porterfield, born 1858, lived to manhood.

Jerry McClure's article "John Harvey Porterfield" provides researchers with a number of previously unknown facts. One of the most fascinating in terms of family history is that John Duff and Harvey D. Porterfield, the two oldest sons of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, removed their household goods, young wives and children to Illinois from Tennessee soon after their marriages and are listed on the 1830 Sangamon County Illinois population census. Harvey D. remained in Illinois, but John Duff moved his family elsewhere and is not listed on the 1840 Sangamon County Illinois census according to Jerry McClure.

From McClure we learn, too, that Harvey D. may have died before 1850 not in 1853, that the 1850 Sangamon County Illinois census shows Matilda as Head of the Household with eight children: LaFayette 17, Leander 15, Mahaly 13, John 11, Hester 9, William 7, Mary 3, and Caroline 19, five more children than FBP reported.

Searching Porterfield records from the surname microfiche at the Longview Branch Library of the Mormon church we found "Harvey D. Porterfield" on the index of the 1850 Gallatin County Illinois census (microfilm page reference 410). Gallatin County is just south of Saline County and borders Kentucky and Indiana on the Ohio. This information leads to the surmial that Harvey D. may have been working away from home in 1850. A microfilm copy of the census should be consulted, but was not immediately available.

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Note: See Descendants Chart of Harvey D. and Matilda (Ward) Porterfield for birth and death dates of their grandchildren, seventh generation Porterfields in America.

JOHN DUFF PORTERFIELD
ELDEST SON OF CHARLES AND JANE (DUFF) PORTERFIELD

With the cooperation of descendants of the John Duff family, Frank Burke Porterfield was able to present John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield in one of the lengthiest and most thorough accounts of family lineage in his book The Porterfields. There is still more to be told.

One of the most surprising revelations in Jerry McClure's article is that both John Duff and Harvey D. Porterfield moved their families to Illinois and were located there in 1830. This sets the stage for a renewal of the family ties thirty years later during the Civil War. The publication of the Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James H. Porterfield transcribed by H. Don Porterfield will bring this to light.

The removal of Harvey D. and Matilda (Ward) Porterfield from Rutherford County Tennessee to Sangamon County Illinois is documented in The Porterfields. No mention is made of such a move for John Duff and Eliza (Donahoo) Porterfield. FBP writes that they settled near Savannah in Hardin County Tennessee, but to date no census record is found there. McClure tells us that they were not listed as Sangamon County residents in 1840.

Where were John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield in 1840 and 1850? Why did they leave Illinois and when? These are questions which enter our minds. Did they dislike the cold weather of Illinois? Were they dissatisfied with the land they were able to obtain? Did the two families have a disagreement? Did they leave because of the illness of their son Robert Burns Porterfield said to have died in 1836 at the age of 4?

A bit of information was found recently in a book appropriately titled Tennessee Tidbits. It may place the oldest son of Charles in Hardin County Tennessee in 1834, if the John D. named is John Duff of the Rutherford-Cannon County Porterfields.

"Hannah, John - Died before 15 Dec. 1834 when John Houston and John D. Potterfield were appointed administrators. A year's provision was laid off to the widow. (Hardin Co. TN, Co. CT Min, c/28)." (From Volume I, p. 160 of Tennessee Tidbits.)

If John Duff and Eliza went south, which seems likely since in 1853 they were in Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi (FBP quoting the Holly Springs South), perhaps they traveled on the magnificent river network of the Mississippi. From Springfield, Illinois, they could have gone by way of the Illinois River to the Mississippi and down to Memphis, Tennessee. Or heading upriver from the Mississippi on the Ohio from Cairo, they could have reached the Tennessee and the Cumberland Rivers. Upriver, but southward, the Tennessee River flows through Savannah of Hardin County Tennessee, where three of Charles' sons had settled by 1840. The Cumberland River, if that was their choice, leads to Nashville, Stone's River in Rutherford County, and home.

If, as a family group they moved their household possessions, they must have traveled by covered wagon overland. What trails were used by wagon trains in journeys from Rutherford County north to Illinois, or by wagon trains bound south to Tennessee and Mississippi? Three trails are named and traced on a map of Kentucky by Facts On File; they are the Nashville-Saline River Trail, the Palmyra-Princeton Trail, and the Russellville-Shawnee Town Trail. Perhaps one of these late 18th century roads and trails was used by Harvey D. and John Duff.

John Duff's whereabouts after 1836 were found on the 1840, 1850, and 1860 Marshall County Mississippi census microfilm. The census for the Northern Division of Marshall Co. in the Northern District of Mississippi enumerated by Jno P. Caruther in 1840 shows on page 19:

Jno. D. Porterfield

Males: Under 5 yrs 2, 5 to 10 yrs 1, 20-30 yrs 1, 30-40 yrs 1
Females: Under 5 yrs 1, 5 to 10 yrs 1, 10-15 yrs 1, and 20-30 yrs 1. Total 9. Occupation: Agriculture 1, Manufacturing 1

By 1840, John D. and Eliza had 3 sons and 3 daughters, the oldest child is a daughter. John and a younger man (a brother?) are engaged in farming and manufacture.

The 1850 Marshall County Mississippi census of the 2nd day of November lists these children at home: Martha A. 19, Wm. 18, Jno 17, Jas. 12, Mary 10, Theophilus 8, Thos 6, Frances M. 4 and _____ 3/12. The oldest daughter who would be 20-25 is no longer with the family and we know from FBP and census that her name is Elizabeth Jane Porterfield and that she married Jessie Odom. We learn from both the 1850 and the 1860 census that Mary Elizabeth was two years older than Theophilus, thus the seventh child not the 11th as listed by FBP.

Let's look at some of the genealogical data gathered by Frank Burke Porterfield. Then we can use census records of the parents and the children to point out areas of agreement or disagreement. John Duff Porterfield was born in 1803, died in 1879. He married Eliza Donohoo (1811-1881) in 1827. He located near Savannah in Hardin County, Tennessee, later moved to Holly Springs and Potts Camp in Marshall County Mississippi, where he recruited men for the C.S.A. Five sons enlisted in the C.S.A., one became a Union soldier. Both Eliza and John Duff were buried in the Temperance Hill Cemetery. (FBP)

Please refer to the census schedules on the following pages. Examining the 1860 census schedule for Township 4 Range 2, Marshall County, Mississippi, P.O. Holly Springs, we learn that John Duff was 57 in 1860, that he was born in Virginia, his wife Elisa/Eliza was 48 in 1860, was born in Tennessee.

Children listed here who were born before 1836 were born in Tennessee, those born after 1836, in Mississippi. This seems to disagree with the reference made by FBP to time and place when he quotes the Holly Springs South: "John Duff Porterfield...moved in 1853 to this county."

From other sources we know that three living children are missing from this 1860 census record: Elizabeth Jane, the oldest child, oldest daughter, who first married Jesse Odum of Memphis, Tennessee, then William King of Potts Camp; William Claude, second child, oldest son who married Drusilla/Drucilla Annette Estes in 1866 after service in the CSA, returning to live in Marshall County; James Henry, the sixth child, fourth son, who had moved to Arkansas and in 1860 was working as a Master Carpenter, living with Lewis S. Reed, also a Master Carpenter. You will find census records for these three elsewhere in this issue.

Eliza Donohoo bore 14 children; Robert Burns Porterfield born in 1832, died in 1836. Unnamed infants were born in 1848 and 1850. The other children were: Elizabeth Jane Porterfield (1828-1912); William Claude Porterfield (1830-1904); Martha Ann Porterfield (1834-1888); John Duff Porterfield (1836-1900); James Henry Porterfield (1838-1879); Thomas Benton Porterfield (1840-1864); Theophilus Donohoo Porterfield (1842-1861); Frank Marion Porterfield (1845-1914); Mary Elizabeth Porterfield (1849-1919); George Monroe Porterfield (1852-1936); Susan Harriet Porterfield (1855-1935). (FBP)

Census records for children who were not with the family in 1860 show that Elizabeth Jane and William Claude were born in Tennessee, and James Henry in Mississippi. According to these records no child was born in Illinois but there is the possibility that Robert Burns was born there and that the family returned to Tennessee by 1834 when Martha Ann, their fourth child, second daughter was born. The mystery, however, remains. Did John Duff move from Illinois to Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee or to Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee or to Rutherford County, Tennessee before moving to Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi? It seems evident that they lived in Illinois for only a short time.

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NOTES ON JOHN DUFF PORTERFIELD

John Duff Porterfield and his family were enumerated twice for the 1860 Marshall Co. Mississippi census. Each report complements the other with information about the family. We learn from the one printed here, from page 230, that in 1860 the second daughter of John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield, Martha Ann/Ann M. (Porterfield) Shadrack is living at home, presumably after the death of her husband. With her are her three children from that marriage, John M. 5, Mary J. 3, and Elisa A. 7/12. She had married James Shadrach, shown as a laborer on the neighboring Leonard Estes farm on the 1850 census. John Duff (II) Porterfield, 26, and Mary E(lizabeth), Porterfield, 21, are still at home unmarried. The unnamed child of the 1850 census, only 3 months old then, has received a name, George M.(onroe), and another child, Susan H.(arriet) has been born.

Place of enumeration listed for page 230 was Township 4 Range 2, Marshall County, Mississippi, P.O. Holly Springs; not dated, but in sequence would be about July 28th. Place of enumeration for page 254 was Township 5 Range 2, Marshall County Mississippi, P.O. McFaddin Grocery; date July 21. Next door neighbors on the 1860 census for the Porterfields are James M. McFadden and his family, and on the other side, Leonard and Margaret Estes. John Duff (II) later married one of the McFadden daughters, Mary Zetta. When William Claude returned to Holly Springs in 1865 after serving with the CSA, he married the Estes daughter, Drucilla.

Year 1860

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

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John Duff and Eliza Porterfield

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Notes: John Duff family enumerated twice by same enumerator. On page 254 of 1860 census for Township 5 Range 2, Marshall Co. TN P.O. McFadden Store; Dwelling 211, Family 202. Enumerator: R. G. Matthews

Place of Enumeration:

Township 4, Range 2, Marshall Co. Mississippi P.O. Holly Springs (ca 28 July) 1860

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
230	57	54	John D. Porterfield	57	M		Farmer	1000	2000	Virginia					
			Elisa "	48	F					Tenn					
			Ann M. Shedewick	26	F					"					
			John D. Porterfield	25	M					"					
			Mary E. "	21	F					Miss					
			Thomas D. "	19	M					"					
			Theodore (?) B. "	17	M					"					
			Francis M. "	14	F					"					
			George M. "	7	M					"					
			Susan H. "	3	F					"					
			John M. Shedewick	5	M					"					
			Mary F. (?) "	3	F					"					
			Elisa A.	7/12	F					"					
			Nathaniel Jarratt	21	M					"					

Year 1850 & 1860 1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

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 Elizabeth Jane Odum is the oldest child of John Duff and Eliza Porterfield
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 Enclosure No. _____
 Call No. _____

Notes: 1850 Sanders Fork 11 District, County of Cannon, Tennessee, 13th Nov 1850. A.F. McFerrin
 1860 Township 5 Range 1, County of Marshall, State of Mississippi 10th Aug 1860
 P.O. Taculuchee (Sp.?)
 Page before 261 has Shawnee Town as P.O.

Place of Enumeration:

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
			1850												
751	890		Armstead J. Odum	25	M		Farmer	500		Tennessee					Error in Birthplace?
			Eliza J. Odum	18	F					Tennessee					
			John S. Odum	2	M					Tennessee					
			Matthew M. Odum	12	M					Tennessee					
			1860												
261	261	248	Jessie Odem	35	M		Blacksmith	1000		N. C.			X		
			Elizabeth "	30	F					Tenn					
			John "	10	M					"		X			
			Angeline "	9	F					Miss		X			
			Nancy "	7	F					"		X			
			Rooksy "	6	F					"		X			
			Sarah "	4	F					"		X			
			Alice "	2	F					"		X			

1881 SOUNDEX for George Monroe and William Claude Porterfield
youngest and oldest sons of John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo)
Porterfield.

Porterfield, George			14	120
White Male	Age 28	Born in Mississippi	32	13
Living in Marshall County		Beat 5		

Porterfield, Nannie W(ife)	Age 22	Born in Mississippi		
Theophilus S(on)	Age 6	Born in Mississippi		
Fanny D(aughter)	Age 4	Born in Mississippi		

Porterfield, Wm			2	11
White Male	Age 46	Born in Tennessee	27	39
Living in Benton County		Beat 5		

Porterfield, Drucilla W(ife)	Age 33	Born in Miss.		
Luke S(on)	Age 13	Born in Miss.		
Maggie D(aughter)	Age 8	Born in Miss.		
Mary D(aughter)	Age 7	Born in Miss.		
William S(on)	Age 7 or 9	Born in Miss.		
Blanch D(aughter)	Age 4	Born in Miss.		
Fannie D(aughter)	Age 2	Born in Miss.		

Though George and William live in different counties, they may have lived quite near each other, since Marshall County and Benton County have a common boundary line. In fact, Potts Camp, home of several family members, is barely within Marshall County on the boundary between the counties.

SEARCHING FOR PORTERFIELDS IN ARKANSAS JEFFERSON COUNTY 1860 and 1870

1860--Prelude to the Civil War. 1870--Reconstruction.
How different the nation and its people before and after the Civil War, a disastrous conflict which continued through most of the decade, from 1861-1867. In spite of all efforts for mediation it had seemed that this war was inevitable, unpreventable, that it must be fought no matter what the cost.

The changes are nowhere more apparent than in the 1860 and 1870 census records of the Jefferson County Porterfields, particularly those of James Henry Porterfield, fourth son of John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield. It is James Henry's, Jim's, Civil War diary which H. Don Porterfield has transcribed, soon to be published.

In 1860 John Henry had migrated to Arkansas from Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi and was working as a master carpenter. He and two other carpenters, were living with Lewis S. Reed and his family in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Lewis Reed, also a master carpenter, had assembled a crew of builders to work with him in this burgeoning eastern Arkansas town.

By 1870, Jim (James Henry) had returned to Pine Bluff, is now married and has two children, a son and a daughter. His younger brother, Frank/Francis Marion, with whom he developed a close relationship during the Civil War, lives with him. Frank Marion has one child, a son, and has been recently widowed. Jane Moffett, 16, may be Florence Ann Moffett, whom he later married, or a relative of hers. The most significant change in the structure of society for which the Civil War was responsible, the emancipation of the negro and the end of slavery, is apparent in the listing of a black man as a member of the household and as an artist. H.J. Louis may have lent his creative ability to the process of building beautiful homes. His recognition as an artist must have been due to the exceptional insight and character of James Henry.

The story of the Franks' of the 1860 census has, in part, been told in issues of Porterfield Lines for January and March of 1992. F. J. Franks is Frances J. Porterfield, second daughter of Charles Lockhart and Nancy Jane (Dixon) Porterfield, granddaughter of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield. (Refer to page 177 of this issue for page numbers.) Nancy Porterfield is her younger sister, sixth child, fifth daughter of Charles Lockhart and Nancy Jane. The Franks are not listed in Jefferson County in the 1870 census. An attempt will be made to follow the fortunes or misfortunes of this family. Frank Burke Porterfield writes that Nancy Porterfield died in Little Rock, Arkansas.

W.P. Lowery, 53, and Matilda Lowery, 40, of the 1870 Jefferson County census, page 529, have two children with different surnames living with them: Tho. Marony, a 14 year old male and W.J.L. Porterfield, 2 year old female. The Porterfield surname brought this census to our attention, but at this time no further record has been found. Perhaps answers to their identity and lineage will come from you, the readers.

FMW

NOTE: Refer to the 1860 and 1870 Jefferson County Arkansas census charts on the next two pages.

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Town of Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas P.O. Pine Bluff Arks June 1st 1860

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
774	11	11	Lewis S. Reed	41	M		Master Carpenter	3000	1000	N. Carolina					
			Lydia S. Reed	39	F			2000		N. Carolina					
			Martha S. Reed	17	F					Tennessee					
			S. Frances Reed	15	F					Tennessee					
			A. P. Reed	13	F					Tennessee					
			N. H. Reed	11	F					Tennessee					
			Thomas Z. Reed	9	M					Arkansas					
			E.S. Reed	5	F					Arkansas					
			Ervin E.W. Reed	3	M					Arkansas					
			Lina A. Reed	1	F					Arkansas					
			Jas. H. Porterfield	unk	M		Master Carpenter			Unknown					
			M. Irving	unk	M		Carpenter			Unknown					
			J. B. Harvey	unk	M		Carpenter			Unknown					
VAUGINE TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON STATE OF ARKANSAS, on the 15th day of															
June, 1860 Z. Wells, Ass't Marshal Post Office Pine Bluff Arks.															
815	301	289	Z. Franks	34	M		Farmer	600	300	N.C.					
			F. J. Franks	24	F					Tenn.					
			L.C. T. Franks	6	M					Arks.					
			Martha Franks	4	F					Arks.					
			Z. Franks	2	M					Arks.					
			Nancy Porterfield	16	F					Tenn.					

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537	255	245	Porterfield, J.H.	32	M	W	Carpenter	1500	200	Miss							X	Aug 6	
			Mary	21	F	W	Keep House			Ga									
			Henry	3	M	W				Ark									
538			Porterfield S. ?	12	F	W				Ark									
			Frank	24	M	W	Farmer			Miss							X		
			William	1	M	W				Ark									
			Moffet Jane	16	F	W				Ark					X				
			Louis H.J.	24	M	B	Artist			Iowa							X		
529	79	77	Lowery, W. P.	53	M	W	Wagoner	800	300	N.C.	X					X	X	Aug 4	
			Matilda	40	F	W	Housekeeper			Tenn.							X		
			Marony Th ^o	14	M	W				Ark									
			Potterfield W.J.L.	2	F	W				Ark									



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys, will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

WILLIAM "MARTIAN" ROSS

"There were two Powers girls. They were sisters. One married Martin (she spells it "Martian") Ross's father. One married Tom Porterfield's father (Wm R. Porterfield). That was our grandma Millie Ann Powers. Then Martin Ross married Grandpa's sister, Sophronia A. Porterfield and then to make the puzzle worse when Martin's wife died he married Uncle Will Porterfield's wife, so I think he got to be his own grandpa, cousin and I don't know what all."

The above written by Emma
Porterfield Helm sent to her
brother, Austin L. Porterfield

The paragraph above has puzzled North Central Arkansas Porterfields, descendants of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield, for years because we could not find William Martin/Martian Ross's father. Now, through the perservance and research skill of Robert Albert of Fillmore, California, we are on the verge, it seems, of finding William Martin Ross's lineage.

Though we do not have all the puzzle pieces connecting him to his antecedants, we have found William Martin Ross, that is, Robert Albert has found him.

Having been told that William Martin was a cousin of Elizabeth Ross Herriott of his lineage, he began looking for proof. In his search he came across a 1944 obituary news article picturing a 99 year old civil war veteran, William M. Ross, recently deceased, who had moved to California from Oklahoma City in the 1920's. Survivors were his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, three step-sons, Harvey Porterfield, D. L. Porterfield and R. M. Porterfield, also eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Japanese ships in Truk harbor get up steam in vain effort to escape swift thrusts of U. S. Navy carrier-based planes in dark night. Three ships are on fire at moment this picture was taken and many more were sent to the bottom. Eten Island in background. U. S. Navy photo.

PILOT KILLED IN AIR CRASH

P-38 Falls in Walnut Grove In Ontario; Seen Flying At a Low Altitude

A young army air forces pilot, Lieutenant William Payne Eagan, 23, from the Ontario army air base was killed at 12:55 p. m. Sunday when his plane, its motors missing, crashed in a walnut grove at the South end of Ontario.

Coroner R. E. Williams reported that Eagan's home was in Manitou Springs, Colo. His wife, Marsha, resides at the Red Chief motel in Upland.

According to Deputy Coroner P. H. Evans, who was assigned to investigate the accident, the plane, a P-38, was seen flying at a low altitude just prior to the crash. The pilot appeared to be trying to turn the plane, whose motors were missing, in the direction of the Ontario base.

The plane was demolished and parts of it burned in the crash. Eagan was killed instantly, his body thrown clear of the wreckage. His body was removed to the Stone mortuary in Upland.

Goodell, Aviation Cadet, Returns To Army Unit

Aviation Cadet Alvin H. Goodell, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Alvin Goodell, 336 1/2 W. Pomona boulevard, Spadra, left Saturday to return to his army meteorology studies at the University of Oregon. He has been home for a week.

Enlisting in the air corps while still a student at Occidental college, Alvin was called in April 1943 for service. He went first to Fort McArthur. From there he was sent to Iowa, and subsequently to the University of Oregon in May. Goodell is a former halfback on the Pomona high school and the jaycee football teams, and also played the same position at Occidental college. He was student body president at Occidental.

Death Takes William Ross, Veteran of Civil War

William M. Ross, 99, 650 E. Alvarado avenue, one of two surviving members of Vicksburg post, Grand Army of the Republic, passed away at the family home this morning at 1:30 o'clock, after an illness of five days.



William Ross, Union veteran, and Mrs. Ross

Death of the Union veteran leaves only one other member of the post alive today—Commander Johnson Knight, 690 W. 5th avenue, who will be 99 years old next October.

Mr. Ross was born Oct. 17, 1844, in Henderson, Tenn., and came to California from Oklahoma City, Okla., 20 years ago. He was a member of the Church of God.

Mr. Ross observed his 99th birthday in October of last year. He had been married almost 50 years. The years had dimmed his sight and hearing, but the Union soldier veteran, who was in service six months before the war ended, remembered episodes of the war in detail, and had enjoyed talking about the times when he drove a team hauling war supplies for the Union army.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, who had been his constant companion thru the years, he is

survived by three step-sons, Harvey Porterfield, of Pomona; D. L. Porterfield, Arcadia, and R. M. Porterfield, Glendale. There also

are eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Todd and Reeves chapel at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Arthur C. Ely, pastor of the Church of God, will officiate. Interment will be made in the Pomona cemetery.

POMONA DIES

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VIOLET HILL TOWNSHIP, IZARD CO. AR, 12TH Census of, June, 1900

115	ROSS, Martin	head	W	Oct	1846	53	md	6				TN	unk	unk	fmr
118	Lizzy	wife	W	Aug	1851	48	md	6	4	2		GA	GA	TN	
	PORTERFIELD, Mack	s-s	W	Oct	1881	18	s					AR	AR	TN	
	Heray	s-s	W	Apr	1886	14	s					AR	AR	TN	
	Zettie	s-d	W	Jul	1888	11	s					AR	AR	TN	
	Luther	s-s	W	Apr	1891	9	s					AR	AR	TN	
	ROSS, Ellihew	son	W	Mar	1872	28	s					AR	TN	TN	fruit tree agent
56	SEATON, Benjamin	head	W	Aug	1853	46	md					AR	KY	KY	fmr
	Jane	wife	W	Sep	1861	38	md	20	6	5		GA	GA	TN	
	Rubush	son	W	Aug	1885	13	s					AR	AR	GA	
	George	son	W	Mar	1888	11	s					AR	AR	GA	
	Pearl	dau	W	Oct	1890	9	s					AR	AR	GA	
	Cora	dau	W	Jul	1893	6	s					AR	AR	GA	
	Harley	son	W	Jul	1897	2	s					AR	AR	GA	
	McLEMURRAY, Sarah	ldgr	W	Mar	1939	61	wd		8	6		unk	unk	unk	
	COURTEN, Mary A.	ldgr	W	Feb	1876	24	md	3				AR	KY	unk	day lbr
	McLEMURRAY, Washington	ldgr	W	Nov	1878	21	s					AR	KY	unk	day lbr

Lizzie and Jane were sisters, daughters of William Harley McCollum, Sr., sister of William Harley McCollum, Jr., my grandfather.

The census records above were sent Nov. 7, 1989 by Anna Lee Carreiro of Cave City Arkansas.

DESCENDANCY CHART

- 1 John Milton Porterfield (1813-1870)
 - Spouse Annis Lea (1814-1870)
 - 2 William Ross Porterfield (1835-1862)
 - Spouse Milly Ann Powers (1827-1911)
 - 3 John Thomas Porterfield (1855-1929)
 - 3 William Porterfield
 - Spouse Elizabeth McCollum (1851)
 - 4 Mack Porterfield (1881)
 - 4 Hervey Porterfield (1886)
 - 4 Zettie Porterfield (1888)
 - 4 Luther Porterfield (1891)
 - 2 James Porterfield (1838)
 - 2 Frances Porterfield (1839)
 - 2 Robert Porterfield (1841)
 - 2 Saphronia Porterfield (1843-1890)
 - Spouse William Martin Ross (1844-1944)
 - 3 Sarah A Ross (1869)
 - 3 Elihue Ross (1872)
 - 3 Amos Ross (1875)
 - 3 Harriett Ross (1878)
 - 3 Hilton Walker Renric Ross (1880-1943)
 - 2 Elizabeth Porterfield (1845)
 - 2 John Porterfield (1847)

As recorded by Robert Albert

Obtaining the names of all Porterfields in the towns listed in the article, Pomona, Arcadia, and Glendale, he began a telephone survey which led him to Wm. Floyd Porterfield, son of Harvey/Hervey Porterfield, who was a son of Will Porterfield and Elizabeth McCollum, stepson to William Martin Ross. His calls also led him to Tom Porterfield, John S. Porterfield descendant (July issue, 1991), who told him of this publication. It was not until Robert called me that he learned the background story for the tangled kinship of the Powers-Porterfields-Ross's and the Seatons. See "What a Tangled Web We Weave" (Sept. 1991.)

Wm. Martin Ross married Sophronia Porterfield, sister of William Ross and James T. Porterfield. When she died, he married Elizabeth McCollum, widow of Will Porterfield who was the son of William Ross and Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield and the uncle of Austin L. Porterfield, my father. Elizabeth McCollum was the oldest sister of William Harley McCollum, the father of Rose Ella McCollum, my mother. The five children of Wm. Martin Ross and Sophronia Porterfield, Sarah A., Elihue, Amos, Harriett, and Hilton Walker Renric (all Ross's) and the four children of Elizabeth McCollum and Will Porterfield, Mack, Hervey, Zettie, and Luther (all Porterfields) were cousins of my sister, brother, and me, Rosella, Eltinge, and Frances Porterfield, at two generational levels; Mack, Hervey, Zettie, and Luther Porterfield were double cousins. Wm. Martin Ross and Elizabeth (McCollum) Porterfield were married about 1894. There is no record of children born to this union.

Noone could be more pleased with the blending of this new information than the descendants of Austin L. Porterfield and Rose Ella McCollum. William "Martian" Ross loomed large in our lives and the lives of our parents. That's a story for a later issue. The genealogical data is important also to all families related to John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield.

Some of this information has been available to the family from the wedding bible of Sophronia Porterfield (sometimes referred to as the bible of Zettie Ross McCoy; should we have called it the bible of Zettie Ross (Porterfield) McCoy?) The bible and a June 1990 census of Violet Hill Township, Izard Co., Arkansas obtained by Anna Lee Carreiro have provided segments of information about the family, but never a complete picture. With Robert O. Albert's invaluable assistance, we now know much more about these family members.

As to the link between the Powers, Ross's, and Porterfields, we may find it among the Seaton's.

FMW

RUTHERFORD COUNTY PORTERFIELDS

In the May 1992 issue, p. 148, an article begins an account of fourth generation Porterfields, descendants of John I (1675-1739), John II (1724-1786), and James I (1747-1811). The story told is that of the five oldest sons of James I and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield after James and Jane and other family members removed from Washington County Virginia to Wilson County Tennessee. The son's names were Charles, Thomas Wilson, James, William W., and John Wilson. The story also makes inquiry of the lives of Sally and Samuel H., youngest children of James I and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield, about whom little is known.

Three of the sons, Charles, William, and John Wilson, moved to or bought land in Rutherford County. Since their names are associated with Rutherford and Cannon Counties they will be referred to as Rutherford-Cannon County Porterfields. Those who remained in Wilson County, James I, the father, James II, Samuel H., and Sarah/"Sally", will be called Wilson County Porterfields as we begin a closer look at them in 1993 issues. Thomas Wilson, perhaps the most adventurous of the brothers, moved very quickly from Wilson County to Preble County Ohio.

In the latter part of the May article, charts for 1820, 1830 and 1840 census microfilm records of Porterfields in Rutherford and Cannon County were presented. Antecedants included Charles, his wife Jane Duff and children; Mariah Buckley, his second wife and children; John Wilson, his wife Julia and children; and William Porterfield. (See Family Group Sheets, May pp 151-153)

In those census records, we observed that by 1830 the two oldest sons of Charles, John Duff and Harvey D., had left home, and that by 1840 the next three sons had set out on their own.

It is in the 1840 census that we find the first Tennessee records, by name, of Charles Lockhart, third son of Charles, and William Calvin, fourth son of Charles. Matthew Alexander, fifth son of Charles is not listed by name, but it seems quite likely that the young man and young woman, both 20 to 30 years old who were living with William Calvin, his wife, and three children in 1840 were Matthew Alexander and his young bride, Mary Davis. The brothers had traveled southwest across Tennessee from Cannon County (Rutherford County) to Hardin County. Matthew Alexander had married Mary Davis in Hardeman County Tennessee 4 Oct 1838 in a ceremony by R. H. McNees, J P. (Information from Fae J. Owens of Bolivar, TN)

From the 1840 Hardin County TN census microfilm:

Page 238 Charles L. Porterfield
Males Under 5 yrs. 1; 30 to 40 years 1.
Females Under 5 yrs. 2; 5 to 10 yrs. 1; 20-30 yrs. 1.

Page 250 William C. Porterfield
Males Under 5 yrs. 2; 20 to 30 yrs. 1; 30 to 40 yrs. 1.
Females Under 5 yrs. 1; 20 to 30 yrs. 1; 30 to 40 yrs. 1

Members of the Charles L. Porterfield family in 1840 were Charles Lockhart Porterfield, his wife Mary/Nancy Jane Dixon, daughters Elizabeth J. 6, Frances J. 4, Martha J. 2., and son John Alexander newly born. Much has already been written about Charles Lockhart Porterfield and his descendants in 1992 issues of Porterfield Lines. See the summary of articles on sons of Charles on page 177 of the September 1992 issue. Of the nine children, Elizabeth J. Porterfield, the oldest daughter, and her husband Wm. Robbins were said to have gone to Texas; John Alexander, oldest son, fourth child moved to Texas, taking his younger sister and two younger brothers, Septima Ellen (Eleanor), Charles S.D. Augustus and Wm. Zaccheus with him. We will run into them when we take a look at Texas census records. We have found Frances J. and Nancy in Jefferson County Arkansas. Sarah Catherine is also said to have moved to Arkansas. Martha J., third oldest daughter and child, who married Frank Frank, brother(?) of Frances J.'s husband Zachariah Frank, may have remained in Hardin County Tennessee. Tennessee census records should be checked. See Chart 1 on page 115, January 1992 for the Family Group Sheet of the Charles Lockhart Porterfield family.

Charles Lockhart Porterfield died in 1854, his wife Mary/Nancy Jane (Dixon) Porterfield in 1857. They had remained in Hardin County Tennessee. Frank Burke Porterfield lists their home as Savannah, Tennessee. (Sources for information have been: FBP The Porterfields, Wayne Beeler, Anne Richards, 1810 to 1870 Tennessee census microfilm, 1850-1880 Texas census microfilm.)

Members of the 1840 Hardin Co. Tn census for William Calvin must have been William Calvin, about 30 years old, and wife, Ursula M. Graham, about 23, their two oldest sons, Thomas Porterfield 5 and James Matthias Porterfield 1, and the oldest daughter, Sarah J. Porterfield 3. The surmisal that the three middle brothers of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield had teamed up for the move to Hardin County seems valid. William Calvin and Ursula might very well have given a temporary home to the two newlyweds, Matthew Alexander and Mary (Davis) Porterfield.

The 1850 6th Civil District, Hardin County, Tennessee Census shows Charles Lockhart Porterfield and Wm. C. Porterfield living near each other; Charles L. (Index has Charles D.) and Nancy appear in Dwelling 15, on page 402, Wm. C. and Ursula M. in Dwelling 20 on page 403. Since both Charles Lockhart and Nancy/Mary, his wife, died before 1860, there is no 1860 record for them.

The census records for William Calvin and Matthew Alexander in the next two decades are somewhat at variance with the accounts received by Frank Burke Porterfield. This was true also for Charles Lockhart Porterfield as Wayne Beeler, descendant, pointed out.

Year 1850 and 1860 1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Notes: William Calvin and Ursula M. (Graham) Porterfield
 1850 6th Civil District, Hardin County, Tennessee
 1860 6 Civil District, Hardin County, Tennessee, P.O. Savannah

Place of Enumeration:

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
403	20	20	Wm C. Porterfield	39	M		Farmer	1000		Tenn				Sept 24	
			Ursula M.	33	F					"					
			Thomas P.	15	M		Laborer			"					
			Sarah J.	13	F					"	X				
			James M.	11	M					"	X				
			Charles F.	9	M					"	X				
			Leonidas F.	8	M					"	X				
			William A.	4	M					"					
			Joshua M.	1 1/2	M					"					
			1860												
101	698	730	W.C Porterfield	50	M		Farmer	5000	2855	Tenn				Aug 9	
			Ursula	43	F					"					
			James M.	21	M		Farmer			"					
			Charles F.	19	M					"	X				
			Leonadas F.	18	M					"	X				
			Wm A.	14	M					"	X				
			Martha E.	8	F					"	X				
			Biscora C.	6	F					"					
			Josephine	4	F					"					
			Elinis T.	4	F					"					
			Henry M.	2	M					"					
			S.J. Holt (Sarah Jane)	23	F					"					
			Wm. G.	3	M					"					
			Mary L.	1	F					"					

The 1850 and 1860 census records for William Calvin and Ursula (Graham) Porterfield will serve to show the discrepancies in names and ages of the children. Frank Burke Porterfield lists these children: Francis F. Porterfield (1837-1861), James Matthias Porterfield (1839-1888), Leonidas Franklin Porterfield (1841-1862), William Alfred Porterfield (1844-1869), Jane Porterfield (m. Giles Holt), Joshua Marcellus Porterfield (1849-1912), Martha Elizabeth Porterfield (1851-1920), Belle Porterfield (1853-1887), Iciephine Porterfield (1855-1885), Josephine Porterfield (1855-1889), Henry McMahan Porterfield (1857-1928), Tommie Porterfield (October 13, 1861).

The children listed in the 1850 6th Civil District, Hardin County, Tennessee census were: Thomas P. 15, Sarah J. 13, James M. 11, Charles F. 9, Leonidas F. 8, William A. 4, Mary M. 3, Joshua M. 10/12. The census was enumerated 24 Sept. 1850. when Wm C. was 39 and Ursula M. 33.

The 1860 census schedule for 6 Civil District, Hardin County, Tennessee, enumerated on 9 August 1860 gives age of W. C. Porterfield as 50, that of Ursula as 43. Children are listed as James M. 21, Charles F. 19, Leonadas F. 16, Wm A. 14, Martha E. 8, Bisora C. 6, Josephine 4, Elinis T 4 (Notation: Twins), Henry M. 2, S. J. Holt 23 (F), Wm. G. 3, Mary L. 1.

The life of Matthew Alexander must have been the most difficult to follow since it appears that he did not stay in one place very long during his early adulthood. His own family may have had a hard time keeping up with his whereabouts. He was a forerunner, whose desire to move on west, it seems, was more compelling than a need for traditional family ties. His trade was carpentry. That, too, may have led him to press on to new settlements where his skills would keep him employed.

He apparently was the first of the Tennessee Porterfields, in fact, the first Porterfield, to settle in Texas. No other Porterfield is listed in the 1850 Texas census, the first census for the newly organized state. Matthew moved to Texas sometime between 1844 and 1846. His son Franklin was born in Mississippi in 1844, his daughter Mary in Texas in 1846. Texas was annexed to the U. S. on December 29, 1845, so he may have been living in Austin, Texas when it became the capital of the state with J. Pinckney Henderson as the first governor.

The name Matthew Porterfield with wife, Elizabeth, can be found on the 2nd page of 155 in the census schedule for The City of Austin in the County of Travis in the State of Texas. Enumeration was made on the 23rd of Sept, 1850.

Matthew Porterfield, age 33, M, Carpenter, Real estate value \$1000, born in Tennessee
Elizabeth Porterfield, age 28, F, born in Tennessee
Franklin Porterfield, age 6, M, born in Mississippi
Mary Porterfield, age 4, F, born in Texas
Charles Porterfield, age 2, M., born in Texas
William Porterfield, 2/12, M, born in Texas
Franklin and Mary attended school within the year. (The new state constitution had provided for free public schools.)

The move to Texas may have triggered the action of Stone's River Presbyterian Church in Rutherford (Cannon) County TN. A notation in the church records reads "Matthew A. Porterfield, stricken for absence, 10-1844."

Matthew Alexander Porterfield had moved to Karnes County, Texas by the date of the next census enumeration on July 25, 1860. It seems also that he had lost his wife, Elizabeth, and remarried. Only Mary, 4 in 1850, now 14, remains with him and his new family. On page 8 we find Household 1019, Family 962:

M. A. Porterfield, age 42, M, Master Carpenter, Real estate value \$3000, Personal estate value \$500, born in Tennessee

M. Porterfield, age 23, F, born in Tennessee.

Mary J., age 14, F, born in Texas

Susan. age 2/12), F, born in Texas

Matthew may have married four times with perhaps three sets of children. His marriage to Mary Davis in 1838 is listed in Marriages of Hardeman County Tennessee, Book 2, published by Armour. (Source: Fae J. Owens) The 1850 and 1860 Texas censuses record names, ages and children for two wives, Elizabeth 28 in 1850 and M. 23 in 1860. Frank Burke Porterfield in The Porterfields lists the names for two wives, Mary Janes Forbes and Miriam Priscilla Brown. None of the children named in the two census above are included in the list of children FBP published. His List begins with only 1 child born before 1860, Ellen Elizabeth Porterfield, b. 1859, m. J.G. Martin. Five more children are listed: Samuel Thomas Porterfield (b.1862), Kate Lee Porterfield (1865-1910), Emma Lou Porterfield (1867-1881), William Leonidas Porterfield (1870-1872), and Benjamin Duff Porterfield.

Further search in Texas and Tennessee census schedules should reveal more about Matthew Alexander Porterfield and his descendants. FBP wrote that he served in the C.S.A. (a search for military records should also be helpful), that he was interred in Honey Creek cemetery and that his home was Hamilton County Texas.

FMW

DAVID HALL PORTERFIELD
YOUNGEST SON OF CHARLES PORTERFIELD

We know little of the life of David Hall Porterfield, youngest son of Charles and Mariah (Buckley) Porterfield, but what we do know is worthy and honorable.

In 1860 David Porterfield was living with the Stephen Cook family near Readyville, Cannon County, Tennessee. Stephen Cook and his wife Sarah were parents of seven children. Three are attending school. The youngest, a boy, six years old, does not yet go to school. Mary, the oldest of six daughters, is 23. David, 22, is the local school teacher, no doubt adored by many of his students, and perhaps also by the three older daughters of the family, Mary 23, Virginia 20, and Susan 17. See the July 1992 issue of Porterfield Lines, p 166 for the census record. (Note: Write "Teacher" in the column for David Hall's occupation to correct an error omitting the word.)

Scrolling through the pages on the microfilm roll for residents of the Readyville community, the reader will be impressed by the number of children attending the much needed Readyville school.

Frank Burke Porterfield in The Porterfields wrote that David Hall was reported to have married Elizabeth Carter but that no record had been disclosed, and that he died in the Battle of Fort Donelson.

The impending Civil War must have interfered with plans for marriage. We do not know whether David fought for the C.S.A. or as a Union soldier. Most likely he was a Confederate soldier. Though there was strong sentiment in Nashville and Eastern Tennessee for the Union, and many citizens called for and supported uprisings on behalf of the Union in the first years of the war (Grant Moves South by Bruce Catton), many McKnights, prominent members of the Readyville community and neighbors of the Charles Porterfield family (also fellow church members) were C.S.A. (Source: Tennessee Civil War Veteran's Questionnaire)

Almost certainly David died defending Fort Donelson from the assault of Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant after Fort Henry had fallen to the Union forces. Six days after that battle, Union soldiers captured Fort Donelson and advanced as far as Memphis. A brief search for David Hall Porterfield's name on lists of Union or Confederate soldiers yielded nothing. A more comprehensive search will be conducted.

How sad that his promising life was cut short before David reached his mid-twenties.

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John and Mariah Ellen (Buckley) Porterfield Fisher: 1850 and 1860 Census Schedules
 1850 Civil District No. 6 Cannon Co. TN, Enumerator H. D. McBroom
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Place of Enumeration:

1850

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
			1850												
696	22	22	John Fisher	71	M		Innkeeper			N. Carolina				23rd Aug	
			M. E. Fisher	49	F					Maryland					
			A. B. Fisher	33	M		Bar Keeper			Tennessee					
			Fisher	11	F					Tennessee		X			
			Fisher	15	M		Farmer			Tennessee		X			
			Fisher	13	M					Tennessee		X			
			Rob't Thompson	21	M		Painter			Tennessee					
			F. D. Wrather	31	M		Lawyer			Tennessee					
			Elizabeth Wrather	40	F					N. Carolina					
			Sam'l D. Hall	19	M		Stage Driver			Tennessee					
			1860												
or 221	14 59	14 59	John Fisher	86	M		Retired Inn Keeper	600	750	N C				16th Aug	
			Mariah "	60	F					Md					
			W. A. Fisher	23	M		Clerking			Ten					
			A. E. Fisher	21	M		Law Student			"					
221?	14 58	14 58	T W Smith	40	M		County Court Clerk		500	Ten					
			Mary Oliver	35	F					"					
221?	14 57	14 57	John St. John	74	M		Farmer	Blank		Va					
			Margaret "	50	F					N C					
			John "	30	M		Merchant			Ten					
			Henry J. "	28	M		Attorney at Law			"					
			Markley	22	M					"					
			Margaret	20	F					"					
			T. H.? Smith	40	M					"					
			Mary Oliver	35	F					"					

WHAT OF MARIAH?

What of Mariah, mother of the three youngest children of Charles Porterfield of Rutherford County? Her name brings to the mind an aura of the romantic, the mysterious, the temptress, the siren. Was her life as singular as her name?

She married Charles, a widower with seven children, when she was 29 and he was 56. We wonder if she married for love or for security and position? We know her as Mariah Ellen Buckley. We do not know whether she had been married before the marriage to Charles. She had been born in Maryland.

She bore three children in her seven year marriage to Charles: Nancy Ellen (b. 1834, died before age 6), Sarah Melissa (1836-1912)), and David Hall (1838-1862). Their lives are recorded elsewhere in Porterfield Lines. After Charles death July 17, 1839, she remained with other family members for a short time; we do not know how long. In 1840 we found her on the Cannon County Tennessee census as head of the household, with Samuel L. and Leonidas Franklin, youngest sons of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, operating the farm. Other members of the household were Martha Elizabeth and Perricinda Caroline, oldest and youngest daughters of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, and Sarah Melissa and David Hall, the two youngest children of her marriage to Charles.

By 1850 all seven older sons had established homes of their own. Martha Elizabeth, Charles' oldest daughter and Mariah's two youngest children were living with Samuel L. and Mary (Summers) Porterfield near Leonadus F. and Eliza J. (Brown) Porterfield. Their census records can be found on pages 872 and 873 of Nichols, 1st District, Cannon County Tennessee. Searching census rolls, we find that in 1850 Mariah was still in Cannon County Tennessee and lives in Civil District No. 6. She has married 71 year old John Fisher who is an Inn Keeper. His four sons, A.B. 33, S.E. 11, W. H. 15, and A.D. 13 are household members. The oldest son, A.B. is the barkeeper. A painter, a lawyer and his wife, and a stage driver are hotel guests, perhaps renting on a long term basis. Real estate value for the Fisher's property is listed as \$2500.

The inn is located in the growing village of Woodbury which by 1860 must have been a town of some importance. Reading the census is engaging. Scrolling through the census film is like strolling through the streets. (Reality may often have been plodding through mud.) You pass the Methodist clergyman's residence, walk past homes of a clerk, a brick layer, a carpenter, past business places of a boss tanner, a horse trader, coachmaker, a cabinet maker, a blacksmith, two grocers, two merchants, an M.D., a weaver, a boss saddler who hires and houses a saddler, and on and on. There is a school teacher J. S. South, 24, married within the year to Martha, 18.

It appears that the wealthiest residents are the St. Johns and those who have married into that family. By 1860 John and Margaret St. John are two dwellings away from the Fisher's. We wonder if they were related? Their names appear on the 1860 Woodbury, Cannon County, Tennessee census schedule. John Fisher, whose age is now listed as only 86 (not 91), has become a "Retired Inn Keeper" with a real estate valuation of \$650 and personal property valuation of \$750. Mariah's age is given as 60. Two of the Fisher sons are still with them. W.A., 23, is clerking and A.E., 21, is a law student. Note that there is some discrepancy concerning the son's initials and ages on the 1850 and 1860 rolls. In 1850 we cannot be sure that the three younger males are all sons. The youngest might be a son of A.B., age 33. Inhabitants of the closest dwellings are included on the census charts on page 205 to provide a "setting" for the Fishers.

By 1870, John Fisher must be deceased. As we reported earlier in the July 1992 issue, page 163, Mariah has been reunited with her family, living with her youngest daughter Sarah Melissa (Porterfield) Paschal and her six children. Martha Elizabeth Porterfield, oldest daughter of Charles, is a household member. It is my feeling that each woman gave strength to the others as they continued to live now in the village of Woodbury. My wish for Mariah is that her years as the mistress of an inn were as enchanting as her name.

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CORRECTIONS AND TYPOS FOR 1992 ISSUES

We apologize for errors and typos appearing in this publication. Space is too short to list typographical mistakes, but these errors should be corrected:

January 1992, p 129, bottom of page. One generation was omitted. The paragraph should read: The two lines we have followed most closely in Porterfield Lines have been John (I), John (II) James (I), Charles and John (I), John (II), James (I), James (II). Frank Burke Porterfield called these lines "Lancaster County Porterfields." Please refer to previously published charts in the March and May, 1991 issues of Porterfield Lines.

March 1992. Page numbers are incorrect; correct numbers are 128-142.

May 1992, p 149, middle of page. Sentence should read, "There is no record of Charles' second marriage to Mariah, but the birth date of their three children is given." Sentence refers to records of Stone's River Presbyterian Church.

May 1992, p 150. 1830 Rutherford Co. TN census for p 289 should read "William Porterfield". Insert Porterfield

Typos--James Henry Porterfield. Jan 1992, p 119. James H., not James A.. Sep 1992, p 191 James Henry, not John Henry.

GRANT MOVES SOUTH

If you can find a copy of the book Grant Moves South by Bruce Catton, latch on to it. Published by Brown and Company of Boston and Toronto in 1960, it is the the second book in a biography of U.S. Grant planned by the well-known historian Lloyd Lewis, who died after completing the first volume, Captain Sam Grant. Bruce Catton was asked to continue the the three volume series.

The book is written from extensive research notes of both Lewis and Catton, who used manuscript sources, letters and papers of Grant, Lincoln, Sherman, Grant's wife Julia, and others; quotations from newspapers and magazines; The War of the Rebellion: a compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Regimental Order Books; and other sources. It describes the early years of the Civil War in the southwestern states of the 1860's from June 1861, when Grant formally took charge of his first command, the 21st Voluntary Infantry (formed as the Seventh District Regiment) at the state fairgrounds in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, June 16, 1861, to the siege and surrender at Vicksburg, July 3, 1863.

The book is of great personal interest to Porterfields because it describes the battles and campaigns in which many of our antecedants participated in the states of Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. It also describes the unrest and difficulties in Missouri and Arkansas in the first year of the Civil War when Grant was moved frequently from one command to another, serving in Northeast Missouri (Quincy) and Southeast Missouri (Ironton near Bald Knob). Grant's primary objectives were to hold and protect the railroads and "secure the state against Confederate incursions." At one point he was stationed at Cairo, Illinois where the Ohio River flows into the Mississippi.

Battles recounted in the book are Fort Henry and Fort Donelson where the inland Navy gunboats under the commander, Captain Andrew Foote, proved so effective; Shiloh, near Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee; Holly Springs of Marshall County, Mississippi; and the Vicksburg Siege on the lower Mississippi River.

Also of interest is the account of an advance by Union forces to Nashville along the route of the Cumberland River.

The maps by Samuel H. Brant allow the reader to visualize the conflicts. They are detailed, depicting placement of troops, railroads, roads, rivers, topography, even dates of some significant events. A listing of maps demonstrates their importance: The Western Theater of War 1861-1863; Western

Kentucky; Forts Henry and Donelson; Western Tennessee; Shiloh; Northern Mississippi and Western Tennessee; Late Fall, 1862; The Campaign Against Vicksburg; Grant's Route to Vicksburg; Siege of Vicksburg.

The addition of a "Bibliography" and extensive "Notes" attest to the scholarship of this book. The "Index" is helpful as a reference guide. If you cannot purchase a copy of Grant Moves South, it might be possible to borrow one from your public library or through the interlibrary loan system. As you read the book, I believe you will agree with the statement in the "Publisher's Note": "... the choice (of Bruce Catton) was ideal, as no living writer re-creates this great period in our history more expertly than Mr. Catton."

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SEARCHING FOR PORTERFIELDS IN ARKANSAS JEFFERSON COUNTY

In the September issue of Porterfield Lines, an article in this series enumerates 1860 and 1870 Arkansas census records for James H. Porterfield and Frank Marion Porterfield, sons of John Duff Porterfield I.

Census records for a third family living in Jefferson County in 1870 were also presented because a child named W.J.L. Porterfield was a household member. The names W.P. and Matilda Lowery, the adult householders, were unfamiliar, but we assumed they might be related to the Porterfields in Jefferson County. We asked for help from readers--and we got it. Billy Porterfield Metcalf of Houston, Texas, great granddaughter of Frank Marion Porterfield, sent a letter which identifies family members. She wrote that W.J.L. Porterfield was the son of Frank Marion and his first wife, Josephine Aden.

Billy Porterfield Metcalf is a member of the large family of descendants of Charles Porterfield who meet annually for a July reunion in Eddy, Texas hosted by Buddy and LaVerne Porterfield. Genealogy of the family is documented in The Porterfields by Frank Burke Porterfield as descendants of Charles (3a) and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, Chapter VI, "Lancaster County Porterfields." Read on to learn more about these descendants of Charles Porterfield-John Duff Porterfield I-Frank Marion Porterfield, and for the heart-warming story of the Lowery's.

THE LOWERY'S

Dear Mrs. Willis,

Received the Porterfield lines for September, was reading about the Lowerys, W.P. or I have it W.J., and Matilda.

Matilda was the sister to my Great Grandmother Josephine Aden. My Great Grandfather Frank Marion Porterfield, 9th child of John Duff & Eliza Donohoo, married Josephine Aden in Oct 1867 in Holly Springs, Miss. She had been born and raised in Holly Springs, Miss. In 1869 Jan. 11 my Grandfather was born to them--William John Porterfield. And when he was not quite a month old she died, Feb. 7, 1869 and left him with this small baby.

My grandfather William John was born in Dewitt Ark. W.J. and Matilda took my grandfather and helped raise him. The other boy you were speaking of (Tho. Moroney) was an orphan child which they took in after his parents house burned & the parents burned too. W.J. and Matilda never had children. This orphan child went by the name of John.

The Jane Moffett was Florence Moffitt, second wife to Frank M. Porterfield. My Great Grandfather, Frank M. Porterfield, took my Grandfather William John Porterfield to his brother's, James Henry Porterfield, & stayed for some time after Josephine his wife died. That is where he met his second wife, Florence Moffitt. She had been taken in by James Henry Porterfield.

W.J. Lowery - Died Aug. 1, 1901

Matilda Lowery - Died Feb. 15, 1909

Both buried at Union Cemetary, Pine Bluff, Ark.

It is believed that Josephine Aden Porterfield is buried around Dewitt, Ark. All of my information was told to me by my Aunt Julia Josephine Porterfield Paskvan who lives in Sansasing Michigan.

Mrs. Willis, I hope this clears up some of the questions about the Lowery's.

Billie Porterfield Metcalf
Houston, Texas

Dear Billie,

I hope you don't mind my calling you by your first name. Thanks for your very nice letter and the information in it.

Evidently both James Henry Porterfield and the Lowery's reported your grandfather as members of their households with the former reporting him as William, 1 year old, and the latter as W.J.L., 2 years old. His age at the time of the Aug. 1870 census would have been about 1 1/2 (years) so that is understandable. In addition the census enumerator bobbled in reporting his sex, seemingly overwriting m with an f. I have a photocopy of the census microfilm. It is difficult to tell whether the Lowery initials are W.P. or W.J.

Thank you so much for identifying the Lowery's for me and the readers. The Lowery's must have been very kind people to have taken in two orphans, one of whom was no relation.

Frances Porterfield Willis

LATE NEWS but GOOD NEWS

Paul Porterfield first wrote to me with the news that Frank Burke Porterfield's book The Porterfields is being republished in a limited edition of 100 copies.

Later I received a telephone call from Barbara Porterfield of Hedgesville, West Virginia who has been given permission to reprint 100 copies of the book. This will be a reproduction of the original book, not a revision.

This is good news! The Porterfields is the ultimate source, the "Encyclopedia" for Porterfield genealogy. Beginning with information supplied by members of his own branch of the Porterfields, descendants of William (1712-1789), oldest son of John Porterfield (1675-1739) immigrant to Pennsylvania, Frank Burke Porterfield undertook the task of searching for descendants of all seven of John's sons. With the assistance of family members whom he sought out, he conducted research projects and collected family records and brought Porterfield genealogical information up to the publication date, 1948. for many descendants.

Barbara told me that the publisher requires payment up front before the books can be printed so checks must accompany all orders. The price of the book is \$21.00. This includes cost of mailing. Publication is scheduled for April 1993.

She has received a number of subscriptions for the reprinted volumes, but books are still available and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Checks for orders which cannot be filled will be returned. Orders must be received by January 30, 1993. Send to:

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IN 1993

In 1993 Porterfield Lines will continue the "Search for Porterfields in Arkansas" and will add additional material as it becomes available on descendants of Rutherford-Cannon County Porterfields.

We will begin a study of Wilson County Tennessee Porterfields, publish the Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James H. Porterfield and "Search for Porterfields in Texas." We will also take a look at Porterfields who are not well known but should be.

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BENDER

Iderah 176, 178, 179

Since Iderah is listed under BENDER (all capital letters) you may assume she was born a BENDER. Iderah is also listed on page 8 as follows:

Porterfield

Iderah BENDER 176, 178, 179

Since this last name is upper and lower case, Iderah must have married a Porterfield.

Notice that in a family name, birth name appears first. For a dramatic example of this, look at the Porterfield listings. All individuals born Porterfield appear first, under the heading, "PORTERFIELD" (all capital letters). Immediately following the listing of those born Porterfield, comes a listing headed by "Porterfield" (upper & lower case). These are women who married into the Porterfield family.

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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys, will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

The Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James H. Porterfield begins in this issue. Read the Introduction on Page 223.

SEARCHING FOR PORTERFIELDS IN SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS LAFAYETTE, COLUMBIA, AND HEMPSTEAD COUNTIES

Who were the Porterfields who came to Southwest Arkansas, to Lafayette, Columbia, and Hempstead Counties in the 1850's?

Reviewing the census index records printed in the July 1992 issue of Porterfield Lines, the households were:

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	C. Poterfield	Hempstead County	Page 825
1870	C. Portfield	Hempstead County	Page 491
	Sige (Lige?) Portfield	Hempstead County	Page 491

Evelyn Haynes of Bloomburg, Texas first apprised me of these families. Searching census records I had noted that the distinctive name Christopher Porterfield appeared in both Georgia and Arkansas schedules. As an early subscriber to Porterfield Lines, Evelyn wrote:

Dear Frances,

Your letter came today and I was very glad to get it. I was disappointed to find Austin L. Porterfield was not one of my P.'s.

As far as I know there are only two people researching Porterfields who came from Pennsylvania to North Carolina to South Carolina to Georgia to Hempstead Co Ark on to Texas. They (Porterfields) were in Miller (Lafayette) Co. Ark also. They came to Ark 1856--5 brothers and 2 sisters--I have charts on all of them.

My grandmother Mary Arlela/"Lela" Porterfield (Lynn) was the dau. of Joseph Preston P. 1825, son of Christopher P. ca 1780, son of David 1750?, son of James b 1718.

I know much much more about your Ch. VI (Porterfield lineage) than I do mine! My cousin married Helen P. who was from James P. (born 1780)-Ruth Campbell (line). When they retired to Cass Co. we became good friends. She gave me a copy of The Porterfields. (Genealogical work by Frank B. Porterfield)

Write me when and how about our getting together.

Nov. 23, 1990

Evelyn

The pedigree Evelyn outlines is that of descendants of James Porterfield (1718-1777), fourth son of John Porterfield who was the first of his line to migrate from Donegal County Ireland to America. Frank Burke Porterfield compiled their genealogical record in Chapter V. "Cumberland County (North Carolina) Porterfields."

James was the older brother of John and Samuel Porterfield. We called the three of them Cumberland County Pennsylvania Lancaster-Contians in an earlier article (March 1992, p. 128). Perhaps you remember that John Porterfield (1724-1786), his younger brother Samuel (1726-1789) and James, the older brother settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania before the area became Cumberland County in 1750.

About 1761 James decided to move his family to Cumberland County, N.C. Frank Burke Porterfield, quoting passages from Historical Sketches of North Carolina by John H. Wheeler and other sources, establishes a basic genealogical record for James and his four children James (2a), John (2b), Dennis (2c) and Eleanor (2d). Another child, a son, died early in life.

- (2a) James was a well-to-do merchant, never married, died in 1795.
- (2c) Dennis, distinguished soldier of the American Revolution, died at the Battle of Eutaw Springs Sept. 8, 1781. He never married.
- (2d) Eleanor Porterfield married Col Thomas Owen of Chester County Pennsylvania, had two sons and a daughter, James, John and Mary.
- (2b) FBP refers to John, the second son, who was also a merchant, as the ancestor of Butler County, Alabama Porterfield's.

Frank Burke Porterfield relied on a number of sources, military, historical, and political in preparing his account of James and Dennis Porterfield, and Mary (Porterfield) Owens and her children. The name, James Porterfield appears several times in Clark's State Records of North Carolina. Dennis' revolutionary record is documented as part of the record of bounty land he was to receive. Mary (Porterfield) Owens life is described in terms of the accomplishments of her husband, sons, and grandsons in governmental and ministerial roles.

Apparently John and James received much of their land holdings as heirs of their brother Dennis who was awarded large tracts of land for his military service in the Revolution. Frank Burke Porterfield reports that John and James Owen, Eleanor's sons, also laid claim to land as the "only heirs at law" of their uncle, Captain Dennis Porterfield. In question was Warrant 2254 for three hundred acres of bounty land issued May 9, 1839 to the nephews; also Warrant No. 100 for three thousand eight hundred forty acres of land, granted the heirs of Captain Dennis Porterfield.

Tracing the descendants of John must have been difficult for Frank Burke Porterfield's genealogical summary is sketchy and has, in part, proved erroneous. After his initial description of John Porterfield (see above), second son of James Porterfield (1718-1777), he added that John was also the ancestor of the Elbert, Madison, and Franklin County Georgia Porterfields. He did not attempt to follow their lineage.

The PORTERFIELDS of LAFAYETTE, COLUMBIA, and HEMPSTEAD COUNTIES ARKANSAS ARE THE "GEORGIA" PORTERFIELDS.
More of this interesting and puzzling line in a later issue.

FMW

SIMPLIFYING LINEAGE DESIGNATIONS

The introduction of the fourth son of John Porterfield (1675-1739) whose offspring bear many of the same names his brothers' children have, brings the problem of recognizing which James or John or Samuel or Charles is referred to unless a second or third designation is added. In 1992 almost all articles were written about descendants of John Porterfield, sixth son of John Porterfield (1675-1739). Lineage was designated as John I-John II-James I-James II, using a method borrowed from H. Don Porterfield.

Jerry McClure sends these suggestions: "I have noticed in some genealogical publications various attempts to simplify lineage designations when it is necessary to show the successive generations. My wife's family has published two large volumes in which they have taken the initial of one of the three original brothers who came to America with each number that follows showing the numerical order of birth in that particular generation. My wife's number, P982-551-1, shows that she is a descendent of Peter and both she and her Father, for instance, were the oldest children in their families. "Another system is as follows:
(John¹ James² Charles³ Harvey⁴ Lafayette⁵ John⁶ Jessie⁷ etc.)

"There are probably many other systems used, but possibly something like this could be used in Porterfield Lines."

Descendants of John (1675-1739) - James (1718-1777)
 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generations

Note: As known before research began "Georgia Porterfields"

DESCENDANTS OF James Porterfield

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN
James Porterfield (RN=44)							
SEX: M							
B: 1718 @ Donegal County Ireland							
M: to Rev patriot (RN=551)							
D: 1777 @ Likely at Cumberland Co N.C.							
5 Children							
(1: FBP; State Records of NC, Military records of NC)							
(2: Research by descendants of GA lineage raises this ?.)							
(3: Moved first to Lancaster Co PA with brothers John and Samuel.)							
(4: Son, John, ancestor Alabama and Georgia Porterfields)							
James Porterfield (RN=552)							
MOTHER: Rev patriot (RN=551)							
John Porterfield (RN=553)							
MOTHER: Rev patriot (RN=551)							
Dennis Porterfield (RN=554)							
MOTHER: Rev patriot (RN=551)							
Eleanor Porterfield (RN=555)							
SEX: F							
2 Marriages							
M: to							
RM: ca 1780 to Thomas Owen (RN=557) @ Pr. Bladen or Cumberland Co. NC							
3 Children							
(1: Look up: Mary Owen may have been child of a first husband.)							
MOTHER: Rev patriot (RN=551)							
James Owen (RN=558)							
FATHER: Thomas Owen (RN=557)							
John Owen (RN=559)							
FATHER: Thomas Owen (RN=557)							
Mary Owen (RN=560)							
FATHER: Thomas Owen (RN=557)							
(SON) Porterfield, Died young (RN=556)							
MOTHER: Rev patriot (RN=551)							

C.S.A. VETERANS

Mary Ann Cravens-Hegelson writes:

Frances,

I have been trying to get more direct information on ancestors that fought in the Civil War on the Southern side. I would like to join the United Daughter's of Confederacy but have been unable to directly link our line to a close relative (or at least prove the relationship). I know there have been several, but I just haven't been able to get a census with our Reb living in a household with a grandparent, etc. The U.D.C. helps put up monuments at the battlefields and work to preserve the battlefields from the Civil War. They also help with scholarships for young people interested in going to college. Paul has been very helpful and has sent me stacks of information on our family line but I am still working on that direct link. Someday I'll find it.

Vesta Porterfield-Cravens is my mother and is the granddaughter of John Nelson Porterfield and Mary Myriah Knight-Porterfield and great-granddaughter of James T. Porterfield. We picked mother up 3 weeks ago and took her to Tennessee to visit the old homestead of her great-great-great? grandfather, James Porterfield, in Norene. We also visited the cemeteries where many of our ancestors are buried. My husband and I had been there once before, but mother hadn't. She is 82 now and really enjoyed the trip. We met Ollie Porterfield-Johnson, who turned out to be about a 4th cousin and that was interesting. She showed us several graves on the old Johnson Farm outside of Norene.

Mother's nephew is Paul Porterfield. Paul, as you know, lives in Texas and he calls mother quite frequently. Paul's dad, A.H. Porterfield (Uncle Harrison), baptized my grandmother, mother and myself. He was a great person that I dearly loved and miss.

I am hoping we will have a Porterfield reunion one of these days. Unfortunately, since I moved to Michigan from Arkansas several years ago, I have missed all of them. I've told mother if she gets wind of any (hopefully in Poplar Bluff, MO) to be sure and let me know so we can make plans to go.

July 1992

Mary Ann

Dear Mary Ann,

Your letter brings to mind an idea I've had since the time of the first issue of Porterfield Lines. A list I would like for us to compile is names of Porterfields and descendants who have served in the military forces of our country beginning with the Colonial Wars.

On the other side of the coin, from some viewpoints, I would also like to record and compile a list of Porterfields who have been ministers.

You have touched on both of these significant areas of service of one man to other men, the soldier and the minister, in your letter.

You may have noticed tht the "Proposed Contents" for this publication include military service records and ministers and churches served.

You mention your Uncle Harrison, Paul Porterfield's father, in your letter. No doubt you know that he is referred to in the History of IZARD County Arkansas as a "Well known preacher in Arkansas." It would be helpful if some family member would write a profile of his life so that we could know more about him.

As to finding a close relative who fought as a Confederate in the Civil War, that will be difficult in the Porterfield lineage of north central Arkansas. Our antecedants, the John Milton Porterfield line, fought as Union soldiers.

How close does the relationship need to be for membership in Daughters of the Confederacy? The following records for brothers of Milly Ann Porterfield, sister-in-law to James T. Porterfield appear in Arkansas Confederate Veterans and Widows Pension Applications compiled by Frances T. Ingmire.

Powers, H. G. Widow number and name: 3662 Martha
Served: Co.? 15 Rg AR-C 62-65 Widow's Application 08/07/01
Columbus County Veteran deceased 12/01/98

Powers, Hugh R. Widow number and name: 9662 Catherine
Served: Co. F AR-C 61-65 Widow's Application 08/26/01
Pope County Veteran deceased 12/25/83

The record for Joe R. Porterfield of the Samuel Campbell Porterfield line (Dallas County Arkansas Porterfields) is:

Veteran Number 22719 Served: Co.? 3 Rg AR-I 61-65w
Date of veteran Application 08/07/16 Dallas County

John Milton and Samuel Campbell Porterfield were brothers.

These records are held at the Arkansas History Commission and can be ordered from One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201 using the above information. I believe the cost of each file is \$5.00; payment must accompany your order.

Thanks for your letter sharing information with readers of Porterfield Lines. You may not be aware of this, but you and Paul Porterfield are my fourth cousins since I am a descendant of William Ross Porterfield.

Frances

WILLIAM MARTIN ROSS
Linking Ross's, Powers', Porterfields,
Seatons and McCollums

(Supposition, speculation, conjecture, guesswork, call it what you will, Robert Albert, Jr. proposes the following lineage for William Martin Ross, husband first to Sophronia Porterfield, then husband to Elizabeth "Liz" McCollum. A family tradition relates that his father married the sister of Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield.)

18 November 1992

Dear Frances,

I am going to try to clarify what I told you over the phone as well as supply my sources of information to the best of my ability. I really believe that I am on the right track and hope to make some more headway on this line in the months to come. Any way, sit down, strap yourself in, and get some aspirin (you'll need it before your done).

1) Sarah Powers, daughter of Gambol Powers married John Cane Ross circa 1845 in TN.

2) They were the parents of three children: William Martin Ross b1846 TN; Mary A. Ross b1847 TN, Nancy J.C. Ross b1849 TN.

3) Sarah's sister Delaney Powers married James W. Seaton circa 1852 either in Tennessee or in 1853 in Arkansas.

4) They were the parents of two children: William R. Seaton b1853 AR and George W. Seaton b1854.

5) The Ross and Power families moved out to Arkansas at the same time to the same county originally, Independence County Arkansas (ca 1853).

6) Then tragedy struck the two families. Sarah Powers Ross lost her husband John C. Ross and James Seaton lost his wife Delaney Powers Seaton.

7) Since both women were sisters it so happened that James Seaton took as his second bride, Sarah Powers Ross, his dead wife's sister.

8) They were the parents of two children: John H. Seaton b1856 AR and Louisa C. Seaton b1857 AR. Then tragedy struck this household, Sarah's second husband died sometime between 1857 and 1860. Sarah would marry no more after this.

When the 1860 census came around they came to the house of Mary Powers, the widow of the late Gambol Powers. She was living with her daughter Sarah Powers Ross Seaton along with Sarah's children. Unfortunately the census taker listed all of the children as Seatons, maybe because the mother's name was Seaton, but I have clues to show that at least with 99% certainty, the first 3 children were Rosses.

Before going any further I will document my sources for the enumerated information above.

1) Gambol Powers had a daughter named Sarah Seaton as named in his probate record. I have a copy of the funeral record of Wm. Martin Ross which lists his parents as John Cane Ross and Sarah Powers.

2) Your information led me to know that Delaney Powers also married a Seaton. We can find no info after 1850 on her, and as you see on the probate of Gambol Powers, it lists as a devisee the heirs of Delaney Seaton, indicating that she died before the probate was written.

3) I have found marriage records in Independence County for Nancy J. C. Ross to James Richardson on 3 Oct 1869. The 1870 census lists her age as 20, exactly that of the Nancy J. Seaton listed with Sarah on the 1860 census.

4) Sarah remarried in Independence AR in 1855: James W. Seton to Sarah Ross on 15 Mar 1855.

5) The last two children are of the age that they would have been born after Sarah was married to her dead sister's husband and therefore must come from this new union. Sarah is not listed with her second husband in 1860 or any other census after that, so I have concluded that he died or left town.

I will try to give you the way I got my records for the Ross family. This family I am certain of, except I still need to corroborate that the eldest son of Kincheon Ross, John Ross, was in fact, John Cane Ross, husband of Sarah Powers.

I found proof that my ancestor Elizabeth Catherine Ross was the daughter of Kincheon Ross in the transcription of the letter that I sent you and talked to you about over the phone. (I didn't receive it, Robert.). Kincheon wrote to George and Elizabeth Ross Herriott and ends the letter, "remains your affectionate parents." With that I went to the census records of 1850 where I found Kincheon with a daughter Betsey, whose age matched up with my Elizabeth.

The 1840 census for McNairy, TN shows the following:

	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40
MALE	2	1	2			1
FEMALE		1				1

The 1850 census for McNairy, TN shows the following:

KINCHEON ROSS	47	M	B in NC
WINNY	40	F	B in TN
MARION	20	M	
WARD	18	M	
KIZA	16	F	
WILLIAM	14	M	
MALE CHILD			DIED IN INFANCY (SPECULATIVE ONLY)
BETSY	9	F	
JAMES	7	M	
MARTHA	6	F	
NANCY	3	F	
MARTIN	8/12	M	

If you compare the two censuses, you will see that the Rosses had a total of 6 children in 1840. By 1850, there are only 4 of the original children listed on the census. Plugging in the children's ages, there would be one child born that died young (see speculative child) and one child that either died and was of comparable age to Marion or married and moved away from the family.

The way I deduced that this child must be John Cane Ross is when I contacted Bobby Wright of Coy, AR who is a descendant of Kincheon Ross and he had a document from Kincheon Ross' sister Sally, who was married to William Bynum and listed in the 1840 census in McNairy, TN. This document was a deed of gift to the 3 sons of her brother Kincheon, Mathew, Luke, and John Ross. My subsequent census searches later showed me that Mathew's middle initial was M. so he was Mathew Marion Ross. Luke's middle name was Ward, so it was Luke Ward Ross, and John didn't show up.

Well, what do you think? Do you have enough documentation to know where to look or where there is proof and where there is still educated conjecture?

Sincerely, Robert O. Albert, Jr.

Dear Robert,

Your conjectures and conclusions as to parentage of the Seaton children living with Sarah (Powers) Seaton and Mary (James) Powers in 1860 in Independence County Arkansas are breathtaking to say the least. As you know I addressed the question of Delaney's orphaned children, her marriage, and her death in an article called "The Powers Girls and their Brothers" (Jan. 1992). I theorized that she and Sarah might have married older men, widowers with children and wondered if the children with Sarah were Sarah's or Delaney's.

According to the 1850 Henderson County TN census neither Sarah, 22, nor Delaney, 25, were married. They lived with the family, Gambol and Mary (James) Powers, sisters Milly Ann, 23, and Phoebe, 19, and brothers Hugh/Hue, 21, and William, 11. The children, William Bn. (as I read the census name), Mary A., and Nancy J. to whom you refer as Ross's did not live with them. Why would the children be separated from their mother and grandparents? Sarah and Delaney must have married after 1850, may have married in Tennessee before they moved to Arkansas about 1853. Perhaps Wm. Ross Martin regarded Sarah, who may be his stepmother, as his mother.

If John Cane Ross was married in 1850, his name should have been listed on a census record. I would like us to arrange the marriage dates for the Powers, Ross's, and Seatons in chronological order, to review census records comparing ages and initials, and to continue the search for marriage and census records which prove or disprove your surmisals. We must find the children in an 1850 census record.

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CIVIL WAR DIARY OF

USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD

Transcribed by H. Don Porterfield

FORWARD

This work is dedicated to Mrs. Mary Ethel Porterfield Kuehl of 4400 Harlan, Waco Texas (7c, page 115, FBP). Ethel is the granddaughter of James H. Porterfield and made his diary available for this effort. Also, I want to express my gratitude to Mr. Earnest Carrol (Buddy) Porterfield (7i, page 121, FBP) and his gracious wife, LaVerne, for having helped make this possible.

My intentions in this work are several fold: to transcribe the diary of James H. Porterfield from a handwritten format to a more readable typewritten format; to provide to those of you who are Civil War buffs some insight into the life of a southern Union Soldier who fought against friends, neighbors, relatives, and brothers and; most importantly, to add a little bit to the history of the Tennessee-Mississippi-Texas line of Porterfield's from which I am descended.

H. Don Porterfield
4604 Charles Drive
Huntsville, Al. 35816
(7c, page 113, FBP)
July 15, 1991

NOTES

FAMILY REMAINING IN HOLLY SPRINGS AT THIS TIME--

Father - John Duff Porterfield I
Mother - Eliza Donohoo Porterfield
Sister - Mary Elizabeth (Age 13)
Brother - George Monroe (Age 10)
Sister - Susan Harriet (Age 7)

MARION--

Marion must have been more than a friend. On December 30, 1863 "Received a letter from Aunt Mattie. Sent it to Marion in Vicksburg."

Was "Marion" in reality Jim's younger brother Frank Marion? There are strong indications!!

Frank Marion was reportedly captured at the Battle of Chicamauga (September 19 and 20, 1863) and held prisoner at Camp Douglas, Illinois for the remainder of the war.

AUNT MATTIE--

Probably Matilda Ward Porterfield, wife of Jim's Uncle Harvey D. Porterfield. Their home was in Sugar Creek (Sangamon County) Illinois--approximately 75 miles from Camp Douglas. Harvey died before the war. It is possible that Matilda at this time had moved across the Ohio River to Paducah, Kentucky which is where "Aunt Mattie" lived when Jim was writing her.

In summary all the above is speculative. However, Frank Marion's Tombstone in Moody Texas states:

"US Veteran
POW Camp Douglas, Illinois"

INTRODUCTION

This is a verbatim transcription (to the best of my ability) of the diary kept by James Henry (Jim) Porterfield who served during the Civil War with the Union Army as a member of Capt. DeGolyer's battery, Michigan Light Artillery. Jim was from Holly Springs, Mississippi. He had moved to Pine Bluff and Cherry Grove, Arkansas prior to the war and was mustered into the Union Army at New Madrid, Missouri. Jim's father, John Duff Porterfield (I), was a Captain in the Mississippi Militia and a recruiter for the CSA at Holly Springs and five of his brothers, John Duff (II), William Claude, Thomas Benton, and Frank Marion served with the CSA Army, also Theophilus who died in Memphis while serving with the CSA prior to the start of the War. Thomas Benton was killed at the battle of Resaca, just north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Jim's diary starts on November 27, 1862, three days prior to the march on his home town, Holly Springs, Mississippi, and ends on February 2, 1864 after the siege, fall, and occupation of Vicksburg. It is only surmised as to why his diary stops at this point. After the fall of Vicksburg, the tone of his writing tends to convey the impression that the war is all but over. However, 27 days later on February 29, 1864, he was taken prisoner near Canton, Mississippi, which is about 15 miles north of Jackson. A postscript has been added at the end of this transcript which contains both the Union and Confederate military accounts of the fighting at Canton.

Jim was released on December 13, 1864 after having been held prisoner at Andersonville, and was honorably discharged on July 22, 1865 as a sargent at Jackson, Michigan. Jim subsequently married twice: Missouri Hastletine Hardeman (1866) and Martha Jane Goldman (1876). He died in 1879 at 41 years of age, six months prior to the birth of his youngest son, James Arthur Porterfield. James Arthur and his older brother, Oliver King Porterfield, were raised by his uncle, John Duff Porterfield (II), after the death of Jim's wife, Martha Jane. Jim is buried in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

His cyclic periods of illness and his description of these illnesses in the diary indicate he possibly had malaria, which was not uncommon in the Mississippi Valley. As late as the 1930's, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) staffed their western Tennessee/Mississippi operations with men primarily native to the area because of this condition.

To appreciate this diary more fully, it is worth a few lines to set the stage. In the western theater of the Civil War, the North attacked early and hard to seize the Mississippi River and split the Confederacy in two.

General Halleck, who commanded the Union forces in the western theater at that time ordered General Grant to move down the Tennessee River and ordered General Buell to join Grant. Grant and approximately 42,000 men moved to Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, a village about 20 miles north of Corinth, Mississippi. Confederate General Johnston decided to strike Grant before Buell arrived. He planned to destroy Grant's forces with his army of some 40,000 troops. The battle of Shiloh (named after a church on the battlefield) occurred on April 6 and 7, 1862.

On the first day, Confederate troops surprised and almost smashed Grant. But Grant held his lines and General Johnston was killed. On the second day, with about 20,000 reinforcements from Buell, Grant forced the Southern Army to retreat back into northern Mississippi.

After Shiloh, General Halleck took command of Grant and Buell's forces. He moved south and west. He forced Johnston's replacement, General Beauregard, to evacuate Corinth, Mississippi and by June held the Mississippi River as far south as Memphis. Action continued against disorganized Confederate forces in northern Mississippi up through November 1862.

Meanwhile, Northern forces were moving up the Mississippi River from the south and on April 25, 1862 captured New Orleans. By May 1, 1862 they controlled southern Louisiana. The two remaining Confederate strongholds on the Mississippi River were at Vicksburg, Mississippi and Port Hudson, Louisiana.

This was the status of the war in the west when Jim Porterfield started his diary. He was in northern Mississippi and within three days would march on his hometown of Holly Springs and against the 9th Mississippi Infantry with his brothers John Duff and William Claude Porterfield. He was 24 years old and was not married. None of his family has been hurt by the war at this point. It would be almost two years (June 1864) before his brother, Thomas Benton Porterfield, would be killed fighting for the confederacy in Georgia.

While Jim was in northern Mississippi plans were in the making that would affect the course of the war and his involvement. Grant proposed to capture Vicksburg which was the key city that guarded the Mississippi River between Memphis and New Orleans. Grant tried several times to take Vicksburg by approaching from the north. But the ground north of the city was low and marshy and the Union army bogged down. In April 1863, Grant launched a new plan. At night, Union gunboats and supply ships slipped past the Confederate artillery along the river and established a base south of the city. Grant's troops then marched down the west side of the river (Louisiana) and crossed over by ship to dry ground on the east side south of the city. Grant then scattered the Confederate forces in the field and drove on Vicksburg. After direct attacks failed, he began a siege of the city in mid-May. Vicksburg finally surrendered on July 4, 1863. Four days later, forces under General Banks took Port Hudson, Louisiana. At this point the North controlled the Mississippi River.

All of this comes to life in Jim's diary.

(To be continued)

HARVEY D. PORTERFIELD
Whereabouts in 1850--An Update

Harvey D. Porterfield was living and working away from his home when the 1850 census return was taken.

Again quoting from Jerry McClure's article, "The Porterfields also shows Harvey's death as occurring in 1853, however, the 1850 (Sangamon County Illinois) Census does not list Harvey and shows Matilda as head of the house with eight children." The children were LaFayette 17, Leander 15, Mahaly 13, John 11, Hester 9, William 7, Mary 3, and Caroline 19.

An 1850 listing for Harvey D. Porterfield has been found, however. At that time Harvey was living in a hotel in Equality Precinct, Gallatin County, Illinois. His occupation is given as "Shoe Maker.

Page 410 (printed) 817 (handwritten) Equality Precinct, Gallatin County, Illinois, 21st September 1850. Benj. F. White The word Hotel is written at the side of the names. Dwelling 112 Family 112.

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Birth-place	
William B. McCool	46	M	Painter	\$1000	S.C.	Md. in yr
Hannah "	40	F			Ky	Md. in yr
Benjamin D. Grayson	16	M	Laborer		Ill	School in yr
Elinor Bu?ks	6	F			"	
Isaac Reynolds	23	M	Laborer		"	
Harvey D. Porterfield	41	M	Shoe Maker		Va	
Als?? Prater	26	F	B		Tenn	
Edward "	6/12				Ill	

Perhaps it had not been possible to continue providing for the family as a farmer in Sangamon County. We do not know whether Mattie and the children joined Harvey later in Gallatin County or if perhaps he returned to the farm before his death. Nor do we know whether the 1853 date of death reported by Frank Burke Porterfield is correct.

From the census roll it seems that a small village or town had developed in the area and that many free blacks resided there. Equality today is located on the Saline River near Shawneetown. Correcting an earlier statement, Gallatin County is just east, not south, of Saline County, borders Indiana and Kentucky on the Wabash and Ohio Rivers.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The search for "Porterfields in Arkansas" progresses. The Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James H. Porterfield continues in Jim's own words. Beginning the account of "The Wilson County Tennessee Porterfields."



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD
appears on page 241 of this issue.

MAY ISSUE: UPDATE on two members of the John Milton Porterfield Family - William Ross Porterfield and his sister, Elizabeth; Confederate Soldiers; Jim's Diary; Wilson County, Tennessee.

WHO WAS DAVID PORTERFIELD?

Sometimes we ask people we are meeting for the first time, "Who were you?" By that we mean who were your parents and grandparents?

The central question in trying to reconstruct the history of the Georgia Porterfields is, "Who was David Porterfield?" A wealth of genealogical facts dating from his marriage to Sarah Nunn on Dec. 3, 1778 in Guilford County North Carolina prove that David Porterfield was the progenitor of the Georgia Porterfields, but who was he? Who were his parents and grandparents and where did they come from?

Frank Burke Porterfield writes in The Porterfields that John Porterfield, second son of James Porterfield of Cumberland County, N.C. was the ancestor of both the Butler County Alabama and the Georgia Porterfields. He traces the lineage of the Butler County Alabama branch, writes nothing more about the line in Georgia. He does not mention the name "David Porterfield."

Our particular interest in the Georgia lineage at this moment is that descendants migrated to Arkansas, then Texas, establishing a large family group of Porterfields who lived first in the SW corner of Arkansas, later in Cass County Texas.

The search for Porterfields in Arkansas led us to the Georgia Porterfields.

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TRACING GEORGIA PORTERFIELDS

Frank Burke Porterfield described John Porterfield, second son of James Porterfield (1719-1777), as the ancestor of both the Butler County Alabama Porterfields and the Elbert, Madison, and Franklin County Georgia Porterfields. Though he presented genealogical information for the lineage of Alabama Porterfields, he did not attempt to follow the lineage of those Porterfields who removed from North Carolina to Georgia and on to Arkansas.

According to the account in The Porterfields, James Porterfield was drawn to the Cross Creek and Cambelton North Carolina area (later Fayetteville) by its commercial renown. Leaving Cumberland County Pennsylvania where he had settled with two of his brothers, John and Samuel, he came to Cumberland County North Carolina about 1762. As time passed and conflict with the British increased, both he and his wife became devoted to the Whig cause. After his death in 1777, his wife made her mansion headquarters for the Whigs of Cross Creek. The three sons who grew to manhood, James, John, and Dennis (one son died young), were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Dennis Porterfield began his service as an ensign in the 6th North Carolina Regiment, April 16, 1776, was commissioned captain February 1, 1779, was killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, Sept. 8, 1781. Both James and John served as privates with the militia of Wilmington District. James, a well-to-do merchant, assisted Governor Caswell of N.C. in obtaining supplies for the revolutionary soldiers.

Only John and his sister Eleanor, who married Colonel Thomas Owen of Chester County Pennsylvania, had issue. Frank Burke Porterfield lists the children of Eleanor Porterfield and Colonel Owen as James Owen (1784-1865), John Owen (1787-1841) and Mary Owen (1790-1829). (Please correct error on page 214 of the Jan 1993 Lines in which Eleanor Porterfield was referred to as Mary.) Mary Owen married Elisha Stedman of Fayetteville, bore two children: John Madison Stedman, a steam-boat captain who was drowned; and, James Owen Stedman, Presbyterian minister who pastored churches in Tuscumbia AL, Philadelphia PA, Baltimore MD, Wilmington N.C., and Memphis TN. To learn more about the accomplishments of the family of Colonel Thomas and Eleanor (Porterfield) Owen, see the excellent summary in Frank Burke Porterfield's book The Porterfields. Lack of space precludes their inclusion here. One of the stated purposes of this publication is to add genealogical information to that already in print. We will limit the recital of facts already made public as we attempt to trace the lineage of the descendants of John Porterfield, second son of James Porterfield (1718-1777) and grandson of John Porterfield (1675-1739) emigrant from Donegal County Ireland to Pennsylvania.

One statement included in the sketches of the lives of father and son, John Porterfield (b. 1740-50) and John Porterfield (1784-1857), has been found by later researchers to be incorrect. That is the statement that the family members were residents of Laurens County, South Carolina, owning a large plantation there. See the article "Background Facts" which follows for an explanation.

Two records from 1790 census schedules have piqued our curiosity for several years. The one to which FBP incorrectly referred is the schedule for the Ninety-six District, Laurens County, S.C.:

John Porterfield
Free White Males 16 yrs and above 2, under 16 yrs 2
Free White Females All ages 3

The other is a record from the 1790 schedule for Fayette District, Fayetteville Town, N.C.:

James Porterfield
Free White Males 16 yrs and above 4
Free White Females All ages 2
Slaves 28

This may be a record for James Porterfield, merchant of Campbelton, son of James (1718-1777). James was unmarried but was quite wealthy and so may have had a large household.

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Text of

WILL OF JOHN PORTERFIELD (b.1740-50)

In the name of God . Amen.

I, John Porterfield, of the town of Fayetteville and state of North Carolina being in sound mind and memory do make and ordain the following as my last will and testament.

I give to my wife Ann the following lands in Moore County to wit:

A tract of land whereon Col. Richard Street now lives with all my lands adjoining it.

Also the tract of land on the waters of the (Governors?) Creek which I bought of John Cruse containing two hundred acres.

And one hundred acres of land which I bought of James (Hardin?/Herring?)

Text of WILL OF JOHN PORTERFIELD (continued)

I likewise give to my law wife the lot whereon I now live in the Town of Fayetteville and County of Cumberland with all the rights and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, which lands and tenements above mentioned I give and devise to her and her Heirs and assigns forever as her own absolute right and property free and clear of all claims or demands whatsoever.

I also give to my wife and to her Heirs and assigns forever the following Negroes to wit Plenty and his wife, Dolly and their six Children: Harry, Bram (sp.), Plenty, Aaron, George, and (Jeammy?/Sammy?); Also a Negro woman named Nanny and her three Children: Peggy, Bill & John , and a negro man named Hardy.

I likewise give to my law wife all my Horses, Cattle and Hogs both here and in Moore County and all my

Household

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(Second page)

Household and Kitchen furniture of every description and kind whatsoever.

And my will is that one hundred pounds be deposited in the hands of my wife in trust for the use, and, benefit of James Miller now in my family to be laid out in schooling him sutably for a mechanic and for buying a set of tools for him when he has served an apprenticeship.

And after paying all my just debts out of the remainder of my estate, my will is that the balance be equally divided between my two nephew, James and John Owen.

And I hereby constitute my trusty friends, Thomas Owen, esquire of Bladen County, Richard Street, esquire of Moore County and Philip Rurford (sp.) esq. of Cumberland County the executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of March in this the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-Six.

Signed, sealed, published and Declared
by the said John Porterfield to be his
last will testament in the presence
of (s)

(Signature of three witnesses)

John Porterfield
(Signature)

(The date July 1796 is on an attached paper. Date of probate?)
Will is transcribed from a handwritten copy from Cumberland County Wills, 1757-1955. John Porterfield. Unbound. North Carolina State Archives.

BACKGROUND FACTS

John Porterfield, born (1740-50), son of James Porterfield, born (1718); ancestor of Butler Co., Alabama Porterfields and those of Elbert, Madison and Franklin Co., Georgia. (p. 95 Frank B. Porterfield.) On page 96 Frank Porterfield states 1790 SC Census, (Laurens Co.), found him a resident of Laurens Co. and the owner of a large plantation there. This is an error. John Porterfield (1740-50) son of James (1718-1777) died 15 June 1796 on Plantation Deep River, Cumberland Co., NC. (Ref. Marriages & Death Notices from Raleigh, NC newspapers). A John Porterfield will is on record in Cumberland Co., NC, probated July 1796, mentions wife, Ann and nephews, sons of Eleanor, sister of John, who married Thomas Owens.

There was a John Porterfield who died in Newberry Co., SC before 21 Oct 1795.

Newberry Co., SC Minutes of County Court, p. 258: Upon motion of Sarah Porterfield, ordered that letters of administration of rights and credits of John Porterfield, deceased, be granted her. October term 1795. (Laurens Co., SC and Newberry Co. SC adjoin.)

John Porterfield, born (1740-50),-----was son of James Porterfield, born (1718).

David Porterfield who married Sarah Nunn in Guilford Co., NC on 3 Dec 1778 was in Madison Co., Georgia on 1820 census. Page 45.

There was a Christopher Porterfield on 1820 Madison Co., Georgia census. Page 43 and a David Porterfield on the same census (4?). This indicates David Porterfield, Sr. was a son of John, born (1740-50), since there are no other Porterfields in Madison Co., Georgia 1820 census. (See article on David, Sr.)

On 1830 census of Madison Co., Georgia:

David Porterfield, Jr., p. 98

James Porterfield, p. 101

David Porterfield, Sr., p. 118

On 1830 census Carroll Co, Georgia

Christopher Porterfield, p. 220

According to Roy Ector, Christopher Porterfield and wife Susanna were the parents of the following children:

1. Nelson b. 26 Jan 1815 d. 4 Feb 1906 m. 4 Nov 1832, Neaty C. Dixon
2. James b. 1818 m. 3 Sep 1840, Mary Crumpton
3. Christopher, Jr. b. 1820 d. 1889 m. 11 Feb 1844, Elizabeth Trapp
4. Eliza b. 1822 m. 11 Oct 1840, William Kennedy
5. Joseph Preston b. 21 Jan 1825 d. Oct 1880 m. 7 Jan 1862, Margaret A. Stewart
6. Elijah Goss b. 1828 m. 1844 July Ann
7. William Wiley b. 2 Mar 1829 d. May 1877 m. 1849, Amanda Driskell
8. Martha E. b. 1821 d. 1884 m.. 29 Jan 1837, Thomas D. Wallace.

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GEORGIA PORTERFIELDS
RECORDS FOR
DAVID PORTERFIELD (BORN 1751-1760)

Dec 3 1778 Marriage David Porterfield and Sarah Nunn Guilford Co NC
 Bondsman: James Coot Witness: Thomas Henderson

Wilkes Co GA Tax Digest:

- 1787 Capt. Arringtons (?) District 350 acres
- 1790 Capt. Walton's District 259 acres
- 1791 Col. Dooley's Battn. Capt Walton's District 195 acres
- 1790 GA Census (Reconstructed) Voter for delegate Const. Conv. 1795
- Elbert Co GA Land Court Records (1791-1822)
 - March 4, 1793 David Porterfield...self
 - October 6, 1794 D. Porterfield Old Warrant 125 acres to Jesse Baker
- Elbert County GA Tax Digest: David Porterfield
 - About 1800 Capt. Johnson's Company 262 2/10 acres Granted: Wido Mann
 - Waters: Sk. Sh. Cr. Adjoins: Peter Wyche
- 1805 Georgia Land Lottery David Porterfield #250 B B Elbert County
- Madison Co GA Tax Digest:
 - August 14 1811 Sheriff's Sale: Thomas Jones, Sheriff Elbert Co. GA
 - unto Christopher Porterfield: Goods and chattle lands of David
 - Porterfield, Sr., levied October 18, 1802 on 162 acres Elbert Co
 - on waters of Schull Shoal Creek...being the place whereon the
 - defendant now lives. Price paid: \$20.25
- 1813 David Porterfield, Sr. .31 1/4 poll tax
- 1820 Defaulters in Capt. Williford's Dist: David Porterfield,
- Senr.....Double Poll Tax .62 1/2
- 1820 U.S. Census Madison County Georgia, page 278:
 - David Porterfield, Sr. age of 45 yrs. and upward
 - 1 Male -- of 10 yrs. and under 16 yrs.
 - 1 Female -- of 45 yrs. and upward
- 1820 Land Lottery David Porterfield of Madison County, GA, Dist 204,
- Williford's Dist: drew Land Lot 386, 7th District originally EARLY;
- drew Land Lot 216, 16th District, originally EARLY, REVERTED:
- granted to Tyre Johnson on Oct 11 1844; drew Land Lot 135, 11th
- District, originally EARLY, Granted: Sept 10 1836.
- 1830 U.S. Census Madison County Georgia, page 118:
 - David Porterfield, Sr. age of 70 yrs and under 80 yrs.
 - 1 Female --of 60 yrs. and under 70 yrs.

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EARLY GEORGIA COUNTIES:

- Washington County created from Indian Lands 1784
- Wilkes County created from Washington County 1777
- Elbert County created from Wilkes Co 1790
- Madison County created from Clark, Elbert, Franklin, Jackson, &
Oglethorpe 1811
- Early County created from Creek Indian lands in 1818
- Carroll County created from Indian Lands in 1826

GEORGIA PORTERFIELDS
CHRISTOPHER PORTERFIELD (BORN 1781-1790)

Christopher Porterfield was the oldest son of David Porterfield, Sr. and Sarah Nunn. Census records indicate that he was born between 1781 and 1790 in North Carolina.

Tax records for his father, David Porterfield, Sr., show the family moving from North Carolina to Wilkes County GA by 1787 where David, Sr. acquired 350 acres in Capt. Arrington's(?) District (204th District).

Marriage records for Christopher Porterfield and his wife Susanna have not been found but he may have established his household about 1810.

The Madison County GA Deed Book A for 1812-1818 reveals that Christopher bought land formerly owned by his father in a Sheriff's Sale on August 14 1811. The Sale order issued by the Superior Court of Elbert County GA dated October 18, 1802 was levied on the goods and chattle lands of David Porterfield, Sr., in particular "162 acres lying in Elbert County on the waters of Schull Shoal Creek, adjoining Willson Penn et. al., being the place whereon the defendant now lives." The deed was recorded June 1, 1812. Christopher paid Thomas Jones, Sheriff, \$20.25 to redeem the land.

The name Christopher Porterfield appears next on the Madison County GA Tax Digest for the year 1813. This was the first roll which recorded all known adult males in the family: Christopher and his brothers James and David, Jr. and their father, David Porterfield, Sr.

Location: Capt. Jas. Ware's Dist. (204th Dist) Madison County
Christopher Porterfield 160 acres Waters: S.C. Granted:
un(known) Adjoins: Penn
Jas. Porterfield 200 acres Waters: S.C. Granted
un(known) Adjoins: F. Pen
David Porterfield, Sr.....Poll Tax .31 1/4
David Porterfield, Jr. One two wheel carriage

Other land references are:

Deed. May 13, 1818 Madison County GA between Christopher Porterfield of Madison County, Georgia unto: Gilbert Hay of Madison County, Georgia. Price Paid: \$75. 150 acres in Madison County Georgia on the waters of Schull Shoal Creek being part of a tract of land granted to: said Christopher Porterfield of 283 acres on November 22, 1816. Recorded: Sep 1 1818. Christopher had been granted the land in the 1816 Georgia Land Lottery. He was also awarded 45 acres of land in the 1821 Lottery. (Headright and Bounty Grants 1756-1909)

Tax Digest. Madison County GA Christopher Porterfield
1817 Captain Higginbotham' District (204th) Negroes 1
132 acres Waters: S.S. Granted D. Criswel Adjoins:
B. Higginbotham.

1820 Capt. Williford's District (204th) 222 1/2 acres
Waters: B. R. Granted: Un(known) Adjoins: Dudley

The 1820 U. S. Census for Madison County Georgia lists a
household totaling 11 people. Page 274:

Christopher Porterfield	age of 26 yrs. and under 45 yrs.
3 Males	Under 10 yrs.
1 Male	of 16 yrs. and under 18 yrs.
1 Male	of 18 yrs. and under 26 yrs.
1 Female	Under 10 yrs.
2 Females	of 10 yrs. and under 16 yrs.
1 Female	of 16 yrs. and under 26 yrs.
1 Female	of 26 yrs. and under 45 yrs.

The age of the older youths, male and female, are troubling,
for they are older than the reported age of the children of
Christopher and Susannah. Could they be children by an
earlier marriage of Susannah? Or perhaps they could be sons
and daughters and perhaps a son-in-law of David Porterfield,
Sr. no longer living with the aging parents. One daughter,
Rebecca Porterfield, reportedly married Josiah Graham in 1815.

The 1822 Tax Digest showed Christopher as owner of 220 acres
in Capt. Powels District (438th Dist) Madison Co, GA, the land
being on the waters of S.C., grant unknown, but adjoining
Groves. He was not listed in 1823, 1824, 1825 or 1828;
apparently he had moved to western Georgia, Carroll Co. Deed
Book B records deed of November 23, 1822 between Christopher
Porterfield unto John Atcherson (?) of Georgia, sale of
186 3/4 acres of land adjoining land owned by James Porterfield.

The removal may have been tied to the acquisition of land in
a Georgia Land Lottery. We have no record of Revolutionary
War service for David Porterfield, Sr., but he and his sons
participated in the drawings. Military service was not a
prerequisite for the drawing but allowed drawing two lots
rather than just one in some instances.

Christopher drew Land Lot 68 in the 5th District, Houston Co
December 24, 1827. He sold the land, 202 1/2 acres, to Wm.
Stephens of Jackson County, Ga. March 10, 1828?. Deed was
recorded August 16, 1847.

The 1830 U.S. Census of Carroll County, Georgia confirms that
Christopher had removed from Madison County.

Page 220: Christopher Porterfield Age of 40 yrs. and under 50 yrs.

3 Males	Under 5 yrs.
1 Male	of 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs.
1 Male	of 10 yrs. and under 15 yrs.
1 Male	of 15 yrs. and under 20 yrs.
1 Female	of 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs.
1 Female	of 10 yrs and under 15 yrs.
1 Female	of 40 yrs. and under 50 yrs.

When one of his sisters was widowed, Christopher was appointed guardian of the minors, David Graham, Samuel Graham, and Keziah Graham, orphan children of Joseph Graham. Date of the Guardian's Bond of \$2000 was October 5, 1830. References to this guardianship are recorded in Carroll Co., Ga September 4, 1832, in 1833, and 6th March, 1834.

In 1827 he had drawn Land Lot 234 in the 2nd Dist, Carroll County, Ga. for the orphans, listed at that time as residents of Smith's Dist., DeKalb County, GA. In 1832, the Carroll County, Ga Tax Digest shows that he owed tax on 50 1/2 acres in District 16, DeKalb County on the Waters of Yellow River, that the land adjoined Lee and was granted to Porterfield. He also owed taxes as agents for Grayhams Orphs. on 202 1/2 acres, Lot No. 234, District 2, Carroll County and a poll tax for himself and as an agent for Hiram Man.

Since Christopher does not appear on 1840 census records, we can surmise tht he died before that date. Additional references close out the record of his life. The Inferior Court Minutes of Carroll County, Ga., p. 115 read: "The Inferior Court directs the commissioners of the District where Clayton Williams and Charles Hulsey Magistrates (2nd Dist) to have the road that is ordered from the GOLD MINES by Christopher Porterfield's toward Cobb Courthouse be discontinued until further orders." "Given under our hands this 29th of April, 1834. Carroll Co. Annual Returns Book B lists notes due Needham Jarnagin, Deceased 1845. Amounts ranged from \$32.50 to \$1.50 and were due in 1834, 1835, 1836, and 1837. His wife, Susanna, died early in 1850. From the 1850 Mortality Schedule: Susan Porterfield, Paulding Co., Ga. in Jan., age 63, Birthplace VA.

The line continues and is evident from records in the Carroll County Ga. Marriage Book C for 1827-1866.

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Nelson Porterfield and Neaty C. Dixon, November 4, 1832
by Jonathan Haynes, J.P. License issued: November 2, 1832

Thomas D. Wallace and Martha E. Porterfield, January 29, 1837
by John Hilderbrand, J.P. License issued, January 24, 1837

Christopher Porterfield (Jr.) and Elizabeth Trap, February 11, 1844
by John Hilderbrand, J.P. License issued: February 11, 1844

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GEORGIA PORTERFIELDS
JAMES PORTERFIELD (BORN CA 1782)

James Porterfield was the second oldest son of David Porterfield, Sr. and Sarah Nunn. His marriage to Tabitha Bond on October 6, 1808 is recorded in Elbert County, GA Marriages (1809-1812). The ceremony was performed by John S. Higginbotham, J.P.

Soon after his marriage he purchased 100 acres of land on the waters of Scull Shoal Creek Madison Co. GA., part of the land granted to Hugh McDonald and adjoining David Porterfield, Sr. and "Wilson", obtaining the land from John Thomason, Sr. of Elbert County, Georgia for \$200. Date of purchase was January 16, 1809; deed recorded February 10 1810.

The 1813 Madison County, GA. Tax digest shows that he had acquired an additional 100 acres. He was taxed on 200 acres on waters "S.C." (Scull Shoal?) adjoining land of F. Pen. His father and brothers are also listed on the tax digest for that year.

James continued to acquire land. Deed Book B of Madison County Georgia records that on March 14, 1817 he bought 600 acres of land on Little Skul Shoal Creek, Madison County from Richard Nall of Clarke County, Georgia for \$300. The 1817 and 1820 Tax Digest of Madison County show that James Porterfield was owner of 908 acres. By 1821 he had acquired additional acreage and owned a 908 acre tract and a 138 acre tract. Both were on the waters of S.C.(Scull Shoal?); both adjoined "Ware" acreage.

He participated in the 1820 Land Lottery. "James Porterfield of Williford's Dist. (204th District), Madison Co. Ga drew Land Lot-87, 12th Dist., orig. Habersham. Granted: Nov 6 1822 (This record is of particular interest to me since my McCollum predecessors drew Habersham land and settled on it. FMW) No record of the disposition of this land has been found.

Lottery winners often sold land procured by lot. Others moved to and lived on the land. Christopher Porterfield may have done this, moving to Carroll County from Madison County after he acquired land in Carroll County as guardian of his sister's children, the three Graham orphans, David, Samuel and Keziah Graham.

Information about James and his descendants comes from the 1830 and 1840 Madison County Georgia census schedules:

1830 Madison Co GA page 101

James Porterfield Of 40 yrs. and under 50 yrs.

Males 5 yrs. and under 10 1, 10 yrs. and under 15 yrs. 1,
15 yrs. and under 20 2

Females 5 yrs and under 10 yrs 2, 10 yrs. and under 15 yrs 2,
30 yrs. and under 40 yrs. 1.

1840 Madison Co Ga, 2nd page Danielsville District
 James Porterfield Of 50 yrs. and under 60 yrs.
 Males 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs. 1, 10 yrs. and under 15yrs. 1
 Females 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs. 1
 40 yrs. and under 50 yrs. 1

James and Tabitha (Bonds) Porterfield remained in Madison County Georgia in 1850 and 1860 until James death about December 1862.

1850 Madison Co Ga census, page 504
 James Porterfield 63 Farmer Real Estate Value \$4000 b.N.C.
 Tabitha Porterfield 53 b. GA
 Horatio Porterfield 19 Farmer b. GA
 Frances Porterfield 17 b. GA
 Nathan Porterfield 15 Farmer b. GA

1860 Madison Co Ga census, page 69
 James Porterfield 78 Farmer RE \$1800 Pers \$2022 b. N.C.
 Tabitha " 68 b. GA
 Nathan 22 Farmer b. GA

Fortunately for descendants researching family history James' will is on record in the Madison County GA Will Book "AB." It was signed June 20, 1857, probated in the January court term 1863. James appointed his wife Tabitha Porterfield as Executrix his son Willis Porterfield as his executor.

Names in the Will: 1. "my son: Willis Porterfield" 2. "my wife: Tabitha Porterfield" 3. "my son: Allen Porterfield" 4. "my deceased son: John Porterfield" 5. "my son: James W. Porterfield" 6. "my daughter: Malinda Collins (wife of: Thomas Collins)" 7. "my daughter: Martha Strickland (wife of William Strickland)" 8 "my daughter: Eliza Broach", 9 "my daughter: Harriet Carethers" 10. "my son: Horatio Porterfield" 11. "my son: Nathan Porterfield" 12. "my daughter: Frances Hall, wife of" 13. " my son-in-law: Jeremiah Hall"

GEORGIA PORTERFIELDS
 DAVID PORTERFIELD, JR. (BORN 1890)

David Porterfield Jr., was the youngest son of David Porterfield, Sr. and Sarah Nunn. He was born in 1790, in Georgia, according to census records. His wife, Sarah, also called Sally, was about 5 years younger than he, born in Virginia or Georgia (1850 and 1860 census).

The first record of ownership and tax paid in Madison County Georgia is the 1813 Tax Digest of assessment for David Porterfield, Jr. for "one two wheel carriage", thus painting a picture of a fine young dandy 23 years of age probably using his two wheel carriage to go courting.

Record of a land purchase has not been found but in 1817 and 1820 he is shown in the Madison County Tax Digest as owner of 100 acres of land on the waters of B.B. or B.R.(?) adjoining the land of J. Hopkins.

The 1830, 1840, 1850 and 1860 census schedules for Madison County Georgia record his residence there from the age of 40 to 70.

1830 Madison County Ga Census, page 98:
David Porterfield Of 40 yrs. and under 50 yrs.
Males 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs. 1, 10 yrs. and under 15 1
Females Under 5 yrs. 2, 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs. 1,
15 yrs. and under 20 yrs. 1
30 yrs. and under 40 yrs. 1

1840 Madison County GA Census, page 2 Williford District
David Porterfield Of 40 yrs. and under 50 yrs.
Males 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs. 1 15 yrs. and under 20 yrs.
20 yrs. and under 30 yrs. 1
Females Under 5 yrs. 1 5 yrs. and under 10 yrs. 1
10 yrs. and under 15 yrs. 2
40 yrs. and under 50 yrs. 1

1850 Madison County GA Census, p. 542
David Porterfield Age 60 Farmer Real Estate \$800 Born GA
Sarah Porterfield Age 54 VA
Richard Porterfield Age 20 Farmer GA
Matilda Porterfield Age 1 GA
Caroline Porterfield Age 13 GA

1860 Madison County GA Census, p. 58. Post Office: Danielsville
David Porterfield Age 70 Farmer Real \$800 Personal \$218 GA
Sally " Age 65 "

David Porterfield, 70, his wife Sarah, 65, James Porterfield, 78 and his wife Tabitha 68, the oldest members remained in the area where they had lived since the turn of the century as the younger members of the family looked to the future and perhaps new opportunities and adventures in new surroundings.

GEORGIA PORTERFIELDS SUMMARY

David and Sarah (Nunn) Porterfield who married 3 Dec 1778 removed from Guilford County, North Carolina to Wilkes County Georgia sometime after the birth of their second child, James Porterfield. The date can be set before or in 1787 for the name David Porterfield appears on the 1787, 1790, and 1791 Wilkes County Tax Digest.

Two Elbert County Court records for David Porterfield are dated 1793 and 1794. The Elbert County Tax Digest shows his ownership of 262 2/10 acres of land in Captain Johnson's Company about 1800. The land is identified as being on the waters of Schull Shoal Creek, originally granted to the Widow Mann, and adjoining Peter Wyche.

David, Sr. drew two lots in the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery. Both were blank. (Lots were labeled "P" for Prize and "B" for Blanks. Every free white male of 21 years having a wife and child or children was entitled to two draws. An additional requirement was residence for 1 year or payment of taxes for 1 year prior to the drawing. Single males who met these requirements were allowed 1 draw.)

Birth dates for David, Sr. and Christopher are difficult to ascertain because they can only be surmised within limits given in early census records. The date of James birth is uncertain for the 1850 census age appears to be 63, the 1860 age, 78. David, Jr. was born about 1790; reported on the census schedule as 60 in 1850 and 70 in 1860. The logical assumption is that the three sons were born between the Dec. 3, 1778 marriage date for David and Sarah and the 1790 birth date of David, Jr., given the limits set by census records.

For some reason, perhaps failing health, David, Sr. was unable to manage his land holdings. A Sheriff's Sale order was levied Oct. 18, 1802 on 162 acres on which David and Sarah lived. The land was redeemed by Christopher Porterfield for \$20.25, August 14, 1811.

The statement ("Background Facts") that the 1820 census with names of only Christopher Porterfield and David Porterfield, Sr. "indicates that David Porterfield was a son of John, born (1740-1750)" seems obscure and unfounded. Perhaps some valid connections can be found, but this is not one of them.

The relationship of David, Sr., Christopher, James, and David, Jr. are borne out by their close association through the years as shown by both census and land records. Land records include land exchanges and ownership of adjoining lands.

Researchers for the family have revealed the names of three daughters of David Porterfield, Sr. and his wife, Sarah Nunn: Mary Porterfield, who married Darrell Braswell 16 March 1826 in Newton County, GA; Rebecca Porterfield, who married Josiah Graham in 1815 in Madison County GA; and Elizabeth Porterfield who married Anderson Dudley 3 March, 1821 in Madison County GA.

We must return to the question "Who was David Porterfield (born 1751-1760)?" Who were his parents and grandparents and where did they come from? Was he the brother of John Porterfield (1740-50), and the son of James Porterfield born 1718, died 1777? None of these records have answered that question, which we will address in the next issue. We welcome additional information on Porterfields of the Guilford County area of North Carolina, the countryside surrounding Greensboro.

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(Most of the information for the articles on Georgia Porterfields was provided by Evelyn Haynes of Bloomburg Texas.)

CIVIL WAR DIARY OF
USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD

Section Two

DIARY

The diary is faded, coming apart, and most difficult to read. On the inside of the front cover he signs his name as James H. Porterfield, Jackson, Michigan. Also, there are five rows of what appear to be horse brands (53 brands in total). It is possible that these were the brands on horses assigned to him at various times.

On the next two pages are the names of people:

Miss S.J. Hurd
Miss O. A. Dennard, Pine Bluff, Ark.
J. Stewart & Bros's Nursery Men, Burnich (?) Ill.
Wm. H. West, Lexington, Mo.
Old Clinton Road, Elder Pomroy
C. Thompkins Center Jackson Co. Mich..
Miss Honey Slater, Jackson, Mich.
Jasper Armstrong, Hannibal

START OF DIARY

NOVEMBER 1862

Thur 27 Lagrange in camp. Orders to march at 8 tomorrow.
Fri 28 Start march. 5 miles.
Sat 29 Marched at 7 o'clock a.m. Camped at Coldwater (River).

HOLLY SPRINGS

Sun 30 Marched at 6. Into Holly Springs at 8. Heavy cannoning south. Meeting my friends. Price in a pickel now (CSA General Price).

DECEMBER 1862

Mon 1 Forward at 12. Camp at Lumpkins Mill at night.
Tue 2 Orders to fall in to fight at an advance 4 mile camp. Rain.
Wed 3 Moved at 8. Crossed the Tallahatchie. Camped at Abbeville.
Thu 4 Moved camp. Rain all day. Orders to march.
Fri 5 Start to march at 8 for Oxford. Camped East of Oxford.
Sat 6 Laying at camp.
Sun 7 Wrote to my father and family (John Duff Porterfield at Holly Springs).
Mon 8 A trip to the country foraging. Found bacon in Oxford.

Tue 9 Killed a beef. Gen. Leggett came through camp and said this is a self sustaining institution (Living off the land).
 Wed 10 O.S. Richmond promoted to Lieutenant. 27 men detailed to Battery
 Thu 11 Marched at 8 South 12 miles. Camp on the Zachterney (?).
 Fri 12 Rained all day. Washed the caissons in the rain. Wrote my father (John Duff Porterfield).
 Sat 13 Laying around camp.

Note: Battle of Fredericksburg on this date. A terrible defeat which left the North discouraged.

Sun 14 Wrote my cousin M.J. (Duff).
 Mon 15 Clear fine day.
 Tue 16 Nothing of importance.
 Wed 17 Moved camp to Springdale. Clean up camp. Drill details.
 Thu 18 Drilled the detailed men. Orders to march at sunset to Watervalley. Camp in town.
 Fri 19 Moved camp half mile. Killed a hog and found molasses.
 Sat 20 Lay around camp. A speech made to us by Capt. DeGolyer.
 Sun 21 I went foraging today at 4 o'clock. Received orders to march to Oxford. Camped at Zachterney (?).
 Mon 22 Marched at daylight. Camped south in suburbs of Oxford.
 Tue 23 Lay in camp all day.
 Wed 24 Orders to march at 6. We marched into town (Oxford) and plundered it and marched to Skyville camp.
 Thur 25 Christmas day. Orders to march countermanded. Lafever and Knapp goes foraging and brings 12 chickens. I had a good dinner.
 Fri 26 We had a good dinner today.
 Sat 27 Rained all day. Shooting at us. Cavalry (Confederate) dash on pickets. Clayton (U.S.) had a fight.
 Sun 28 Lay in camp all day.
 Mon 29 Moved camp one mile to the church. Cleaned up camp.
 Tue 30 Orders one patrol out to scout. Rebs in Abbeville. Caused excitement. Rumors of attack.
 Wed 31 I lay in camp. Boys went out (scouting) and I can't.

Note: Battle of Stones River (East of Murfreesboro, Tennessee) started on this date (Dec. 31, 1862-Jan. 2, 1863). Jim's father and mother grew up in the Stones River community and many of his close relatives still lived there. CSA forces failed to follow up an initial victory at Stones River.

JANUARY 1863

Thu 1 I and Harford washed our clothes today for the fun of it. Clear nice day.
 Fri 2 We killed a beef and got orders to march tomorrow at 8.
 Sat 3 We started early and crossed the Tallahatchie. The band played the mocking bird. We camped night. 4 mile march.
 Sun 4 Fixed up camp and the boys went out foraging.

Mon 5 Got orders to march at 6 p.m. Capt. killed his horse. Marched to Holly Springs. Camped east of town. Visited my acquaintance at night. (The word "acquaintance" is singular, meaning only one person. Also, he does not use the terms friend, neighbor, relative, etc., indicating this was possibly a woman - an old girl friend?)
 Tue 6 Orders to march at 6. I stayed behind to talk with my friends and acquaintance. Camped at Coldwater at night.
 Wed 7 Orders to march at daylight. We marched to Ingrams Mill.
 Thu 8 We arranged camp today. I and Scott killed a hog.
 Fri 9 Orders to march at 10 a.m. on west. It rained hard.
 Sat 10 Up early. March on to Maseo (?). Got there early. We met the Band of the 20th Ohio Regiment.
 Sun 11 I had a pleasant dream last night, about little Sallie (Holly Springs acquaintance?). I fixed up my stove today.
 Mon 12 Orders to march at 6.
 Tue 13 Fixing up camp. Weather cold.
 Wed 14 Rained all day.
 Thu 15 Commenced snowing at 10 and snowed all day. I chopped wood in the snow at night.
 Fri 16 I volunteered to go and pick a load of corn. I and Cal Knapp tried to run the pickets to forage.
 Sat 17 Orders to march at 8 tomorrow. Ammunition left on cars at Lafayette.
 Sun 18 I was to sick to march and was hauled to Collierville (Tenn) and was left to go on a car. The Battery camped at Germantown (Tenn). I got a car after dark 25 miles from Memphis and got to Memphis at 11 p.m. Lay under a shed with other sick soldiers.

MEMPHIS

Mon 19 I got up early and started around town to see the Battery. The Battery came in at night and camped on the railroad east of town. I went to it at night.

FEBRUARY 1963

Sun 1 I dreamed last night about Emma. I talked with her and kissed her and promised to ever be true. (Missouri Hastletine Hardeman, his first wife?)
 Mon 2 I am on guard for Lewis today. All things went rite.
 Tue 3 I went to town today to see Boyd to sell him some confederacy money. (Old friend from Mississippi?)
 Wed 4 Nothing of importance today.
 Thu 5 Went to town with Harford to get his photograph.
 Fri 6 I had a chill today.
 Sat 7 A visit to the doctor today to get a physic
 Sun 8 Got a letter from Joe Demby today. Broke my chill.
 Mon 9 Joe came by today on his way to St. Louis, Mo. We went with him to the city.

Tue 10 Nothing of importance. Weather clear.
 Wed 11 We signed the payrolls today.
 Thu 12 Rained today. Very cold.
 Fri 13 Rain continued today.
 Sat 14 Went to town to see Boyd and Bloomgreen. Wrote a letter to Emma and gave it to Bloomgreen to carry it through.
 Sun 15 I wrote to my aunt at Paducka, Ky. (Aunt Mattie).
 Mon 16 Rained today.
 Tue 17 Joe came back to see us. Stayed all night.
 Wed 18 Went with Joe to the city to see him off. We left him there. He returned at night and stayed with us.
 Thu 19 Got orders to march at 8 tomorrow aboard a boat.
 Fri 20 I was left in charge of the camp while the battery was being loaded. Frank Bates put in the guardhouse.

DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI

Sat 21 All on boat. To start down river at 9 o'clock. I and Lavever lays in a good supply of provisions and gets in ambulance to ride down the Mississippi. Passed Helenas about 3 p.m. Ran all night.
 Sun 22 Landed at Lake Providence (Ark) by noon and unloaded and went to camp.
 Mon 23 This was a nice day. We fixed camp.
 Tue 24 I set up all night last night to keep from being washed away. We arranged camp today.
 Wed 25 I walked over to the cemetry today and looked over the tombs.
 Thu 26 Wrote a letter to Mr. Demby.
 Fri 27 I was on guard today.
 Sat 28 Went fishing today.

MARCH 1863

Sun 1 Went around town today.
 Mon 2 Nothing of importance.
 Tue 3 Went fishing today.
 Wed 4 Wrote a letter to Hudson Gazzett for Harford today.
 Thu 5 Captain finds out the letter was written and flogs me for it.
 Fri 6 I rode around town today in the ambulance.
 Sat 7 On guard today.
 Sun 8 I wrote about my travels with the two Bates through Arkansas and Missouri.
 Mon 9 Went fishing today.
 Tue 10 Started to go foraging today but the commander would not let me.
 Wed 11 I sold some confederate money to Captain DeGolyer today.
 Thu 12 Received some confederate money from Philadelphia. (Phildelphia, Mississippi?)
 Fri 13 Went fishing.
 Sat 14 I was down to see the propeller in the lake. (Unusual - river boats at that time were side wheelers).
 Sun 15 Nothing of importance.

Mon 16 I heard General Logan make a speech to the 7th Missouri
 Infantry.
 Tue 17 Got orders to march at 8 a.m.
 Wed 18 Loaded aboard a boat for Berry's Landing 3 miles above here.
 Thu 19 Arranged camp today.
 Fri 20 Wrote a letter today.
 Sat 21 Nothing of importance.
 Sun 22 This is my birthday (He was 25 years old). I had a good
 dinner. We got order to march on steamer Laton. Started
 at dark down the river (Mississippi).
 Mon 23 We started at 3 o'clock for Eagle Bend 15 miles above
 Vicksburg.
 Tue 24 A terrible wind and rain storm turned the boat around on
 the land.
 Wed 25 Start up river to Berrys Landing at 8. In camp at night.
 Thu 26 Arranged camp today. Got a letter from Joe Demby.
 Fri 27 Wrote a letter to Joe and we washed up the guns and
 caissons.
 Sat 28 Went scouting today.
 Sun 29 Went scouting the lake Washington. A storm broke loose
 the boat. I have a chill.
 Mon 30 Stayed all night at Mrs. Elizabeth's last night. Took
 boat ride down river to camp.
 Tue 31 Still in camp at Berry's Landing. All in good health.

APRIL 1863

Wed 1 Berry's Landing, La. Weather good. Nothing of importance.
 Thu 2 We have been putting guns in battery and leveling down
 the ground. Weather good.
 Fri 3 Still at Berry's Landing. Weather pleasant. All is well.
 Sat 4 Weather clear. Making out payrolls today. Uncle Sam about.
 Sun 5 Had a good dinner. Wrote Joe Demby today.
 Mon 6 Weather clear and pleasant. Steamers are on the river.
 We drew rations today.
 Tue 7 We were inspected today and signed the payrolls.
 Wed 8 Weather pleasant. Everything under excitement. General
 Thomas arrived. We had the honor of firing a salute of
 36 guns for his arrival. 12 guns were sent out firing.
 Commanded second load number 2 discharged and blew off
 George Herrand's arm.
 Thu 9 Start at noon for a scout. I went under a false name to
 get out through the pickets. Arrived at Mr. Gitches at
 night. One of the scouts very sick. The levee is very
 muddy. Can't travel at night.
 Fri 10 Arrived at Lake Washington. Rebels in sight. Arrived
 at Old Millers. Rebels fire gun. I had a shake at night.
 Sat 11 Stayed out on Lake Washington last night. Came to land
 to get a break. First negro raid on white citizens house.
 Arrived at Mr. Knox's. I have a chill. Very sick all night.
 Sun 12 We crossed the back waters of Lake Washington and came to
 Mrs. Lartiles. A courier to go to Berry's Landing at
 night. Battery gone.

Mon 13 Everything under excitement. Fight between Capt. Whitlock and an ox. Start down the river at 5 p.m. Landed at Lake Providence until dark. Run all night. I stayed in the state room and went to sleep with Capt. DeGolyer.

Tue 14 We arrived at Miliken's Bend early this morning. Find the boys all well. We arranged camp. Capt. seeing about pay.

Wed 15 We went to the steamer Superior and got our pay.

Thu 16 Walked up and down the levee.

Fri 17 We went out to drill today.

Sat 18 We went out on inspection and we gets first overall.

Sun 19 I wrote to Joe Demby today.

Mon 20 Heavy firing at Vicksburg. I and Woodruff volunteered to run the Blockade. I wrote to Mr. Demby.

Tue 21 I and Woodruff went to the steamer Vohn Phul to report. Being ready to run the blockade at 12. We had a fight with the 7th Missouri infantry. We licked them.

Wed 22 Gen. Yates inspected us today. We had an election and elected Sargt. Kenney and Garner.

Thu 23 I was promoted to sargency today.

Fri 24 We went out on a review and was inspected by Gen. Logan and fired a salute. Have marching orders for tomorrow at 8.

Sat 25 We struck tents and left our tents and sick and marched 8 miles. Camped at Richmond at night.

Sun 26 Packed up and moved. Marched 8 miles and camped in a farm yard. Its raining and both men and horses are sheltered.

Mon 27 Marched at daylight. Rain. Worst road I have ever seen. Wagons, artillery, all stuck in the mud. I did not get my gun into camp. Fell in the mud head first.

Tue 28 Slept on boards last night. Up early to get our guns out of the mud. Continued the march arriving at Carson's Landing on the Mississippi at 11 p.m. Went down to the river after foraging. Got orders to march on at 1 a.m. Got new horses tonight. No sleep - all but exhausted.

Wed 29 We started down the river at 1 a.m. Traveled all day.

Arrived at the river opposite Grand Gulf. In a farm I lay down to sleep. Boom goes the big guns. Fight between gun boats and battery at Grand Gulf. Transports run the blockade and gun boats. (Grand Gulf is approximately 25 miles down river from Vicksburg).

Thu 30 We were up at 4 a.m. and left off our equipment for actions and went to battery command. We loaded on boats at 10 p.m. I went to sleep.

To be continued in May 1993 issue.

Note: All notations enclosed by parenthesis and all "Notes" are explanatory comments of H. Don Porterfield who transcribed the diary. He writes "You will notice that I have added Notes. The idea was to tie the diary to other major events that were occurring in the war at the same time."



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD
APPEARS ON PAGE 257 OF THIS ISSUE.

OTHER ARTICLES: WHO WAS DAVID PORTERFIELD; UPDATE on the JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD FAMILY; CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

EXTRAORDINARY ADDITION TO PORTERFIELD LINES AN ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF NAMES

Without the encouragement and support of Paul Porterfield of Boerne, Texas Porterfield Lines might never have been published.

Now, he and his wife, Grace, have added a new dimension to the usefulness of this publication as a research source. They have prepared an ALPHABETICAL INDEX of all names appearing in it.

The index will list each name by surname and given name, in some instances with dates of birth and death. Names of married women will be listed twice; once by married last name and again by maiden last name.

With the index subscribers can easily find all articles in which an antecedant is listed. There will be no need to look through each issue to find references to an individual or family. The index should also be helpful to those just beginning family research.

Though efforts have been made to present Porterfield lineages in an organized way, they often have appeared in a sporadic order. This has been necessary because of the nature of this publication which attempts, humbly, to present records adding to or correcting prior genealogical research of Porterfields. Research is often as current as the newsletter date.

All Porterfield descendants interested in genealogy will benefit from this generous gift of Grace and Paul Porterfield, the gift of their time, patience, computer expertise, and attention to details and accuracy. It has taken all of these to prepare the alphabetical index.

It will be necessary to publish the index as a supplement to Porterfield Lines. Each year of publication has been indexed separately. Available soon: The Alphabetical Index for Volume I, Number 1-6, 16 pages, and The Alphabetical Index for Volume II, Number 1-6, 11 pages.

Look for the announcement of publication date and cost of the supplement in the next issue of Porterfield Lines.

FMW

CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Mary Ann Cravens-Hegelson writes:

2/19/93

Dear Frances,

I am sending you a list of some of the Confederate soldiers that I have found to date. Some were listed in The Porterfields. Paul (Porterfield) mailed me some information and I found some on my own during my research. I have really done a lot of work for the past two years trying to get into the United Daughters of Confederacy...I think I finally have enough information to get in. I just hate to see our battlefields made into shopping centers and that is one of the projects the UDC works to prevent. They also put up memorials at battlefields, etc.

I will probably be going to Arkansas sometime in June or July to see my mother. Mother and I usually take a trip up to Oxford to visit her daddy's grave (John Nelson) and grandfather (Jemmie T.). Her Aunt Viney is also buried there along with other relatives.

The census records printed in Porterfield Lines helped me complete the documentation for UDC. I also enjoyed the letter that Larry Neal Porterfield wrote in the March, 1991 newsletter. Our family also used to visit John Horton and Annie Horton-Porterfield. We also visited Uncle Bud and Myrtle Porterfield in Trumann. I remember my mother talking about Aunt Annie's daughter, Bernice a lot. It was a close family when everyone was younger. The Porterfield Lines also reminded me that there are still a lot of Porterfield's and family out there. I really didn't realize that until I started this research.

Paul also mentioned that we have some Porterfield's who are members of the American Revolution and I am interested in that too. Thanks a lot for your letter.

Love,
Mary Ann

CONFEDERATE WAR VETERANS

SAMUEL THURLOW PORTERFIELD - Pvt. H Company, 4th MID Infantry.
05 November 1864 to August 1865. Henderson Crossroads P.O.
01 Feb, 1839-21 Jan, 1900. Jervis Miles Porterfield's son.

ROBERT JAMES PORTERFIELD - CSA-Company E, 14th Regiment of Virginia,
Cavalry. (15 April 1846-26 Nov 1885) Sole heir of John (1792-1851).

FRANK MARION PORTERFIELD - Joined CSA at age 18 and was captured at
Chicamauga and sent to Camp Douglas; was not exchanged; returned
home at the close of the war.

JOHN ALEXANDER PORTERFIELD - (1840-1914) Father: Charles Lockhart
Porterfield. (See Porterfield Lines May 1992, p. 143)

FRANCIS F. PORTERFIELD - (1837-1861) CSA soldier deceased at White
Sulfur Springs, VA. Parents: Calvin and Ursula (Graham Porterfield)

WILLIAM CLAUDE PORTERFIELD - (1830-1904) CSA; Went out with Co. B.
9th Mississippi Infantry. Became a member of Company H, 44th which
in 1865 was reorganized as the 9th. Paroled at Greensboro, May 1,
1865. Parents: John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield

JOHN DUFF PORTERFIELD - (1803-1879) Served as Captain of the
Tennessee National Guards and later recruited men for the CSA at
Holly Springs. Son of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield.

LEONIDAS FRANKLIN PORTERFIELD - (1841-1862) CSA Company F,
9 Kentucky MID Infantry. Enlisted Jan. 1, 1862. Died of disease,
Bolivar, TN May 29, 1862. (Military Records) Parents: William Calvin
and Ursula (Graham) Porterfield.

***WILLIAM CLAUDE PORTERFIELD** - (1830-1904) Company B, 9th Mississippi
Infantry. Enlisted March 27, 1861 Holly Springs. Discharged on dis-
ability 9 Nov 1861. (Military record) Parents: See above

DAVID HALL PORTERFIELD - (3 Sept 1838) CSA Was killed at Fort
Donelson TN No further military information. Parents: Charles and
Mariah "Buckley" Porterfield of Rutherford Co and Cannon Co TN.

MATTHEW ALEXANDER PORTERFIELD - (1816-1890) CSA (See Porterfield
Lines, p 144,151) Parents: Charles and Jane "Duff" Porterfield.

RUFUS LEONIDAS PORTERFIELD - (07/20/1843) CSA No other information.

TOMMIE PORTERFIELD - 10/13/61(Date of death?) No other information.

WILLIAM ALFRED PORTERFIELD - (1844-1869) CSA A physician; began
practice; died suddenly. m. Elizabeth Amelia Tacker. Home: Savannah, TN

JOSEPH RUFUS PORTERFIELD - (12/15/1836) Tulip Rifles, Pvt under Alexander.s Co of Arkansas Inf. Later in Co F 26 Arkansas Inf. Pvt (Military record) Parents: Samuel Campbell and Asenith (Fite) Porterfie

JOHN PORTERFIELD - (1819-1874) m. 1845, Mary Eliza Shephard. Took considerable part on the side of the South with Secretary Benjamin of the Confederate State Department. Buried Mt. Olivet Cem. Nashville. Source: Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

****MILES ROOFUS (Rufus?) PORTERFIELD** - Pvt H Company, 4th Tennessee Infantry, 12/1/1863-08/25/1864. Statesville P.O. Father: Jervis Miles Porterfield.

****JAMES MATTHIAS PORTERFIELD** - (1839-1888) Pvt Company G, 1st Regiment Tennessee Infantry 1861. Discharged in December. Re-enlisted in 1862 Company A 21st Regiment Mississippi Infantry. Was 5'10" tall, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair. A preacher and a farmer in his early life. Studied law at Lebanon; was elected attorney general of his state. Brother of Francis F. Porterfield.

*Duplicate

****I'm hesitant in stating the above men were CSA soldiers. I found out early in my research that records don't always appear what they seem. For example, the 4th Tennessee Infantry, Company B may be Confederate and a 4th Company H is Union.**

Mary Ann Cravens-Hegelson

Confederate Organizations

Organizations other than the United Daughters of the Confederacy interested in C.S.A. Veterans and Civil War battlefields are The Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Civil War Round Table Associates.

The Civil War Round Table was organized by Jerry L. Russell, a Little Rock communications executive and historian, who publishes four historical newsletters each month. He is currently national chairman of the organization which studies Civil War history and works toward the preservation of Civil War historic sites.

He is a fifth generation Arkansan whose great-grandfather was a Civil War veteran.

FMW

ELIZABETH PORTERFIELD
1880 UPDATE
JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD FAMILY

Just a slip of paper in one of Evelyn Haynes folders but an important clue for John Milton Porterfield family research. The notation read: "1880 Fulton Co Ark. Benton Township #132 P'field, Eliz. 33 sister-in law Tenn. In Wm Ross h'hold"

Evelyn is researching Chapter V Porterfields, descendants of James Porterfield of Cumberland County, North Carolina. Elizabeth Porterfield is a Chapter VI descendant of John Porterfield of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, so finding Elizabeth was a lucky "happenstance."

From the 1880 Soundex:

Ross William			5	69
			14	12
W	M	33		Tennessee
	Fulton			Benton Township
Ross, Sophronia	W	37		Tenn
Ella	D	8		Ark
Amos	S	5		Ark
Harriett	D	2		Ark
Helton	S	1/4		Ark
(continuation)				
Porterfield Elizabeth	Si.L	33		Tenn

We should not be surprised that Elizabeth is living with her sister, Sophronia. It is pleasant to know that though she had not married and established her own household, she is living with family members.

We may surmise that John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield have passed away, for the 1870 census records placed Elizabeth, 22, in the home of her parents John Milton Porterfield 56 and Annis 60. They were living in Union Township Fulton Co Ar (P.O. Pilot Hill). According to that census, a decade earlier, W.M. Ross 24 and wife Sophronia 25 lived on one side of the parents with daughter Sarah 1; James T. and Susan (Reeves) Porterfield lived on the other side with five children: Cynthia 11, Stephen 8, Sarah 5, James H 4, and Malissa E 8/12. Their first child Milton B. b 28 Nov 1857 died in April of 1858.

The youngest son of John M. and Annis lived not too far away in the same township: J.M. Porterfield 21, Maroma?/Naomi 19, Lewis G 1/12. (For further background information refer to Porterfield Lines May 1991 p 40 and Sept 1991 p 79.)

Continuing to search for these family members in the 1880 census we learned some changes in address had occurred. William Martin and Sophronia (Porterfield) Ross and children and Elizabeth Porterfield still live in Fulton County but are residents of Benton Township (P.O. Pilot Knob).

John M., Jr and James T. are, in 1880, living in IZARD County AR. John M. 31 and wife Naoma (Maroma of 1870?) with children Louis 10 and a baby daughter Nancy only 23/31 days old are in Guthrie Township IZARD County. In New Hope Township IZARD County, James 43 and Susan 45 and five children Sarah 15, James 13, John 9, Margaret 4 and Lydda 1 live next door to a young couple married only a year or so. They are John Porterfield 24 and wife Margaret 20 and daughter Olivia 1.

John is John Thomas Porterfield, James T.'s nephew, son of James T.'s older brother William Ross Porterfield who died in the Civil War. One wonders if John Thomas had been named for his uncle and if the T. in James T. is Thomas. Perhaps they had developed a father-son relationship.

The time spent in research of this census leads to anticipation of other discoveries and rediscoveries. We are anxious to find Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield and her son Will Porterfield who would be 20 and perhaps married by 1880. Daughter Amy/Emma died before reaching adulthood according to family tradition. She was 12 in 1870, living with her mother Milly Ann 35, her grandmother Mary Powers 70 and her two brothers John 14 and William 10 in Ashley Township, Independence CO AR, P.O. Batesville (1870 census).

The loss of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield is a sad note. These pioneers braved the journey from Tennessee to north central Arkansas in the mid-1850's, settled in the White River environs. Their children married neighbors and their future must have seemed promising. The eruption of the long smoldering coals of conflict over slavery and secession darkened their lives and forced them to make a difficult choice. The men folk joined the Union Army (the Powers brothers in Pope County may have been an exception) and the families fled to Missouri, away from the harassment of those supporting the Confederate cause. Reread Paul Porterfield's account of the exodus in Porterfield Lines July 1991, 54-57.

After the war the Porterfields and their relatives and friends returned to their homes or nearby. Sons, William Ross and Robert W. died during the Civil War; James T.'s health was permanently impaired. The youngest son, John M. was too young to participate and so his life was spared.

The Powers and the Seatons, Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield's family, returned to Independence County; Milly Ann and her mother, Mary (James) Powers, joined them there.

It may be difficult to bridge the span of 20 years between the 1880 census and the 1900 census as we follow the lives of the North Central Porterfields. The 1890 census is not extant. But we will look for them in the 1900, 1910, and 1920 census Soundex and in other sources, attempting to find descendants, not only because of our personal interest, but also because the descendants of John Milton Porterfield are not recorded in The Porterfields by Frank Burke Porterfield.

FMW

1880 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping re-search notes)

Date of Search 7/23/91

Original Copy

Legibility of Record:
 Good Poor

Extract Copy

Microfilm Copy

Printed Copy

Search No. _____

Enclosure No. _____

Call No. _____

JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD DESCENDANTS

Notes:

New Hope Township John Porterfield and James Porterfield, nephew and uncle.
 Guthrie Township John Porterfield, youngest brother of James Porterfield

Place of Enumeration: Iazard County AR 1st day June 1880 Enumerator: Geo W Hooks

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Miscellaneous Information	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Enumeration Date	Remarks
NEW HOPE TOWNSHIP																					
43	363	363	Porterfield, John	WM	M	24			1					Farmer			Ark	Ten	N.C		
			Margaret	WF	F	20		Wife	1					Keeper House			Ky	Ten	Ky		
			Olivia	WF	F	1		Daughter									Ark	Ark	Ky		
GUTHRIE TOWNSHIP																					
43	364	364	Porterfield, James	WM	M	43			1					Farmer			Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Susan	WF	F	45		Wife	1					Keeper House			Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Sarah	WF	F	15		Daughter						At Home			Mo	Ten	Ten		
			James	WM	M	13		Son						Work Farm			Mo	Ten	Ten		
			John	WM	M	9		Son									Ark	Ten	Ten		
			Margaret	WF	F	4		Daughter									Ark	Ten	Ten		
			Lydda	WF	F	1		Daughter									Ark	Ten	Ten		
GUTHRIE TOWNSHIP																					
28	230	230	Porterfield, John	WM	M	31								Farmer			Tenn	Tenn	Tenn		
			Naomi	WF	F	30		Wife						Keeper House			Ark	S.C.	GA		
			Louis	WM	M	10		Son									Ark	Tenn	Ark		
			Nancy	WF	F	23	May	Daughter									Ark	Tenn	Ark		
						31															

WILLIAM ROSS PORTERFIELD

Previous records of military service for William Ross Porterfield indicated that he died in the St. Louis hospital. This Certificate For Undertaker received when military records were requested from National Archives has a different story to tell. William Ross died on board the Steamer Adriatic on his way to the hospital. Though the cause of death is listed as Diarrhea, it is likely that he died of typhoid fever as did Robert W. Porterfield, his younger brother.

U. S. MILITARY HOSPITALS.

CERTIFICATE FOR UNDERTAKER.

Name of Deceased. *William Porterfield*
Date of Death. *October 5th 1867*
Place of Death. *on board Steamer Adriatic*
Name of Company. *B.*
Name of Regiment. *1st Arkansas Infantry*
Age, (if known.)
Cause of Death. *Diarrhea*
Height of Deceased.

I certify that the above-named died of the cause above-named.

M. W. Robbins
Surgeon 4th Iowa Infantry
in charge of sick on board
Steamer Adriatic

WHO WAS DAVID PORTERFIELD?

Who was David Porterfield? Who were his parents and grandparents and where did they come from?

1. Was he a son of James Porterfield (1718-1777) of Cumberland County North Carolina, brother of James, John, Dennis, and Eleanor Porterfield?
2. Was he a son of John (b.1740-50, d. 1796) the second son of James (1718-1777), and a brother of John (1784-1857) who was the ancestor of the Butler County Alabama Porterfields? John (1784-1857) is the only grandson of James (1718-1777) bearing the name Porterfield whom Frank Burke Porterfield names in his book The Porterfields.
3. Was he a descendant of another lineage?

We will consider these from the standpoint of time, place, naming patterns, and the records available to us.

TIME

Was David Porterfield a contemporary of James, John, Dennis and Eleanor Porterfield? David, Sr. (we assign that title to him since he had a son named David) was born between 1751-1760 and died between 1830-1840 (Census records). He married in 1778 (Marriage records, Guilford Co, NC).

James Porterfield (1718-1777) was obviously of an earlier generation. It is difficult to establish the birth dates of his children. Records are extant for the date of death of James who died in 1795, John who died in 1796, and Dennis who was killed at Eutaw Springs in 1981. The sons of Eleanor (Porterfield) Owens were born in 1784 and 1787. This probably places her birth date around 1760. It is likely that David Porterfield, Sr. was a contemporary of the known children of James (1718-1777): James, John, Dennis, and Eleanor.

David's children, born between 1778 and 1790, were probably contemporaries of John Porterfield (1784-1857) son of John Porterfield (b.1740-50, d. 1796), whom Frank Burke Porterfield describes as the founder of the Butler Co. Alabama Porterfields. The record of the residence of John and his children can be followed in Butler and Lowndes County Alabama census schedules.

Our conclusion is that David Porterfield, Sr. was a contemporary of James, John, Dennis Porterfield and their sister, Eleanor (Porterfield) Owens. However, we must inquire whether there are any genealogical records connecting the Cumberland County North Carolina Porterfields to David Porterfield, Sr.

RECORDS

Was David Porterfield, Sr. an heir to the vast bounty lands awarded to heirs of Dennis Porterfield. He is not named in

any of the documents or records examined. Surely, if he were a brother or nephew, he would have been named in one of the original sources which named James and John Porterfield and James and John Owen, sons of Eleanor (Porterfield) and Col. Thomas Owen, as heirs.

Roster of North Carolina Soldiers in the American Revolution:

"Porterfield, Dennis, Ensn. 6th N.C. Apr. 16, 1776; Lt. Apr. 2, 1777; transf'd. to 1st N.C. June 1; Capt. Feb 1, 1779; killed Sept. 8, 1781, at Eutaw Springs." (p. 44)

Military Land Warrants, Continental Line (Part I). A list of Warrants for lands granted the officers and soldiers in the Continental Line out of the Secretary's Office. (p. 235 of Roster of North Carolina Soldiers in the American Revolution)

99. Granted to James Porterfield, Heir to Demsey Porterfield, Capt.

No. acres: 3840 Service in months: 84

Location and to whom deeded and date of warrant. Within the limits of the lands allotted the officers and soldiers of the Continental Line, by Law, 1783, Oct. 14; John Porterfield.

(Note this additional information: FBP quotes the Society of the Cincinnati, listing as representing Dennis Porterfield the names James Porterfield, brother, admitted 1784 and James Richard Porterfield, grandnephew, admitted 1906, born 1852 in Clopton, Alabama, died 1927 in Greenville, Alabama. Also from the Society of Cincinnati comes additional records of James Porterfield, stating that he died in 1795, unmarried, and that his estate was inherited by his brother John and his sister Eleanor, who was married to Thomas Owen of Bladen.)

James and John Owen were named as heirs in the will of John Porterfield probated July 1796 in Cumberland County, NC. They claimed 300 acres of bounty land due Dennis Porterfield on May 9, 1839 as his "only heirs at Law."

If David, Sr. were a brother to Dennis he and his sons should have shared in the inheritance.

Naming Patterns

Naming patterns and the repetition of names in succeeding generations can be important in identifying lineage. David and Christopher are distinctive names used in several generations of David Porterfield descendants, but never used by the James, John, Dennis, Eleanor line. The names James and John were used to a limited extent in the David-Christopher line.

The Butler Co. Alabama and the Georgia Porterfields have one name in common: Willis Porterfield (1815-1870), Butler County Alabama, son of John Porterfield (1784-1857); Willis Porterfield (b. ca 1810?), Madison County Georgia, son of James Porterfield (ca 1782-ca 1862). (continued on p. 263)

CIVIL WAR DIARY OF
USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD

Section Three

FROM GRAND GULF TO THE BIG BLACK RIVER AND JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Note: Jim's brother, John Duff, had been assigned to the 17th Cavalry which was attached to General John Adam's command in Jackson, Mississippi. The 14th infantry and the 17th cavalry were the only remaining CSA forces in the Jackson area by May 3, 1863.

MAY 1863

- Fri 1 I woke up early to find myself landed on the Mississippi side of the river. We unloaded early and marched east to Baldwin Hill where the battle was being fought. We were placed in the centre flanked by the 7th Mo. and 8 Ill. We silenced one Reb battery. One man, Rowly, wounded. Gave Reb's double charge of canister. Fought my neighbors. Heard their groans.
- Sat 2 We arose at 3 a.m. and made off to the left where we found the Reb's fortified on the north side of Big Boy. Shelled them out. We were supported by the 7th Mo. and the 2nd Ill. We crossed the bay at Port Gibson and marched 5 miles. Camped at Little Bayou Pierre at 11 o'clock. No rations.
- Sun 3 Was up early this morning. Reb's firing on camp. We fell in line of battle and advanced driving Rebs into retreat. Pursued the Reb's Shelled the rear at Big Black River before they could destroy the bridge. At night killed one man, wounded one. Driven back by artillery. Camped at Big Black River for the night.
- Mon 4 Skirmishing all night between the pickets at the bridge. At 8 o'clock they opened a battery on us without damage. We silenced the battery. Our gunners are laying out best work here on Big Black River. Weather clear.

Note: Another battle, the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia started on May 1 (May 1 through May 4, 1863). Confederate forces were victorious but Stonewall Jackson was killed.

- Tue 5 Still on the Big Black River. I wrote to Demby and Harford today.
- Wed 6 Still in camp on Big Black. Quiet tonight. Fortifications still being erected. We are without rations. Weather clear and pleasant.
- Thu 7 Orders to march at 10 a.m. 5 miles to Rocky Springs. Camped for the night. Grand charge on a molasses house and chickens and cattle.
- Fri 8 Rocky Springs. Vanhouton got shot last night. Filling up ammunition to move.

- Sat 9 Orders to March at 10 towards Jackson. We marched through Utica just at night and camped on small stream 5 miles north of Utica. 11 p.m.
- Sun 10 Left our camp at 1 p.m. Marched 10 miles. Camped on a farm. I went out to capture some salt. The weather very warm. Roads dusty. No Rebs in site yet.
- Mon 11 Camp at Vicksburg crossroads. I was taken by a very severe pain in my head last night. I was carried in the ambulance to camp. We left last night early and came here at noon. Drove in Rebel pickets in line of battle all the way. I am very sick and vomiting tonight. Going to bed.
- Tue 12 In camp at Raymond. I was sick and rode in an ambulance. We left camp early and soon came up with the Rebels 2 miles south of Raymond. Ten thousand strong. The fight was terrific. At about 4 o'clock we drove them back in great confusion with heavy losses on their side. We had 52 killed and 786 wounded. Attempts were made to exchange prisoners of war but was reversed. The citizens spit in our mens face.
- Wed 13 Camped at Clinton on the railroad. This morning the Army tried to see how much they could plunder Raymond. From there we marched at 10 a.m. Weather very warm and dusty. At noon came a rain storm. Camped at dark.
- Thu 14 Up at daylight. Marched towards Jackson. Rained all day. When in 4 miles of Jackson Gen. Bundy being in the advance was attacked by the Rebels and drove them through the city. Gen. Sherman on the right. The Reb's crossed the Pearl River and burned the bridge. We are now camped in suburbs of the city in Bishop Greens. Splendidly furnished mansion. A total reck but a few hours before was in fashion of Queen.
- Fri 15 8 miles west of Clinton. We left Jackson early this morning after we plundered the town and destroyed everything. We marched on at our leisure. Weather clear.
- Sat 16 Camped at Bakers creek. Left camp early and when marched 3 miles was ordered to double quick to battlefield. Gen's Ousthans on left Hovey and Crooker in center and Logan on right. Bursby in reserve. We went in position and opened the ball. We saved the Chicago Battery. The 4 Ill. and 32 Ohio captured the 1 Miss. Battery. We took our position without 3 guns. Hot place. One man killed one wounded. The Reb's fled in every direction. Fought my neighbors. The Reb's exclaimed there goes Porterfield. (One of the neighbors was probably his brother, John Duff).
- Sun 17 Camp at Big Black River. We went over the battle field early this afternoon to bury our battery boys and get some ammunition. We came on this place where our boys had licked the Reb's. 2000 prisoners, 7 pieces of artillery taken. My neighbor among the Reb's.
- Mon 18 Camp a mile east of Vicksburg. Went out to get some corn and came back and had to cross the rise at noon. Sherman crossed above. Reb's gave up on road. Camped at night. Weather clear.

Tue 19 Camp near Vicksburg. Without rations. I went back 8 miles this morning to get rations. Came up with the Battery under fire. We opened on the rebs. The line now effectively closed. The siege now begins. In battery at long distance. Camp behind a hill. Weather clear.

SIEGE OF VICKSBURG

Tue 19 Our line was formed as follows: Gen Sherman's Corps on the right, resting on the Mississippi River. Gen McPherson in the center. Gen. McClenard on the left resting on the Mississippi River. We opened at a distance of 1-1/2 miles. Advance half mile. Second advance 2 guns within 80 rods of fort hill.

Wed 20 We were up early and in battery at our last advance of yesterday. The Reb's shell us. One horse killed. We moved our camp up. Fired all day. Dismantled guns.

Thu 21 We opened fire early this morning on the Reb's without their reply. Dismantled their guns. We advanced within 20 rods of fort hill. Threw up best works. Broke my gun. One man wounded. Returned for camp at night. The men are beat. Still shell the Reb's.

Fri 22 We opened early this morning. Attempt to storm the Reb's. 81 Ohio and 7 Mo. suffered severely. Heavy losses. Rupulsed at all points. Artillery fire kept up all day. Weather clear.

Sat 23 But little firing on us east of the Reb's today. It is showery today. Apprehention about Reb's cutting through our lines. All is well.

Sun 24 We left camp early this morning and advanced within 20 rods of the fort and shell them all day and returned to our old position. Richmond wounded. All is well.

Mon 25 We have not fired any today. Gave the boys a rest. All firing ceased at noon. The Reb's appeared with a flag of truce to burry their dead. They are out talking with our boys. Weather clear tonight.

Tue 26 We have not fired any today. The sharp shooters are wounding our horses. Things otherwise are quiet. Weather clear.

Wed 27 We still lay on the line to rest up. We did no firing today. Wrote a letter to Harford and Demby today. Weather clear.

Thu 28 I went to the river for forage today. Our captain wounded severely and I fear mortally. Shocking affair. Poor man. I am sorry for him. I love him. Weather is clear.

Fri 29 We opened early this morning on the works and again late this afternoon. Captain DeGolyer goes to the river today to embark for home accompanied by Lt. Lockwood. Weather clear. Tonight the mortar boats are shelling the town. Sharp shooters still advance on the fort. All is well.

Sat 30 We fired some half hour today. Occasionally a reply from the fort. Weather cloudy but pleasant. Pickets keep up a constant fire.

Sun 31 I went to the river today for forage. The boys were up at 3 o'clock. Fired some 20 rounds and ceased. The same this after noon. Another one of the boys wounded in the mouth. Making preparations to mine the fort. Weather pleasant.

JUNE 1863

Mon 1 Considerable firing today. Sharp shooters keeping it up. The weather is clear and pleasant. Mortar boats still shelling the town.

Tue 2 I went to the river today. Received a letter from Joe Demby. Considerable firing going on along the lines. Weather warm.

Wed 3 The Reb's opened fire on us today but with little success. The infantry is in line of battle.

Thu 4 No artillery today. I went to draw ammunition. Weather warm.

Fri 5 But little firing today. The Engineer Corps at work building a fort. Weather warm.

Sat 6 But little firing today. Cleaning siege guns. Weather warm.

Sun 7 Boys go to creek and wash and dress. Short rations. With us all in good spirits. Weather warm.

Mon 8 I went with the baker to the Yazoo today. Something nice to drink and eat. I had a little chill as we returned. Weather warm.

Tue 9 Some little artillery. Weather warm.

Wed 10 It has been raining today without ceasing.

Thu 11 Everything is quiet except for the bursting of mortar shells. All is well tonight.

Fri 12 The Reb's opened on us today with a mortar without any damage. Weather clear.

Sat 13 The Reb's still shelling us. We have returned the compliments. Everything quiet tonight.

Sun 14 I was at the river today. The team runs away and turns the wagon over. Spills the oats. All right now. Weather very warm.

Mon 15 The Reb;s shell us today without doing any damage. All is quiet tonight. I wrote a letter to Demby today. Weather warm.

Tue 16 Was awoken this morning by the explosion of a Reb shell over my tent. Shells were put in very close to Gen. Logan's Headquarters tonight without doing any damage. Weather pleasant. All quiet.

Wed 17 The Reb's occasionally send over a messenger. The Stars fell this afternoon at Logan's Headquarters. Weather pleasant.

Thu 18 Still they send their messengers and Uncle Samson went rapidly to see what is the trouble. Weather clear.

Fri 19 I went to the river for the baker today without any success. The Reb;s still shelling us likewise the mortar boats them.

Sat 20 Up at 4 o'clock and commenced firing at 5 a.m. Kept it up until 10 a.m. Sharpshooting continues. Weather warm.

Sun 21 Considerable firing all along the line. The Engineering Corps is within a few feet of the fort. Reb's throwing hand grenades.

- Mon 22 I went to the river and got a load of groceries for the baker. Considerable firing along the line. Weather very warm. Reb's shooting at our observatory and into our camp. The boys cheer. The Reb's shell.
- Tue 23 Some firing on both sides. Raining tonight.
- Wed 24 The Reb's continue to shell. They made an attempt to spike the siege guns to our left and was repulsed with heavy loss to them.
- Thu 25 Gen. Logan's Engineer Corps blew up the fort hill today. Heavy fighting. Throwing hand grenades by both sides. Pull the Reb's guns away from them.
- Fri 26 Advance of two of our guns to shell the Reb's. Throwing hand grenades. Mortar boats shelling the town. Undermined the fort. Advanced on fort pickets. Within 20 yards of each other. Weather pleasant.
- Sat 27 Our men invent wooden mortar to shell the Reb's over the parapet. Both sides shelling. Weather pleasant.
- Sun 28 Inserting the powder to blow up the fort. I shot at a Reb picket with my gun. Killed him. Wounded 5 others. Reb deserters. Mortar boats shelling. Weather pleasant.
- Mon 29 Some firing on both sides last night. The Reb's rolled over a mortar shell into our ditch. It exploded. No damage. Weather warm.
- Tue 30 I taken a view of the city from our observatory today. Reb's shooting at us. Hand grenades and shelling going on all day. Weather very pleasant.

JULY 1863

- Wed 1 Considerable firing on both sides before noon and about 11 p.m. The second explosion taken place Reb's and 3 negroes blew to us (i.e. landed near their position). A great many blew up. Heavy cannoning afterwards. I have orders to stay by my gun. The Reb's expected to cut out. Weather warm.

Note: Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania started n this date July 1 through July 3, 1863). This was a northern victory and subsequently, along with the Fall of Vicksburg, proved to be the turning point in the war.

- Thu 2 The Reb's have been quite active in throwing over shells today. Little or no damage. Weather very warm.
- Fri 3 There was considerable shelling this forenoon. At noon a flag of truce appeared. Intermission for a few minutes. Flag returns. Firing commenced and continued for a half hour. Flag appears again. All firing stopped for purpose of arranging terms of surrender. All is quiet tonight. Not a gun to be heard. How calm after a storm. Weather clear.

To be continued

Omission from Jim's Diary

While typing Section Two of Jim's Diary, printed in the March 1993 issue of Porterfield Lines, I realized a portion of the diary was missing, i.e. the entries for Monday, January 20, 1863 through Saturday, January 31, 1863.

A letter to H. Don Porterfield inquiring about the passage in question, brought this reply:

3-22-93

Dear Frances,

You were right. For some reason during the conversion from Apple to Mcintosh data files the dates you identified dropped out. I went back to the original and picked up the missing information. If you find any other errors, please let me know.

Don Porterfield

On Saturday, Jan. 17, 1863, Union troops had just been ordered to march into Memphis. Jim Porterfield wrote in his diary on Sunday, January 18, 1863 that he was "to sick to march and was hauled to Collierville and was left to go on a car. The Battery camped at Germantown (Tenn)." He continues, "I got a car after dark 25 miles from Memphis and got to Memphis at 11 p.m. Lay under a shed with other sick soldiers. Very cold." The omitted passage follows:

MEMPHIS

Mon 19	I got up early and started around town to see the Battery. The Battery came in at night and camped on the railroad east of town. I went to it at night.
Tue 20	We arranged camp today.
Wed 21	Went to town today to see the boys.
Thu 22	I wrote to Joe Demby today.
Fri 23	Rain today.
Sat 24	I went to the city today and saw Marion Boyd and Bloomgreen.
Sun 25	Nothing of importance.
Mon 26	Washed gun and caison.
Tue 27	Had a chill and fever today.
Wed 28	Went to the doctor to get some medicine.
Thu 29	I sold my watch and went to the market to get some vegetables.
Fri 30	Nothing of importance.
Sat 31	Nothing of importance only I missed my chill.

Whereabouts

Only one North Carolina record has been found for David Porterfield, Sr. David married Sarah Nunn in Guilford County North Carolina Dec. 3, 1778. Their two oldest sons, Christopher and David were born in North Carolina according to 1850 and 1860 Madison County Georgia census records. All other known records are from Georgia.

There are many references to James Porterfield and his descendants in North Carolina. They are associated with Cumberland, Bladen, and Moore Counties.

Guilford County is in north central North Carolina. Cumberland, Bladen, and Moore Counties are in southeastern North Carolina.

Census records for a line of Porterfields appear in Orange County census schedules from 1810-1860, and perhaps later census records. This family is one we will want to explore to determine whether they are related to James Porterfield or to David Porterfield, Sr.

There seems to be no direct link. Unless a record binding the two lines, the children of James Porterfield (1718-1777), James, John, Dennis, and Eleanor to David Porterfield, Sr. is found, we must speculate that the two lines are only distantly related.

In the next issue we will conduct a search for all David Porterfields who settled in the Atlantic states during the early years of our country's history. We welcome the assistance of readers of Porterfield Lines.

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EDDY REUNION WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR:

The 4th of July Porterfield Reunion usually hosted by Buddy and La Verne Porterfield at their home near Eddy Texas will not be held this year. However, the annual event will be held as usual in 1994.

Buddy and LaVerne celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with family and friends earlier this year. We wish them much continued happiness.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

Continuing The Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James H. Porterfield; "Who Was David Porterfield?". Arkansas Porterfields and Tennessee Porterfields.



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys, will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

**THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD
ON PAGES 274 TO 279 IN THIS ISSUE OF PORTERFIELD LINES**

PORTERFIELDS NAMED DAVID

The phrase "distantly related" used to describe the relationship of David Porterfield, Sr. of North Carolina and Georgia to James Porterfield (1718-1777) of Pennsylvania and Cumberland County North Carolina does not preclude the possibility that David was a descendant of another son of John Porterfield (1675-1739) immigrant from Ireland. Therefore, it is wise not only to research early records but also to scrutinize other Porterfield lines.

EARLY RECORDS

In the search among early records for Porterfields named David, Filby's compilations of Passenger and Immigration Lists were consulted. Listings found there led us to:

First Edition Vol 3, O-Z

Porterfield, David n.a.; America, 1685 9840 p486

1982-85 Cumulation

Porterfield, David n.a.; Virginia 1700 6223 p38

Porterfield, David n.a.; New Jersey 1685 714 p 248

In these lists the name of the immigrant appears first followed by age, place, date, reference volume, page number. The initials n.a. mean no age given. References were:

9840 Wodrow: Lists of Scotch Prisoners deported to New Jersey 1685

6223 Nugent: Cavaliers and Pioneers. Vol. 1

714 Boyer: Ship Passenger Lists: New York and New Jersey

Winnie Garrett, descendant of David Porterfield, Sr., obtained the reference to David Porterfield from Cavaliers and Pioneers, Vol. 1.

"Patent Book #9. Francis Milner & Thomas Marlbor, 33 acs. Up. Par. of Nansemond Co. 7 Nov 1700. pg. 280. Beg. by a gr. Roade & on NW side of a white marsh; adj. Milner's land; Wm. Keene; John Simmons: Joseph Achelly (Ashelly?); & Richard Hines. Trans. of: David Porterfield. (Note: Nansemond County Virginia is in SE corner just west of Norfolk County at mouth of the James River and adjoins Gates County of North Carolina to the south."

A notation on the record sent by Mrs. Garrett to Evelyn Haynes read: "This shows David must have arrived around 1700. No other Porterfields were found on these records, so it would appear that he may have been the ancestor of those found later."

From An Index to the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster Pennsylvania, 1729-1850 prepared by Elinore Jane Fulton and Barbara Kendig Mylin:

David Porterfield 1768 Bk, page, and number not given.

Frank Burke Porterfield in his work The Porterfields wrote that David Porterfield who died in Lancaster County in 1768 was the son of Robert Porterfield (1716-1785). He described David Porterfield as having no family but possessing property. See Chapter VIII "Dauphin County Porterfields." (Dauphin County was created from Lancaster County in 1785.)

BACKGROUND FOR RESEARCH DAVID PORTERFIELD LINEAGE

MARRIAGE

A marriage bond is the only evidence found to date establishing David Porterfield, Sr.'s residence in North Carolina. The surety reads in part:

"Know all men . . . that we, David Porterfield and James Coot of Guilford County of State of North Carolina are held firmly boundment (?) his Excellency Richard Caswell, Esq., Gov . . . in the full sum of Five Hundred pounds Current Money which payment will surety (?) to be made we bind ourselves. . . firmly by these presents sealed with our seals of Date this 3rd Day of Dec. 1778 . . . whereas the above _ David Porterfield hath made application for a license for a marriage to be celebrated between him and Sarah Nunn of said County . . . there is no lawful cause to obstruct (?) the said marriage (that other?) the above obligation . . .

Sealed and Delivered
in presence of
Tho Henderson

Signatures and Seals
David Porterfield
James Coot

REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE

No record of military service for a David Porterfield has been found in so far as our knowledge of the matter extends. His name does not appear in the DAR compilation Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina in the American Revolution though the names of Dennis, James and John, sons of James Porterfield (1718-1777) are listed.

North Carolina was a hotbed of rebellion against British authority and conflict between the Tories and the Patriots before the war began. The Carolinians attempted self-government as early as 1774. May 20, 1775 a Mecklinburg Declaration of Independence was written then amended on May 31 for a more moderate statement, The Mecklinbug Resolves. North Carolina was the first colony to vote for independence from the British. A state constitution was adopted Dec. 18, 1776 and Richard Caswell was elected governor. North Carolina's militia were victorious over government troops as early as Feb. 27, 1776 at Moore's Creek Bridge. In 1780-81 Cornwallis led three armies into North Carolina. Rebel forces defeated the British decisively at Kings Mountain, October 1780. Cornwallis won the battle at Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781. His losses there weakened his forces, however, and this led to his surrender at Yorktown.

The state ratified the new federal constitution Nov. 21, 1789, waiting until after the first ten amendments, the "bill of rights," had been introduced in Congress.

It seems strange under these circumstances that David, Sr. is not listed as a Revolutionary soldier. Perhaps his record of service has been overlooked.

AIDS TO RESEARCH GUILFORD AND ORANGE COUNTIES NORTH CAROLINA

Studying the history and geography of an area makes the search for antecedants more interesting; it can also provide ideas for further searches. For this reason the historical and geographical setting is printed alongside genealogical records in Porterfield Lines.

Examining today's map of North Carolina one observes that it is quite different from the map of 1800 which is found in the Index to the 1810 census of North Carolina compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. Earlier maps would show additional changes in county names and boundaries. And state lines were not clearly defined in the early years of colonization.

In 1584 Queen Elizabeth I of England granted rights of colonizaion in America to Sir Walter Raleigh. The first expedition to the region explored Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds in the northeast corner of what became the state of North Carolina. A second expedition in 1585 brought colonists who settled on Roanoke Island just off the coast. Conflicts with Indians caused them to return to England the following year.

A second party of colonists led by John White, the appointed Governor, set out in 1587. Virginia Dare, White's granddaughter was the first child born of English parents in America. This colony became known as the "lost colony." Governor White sailed back to England to obtain supplies. When he returned to Roanoke Island after an absence of three years, he discovered that all the settlers including his daughter and granddaughter had vanished. Other colonization efforts failed until 1663 when Charles II, grandson of Elizabeth I, granted rights to eight "Lord Proprietors."

The region consisted of present day North and South Carolina and Tennessee. North Carolina and South Carolina were divided in 1700 and after the revolutionary war, in 1790, the state ceded its western portion (Tennessee) to the Federal government. Adjustments to the boundary with Georgia were settled in 1819.

According to Everton (Handybook for Genealogists) the earliest permanent settlement in North Carolina was made in 1653 by Virginians who migrated to Albemarle Sound.

The first church was built in 1701 at Edenton in the present day county of Chowan. The first known school opened in 1705 in Pasquotank County; Bath became the first incorporated town in North Carolina in the same year. All of these are located in the Albemarle and Pamlico Sound area near the mouths of the Pamlico and Ronoake Rivers.

Population growth was slow. By 1733 population total was only 14,000. According to Everton (Handybook for Genealogists) in the years before the revolution immigrants from the Scotch Highlands settled in the southeast section of the state and large groups of Scottish-Irish traveled the Shenandoah Valley route to settle in Virginia or continue on into North Carolina. Most of these settled in the western area. In a short period of time the population doubled. Add to that about 15,000 Germans settling in Forsyth and Guilford Counties and a colony of Quakers from Virginia, who settled in Rockingham, Guilford, and Chatham Counties.

Guilford County, the county which is the center of our search for David and Sarah (Nunn) Porterfield and their antecedants, was created from Orange and Rowan counties in 1770, eight years before their marriage.

Georgia records for David, Sr. appear on the Wilkes County, Georgia tax lists for 1787, 1790, and 1791. David, Jr. was born in Georgia in 1790. Our target dates in North Carolina would therefore be before 1790, probably before 1787.

It is important for us to know the changes in the county boundaries of north central North Carolina so that we may know where to look for additional records, following those which blaze a trail from the past to the present.

Every person interested in family history should have a copy of The Handy Book for Genealogists published by The Everton Publishers, Inc. The book has invaluable information about the counties of each state: Date created, U.S. Census reports available, parent county or territory from which county was organized and the county seat. In addition there are maps of each state with present county boundaries shown, short state histories, lists of printed sources, of archives, libraries, and societies, and a checklist of a Historical Records Survey for Genealogists.

The following information gleaned from this book and other sources should be helpful.

Orange County was created from Bladen, Granville, and Johnston Counties in 1752. Census records are available from 1800. It was a very large county with North Carolina on its northernmost boundary. Five counties were created from Orange County beginning with Guilford and Chatham in 1770. Several of the counties so formed were later divided to form more counties. From Guilford, for example, were created Randolph to the south in 1778 and Rockingham to the north in 1785.

The 1780 map of counties as drawn within present State boundaries shows that by 1800 Guilford and Orange were no longer border counties, but were separated from Virginia by Rockingham, Caswell and Person. Both were rather large, at least medium-sized compared to other counties. A look at the present day map shows that both have shrunk in size. Orange has been robbed of about two thirds of its 1780 area by the creation of Alamance County to the west in 1847, and Durham to the east in 1881.

The significance of this information to researchers of the David Porterfield, Sr. lineage are twofold. Records and references might be found in counties created from Guilford County and counties bordering Virginia and records might be found in Rowan and Orange Counties from which Guilford was created.

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PORTERFIELDS IN ORANGE COUNTY NC

Here we need help from our readers. We have not been able to find the Orange County North Carolina Porterfields among Frank Burke Porterfield's genealogical records of the Porterfields. This is surprising because they figure more prominently in North Carolina census schedules than the descendants of James (1718-1777) son of John (1675-1739).

Anyone scanning printed indexes of North Carolina census records would have found the chronological procession of Porterfields striking. It may be that four decades ago when The Porterfields was written few printed indexes were available.

The following references are verified by examination of microfilm of Orange County North Carolina census records:

Date	Name	Page	Township or District
1810	J. Poterfield	154	No township
1820	John Porterfield	404	No township
1830	John Porterfield	306	North District
1830	John Porterfield	342	Northern Division
1840	John Porterfield	210	
1840	John Porterfield (Listed twice)	164	
1850	John Porterfield	295	North West Division
1850	Andrew Porterfield	295	North West Division
1850	Jackson Porterfield	295&296	North West Division
1850	James Porterfield	265	First District
1850	David Porterfield	266	First District

It appears from these records that we have a two-pronged search before us. What is the lineage of the Orange County Porterfields and does the name David Porterfield in the 1850 census record for the family have any significance in our search for relatives of David Porterfield, Sr., founder of the Georgia-Arkansas Porterfield lineage?

1850 records of James Porterfield and David Porterfield of the First District listed these family members:

Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
1739	James Porterfield	44	M	Born in N.C.
	Attelia	22	F	Born in N.C.
1759	Alexander McCulloch	60	M	Born in N.C.
	Betsy McCulloch	50	F	Born in N.C.
	Emily "	19	F	Born in N.C.
	Polly "	30	F	Born in N.C.
	David Porterfield	13	M	Born in N.C.

Families in the North West Division were:

230	Andrew Porterfield	37	M	Born in N.C.
	Milley "	34	F	Born in N.C.
231	John Porterfield	50	M	Born in N.C.
	Mary	45	F	Born in N.C.
	Emily 23 F	John	15	M
	Susan 22 F	Rafe	13	M
	James 21 M	Andrew	12	M
	Harriet 18 F	All children born in N.C.		
235	Jackson Porterfield	35	M	Born in N.C.
	Malinda	45	F	Born in N.C.
	Jane	14	F	Born in N.C.
	Wm	13	M	Born in N.C.
	Wilson	10	M	Born in Ten
	Alex	3	M	Born in N.C.

An exciting discovery made in this census search is that John Porterfield, head of the Orange County Porterfields, was a pensioner from Revolutionary or other pre-Revolution military service. On the 1840 census his name appears as head of the family and as Jno. Porterfield, age 77, pensioner from that era. A request for his pension records will be sent to National Archives. Place of service was not given.

The 1820 census lists the following families in consecutive order: Wm. McCulloch, Wm. Faucett, and John Porterfield. The families continued to live near each other through 1830, 1840, and 1850 so it appears that they were related by marriage. The 1870 census reveals that many Porterfield families were still living in the Orange County area listed, in 1870, under the new county names.

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PORTERFIELDS IN SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS

The Porterfields who came to Arkansas from Georgia in 1856 were sons and daughters of Christopher Porterfield Sr. of Carroll and Paulding County, Georgia. Christopher died in Paulding County in the late 1830's; his widow Susanna, who had been born in VA, continued to live in Paulding County until her death Feb. 4, 1850.

One descendant reports that there may have been ten children in the family. The Family Group Sheet lists eight. The 1860 SW Arkansas census schedules record information for Nelson, James, Christopher, Jr, Elijah Goss, and William Wiley, all being sons of Christopher, Sr. and Susanna Porterfield. Note the information on the pages which follow.

FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name PORTERFIELD, Christopher, Sr.

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
Census Records of:	Birth	1780-1781				Guilford Co.,	NC	
1820 Madison Co., Ga.	Chr'mtl							
1830 Carroll " "	Mar.	ca	1800				Ga.	
1840 Paulding " "	Death	Late	1830s				"	
1850 " " "	Burial							
Guilford Co. NC Marr. Records	Places of Residence							
Old Sweetwater Church Records	Occupation		Church Affiliation			Military Rec.		
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	His Father David Porterfield, Sr. Mother's Maiden Name Sarah Nunn							

Wife's Full Maiden Name Susannah

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1787			Va. ?	
Chr'mtl							
Death	6	Feb	1850		Paulding Co.,	Ga.	
Burial							
Places of Residence							
Occupation if other than Housewife				Church Affiliation			
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							

Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Child
1	Nelson Full Name of Spouse Neaty Caroline Dickson	Birth	26	Jan	1815		Madison Co.,	Ga.	
M		Mar.	4	Nov	1832		Carroll "	"	
		Death	4	Feb	1906		Miller "	Ark.	
		Burial				Macedonia Cem.	"	"	"
2	James Full Name of Spouse* Mary Crumpton	Birth			1818		Madison "	Ga.	
M		Mar.	3	Sep	1840		Carroll Co.,	"	
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Christopher, Jr. 1st Full Name of Spouse* Elizabeth Trapp	Birth			1820		Madison Co.,	Ga.	
M		Mar.	11	Feb	1844				
		Death			1889		Hempstead Co.,	Ark.	
		Burial							
4	Eliza Full Name of Spouse* William Kennedy	Birth			1822		Madison Co.,	Ga.	
F		Mar.	11	Oct	1840	Villa Rica,	Carroll Co.,	"	
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Joseph Preston Full Name of Spouse* Mrs. Margaret A. Stewart	Birth	21	Jan	1825		Madison Co.,	Ga.	
M		Mar.	7	Jan	1862		Hempstead Co.,	Ark.	
		Death	10	Oct	1880				
		Burial				Macedonia Cem.	Miller Co.,	"	
6	Elijah Goss 1st. Full Name of Spouse* July Ann	Birth			1828		Madison "	Ga.	
M		Mar.			1844				
		Death			1860				
		Burial				Macedonia Cem.	Miller Co.,	Ark.	
7	William Wiley Full Name of Spouse* Aranca Driskell	Birth	2	Mar	1829		Madison "	Ga.	
M		Mar.	27	Sep	1849		Carroll "	"	
		Death	2	May	1877				
		Burial				Macedonia Cem.	Miller "	Ark.	
8	Martha E. Full Name of Spouse* Thomas M. Wallace	Birth			1821		Madison "	Ga.	
F		Mar.	29	Jan	1837		Carroll "	"	
		Death			1884				
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth				#3, Christopher (m) 2nd.,	27 Mar 1875,		
		Mar.				Mary Elizabeth Dodson,	Hemp. Co.,	Ark.	
		Death				#6, Elijah (m) 2nd.,	18 May 1856,		
		Burial				Athlenia J. Williams,	Laf. Co.,	Ark.	
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth				#8, Martha E. is the 4th child,	between		
		Mar.				Christopher, Jr. and Eliza.			
		Death							
		Burial							

Year 1860

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping re-search notes)

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Notes: Elisha Williams enumerated 13th July 1860 Lafayette Co. Ark.
 Nelson Porterfield enumerated 16 July 1860 Sulphur Fork Twp, Lafayette Co. Ark,
 P.O. Spring Bank

Place of Enumeration:

Enumerator: C.J. Steel

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
60	417	417	Elisha Williams	59	M		Farmer	755	505	N. Carolina					
			Lucinda Williams	51	F					Georgia					
			John C. Williams	21	M		Farm Laborer			"					
			Atholenia Poterfield	19	F					"					
			Mary E. Williams	16	F					"					
			Martha E. Williams	13	F					"					
60	418	418	George F. Williams	27	M		Farmer		70	Louisiana					
			Mary A. Williams	19	F					Georgia					
			Elizabeth Williams	4	F					"					
			Joseph N. Williams	1	M					Ark					
64	448	448	Nelson Poterfield	45	M		Minister MB	7600	1333	Georgia					
			N.C. Poterfield	48	F					S. Carolina					
			Jas. N. Poterfield	18	M		Farm Laborer			Georgia					
			Tabitha Poterfield	28	F					"					Age may be 23.
			Wm. W. Poterfield	15	M					"					
			Eliza J. Poterfield	12	F					"					
			Thos B.V. Poterfield	9	M					"					

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C. Porterfield enumerated Carouse Twp Hempstead Co. AR P.O. Albany Enumerator: James A. Marshall

Wm Poterfield enumerated Alabama Twp Columbia Co., AR Enumerator: E. B. Rockett

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			Hempstead Co. AR												
825			C. Porterfield	40	M		Farmer	300		Georgia			X		
			Elizabeth "	31	F					Do			X		
			James "	13	M					Do					
			Elizabeth "	11	F					Do					
			Susan "	15	F					Do					
			Mary "	13	F					Do					
			Rebecka "	6	F					Do					
			William "	4	M					Do					
			Eliza "	1	F					Arkansas					
			Columbia Co. AR												
390	47	48	Wm Poterfield	23	M		Far	500	500	Ga			X	Aug 21	
			Amanda "	33	F					"			X		
			Joseph	10	M					"					
			Wm	9	M					"					
			Anderson	7	M					"					
			James	6	M					"					
			Paralee	5	F					"					
			Elija	4	M					Ark					
			Georgia	1	M					Ark					

CIVIL WAR DIARY OF
USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD

Section Four

FALL OF VICKSBURG

- Sat 4 Inside breastworks at 9 a.m. Tidings came Vicksburg had surrendered. Orders came to be ready to move at any minute. At about 12 o'clock the Reb's marched and stacked their arms outside the fort. The Band struck up the National Air and yells went up and shouts all along the lines as army marched in. We arrived at camp inside at 12 at night. Nightly scenes of the city. Reb's ask how much artillery is yet to come. All quiet. Weather clear. The boat fires the last salute.
- Sun 5 We arranged camp this morning. Learned of the condition of the troops and prisoners. 30,000 prisoners, 75 stands of arms, 80 stands of coloms, 130 pieces of artillery. Hungry Reb's smile. Deep dissatisfaction that they had lost the city.

OCCUPATION OF VICKSBURG

- Mon 6 The Reb's are getting their eyes open as to the cause for which we are fighting. Scenes of the city miserable looking affair. Weather very warm. Found my neighbors as prisoners.
- Tue 7 Terrible condition of the fort's fortifications. I wrote to Demby today. Weather warm.
- Wed 8 All is quiet. As yet the Reb's are being paroled. Weather clear.
- Thu 9 Assigned to the Reb's underground hospital. Miserable conditions of the sick. Weather very clear. A large number of steamboats.
- Fri 10 Boys trading with Reb's. Received letter from Demby. City very dusty. Citizens sell beer. Vacant brick. I go to bed tonight.
- Sat 11 Go through city afore and afternoon of each day. I was outside of lines. Weather warm.
- Sun 12 I went to see the Generals of the Reb's today. Great dissatisfaction among them. Weather warm.
- Mon 13 A visit to see the fort guns. Association with the Reb's. Great affect on them. Weather warm.

- Tue 14 Received a letter today. Told of furloughs for the soldiers afterwise. All quiet. Weather very warm.
- Wed 15 The Reb's are being sent out of our lines. Some defecting and crossing the river to get to their homes. Weather very warm.
- Thu 16 Reb's still continue to go. The report of Port Hudson confirmed (Port Hudson captured by Union Army).
- Fri 17 A saltwater vessel laying at the wharf. All is quiet. We had a shower. Very pleasant.
- Sat 18 Reb's have not all gone as yet. Still they go. Reb's all ordered to go. Weather warm.
- Sun 19 The Georgia Reb's leave. Then at the wharf gave them some Reb money. All quiet. Weather warm.
- Mon 20 I wrote a letter to Mrs. Parse and to Aunt Mattie today. Nothing of importance. Weather clear.
- Tue 21 Went to the river today. It is very dusty. Weather clear.
- Wed 22 Nice rain today.
- Thu 23 Took a walk around town.
- Fri 24 Man killed last night by explosion of a hot shell.
- Sat 25 Busy all day around camp.
- Sun 26 Joe Demby came to see us. Had a hard storm today.
- Mon 27 Went to town with Joe. Also went to see Provo Marshall.
- Tue 28 Joe went to see Provo Marshall.

CHICKSAW BAYOU

- Wed 29 Had orders to march at 8 o'clock out to the Chicksaw Bayou. Joe went to the old camp. We were gone. Raining.
- Thu 30 Went to city and saw Joe. Arranged camp.
- Fri 31 Still arranging camp.

AUGUST 1863

- Sat 1 Went to town to get Joe.
- Sun 2 Took a bath at the spring.

Mon 3 Joe left for city. Received letter from Mr. Demby and Mrs. Parse.
 Tue 4 Went to the city to see Joe.
 Wed 5 Still camped at Chicksaw bayou.
 Thu 6 Went to city to draw rations.
 Fri 7 Issued out rations. Wrote letter to Mr. Demby.
 Sat 8 Went down to get Joe.
 Sun 9 Joe stayed with us today.
 Mon 10 Joe left this morning.
 Tue 11 Went to town to sell my books. Saw Joe.
 Wed 12 Still in camp.
 Thu 13 Still in camp.
 Fri 14 Made inventory of Battery.
 Sat 15 Received a letter from Aunt Mattie with two notes from the Miss Bowens.
 Sun 16 I wrote to Aunt Mattie and the Miss Bowens.
 Mon 17 Went to town today to see Mr. Call.
 Tue 18 Some of the boys sick.
 Wed 19 Explosion in the city of Madison today. 60 lives lost.
 Thu 20 Made preparations to go out on a scout with one section of the Battery.
 Fri 21 Boarded the steam ship Laurel Hill. Went up river all night to Goodridges Landing, La.
 Sat 22 Scouted for a camp site. Marched 5 miles up river and camped on the river bank.
 Sun 30 Camped at Bayou Mason. I was sent on to the river in the ambulance.
 Mon 31 Put into a house. Ambulance sent back to get other sick.

SEPTEMBER 1863

Tue 1 Still at Goodridges Landing. I am still very sick. Many other boys sick. We have had bad water to drink.

Wed 2 Embarked this morning for Vicksburg. Arrived about 4
 o'clock. Was taken to the Soldiers Home.
 Thu 3 Still at Soldiers Home.
 Fri 4 Marion came to hunt me today. I went to camp with him.
 Sat 5 They moved me to the hospital today.
 Sun 6 Still in the hospital. Think I will be here a few days.
 Mon 7 I am improving. Have good nurses.
 Tue 8 I am still improving.
 Wed 9 I am still improving.
 Thu 10 Was discharged today and returned to camp.
 Fri 11 Went to the city today and saw the officers that I went
 scouting with.
 Sat 12 Wrote some letters today for some confederate money.
 Still on the mend. Should be stout in a few days.
 Sun 13 I and William Justin took a long ride today and got some
 milk and whiskey.
 Mon 14 Have been doing some cooking.
 Tue 15 Sticking around camp.
 Wed 16 Went to the city.
 Thu 17 I am around camp today.
 Fri 18 Nothing of importance.
 Sat 19 Have not felt well today.

Note: Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia (near Chattanooga,
 Tennessee) started this date (Sept. 19 through Sept. 20, 1863)
 Jim's brother, Frank Marion Porterfield, was captured by Union
 Forces at Chickamauga.

Sun 20 Looked after my horses.
 Mon 21 Lieutenant would not let me go to town today.
 Tue 22 I began duty today. Went to the city to see a friend.
 Wed 23 Had a fight in the squad today.
 Thu 24 Not well. Wrote a letter to Aunt Mattie.

Fri 25 Do not feel well
Sat 26 Went to town to get some potatoes and butter.
Sun 27 I went to see Lt. Smith and his negro soldiers.
Mon 28 Busy fixing harnesses.
Tue 29 Did very little today.
Wed 30 Busy fixing my book (diary?).

OCTOBER 1863

Thu 1 Moved camp today.
Fri 2 Built a table. Went to town.
Sat 3 Went to the city. Had a pleasant game of cards.
Sun 4 Went to the city. Saw a soldier drummed out of the service.
Mon 5 Worked on harnesses.

Note: Jim's brother, John Duff, was wounded in the leg on this day during operations against Union supply lines. John was also probably taken prisoner. The report shows that he was released as a P.O.W. on May 28, 1865 in Memphis. It does not indicate when he was captured.

Tue 6 Out on review this afternoon. Two guns ordered out on picket.
Wed 7 Drew whiskey and fresh beef.
Thu 8 Issued rations. Was in the city.
Fri 9 Orders to shoe horses. Shops too busy to do today.
Sat 10 Got horses shod. Drew rations.
Sun 11 Issued rations. Went to town to get bread baked.
Mon 12 Preparing for a scout. Turned over 2 guns and harnesses today (reduction in force).
Tue 13 Issued clothing today. Making preparation for scout.
Wed 14 Boys off on scout today. I am in command of camp and the guns.
Thu 15 Drew grain.
Fri 16 Issued grain.

Sat 17 Drew rations. Went to the hospital to get a descriptive roll.
 Sun 18 Went to market with Crawford and to Headquarters for mail. Issued rations.
 Mon 19 Was in town today. Went to see Capt. Whitlock for hay.
 Tue 20 Issued rations today.
 Wed 21 In town got hay.
 Thu 22 We had a reorganization today. Marion went to hospital.
 Fri 23 Went to the bakery.
 Sat 24 Drew rations.
 Sun 25 We was payed off today.
 Mon 26 Went to market and by the hospital to see G.M. Bobs.
 Tue 27 Went to town to play billiards.
 Wed 28 Read all day.
 Thu 29 Went after bread.
 Fri 30 Continuing to rain. Went after Farber today.
 Sat 31 Mustered for today. I wrote Mrs. Rinney.

NOVEMBER 1963

Sun 1 Issued rations and read.
 Mon 2 Helped make out payroll.
 Tue 3 Issued bread and beef. Read this afternoon.
 Wed 4 Read all day.
 Thu 5 Tried to draw clothing but did not get any.
 Fri 6 Drew clothing.
 Sat 7 Got orders to march. Orders countermanded until tomorrow.
 Sat 8 Battery left for Big Black River this morning. I was left behind to move our baggage to the railroad.

To be continued

PORTERFIELDS IN TENNESSEE

Tennessee was admitted to the Union June 1, 1796 with Knoxville as the capital, John Sevier as Governor.

As early as 1769, settlers had come to the northeast corner of what is now Tennessee to build homes on the Watauga River, others to the Holstein and Nolichucky Rivers. In 1772 the pioneers organized the Watauga association to govern the settlements on land which became Washington District. In 1776 by request of the settlers, the District was annexed by North Carolina, and in 1777 became Washington County with boundaries of the present state of Tennessee.

In 1779 James Robertson and John Donelson led settlers to central Tennessee to the site of a one-time French trading post on the Cumberland River. There they established the town of Fort Nashborough, renamed Nashville in 1784. They established a governing body, the Cumberland Compact, similar to that of the Watauga association. Much of the credit for the success of this effort was due Richard Henderson who in 1775 had purchased most of middle Tennessee and Kentucky from the Cherokee Indians in the Transylvania transaction. He is also credited with writing the Cumberland Compact. (For a short overview of the history of Tennessee, consult the Nashville and Tennessee sections of the Encyclopedia Britannica.)

Sullivan County was created from Washington in 1779, also Davidson (Nashville) and Greene (Greenville) in 1783, then Hawkins from Sullivan and Sumner from Davidson in 1786. Tennessee County was created in 1788, surrendered name when state became Tennessee. Knox and Jefferson were carved from Greene and Hawkins in 1792, Wilson from Sumner in 1799, Rutherford from Davidson in 1803 and Bedford from Rutherford in 1807-8. Lincoln from Bedford 1809.

Tax lists give us names of the earliest Porterfields settling in Tennessee, names of:

Seth Porterfield	Sullivan County 1796, 1797, 182?
Richard Potterfield/Porterfield	Jefferson 1800, White 1811
James Porterfield	Davidson 1811
Frances Porterfield	White 1811, Lincoln 1812
Samuel Porterfield	Sullivan 1812

These are the counties in which our antecedants lived or owned property in Tennessee.

The names of Porterfields in the 1820 census are:

Charles	Page 100	Rutherford	John	Page 101	Rutherford
Francis	Page 2	Lincoln	Samuel	Page 416	Wilson
James	Page 416	Wilson	Susana	Page 20	Jackson

Thus begins our search for Porterfield families in Tennessee.

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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

PORTERFIELDS IN ARKANSAS DALLAS COUNTY

Samuel Campbell Porterfield, pioneer, brought his family to Arkansas between 1842 and 1847. He was one of the Wilson County Tennessee Porterfields, oldest son of James (II) of the Porterfield lineage John(1675-1739)-John(1724-1786)-James(1747-1811)-James(1780-1861?). See the May 1992 issue of Porterfield Lines p. 156, 157 for the Samuel Campbell Porterfield census records of 1840 Wilson County TN and 1850 Dallas County AR.

The Samuel Campbell Porterfield family seems to have been the second Porterfield family which moved across the "mighty Mississippi" to Arkansas. Porterfield Lines (July 1992) printed the tax record from Arkansas Tax Lists (1819-1829) for Andrew Porterfield listed on the 1829 tax rolls of Chicot County.

Margrett Porter Singleton of Arkadelphia, AR, descendant of Samuel Campbell and Asenith (Fite) Porterfield, relates that the family traveled from Wilson County TN in a covered wagon, going by way of Mississippi to visit kinfolk. Perhaps they considered settling in Mississippi. A child, James Nelson, was born there about 1842 (8 in 1850 AR census, 13 in 1860 AR census). Then the family traveled on, resuming their westward course. Ascertaining the date of arrival in Arkansas is difficult for the first child born in Arkansas is listed on Arkansas census records as Caroline 7 in 1850, as Amantha 12 in 1860. According to Margrett Singleton, Samuel Campbell and Asenith (Fite) Porterfield arrived in Dallas County in 1847, obtained a "Homestead" December 1857, and had parented 15 children by 1859.

Note that another Porterfield family is recorded on the 1850 Dallas County Arkansas census (PL May 1992). They were enumerated the day following the enumeration of Samuel Campbell Porterfield's family. Dwelling No. 452, Family No. 452, p 34:

Wm. A. Porterfield	Age 28 Male, Labourer, born in Alabama
Mary Porterfield	Age 18 Female, born in Tennessee

We do not know whether Wm. A. and Mary arrived in Arkansas with a party of travelers which also included the Samuel Campbell Porterfield's or came later. They may have been newlyweds, who came either separately or together, and married just prior to 1850. Their first child was born c 1850-51 according to the 1860 Manchester Twp Dallas Co AR census which also shows Mary A. 28 a widow with 4 children, the youngest age 3.

Margrett Porter Singleton of Arkadelphia, AR, referred to in the paragraphs above, has compiled a remarkably well researched book Descendants of Samuel Campbell and Asenith Fite Porterfield listing 4,000 descendants. For more information about this book refer to PL March 1991.

Margrett has very kindly written a letter which is helpful in tracing the Porterfields of Arkansas and Tennessee. Excerpts from her letter which relate to the Arkansas search are presented here:

Dear Frances,

"Feb. 1, 1993

Several of the Dallas Co. Ark Porterfields are my descendants (lineage). The 1850 census--Samuel Campbell Porterfield...was my great-great-great-grandfather and we have worked this line.

I can not help you with the William A. Porterfield 28 Ala wife Mary 18 Tn. I do know that Mary was a Russell and that by 1860 she is alone with several children and they are: James W. 9 Ar (he is known as Indian Jim Porterfield); Viola 8 Ar; Sussana 6 Ar; Alex 3 Ar. These descendants could later be found in Grandbury TX then Alex was back in Dallas Co. Ar and Clark Co. (area changed county lines). Who they are is not known to me.

His daughter (Indian Jim's) Mrs. Dora Scarlet passed away a few years ago; she said he was first cousin to my great grandfather Fountain E. Porterfield and his brother "Bob" Robert. This isn't possible from records we have. Frank (B. Porterfield) listed the children of James and Ruth Campbell Porterfield and from the will the sons were your John M(ilton); Jervis Miles who stayed in Tenn. and my Samuel Campbell (Porterfield). (Other sons listed by Frank Burke Porterfield are Charles Alburn, James Erastus, and Rufus Alverson)

You have listed DL 982 Joseph Porterfield 24 and Elizabeth 20 living with the S.S. Fite Family. This is L. L., Leonard, son of John Fite. Joseph was a son of Samuel Campbell. He and Leonard were probably first cousins, but as you know I can not prove my Fite line, so its only a guess.

I was able to find all of Samuel Campbell Porterfield descendants except for oldest daughter, Malvina W. born July 1833. She is never on Arkansas census.

Margrett P. Singleton"

Margrett believes that two sisters of John Milton and Samuel Campbell Porterfield and descendants of Sarah/"Sally" Porterfield, sister of their grandfather James Porterfield (1780-1861?), may have also come to Arkansas--and perhaps traveled on to Texas. Porterfield Lines will attempt to find them as one facet of the Search for Porterfields in Tennessee.

THE SEARCH FOR PORTERFIELDS IN ARKANSAS
(1850 and 1860)

Our search for Porterfields in Arkansas is well begun. We have identified the lineage of all Porterfields listed on the 1850 and 1860 schedules except two.

The family of John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield live in Fulton and Carrol counties of North Central and Northwestern Arkansas.

Members of the Samuel Campbell and Asenith (Fite) Porterfield family reside in Dallas County of Mid-South Central Arkansas.

John Milton Porterfield and Samuel Campbell Porterfield are sons of James and Ruth (Campbell) Porterfield of Wilson County Tennessee.

Jefferson County Porterfields, James Henry Porterfield and Frances J. Franks and Nancy Porterfield are descendants respectively of John Duff Porterfield and Charles Lockhart Porterfield who were sons of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield of Rutherford/Cannon Co. Tennessee.

The Southwest Arkansas families in Lafayette, Columbia and Hempstead Counties are descendants of David Porterfield, Sr. and his wife Sarah Nunn of Guilford County NC and Madison County GA.

We are still investigating the pedigree (family lineage) of the Dallas County AR family: William A. Porterfield, 28 in 1850, born in Alabama who married ca 1849? Mary Russell, 18 in 1850, born in Tennessee.

We have not learned anything about Alice Porterfield of Saline County, 5 in 1860. She was living with Moses P. Spann of Tennessee, widower?, 49 in 1860, who resided in Owen TWP, Benton P.O. The Spann children, ages 19 to 5, including Alice Porterfield, but excepting Bedia Spann 4 born in Arkansas, were born in Tennessee. Names of Spann children were: Sarah E.? 19, twins Uriah and Hezekiah 13, William 9, and Bedia 4. A search for Spann-Porterfield ties is underway. One bit of information seems promising. The 1840 Hardin County Tennessee census, p 249, lists the family of Hezekiah Spann: 21121001-1200101.

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Mary A. Porterfield Dallas County AR, Manchester TWP, P.O. (Illegible)
 Moses P. Spann and Alice Porterfield Saline County AR, Owen TWP, P.O. Benton
 J. Porterfield with B.H. Snowden Fannin County TX, Beat No. 2, P.O. Warren

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			Dallas County AR												
959	112	112	Mary A. Porterfield	28	F	W	Farmer		300	Tenn					
			Jas W	9	M	"				Ark					
			Viola	8	F	"				"					
			Susanna	6	"	"				"					
			Alex	3	M	"				"					
			Saline County AR												
615	401	401	Moses P. Spann	40	M		Farmer	640	200	Tennessee				30 June	
			Sarah ? E.	19	F		Farmer			"					
			Uriah	13	M					"					
			Hezekiah	13	M					"					
			William	9	M					"					
			Bedia	4	F					Arks					
			Alice Porterfield	5	F					Tennessee					
			Fannin County TX												
167	1095	116	B. H. Snowden	35	M		Blacksmith	405	3000	MO				11 Aug	
			M. J. Snowden	27	F					Tenn					
			Sarah A.	10	F					Mo					
			Olivia C.	7	F					"					
			Nancy J.	1	F					Texas					
			J. Porterfield	22	M					Tenn					
167	1096	117	L.or S Snowden	42	M		Blacksmith		300	Mo					
			Calvin	15	M					"					
			Vallincourt	13	M					"					
			Martha	11	F					"					
			Saml	5	M					"					

NEWCOMERS
1870 ARKANSAS CENSUS

The 1870 Arkansas census schedules establish the continued residence in Arkansas for descendants of John Milton Porterfield and Samuel Campbell Porterfield formerly of Wilson County, Tennessee, and for the family of William A. Porterfield of Alabama.

The schedules also reveal the presence of "newcomers" to Arkansas: C. Portfield and Sige or Lige Portfield of Hempstead County in the Southwest corner of Arkansas; J.J.(?) and Nancy Pottersfield in Crawford County, Central Arkansas; and F. Porterfield in Washington County, Northwest Arkansas.

James Henry Porterfield of Holly Springs, Marshall County Mississippi, grandson of Charles Porterfield of Rutherford/Cannon County Tennessee has returned to Jefferson County. He has been joined by his recently widowed brother, Francis/Frank Marion Porterfield and Frank's 1 year old son William. (Census PL Sep 92) Both were soldiers of the Civil War, James Henry a Unionist, Frank Marion, a Confederate. A black artist, H.J. Louis, age 24, born in Iowa, lives with them.

Contact has been lost with the Zachariah Franks family, wife Frances J. Porterfield and sister Nancy A. Porterfield, living in Vaughn TWP Jefferson County in 1860 (Census PL Sep 92). Perhaps the Civil War displaced them so a search for them should be undertaken. Nancy A., 16 in 1860, reported to have died in Little Rock AR (FBP), could not be Nancy Franks, Jefferson County, of the 1860 Mortality Schedule (age 40/42) but may be related. Frances J. and Nancy A Porterfield are daughters of Charles Lockhart Porterfield, granddaughters of Charles and Jane Duff Porterfield, moving to Arkansas from Savannah, Hardin County TN. (Source: Wayne Beeler, Springfield, Illinois(PL Jan 92); 1850 TN and 1860 AR census).

Some descendants of David Porterfield, Sr. of Guilford County NC and Georgia have moved to Texas: William 082, Mary 082, William 096 and Nelson 083. Their names appear on the 1870 census of a little known Texas county, Davis County. Cass County Texas was named Davis County in 1861, probably honoring the president of the Confederacy, renamed Cass in 1871. Only the 1870 census exists for Davis County. (Cass from Bowie in 1846, Bowie from Red River in 1840, Red River from Old Mexican Municipality in 1836.) Christopher and his son Elijah Goss of the Georgia Porterfields remained in the Spring Hill community of Hempstead County establishing a prosperous sawmill business. (Census records for 1870 not found but this information from Evelyn Haynes of Bloomburg, TX, David Porterfield, Sr. descendant.) Christopher and Elijah Goss are enumerated on the 1880 Hempstead Co AR census.

Little progress has been made in identifying lineage for 1870 Porterfield Newcomers. Here again we need the help of all readers of Porterfield Lines as we begin this search. Some conjectures can be made from the facts found to date and they should lead to additional data. See Census Charts.

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J. N.? Pottersfield Jasper TWP, Crawford County AR
 C. Portfield and Lige? Portfield Spring Hill TWP, Hempstead County AR
 F. Porterfield Cove Creek TWP, Washington County AR

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			Crawford County AR																
188	34	33	Pottersfield, J. N. ?	44	M	W	Black-smith	600	500	Ten								18 July	
			_____ St	16	F	W	Keeping House			Ten									
			_____ E. F.	13	F	W				Texas									
			_____ W ^m	9	M	W				Texas									
189			_____ Nancy E.	8	F	W				Texas									
			_____ J. N.	6	M	W				Texas									
			_____ J. D.	4	M	W				Texas									
			Hempstead County AR																
491	175	175	Portfield C.	40	M		Farmer	300	400	Kentucky								25 July	
			Portfield M. J.	30	F					Kentucky									
			Portfield Charles	8	M					Arkansas									
			Portfield W. H.	5	M					Arkansas									
			Portfield E. T.	3	F					Arkansas									
			Portfield Louis	1	M					Arkansas									
491			Portfield Sige or Lige	24	M		Farmer		275	Kentucky									
			Portfield Hettie	17	F					Arkansas									
			Washington County AR																
119	40	43	Porterfield F.	56	M	W	Farmer	300	400	Pa.								Sept	
			Martha	45	F	"	K H			Va.									
			Robb	13	M	"	At home			Mo									
			Henry	9	"	"				"									
			Ark ?	5	"	"				"									
			Louise	2	F	"				"									
			Petty Martha	2	"	W				Ill									
			Petty Mf ?	21	F	W	K H			Mo.									

J.J.(?) POTTERSFIELD AND NANCY POTTERSFIELD are members of the same household. The question mark after the name J.J. is warranted by the fact that the initial on the microfilm of the census is difficult to read, appearing to be either J.N., J.H., or J.W. Important clues here are that J.J. is a blacksmith, was born in TN ca 1826, seems to be a widower, (surely St. 16 keeping house, born in Tennessee ca 1854 is a daughter, not a wife). He is accompanied by St. 16, born in Tn, and five other children all born in Texas: E.F. 13 F, Wm 9 M, Nancy E. 8 F, J.W. or J.N. 6 M, and J.D. 4 M.

From these ages, the younger children were born ca 1854 to 1866 in Texas; J.J. apparently moved to Texas from Tennessee between 1854 and 1857, his wife, if these are his children, died sometime after 1866, four years before we find him as a resident of Jasper TWP, Crawford County AR, July 18, 1870. Perhaps the most important lead here is the removal from Tennessee to Texas between 1854-1857 and removal to Arkansas between 1866 and 1870, indicating that he should be listed in the 1860 Texas census. An incomplete search has identified only one Porterfield on the 1860 Texas census to date. He is J. Porterfield 22 born in Tennessee living in Fannin County Texas with B.H. Snowden, Blacksmith, born in MO, and M.J. Snowden born in TN. Next Dwelling houses L. or S. Snowden born in MO who is also a blacksmith. Children of these families aged 15 to 5 were born in Mo, the youngest Nancy J. 1 was born in Texas. Note that the age 22 in 1860 does not tally with the age 44 in 1870. The similarities here are place of birth and occupation.

Microfilm records for C. PORTFIELD and SIGE or LIGE PORTFIELD show that this family is not Christopher Porterfield's, descendants of David Sr. of Georgia, the assumption made before reading the census. Place of birth of husband and wife in Kentucky is important in identifying the family. C. Porterfield (perhaps Charles since his oldest son is named Charles) is 40 in 1870; M.J., assumed to be his wife is 30. Four children ages 8 to 1 were born in Arkansas. Sige or Lige 24 born in Kentucky is married to Hettie 17 b in Arkansas. They have no children. C. may be Charles Porterfield of Livingston County Missouri but that 1850 census has not been read. The belief that not all Porterfields in the SW counties of Arkansas are related persists, and so deserves recognition with inquiries made.

F. PORTERFIELD of Washington Co in NW Arkansas was born in Pennsylvania ca 1814 (56 in the 1870 census), his wife Martha ca 1825 (45 in 1870 census). This data is unusual and so sets them apart from long time residents. They have recently come to Arkansas, their children ages 13 to 2 were all born in Missouri. Could M.F.(?) Petty 21 reported on the census as born in Arkansas and Martha Petty 2 born in Missouri be a daughter and granddaughter? If this data is correct, the F. Porterfields may have lived in Arkansas when older children were born, may have moved to Missouri before and during the civil war.

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PORTERFIELDS NAMED DAVID
DAUPHIN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

David Porterfield, whose will, dated 1768, is recorded among wills and intestate records of Lancaster County Pennsylvania, was a third generation Dauphin County Porterfield according to Frank Burke Porterfield (The Porterfields). The surmial is that David was the brother of Robert Porterfield (1757-1829) and that both were sons of Robert Porterfield (1716-1785), grandsons of John Porterfield (1675-1739) immigrant from Ireland.

Property tax records For 1771, 1772, 1779 and 1782 place Robert, son of John, in Hanover Township Lancaster County Pennsylvania (FBP). Hanover TWP, Lancaster County became Hanover TWP, Dauphin County in 1785.

From Egles Notes and Queries, Vol III he dates the eldest Robert's residence in Dauphin County as beginning before 1757 and lists names of family members buried in an old Hanover churchyard. From this list comes an attempt to reconstruct family relationships for a Descendants Chart (pp. 290-292).

A third Robert Porterfield (1786-1836) son of Robert Porterfield (1757-1829) is a link in this lineage.

Marriage records recently excerpted from Early Lutheran Baptisms and Marriages - Southeastern Pennsylvania. The records of Rev. John Casper Stoever 1730-1779 are both enlightening and puzzling:

James Porterfield (Sept 23, 1773) and Jenny Hillis, Hanover
Robert Porterfield (March 11, 1779) and Alcie Wallis, Hanover
John Cunning (Feb. 1, 1773) and Anna Hillis, Hanover

Time and place point to identification of Robert Porterfield and Alcie Wallis as Robert Porterfield (1757-1829) and Elsie, his wife. In 1779 Robert would have been about 22 and Elsie about 17. The names Alcie and Elsie are similar enough to have been interchanged, misunderstood, or misspelled. Wallis Porterfield, b. about 1797, died May 11, 1822 in his 25th year who may have been their son, is buried in the same family plot in Hanover.

The puzzling item is the reference to James Porterfield of Dauphin who married Jenny Hillis in 1773. Perhaps James is a brother of Robert (1757-1829), an older son of Robert (1716-1785). Following his record and those of John and Anna (Hillis) Cunning may reveal much more about the Dauphin County lineage. The name James appears often in later census records in Dauphin County Pennsylvania and in Ohio. But the name we are interested in following in our search for families related to the Georgia Porterfields is the name David.

The Porterfields of Dauphin County Pennsylvania used the name David Porterfield through succeeding generations from 1768 through 1935. Of special interest is the reference of one descendant so named, Dr. William David Porterfield of Junction City, Ohio, to books dating from 1792 which had been held by the family for many years. On the flyleaves, names of John Porterfield, James McCullough, and William Porterfield are inscribed. One book, a New Testament, was given to "little David Porterfield" by Eliza Porterfield. Date is A.D. May 12, 1829 - 11 of December, C.C. (Source: FBP) Note similarity of names to those of the Orange County N.C. Porterfields.

Robert Porterfield is listed as a resident of Dauphin County Pennsylvania in the 1790 and 1820 census schedules, James Porterfield in 1830 and 1840. Records for James have not been read; microfilm read for Robert reveals:

1790 Census for Dauphin Co Pa was listed as Harrisburg town Total 875; Lebanon town 178; Rest of County 17,186 for total Population 19,004.

1790 Census Dauphin County PA - Remainder of County, p. 94

Free White Males of 16 years and upwards	
including heads of families	2
Free White Males under 16 years of age	2
Free White Females including heads of families	6
All other free persons	0
Slaves	0

1820 Census West Hanover Dauphin County PA, p. 134

Free White males under 10 yrs.	1;	16-26 yrs.	1;	26-45 yrs.	2
Robert Porterfield	45 yrs.	or over			
Free White females 10-16 yrs.	1;	16-26 yrs.	2,	26-45 yrs.	2,
		45 yrs.	or over	1.	

Engaged in Agriculture 3

A listing in the Index of Revolutionary War Pension applications piques our interest.

Porterfield, Robert, Cont., Ohio residence in 1818,
Agnes, W5568

Could this be Robert Porterfield of Dauphin County Pennsylvania? Photocopies of the pension application have been ordered and may help to clarify family relationships.

(Of interest to the Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield line: The name listed, 93A just preceding the name Robert Porterfield on the 1790 census is John Powers 26-45 yrs. 1, no other males, 1 female 26-45 yrs., no other females. Engaged in Manufacturing 1)

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PORTERFIELDS Dauphin County Pennsylvania

ROBERT PORTERFIELD (1716-1785), third son of JOHN PORTERFIELD (1675-1739)

DESCENDANTS OF Robert Porterfield (RN=43)

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			GREAT	GREAT	GREAT	GREAT	GREAT
		GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND	GRAND
PERSON	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN	CHILDREN

|Robert Porterfield (RN=43)

| SEX: M

| B: 1716 @ Donegal County, Ireland

| M: to Unknown (No RN)

| D: 1785 @ Hanover, PA

| 5 Children

| (1: Farmer, soldier, home Hanover TWP Lancaster Co (Dauphin Co 1785) PA. Tax roll 1771,1772,1773,1779,1782. From 60 ac to 125. No slaves. FBP)

| (2: Some family members to Augusta Co VA; Millian, perhaps others to Ohio.)

| ? Porterfield (RN=618)

| M: to David Work (RN=619) @ Dauphin Co PA ?

| 2 Children

| (1: Source: FBP Ch VIII Dauphin County P'fids, 117pp)

| |John Work (No RN)

| |Ruth Work (No RN)

|Robert Porterfield (1757-1829) (RN=620)

| SEX: M

| B: ca 1757 @ Hanover TWP Lancaster PA

| M: 11 Mar 1779 to Alcie/Elsie Wallis (RN=621) @ Hanover

| D: 28 Aug 1829 @ Hanover TWP Dauphin Co PA

| 9 Children

| (1: Source FBP Dauphin Co Porterfields. Some names from old Hanover churchyard.)

| (2: Assumption made that names from old Hanover cemetery are children of Robert (1757-1829). 4 sons and 5 daus.-1820 Dauphin Co census)

| |Ann Porterfield (1779-1831) (RN=622)

| | B: 1779

| | D: 02 Dec 1831

| | MOTHER: Alcie/Elsie Wallis (RN=621)

| |Gracey Porterfield (1784-1793) (RN=623)

| | B: 1784

| | D: 29 Jul 1793

| | MOTHER: Alcie/Elsie Wallis (RN=621)

| |Robert Porterfield (1786-1836) (RN=624)

| | MOTHER: Alcie/Elsie Wallis (RN=621)

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN

John M. Porterfield (1795-1820) (RN=625)
 MOTHER: Alcie/Elsie Wallis (RN=621)

William Porterfield (1796-1870) (RN=626)
 M: 1818 to Jane Sproul (1801-1875) (RN=647)
 3 Children
 (1: moved from PA to Ohio; Newark, later Macedon)
 MOTHER: Alcie/Elsie Wallis (RN=621)

Martha Porterfield (RN=631)
 M: to ? Hosey (RN=648)
 MOTHER: Jane Sproul (1801-1875) (RN=647)

Jane Porterfield (RN=632)
 M: to George Rodgers of Baltimore (RN=649)
 MOTHER: Jane Sproul (1801-1875) (RN=647)

David Porterfield (1824-1885) farmer (RN=633)
 M: to Sarah C. White (1832-1902) (RN=643)
 2 Children
 MOTHER: Jane Sproul (1801-1875) (RN=647)

William Porterfield (1853-1855) (RN=634)
 MOTHER: Sarah C. White (1832-1902) (RN=643)

John Calvin Porterfield (1855-1910) merchant (RN=635)
 M: to Sarah Christine Carlin (RN=644)
 3 Children
 MOTHER: Sarah C. White (1832-1902) (RN=643)

William David Porterfield b. 1879 (RN=636)
 M: to Mable Williams (RN=645)
 4 Children
 MOTHER: Sarah Christine Carlin (RN=644)

Christine Porterfield (RN=637)
 M: to O'Hara (RN=646)
 2 Children
 MOTHER: Mable Williams (RN=645)

John O'Hara (No RN)

Dorothy O'Hara (No RN)

Dorothy Mable Porterfield b. 1909 nurse (RN=638)
 MOTHER: Mable Williams (RN=645)

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN
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:William David Porterfield b, 1917 (RN=639)
 MOTHER: Mable Williams (RN=645)

:John Herrick Porterfield a student 1932 (RN=640)
 MOTHER: Mable Williams (RN=645)

:Charles Chesterfield Porterfield (1882-1911) (RN=641)
 MOTHER: Sarah Christine Carlin (RN=644)

:John Calvin Porterfield (1882-1811) educated for mining engineer
 (RN=642)
 MOTHER: Sarah Christine Carlin (RN=644)

:Wallis Porterfield (1797-1822) (RN=627)
 MOTHER: Alcic/Elsie Wallis (RN=621)

:Elizabeth Porterfield (d. Nov 1800 at 7 months) (RN=628)
 B: 1800
 D: Nov 1800 age 7 months @ Hanover, Dauphin Co
 (1: Age also given as (1793-1800))
 MOTHER: Alcic/Elsie Wallis (RN=621)

:David Porterfield (1711-1768) (RN=629)

:Father of Griffel Porterfield (RN=630)

CIVIL WAR DIARY OF
USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD

Section Five

BLACK RIVER, MISSISSIPPI

NOVEMBER 1863

- Mon 9 Black River. Drew clothing. Got my pass and set out for our new camp. Arrived at sunset.
- Tue 10 Built a chimney for our tent.
- Wed 11 Drilled today.
- Thu 12 Drilled in uniform today.
- Fri 13 Reviewed by Gen. Logan.
- Sat 14 Went to Vicksburg to draw rations, grain and hay. Sargent O'Brien ordered home to recruit.
- Sun 15 Not well. Excused from drill.
- Mon 16 Drew rations. Wrote Miss Philo McPherson today.
- Tue 17 Excused from drill. Drew beef.
- Wed 18 Went to Vicksburg to draw rations and harness. Signed payroll.
- Thu 19 Issued clothing. Drilled this afternoon.
- Fri 20 Good drill today.
- Sat 21 Drew rations. Often wish Capt. Jacob would come back.
- Sun 22 Have been reading. What a mood I am in. Often think about my dear ones at home.
- Mon 23 Went to Commissary and Corra's today.
- Tue 24 Rained hard last night.
- Wed 25 We were reviewed today. Got paid off.
- Thu 26 Drew rations and issued them.
- Fri 27 Went to Vicksburg to the Washington Hotel. Drew rations.
- Sat 28 Back at camp at Black River.
- Sun 29 Drilled today.
- Mon 30 Inspection today. Gen Leggett in camp.

DECEMBER 1863

- Tue 1 Tore a fine barn down for lumber to build stable.
- Wed 2 Infantry ambushed some Reb's today. Got three.
- Thu 3 Had drill today.
- Fri 4 Drill today. Received letter from Mr. Demby.
- Sat 5 More drill today. Got letter from Mrs. Parse.
- Sun 6 Read and wrote letters.
- Mon 7 Drilled this afternoon.
- Tue 8 Rained last night. Drilled today anyway.
- Wed 9 Drilled today.
- Thu 10 Drilled today. The Lt. went to Vicksburg. Most of the boys thinking about reenlisting.
- Fri 11 Drill this afternoon.
- Sat 12 Rained so much we couldn't drill.
- Sun 13 Have sore arm from vaccination.
- Mon 14 Arm still sore. Excused from drill.
- Tue 15 Drilled today. Marion went to Vicksburg to be examined for his discharge. Hope he gets it.
- Wed 16 Heavy rain last night. Bridge washed away with one of our boys on it. Marion back. His papers not right. He went to the Lt. to get them right.
- Thu 17 Very cold. Drilled this afternoon.
- Fri 18 Drill as usual.
- Sat 19 Gen. Leggett in camp. We drilled. Sgt. Kinney went home.
- Sun 20 Read all day. A flag of truce came in today. For what possible purpose I know not.
- Mon 21 Drilled again. Another flag of truce came in. An old citizen who I was sorry for.
- Tue 22 Two flags of truce came in for whiskey. I don't know for what other purpose. Our officers got beastly drunk.
- Wed 23 Drilled today. Drew whiskey for Christmas.

- Thu 24 The infantry stormed the sutlers (camp followers) tonight. They made them treat. Oh but that I was with my own Emma.
- Fri 25 Christmas Day. We are blessed with the privilege of seeing this lovely and best of all the holy days. It was fast and lively as could be under the present circumstances. We had whiskey first thing in the morning. Then followed a fuss between my squad and the Battery Master Sargent. I prevented them from whipping him. At night in my squad we had oyster supper, Tom & Jere and whiskey cigars. Evening devoted to song, a speech, a Burlesque and by several romance games.
- Sat 26 Marion back from Vicksburg. He is now a citizen. We had drill. Wrote a long letter to my own Emma tonight.
- Sun 27 Wrote to Aunt Mattie and Joe.
- Mon 28 Marion, poor fellow, started for home. Wish him a speedy recovery and a safe trip. We drilled this afternoon.
- Tue 29 I have not been well.
- Wed 30 Received a letter from Aunt Mattie. Sent it to Marion in Vicksburg.
- Thu 31 Rain and snow all day. The sutlers treated the boys tonight.
- JANUARY 1864
- Fri 1 Hope it will not be as dull all year as today has been. I hope it will bring a speedy termination to this unholy and unjust war.
- Sat 2 Boys are still enlisting in the veteren service. I sent for 4 lotery tickets.
- Sun 3 Read all day.
- Mon 4 Lt. swore the boys in.
- Tue 5 Today was the last of the 4 and 2 dollar bounty. There was a few enlistments.
- Wed 6 Camp duty.
- Thu 7 Camp duty.
- Fri 8 Drilled today. Signed a paper to get a furlough.
- Sat 9 Reviewed by Gen McPherson today.
- Sun 10 Bad headache today. Slept it off.
- Mon 11 The infantry serenaded the General last night.

- Tue 12 Drill today. 4 recruits reported in.
- Wed 13 Camp duty, drill and read a letter from Mrs. Rinney. Oh dear Emma.
- Thu 14 Drill today.
- Fri 15 Drill and camp duty. Received a letter from Mr. Demby. I wrote Mr. Rinney and Dr. Jennings.
- Sat 16 Camp duty. Inspection tomorrow.
- Sun 17 Inspection called off. Rain. Read all day.
- Mon 18 Drilled.
- Tue 19 Drilled, received a letter from Whissen today. Whiting yesterday.
- Wed 20 Camp duty and drill.
- Thu 21 Camp duty and drill.
- Fri 22 Camp duty and drill.
- Sat 23 Camp duty and drill.
- Sun 24 Received a letter from my old friend, Dr. Jennings. Immediately after reading it I hurried off to see him a distance of only 6 miles. He was in bad health. We had lively discussions about our adventures in the south.
- Mon 25 Camp duty and drill. Making preparations for a scout to Jackson.
- Tue 26 Went to Vicksburg to attend the trial of Morrow. Went to see my friend Sampson at the courthouse.
- Wed 27 Still in Vicksburg. The trial came off today. I was in the case. Saw Smith, Sargent Rinney, Alexander and Whiting.
- Thu 28 Back at Black River. Signed payroll.
- Fri 29 Payed today. Received a letter from Aunt Mattie and Marion (letter not letters). I wrote Jennings.
- Sat 30 Nothing of importance.
- Sun 31 Read today and wrote to my new correspondent S.S. Wells and S.M. Peck.
- FEBRUARY 1864
- Mon 1 Today was a pleasant one. Past the forenoon to reading and after to drill. The Lt. went to the burg to see about this detail.
- Tue 2 Nothing of importance.

POSTSCRIPT

Jim's diary stops abruptly on February 2, 1864. There is little or no indication as to why there are no further entries. However, if you go back to Monday, January 25, 1864 (8 days prior to the last entry) he states that they are "making preparations for a scout to Jackson." Also, on February 1st he states "The Lt. went to the burg to see about this detail." It could be at this point Jim's unit was detailed to the 124th Illinois.

This raises several questions. Did they go on a "scout" on February 3? If so, was he still on this scout on February 29th when he was captured at Canton? The following should help answer some of these questions.

The first postscript is a Union Army report on what happened at Canton. Note that in the report Brigadier-General M.F. Force states that "...at 3 p.m. February 3, I received marching orders, and the same evening crossed the Big Black (River) with the rest of the division." This would indicate that emergency type orders were issued by General Force to his command to march with all due haste, with full battle gear and to leave all personal possessions behind.

The diary was left behind and Jim was now part of the 124th Illinois.

The name of the military operation was "The Meridian Expedition." It was a search and destroy mission. There were apparently two objectives: search out and destroy the Confederate Army being commanded by Gen. Wirt Adams in the vicinity of Meridian, Mississippi and secondly, to destroy as much of the Confederate railroad system at strategic locations as practicable.

A portion of a report by Gen. Adams is the second part of this postscript. Adams had marched up from Pearl River, Mississippi to Meridian, Miss. and had engaged and destroyed part of a Union wagon train at Decatur. He then moved west towards Vicksburg but was ordered by Gen. Jackson to maintain a position so as to be able to operate on the left flank of the Union forces in their march toward Vicksburg. This he did and on the "...29th ultimo (February) and 1st and 2nd instant (March) resulting in killing and capturing about 60 of the enemy..." at Canton, Miss.

To be continued

NOVEMBER 1993 ISSUE: H. Don Porterfield's transcription of the Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James H. Porterfield will be concluded; Military reports promise further enlightenment about the lives of the brothers James Henry and Francis Marion Porterfield; Census records for "Porterfields in Arkansas - 1880.



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

POST CIVIL WAR SOURCES

No single historical event changed the lives of people living in the south more than did the Civil War. The 1860 and 1870 census schedules reflect those changes, the loss of beloved family members, the death of a spouse and remarriage, intervals of time when the family moved to another state, children born there, families returning home to stay, families continuing the "removal" from "home" in pioneering moves.

All residents of African descent became citizens, enumerated as individuals and families, with males 21 and over entitled to vote. Prior to 1870 most were listed by numbers, sex, and age on Slave Schedules under the names of the owners.

On census schedules 1850 and 1860, free blacks and mulattos were listed with white citizens. (See census chart for John Harvey Porterfield, 1850 Gallatin County Illinois in PL Jan 1993 p 227.) Earlier census schedules naming only heads of households provided columns for numbers of free coloured, which might include both blacks and Indians, and columns for numbers of slaves (1800-1810 "All other free persons except Indians").

Through the 1870's, 1880's and beyond we will find the military records, pension applications of Civil War veterans, and census records, particularly the Soundex census cards, most helpful in research. County and local histories are useful though not always complete nor accurate, particularly when they have been written in part to aggrandize or flatter.

All these sources were used in continuing the story of James Henry Porterfield, Francis Marion Porterfield, and other family members, children of John Duff and Elizabeth (Donohoo) Porterfield. We have relied also on accounts of descendants as told to Frank Burke Porterfield (The Porterfields). The recollections and records of early family members are not always available to the researcher of later years. That is the reason their publication is of value to the genealogist, though they too can be faulty because memory and tradition are not infallible.

It is our intent to present as many original sources as possible in the limited space available in this publication.

Frances Porterfield Willis

THE CIVIL WAR
AND
THE FAMILY OF JOHN DUFF AND ELIZABETH (DONOHOO) PORTERFIELD

John Duff and Elizabeth (Donohoo) Porterfield of Rutherford County Tennessee married in 1827 and shortly thereafter left Tennessee for the state of Illinois with John's next younger brother, Harvey D., and his wife, Matilda (Ward) Porterfield. Their names are recorded consecutively on the 1830 Sangamon County, Illinois census, page (69) 204.

Harvey D. and Matilda stayed in Illinois (1840 census), but John Duff and Eliza returned to Tennessee, may have settled briefly in Hardin County. By 1840 they were living in Marshall County, Mississippi. (During the interim, their second son, Robert Burns Porterfield, died. Dates given by Frank Burke Porterfield for his short life are 1832-36.) The John Duff Porterfields must have liked Northeastern Mississippi for they remained there, raising their family in or near Holly Springs and Potts Camp until the Civil War interrupted their tranquil life.

In 1860 most of the family lived in Holly Springs, Marshall County MI at the family home: Next to oldest daughter Ann M. Shedewick/Shadrack 26 b TN, a widow with three children, John M. 5, Mary F.(?) 3, and Eliza A. 7 mos. all b MI; oldest son John D(uff) Porterfield 25 b TN; Mary E. Porterfield 21 b MI; Thomas B. 19 b MI; Theophilus/Theodore 17 b MI; Francis M. 14 b MI; George M(onroe) 7 b MI; Susan H(arriet) 3 b. Mi.; Nathaniel Jarratt 21 b in MI must be a hired hand. John Duff is 57, Eliza 48.

Elizabeth Jane, oldest daughter has married Jesse Odum (of Memphis) so is not at home. William Claude, oldest son, ca 30, does not reside with the family, is reported to have been a stage coach driver. James Henry, fourth son, ca 22. is living in Jefferson County, Arkansas with the Lewis Reed family, working as a Master Carpenter. Both Jim Henry and Willam Claude were single.

In the early days of the Civil War, John Duff Porterfield (I), the father, became a recruiter for the CSA and a Captain in the Militia. Five sons joined the CSA Army; one son, the USA Army.

Serving with the C.S.A.:

William Claude Porterfield returned to Holly Springs in 1865 after being paroled at Greensboro, May 1, 1865, married Drucilla Annette Estes, daughter of longtime neighbors, Leonard and Margaret Estes, settled into farming, remained in area til death. In Benton County, adjacent county, in 1880 (Soundex, PL Sep '92).

John Duff Porterfield married in 1861 Mary Zetta McFadden daughter of James M. McFadden owner of the neighboring McFadden Store and P.O. Joined CSA Army, wounded in leg October 5 1863 and prisoner of war, released May 28, 1865 in Memphis.

Thomas Benton Porterfield was killed in the battle of Resaca north of Atlanta, Georgia in 1864.

Theophilus Donohoo Porterfield died in Memphis while serving with the CSA prior to the start of the war. No record obtained as to cause of death.

Frank Marion Porterfield joined the CSA Army at Okalona, Mississippi August 13, 1863 when he was eighteen. Captured at Chicamauga Sept 20, 1863, imprisoned Camp Douglas Illinois, discharged June 13, 1863.

Serving with Union forces:

James Henry Porterfield, who had left the family home in Holly Springs before 1860 perhaps for adventure, since he speaks in his Diary of "adventures in the south" and "in Arkansas and Missouri," was working as a Master Carpenter in Jefferson County in 1860. He served with the Union Army as a member of Capt. Degolyer's battery, Michigan Light Artillery, was captured near Canton Mississippi Feb 29, 1864 and held prisoner at Andersonville, discharged July 22, 1865 at Jackson, Michigan.

Five of the eight sons of James Duff and Elizabeth (Donohoo) Porterfield were still living when the Civil War ended. Two, Thomas Benton Porterfield and Theophilus Donohoo Porterfield, died during the Civil War as members of the CSA Army. The oldest son, William Claude, remained in the Marshall/Benton County area in Mississippi until his death. James/Jim Henry Porterfield whose health must have been deteriorating during his service with the Union Army and his incarceration in the notorious Andersonville prison, returned to Arkansas after his discharge, continuing to work as a Master Carpenter, married Missouri Hastletine Hardeman who died following the birth of their three children, Henry Hardeman (1867-1885), Lula Leona (1870-), and Jessie Jane (1872-1886). James Henry subsequently married Martha Jane Goldman by whom he had two sons, Oliver King b. 1877, and James Arthur Porterfield b. 1880 following Jim's death in Pine Bluff Arkansas in 1879. George Monroe Porterfield, youngest son, born in 1852, 9 to 16 years of age during the Civil War was too young to participate.

We have learned from the 1870 Jefferson County Arkansas census, Francis/Frank Marion Porterfield and his young son, William John Porterfield (1869-1938) joined James Henry in Arkansas after the death of his first wife, Josephine Aden (1846-1869). He remarried to a young ward of James Henry', Jane/Florence Ann Moffett (1855-1938). During this period his relationship with his older brother, Jim, seems to have sustained him.

As we discover from information in this issue, his subsequent relationship with another brother, John Duff Porterfield (II) was equally important in the remaining years of his life as

they left the longtime home in Mississippi for Texas. Later they were joined by the youngest brother, George Monroe Porterfield, who was living at home during the time James Henry was fighting in military skirmishes near Holly Springs. He married Nancy Catherine Culwell of Mississippi in 1872, named his first son Theophilus after his brother. In 1880 he was living in Marshall County Mississippi with his wife "Nannie," had two children Theophilus 6 and Fannie 4, both born in Mississippi.

Three daughters of John Duff and Eliza (Dohohoo) Porterfield married and remained in the Marshall County area until their deaths, one moved to Texas.

Elizabeth Jane Porterfield (1828-1912) md Jesse Odum, then William King of Potts Camp; remained in Marshall Co MI, buried there.

Martha Ann Porterfield (1834-1888) m. James Shadrack, widowed, m. Frederick Ehrman, remained Marshall County area, buried there.

Mary Elizabeth Porterfield (1849-1919) married David Britton (1848-1918) of Potts Camp. They left their Mississippi home to move to McClennan County Texas.

Susan Harriet Porterfield (1855-1935), youngest daughter, married Thomas Calvin Culwell (1847-1919) of Marshall County, remained there until her death.

Two unnamed infants, born 1848 and 1850 had not survived. Elizabeth had born a total of 14 children during her marriage.

(To review records of the family see the September 1992 issue of Porterfield Lines.)

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The Civil War Diary of USA Sargent James H. Porterfield concludes in this issue. Readers of Porterfield Lines have expressed their interest and absorption in the manuscript to me by letter and by telephone. I, therefore, convey to H. Don Porterfield, who transcribed the diary, and to Ethel Kuehl, James Henry descendant who made the diary available for publication, our gratitude for sharing this remarkable personal history with us.

We are deeply indebted, also, to Little, Brown and Company (Inc.) of Boston, Massachusetts for permission to print the map titled "The Western Theatre of War" from the 1960 edition of Grant Moves South by Bruce Catton. The map is the work of Samuel H. Bryant. Its inclusion permits us to picture the Civil War troop movements and battles in which our Porterfield antecedants were engaged. Grant Moves South is available in paperback. Ask for it at your local bookstore.

Frances Porterfield Willis

CIVIL WAR DIARY OF

USA SARGENT JAMES H. PORTERFIELD

Transcribed by H. Don Porterfield

Conclusion

FIRST POSTSCRIPT

HDQRS. FIRST BRIG., THIRD DIV., 17TH ARMY CORPS Big Black Bridge, Miss., March 10, 1864.

CAPTAIN: In obedience to General Orders, No. 32, I have the honor to report that at 3 p.m., February 3, I received marching orders and the same evening crossed the Big Black with the rest of the division.

At noon of the 5th, the brigade was formed in line of battle on the eastern side of Clinton against a strong position occupied by the enemy with artillery and dismounted cavalry, who fell back as we advanced. At this position 2 enlisted men of the One hundred and twenty-fourth Illinois were wounded.

Major-General McPherson, desiring to occupy Jackson with one infantry brigade that night, the brigade volunteered, and, entering at the south side of the city, reached the works at the north of the city by 8 p.m., a march of 23 miles. About the works and on the road north I captured and destroyed eight new army wagons. During the night bivouacked near Brandon. A detail from the brigade destroyed half a mile of railroad.

On the evening of the 13th, in pursuance of orders, I bivouacked off the road on the banks of one of the branches of the Chunky, 4 miles in rear of the army, and proceeded next morning to Chunky's Station, surprising and driving a cavalry force there under command of Maj. Gen. S.D. Lee, and destroying the bridge and road and other public property, a report of which was made at the time, and which I request to be appended and made part of this.

I have since heard that Brigadier-General Jackson, who was the immediate commander of the two brigades encountered, arrived on the field from Meridian in time to be wounded; that a colonel was killed; that the rebels lost besides in killed from 6 to 11 (men) and several horses killed, and that the bridge was entirely consumed to ashes.

The Forty-fifth Illinois, Major Duer commanding, was left guarding the bridge over the Oktibbeba, while the rest of the brigade was at Meridian.

While lying at Meridian, the Twentieth Illinois, Lieut. Col. Dan. Bradley; Thirty-first Illinois, Lieutenant-Colonel Pearson, destroyed more than 3 miles of railroad, bending or breaking every rail.

At Canton by order of the division commander, a brigade party of 50 mounted men and 4 officers was organized.

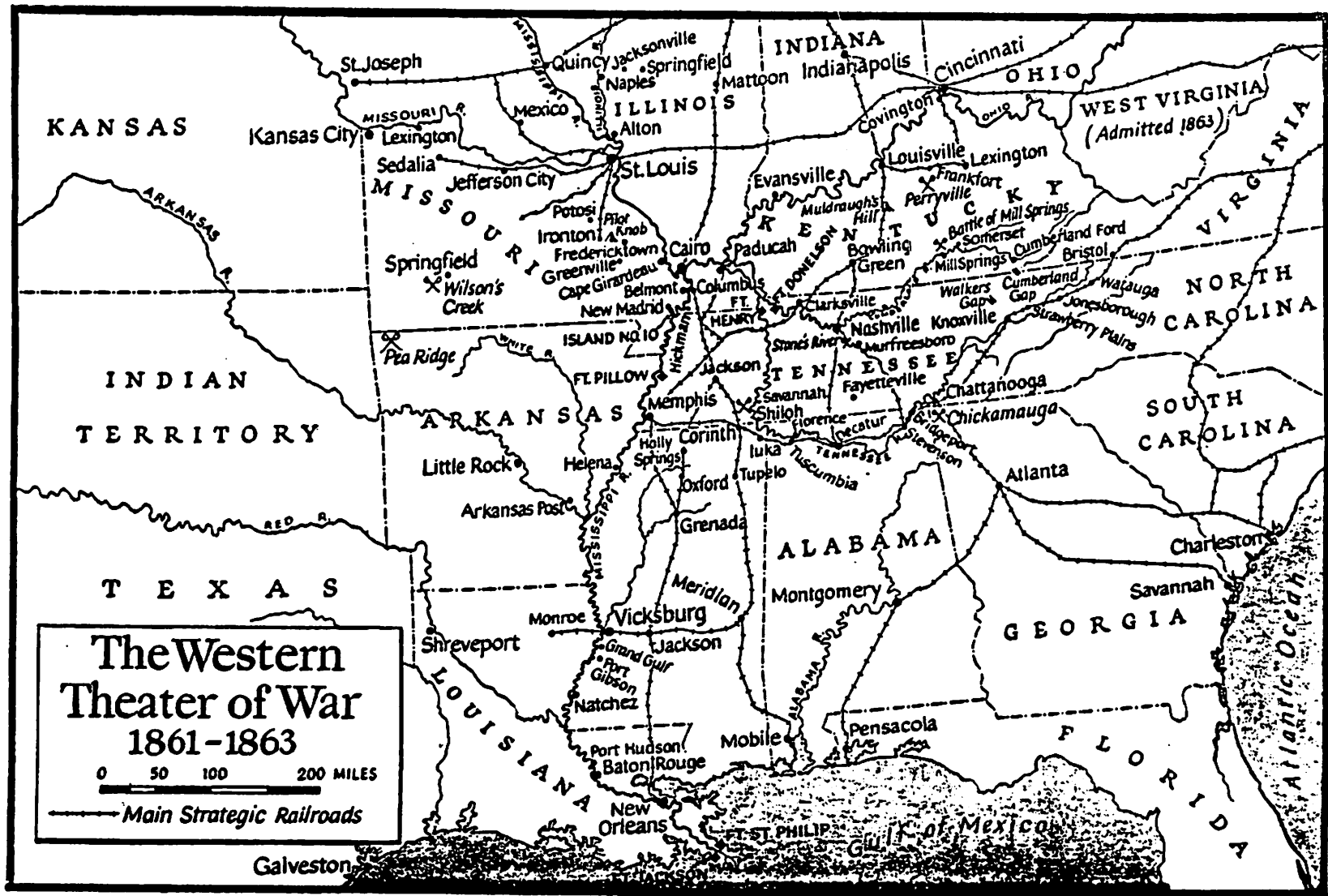
On the 29th of February, I sent out the party, numbering 43 men and 3 officers, under command of Lieutenant Smith, adjutant of the One hundred and twenty-fourth Illinois, on the Jackson road, with instructions to be cautious of rebel cavalry. On returning and when 6 miles out, they met a mounted force of about equal numbers which they, after some doubt, ascertained to be rebels. Following and skirmishing they soon found larger parties, concealed on each side of the road. They fell back skirmishing, and the greater part succeeded in gaining the swamp. Marching by compass they ran upon a rebel bivouac just at dawn. Turning this, Lieutenant Smith succeeded in reaching camp next morning, with the other 2 officers and 25 men. The rest were undoubtedly captured. Several of them were wounded, 1 severely. One of the returned party was wounded. I have examined, with the officers, and find that in the encounter with this force Lieutenant Smith behaved with discretion and gallantry. At Canton the One hundred and twenty-fourth, Twentieth, and Forty-fifth Illinois destroyed 2 miles of railway, bending every rail, and 100 feet of trestle-work.

At the crossing of Bogue Chitto Creek, on the return, the brigade was ordered to guard the rear until the whole army, including the cavalry, had crossed. For this purpose the brigade was posted on a ridge separated from the creek by an open field three-fourths of a mile across. The advance of the rebel cavalry appeared close upon the heels of our own. A little firing from the skirmish line kept them off while the regiments withdrew and every person had crossed except a few mounted officers, when the first rebel appeared upon the ridge which we had occupied.

We returned to camp on the afternoon of the 4th of March.

The conduct of the brigade on the march was admirable. The column was compact and without stragglers, the train always closed up, bivouac was made and broken up promptly. The brigade was not as much as five minutes behindhand by the watch in obeying a single order received on the march. Their excellence in drill was of service. At Clinton and Chunky's the slightest intimation of command was apprehended and executed with such facility that the brigade appeared to work itself.

Capt. J. B. Walker, assistant adjutant-general, was unfortunately absent upon leave when the expedition set out, but joined us at Canton on the return. Lieut. O. Greenough, aide-de-camp; Lieut. S.R. Adams, aide-de-camp; Lieut. G.C. Morton, acting assistant-quartermaster, and Lieut. H.C. Foster, picket officer, constituting my staff, were indefatigable. Lieut. Col. J. H. Howe, commanding One hundred and twenty-fourth Illinois; Lieut. Col. Dan Bradley,



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Twentieth Illinois; Lieut. Col. R.N. Pearson, Thirty-first Illinois; and Maj. John O. Duer, Forty-fifth Illinois, prompt, watchful, and zealous, had their respective commands well in hand at all times. With the whole brigade, officers and men, there appeared to be strife who would do most to carry out all orders received.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.
M.F. FORCE,
Brigadier-General, Commanding Brigade

SECOND POSTSCRIPT

Portion of March 12, 1864 report of Brig. Gen. Wirt Adams, CSA Commanding Cavalry Brigade on expedition to Meridian to Captain at Headquarters.

On the march from Pearl River to Meridian but one opportunity was offered of striking the enemy. This was at Decatur and was discovered by a bold reconnoissance in person of the major-general commanding. The enemy's wagon train halting in the suburbs of squadrons, which was executed in gallant style, killing and wounding a number of the enemy and killing the teams of a large number of wagons. A heavy infantry force front and rear of the train precluded all hopes of bringing them off.

In these various affairs from Champion's Hill to Decatur I sustained a loss of 129 killed, wounded, and missing, and 143 horses.

Marching from Alamutche to Starkville and thence to Canton, I was ordered by General Jackson to pass that place, then occupied by the enemy, and operate upon his left flank in his march toward Vicksburg. This was done on the 29th ultimo and 1st and 2nd instant, resulting in killing 9 and capturing about 60 of the enemy, and capture of 33 horses, 2 wagons and teams, and a number of small arms. In these affairs Major Stockdale, Captain Muldrow, and Captain Yerger were the most conspicuous and gallant participants.

I have to lament the loss of Captain Magruder of the Fourth Mississippi, who fell seriously, if not mortally, wounded while leading a charge near Canton.

I am indebted to Capts. F.W. Keyes and A.T. Bowie, and Lieutenant George Scott, of my staff, and Lieut. George Yerger, who volunteered his services, for efficient and valuable assistance.

I am, captain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WIRT ADAMS
Brigadier-General

AUNT MATTIE, JAMES HENRY, AND FRANK MARION

Was Frank Marion Porterfield "Marion" of the James Henry Porterfield Diary? Was "Aunt Mattie" Matilda Ward Porterfield, wife of James Henry's uncle, Harvey D. Porterfield of Illinois? These two questions are not fully answered in Jim's Diary though we had hoped they would be.

The identification of Aunt Mattie as the wife of Harvey D. Porterfield second son of Charles Porterfield (1776-1839) of Rutherford County TN seems almost certain. It could be confirmed if records of her residence in Paducah Kentucky in 1860-1865 were found. Her last known address as recorded in Porterfield Lines was Central Illinois, Sangamon County where she was living with eight children ages 19 to 3. Harvey D. was working away from home in Southern Illinois, Equality Precinct Gallatin County. Paducah Kentucky was accessible by river from Gallatin County and may have been the place Aunt Mattie chose as her home following the death of her husband in the 1850's.

We wonder how the two families, brothers John Duff (I) and Harvey D.--once close enough to travel from their home in Rutherford County TN to live side by side in Illinois--how they kept in touch during the years from 1830 to 1860. Were there frequent letters by post or pony express?

James Henry may have had opportunities to visit Aunt Mattie as the the conflict between the north and south was brewing Three of Mattie (Ward) Porterfield's sons, Lafayette Todd, John Wilson, and William Harvey, became Union soldiers, so they had common interests. James Henry, who served with Capt. De Golyer's Battery, Michigan Light Artillery, was mustered into the army at New Madrid Missouri. Paducah, Kentucky is on the Ohio River not too far upriver from New Madrid which lies on the Mississippi.

Was Frank Marion torn between special ties to Jim Henry and loyalty to his father as the war began? Francis/Frank was 16 years old at that time, eighteen when he volunteered for service at Okalona, Mississippi on August 13 1863 (possibly on August 8). The official record can be obtained from the Texas State pension application of his widow Florence Ann Moffett and from the National Archives.

The C.A.S. muster roll for Jan and Feb 1864 shows him absent, captured at the Battle of Chicamauga Sept. 20, 1863. Federal Prisoner of War records reveal that Frank Marion had been enlisted by Maj. Wheeler at Okalona for a period of "3 yrs. or war"; captured Sept 20 near Chicamauga; was forwarded to Louisville Ky for exchange on Oct. 1, 1863; received at Louisville Ky, Oct 2, 1863; discharged from Louisville Ky on Oct. 2, Remarks, chgs, etc.: Camp Douglas; Discharged from Camp Douglas, Ill June 13 1865, Remarks: Marshall Co. Miss.

Would it have been possible for Frank Marion to have traveled to Vicksburg to see his older brother before going to his muster site? Would it have been possible that the C.S.A. did not know his whereabouts, that somehow Frank was captured after visiting his brother at Vicksburg? It seems unlikely, though the ease with which camp sites were entered, seemingly at will as suggested by Jim's diary, is puzzling.

If the Marion from Vicksburg who was interested in Aunt Mattie's letters and later wrote with Aunt Mattie to Jim was not his brother, Frank Marion, who was he? Could Marion be Marion Boyd whom Jim mentioned several times in connection with visits from Bloomgreen, usually using the surname Boyd rather than the given name Marion?

Note that on Saturday, January 24, 1863 in Memphis, James Henry wrote in his diary, "Went to town to see Boyd and Bloomgreen. Wrote a letter to Emma and gave it to Bloomgreen to carry it through." On the 15th: "I wrote to my aunt at Paducka, Ky." (Aunt Mattie). On Friday, January 29 near Vicksburg he wrote "Received a letter from Aunt Mattie and Marion." Before Marion left Vicksburg, on Wednesday December 1863, he entered "Received a letter from Aunt Mattie. Sent it to Marion in Vicksburg." What were the relationships which linked the lives of these people? Military records of Bloomgreen and Boyd might answer these questions for us.

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TEXAS VETERAN SEARCH

To obtain the Pension Record for a Texas Veteran use the form called "Request for Texas Veteran Search." If the form is not available from the local genealogical library, you may order it from Texas State Archives, Texas State Library, Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711.

The request for Pension Records for Frank Marion Porterfield's wife brought photocopies of the pension which contained both military records and genealogical information. From the pension application we learn that she and her husband were married the 12 of May, 1872 at Jefferson County, Arkansas, that she had been a resident of Texas continuously since April 1873, that Frank Marion died 10th September, 1914 in Nueces County Texas. We also learn that she was born July 20, 1854 in Arkansas, her father was Henry Moffett born in Ark., her mother was Elizabeth Ferguson, born in Ark. Her full name was Florence Ann (Moffett) Porterfield. She passed away 25th of June, 1938.

In addition to photocopies of pension records, Texas State Archives sent photocopies of a short biography of Frank Marion Porterfield's life from a book titled A History of Central and Western Texas Compiled from Historical Data Supplied by Commercial Clubs, Individuals, and Other Authentic Sources Under the Editorial Supervision of Captain B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth. The book was published in 1911 by the Lewis Publishing Company of Chicago and New York.

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The records show that Frank M. Porterfield, not borne as Frank Marion Porterfield, private, Company F, 54th Regiment Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted August 13, 1863, at Okalona, Mississippi.

Musters roll for January and February, 1864, last roll on file, shows him absent, "captured at battle of Chickamauga September 20, 1863."

Union prisoner of war records show that he was captured September 20, 1863, near Chickamauga, Georgia, forwarded October 1, 1865, to Louisville, Kentucky, forwarded October 2, 1863, to Camp Douglas, Illinois, where he was discharged June 13, 1865, in accordance with General Orders No. 109, A.G.O., Washington.

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A. H. Bridges
Major General,

The Adjutant General.

By *gsg*

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Reproduced from the Holdings of the Texas State Archives. This is a reply to the request of George H. Sheppard, Comptroller of the State of Texas, for the military record of Frank Marion Porterfield, who was reported to have enlisted in Company "F" Regiment Mississippi Infantry. Re pension application.

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Notes: In 1880, year following death of James Henry Porterfield, his second wife and children by both first and second wife's and his second wife's sister (?) were all living in the home of his first wife's (Missouri Hastletine Hardeman) father and mother. Robert Orr is probably a brother of Jane (Orr) Hardeman. Words "adopted daughter or son" crossed out on Soundex cards.

Place of Enumeration: Enumeration District 98, Page 23

Calvert TWP Grant County Arkansas 2nd July 1880

Enumerator: Thomas Ross

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Miscellaneous Information	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Enumeration Date	Remarks
Line	42		Hardman, D.C.	WM		60								Physician and Farmer			Geo	Va	Geo		
			" Jane Orr	WF		60								Keep house			SC	SC	SC		
			Porterfield Martha J	WF		23								Adopted Daughter			Ark	NC	NC		
			Porterfield H.H.	WM		12								Adopted Son			Ark	Miss	Geo		
			P'field Lulu L.	WF		10								Adopted Daughter			Ark	Miss	Geo		
			P'field Jessie J.	WF		8								Adopted Daughter			Ark	Miss	Geo		
			P'field Oliver K.	WM		2								Adopted Son			Ark	Miss	Ark		
			P'field James	WM		2 1/2								Adopted Son			Ark	Miss	Ark		
			Goldman, Nancy J.?	WF		20								Adopted Daughter			Ark	NC	NC		
			Fincher, John L.	WM		23								Hired Man			Geo	Geo	Geo		
Line	21		Orr Robert	WM		64								Farmer			SC	SC	SC		
			" Eliza I?	WF		49		Wife						Keep			Ark	NC	NC		
			" Josephine	WF		20		Daughter						Help			Ark	SC	NC		
			" Chas. L.	WM		15		Son						Help			Ark	SC	NC		
			" Ata Lee	WF		8		Daughter									Ark	SC	Ark		

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Notes: By 1880 Frank Marion Porterfield and his older brother John Duff Porterfield (II) were living side by side in McClennan County Texas. Next door were John T. and Georgia Reed and their daughter, Rachel, who married James Henry Porterfield's youngest son, James Arthur, in 1898. He came to Texas about 1884 with his mother, brother Oliver, & step-sister Lula.

Place of Enumeration: Enumeration District 119 McClennan County Texas June 11, 1880

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249	69	72	Porterfield F.M.	W	M	35								Farmer			Miss	Vir	Ala		
			F.A.	W	F	24		Wife						Keeping House			Miss	Unkn	Unkn		
			Ora	W	M	7		son									Texas	Miss	Miss		
			W.E.	W	F	4		daught									Texas	Miss	Miss		
			Hattie B.	W	F	2		daught									Texas	Miss	Miss		
			Sis	W	F	1/2	Feb	daught									Texas	Miss	Miss		
249	70	73	Portterfield J.D	W	M	44								Farmer			Tenn	Vir	Ala		
			Mary	W	F	35		Wife						Keeping House			Miss	Ala	Tenn		
			M.E.	W	F	11		Daught									Miss	Tenn	Miss		
			Howard	W	M	1		son									Texas	Tenn	Miss		
249	71	74	Reed John T.	W	M	21								Farmer			Ark	Unkn	Unkn		
			Georgia	W	F	20		Wife						Keeping House			Texas	Ill?	Ill?		
			Rachel	W	F	1		Daught									Texas	Ark	Texas		

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2. Birth Date

3. Death Date

4. Place of Death

5. Name of Widow (last, first, middle)

6. Birth Date

7. Death Date

8. Place of Death

9. Dates of Military Service

10. Name or Number of Military Unit

11. County of Residence

12. Pension Number

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Veteran Search forms (~~how many~~)?

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14. Check appropriate category. (Records searched in each category are listed on reverse in Part I.)

- REPUBLIC OF TEXAS (1836-1845)
- CIVIL WAR (1861-1865)
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- WIDOW'S CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATIONS

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- RANGER UNITS (1836-1935)
- STATE POLICE (1870-1871)
- TEXAS VOLUNTEER GUARD (1873-1903)

REPLY (Archives Use Only)

RECORDS FOUND:

- Republic Claims
- Republic Pension
- GLO Muster Roll Book
- Muster Roll Abstract
- Audited Military Claim, Texas State Troops

- Indigent Family Lists
- Confederate Pension
- Confederate Widow's Pension
- Service Record
- Biographical Index
- Other _____

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We located no records for the above individual. This does not necessarily mean that he did not serve in a Texas military organization or that there are no pertinent records either in the Texas State Archives or elsewhere. (See reverse)

PORTERFIELDS IN ARKANSAS
1880 CENSUS SOUNDEX

Listings which follow are from the 1880 Census Soundex cards for the state of Arkansas. Only families caring for children 10 years of age or younger are included in Soundex listings. For easier identification, names are presented here by lineage, rather than alphabetical order. Initials: D-daughter, S-son, SL-Son-in-law, ML-Mother-in-law.

JAMES (I) JAMES (II) SAMUEL CAMPBELL

Porterfield, Samuel C., White Male 30 b. AR, Rachel C. Wife 20 b AR., Hiram. B 3 S b AR, Maggie? 2 D b AR., George W 1 S b AR, living Dallas Co Manchester TWP p. 32 Dwelling 102, Family 102.

Porterfield, F.A., White Male 25 b AR, Charity E. Wife 21 b MI, Hiram B. S 3 b AR, Maggie? D 2 b AR, Louisa T. D 5/12 b AR, living Dallas Co Manchester TWP p. 32 Dwelling 109, Family 109. Next door, Dwelling 110, Family 110: Man, Wife, 3 daughters, 1 son (names illegible), two laborers, James M. Porterfield 23 b AR and Sam'l McCamie? 26 b AL.

Porterfield, J.N., White Male 36 b MI, Susan? F. Wife 18 b AR, living Dallas Co Manchester TWP p. 32 Dwelling 119, Family 119.

Porterfield, Joseph R., White Male 43 b TN, Eliza Wife 42 b AL, Louisa E. D 9 or 4 b AR, living in Dallas Co Manchester TWP p. 316 Dwelling 137, Family 137.

Porterfield, John H., White Male 28 b AR, Sarah Wife 23 b MI, James C. S 9 b AR, Kate G.? D b AR, Willis A. D 3 b AR, Mattie D. D 2 b AR, living Dallas Co Manchester TWP p.36 Dwelling

WIDOW OF WILLIAM A. born in Alabama ca 1822

Porterfield, Mary A., White Female 48 b TN?, Price, John SL 27 b AR, Susan D 25 b AR, Horace GS 8/12 b AR, Howell Hood 27 b AR Laborer, living in Dallas County Manchester TWP p.21 Dwelling 55 Family 55

Hood, Newton. White Male 29 b AR, Sarah V. Wife 27 b AR, Mary Jo? D 5 b AR, Chas. W. S 3 b AR, Howell A. S 11/12 b AR living in Dallas County Manchester TWP p. 21 Dwelling 56 Family 56. (Believe Sarah to be oldest D of Mary A. Porterfield)

JAMES (I) JAMES (II) JOHN MILTON

Porterfield, James, White Male 43 b TN, Susan Wife 45 b TN, Sarah D 15 b MO, James S 13 b MO, John S 9 b AR, Margaret D 4 b AR, Lydia D 1 b AR, living in IZARD County New Hope TWP p.43

Porterfield, John, White Male 24 b AR, Margaret Wife 20 b KY,
Olivia D 1 b AR, living in IZARD County, New Hope TWP p.43

Porterfield, John, White Male 31 b TN, Naomi Wife 30 b AR,
Louis S. 10 b AR, Nancy D. 23/31 b AR, living in IZARD County
Guthrie TWP p. 28

Porterfield, Elizabeth living with her sister Sophronia
Porterfield Ross: Ross, William, White Male 33 b TN, Sophronia
Wife 37 b Tn, Ella D 8 b AR, Amos S 5 b AR, Harriett D 2 b AR,
Helton S 1/4 b AR, Porterfield, Elizabeth Si.L 33 b TN, living
in FULTON County AR Benton TWP. (The listing for Ella Daughter
is incorrect. This child was a son named Elihu who became a
Fruit Tree Agent. 1900 Violet Hill, IZARD County AR census.)

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID AND SARAH NUNN PORTERFIELD

Porterfield, Chris, White Male 55 b GA, Elizabeth Wife 45
b GA, Mandoyott D 14 b AR, Elmira C. D 10 b AR, Emma D 7 b AR,
Joseph C. S 5/12 b AR; McKay, Susan ML 65 b GA; Harris, Alice
Niece 5 b AR, living in Hempstead Co Spring Hill, AR p. 35.

Porterfield, Elijah, White Male 30 b GA, ? Wife 25 b GA,
Jas. S 10 b AR, Wanda D 7 b AR, William S 5 b AR, Ida B. D
3 b AR, living Hempstead Co Spring Hill, AR p. 15?

(A number of the 1880 Soundex cards and parts of the 1880
census microfilm were in bad shape and almost illegible so
names may not be transcribed correctly.)

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CORRECTION

Delete sentences in last paragraph, p. 287, Sept '93
Porterfield Lines beginning with "as born in Arkansas."
Sentence should read: Could M. F.? Petty 21 reported on the
census as born in Missouri and her daughter Martha 2 born
in Illinois be a daughter and granddaughter?

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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

PORTERFIELDS IN TENNESSEE EARLY RECORDS

It is our wish in 1994 to discover and write an account of the lives and times of all Tennessee Porterfields from their earliest arrival in the state to their removal, designating the background and antecedants for each lineage.

Are we setting an impossible goal? Probably. But we can make a beginning. And with help from all readers, we can research and organize records which will be accessible to our descendants.

Our proposed Search for Porterfields in Tennessee began formally in the July 1993 issue of Porterfield Lines, page 280, in which we presented, from our research, the names of Porterfields settling in Tennessee (or owning property there) from the year 1796 to 1820. Our sources were: Early Tennessee Tax Lists compiled by Byron Sistler and Barbara Sistler, Evanston, IL; Microfilm from 1820 Tennessee Census Schedules.

Reviewing these briefly: Tennessee tax payers and counties where taxed were Seth Porterfield, Sullivan County 1796, 1797, 1812; Richard Potterfield/Porterfield, Jefferson 1800, White 1811; James Porterfield, Davidson 1811; Francis Porterfield, White 1811, Lincoln 1812*; Samuel Porterfield, Sullivan 1812.

Porterfield names, Tennessee counties with microfilm page numbers from the 1820 census were:

Charles	Page 100	Rutherford	John	Page 101	Rutherford
Francis	Page 2	Lincoln	Samuel	Page 416	Wilson
James	Page 416	Wilson	Susana	Page 20	Jackson

Early tax records are important to researchers because the earliest Tennessee census records, the 1800 census schedules and all 1810 census schedules except that of Rutherford County were lost or destroyed. Many lists for the 1830 schedules of eastern counties are missing.

This researcher examined a microfilm roll of the 1810 Rutherford County, TN schedule and no Porterfield name was found, indicating that Porterfields did not move to Rutherford County until after 1810.

(Byron and Barbara Sistler: Single index from 68 county tax lists, petitions, voter lists, and newspaper lists in 34 Tennessee counties...All of the tax lists are on file at the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville, TN. *The 1812 Lincoln County listings are from a Fayetteville newspaper.)

A land purchase record from Richard C. Fulcher's compilation 1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements - Davidson, Sumner, and Tennessee Counties gives us the earliest date found for a Porterfield in Tennessee. On page 97P Davidson:

Porterfield, James - purchased land in 1788 on Nelson's Creek {ref,45}. R. 45 (reference) is to Land Records 1788-1793, p. 17.

(On p. 94P is a listing of a sale by heirs of John Patterson who sold land in 1789 on the east fork of Stone's River. From Land Records 1788-1793, p. 10. Several transactions for Campbells are included.)

The articles titled "The Lancaster County Porterfields" and the charts which appeared in Porterfield Lines, March and May issues, 1992 will provide an excellent review of lines which we will find in Tennessee. Three additional records for early settlers from those articles are: Charles Porterfield, Wilson County, 1805, 1806, 1807; John Porterfield, Wilson County, 1805, 1806, 1807; Thomas Porterfield, Wilson County 1807. Charles and John were listed in separate militia districts. In 1807 John and Thomas were listed in the same taxing unit, Captain John Moore's Militia District. (The earliest taxing units were militia districts.)

Summarizing in chronological order: Type of record

James Porterfield	Davidson Co.	1788	Land Record
Seth Porterfield	Sullivan Co.	1796, 1797, 1812	Tax
Richard Porterfield	Jefferson	1800, White 1811	Tax
Charles Porterfield	Wilson County,	1805, 1806, 1807	Tax
John Porterfield	Wilson County,	1805, 1806, 1807	Tax
Thomas Porterfield	Wilson County,	1807	Tax
James Porterfield	Davidson Co.	1811	Tax
Francis Porterfield	White	1811, Lincoln 1812*	Tax
Samuel Porterfield	Sullivan Co.	1812	Tax
Samuel Porterfield	Wilson Co.	1820	Census
James Porterfield	Wilson Co.	1820	Census
Charles Porterfield	Rutherford Co.	1820	Census
John Porterfield	Rutherford Co.	1820	Census
Francis Porterfield	Lincoln Co.	1820	Census
Susana Porterfield	Jackson Co.	1820	Census

Richard Porterfield, not found on the 1820 census, is said to have applied for a Revolutionary War service pension from Greene County about 1820.

Sources: Thomas E. Partlow, The People of Wilson County Tennessee, 1800-1899, Tax Lists of Wilson County 1803-1807.
 Edythe Rucker Whitley, Pioneers of Davidson County, Tennessee.
 Pollyanna Creekmore, Early East Tennessee Taxpayers.

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PORTERFIELDS
Pennsylvania to Virginia to Tennessee

Because of the thorough and dedicated research of Frank Burke Porterfield and his predecessors, Col. George Alexander Porterfield of Charles Town, West Virginia, and his son Charles Porterfield, Esquire of New York, we have information linking Porterfields, descendants of John Porterfield (1675-1739) immigrant to Pennsylvania, with their Scottish-Irish heritage and with their early life and history in Pennsylvania.

In his genealogical compilation, The Porterfields, a book which has been out of print since 1948, recently reprinted, Frank Burke Porterfield explained that the conclusions reached as to the succession of Porterfield lineage is based "not only from a tireless study of records, where records are, but from family annals and traditions and from comparison with other records, facts and traditions." As he points out "These remiss years transpired in revolutionary times, in Scotland, in Ireland, and in America. Many records perished in Ireland, and in America, where records and traditions were, and history of the Scotch colonists in Ireland, during the Plantation, as written in Scotland, has not been written."

So, while assumptions have been made at times, they have been based on the meshing of established facts. One of these assumptions, is the relationship of John Porterfield (1675-1739) with the eight Porterfields named as his sons and daughter: William Porterfield (1712-1789), Charles Porterfield (1714-1778), Robert Porterfield (1716-1785), James Porterfield (1718-1777), Patrick Porterfield (1720-1789), Eleanor Porterfield (1722-1782), John Porterfield (1724-1786), and Samuel Porterfield (1726-1789).

We are indebted to Frank Burke Porterfield and to the researchers who assisted him in building the foundation which underlies our work today. They had access to records no longer available as well as to facts we are able to ascertain from records still in existence. Porterfield Lines announced the reprint of The Porterfields calling it "Good News" (November 1992). The reprint of 100 copies of the book was almost completely presubscribed before publication in April 1993. Unfortunately the publication is a reprint, not a revision, and therefore a number of important additions and corrections to information printed therein is not included. Porterfield Lines attempts to publish the work of researchers who have found new records important to Porterfield family history.

We have traced the Porterfields in county histories, marriage, tax, court and land records, and census schedules. References are made to Porterfields in Augusta County and Washington County, Virginia in Chalkley's Records of Augusta County, Virginia 1745-1800 Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia and in Summer's, Annals of Southwest Virginia (1769-1800). Porterfield names found there are James, Seth, Patrick, Robert, Charles, and John, and Eleanor (Porterfield) Boyd.

Patrick Porterfield and Eleanor Porterfield listed above were second generation Porterfields in America, son and daughter of John Porterfield (1675-1739). John Porterfield (Chalkely) was a descendant of John's son Charles (1714-1778), as were Robert and Charles. We will defer study of their lineage until another time.

Our initial focus will be centered on James, who from various genealogical records appears to be the son of John Porterfield (1724-1786) seventh child, sixth son of John (1675-1739) immigrant to Pennsylvania from Ireland. John (1724-1786), with his brothers, Samuel (1726-1789) and James (1718-1777), settled in Lancaster County Pennsylvania before the area became Cumberland County (1750).

It is these Porterfields, the so-called Lancaster County Porterfields, in whom our readers and family members seem thus far to be most interested.

James Porterfield was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1747, married Jane "Jenny" Lockhart in 1773 in Augusta County Virginia. He served as a private in the American Revolutionary War (Pennsylvania Archives) and by 1888 had removed from Augusta County to Washington County Virginia.

Paul Porterfield sends us remarkable documents, called indentures, identifying land transactions in Virginia and Tennessee which trace the removal of James Porterfield (1747-1811), son of John Porterfield (1724-1786), from Virginia to Tennessee.

With these important transcriptions from Paul Porterfield, we can verify and add important genealogical facts about this lineage.

Paul Porterfield first wrote:

"August 21, 1990

Dear Frances,

Margrett Singleton reduced the land indentures from Washington Co., VA, and Wilson Co., TN, to handwriting, and sent them to me for typing. Don't know if you have seen them, but each was originally written longhand and are sometimes difficult to read. Typing will make them easier to study. Margrett also wanted me to check with you and see if you would like to publish them in the newsletter-perhaps one per issue.

--Paul"

It is some time since Paul's letter and some time since he sent the typed Indentures. This, the beginning of the search for Tennessee Porterfields, seemed the appropriate time to present them to readers of Porterfield Lines.

(Note: Indentures may be an unfamiliar word to you as it was to me, at least in this context. According to the dictionary, an indenture is a "document, as a contract or deed.")

JAMES PORTERFIELD OF LANCASTER COUNTY
INDENTURES AND PROBATE RECORDS

The indentures and deeds contracting for the purchase or sale of land fall into four groups: The first relate to James Porterfield (1747-1811); the second relate to James (1780-1861) third son and other heirs; the third, to Charles Porterfield, oldest son, and his wife, Jane Duff. Another indenture dated 2 May 1815 naming James Porterfield of Washington County, Virginia may refer to James, the brother of Francis Porterfield, both sons of John Porterfield (1751-1833)

Additional information important to this account are excerpts from the Wilson County inventory and sale of goods and chattels of James Porterfield (1747-1811) and the will of James Porterfield (1780-1861).

For all these records we are deeply indebted to Grace Porterfield, Paul Porterfield, and Margrett Porter Singleton. Grace Porterfield and Margrett Singleton obtained the records during a trip to Wilson County Tennessee made April-May 1990.

Margrett transcribed them from the difficult to read copies of the originals to legible script, and Paul Porterfield typed them, has them on file, and has included excerpts in Family Group Sheets he prepared in May 1990. I, as one of the descendants of this lineage, cannot adequately express my appreciation for the value of their work nor praise them enough for their generosity in making these records available from original sources. A brief summation of each follows:

18 Aug 1772 James Porterfield, purchase of 88 acres in Beverly Manors, Augusta County Virginia from Robert Beverly.

20 Nov 1776 James Porterfield and wife Jane, sale of 88 acres in Beverly Manor, Augusta County Virginia to Wm. Arbuckle of Augusta County Virginia.

10 May 1788 James Porterfield, purchase of Lot No. 7 Abingdon, Washington County Virginia from Trustees William Edmiston, Robert Craig, and Andrew Willoughby.

Recorded April 10, 1812, Deed Book, Wilson County, Tennessee, p. 713. Transfer signed by Governor Willie Blount on the 27th day of May, 1809. Transferred from James Robertson Certificate No. 179, 300 acres lying in Wilson County in the first District on the head waters of Smiths Fork to James Porterfield.

SONS OF JOHN PORTERFIELD (1724-1786) of Lancaster County Pennsylvania whose descendants migrated to Virginia and Tennessee.

James Porterfield
(Last Updated 27 Jan 1994)

FATHER: John Porterfield (1724-1786)

MOTHER: Unknown

BORN: 1747

AT: Lancaster Co PA

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1

MARRIED TO: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart

ON: 1773

AT: Augusta Co VA

STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1811

AT: Wilson Co. TN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 7

1) Charles Porterfield

2) Thomas Wilson Porterfield

3) James Porterfield

4) William W. Porterfield

5) John Wilson Porterfield

6) Samuel H. Porterfield

7) Sarah "Sally" Porterfield

(1: FBP The Porterfields, PP FGS, MS letter)

(2: Chalkley, Summer, early tax, probate, and land records VA and TN, census TN)

(3: Wilson Co TN tax lists show Charles and John as householders 1805, 1806, 1807, Thomas as HH in 1807.)

(4: Granted 300 ac. first Dist. TN head waters of Smiths Fork, Sep 27 1809)

John Porterfield
(Last Updated 27 Jan 1994)

FATHER: John Porterfield (1724-1786)

MOTHER: Unknown

BORN: 1751

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1

MARRIED TO: Nancy Kincannon 1st md Brooks

STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 1833

AT: Washington Co VA, buried Ebbing Spring.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 5

1) Ellen Porterfield

2) Francis Porterfield

3) Sarah Porterfield

4) James Porterfield

5) Elizabeth Porterfield

(1: Source FBP (2c) p. 72, 106-115PP)

(2: Washington Co VA Porterfields. PA to VA Source Lilburn Breckenridge Porterfield (1830-1905))

(3: Chalkley; early tax, probate, and land records VA, TN; census TN)

James Porterfield died 1811 in Wilson County Tennessee
(Probate records will be printed in March issue.)

10 Sept 1813 Power of Attorney to James Porterfield from heirs of James Porterfield, deceased, for purpose of selling Abingdon, Washington County Virginia town lot and buildings.

7 Oct 1813 Jean Porterfield, widow of James Porterfield, dec'd, and Sally Porterfield, Charles Porterfield, John Porterfield, Thomas W. Porterfield, William W. Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield and James Porterfield, Attorney in fact, all of Wilson County Tennessee, sale of Lot 7 in Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia to James White of Washington County Virginia.

2 May 1815 James Porterfield of the County of Washington and State of Virginia, purchase of 350 acres in the County of Washington, lying on the waters of the middle fork of Holsteins River, from Thomas Edmiston and his wife, Margaret of same county. Witnesses for this sale were James Meek and James Kincanon. (Kincanon is a name familiar to Porterfield genealogists. John Porterfield of the Washington County VA Porterfields, married Nancy (Kincannon) Brooks and had five children, Francis, James, Ellen, Sarah, and Elizabeth. Source: FBP quoting Lilburn Breckenridge Porterfield (1830-1905).

(This Deed is puzzling for two reasons. One is that the purchaser, James Porterfield, is a resident of Washington County Virginia. The second is that a fragment of another indenture follows which seems to be a transaction in which James Porterfield received \$100 from Thomas Edmiston but the deed ends abruptly after several sentences because the rest of Book 6, page 73 is missing. Was this to be an exchange of property?)

20 October 1819 Charles Porterfield and wife, Jane Duff of the County of Rutherford, State of Tennessee, sale of Jane's title of inheritance from John Duff, Sr., deceased, to John S. Duff, Jr. of the County of Washington State of Virginia.

The indentures for James Porterfield (1748-1811) will be printed in this issue of Porterfield Lines, the remainder in the next issue.

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Transcriptions from original land transactions for James Porterfield (1747-1811) appear on the following five pages.

This indenture made the eighteen day of August in the year of Our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy two Between Robert Beverley of the County of Essex, Esquire, by his Attorney in Fact Thomas Lewis of the County of Augusta, Gentleman, of the one Part and James Porterfield of the County of Augusta and Colony of Virginia of the other Part Whereas the said Robert Beverley by his Power of Attorney in writting bearing date the Twenty second day of May in the year one thousand and seven hundred and sixty five did Constitute and appoint the said Thomas Lewis his true and lawful attorney for him and in his name and for his use to Bargain for sell and dispose of to any Person or Persons whatsoever all his lands in Beverley Mannor or Elsewhere in the said County of Augusta and upon sale of the said Lands or any part thereof to make unto the purchasers good and sufficient deeds and conveyances for securing the Inheritance in Fee Simple thereof as by the power now of record in the said County Court of Augusta May more at large appear now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Robert Beverley by his Attorney aforesaid and for and in consideration of the sum of Eighty pounds sixteen shillings to the said Thomas Lewis for the use of the said Robert Beverley in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and thereof doth acquit and discharge the said James Porterfield his executors and administrators. Hath granted Bargained sold aliened released and confirmed and by these present and by virtue of the Power of aforesaid doth grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said James Porterfield in his actual possession now being by virtue of a Bargain and Sale thereof made for one whole year by Indenture bearing date the day next before the date of these presents and by Force of the Statute For Transferring uses into possession and his heirs forever a certain Piece Parcel or Tract of land containing eighty eight Acres of land in Beverley Manor in Augusta County Beginning at a white oak corner to Colonel Abraham Smith and William Marshall and runneth th. south fifteen deg. West one hundred and fifty four poles to a white oak corner to John Caldwell th. South thirty seven deg. East Eighty six poles to a Locust th. North forty-nine deg. East forty poles to a White oak th. North nine deg. East Forty poles to a black oak th. north Forty three deg. East Forty Poles to a Black oak th. North Eighteen deg East Ninety eight poles to a white oak th. North Seventy five deg West one hundred and ten poles to the Beginning and all houses Buildings orchards gardens meadows way waters water courses easement profits commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises hereby granted or any part belonging or in any wise appurtenanting and the reversion and reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents issues and profits thereof and also all the Estate right title Interest use trust property claim and demand whatsoever of the said Robert Beverley of in and to the said premises and all deeds evidences and writings touching or in any wise Concerning the same to have and To hold the said Eighty eight acres of Land hereby granted and released with their and every of appurtenances unto the said James Porterfield his heirs and Assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said James Porterfield his heirs and Assigns forever and the said Robert Beverley for himself his heirs Executors and Adms doth Covenant promise and Grant to and with the said James Porterfield his heirs and assigns that the said Robert Beverley now at the time of sealing and delivering of these Present is seized of a good sure perfect and indefeazible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of and in the premises hereby granted and released and that the said Robert Beverley by his attorney aforesaid hath good power and lawfull and absolute authority to sell grant and convey the said premises to the said James Porterfield in manner and form aforesaid and that the said premises now are and so forever hereafter shall and be free clear of and from all former and other gifts grants bargains sales dower rights and title of dower Judgments Executions titles troubles charges and incumbrances whatsoever made done committed or suffered either by the said Robert Beverley himself or his attorney aforesaid or any other person or persons whatsoever (the quit rents and government taxes hereafter to grow due and payable only excepted and further the said Robert Beverley by his attorney aforesaid all and singular the premises hereof granted and released with their appurtenances unto the said James Porterfield his heirs and Assigns against him the said Robert Beverley and his heirs and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever will warrant and defend by these Presents and lastly

the said Robert Beverley by his attorney aforesaid for himself and his heirs doth Covenant and Grant to and with the said James Porterfield his heirs and Assigns that he the said Robert Beverley and his heirs shall and will at any time hereafter at the reasonable request of the said James Porterfield his heirs and Assigns and at his and their proper costs and charges in the law make do execute or caused Procure to be made done and executed and all such further and other lawfull Conveyances And Conveyances in the law for the further Better and more Perfect Granting and Conveying the aforesaid Tract of Land with the Appurtenances unto the said James Porterfield his heirs and assigns as by the other Council learned in the law and shall be Reasonably Devised Advised or required in Witness Whereof the said Robert Beverley by his Attorney aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Robert Beverley (seal affixed)

At a Court Con'd (convened) and held for Augusta County August the 19th 1772 Thomas Lewis Gent (Gentleman) Attorney in Fact for Robert Beverley, Esq. Acknowledged this his release for Land to James Porterfield which is ordered to be recorded.

Test. John Madison

Augusta County, Virginia DEEDS
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1776

This indenture made the _____ day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred seventy six between James Porterfield and his wife Jane of the County of Augusta in the Colony of Virginia of the one Part and William Arbuckle of the said County and Colony Aforesaid of the other Part. Witnesseth that th

said Jas. Porterfield and his Wife Jane for and in Consideration of the sum of Eighty Pounds Current money of Virginia to the said James Porterfield and his Wife Jane in Hand Paid the receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged and thereof doth acquit and Discharge the said William Arbuckle his Executors and Administrator hath granted bargained sold aliened released and Confirmed and by these Present Doth grant bargain sell alien release and Confirm unto the said William Arbuckle (in his actual possession now being by Virtue of a bargain and Sale thereof made for one whole year by Indenture bearing date the day next before the date these Present and by force of the statute for the transferring it into possession and his heirs forever a Certain Piece Parcel or tract of land Containing eighty Eight acres of land in Beverley Manor in Augusta County. Beginning at a white oak corner to Colonel Abraham Smith and Runneth thence with his line and Past his corner south fifteen degrees and west one hundred and Sixty Four poles So. to a white oak Corner of John Caldwell th. south thirty seven degrees east eighty six Po to a locust th. north forty nine degrees east forty po. to a white oak th. north nine deg east forty po. to a black oak, th. north forty three degrees east forty Po. to a black oak th. north eighteen degrees east Ninety eight po. to a white oak Corner to Wm. Marshall th. with said Marshall's line north seventy five degrees west one hundred and ten Poles to the Beginning and all houses, buildings Orchards, Gardens Headons, ways waters Water Courses Easements Profits Commodities hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Premises hereby granted or any. part belonging or in anywise

Appertaining and the revisions and reversions remainder and remainders rent and rents issues and Profits thereof and also all the estate right title Interest use trust Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane _____ in and to the said Premises and all deeds evidences and writings touching or in any wise Concerning the same, To have and to hold the said Eighty Eight acres of land hereby Granted and released their and every of their Appurtenances unto the said William Arbuckle his heirs and assigns to the only proper use thereof and behoof of the said William Arbuckle his heirs and Assigns forever and the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane for themselves their heirs Executors and Administrators doth covenant promise and Grant to and with the said William Arbuckle his heirs and Assigns that the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane now at the time of sealing and Delivering of these presents is seized of a good sincere perfect and indefeazible estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of and in the Premises hereby granted and released and that the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane hath good Power and lawful absolute Authority to sell grant and Convey the said Premises to the said William Arbuckle in Manner and form aforesaid and that the said Premises now are and forever hereafter shall remain and be free and clear of from all former and other gifts Grant bargain sales dower right and title of Dower Judgment (begin page 402) Executions titles troubles Charges and Encumbrances whatever made done committed or Suffered either by the said James Porterfield & his wife Jane or any other Person or Persons whatsoever (the Quit Rent and government Taxes hereafter to grow due and Payable only excepted) and further the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane all and singular the Premises hereby granted and released with their Appurtenances unto the said William Arbuckle his heirs and Assigns against him the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane and their heirs and all and every Person and Persons whatever will warrant and defend by these Present

And Lastly the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane for themselves and their heirs doth Covenant and Grant to and with the said William Arbuckle his heirs and Assigns that the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane and their heirs shall and will at anytime hereafter at the reasonable request of the said William Arbuckle his heirs and Assigns and at his and at the Proper costs and Charges in the law make do execute or can at ? to be made done and executed and all such further and lawful Conveyance and Conveyances in the law for the furtherance better and more perfect

granting and Conveying the Aforesaid tract of land with the Appurtenances unto the said William Arbuckle his heirs and Assigns as by the other counsel ? in the la

shall be reasonably devised advised or required,

In Witness whereof the said James Porterfield and his wife Jane hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

James Porterfield

Signed Sealed Delivered)

Jane Porterfield

In the presence of)

At a Court convened and held for Augusta County by Authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia November the 20th 1776.

James Porterfield and Jane his wife (she being first privately examined) acknowledge this their Release for Land to William Arbuckle which is Ordered to be Recorded.

Test.

10 May 1788

This indenture made the tenth day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight between William Edmiston, Robert Craig and Andrew Willoughby, Trustees for the town of Abingdon in the County of Washington of the one part and James Porterfield of the said County of the other part witnesseth that the said Trustees by virtue of the power in them invested by an Act of the General Assembly passed at the October session in 1778 entitled an act for establishing a town at the courthouse of the County of Washington and liable to the restrictions and reservations in the said recited Act for and in consideration of the sum of eight pounds two shillings and five pence current money of Virginia to them in hand paid. Doth bargain and sell unto the said James Porterfield and his heirs one lot in the town of Abingdon No. seven containing one quarter of an Acre and bounded as follows, to wit Beginning at a corner of Lot No. eight and running thence on the Main street South sixty four degrees west four poles to Lot No. six and with a line thereof North twenty six degrees west ten poles thence leaving said line north sixty four degrees East four poles to a corner of Lot No. eight and with a line there of South twenty six degrees East ten poles to the beginning. Together with all its appurtenances To h

and to hold the said Lot with its appurtenances to the Said James Porterfield and his heirs to the sale use and behoof of him the said James Porterfield and his heirs forever and the said Trustees by virtue of the power given to them by the before recited Act doth covenant with the said James Porterfield and his heirs that the said Trustees by virtue of the powers given them by the said before recited Act the said Lot with all the appurtenances unto the said James Porterfield and his heirs against all persons whatever will forever warrant and defend. In Witness whereof the said Trustees have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

William Edmiston Seal
Robert Craig Seal
Robert Preston Seal

At a court held for Washington County July 8, 1788

This Indenture of bargain and sale from the trustees of the town of Abingdon to James Porterfield exhibited in Court and acknowledged by the said Trustees and ordered to be recorded.

Test.
And. W. Russell
C.D.W.C.

NOTE: This property was sold by the heirs of Wilson County, TN, for \$1200.00 -Oct
7,
1813, Book 5, p. 307

The State of Tennessee-No. 1648

To all whom these presents shall come-GREETING:

KNOW YE, That by virtue of part of Certificate No. 179, dated the 31st day of July 1807, obtained from the board of Commissioners for West Tennessee by James Robertson, and entered on the 27th day of September 1809, by No. 3948, as an occupant claim under the act of 1807.

there is granted by the said state of Tennessee unto James Porterfiel

assignee of the said James Robertson in a certain tract or parcel of land, containing three hundred acres lying in Wilson County in the first District on the head waters of Smiths Fork. - Beginning at a Spanish oak in the West boundary line of Knox's Survey running North two hundred and twenty eight poles to four lynes thence West two hundred and one fourth poles to two ashes and a buck. Thence South two hundred and twenty eight poles to a white walnut and sugartree, thence East two hundred and ten and one fourth poles to the

Beginning including his improvements-Surveyed the 23rd of June 1808.

With the Hereditaments and Appurtenances--to have and to hold the said tract or pacel of land, with it's appurtenances, to the said

James Porterfield

And his heirs forever.--In Witness Whereof Willie Blount Governor of the State of Tennessee, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at Knoxville, on the twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine and of the Independence of the United States, the thirty fourth

By the Governor,

R. Houston, Secretary
Blount

Willie

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN S. PORTERFIELD
ALABAMA TO MISSISSIPPI TO ARKANSAS

Remember Tom Porterfield of Glendale, California? He wrote a letter to Porterfield Lines seeking information about the ancestry of John Sproul Porterfield--a letter which was printed in the July 1991 issue. He was born on a farm in Howard County Arkansas. Four generations of his ancestors, including John S. Porterfield, are buried in adjoining Pike County at the Academy in the community of Nathan, Arkansas near Murfreesboro. The Academy is a Methodist Church and Cemetery.

Tom has done quite a bit of genealogical work, including research at the Mormon Temple in Santa Monica. He had found names of all his great and great great grandfathers, given names and in some cases surnames of his great and great great grandmothers, but he was still searching for the antecedents of his great great grandfather John S. Porterfield, Sr. (1809-1896) who according to an 1850 census was born in New York, N.Y. (Descendants Chart on p. 60, July 1992 PL)

In an effort to be helpful, the article "An Answer" described commonly used genealogical research tools and methods. One of the most effective was omitted, however. That is visiting the sites of former homesteads, talking with relatives living in the area, seeking out cemeteries where family members might be buried.

In Tom Porterfield's next letter, he wrote that he and his wife, Cleta, had completed just such a trip with amazing results. Excerpts from his eight page letter addressed to Grace and Paul Porterfeld (with a copy sent Porterfield Lines) are printed here.

"Fae Owens of Bolivar, TN (a great great grand daughter of John S. Sr. and Ann E. Porterfield has been immensely helpful in connecting me to the past. How did I locate her? Simply by writing the County Clerk and Probate Offices of Hardeman County as Grace (Porterfield) suggested. One of my letters went straight to the "source" as Fae and a friend handle all genealogy inquiries for Hardeman County. Fae responded with a lengthy letter and she sent me the "prize" a picture of John S Porterfield Sr. Fae has been doing genealogy research on her and her husbands families as I recall since about 1957. She has a Genealogy Library in a large room of her home that is much larger than any of the half dozen California city and county genealogy libraries that I have visited. (She) is a great grand daughter of Samuel M Gray and Martha Ann Porterfield Gray (second child of John S. Sr and Ann E Porterfield.)

"During the last week of our trip we spent a day each with Fae, and another day with Charles & Rachel Porterfield and extended family in Corinth, MS. Charles is the great

grandson of Thomas P Sr. We also met Lula Porterfield who is the second wife and widow of Johnnie Sprouse Porterfield. (I believe Johnnie who passed away last year at age 91 or 93 was the youngest son of Thomas P Sr. The Corinth Porterfields think John S Porterfields middle name was perhaps Sprouse.) All were most gracious and helpful and introduced us to many Porterfield's and friends including Birt Porterfield and Genette and Ray McKinney.

"Bolivar, TN the town where Fae lives is the County Seat of Hardeman County and loaded with history. President James K Polk's grandfather and other relatives, and many local notables are buried in the town cemetery. The town contains many, many 1800-1850 mansions. As well as being given a private first class tour of Bolivar, TN, we visited a cemetery near Pocahontas, TN where it is believed Lydia Porterfield Miller is buried, another cemetery nearby (State Line Cemetery I believe) where Gray's & Porterfield's are buried, and best of all for me the PORTERFIELD Cemetery in Alcorn County, MS

"Birt Porterfield and Genette McKinney knew the location of the Porterfield Cemetery, but it took considerable effort and help from the adjoining farm neighbor to get there. Starting from the Tennessee-Mississippi State line, it is a 1 and 1/2 mile walk through growth that surely can only be found in Mississippi or Arkansas. It is my understanding tht this cemetery is on what was in 1858 the property of John S Sr. and Ann Eliza (Annalise) Penick Porterfield (16 Feb 1816- 6 Mar 1858). There were several unmarked graves and I am wondering if John S and Ann E had one or two other children who could have been born dead or died in infancy.

"Charles gave me a paperback book Kith and Kin of Hardin County. Pages 66 through 85 of the book is titled Porterfield and discusses Porterfield's of Hardin County (adjoins Hardeman County). Another great find that Fae gave me is excerpts from a book The Penick Family by Lyman William Priest of Charlottesville, Va. It traces Ann E's family back to her great great great grandparents Edward & Elizabeth Penick who lived in New Kent or James City County VA. Edward is believed to have died shortly after April 11, 1721--was perhaps born in the early 1660' or earlier.

"Ann E's great great grandfather, also named Edward Penick was baptized in St. Peter's Parish New Kent and James City Counties, VA August 15, 1686. Ann E's parents John and Mary Bradshaw Penick (Bradshaw is Pierce B. Porterfield's middle name) migrated from Prince Edward County, VA to Colbert (then Franklin) County. Did John S Sr who would have been about age 21 at the time come with them from Virginia or did he and Ann E meet in Coldwater (now Tuscumbia) AL area?

"We visited with Cleta's relatives in Little Rock, Heber Springs & Greers Ferry Lake. While in Little Rock we met and visited with a grand son of Pierce B Porterfield's who brought over a large framed picture of his and my great grandfather William "Bill" B. This grand son (C.D., as I recall his name was Clinton) says he spent lots of time while growing up with his grandfather Charlies's next younger brother who talked with him quite a bit about his grandfather John S. Sr. (Charlie and Pierce were about 18 and 16 when John S. Sr died). John S. Sr had lived with William B's family since 1880 or before.

"It was Clinton's opinion that my suspicion that we might be descended from John Porterfield (1724-1786) of Pennsylvania was off the mark. Clinton's understanding is that John S Sr about 13 and his two sisters (ages 15 & 16 or 17) were born and living in Ireland in about 1820 when "they" (opposition perhaps) were killing everybody. In order for the children to survive, John S Sr and his sisters were put on a boat at Southhampton, England and sent to Virginia. The story did not seem to contain any information as who these teenagers lived with in Virginia.

"The story goes on and says something like--that then as sometimes now--people didn't always get along with each other. Thus, after a "big run in" with his sisters one day, John S Sr pulled up stakes and moved on. From where in Virginia is unclear, except that we know that John S Sr. probably landed in Franklin County AL (now Colbert County) by age 27 or 28 in 1836 or 37 or before.

"Now, I am back to the mystery. Why did John S Sr. (or someone for him) report on the 1850 and 1860 census that he was born in New York. In 1870 his birthplace was listed as Pennsylvania, in 1880 and 1890 as Ireland, perhaps reported by my grandfather William B. or daughter-in-law Annie. Was the reporting of New York and Pennsylvania as birth places done to somewhat hide the fact that he was a foreigner? On the contrary, it is my understanding that many, many Irish migrated to the South to raise cotton in the early 1800's, following Eli Whitney invention of the cotton gin.

"Hopefully, some of Cleta & my grandchildren will someday be interested in knowing that they are 11th, 12th & 13th generation Americans from three separate lines--13th from Cleta's Jackson line, 12th from the Penick's and 11th from my Ervin line.

Tom Porterfield"

The following census records have been found for John S. Porterfield:
 1840 Franklin County Alabama. 1 M 30-40; 1 F 20-30, 1 F 5-10;
 1 F Slave 10-26

1850 District 5, Franklin County Alabama, 28 Nov 1850, p. 133
 Dwelling 443 Family 443

John Porterfield	41 M	Farmer \$400 Real Estate	b. New York
Ann E.	28 F		b. VA?
Mary E.	12 F		b. Ala
Martha A.	10 F		b. "
John S.	8 M		b. "
Lidia	6 F		b. "
Wm. B.	1 M		b. "

1860 Tippah Co. Mississippi Northern District p. 589

John Porterfield 52 M, Farmer, R.Es. \$1500 P.Pr. \$6000 born New York;
 Priscilla Porterfield 42 F b. S. Carolina;
 Martha A. Porterfield 18 F b. Alabama Andrew Miller 16 M b. S.C.
 John Porterfield 16 M b. Alabama James Miller 15 M b. S.C.
 Lydia F Porterfield 14 F b. Alabama Mary Miller 6 M b. Miss
 William Porterfield 10 M b. Alabama Witt Jones 16 M b. Tenn
 Thomas Porterfield 8 M b. Alabama
 George Porterfield 7 M b. Alabama

(Ditto marks in census indicated surnames of children and Priscilla.
 After the death of Ann Eliza in 1858 John remarried to Priscilla Miller.)

1880 Soundex Alcorn Co. Alabama Beat 5

Porterfield, Thomas P.	Wh. M 27	b. Alabama
Mary J.	F 22 Wife	b. Arkansas
Elliott	3/12 N.R.	b. Mississippi
Porterfield, Wm. B.	Wh. M 30	b. Alabama
Anna M.	25 Wife	b. Alabama
Minnie	5 Daughter	b. Alabama
John L.	2 Son	b. Mississippi
Charles A.	7/12 Son	b. Mississippi

Wm. B. is gr. grandfather, Charles A. grandfather of Thomas Porterfield.

PORTERFIELD DATA

Compiled by Fae Owens

TIPPAH CO, Miss Published Data

1860 Agriculture Schedule of No. Division of Tippah Co., by
 Lockhart. John Porterfield 320 Acres

1880 by Lockhart: Tippah Co. Dist #1 Household 408

Porterfield, John S. 36 m, farmer, Ala, Ir, Va

Nancy E. 36 f, MS, SC, Ala/ Mealy A 10 f, AL, AL, AL/ John E. 2 m,
 Ms, AL, Ms/ Mary R 8/12 f, Ms, AL, Ms

Marriage Records 1858-1919 by Old Time Press

p 199 John S Porterfield (Sr) Priscilla Miller, 11 May 1860

John S Porterfield (Jr) Nancy Elizabeth Dowty, 15 Nov 1874

Amelia A. Porterfield O T Overton, 11 Apr 1897

Mattie (Martha Frances) Elec/Alex Stanley, 20 Dec 1905

T P Porterfield Martha Wilbanks 24 July 1912



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys, will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

PORTERFIELDS IN TENNESSEE

The Porterfields, like many other Scottish-Irish emigrants of the Shenandoah Valley, either entered Tennessee from Virginia setting their course for the Nashville area of middle Tennessee or filtered southward along the Holston River of Virginia to adjoining northeastern counties in Tennessee. These were the sites of the two earliest settlements in Tennessee: the northeast corner on the Watauga, Holston, and Nolichucky Rivers, 1769; and central Tennessee, 1779, at Fort Nashboro, later renamed Nashville. (Note: Holston was sometimes referred to as Holstein.) See an earlier article describing these two settlements. Porterfield Lines, July 1993.

Seth and Richard Porterfield of Washington County, Virginia made the easier transition to Tennessee becoming residents of Sullivan and Jefferson Counties respectively. Seth was on tax roles of contiguous Sullivan as early as 1796-97; Richard in nearby Jefferson County by 1800. A Porterfield named Samuel also paid taxes in Sullivan County in 1812.

Abingdon of Washington County Virginia, important to the early history of descendants of James Porterfield (1747-1811), lies about equidistant from the North and South Forks of the Holston River and about 15 to 20 miles from the Tennessee border county of Sullivan but James and his children traveled on to Central Tennessee settling in Wilson and Rutherford Counties. Francis Porterfield, also of Washington County Virginia, continued his venture to Lincoln County of South Central Tennessee.

Having named Porterfields who became residents of Tennessee at the turn of the nineteenth century we can give them identities by counties, a device previously used in our series on the Lancaster County Pennsylvania Porterfields.

For easy reference the following designations can be made:

Sullivan County Porterfields	Descendants of Seth
Lincoln-Davidson County Porterfields	Francis
Jefferson-Knox County Porterfields	Richard
Wilson County Porterfields	James I (1747-1811) and sons: James, Samuel, daughter Sally, and son, Thomas W. who removed to Oregon.
Rutherford County Porterfields	Sons of James I:
Jackson County Porterfields	Charles, William, and John Wilson Susannah (lineage unknown)

Questions remain as to the family lineage of these Porterfields:

James Porterfield who bought land in Davidson County in 1788.
James Porterfield--1811 tax record in Davidson County
Samuel Porterfield--1812 tax record in Sullivan County

Population census enumeration schedules of 1820, 1830, and 1840 provide further opportunity to follow Porterfield family history. Schedules read from microcopies are printed on pages 333, 334 and 335.

FMW

MAPS AND GAZETTEERS

Maps are useful to the genealogical researcher and a boon to those who cannot travel. In a recently acquired Gazetteer for Tennessee, I found towns, villages, and rivers made familiar by family history accounts of the Porterfields: Norene, Statesville, and Smith Fork in Wilson County; Readyville, Woodbury, the East Fork of Stones River, and a small village named Porterfield in Cannon County; and two stretches of rural road named Porterfield, one in Wilson, one in Cannon County.

Perhaps even more important was the value of the map in picturing the town of Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia just miles from Sullivan County Tennessee, and the reaches of the North, South and Middle Forks of the Holston River near the Nolichucky with their extension from Virginia into Tennessee.

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1820 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the
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Notes: North Central Tennessee: Rutherford, Wilson, Jackson Counties
 South Central Tennessee: Lincoln County

Place of Enumeration:
 Lincoln, Jackson, Rutherford, and Wilson Counties, Tennessee

Page	Name of Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					Foreigners not naturalized	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufactures	Free Colored	Slaves	Re	
		Under 10	10-16	16-19	16-26	26-45	45 and over	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45								45 and over
LN 02	Francis Porterfield	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0				3		1	26-45
JK 20	Susana Porterfield	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		3					
RU 100	Charles Porterfield	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0		4					
RU 101	John Porterfield	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0							
Lebanon																			
WL 416	James Porterfield	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0		1		1			
WL 416	Samuel Porterfield	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1					
Statesville																			
WL 418	John Porterfield	1	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	0		4		1			

Year 1830

1830-1840 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Notes: East Tennessee: Knox County
North Central Tennessee: Rutherford, Wilson, and Davidson Counties
West Tennessee: Hardin County

Place of Enumeration:
Knox, Rutherford, Wilson, and Davidson Counties, Tennessee

Page	Name of Head of Family	Free White Males										Free White Females										Slaves	Free Colored	Foreigners not naturalized	Peoploners (1840 Cen- sus Only)							
		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	Over 100	Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50					50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	Over 100	
Knox 388	Richard Porterfield	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			0	0	1	0	1														
DVD 294	Francis Porterfield	0	1	1	0	0	0	1						0	1	1	0	0	1													
RU 264	Charles Porterfield	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1					0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1											
RU 288	John or Jno. "	1	1	0	1	0	0	1						0	1	2	1	0	0	1												
RU 289	William Porterfield	0	0	0	0	1								0	0	0	0	1														
WL 91	James Poterfield	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1					1	1	2	1	1	0	1												
WL 95	James Porterfield	4	0	1	0	1	2							1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1											
WL 95	Thomas W. Porterfield	0	0	0	0	2								1	0	0	1	1														
WL 153	John Porterfield	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1					0	0	1	2	0	0	1												
HD 410	J. B. Porterfield	0	0	0	0	1								0	0	0	1	1														

Year 1840

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 North Central Tennessee: Cannon, Wilson, and Davidson Counties
 South Central Tennessee: Giles County
 West Tennessee: Hardin County

Place of Enumeration: Tennessee:

Knox, Sullivan, Blount, Cannon, Wilson, and Davidson, Giles, and Hardin Counties

Page	Name of Head of Family	Free White Males											Free White Females											Slaves	Free Colored	Foreigners, not naturalized										
		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	Over 100	Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70				70-80	80-90	90-100	Over 100						
Knox 61	Richard Porterfield	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1																								
SU 118	Robert Porterfield	2	0	0	0	0	0	1																												
SU 125	Jane Porterfield	0	0	0	1																															
BO 88	John Porterfield	0	0	1	0	0	1																													
CA 117	John Porterfield	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1																										
CA 128	Maria	1	0	0	0	2																														
WL 284	Porterfield, James	0	1	1	0	0	1																													
WL 285	Porterfield, Saml.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1																												
WL 318	Porterfield, C.A.	0	0	0	0	0	1																													
WL 319	Porterfield, C.A.	0	0	0	0	1																														
WL 318	Porterfield, Jones ?	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1																										
WL 318	Porterfield, Milton	1	1	0	0	1																														
WL 318	Porterfield, S.C.	1	0	0	0	0	1																													
WL 318	Porterfield, Miles	1	1	0	0	1																														
DVD 271	Malinda Porterfield	1	1	0	1	1																														
Giles 124	J. Porterfield	1	0	0	0	1																														
HD 238	Charles L. Porterfield	1	0	0	0	0	1																													
HD 250	William C.	2	0	0	0	1	1																													

INDENTURES AND PROBATE RECORDS

Records for James Porterfield (1747-1811) and other descendants of John Porterfield (1724-1786) continued from PL Jan '94, p 319

From Wills and Inventories 1802-1814 Wilson County, TN page 291:

An Inventory in part of the goods and chattels of James Porterfield deceased to wit: 4 head of cattle, 3 beds and furniture, and other household furniture, 1 waggon and 4 sets of chains, 1 log chain and chain, and farming utensils, and part of a set of waggon making tools, a cross cut saw, two saddles, and one pair of saddle bags.

Jenny Porterfield

James Porterfield

State of Tennessee

Wilson County Court

December term 1811

The foregoing inventory of the goods and chattel of James Porterfield deceased was exhibited in the open court and ordered to be recorded and recorded the 9th of Mar 1812.

Jno Alcorn
Clerk of Wilson County

From Wills and Inventories, 1802-1814, Wilson County,
Tennessee, page 304

The inventory of the estate of James Porterfield deceased
(a partial list):

Dresser & Furniture	Jane Porterfield	\$ 2.00
Bed	Jane Porterfield	10.00
Bed	Jane Porterfield	8.00
Tub	Jane Porterfield	88 cents
Chest	Jame Porterfield	1.50
Table & Drawers	Charles Porterfield	1.50
Ham	John Porterfield	.75
Churn	Jane Porterfield	25 cents
Flat Iron	Uriah Cross	75 cents
Oven & hooks	Jane Porterfield	1.00
Pot & hooks	Jane Porterfield	2.25
Skillet	Jane Porterfield	25 cents
3 pails	Jane Porterfield	75 cents
Trumpet	Charles Porterfield	21 cents
Bell	William Porterfield	50 cents

Saddle bags	Charles Porterfield	4.00	
Saddle bags	Charles Porterfield	9.50	
Grain & bags	Charles Porterfield	7.50	
2 Candlesticks	Jane Porterfield	12	cents
B. plowshare	John Porterfield	2.50	
F. plowshare	John Porterfield	1.50	
2 hoes	William Porterfield	1.00	
Mattock	Charles Porterfield	1.62	
2 Augers	John Porterfield	1.15	
H Saw	John Porterfield	2.25	
Cross cut Saw	James Stuart	12.25	
Brand Iron	John Porterfield	12	cents
2 pair horse shoes	James McAdoo	62	cents
	William Porterfield	4.30	
Plowshare	William Porterfield	1.12	
Harrow	Josiah Hodges	33	cents
Waggon	John Porterfield	46.00	
Side saddle	Jane Porterfield	1.00	
Plow	Jane Porterfield	4.00	
Doubletree	Jane Porterfield	1.12	1/2 cents
Cow & calf	James Richard	10.00	
Cow & calf	Charles Porterfield	10.00	
Cow & calf	William Porterfield	10.00	
	Joseph Young	2.30	
2 Heifers	Jane Porterfield	10.00	
1 Heifer	James Porterfield	6.00	
1 Heifer	Jane Porterfield	6.00	
Calf	William Porterfield	85	cents
1 Horse	Jane Porterfield	40.00	
1 Horse	James Porterfield	37.25	
1 Horse	Jane Porterfield	5.00	
1 Horse	Thomas Puckett	4.00	
Keg	Jane Porterfield	.50	
A balance of corn	James Porterfield	1.25	/bushel
1/2 the oats	William Porterfield	3.18	

Jane and James Porterfield administrator June the 16th 1812
exhibited at March term 1812 and ordered to be recorded.

Recorded _____ 1812

John Alcorn County Clerk

Others receiving at least one item: George Miched, James Barre, Robert McLin, Elijah Cross, William Morrison, James Smith, Absolum Byrns, and Joseph Mason. Total number of items listed - 90, ranging in value from 12 cents to \$46.00. Total Inventory value \$338.285. It is not clear whether this document records a sale of property.

Jane, James' widow, and sons John, Charles, William and James were the Porterfields receiving property. Most valuable item was the waggon; good horses were more valuable than cows with calves.

State of Tennessee)
 County of Wilson)

(10 Sep 1813)
 (in Tenn.)

For value Received know ye that I Jean Porterfield wife of James Porterfield deceased Late of the State and County above mentioned and Sally daughter of the said deceased and we Charles Porterfield, John Porterfield, Thomas H. Porterfield, William H. Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield sons of the said James Porterfield deceased and his lawful legatees and he the said deceased being seized and possess of a certain Lot and Buildings in the Town of Abingdon in the State of Virginia and we the above named legatees being lawfully intituled to our several shares in said lot and buildings and all their appurtenances do this day constitute and appoint our friend James Porterfield son of the said deceased James Porterfield our true and lawfu, attorney in our names and for our use To sell said lot and Buildings in said town of Abingdon and to Execute a deed for the same in as full and ample a manner as we could or wite doe was we theare personally ourselves to ask for Demand and recover all and singular the pay or arrearages of pay theare from arising to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in any court of record having lawfull Jurisdiction of same whatsoever to which we wite be intituled in and about the premises or any part or parts of the same Ratifying and confirming whatsoever this our Lawfull attorney May lawfully Do in and about the premises. In Witness whereof we have set our hands and affixed our seals this tenth day of September eighteen hundred and thirteen, at house of said Jean Porterfield.

We James Williams and Richard C	(Jean Porterfield	SS
Craddock two of the justices of	(Sally Porterfield	"
the peace for Wilson County do	(Charles Porterfield	"
hereby Certify that Jane	(John Porterfield	"
Porterfield, Sally Porterfield,	(Thomas H. Porterfield	"
Charles Porterfield, John	(William H. Porterfield	"
Porterfield, Thomas H. Porterfield,	(Sam.l H. Porterfield	"
William H. Porterfield and Samuel	(
H. Porterfield Did Sign seal and			
deliver to James Porterfield			

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Porterfield there and each of there lawfull attorney this power. Given under our hands and seals at the house of Jean Porterfields on the 10th of September 1813.

James Williams, JP SS
 Richard C. Craddock, JP SS

State of Tennessee)
)
 Wilson County)

I John Allcorn clerk of the County Court aforesaid, do hereby certify that James Williams and Richard C. Craddock, esquires, who hath signed and sealed the above certificate of the acknowledgement of the within letter of attorney to James Porterfield is and was at the time of certifying the same two of the acting justices of the peace in and for said County of Wilson duly commissioned and qualified and that full faith and credit are due all their official acts as such.

SS - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and private seal (there being) no seal at office this tenth day of September 1813 and 38th year of Independence.

Jno. Allcorn Clerk

State of Tennessee)
)
 Wilson County)

I Edmund Crutcher one of the Justices of the peace for said County (the presiding Justice being absent) do hereby certify that John Alcorn esq... who made the within certificate is the clerk of Wilson County Court, and that his certificate is in due form of law. Given under my hand at office this tenth day of September 1813.

Edward Crutcher JP
Wilson County

Virginia

At a Court held for Washington County the 19th day of October 1813.

This Power of Attorney from Jean Porterfield, Sally, Charles, John, Thomas W., William W., and Samuel H. Porterfield to James Porterfield was exhibited in court and together with the certificate of acknowledgement, and certificates of authentication were ordered to be recorded.

Washington County, Virginia DEEDS
Book 5, pages 309-310

7 Oct 1813

This Indenture made this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. Between Jean Porterfield the widow of James Porterfield dec'd and Sally Porterfield, Charles Porterfield, John Porterfield, Thomas W. Porterfield, William W. Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield, six of the heirs of the said James Porterfield dec'd by James Porterfield their attorney in fact, and the said James Porterfield last aforesaid mentioned also one of the heirs of the said James Porterfield first named, all of the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee of the One part and James White of the County of Washington in the State of Virginia of the Other part.

Witnesseth that the said Jean Porterfield, Sally Porterfield, Charles Porterfield, John Porterfield, Thomas W. Porterfield, William W. Porterfield, Samuel H. Porterfield and James Porterfield, for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand two hundred Dollars current money to them in hand paid, they do bargain and sell unto the said James White and his heirs one certain lot in the Town of Abingdon in the said County of Washington No. 7 containing one quarter of an acre and bounded as follows with to wits: Beginning at a corner of lot No. 8 and running thence along the north side of the main street S 64° W four poles to lot No. 6 and with a line thereof N 26° W 10 poles thence leaving the said lot No. 6 and along the alley N 64° E 4 poles to lot No. 8 and with a line thereof S 26° E 10 poles to the

Beginning with all it's appurtenances unto the said James White and his heirs to the sole use and behoof of him and the said James White and his heirs forever, And the said Sally Porterfield, Charles Porterfield, John Porterfield, Thomas W. Porterfield, William W. Porterfield, Samuel H. Porterfield and James Porterfield heirs as aforesaid for themselves and their heirs do covenant with the said James White and his heirs, that they the said Porterfields last above mentioned the aforesaid described Lot No. 7 with all it's appurtenances unto the said James White and his heirs against the claims of all persons whatever shall warrant and will forever defend. In Witness whereof the said Jean Porterfield, Sally Porterfield, Charles Porterfield, John Porterfield, Thomas W. Porterfield, William W. Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield by the said James Porterfield their attorney in fact and the said James Porterfield for himself have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written. Signed Sealed and Delivered, in the presence of us

Andrew Russell
Charles Tate
Ja.b Lynch
Chas. S. Carson
Benjamin Clark

Jane Porterfield SS
Sally Porterfield SS
Charles Porterfield "
John Porterfield "
Thomas W. Porterfield "
William H. Porterfield "
Samuel H. Porterfield "
James Porterfield "

At a Court held for Washington County the 19th day of October 1813

This indenture of bargain and sale between Jean, Sally, Charles, John, Thomas W., William H., and Samuel H. Porterfield by James Porterfield their Attorney in fact, and the said James Porterfield of the one part and James White of the other part was proved in Court by the oath of Charles Tate, Jacob Lynch, & Charles S. Carson, three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test.
Andrew Russell, D.C.

Washington County, Virginia DEEDS
Book 7, page 498

20 October 1819

This Indenture made this twentieth day of October 1819 Between Charles Porterfield and Jane his wife late Jane Duff of the County of Rutherford in the State of Tennessee of the one part and John S. Duff, Jr. of the County of Washington in the State of Virginia of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Charles Porterfield and Jane his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of One hundred and ten dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. Do grant bargain and sell unto the said John S. Duff and his heirs all their right title and interest in a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Washington aforesaid on the North side of Holstein River containing two hundred forty two acres, being the same tract of land conveyed to John Duff, Sr. now deceased by Adam Kerr by deed dated 16th day of August 1795 and of record in Washington County, to one ninth the part of which said tract of land the said Jane hath title as one of the heirs of the said John Duff deceased Subject to the dower of the widow. With all its appurtenances. To have and to hold the said undivided ninth part with all its appurtenances Subject to the dower aforesaid to the said John S. Duff and his heirs forever. And the said Charles Porterfield and Jane his wife for themselves and their heirs do covenant with the said John S. Duff and his heirs that they the said Chas. Porterfield and Jane his wife and their heirs the said undivided interest in the said land to the said John S. Duff and heirs subject to the dower aforesaid from themselves and their heirs and all persons claiming under them will Warrant and defend. In Witness whereof the said Charles Porterfield and Jane his wife have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Charles Porterfield
Jane (her X mark) Porterfield

State of Tennessee to wits

At a Court held for Rutherford County the 18th day of September 1820.

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Charles Porterfield and Jane his wife of the one part and John S. Duff of the other part was acknowledged in Court by said Porterfield and wife, she having been examined privily and apart from her said husband and relinquishing freely all right to dower therein and ordered to be certified. In testimony whereof I Blackman Coleman, clerk of said court have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed by official seal this 18th day of September 1820.

Blackman Coleman, Clerk

The preceding transcripts of original deeds and inventories establish the residence of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield in Augusta Co Virginia and their subsequent removal to Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia, and later removal to Wilson County Tennessee. The deeds also describe tracts of land they owned. The death of James Porterfield in Wilson County in 1811 is established and his heirs are named: Jane/Jean/Jenny Porterfield, his wife, and Sarah/Sally, Charles, John, Thomas W., William W., and Sam,l H., all having the surname Porterfield.

The last deed, dated 20 October 1819, verifies the marriage of Charles Porterfield and Jane Duff and names Jane's father John Duff, deceased, and her brother, John S. Duff of Washington County Virginia. It establishes the residence of Charles and Jane as Rutherford County Tennessee as they sell Jane's interest in property in Washington County Virginia.

The following deed dated 2 May 1815, described as a bargain and sale, records the sale of 350 acres of land on the waters of the middle fork of the Holstein River in Washington County Virginia to James Porterfield of Washington County by Thomas Edmiston and Margaret, his wife, of that same county.

John Porterfield (1751-1833) brother of James (1747-1811) had two sons. The oldest son, Francis, left Virginia for Tennessee as early as 1811; the youngest son, James, remained in Washington County Virginia. It seems most likely that the purchaser in this transaction was James, son of John Porterfield, therefore a cousin of the Wilson County Tennessee James Porterfield (1780-1861).

The few sentences of the next transaction also dated 2 May 1815, appears to be a sale to Thomas Edmiston by James Porterfield of Washington County but the legal description ends abruptly with the note "Rest of Book 6, page 73 missing....."

Washington County, Virginia DEEDS

Book 6, pp. 72-73

2 May 1815

This Indenture made the second day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifteen Between Thomas Edmiston and Margaret his wife of Washington County and Sate of Virginia of the one part and James Porterfield of the County and Sate aforesaid of the other part. Witness That the said Thomas Edmiston and Margaret his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars current money of the United States to them in hand paid hath granted bargained sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said James Porterfield a certain tract or parcel of land containing three hundred and fifty acres more or less lying and being in the County of Washington on the waters of the middle fork of Holsteins River being the tract of land whereon the said Thomas Edmiston now liveth and bounded as followith: Beginning at a large black oak and two white oaks a corner formerly to the land of Hugh Johnston now the land of said Edmiston thence with line of said Edmiston adjacent tract N 70° E 175 pls (poles) to an ash grubb a blackoak and elm on a hill S45 E 38 pls to a black oak white oak and white walnut on the west side of a branch and on the side of a hill N57 E70 pls to a dogwood and blackoak grubb near

the corner of the field North 24 pls to two Spanish oaks N50 W 82 pls to two white oaks on a Ridge above the head of a spring N35 E 83 pls to a large white oak near Allison's line a corner to said Edmiston's adjacent tract thence leaving said Edmiston's land S 50 & 76 pls to two white oak saplins S 30 E 50 pls to a white oak on the side of a hill S 52 E 120 pls to a white oak N 61 W 143 pls to a double white oak N 76 W 28 pls to an oak S 34 W 180 pls to three white oaks a corner to William Beaties land with the lines thereof S82 W 200 pls to a white oak saplin N 40 W 60 pls to the Beginning with all it's appurtenances To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all its appurtenances to the sole use and behoof of him the said James Porterfield and his heir forever. And the said Thomas Edmiston and Margaret his wife do covenant for themselves and their heirs with the said James Porterfield and his heirs that they the said Thomas Edmiston and Margaret his wife and their heirs the said tract or parcel of land with all its appurtenances unto the said James Porterfield and his heirs against the claim of all persons whosoever shall warrant and will forever defend. In witness whereof the said Thomas Edmiston and Margaret his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals the date first written.

Thomas Edmiston SS
Margaret Edmiston SS

Washington County to wit

He James Meek and James Kincanon magistrates of the said County do hereby certify that Thomas Edmiston party to the within conveyance hath duly acknowledged the same before us on the 3rd day of May in the year 1815 and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Washington in order that the said conveyance may be recorded. We further certify that Margaret Edmiston the wife of Thomas Edmiston parties to the said deed for the conveyance of real estate to James Porterfield bearing date the second day of May 1815 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid explained to her she the said Margaret Edmiston acknowledged the same to be her Act and deed and declared that she has willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that she wishes not to retract it.

Given under our hands and seals this the 3rd day of May 1815.

James Meek SS
James Kincanon SS

This Indenture of bargain and sale was returned to the Clerk of Washington County on the 16th day of May 1815 and admitted to record.

Teste.

Jacob Lynch, DC

This Indenture made the second day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifteen Between James Porterfield of the County of Washington and State of Virginia of the one part and Thomas Edmiston of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesses that the said James Porterfield for in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars current money of the United States to him in hand paid, hath granted bargained sold and by these presents doth grant bargain (rest of Book 6, page 73 missing.....)

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER
JOHN PORTERFIELD OF ORANGE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

The Orange County North Carolina Porterfields came to our attention during the search for Porterfields named David. From 1810 to 1840, census schedules for Orange County bore the name of John Porterfield. On the 1850 schedule a younger John Porterfield and Porterfield's named Andrew, Jackson, James, and David were listed. Absence of the older John Porterfield's name led to the assumption that he had passed away. Census 1810-1840 also reveal close ties with McCulloch's and Faucett's.

1810 Orange Co NC Census p.154: J. Poterfield 45 and over
Males 3 26-45, 1 10-16; Females 1 26-45, 2 10-16, 4 Under 10

1820 Orange Co NC Census p.404 John Porterfield 45 and over
Males 1 16-26, 1 10-16, 3 Under 10; Females 1 45 and over,
3 16 to 26, 1 10-16.

Two John Porterfields aged 60-70 and 30-40 are listed on the 1830 return. The 1840 Orange County Northern Division North Carolina census shows:

	AGE		AGE
John Porterfield	40-50	1 Female	30-40
1 Male	5-10	2 Females	10-15
2 Males	Under 5	1 Female	5-10
John Porterfield	70-80	1 Female	60-70
1 Male	15-20	1 Female	20-30
2 Males	20-30		
1 Free colored	10-24		

The older John Porterfield is also identified as Jno. Porterfield, Military Service Pensioner, aged 77.

In an article PL July 1993, we reported that a request for pension records had been sent National Archives. As we waited impatiently for the records, we were hoping John's antecedants would be revealed. They were not. Nor were references made to former places of residence.

John Porterfield was born February 14, 1763 in Orange County and lived in the county all his life. He served as a private in the company commanded by Captain Jameson under Col. Thackston and other company's in North Carolina in the Revolutionary War. His pension application made in December 1836 when he was 73 was allowed and he was awarded the annual sum of 33 dollars and 33 cents. Arrears amount and pension certificate were sent to James A. Craig of Haw River P.O. No.Ca. Supplemental proof was given by Thomas Horner and Brittain Bowers.

John died 12th Nov 1846 and his widow, Margaret Clark, applied for a pension based on his military service on 1 Dec 1849 with the assistance of Thomas Webb of Hillsboro, N.C. She was 75 (b. ca 1774). She was allowed the annual sum of 33 dollars and 33 cents. In a sworn statement Margaret Clark said that she was married to John Porterfield 7th Nov.

1796 after he left the service but before 2nd Jan 1800, date limitation of the 1848 Pension act. She presented as proof a copy of the Marriage Ban dated the 7th day of November 1796.

Though the applications contain no information about the antecedents of John and Margaret (Clark) Porterfield, John's application includes a personal account of military service in decisive closing battles of the Revolutionary War in North Carolina. John Porterfield's sworn Declaration is printed here.

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

1st Tour: The Declarant states that on or about the 25th of August 1780 he was drafted into the United States Service for a period of three months the object of the draft was to _____ troops to guard the public jail and town of Hillsboro. The Declarant served as private in a company of militia under the command of Captain William Jameson - Thaxton was Colonel. In this _____ as private I ~~was~~ engaged with other troops in guarding the said public jail and Town til the expiration of my three months time which was on or about the 25 November following when I was regularly discharged by Capt. Jameson and returned home. This tour this declarant proven by Thomas Horner. (More about discharge)

2nd Tour On or about the 10th day of December following to ?wit? 1780

There was a draft for three months militia men to join Gen'l Green - when this declarant volunteered for said Tour--the company to which he was now attached (most of them drafted men) was under the Command of Capt. Wm Nicholls--Archibald Murphey of Caswell County was Col. of the regiment. Rondevouzed at Caswell Court House on or about the 10th day of December of that year and were ordered to the Town of Charlotte which was then the head quarters of Genl Green--in one month thither we crossed Haw River at the High Rock--thence to Martinsville--thence to Salisbury, where we remained some time, as Gen'l Green had marched into South Carolina; we were ordered back to the neighborhood of the Catawba?, and were put under Gen'l Davidson and were stationed to guard McCowans ford on the Catawba River but were driven from our station by Cornwallis' army--from McCowans ford we went to Widow Torrences--thence to Yadkin--thence to Guilford Court House and in this retreat was joined by Gen'l Green--from Guilford we ~~was driven~~ retreated over the Don into Virginia. After remaining there for some time--returned to North Carolina--and on or about the 10th day of the month following, his tour ended and he received a discharge from Capt. Nicholls and returned home (proven by B. Bowers) that in this tour he was in a legally organized corps and called into Service by competent authority--and served as private all the Tour.

3rd tour and last.

This declarant states that on the 1st July 1781, he was drafted into the United States Service for a tour of three months--That he served as private this tour in a company of Militia, at first under the command of Captain Wilson - Joseph Taylor of Granville, Colonel, that they rendezvoused at Mt. Tirza, then in Caswell Co, now Person--from Mount Tirza we marched to Harrisburg in Granville, to guard some public stores that were deposited there. Some time in September following we received orders to march to Hillsboro to guard that place, as an attack by the tory forces under Fanning was apperhended; and when on our march to Hillsboro, express? was sent in that Tory forces had taken town and had made the Governor and many others prisoners--. We were ordered to march with rapidity--. Join the other troops that were in pursuit of Fanning and endeavor to recover the prisoners. We crossed E--? at McCabes--and Haw River at Lassator's ford--Thence to Cross Creek--where our Captain Wilson resigned and the command of the Company was given to Captain Dickerson--from Cross Creek we were marched to Raft Swamp where we joined Butler's troops--we were part of the time with Gen'l Rutherford--was stationed a while at Livers? plantation and Monroe's Bridge on Little River--and was next marched to North East Bridge where we first had intelligence of the Surrender of Cornwallis, this was now as well as this declarant can remember on the 1st of November 1781.--That he was at Raft Swamp when his three months expired but at the request of his superior officers he (with many others of his company) remained one month longer--and at the expiration of the four months was duly discharged as having served four months by Capt Dickerson and returned home--that on this tour declarant was in a legally organized Corps and called into service by competent authority, that he knows of no person living who served with him on this tour. That in all, This Declarant states that he was born in the county on the 14th of February 1763 as appears by a record of his age that he was living in the county when he entered the Service and has been living there ever since.

Signature John Porterfield

Certified by Gen'l Joseph Allison and Samuel Madden

Signature John Tayler
County Clerk
2nd day of Dec 1836

Transcribed by Frances P. Willis

MAPS AND GAZETTEERS continued from page 332.

The Gazetteer from which I received much pleasure and research assistance is The Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer published by DeLorme Mapping, P.O. Box 298, Freeport, Maine 04032. Their slogan is "Mapping America's Back Roads...One State at a Time."

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FMW

LOOKING AHEAD

IN THE NEXT ISSUE Porterfield Lines will begin the presentation of genealogical data for the lineage of each Porterfield pioneer in Tennessee.

Also to be printed in the next issue "Questions arising from early census records: James and John Porterfield of Wilson County"

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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE PORTERFIELDS

Six of the Porterfield pioneers named in early Tennessee records, Charles, Thomas, James, John, and Samuel Porterfield and their father James Porterfield (1747-1811) settled in Wilson County Tennessee about 1804.

Articles appearing in Porterfield Lines in the last three years of publication have traced the lives and lines of several of these antecedents. Lineage which has been covered most thoroughly is that of the oldest son Charles Porterfield (1776-1839) who removed from Wilson County to Rutherford County some time after 1810. Other sons who became associated with Rutherford County were William W. (1782-1850) and John Wilson (1784-1860). Porterfield Lines (1992) followed census records for both Charles and John Wilson Porterfield in Rutherford and Cannon Counties through 1840, continuing with accounts of descendants of Charles through 1880 and in some cases beyond.

Much has been written also about the descendants of James Porterfield (1780-1861) and his wife Ruth(a) Campbell and their sons John Milton and Samuel Campbell who removed to widely separated areas of Arkansas. Thomas Wilson Porterfield (1778-1872), second son of James Porterfield (1747-1811) married Cinthea Ireland in Wilson County 27 August 1811, the year in which his father died, and sometime thereafter took his family to Preble County Ohio.

This summary of family history published in Porterfield Lines to date is given as a review and introduction to family history to be presented in issues which follow.

Extensive new information is in store for those interested in the lines of John Wilson Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield. Several records can be added to the meager file of information which is available for William W. Porterfield (1782-1850).

(A few copies of Volumes I, II, and III for 1991, 1992, and 1993 are still available to subscribers. Price is \$15 for each volume; Texans add sales tax of \$1.01 each volume.)

JAMES PORTERFIELD (1747-1811)
AND
JAMES PORTERFIELD (1780-1861)
Wilson County Tennessee

As we have learned, the death and distribution of property of James Porterfield (1747-1811) is marked by an Inventory dated December 1811 and the inventory of a Sale of Property dated June 16, 1812. Both were recorded March 1812, Wilson County Tennessee. The names of Porterfields and others who bought inventory items at the 1812 sale are listed along with the article and its price. The Porterfields were Jane, Charles, James, William, and John. (Wills and Inventories, 1802-1814, Wilson County Tennessee, pages 291 and 304.)

The names of additional heirs, Sally and Sam'l H. Porterfield, and relationships of the Porterfield heirs are recorded in instruments arranging for the sale of Lot # 7 and Buildings in the town of Abingdon Washington County Virginia, former place of residence of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield. James, son of the deceased, was given power of attorney by his mother, Jane, sister, Sally, and brothers Charles, John, Thomas W., William W., and Sam'l H. for the purpose of making the sale. James White of Washington County Virginia was the purchaser. (Dates: 10 Sept 1813 and 7 Oct 1813. Washington County Virginia Deeds, Book 5, p. 307-310.)

James Porterfield (1780-1861) who acted on behalf of the family in this matter was the third child, third son of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield.

The death and distribution of property of James Porterfield (1780-1861) is set out by a Will dated Jun 7 1861 and a deed dated Dec. 26 1865, selling 265 acres, property where he lived. Location of the residence and land of James and family is reinforced by 1850 census records which show Sherills and Pembertons cornering the property as neighbors. James' birth date is taken from the 1850 Wilson County TN Civil District No. 18 census, p 511, reported to be 70 in 1850, born in Virginia.

A transcript of James' Will copied from "Wills and Inventories, page 13, County Courthouse, Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee and the deed from Deed Book F-2 Wilson County, Tennessee, pp. 409-410 (read by Grace Porterfield and Margrett Singleton) are printed below.

WILL

I, James Porterfield do make and publish this my last will and testament. First I desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my executors.

Second I give and bequeath to my children and my deceased son and daughter's children all my estate as I herein describe. I hereby authorize my lands be sold consisting of 265 acres the same I now live on to be sold either privately or at auction to the highest bidder whichever is considered by my executors. I hereby authorize my executors to put off the sale of my land by renting until time as assured of a sale then sold on time in the best advantage. My private property to be sold as is common in all such cases. All money arising from these sales over and above what pays my just debts, except otherwise bequeathed, to be equally divided among all my children to wit:

Matilda Burton's children one share, SC Porterfield one share, Jarvis M. one share, John M. Porterfield received \$200 of his share. Juliana Porterfield one share and to be left in the care of Jarvis M. Porterfield's hands for her benefit. Rutha J. Hudson 1 share, she has received \$90 of her share, Mary H. Blankenship 1 share, she has received \$175 of her share. Charles A. Porterfield's children 1 share. I will and wish that \$10 be paid into the hand of the proper person to be appropriated in enclosing the graveyard at Mount Vernon Church.

I do hereby nominate and appoint L.D. Leeman and Jarvis M. Porterfield my executors to execute my will and that security shall not be required of them.

Jun 7 1861
James Porterfield
[his mark]

DEED

We T..D. Leeman, and J.M. Porterfield, executors of James Porterfield in virtue of the authority vested in us as by said will have and do hereby transfer and convey to Samuel T. Porterfield his heirs and assigns forever, a tract or parcel of land in 18th Civil District of Wilson County State of Tennessee for the consideration of two thousand dollars currency to be paid, by estimation, two hundred sixty-five acres, and being the same more or less as follows to wit: bounded on the West by land of W.T. Sherill, Sr., on the South by lands of W.T. Sherrill and E.C. Leeman and Enock Warren, on the East by Enock Pemberton, W.T. Sherrill, Sr. We covenant with said Samuel T. Porterfield that we are authorized to sell said tract and as executors by the estate of James Porterfield to forever defend the title to the same, witness our hand and seals this Dec 26 1865.

Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence:

J.W. Jacobs
E. Vantrease

Jarvis M. Porterfield [Seal]
Thomas D. Leeman [Seal]

State of Tennessee,
County of Wilson

Personally appeared before me Josiah S. McClain, Clerk of County Court of said County of Wilson, J.W. Jacobs and E. Vantrease subscribing witnesses to the within said, who being duly sworn deposed and said they are all present with Thomas D. Leeman and J.M. Porterfield the within named bargainers and that they acknowledge the same in their presence to be their act and deed, and upon the day it bears state. Witness my hand and office this 8th day of May 1867.

J.S. McClain, Clerk

Registered this 8th day of May 1867 at 12 O'Clock

A.W. Vick

Register of Wilson County, Tennessee

WILL OF JOHN PORTERFIELD (1675-1739)

Elizabeth Wolf of Hilton Head Island, S.C., descendant of SAMUEL PORTERFIELD b. 1726 and the Porterfields of Emlenton, Venango Co. PA, writes to ask:

"The John Porterfield 1675-1739 on the 3rd page of Frank Porterfield's Foreword is not the same John Porterfield 1675-1738 on page 11 is he? This latter John was was of New Jersey and mentions no children in his will. (I have a copy) Do we have any proof of the former John as being from Ireland & father of those eight children?"

Dear Elizabeth, FBP referred to and thought both Porterfields were one and the same person. His basis for John Porterfield as the father of the 7 sons and daughter from Ireland were traditions, stories cherished through the years by descendants, and by the fact that all the pieces of the puzzle seemed to fit. Of course, the New Jersey will is the basis for the link to the Porterfields of Duchall. There is no proof that John was the father of the brothers and sister. Note that though the will describes John as a merchant of Trenton, Huntington County, New Jersey, he appoints John Kinsey/Kennedy? of Philadelphia as one of the executors of the will. He may have conducted business in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I do not know how to account for the discrepancy in dates. Thanks for the copy of the will which you obtained from the New Jersey Archives. Perhaps we need to transcribe it and learn more about the people named in it. FMW

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES AND RUTH(A) PORTERFIELD
WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

Wills and bible records reveal family relationships. Frank Burke Porterfield gives the names and birth dates of the children of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield with the notation "Bible Records of births." He does not, however, give the source for the Bible records. He names: Matilda Porterfield b. October 17, 1804, Samuel Campbell Porterfield b. March 9, 1807, Charles Alburn Porterfield b. May 27, 1809, Jervis Miles Porterfield b. November 8, 1811, John Milton Porterfield b. December 14, 1813, Juliana Porterfield b. January 26, 1816, James Erastus Porterfield b. July 2, 1818, Isabella Adaline Porterfield b. Oct. 25, 1820, Rufus Alverson Porterfield b. February 22, 1823, Ruth Jane Porterfield b. February 22, 1823, Mary Harriet Porterfield b. July 28, 1825.

1820

Census records for 1820 verify that James and Ruth(a) and family members were residents in Wilson County at that time.

Lebanon, Wilson County TN 1820, p. 416:

Males 3 under 10 yrs, 2 10-16 yrs
James Porterfield 26-45 yrs. {70 in 1980}
Females 1 under 10 yrs, 1 10-16 yrs, 1 26-45 yrs.
1 in Agriculture 1 in Manufacturing

Presumably, the Males are sons Samuel Cambell 13, Charles Alburn 11, Jervis Miles 9, John Milton 7, James Erastus 2; Females: Wife Rutha 37, daughters Matilda 16, Juliana 4.

1830

Ten years later in 1830 Wilson County TN, p.91 of the census:

Males 1 10-15 yrs, 2 15-20 yrs, 2 20-30 yrs
James Poterfield 50-60
Females 1 under 5 yrs, 1 5-10 yrs, 2 10-15 yrs, 1 15-20 yrs,
1 20-30 yrs, 1 40-50 yrs

Presumably, these are sons Samuel Cambell 23, Charles Alburn 21, Jervis Miles 19, John Milton 17, James Erastus 12; Females: Wife Ruth 47, daughters Matilda 26, Juliana 14, Isabella Adeline 10, Ruth Jane 7, and Mary Harriet 5. Discrepancies occur here: eleven children are recorded on the census, 5 males and 6 females; according to family records, there were 6 males and five females born into the family. The ages of the females do not match those of the birth dates (FBP) of the known daughters, and Rufus Alverson, twin to Ruth Jane, is not listed. Births occuring after 1820 would be Isabella Adaline, 10 in 1830, Rufus Alverson and Ruth Jane Porterfield, 7 in 1830, and Mary Harriet, 5 in 1830.

MARRIAGES

The earliest marriages of the children of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield occurred in 1832. Matilda was the first to marry.

Matilda m. David Burton in 1832 (Bond 29 Aug 1832 Wilson Co. TN; Bondsman: E.T. Goggins) (David A. Brittain to Utilda Porterfield)

Samuel Campbell m. Asenith Fite 6 Sep 1832, Wilson Co. TN

Jervis Miles m. Mary Boyd Brown --Bond issued 18 Feb 1833, m. by John Bone, J. P. 21 Feb 1833 Wilson Co. TN

John Milton m. Annis Lea 14 Dec 1834 - issued August 4, 1834 Bondsman: William H. Lea, m. by Jno F Doak, J. P. August 5, 1834, Wilson Co. TN

Charles Alburn m. Catherine Lemons Dec 1837 (Bond issued 19 Dec 1837 Wilson Co TN Bondsman: Alexander Lemons, m. by Samuel H. Porterfield J.P.)

Ruth(a) Jane m. Albert Smith Hudson 5 Feb 1842 Wilson Co. TN. A.C. King, J.P. (Hudson/Hutson)

James Erastus 1st m. Isabel Patrick 1843 Wilson Co TN, who "died in childbirth, the following year, her child dying with her." (Hines' History of Oregon) 2nd m. Ruth Campbell Watson 1847 removed to Oregon by way of Missouri by 1850. (FBP)

Mary Harriet m. Christopher C. Blankenship 24 Sep 1844 Wilson Co TN

Juliana never married. After the death of her parents she lived with Jervis Miles and Mary Boyd (Brown) Porterfield.

No marriage records have been found for Isabella Adeline or Rufus Alverson. Perhaps they did not live to adulthood.

1840

Family life changed considerably between 1830 and 1840 as the children left the family home. Sons, S.C. (Samuel Campbell), C.A. (Charles Alburn), Milton (John Milton) and Miles (Jervis Miles) are listed on the 1840 Wilson County Tennessee census as separate households.

On page 318 1840 Wilson County TN Census:

Male 1 30-40 yrs
James Porterfield 60-70
Females 2 15-20 yrs 2 20-30 1 50-60 1 70-80

Perhaps the male, 30-40, is son James Erastus but he would have been 22 not 32 (Birthdates, FBP); others are wife Ruth(a) 67, daughters Juliana 24, Isabella Adeline 20, Ruth Jane 17, Mary Harriet 15. An elderly woman aged 70-80 is also a member of the household.

Males 1 under 5 yrs
S.C. Porterfield 30-40 yrs
Females 2 under 5 yrs, 2 5-10 yrs, 1 20-30 yrs
Presumably, son Joseph R. 4, wife Asenith Fite, daughters Malvina W. 7 (born July 1833), Therrisha 6, Elizabeth 1 and Mary E. an infant.

Males None
C.A. Porterfield 30-40 yrs
Females 1 under 5 yrs, 1 20-30 yrs.

Males 1 under 5 yrs 1 5-10
Milton Porterfield 20-30 yrs.
Females 1 under 5 yrs, 1 20-30
Presumably, sons William R. 5, James T. 3, wife Annis 30
daughter Frances J. 2

Males 1 under 5 yrs 1 5-10 yrs
Miles Porterfield 20-30 yrs
Females 1 under 5 1 20-30 yrs.

The listing of all these families on one page of the census roll seems to indicate that the family continued a close relationship even after the marriage of some members. It may be that they also worked together, farming and manufacturing wagons.

1850

The 1850 census continues to reflect their close family ties with daughters, now married, and sons living in close vicinity to James and Ruth(a). Listings appear on pages 510 to 512 of the Civil District No. 18 Wilson County TN census enumerated on the 15th of October 1850.

Dwelling No. 1079, Family No. 1079: David H. Burton 41, Matilda 41, Ruthann 17, Thuramuthus 15, Nancy 14, Charles 12, James 9, Jervis 8, Lemuel 6 (4?). David b. TN, Matilda VA, all children in Tennessee. Real Estate Value \$350

Dwelling No. 1085, Family 1085: Albert S. Hutson 29, Rutha 23, Fountain 4, Elizabeth 2. All born in Tennessee. Real Estate Value blank.

Dwelling No. 1086, Family 1086: James Porterfield 70, Rutha Porterfield 67, Juliana Porterfield 30, Christopher Blankinship 24, Harriet Blankinship 25, Louisa Blankinship 5. James and Rutha b. VA, all others Tennessee. Real Estate Value James \$1200.

Year 1850

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping research notes)

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Notes:

Children and grandchildren of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield
 Samuel H. and Jane (Patterson) Porterfield and their children; Eliza Carroll;
 and Sarah Porterfield

Place of Enumeration:

Wilson County Tennessee

Civil District No. 18

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
511	10 87	10 87	John M. Porterfield	36	M			Blank		Tenn				15 Oct	
			Annis "	40	F					"					
			William "	16	M					"		1			
			James "	12	M					"		1			
			Frances "	11	F					"		1			
			Robert "	9	M					"		1			
			Sophronia "	7	F					"					
			Elizabeth "	5	F					"					
			John "	3	M					"					
511	10 88	10 88	Jarvis M. Porterfield	38	M			Blank		"			1		
			Mary "	37	F					"			1		
			Sarah "	15	F					"					
			James "	12	M					"					
			Samuel "	11	M					"					
			Leonidus	10	M					"					
			Isabel	8	F					"					
			Rufus	7	M					"					
			Rutha	5	F					"					
			Christopher	2	M					"					
512B	10 99	10 99	Samuel H. Poterfield	60	M			200		VA				16 Oct.	Age should be 56
			Jane "	44	F					Tenn					
			James "	18	M					"		1			
			Julia "	14	F					"		1			
			Mary "	12	F					"		1			
			Rufus "	7	M					"					
			Eliza Carroll	19	F										
			Sarah Poterfield	70						VA					

Dwelling No. 1087, Family 1087: John M. Porterfield 36, Annis 40, William 16, James 12, Frances 11, Robert 9, Sophronia 7, Elizabeth 5, John 3. All born in Tennessee. Real Estate Value blank.

Dwelling No. 1088, Family 1088: Jarvis M. Porterfield 38, Mary 37;, Sarah 15, James 12, Samuel 11, Leonidus 10, Isabel 8, Rufus 7;, Rutha 5, Christopher 2. All born TN. Real Estate Value blank.

Missing from these census records:

Samuel Campbell and Asenith (Fite) Porterfield and family. They moved to Dallas County Arkansas by way of Mississippi about 1842. They are antecedants of Margaret Porter Singleton of Arkadelphia, Ark who has compiled a publication listing 4,000 descendants. The book, published in 1984, is out of print but a copy is held by the Mormon Library at Salt Lake City, Utah and it may be read there. (See Porterfield Lines May 1992 for their 1850 census record. Indexes for Porterfield Lines list pages for additional accounts of the family.

Charles Alburn and Catherine (Lemon/Lemmon) Porterfield. Charles Alburn died in 1847. In Sistler's Index to Early Tennessee Wills & Administrations reference is made to C.A. Porterfield 1847 wb-#154, Wilson County and Charles A. Porterfield 1849 wb-#165, Wilson County. An 1850 census for Catherine and children has not been found.

Isabella Adaline Porterfield. Last noted as one of two daughters aged 20 to 30 living with James and Rutha Porterfield, 1840 Wilson Co census roll. By birth date she would have been 22, 32 in 1850. Further search for marriage records should be made. Perhaps she and her husband, if she married, accompanied other family members in a removal to Oregon, Arkansas or other state.

Rufus Alverson, twin to Rutha Jane (Porterfield) Hutson/Hudson according to Frank Burke Porterfield. He would have been 27 in 1850. No young male son of the correct age bracket is reported in 1830 or 1840. Perhaps he died young.

SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD
1850 Census

Another census record of great interest is that of Samuel H. Porterfield. Living not too far distant from other family members, he is listed on page 512b as Dwelling No. 1099, Family No. 1099, Civil District No. 18 Wilson County Tennessee. This record and others will be presented in the next article discussing "Questions Arising from early Wilson County Tennessee Census Records."

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JAMES AND JOHN PORTERFIELD
1820-1850 WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

TOO MANY PORTERFIELDS--that is the problem which arises when the early census records for Wilson County Tennessee are examined. There are more Porterfields in Wilson County than have been accounted for in previous records. Refer to Porterfield census records PL March 1994 pp.333-335.

In the 1820 census 3 listings occur for Wilson County:

	Males	Females		
Lebanon p. 416				
James Porterfield	3-2-0-0-1-0	1-1-0-1-0	Ag 1	Man 1
Samuel Porterfield	0-0-0-1-0-0	0-0-0-0-1	AG 1	
Statesville p. 418				
John Porterfield	1-3-0-1-1-0	3-0-1-1-0	Ag 4	Man 1

Ag-Those engaged in agriculture; Man-Those engaged in manufacturing

From these records we assume that James Porterfield and Samuel Porterfield, the third and the youngest sons of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield having removed from Washington County Va with their parents to Wilson County TN have remained in Wilson County following their deaths. James, the senior, had passed away in 1811; Jane is reported to have died in 1816.

The data of husband 26-45, wife 26-45, five sons and 2 daughters fits the profile of James (1780-1861). Samuel, born 1794, would be 26, and from this data had established his own household, with a member of the household a woman who is 45 or older.

The puzzling questions then, are who is the elderly woman living with Samuel and who is John Porterfield living in the village of Statesville.

John Porterfield of Statesville is 26-45 years old. His wife (logically assuming that she is his wife) is also 26-45. A young man 18-26 and a young woman 16-26 live with them. Are these two a younger couple or a son and a daughter? Three male children who are 10-16 years old, one who is under 10, and three female children under 10 are also part of the household. WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THIS HOUSEHOLD AND HOW ARE THEY RELATED TO THE LINEAGE OF JAMES PORTERFIELD (1747-1811), JAMES PORTERFIELD (1780-1861), AND OTHER WILSON COUNTY PORTERFIELDS?

One way to search for answers is to continue our overview of Wilson County census records for 1830-1850 noting the sequence of data for these unknowns, hoping that the 1850 census which names individual family members will resolve our questions.

As we trace the Wilson County Porterfields, take into account that several of the children of James (1747-1811) and Jane

(Lockhart) Porterfield have removed to other counties: Charles, John Wilson, and William to Rutherford County TN, Thomas W. to Preble County Ohio after his marriage in 1811 and the death of his father. (Thomas W. signature is recorded on Wilson Co. deeds selling Lot 7 Washington Co. VA. dated 10 Sept. and 7 Oct 1813.)

The names of heirs signing these indentures were Jean/Jane, Sally, Charles, John, Thomas W., William W. Sam,1, and James all bearing the Porterfield surname. (James given Power of Attorney.)

We know the only known heirs of James (1747-1811) who remained in Wilson County in 1820 were James (1780-1861), Samuel (1794-1867), and possibly Sarah/Sally whose birth-death dates we do not know.

Census records for Charles and John (Wilson) appear on the 1820 Rutherford County TN census pp 100 and 101 respectively. In 1830 the Rutherford County TN census names Charles p.268, John (Wilson) p. 288, William p. 289.

In the 1830 census 4 Porterfield listings occur for Wilson County:

Page		Males	Females
91	James Poterfield	0-0-1-2-2-0-0-1	1-1-2-1-1-0-1
95	James Porterfield	4-0-1-0-1-2	1-2-0-0-1-1-0-1
95	Thomas W. Porterfield	0-0-0-0-2	1-0-0-1-1
153	John Porterfield	0-0-1-0-0-0-0-1	0-0-1-2-0-0-1

James Poterfield, p. 91, with James 50-60 and Rutha 40-50 and other family members fits the pattern, with the exceptions described earlier, for the household of James (1780-1861). John Porterfield, p 153, with John 50-60 and wife 40-50 and children 10 years older fits the pattern of John Porterfield of Statesville in 1820; one of the four youngest sons and the three young daughters remain at home.

James Porterfield and Thomas W. Porterfield, p. 95, are households reported for the first time and are unidentified. Both seem to be two couple families. The James Porterfield family consists of three males 20-40, two females 20-40 and a more elderly female of 50-60. There are seven children, 4 male, 3 female under 10 and one male 10-15. The Thomas W. Porterfield family consists of 2 males 20-30, 1 female 20-30, and 1 female 15-20 with one young female child under age 5. Two Porterfield family names, James and Thomas W. have been repeated, a naming tradition indicative of close blood ties. James and Thomas W. could be sons of John of Statesville who by 1830 have now established their own homes. Comparing dates with the marriage of Thomas Wilson Porterfield to Elizabeth Jackson (bond issued 29 Sep, m. 1829, Wilson County) we must conclude that the Thomas W. of this census is the Porterfield who married Elizabeth Jackson.

In the 1840 census 8 Porterfields are named as Wilson County residents. The family of James Porterfield (1780-1861) named on pages 318 and 319 is some distance from James Porterfield and Samuel Porterfield, listed on pages 284 and 285. No household was listed for Samuel in 1830. Could he have been the third

adult male in the 1830 household of James Porterfield which also housed the older woman aged 50-60.

Samuel (H.) did not marry until 1832. The 1840 census sets his household as Samuel 40-50, wife 40-50, 1 son under 5, 2 daughters under 5 and two daughters 5-10. The elderly woman who has been part of his household in previous years is no longer a family member, but a woman of the expected age is, in 1840, a part of the household of James and Rutha Porterfield.

James and his sons pp. 318 have been identified in the article "The Children of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield." C.A. Porterfield, p. 319, is a new unidentified listing.

Notice that there are two C.A. Porterfields; one is the son of James and Ruth (Campbell) Porterfield. The household of the other is composed of C.A. Porterfield 20-30, 2 females 10-15, and an older female, 40-50. [Note: The name Charles A. Porterfield is recorded in Stone's River Presbyterian Church Minutes, Volumes IV, in years 1859 and 1871. Stone's River in Rutherford County TN (area became Cannon County) is place of residence of Charles, oldest son of James Porterfield (1747-1811), and many of his descendants.

The John Porterfield family formerly identified as residents of Statesville is not on the 1840 census schedule, perhaps indicating that he has passed away. He would have been 60-70 years old. We wonder how many of the new listings could be his direct descendants.

1850

Advancing to the 1850 Wilson County census schedules, only one family has not been previously identified:

Wilson County 1489-80: Poterfield, James 50, Mary 52, John 21, Elizabeth 18, Asahel 14, Nancy Webb 75. James b. VA
Mary b. KY

Also on the 1850 census is the family of Samuel H. Poterfield identified as the youngest son of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield, brother to Charles (1776-1839), Thomas W. (1778-1872), James Porterfield (1780-1861), William Porterfield (1782-1850), John Porterfield (1784-1860), and Sally Porterfield.

Wilson County 1099-1026: Poterfield, Samuel H., Jane 44, James 18, Julia 14, Mary 12, Rufus 7, Eliza Carroll 19, Sarah Poterfield 70. Samuel H. b. VA, Jane b. TN

Their place of residence is not too far distant from that of his brother James (1780-1861), listed pp. 511, for Samuel's name is listed on page 512 B.

It is surprising to find only one of the unidentified names transferred from the 1840 census. The 1850 census gives little assistance in following the lives of unidentified Wilson County Porterfields. Search in other states to which they may have removed may be helpful.

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REPRISE
WHO WAS DAVID PORTERFIELD?

Though the antecedants of David Porterfield, Sr (b. 1751-60) of Guilford County NC and Madison County Georgia have not been identified, descendants have not given up the search.

Frank Burke Porterfield wrote that John Porterfield, second son of James Porterfield of Cumberland County, N.C., was the ancestor of both the Butler County Alabama and the Georgia Porterfields. The lineage of the Butler County Alabama Porterfields can be verified using Alabama census records and other sources but it appears that FBP's statement that John, son of James Porterfield (1718-1777), was an antecedant of the Georgia Porterfields is incorrect. See Porterfield Lines March and May 1993 issues. "Early Records" appear in the July 1993 issue.

Additional genealogical facts follow which may be helpful in determining antecedants of David Porterfield, Sr. and the Georgia Porterfields. A few of the notes refer to the family of James Porterfield (1718-1777), Cumberland Co. NC.

The complete title of the Robert Wodrow book which lists a David Porterfield as an immigrant to America in 1685 is:

"Lists of Scotch Prisoners Deported to New Jersey, 1685." The History of the Sufferings of the Church of Scotland, from the Restauration to the Revolution. Collected from the publick records, original papers, and manuscripts of that time, and other well attested narratives. Volume two. Edinburgh: James Watson, 1722, pp. 481-487. (Lancour 114)

From the Guilford Genealogist p. 9.74. The Petition of the Inhabitants of Guilford Co. N.C. (from the Colonial Records of N.C. Vol IX (1771-1775). Petitioners included residents of present Guilford Co., Randolph Co., & Rockingham Co.: James Porterfield signed this petition.

From the Guilford Genealogist Vol 18, No. 2 Winter 1991 No. 52. Title: North Carolina Wills - A Testators Index 1665-1900. James Porterfield Orange County North Carolina 1890? Will Book H/pg 535. (Several Nunn's listed 1814-1900) (The two Guilford Genealogist references from Evelyn Haynes.)

From the Georgia Genealogist. Migration shown in Power of Attorney: Porterfield, James M.(?) of Wharton Co., TX 5 Jan 1892, appoints J.W. Graham of Orange Co., N. C. attorney, to receive all monies coming to said Porterfield out of the estate of James Porterfield, deceased, now pending in administration in said Orange Co., North Carolina.

Note from Mrs. L. N. Trammell (Rose) to Evelyn Haynes: "I think I told you that Colonel Thos. Owen's first wife was Mary Grady--they had one daughter, Mary, and his wife Mary died very early--he then married Eleanor (some spell it Elinor) Porterfield, who must have been a very lovely person. Mary Owens daughter, Mary, married Elisha Stedman of Fayetteville, North Carolina." (This is at variance with the Frank Burke Porterfield account which does not mention two marriages for Colonel Thos. Owen and lists Mary who married

Elisha Stedman as the daughter of Eleanor Porterfield. Rose Trammell's source was a letter from a descendant, Rose Barry Smith, to her daughter, Rose Barry Jones, copy of the letter sent Evelyn Haynes.)

"Background Facts" (PL March 1993, p. 232) stated there was a Christopher Porterfield on 1820 Madison Co., Georgia census, Page 43 and a David Porterfield on the same census (47)." Correcting that statement, there were two David Porterfields listed, one on p 45 and one on p 47. The Madison County Georgia census of 9th Feb 1820 enumerated by John Landers listed a household totaling 11 people for Christopher Porterfield, aged 26-45 (see PL p. 235). The household of David Porterfield, Sr., age 45 and over, and Sarah Nunn, aged 45 and over, included a Male youth 10-16.

Household of David Porterfield, Jr. age of 26-45	
1 Male 10-16	1 Female 16-26
1 Male Under 10	1 Female Under 10

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Acknowledgements: A number of descendants of David and Sarah (Nunn) Porterfield of Guilford County North Carolina have diligently searched for those facts which trace the removal of this branch of Porterfields from North Carolina to Georgia and then to Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Texas. Evelyn Haynes of Bloomburg, Texas sends names of those whose work should be acknowledged and praised.

Jay D. Williams of Roswell, Georgia; Mrs. L. N. Trammell (Rose), Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Roy Lamar Ector, Professional Genealogist, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Winnie Garrett, Lima, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Emma C. Brannon, Shreveport, Louisiana; and Jeri Harrist, Atlanta, Texas.

Research facilities in Northeast Texas where the family history is on record are: The Cass County Genealogical Society, Atlanta, Texas; the Branch Library of Latter Day Saints at Atlanta, Texas; and the Cass County Courthouse, Linden Texas. Write to P.O. Box 880, Atlanta TX 75551 to subscribe to the excellent publication Cass County Connections. Cost: \$10/yr.

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PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys, will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

SETH PORTERFIELD SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE

Seth Porterfield and James Porterfield are paired in Chalkley's Extracts from Court Records of Augusta County Virginia. Both were "Delinquents", recorded among others, for the Augusta County tax levy of 1779: "James Porterfield, gone;...Seth Porterfield gone;..." James name had appeared in an earlier list, the "list of levys returned bad by John Smith for 1773-74."

It seems likely that service in the Revolutionary War was the reason for their absence in 1779. Seth Porterfield was a soldier in Captain Simpson's Company, Augusta County VA; James Porterfield served in Capt. Buchanan's Company of Augusta County VA. (Source: Virginians in the Revolution) The name, James Porterfield, is also found in the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 5, Volume VII, p 1053, "A Muster Roll of Captain Richard McCown's Company of Militia of Colonel Timothy Green's Battalion of Lancaster County, destined for the camp in the Jerseys - August ye 31st, 1776." (d.) Listed as Private 23 is JAMES PORTERFIELD. This military record is referred to by Frank Burke Porterfield in his book The Porterfields as that of James Porterfield (1747-1811).

Seth's antecedents are not identified by Chalkley's excerpts but Frank Burke Porterfield links him to Patrick Porterfield (1720-1789) fifth son of John Porterfield (1675-1739), immigrant to Pennsylvania. Richard Porterfield of Augusta County and Albemarle County Virginia, who removed to Knox County Tennessee, is also named as a descendant of Patrick, as is Mary (Porterfield) Boyd of Augusta County Virginia and Monroe County West Virginia. Frank Burke Porterfield recommends local histories of Monroe County, West Virginia in which records of the Boyds descending from Patrick Porterfield may be found.

Patrick Porterfield was a patron of the Vestry established by Augusta County residents soon after the county was created. In 1752 he was "allowed" for keeping a poor child. In the same passage it was noted that Widow Ring was to be paid for nursing and burying John Loden. The Vestry records are both touching and human, reminding us of the importance of spiritual and charitable matters in our lives and of some of the difficulties in establishing a church. (Definition of a vestry: The body charged with conducting the business affairs of a church.)

Was Seth Porterfield a son of Patrick? Perhaps a reader will offer an answer to this question. By 1796 Seth had removed to Sullivan County Tennessee where he was taxed for: 1 White Poll and 200 acres of land. Tax assessments for 1797 and 1812 may indicate that Sullivan County continued to be his home during that interval of time. Another name on the 1812 tax list, that of Samuel Porterfield, excited our imagination and stimulated our research effort.

The need for background information on the 1850 census record for Jane Porterfield of Carroll County led to the fortunate connection not only of the Carroll County Porterfields to the Sullivan County Porterfields but also to the relationship of Seth, Samuel Porterfield, and Jane Porterfield of Sullivan County.

The vehicle for this revelation was a county history, once again pointing out the value of county history publications, and a story written by Charlotte Lockwood for The Carroll County Tennessee History, Vol 1. (Published by the Carroll County Homecoming 86 Historical Book Committee, 1987.)

In an entertaining and informative account of the family she reveals a story of the great bravery and determination of the pioneer woman Jane (Erwin) Porterfield who after her husband's death continued the operation of a 180 acre farm in Sullivan County with the assistance of four young children and who, for some as yet unassigned reason, sold the farm and traveled with the three youngest 350 miles or more along the Great Stage Road to Carroll County. There she soon began the acquisition of acreage for what became a 420 acre farmland. At the time of the removal, sometime in 1840, the children were young adults. James and Elizabeth were 20, Alfred was 18. Jane was 44. She had left a son, Robert S., about 25, in Sullivan County. She and the other three children had sold their share of the land to her brother, David Erwin.

Charlotte Lockwood's story reveals that Samuel Porterfield of Sullivan County was the son of Seth Porterfield and the husband of Jane (Erwin) Porterfield. He may have been somewhat older than Jane who, judging from the age of her children, must have been about 18 when she married.

Lockwood writes that Samuel probably died before the 1830 Sullivan Co. census. The first census record this researcher has found for Seth's descendants is that of Jane and her oldest son Robert in the 1840 census schedule for Sullivan County TN.

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			Elizabeth	56	F					" "			X		
			Newton H.	17	M		Farming			Tennessee		X			
			Mary J.	15	F					" "		X			
			Ann E.	13	F					" "		X			
	1787		James McMackin	38	M		Merchant	Blank		N. C.					
			Elizabeth	32	F					Tennessee					
			James L.?	4	M					" "					
			Robert S.	2	M					" "					
	1793		Andrew McMakin	65	M		Farming	800		N. C.					
			Nancy	60	F					" "					
			Andrew	30	M		Farming			" "					
			David	18	M		Farming			Tennessee					
			Lewis T. McMakin	8	M					" "					
	1798		Jane Porterfield	55	F			300		Tennessee			X		
			Alfred D.	28	M		Farming			" "					
	1799		James Porterfield	35	M		Blacksmith	Blank		Tennessee					
			Nancy	23	F					" "					
			Samuel W.	3	M					" "					
			Marshall Vaughn	18	M		Farming			" "			X		
			Emaline Vaughn	13	F					" "			X		
	1800		William M. McMakin	37	M		Farming			N. C.					
			Harriet B.	25	F					Tennessee					
			Mary	7	F					" "					
			Stephen Smith	18	M		Farming			Tennessee					

1840 Census Schedule for Sullivan County Tennessee:

Page 125 Jane Porterfield

1 female (Jane) 40-50, 1 female 20-30, and 1 male 15-20.
Presumably the young adults are Elizabeth 20 and Alfred 18.
James, twin to Elizabeth, is missing from this census, perhaps
working away from home and not reported by the enumerator or
his record overlooked by the researcher.

Page 118 Robert Porterfield

1 male 30-40, 2 males Under 5, 1 female 30-40, 2 females Under 5
Presumably Robert and wife with 2 sons and 2 daughters under 5.
However, age of Robert (and wife) should be 20-30 age bracket.

By 1850 James Porterfield, son of Samuel and Jane, had
married Nancy Rowland, daughter of Thomas Rowland, large
landowner in Carroll County from whom Jane purchased land.
Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Jane, had married James
McMackin who was a merchant, likely the son of Andrew McMackin
b. 1785 in North Carolina. Both the Rowlands and the
McMackins were from North Carolina.

James Porterfield m. Nancy Rowland 10-31-1843 Carroll Co.
James McMackin m. Elizabeth Porterfield 12-17-1843 Carroll Co.

The 1850 16 Civil District Carroll County Tennessee census
records that the enlarged family group including a number of
McMackins were neighbors. Jane 55 and Alfred 28, her youngest son,
lived next door to middle son James Porterfield 35, Blacksmith,
his wife Nancy 23, and their son Samuel W. 3. Two young
adults Marshall Vaughn 18 M, occupation Farming, and Emeline
Vaughn 13 F were members of James' household. All were natives
of Tennessee.

Living not too far away were James McMackin 38, Merchant,
Elizabeth (Jane's daughter) 32, and their sons, James L.(?) 4,
and Robert S. 2.

Robert (S.) Porterfield, oldest son of Jane and Samuel
Porterfield of Sullivan County, who had remained in Sullivan
County, died in 1850. The record is taken from the 1850
Mortality Schedule:

Porterfield, Robert Sullivan Co. TN, age 35, Male, Died in
June 1850 of Pneumonia

A census schedule for 1850 in the 1st District, Sullivan
County Tennessee, Enumerated by S. H. Gaines on 16 Sept 1850,
lists Elizabeth Porterfield, the widow of Robert Porterfield
with four children. On page 47, Dwelling 501, Family 501:

Elizabeth Porterfield 35 F, Wm. 13 M, Sarah 12 F, Mary 10 F,
Robt. 8 F. All were born in Tennessee.

Frances Porterfield Willis

To be continued in the September issue of Porterfield Lines

WIFE OF SETH PORTERFIELD
DAUGHTER OF SAMUEL SCOTT, SR.

WIFE OF SETH PORTERFIELD, DAUGHTER OF SAMUEL SCOTT, SR.,
NOONE KNOWS HER GIVEN NAME. IT MAY HAVE BEEN ELIZABETH.

In a letter sent with her subscription Mary C. Bowen of San Diego,
California, wrote:

February 28, 1994

"I am not a direct PORTERFIELD descendant but have searched this surname in Washington County, Virginia where the SCOTTS & PORTERFIELDS LIVED IN THE LATER 1700S, in an attempt to find the given name of Seth PORTERFIELD'S wife who was _____ SCOTT. The Scotts were my ancestors. Her father did not name his daughter but instead named her husband as "my son-in-law" as so many of the old men did when writing their wills. This made it impossible to make a complete family sheet, using the will naming children that so many of us depend on in making connections as to which children belonged to whom when there were so many by the same surname living in the same area. I was not able to find this (Seth's) family in the Washington County, VA census record which probably indicates that they soon moved on. The other SCOTT siblings remained in Washington County, Virginia...

Mary (Mrs. Charles G. Bowen)"

April 19, 1994

"Dear Mary,

"By coincidence, I have just been gathering information about Seth Porterfield for the next issue of the newsletter but I do not know his wife's name...The introduction of the name Samuel Scott is particularly intriguing because that name is the given name of a younger generation descendant of James Porterfield of Augusta County VA who removed to Wilson County and Rutherford County TN. John Wilson, fifth son of James, named his oldest son, Samuel Scott.

Seth's descendants remained in Sullivan County for a while, a daughter-in-law and grandchildren removed to Carroll County TN, other descendants eventually to Indiana. At some point in time the families of Seth and James must have been closely associated, perhaps during the revolution when both Seth and James served as Revolutionary soldiers... One of the things I've learned about Seth is that a descendant of his named Charlotte Lockwood has allowed The Latter-Day Saints to microfilm genealogical papers she has collected and compiled. Unfortunately they are available only at the library in Salt Lake City.

Frances Porterfield Willis"

April 26, 1994

"Dear Frances,

"When your PORTERFIELD newsletters arrived last week, to show where Seth lived, I promptly turned to the (new Sullivan County) history book and found Charlotte Lockwood's item written and titled "Searching for Seth Portfield". In view of the fact that she had listed the sketch as "searching for..." her address was published also and this gave me an opportunity to write to her... She stated that it had been said that Seth Porterfield had married a SCOTT and that her name may have been Elizabeth. I tend to go along with this given name. I have no idea who my g.g.g.g. grandmother was (1) (wife of Samuel Sr.) but Samuel Scott, Sr. married (2) Mary McDONALD (widow of Tobias SMYTH). They too were from Augusta Co., VA and then to Washington Co., VA. It has been my belief that the Scotts came directly from York Co., Pennsylvania ca1778 to Washington Co., Virginia... Samuel Sr's son, Samuel Scott, Jr., was my next in line ancestor. My g.g.g. grandfather Samuel Scott, Jr. was brother of the Scott sister who married Seth Porterfield.. I have not found a marriage record for my g.g. grand parents Samuel Scott Jr., and his wife Jane HUTTON. I believe married about 1783 and probably in the Presbyterian Church in Washington Co., Virginia but the old records are not available. Their daughter Elizabeth Scott married Lewis CROW(e) of the same county in Virginia. Many, many of these Washington County families moved first to Indiana and then to Illinois. Descendants found today in Oklahoma and on further.

Mary C. Bowen"

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PORTERFIELD.

Lockwood, Charlotte Williams, 1936-
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No circulation to family history centers.
Contains family sketches by Charlotte Lockwood and others, biographical sketches copied at the Moravian Archives, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a newspaper clipping, a pedigree chart, etc.
Nelson Delaney Porterfield was born in 1850 in Sullivan County, Indiana, the son of Robert Porterfield (1815-1850) and grandson of Seth Porterfield. He married Mary Louis Ruede in 1884 near Hope, Indiana. They had ten children, 1885-1909. He died in 1919 at Hartsville, Indiana. Descendants lived in Indiana and elsewhere.
Contents: Descendants of Seth Porterfield of Sullivan County, Tennessee / Charlotte Williams Lockwood, 1985, rev. 1987 -- Porterfield descendants / Frank Burke Porterfield -- Horn-Porterfield pedigree, ca. 1775-1979 / Charlotte Lockwood -- Porterfield bibliography / Charlotte William Lockwood -- Genealogy of Nelson Delaney and Mary Louise (Ruede) Porterfield / Mrs. Thomas C. Lockwood, 1986 -- 1986 directory from the descendants of Nelson Delaney Porterfield, 1850-1919, and Mary Louis Ruede Porterfield, 1866-1937 -- The Ruede (RÜde) family / by Nina Porterfield Williams -- Memoir [Johannes Strub] -- Memoir [Elisabeth Strub] -- John Seiler -- A biographical sketch of the married brother, George Christian Heinrich Ruede -- Elisabeth Seiler -- Ruede -- Children of George Christian Heinrich Ruede and Maria Elisabeth m.n. Seiler -- Children of George Henry Ruede and Caroline Matilad Ruede, m.n. Levering -- Bibliography -- Strub-Strupe-Stroup-Stroupe / Mrs. Lyman Priest (Emmy Lou) -- Memoir of the late Susanna Houser / Rev. Martin Houser -- 'Houser' is household word / Sue Wilgus -- Letter, 1987 January 16, Charlottesville, VA, to Charlotte / Emmy Lou.

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In the name of God amen, I Samuel Scott, Sr. of Washington County, Virginia being at present though weak of body through age and infirmity, yet of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed for all men once to die and after death to come to judgment, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following; First and principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it to my body, to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned and as for such worldly things as it hath pleased god to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath as follows - viz

Impremus, I will that all my just debts are fully paid and satisfied. Item, I give to my beloved wife Mary one brown mare saddle and bridle, all the beds and beddings that I shall die possessed, together with all my household and kitchen furniture, except as hereafter excepted, one cow and calf of her own choice, one ewe and two lambs together with ten bushels of wheat, ten bushels of rye, ten bushels of corn yearly and every year during her natural life, out of my plantation. The wheat and rye to be paid the first day of October. The corn the 25th of December to be delivered on the premises.

I give to my son-in-law Archibald McGinnus five shillings, his wife Mary having received what I allotted her. I give to my son Samuel five shillings he has rec'd as above. I give to my son-in-law Seth Porterfield five shillings. I give to my son John five shillings. I give and bequeath to my son Hugh all the real estate that I die possessed of at my decease, with him paying the incumberances of my wife. I will that each of my grandsons of my net estate will admit that is named afore may be found by my executor in a new pocket bible that my son Samuel shall have my best suit of clothes, my son John my second suit and my son Hugh all my remaining apparel, save my great coat that I give to my step-son Edward Smith. I will also that the price of a horse that I sold to Mr. Fullen may be divided equally between my two grandsons Samuel and William SCOTT, children of my son William, deceased and the remainder of any there be divided among all my grandchildren that is named Samuel and Elizabeth and lastly I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my son Samuel Scott executor to this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all former wills and testaments heretofore by me made rectifying and confirming this and this only as my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of June 1808.

Signed, sealed & published
by the testator as his last
will & testament in the presence
of us:

his mark
Samuel (X) Scott

Before signing, that if any of my grandsons Samuel and William Scott shall die before they arrive at full age, their grant goes equally among all his surviving brothers and sisters.

James Duffy, Elijah Carpenter, John I. Carpenter and Elizabeth Carpenter

A CODICILE TO THE FOREGOING WILL

I will also that a piece of land that I formerly gave to my son William deceased, about twenty acres is by no means included in the land that I have herein bequeathed to my son Hugh the said land or twenty acres lying and adjoining land that I formerly gave to my son Samuel which he sold to my son John as also did my son William sell said lands to my said son John which he my said son John sold and conveyed to Elijah Carpenter as he had just right so to do. My said son Hugh knowing of my donation of said twenty acres and fully consenting thereto previous to an instrument of writing that I gave to him that the balance should be his after death as may more fully appear by affidavit taken before Samuel Meek, esq. October the 7th 1808 all and every, my foregoing will to be and remain as though codicile had not been hereto annexed in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of October 1808.

Samuel (X) Scott

Sign, sealed & published by the testator as his codicile to the foregoing will in the presence of us

James Duffy
Archibald Meek

Samuel Meek

} At court held for Washington County the 17th day of October 1809, this last will and testament of Samuel Scott, deceased was returned to court proven by the oath

of James Duffey and Elizabeth Carpenter two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and a codicile to the same dated the 26th day of October 1808 was proven by the oath of James Duffey and Samuel Meek, two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

And on the motion of Samuel Scott the executor named in the said will who took the oath of an executor prescribed by law and entered to and acknowledged his bond with William Lyon, security in the sum of five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs. A certificate is therefore granted him for the probate of the said will in due form.

Teste: D. Campbell

The typed transcription of the Will of Samuel Scott, Sr. from Mary C. Bowen of San Diego, California.

On the back of the Family Group Sheet, opposite page, is this note:

"There is a marriage record in Washington Co., VA for:
William SCOTT to Jenny WHITELY 12 June 1794
We do not have proof tht this William Scott was William son of Samuel Scott, Sr."

FAMILY GROUP NO. _____ **Husband's Full Name** Samuel SCOTT, Sr.

This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
1.	Washington Co., VA deeds, wills & marriage records	Birth	ca1730	Lancaster Co.	PA.		Will recorded 17 Oct. 1809, Washington Co., VA
2.	Bible records, copies on file in DAR records.	Mar.	ca1750/55		PA		
	VA Taxpayers, page 111, by Fothergill.	Death	1809	Washington Co., VA			

4.	Old Glade Cemetery records, copy on file in DAR records.	Places of Residence		Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.	Rev. War
				Widow Mary SMITH/SMYTH			
		His Father		Mother's Maiden Name			
		Jonas SCOTT					

5.	Dau-in-laws Sarah & Jane named in father James HUTTON'S will and Jane ORR named in father Art ORR'S will.	Wife's Full Maiden Name		Elizabeth			
		Wife's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
		Birth				PA	
		Death	Before 16 Sept. 1794	Washington Co., VA			

Compiler: Mary C. Bowen		Places of Residence		Occupation if other than housewife		Church Affiliation	
Address 4885 Academy St.							
City, State San Diego, CA		Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
(Date 1989) 92109		Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name			

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F	1 Mary SCOTT	Birth	ca1758	Prob. Lancaster Co., PA			Named in father's will.
	Full Name of Spouse* Archibald McGinnis	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
M	2 Samuel SCOTT, Jr	Birth	07 Dec. 1760	Peach Bottom, Lancaster Co., PA			Named as executor of father's will.
	Full Name of Spouse* Jane HUTTON	Mar.	1783				
		Death	17 Apr. 1810	Washington Co., Virginia			
		Burial					
F	3 ? SCOTT	Birth					Seth P. named as a son-in-law in Samuel's will.
	Full Name of Spouse* Seth Porterfield	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
M	4 John SCOTT	Birth					Named in will.
	Full Name of Spouse* Sarah HUTTON	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
M	5 Hugh SCOTT	Birth	15 Mar. 1774	York County, Pennsylvania			Named in will.
	Full Name of Spouse* Jane ORR	Mar.					
		Death	21 Sep. 1831	Washington Co., Virginia			
		Burial					
M	6 William SCOTT	Birth	ca1776				Children: Samuel & William named in Samuel Sr.'s will.
	Full Name of Spouse* Jane (Jane married to (2) Moses EDMINSTON - 17 Aug. 1809)	Mar.	1803	(His est. app. 24 Jun. 1803)			Samuel Sr.'s will.
		Death					
		Burial					
??	7 James SCOTT	Birth					No proof that Samuel, Sr. had a son James
	Full Name of Spouse* Stepson	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	8 Edward SMITH/SMYTH	Birth					Named in Samuel Sr.'s will. Edward & wife Hannah lived in Lee County, VA.
	Full Name of Spouse* Hannah CRABTREE	Mar.	07 Sep. 1787				
		Death					
		Burial					
	9	Birth					Edward was son of Mary ^{McDONALD} Smyth/Smith Scott and Tobias SMYTH
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	10	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

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

OVER

JOHN PORTERFIELD - STATESVILLE, TENNESSEE

Census records for John Porterfield (b.1775-1780) Wilson County Tennessee 1820 and 1830:

1820 census - Statesville Wilson County Tennessee p.418

John Porterfield 26-45	1 F 26-45
1 M 18-26	1 F 16-26
3 M 10-16	3 F Under 10
1 M Under 10	

4 engaged in Agriculture; 1 engaged in Manufacturing

1830 census - Wilson County Tennessee p. 153

John Porterfield 50-60	1 F 40-50
1 M 10-15	2 F 15-20
	1 F 10-15

These unexpected records were found among Porterfields on early census schedules, unexpected because to my knowledge they have not been reported and identified.

Clearly John Porterfield is a contemporary of James Porterfield (1780-1811) but is he also a member of the immediate family of James (1747-1811) whose family has been so thoroughly researched.

From these census records it appears that between 1820 and 1830 the four oldest males (sons?) either left the family to establish their own homes or passed away. The oldest female (daughter?) likewise married or passed away.

Can we assume that the names of young males and households established in 1830 which are new to us are sons of John Porterfield b. 1775-1780.

The two new households are those of James Porterfield (30-40) and Thomas W. Porterfield (20-30). Both seem to be two or three family households, suggesting that brothers or relatives may have shared a single home.

From Wilson County Tennessee 1830 Census Microfilm, page 95:

James Porterfield

2 M 30-40	1 F 50-60
1 M 20-30	1 F 30-40
1 M 10-15	1 F 20-30
4 M Under 5	2 F 5-10
	1 F Under 5

Thomas W. Porterfield

2 M 20-30	1 F 20-30
	1 F 15-20
	1 F Under 5

These possibilities have been explored in the article "James and John Porterfield 1820-1850 Wilson County Tennessee" in the May 1994 issue of Porterfield Lines. Another unidentified family first recorded in the 1840 census is that of C.A. Porterfield 20-30, with 2 females 10-15, and an older female, 40-50.

WHAT IF?

The 1850 census for Samuel H. Porterfield revealed that the name of the older woman of his household was Sarah Porterfield, age 70. WHAT IF SARAH WAS SAMUEL'S OLDER SISTER, THE SARAH/SALLY of the indenture selling the Abingdon, Va. lot, AN OLDER SISTER RATHER THAN A YOUNGER ONE. She appears to have lived with Samuel since his bachelor days, possibly caring for his household and providing a comfortable home for him. In 1840 Sarah may have lived with James and Ruth (Campbell) Porterfield.

We have assumed that Sarah/Sally who married William F. Ricketts is Sally, daughter of James (1747-1811) and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield. Bond for their marriage was issued May 7, 1827 in Wilson County. James Ricketts was Bondsman. "William Ricketts to Sally Porterfield."

Margrett Porter Singleton offers the following information about the younger Sally Porterfield:

Wm. G. Ricketts (Buck) and Sally/Sarah Ricketts:

1. Jane M. Ricketts b. 2 Jan. 1829 Bapt. 12 Aug 1829
2. Hettie L. Ricketts b. 16 Feb 1832 Bapt. 10 Jun 1832
3. Polly Ricketts b. 17 Oct 1833 Bapt. Aug 1834

Read by Margaret from the microfilm roll of Mt. Vernon Church records which she bought for the Arkadelphia Clark County Arkansas Library.

Naming the first daughter Jane supports the idea that Sally Ricketts was the daughter of Jane Lockhart, BUT could we have been hasty in this assumption. Perhaps Sally Ricketts was the oldest daughter of John Porterfield of Statesville who was with the family in 1820, no longer with them in 1830.

To rewrite Porterfield family history in Wilson County even more radically WHAT IF JOHN PORTERFIELD OF STATESVILLE RATHER THAN JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY WAS THE BROTHER OF JAMES, SARAH, SAMUEL H. and the other children of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield. AND IF SO WHO WAS JOHN PORTERFIELD OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE? (Name on census schedule is John or Jno.) WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW JOHN PORTERFIELD OF STATESVILLE (born 1775-1780) AND SARAH PORTERFIELD OF THE SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD Household (70 in the 1850 census) FIT INTO THE FAMILY STRUCTURE OF THE WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE PORTERFIELDS?

FMW

SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD

The name Samuel H. Porterfield appears many times on Wilson County court, marriage and land records. He was Justice of Peace, seemed to know and be well thought of by many citizens of the county.

And yet only in recent years has his relationship to the family of James Porterfield (1747-1811) been known. Credit for the discovery has been given Charlotte Lockwood. The names Samuel H. Porterfield and Sarah Porterfield were found on the debentures in which James' heirs, his wife, daughter, and sons, sold the Washington County Virginia lot and buildings in Abingdon, the former residence of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield. Transcripts of the debentures were printed in the March 1994 Porterfield Lines.

The thrust to learn more about Samuel H. came from Helen Hurt of Atlanta, Texas, now deceased. She grew up in the home of her paternal grandparents Jefferson Davis Porterfield and Mary Ardena Patterson and so knew much of the family history. In later years as her interest grew she was unable to trace her family lineage. After Frank Burke Porterfield compiled his book The Porterfields her efforts redoubled.

In an article titled "Samuel H. Porterfield - My Elusive Ancestor" she wrote "the reference on p. 143 of The Porterfields that 'Samuel Campbell married Jane Patterson 1832' was one of the first bits of information that got me off the track. Samuel H. married Jane Patterson 1832. This is recorded in a family bible, and I also have a copy of their marriage certificate."

Her article began "There is little doubt that Samuel H. Porterfield, my great-great grandfather, was a descendant of John Porterfield (1724-1786), the same as Samuel Campbell Porterfield. Up to this time I have not been able to establish his parentage.

"My first impression was that he was a son of James Porterfield and Jane Lockhart (Samuel C.'s parents), but this, of course, has been ruled out." {Editor's note: Another bit of incorrect information. Samuel C. was son of James Porterfield and Ruth Campbell, grandson of James Porterfield and Jane Lockhart.}

The article continued, "By the process of elimination I have more or less ruled out the other sons of John, James, Robert, and John as being his parents, which would leave only William Porterfield who married Nancy Frazier in Pennsylvania August 6, 1785. (p 108 The Porterfields). I have not found records of William and Nancy."

{At this point Helen Hurt began a recital of her family history. I have a photocopy of the manuscript and letters given me by Evelyn Haynes, whose husband was Helen's cousin.}

"I was reared by my paternal grandparents, Jefferson Davis Porterfield (1861-1932) and Mary Ardena Patterson (1861-1942), and heard many stories about the families as a child, and so many of the names which appear now are familiar (oh, how I wish I had listened more and remembered more). Samuel H. and my grandfather both married Pattersons, and there is a very close connection between the families. Jane Wallace's parents were Samuel Patterson, b. in Ireland ca 1738, married Julian Wallace in Cabarrus County, N. C. 21 Dec. 1779. He died in Smith County, Tenn. ca. 1815.

"The following is a summary of the information I have on Samuel H. which I have picked up at random, and some of which have been handed down as family history.

"He was born in Washington County, Virginia in 1794. The next account I have of him is when he married Jane Wallace Patterson on 17 Nov. 1832 in Wilson County, Tenn.

"Samuel H. and Jane Wallace's issue were:

1. James Fulton b. 13 Sept 1833 - m. Orpha Cassandra Donnell in Wilson Co., Tn. in Oct. 1857. (Cassandra was the daughter of Josiah and Nancy Thompson Donnell). b. ca 1834-35 in Tenn., d. Apr. 1890 Ellis County, Tx. James Fulton d. 18 Feb. 1907, and both are buried in the Waxahachie Cemetery. (My great-grandfather).
2. Julia Ann, b. 6 Nov. 1836, Wilson Co. Tn., m. William Eggleston Donnell (brother to Cassandra) 3 Dec. 1857.
3. Mary Jane b. 13 July 1838 - Wilson Co. Tn. m. John Thompson in Wilson Co. Tn.
4. Rufus Leonidas b. 20 July 1843 d. during Civil War.

"Samuel H. lived in Wilson County and owned a great deal of land, he served as Justice of the Peace and his name appears on several marriage records in Wilson as having performed the ceremony. Also I have found him shown as surety for marriages of John E. Warren and Polly Sally Jennings in Wilson Co. Tn. 9-2-1817, and James Porterfield and Polly Jennings 14 May 1822. He served in the Mexican War with B Company First Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry, and went to Mexico with Zachary Taylor. His war record shows that he was discharged at New Orleans on 30 May 1847 by reason of expiration of term of service at the age of 53.

"He migrated to Ellis County, Texas near the town of Waxahachie, and acquired a large farm in 1852. A large portion of it remained in the family until about 15 years ago. He lived on his farm in Ellis County until his death in September 1867. The story that has been handed down is that following the Civil War some of his slaves wished to return to their native state, and he took a wagon train back to Wilson County. He still owned property there, and disposed of some or all of it, for I have four deeds, all dated Sept. 1867. They are practically illegible with the exception of

one dated 9 Sept. 1867 in which he deeded land to the Fallen Creek Missionary Baptist Church. The story further states that as he was on his way to the train station to return to his home in Ellis County, Texas he dropped dead with a heart attack, and he was buried in Wilson County. His wife Jane lived on with the family in Ellis County until her death on June 9, 1883. She is also buried in the Waxahachie Cemetery.

"James Fulton was the father of my grandfather Jefferson Davis, and my father was Walter Wallace Porterfield (1885-1965).

"It definitely seems that there is a close connection between Samuel H. and Samuel C., and it is most likely that the families were all together at some time in Wilson County, Tenn. Perhaps someone who reads this might have information that can fill some of the gaps."

We mourn the loss of Helen in 1992. Before her death the marriage records for Samuel C. Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield and the indenture proving Samuel H. to be the son of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield had established her lineage.

The census, marriage, and court records which follow are printed to add dimension to the character and life of Samuel H. Porterfield. He must have been a man with great energy and drive.

He was born in 1794 in Virginia, probably in Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia, journeyed with his parents in their removal from Virginia to the Nashville area. We believe the time of this transition was about 1804. (p.148 May 1992 PL) As early as 26 Sep 1815 Samuel H. was a witness for the sale of property, 150 acres on Smith's Fork owned by his brother Thomas W. Porterfield, to John Pugh. Other witnesses were James and John Porterfield.

Reviewing the early Wilson County census schedules for Samuel H.:

1820 Wilson County census schedule, Lebanon, p. 416:
Samuel H. Porterfield, M 26-45 1 F 45 or older

1830 Wilson County census schedule:
No household listing for Samuel H. Porterfield, however he may be a member of the household of James Porterfield, p. 95. Why he was not listed as head of the household, if he was one of the 30-40 year old males, is a mystery. (PL May '94 p359)

Samuel did not marry until 1832 when he was 38 years old. Records show that a marriage license was issued November 17, 1832 and that he was married in Wilson County by Jessie A Alexander V.D.M. (Frank Burke Porterfield wrote that Rev. Jessie A. Alexander was pastor of Stone's River Presbyterian Church of Rutherford-Cannon Counties, the church home of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, in 1817. He may have served several churches.)

The 1840 census, Wilson County TN, records:

Samuel H. Porterfield, M 40-50	1 F 40-50
1 M Under 5	2 F 5-10
	2 F Under 5

Sometimes young children of relatives became household members or older children were brought in to assist in household or farm chores, so one should not assume that all young males are sons or all young females are daughters. In this instance the ages and number of children do not match those of the 1850 census. Jane and Samuel may have taken members of another family under their care.

The 1850 census names Eliza Carroll 19 as a member of the household. The 1850 Wilson County Census (1099-1026) reads: Poterfield, Samuel H. 60. Jane 44, James 18, Julia 14, Mary 12, Rufus 7, Eliza Carroll 19, Sarah Poterfield 70. Samuel H. b VA, Jane and the children b. TN, Sarah Poterfield b. in VA. Real Estate value was \$200.

Sarah Poterfield appears to have lived with the brothers Samuel or James since 1820 or before. Was Sarah their sister?

Samuel H. served in the Mexican War, a war with the ostensible purpose of settling a boundary dispute with Mexico. Texas had gained independence from Mexico in 1836 and had become a state in 1845. Texas maintained the boundary line was the Rio Grande; Mexico claimed land to the Nueces River. In May 1846, President James K. Polk sent a message to Congress declaring that a state of war existed and, "notwithstanding all our efforts to avoid it, exists by the act of Mexico herself." General Zachary Taylor was already in the area when war was declared and almost immediately (May 8, 1846) was victorious in a battle at Palo Alto. Marching into Mexico, he laid siege to and captured the city of Monterrey on September 24. His most famous victory was Buena Vista where he repulsed the attack of 20,000 Mexicans led by Santa Anna with an army of 4,700. Samuel H. Porterfield participated in this military campaign as his military record shows. He was discharged at New Orleans on 30 May, 1847, at the expiration of his term of service at the age of 53. The war did not end until 1848.

The United States had also waged war in California and New Mexico, easily gaining control of those areas. General Winfield Scott captured Mexico City September 14, 1847. The Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo (Feb. 2, 1848) ended the war; Mexico accepted the Rio Grande as its boundary and gave to the United States California and New Mexico, which, at that time, included most of the western states. Many U.S. citizens thought this war a blemish on the relations of the U.S. with its neighbor.

Samuel H. Porterfield may have decided that he wanted to move his family to Texas during his time spent in military service. Helen Hurt wrote that he bought farm property

in Ellis County, Texas in 1852. It is difficult to determine when Samuel H. and Jane (Patterson) Porterfield moved to Texas. Both the 1850 and 1860 Wilson County Tennessee census microfilm record their residence in Tennessee. The 1850 census enumerated 16 October 1850 (printed above) shows the family living in the Tennessee Civil District No. 18 with real estate valued at \$200.

The 1860 census microfilm enumerated 22 June 1860 indicates that Samuel H. Porterfield, his wife Jane, and their youngest daughter Mary still resided in District 18 Wilson County Tennessee. Their Post Office was Cainsville. They had become wealthy acquiring extensive land holdings and personal property.

District No. 18 Wilson County, TN P.O. Cainsville 22 June 1860:
Page 40-401 Dwelling No. 313 Family No. 290 Birthplace
S.H. Porterfield Age 66 Male Farmer Real Estate Value: \$4000 VA
Personal Property Value: \$8900
Jane Age 55 Female Tenn.
Mary Age 18 Female Tenn.

Where were the other siblings? From family records:

James Fulton m. Orpha Cassandra Donnell on Oct 1857 in Wilson Co TN --
Julia Ann m. William Eagleston Donnell (brother to Cassandra)
3 December 1857 (presumably in Wilson Co. TN)
Mary Jane m. John Thompson in Wilson County TN, date not given
but surely it must have been after 1860 when she lived at home.

Other public records add to our knowledge of family history.

The 1860 Ellis County Texas census P.O. Waxahachie lists the James Fulton Porterfield's as residents of that county, p. 378B:

J.F. Porterfield M age 26, a farmer with Personal Property worth \$3610, O.C. Porterfield F age 26, and S.D. Porterfield M age 1 all born in Tennessee.

The 1860 Slave Schedule of Ellis County Texas lists J. F. Porterfield as a slave owner with 1 Slave house owning:
1 21 year old Black Female, 1 12 year old Black Female,
and 1 1 year old Black Female.

The 1890 Special Census of Veterans lists Jaems F. Porterfield of Ellis County E.D. 163 as a Confederate Veteran of the Civil War.

Index listings for the 1870 and 1880 census prove residence of James Fulton Porterfield in Ellis County Texas in those years.

The account of Samuel H. Porterfield and his descendants will be continued in the September issue of Porterfield Lines.

Frances Porterfield Willis

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PORTERFIELDS IN TENNESSEE RICHARD PORTERFIELD OF KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE

Ninety-four years on this earth! Longevity was the distinguishing feature of the life of Richard Porterfield of Knox County Tennessee.

He was by far the senior living member of the Tennessee Porterfields, age 92, as the 1850 Tennessee census schedules revealed.

Born in Augusta County Virginia, Richard Porterfield's name is linked to that of Seth Porterfield both being related to Mary (Porterfield) Boyd of Augusta County Virginia and Monroe County, West Virginia, all reported to be descendants of Patrick Porterfield (1720-1789) the fifth son, fifth child of John Porterfield (1675-1739) Scottish immigrant to Pennsylvania from Ireland. (Source: The Porterfields by Frank Burke Porterfield)

Richard, like Seth, was a Revolutionary War soldier. The declaration from Richard's pension application made in Anderson County Tennessee 10 July 1820 (denied at that time for want of military records) describes from his own words the circumstances of his enlistment, that he "enlisted in Virginia during the war in the spring of 1779 in the Company commanded by Capt. Fantleroy who was detached, as well as his memory serves him from the 1st to the 3rd Regiment of Virginia Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Washington in the line of the state of Virginia in the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the same Corps untill the Battle of Campdon, which he thinks about two years he served in the army when he was there wounded, and obtained a certificate in consequence of his wound from Lieutenant Yenn?? (his Capt. Fantleroy having been killed at the Battle of Guilford) untill fit for service or called on and never was called on after nor before he recovered and was always ready to obey after he got fit for duty and that he was in the Battle of Guilford. He further states that he does not know positively

whether the said Fantleroy was a Captain at the time he entered but that when Capt. Fantleroy marched to the South from Hillsboro he joined him and afterward Capt. Fantleroy was killed in the Battle of Guilford as before stated."

In his statement of need for the pension funds Richard Porterfield pleads, "I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property sureties contracts or debts due to me. Nor have I any income of any description nor property--Except a very scanty allowance of half worn wearing clothes and my crutches, which I am obliged to use to help me from place to place. I have no family residing with me nor have had none for a considerable time. I have no occupation excepting I can make coarse shoes, when not too much afflicted with Rhuemattik pains of which I not been _____ for more than twelve months past and I have never received any pay for my services as a soldier or in consequence of my wound at the Battle of Camdon."

On the 1820 application Richard gives his age as "about fifty seven years" which is in disagreement with age 92 on the 1850 census and if correct would make him about eighty-seven in 1850. Another reference lists him as age 70 in the 1818 pension list--Greene County Tennessee. His birth date in that case would be about 1748, his age in 1850 102.

In the pension application continued (and granted) in 1824 he stated that he enlisted in Albemarle County, Virginia, sometime in March, 1779, serving as a private in Captain Fauntleroy's Company, Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Light Dragoons and that he was in the battles of Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse, and Camden (1781) where he was wounded and his horse was killed under him. This wound rendered him unfit for military duty, and he was not again called into service.

He was living in 1824 in Greene County, Tennessee and referred to his wife who had been dead about three years, and to two sons and two daughters, who were then living in the "Red River Country". He did not give the names of parents, wife or children nor the date and place of his birth.

After Richard's death, 30 Jan 1852, his second wife Louisa Rose applied for a pension, granted at the rate of \$96 per annum, the amount previously paid Richard. She presented as proof of the marriage a copy of a marriage bond for \$1250 dollars signed by Richard Porterfield and E.S. Temple, dated 12 July 1847, Knox County Tennessee. John McNutt and Charles Mundy of Knox County swore that she was the widow of Richard Porterfield, Revolutionary Pensioner. In another pension application document dated 7th April 1855, Louisa's age is given as thirty-eight. A letter attached to the file of selected documents from A.D. Hiller Executive Assistant to the Administrator (of the Archives?) to Frank Burke Porterfield dated July 29, 1938 stated that Louisa Rose was living in 1866 in the 15th District, Knox County, Tennessee. Date of her death and of the final payment of the pension is not given.

Richard, in summary, lived during his early years in Augusta County Virginia, enlisting for military service from Albemarle County Va, participating in battles which took him to North and South Carolina in the years 1779-1781.

It seems he was never a man of great wealth; he may have struggled with poverty throughout his life. In 1800 he was assessed for 30 acres as a citizen and resident in the district of Captain McDonald's Company, Jefferson County Tennessee. He may have traveled as far west as White County (a tax assessment in 1811) but later records place him in the eastern Tennessee counties of Anderson (1820 pension application), Green (1824 pension application) and Knox (1830 census schedule).

Though Richard in 1820 and 1824 professed to be living alone, somehow in succeeding census enumerations his household included young children and at times young females. Perhaps his pension allowed him to establish new relationships--or renew old ones. We wonder if these children were his children or his grandchildren.

On the 1830 Knox County census, p. 388, the household included:

3 Males under 5
Richard Porterfield 70-80 yrs.
1 Female 10-15, 1 Female 20-30

In 1840, p. 61 Knox County TN census:

2 Males 5-10, 2 Males 10-15
Richard Porterfield 80-90 yrs.
1 Female under 5, 1 Female 5-10

The 1830 census could be interpreted as Richard with wife 20-30, 3 sons under 5 from a second (unrecorded) marriage, and a daughter 10 to 15 from his first marriage. Another interpretation could be that the 20 to 30 year old female is a widowed daughter with young children who has moved home to care for Richard, his family now constituting two daughters and three grandchildren.

In 1840 Richard seems to be the only adult member in a household with 6 children (four boys and 2 girls) under 15 years of age.

In 1850 names and ages of all household members were listed for the first time on census returns. Richard, we learn, has a young wife, Louisa. Living with them are three children ranging in age from 15 to 4. (See copy of Marriage License on next page.)

From the 1850 Knox County TN census (111-108):

Richard Porterfield 92 b. VA, Louisa Rose Porterfield 31, b. NC, Susannah Porterfield 15, Abner W. Porterfield 10, and Elizabeth Porterfield 4, all b. TN.

The 1850 population census lists another Knox County Tennessee Porterfield, William Porterfield 24, whom we assume is Richard's son or grandson. 1850 Knox County TN census (126-110): William Porterfield 24, Mahala Porterfield 19, Richard C. Porterfield 9/12. Birthplace for all three is Tennessee. Living with them is Catherine Quails 40 b. in Tennessee.

William's birthdate, if the census age is accurate, would be 1826, after Richard began receiving his pension. William could have been one of the 3 males under 5 in the 1830 census for Richard, the oldest, aged 4. He would have been 14 in 1840, fitting into the bracket of the two males age 10-15 on that census.

Richard Porterfield died in 1852 about five years after his marriage to Louisa Rose. Louisa was still living in Knox County in the 15th District in 1866. Since the Civil War was a difficult period for all citizens, it may be that Louisa, though relatively young, did not survive the 1860's.

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State of Tennessee, *Murfree* County.

To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the care of souls, or any Justice of the Peace for said County:

GREETING.

I, *Geo. M. Gilcox*, Clerk of the County Court for the County of *Murfree* aforesaid, by virtue of the power in me vested by law, do license you, or either of you, to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between *Richard Porterfield* and *Louisa Rose*, by uniting them together as Husband and Wife.

Given at office, in *Murfree*, the *12th* day of *July*, Anno Domini, 1847, and of American Independence the *72nd*

Geo. M. Gilcox, Clerk

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RICHARD PORTERFIELD OF KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE AND HIS DESCENDANTS*

*Some neighboring families who are not related nor descendants have been included

Place of Enumeration:
Knox County Tennessee

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
			1850 31st Subdivision Est Dist												
108	119	111	Richard Porterfield	92	M		Farmer	300		Va				Nov 14	
			Louisa	31	F					N.C.					
			Susannah	15	F					Tenn					
			Abner W.	10	M					"					
			Elizabeth	4	F					"					
	120	112	Cynthia Rose	29	F					N.C.					
			Susan Rose	9	F					Tenn					
			Margrett Rose	7	F					"					
			Martha Rose	4	F					"					
110	123	126	Porterfield, William	24	M		Labourer			Tenn					
			Mahala	19	F					"					
			Richard C.	12	M					"					
			Quails, Catherine	40	F					"					
			1860 - 17th District				P.O. Meoklinburg								
302			Calvin Fulcan	34	M		Farmer	1000	300	Tenn				June 11	
			Mary	32	F					S.C.					
			Huey	13	M					S.C.					
302			Wm Porterfield	35	M		Farmhand		50	Tenn					
			Halley	30	F					"					
			Richard	8	M					"					10 yrs. ol
			James	6	M					"					
			Thomas	4	M					"					
			Elisabeth	12	F					"					
			Jesse Nulton	28	F					"					

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Notes:

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD PORTERFIELD OF KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE*

* A few neighboring families who are not descendants have been included

Place of Enumeration:
 Knox County Tennessee

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
			1860-17th Dist.												
310b			Wm. Porterfield	34	M		Farmhand		20						P.O. Mecklinburg
			Jane	24	F									July 27	
			Dick	10	M										
			James	7	M										
			John	5	M										
			Susan	27 12	F										
			1860 (continued)				15th District			P.O. Gap Creek					
121-199	920	756	Eliza Porterfield	40	F			150	100	N.C.				June 13	
			Thuin	20	M		Farmer			Tenn					
			Betsy	13	F					"					
	921	757	Zenith? Rose	37	F		Blank		50	N.C.					
			Susan	17	F					Tenn					
			Marth	13	F					Tenn					
			1860 (continued)				15th District			P.O. Knoxville				June 16	
13-114	608	546	R. Porterfield	27	M		Laborer		25	Tennessee					
			Mary	36	F					"					
			Susan	5	F					"					
			Joseph	4	M					"					
			Willis	2	M					"					
			1860 (continued)				18th District			P.O. McMillan				Aug. 12	
239-322			Eliza Porterfield	45	F		Farming	500	150	Virginia					
			Winter	20	M		Laborer			Tennessee					
			Eliza	15	F					Tennessee					

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DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD PORTERFIELD OF KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE*

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Place of Enumeration:

15 Civil District Knox County Tennessee

1870 Census

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
270	22	20	Porterfield, Mahalia	41	F	W	Keeping House	500	258	Tennessee						X		July 12	P.O. Knoxville
			Richard C.	20	M	W	At School			"						X			
			James F.	15	M	W	At School			"						X			
			Nelson, Matthew	57	M	W	Farm Hand			"						X	X		
			William H.	12	M	W				"						X			
270	23	21	Porterfield, Eliza	53	F	W	Keeping House	600	150	North Carolina						X			
			Rose, Benjamin C.	80	M	W	Farmer			"							X		
			Hawk, Sarah	16	F	W				Tennessee									
270	24		Blank																
			15 Civil District (continued)					P.O. Gap Creek											
282a	207	189	Payne, Edmund	72	M	W	Farmer	3000	480	Tennessee								July 22	P.O. Gap Creek
			Jane	67	F	W	Keeping House			"									
			Wrinkle, Joseph	31	M	W	Farmer			"									
			Marion	40	M	W				"									
			Porterfield, Susan	16	F	W				"									
282a	208	190	Payne, James H.	37	M	W	Farmer		288	"									
			Elizabeth	34	F	W	Keeping House			"									
			James H. is probably son of Edmund & Jane Payne. He and Elizabeth have five children ages 10 to 1, lives next door to Richard and Mary "Polly" Porterfield, parents of Susan Porterfield living in Edmund Payne Household.																
282a	209	191	Porterfield, Richard	45	M	W	Stone Mason	Blank		North Carolina									
			Polly	44	M	W	Keeping House			Tennessee									Cannot write
			Joseph	13	M	W				"						X			
			Willis	11	M	W				"						X			

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DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD PORTERFIELD OF KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE*

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Place of Enumeration: 15 Civil District Knox County Tennessee P.O. Gap Creek 1870 Census

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
283b	237	218	Hicks, Adam	23	M	W	Farmer			Tennessee								July 23	
			Sarah M.	23	F	W	Keeping House			South Carolina									
			Lawson	2	M	W				Tennessee									
			Elizabeth	2	F	W				"									
			Porterfield, James A.	5	M	W				Alabama									
			Arena?	3						"									
238	219		Pratt, James N.	26	M	W	Farmer	Blank		Tennessee									
			Martha C.	21	F	W	Keeping House			"									
			Rebecca E.	3	F	W				"									
239	220		Holbert, Archibald	73	M	W	Cement Foreman	Blank		Maryland									
			Nicy	57	F	W	Keeping House			North Carolina									
283b	240	221	Porterfield, Richard	45	M	W	Stone Mason			Tennessee									Richard ar
			Polly	40	F	W	Keeping House			"									Polly may have been
			Elizabeth	16	F	W				"									enumerated twice
54b			Porterfield, William	8	M	W				Tennessee									in 1870
			Joseph	12	M	W				"									"

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD PORTERFIELD
KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE

Assuming that Knox County census records reflect the lives of Richard Porterfield's descendants we turn our attention to the 1850-1860-1870-1880 population enumerations.

1850 Census

We have already noted the 1850 enumeration of William Porterfield 24, his wife Mahala 19, and their nine month old son Richard C. Porterfield. Living with them is Catherine Quails 40 born in Tennessee, relationship unknown. William had married Mahaley Moffett in Knox County 17 Sept 1848 (MLH).

William Porterfield 24 TN Halley Porterfield 19 TN
Richard C. Porterfield 9 mo. TN Catherine Quails 40 TN
This family (126-110) resided not too far from the patriarch Richard and his wife Louisa and from Cynthia Rose who may have been Louisa's sister or sister-in-law.

1860 Census

In 1860 William Porterfield and his wife Mahaley were living in the 17th District Knox Co. P.O. Mecklinburg. Jesse Nulton, 28 year old female, relationship unknown, is a member of the household. (p. 302 HH 1875-1809)

William Porterfield 35 TN Halley Porterfield 30 TN
Richard 8 (9 mos 1850) TN, James 6 TN, Thomas 4 TN,
Elizabeth 1 mos. TN, Jesse Nulton 28 F TN.

A family of 3, relationship unknown, lived next door, p. 302 HH 1874-1608:

Calvin Fulcan 34 TN Mary Fulcan 32 SC Huey(?) 13 SC

Another William Porterfield with wife Jane is listed on p.310, line 21 17th District Knox Co. P.O. Mecklinburg:

William Porterfield 34 Jane Porterfield 24
Sons and daughter: Dick 10, James 7, John 5, Susan 2 mos.
Birthplaces not given.

This family is not found in later Knox County census records so probably moved from this locality.

Other Knox Co. Porterfields of 1860 are:

2nd District P.O. Knoxville p. 13-114

R. Porterfield 27 TN Mary Porterfield 36 TN
Susan 5 TN. Joseph 4 TN Willis 2 TN

This may be Richard Porterfield and Mary Ward who married in Knox County 27 May 1851 (MLH).

1860 Census (continued)

In 15 District where we will find most of the family in 1870 two families live side by side.

HH 920-756 Eliza Porterfield 40 NC, son Thuin 20 TN, and daughter Betsy 13 TN.

HH 921-757 Zenith? Rose 37 F NC, daughters Susan 17 TN, and Marth? 13 TN.

Post Office for both is Gap Creek.

There is a possibility that these households are those of Louisa Porterfield, widow of Richard, and Cynthia Rose of the 1850 census. Even though the names do not match exactly there is a similarity in names, family size and structure, and locality. See the 1870 census in later paragraphs. Compare with 1850 and 1860.

Another Eliza Porterfield, perhaps of another Porterfield lineage since she was born in Va and lives in the 18th District P.O. McMillan to the northwest on the Holston, is recorded with children Winter 20 a son, and daughter Elizabeth 15, both born in Tennessee (HH 1818-1554).

1870 Census

By 1870 William, husband of Mahaley, has passed away. She and all Knox Co TN Porterfields found are living in 15 District, some with the Knoxville P.O. addresses, others with the Gap Creek P.O. address. With Mahalia were Richard 20, her oldest son and second son James F 15. Thomas who would be 14 and Elizabeth who would be 10 are not with them. Nelson Matthew 40 assists as a Farm Hand with his 12 years old son William H. Perhaps the rigors of the Civil War were so great that the children did not survive. Mahala receives a Widow's Pension. Richard C., young as he was at the time, is recorded on the 1890 Veterans Census as having participated in the Civil War. (Records ordered.)

Mahalia Porterfield 41 TN Richard C. Porterfield 20 TN
James F. Porterfield 15 TN Matthew Nelson 57, William H.
Nelson 12, both born TN. (p. 270 HH22-20 Knoxville P.O.)

Eliza Porterfield is next door HH23-21 Knoxville P.O.:

Eliza Porterfield 53 NC, Benjamin C. Rose 80 NC and
Sarah Hawk 16 TN

Next to Eliza is a Dwelling No. 24 but no family inhabits the house.

Richard Porterfield (appears to be Richard 27 in 1850 m Mary Ward Knox Co. 1851) and his family were likely enumerated twice in 1870 recorded as HH 209-191 and HH 240-221.

Richard Porterfield has acquired skill as a stone mason. A touching story attaches to this family history. Therefore neighboring families are listed here also.

15 Civil District Knox Co TN P.O. Gap Creek p. 282a:

HH 207-189

Edmund Payne 72 TN Jane Payne 67 TN
Joseph Wrinkle 31 M Tn Marion Wrinkle 40 M TN
Susan Porterfield 16 F TN

HH 208-190

James N. Payne 37 TN Elizabeth Payne 34 TN
Five children ages 10 to 1

HH 209-191

Richard Porterfield 45 NC Polly Porterfield 45 TN
Joseph Porterfield 13 TN Willis Porterfield 11 TN

15 Civil District Knox Co TN P.O. Gap Creek pp. 283B and 284A:

HH 240-221

Richard Porterfield 45 TN Polly Porterfield 45 TN
Elizabeth 16 TN, William 8 TN, Joseph 12
(Daughter here named as Elizabeth not as Susan)

A listing deserving close scrutiny is that of Adam and Sarah M. Hicks for two small Porterfield children born in Alabama are members of this family.

15 Civil District Knox Co TN P.O. Gap Creek, p. 283B HH 237-219.

Adam Hicks 23 TN Sarah M. Hicks 23 SC
Lawson Hicks 2 TN, Elizabeth Hicks 2 TN,
James A. Porterfield 5 AL, Arena(?) Porterfield 3 AL
This brings to mind the Alabama Porterfields descendants of James Porterfield (1718-1777) of Cumberland County and his son John. (See pages 96 and 97 FBP's The Porterfields.)

The Family History for Richard Porterfield of Knox County, TN will be continued in the November issue of Porterfield Lines.

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NOTE: Mary Lou House, descendant of Richard Porterfield, provided some of the marriage dates in these articles and has sent information and questions which will be used in the next issue.

She has only recently moved to Garland, Texas from Greensboro N.C. She wrote:

"Thought I would let you know we are moving to Garland, Texas this next week. When we get settled I want to be sure and renew and send you more information. If you don't hear from me pretty soon in May, please remind me,--this has been such a quick and hectic month. My husband got a promotion and we have had to find a house, sell ours, get ready for the movers, train someone for my job and try and get out the 5 different newsletters that I put out." Mary Lou must blaze through her life like a House afire. She has to, to put out that many newsletters: House Hunting, Looking for Owens/Owen, Thorton Roots and Limbs, Cantrell Cousins, and Tussey Family.

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1860 census record for James Fulton and Orpha Cassandra (Donnell) Porterfield and their oldest son Jefferson Davis Porterfield. James Fulton Porterfield was the oldest son of Samuel H. Porterfield, youngest son of James Porterfield (1747-1811).

Place of Enumeration:

County of Ellis, Texas P.O. Waxahatchie, 4th Division Enumerator: Jno. S. McCulloch

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
021	331	313	J. F. Porterfield	26	M		Farmer		3610	Tenn				July 2	
			O. C. Porterfield	26	F					Tenn					
			J. D. Porterfield	1	M					Tenn					

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Notes:

1880 census record for James Fulton and Orpha Cassandra (Donnell) Porterfield. Jane Wallace (Patterson) Porterfield, mother of James Fulton and widow of Samuel H. Porterfield, is living with the family in Texas.

Place of Enumeration:

Justice Precinct W 81 (?) Ellis County Texas Enumerator: W. F. Packard

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Miscellaneous Information	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Enumeration Date	Remarks
			Porterfield, James F.	W	M	46								Farmer			Tenn	Va	Tenn	June 3	
			Orpha C.	W	F	46		Wife	1					House			Tenn	N.C.			
			William E.	W	M	13		Son	1					At Home			Texas	Tenn	Tenn		
			Joe	W	M	9		Son	1					At Home			Texas	Tenn	Tenn		
			Jane W.	W	F	74		Mother	1								Tenn	Ire-land	N.C.		
			Alexander, William	W	M	28		Hireling						Farm Hand			Tenn	Tenn	Tenn		

PORTERFIELDS IN TENNESSEE
SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD

SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE, SOLDIER IN THE WAR OF 1812, ACCOMPANIED GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR TO MEXICO, SOLDIER OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR.

Samuel H. Porterfield bought acreage in Ellis County Texas near Waxachie in 1852. He may have decided to settle in Texas during the time he spent in military service in the Mexican-American War. Perhaps he did not move to Texas immediately after purchasing the land. Both the 1850 and 1860 census schedules record his residence in Wilson County Tennessee.

It is the name of James F. Porterfield, oldest son of Samuel H. and Jane (Patterson) Porterfield, which appears on the 1860 Ellis County Texas census. Samuel H. may have traveled to and from Tennessee to Texas until sometime after 1860 while his wife Jane and daughters and perhaps the youngest son Rufus Leonidas remained at the Tennessee home.

James Fulton married Orpha Cassandra Donnell in Oct 1857 in Wilson County Tennessee. From the census records we know that after the birth of their first son they removed to Ellis County to manage the farm property.

Samuel H. continued to conduct business affairs in Wilson County after his return from the Mexican-American War as the following transactions show:

SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD to Joshua Patterson and James Ricketts, 100 acres in the 15th District. 29 Sep 1848 (Y-541)

William Ricketts to SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, 50 acres in the 15th District. 26 Nov 1849 (Z-157, 158)

William C. Sparks to SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, my interest in the property now belonging to the estate of Nathan Sparks, deceased. May 1850 (X-566)

Robert E. Smith to SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, 50 acres in Wilson Co. 8 Oct 1850 (Y 70, 71)

Samuel W. Sherrell to SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, 18 acres in Wilson Co. 18 Apr 1851 (Z-156, 157)

Elihu Bone et al to SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, a tract of land in Wilson Co. 12 Aug 1851 (Y 297, 298)

John Perkins to SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, 50 acres in the 18th District. 31 Mar 1853 (Z-234)

Julia Ann, oldest daughter of Samuel H. and Jane, married William Eggleston Donnell 3 Dec 1857 presumably in Wilson Co. Mary Jane married John Thompson in Wilson County TN, date not given, but must have been after 1860 when the census showed her as a member of Samuel H. household in Wilson Co. TN, unmarried. Did the Donnell's and Thompson's move to TEXAS? Further research should reveal the answer.

Records which support the surmised that Samuel and Jane did not move to Texas until shortly after 1861 are these Guardian Settlements:

SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD Guardian. 27 May 1853. Guardian of John W. and Margaret Frances Collier, the minor heirs of Mark Collier. The guardian received a Land warrant in which the mother and wards were equally entitled for the said Mark Collier's service as a soldier in the Mexican War. (P. 198 Guardian Settlements 1851-1856.

William F. Robertson Guardian. Guardian of the minor heirs of Mark Collier. SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD was first appointed guardian but has moved from this state. Recorded 24 December 1861. (P. 644 Guardian Settlements 1856-1862)

The story of Samuel's last trip to Wilson County Tennessee and his death there has been recounted by his great great great granddaughter, Helen Hurt of Atlanta Texas, now deceased, in her article "SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD - MY ELUSIVE ANCESTOR". The final record is written in the Inventory for SAMUEL H. PORTERFIELD, Nov 1867 and May 1868, Wilson County Tennessee.

The Texas Land remained in the hands of the family. James Fulton Porterfield was a CSA soldier in the Civil War (awaiting Military Records) but continued to operate the farm after his return from service. No 1870 census record has been found. (Make correction p. 378 July issue PL.) His younger brother Rufus Leonidas (age about 17 in 1860) b. 1843 died during the Civil War. No record of war service found to date.

The next family record is the 1880 census record. 1880 Ellis Co. Justice Precinct W81? p. 378B:

James F Poterfield W M 46 with wife Orpha C. W F 46, sons William E. W M 13 and Joe W M 9 and mother Jane W. W F 74 and Hireling William Alexander. There is no column reporting Real Estate Value or Personal Property value for the 1880 census.

James Fulton Porterfield his mother Jane Wallace (Patterson) Porterfield and perhaps other family members including Rufus Leonidas are buried in the Waxahachie cemetery. Samuel H. Porterfield is buried in Wilson County Tennessee according to the story handed down in the family. We wonder if he was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Fallen Creek Missionary Baptist Church, the church to whom he deeded land 9 Sept 1867, perhaps the last disposition of property of his life.

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PORTERFIELDS IN TENNESSEE
SETH PORTERFIELD OF SULLIVAN COUNTY

SETH PORTERFIELD, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER OF AUGUSTA COUNTY VIRGINIA, TURN OF THE CENTURY RESIDENT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE, DESCENDANTS IN CARROLL COUNTY AND SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE 1840-1880

We will continue tracing Descendants of Seth Porterfield, whom we first found in Chalkleys' Augusta County records. The fact that Seth married Elizabeth (?) Scott of Washington County Virginia may indicate that he also resided in Washington County before removing to Sullivan County Tennessee. Mary Bowen, Scott descendant, writes that when Washington County was organized in 1776-7, many of its new settlers were from Augusta County, that her g.g.g. grandfather James Crow(e) was one of those settlers and that he was on the Augusta County Tax delinquent lists as were Seth and James Porterfield.

Descendants of Seth Porterfield and his son Samuel Porterfield, that is, the children of Samuel, Robert, James H., Elizabeth, and Alfred and their mother Jane (Erwin) Porterfield remained in Sullivan County until after Samuel's death between 1830 and 1840. The households of Jane Porterfield and Robert Porterfield are recorded in the 1840 Sullivan County census.

In late 1840, Jane with her three youngest children removed from Sullivan to Carroll County Tennessee where she acquired considerable acreage.

On the 1850 census we found Jane 55 and youngest son Alfred 28 living amongst an enlarged family group which included her son James Porterfield 35 now married to Nancy Rowland 23 with their three year old son Samuel W., her daughter Elizabeth Porterfield 32 with her husband James McMackin 38 and sons James L. 4 and Robert S. 2, and a number of neighboring in-laws, both McMackins and Rowlands (16 Civil District Carroll County TN census of 9 Dec 1850.)

Census for 16 Civil District Carroll County TN for 1860 records the residence of Jane Porterfield and Alfred (ages illegible), Dwelling 127, living next door to James Porterfield 42 and his wife Nancy 35 with their children Elizabeth J. 8, Nancy 6, and Lewella D. 3. James Porterfield is listed as a blacksmith with Real Estate Value of 1500 and Personal Property Value of 600. Jane is farming and Alfred is a laborer; Janes's Real Estate Value is \$700, her Personal Property, \$1000.

James McMackin and his wife Elizabeth Porterfield, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Erwin) Porterfield, appear to have dropped out of sight after the 1850 Carroll County census. Perhaps a more thorough search will find them in another county or state.

1870 census records for the 16 Civil District Carroll County TN, page 464, show that Jane (Erwin) Porterfield and her son James H. and family continued to live next to each other. Son Alfred is no longer listed and one wonders if he did not survive the Civil War days. Jane Porterfield appears on a list of Military Pensioners, both as a widow and as a mother.

In 1870, her son J.H. Porterfield 53, Blacksmith, was living in Dwelling 95 with his wife Nancy 45, children Elizabeth J. 16, Nancy P. 14, Luella D. 13, Amy 6, Jas. G. 3 and Edney 9/12, Real Estate Value \$600, Personal Property Value \$400. Jane Porterfield lives in dwelling 96; now 70 years old, she has a 60 year old male, Jesse (Surname?) working on the farm. Value for Real Estate and Personal Property are blank. In Dwelling 97 lives a heretofore unrecognized family: J.W. Glossen 41 Farmer, R.E. \$2000. P.P. \$500 with wife Anna E. Glossen 33, Nancy Rowland 14, Wm. B. Rowland (?) 9 and John Kilbreth 18 who works on the farm. (Anna E. Glossen is probably the Ann E. Rowland 13 in the 1850 census, daughter of Thomas Rowland, and likely a sister to Nancy (Rowland) Porterfield.) A David McMackin family lives in Dwelling 99. He is 37, a carpenter, wife Amanda is 23, children Nancy L. 2 and Mary F. 5/12. Pamela Ruff 26 lives with them. All are from Tennessee. It appears that Jane (Erwin) Porterfield continued to live within the extended family of McMackin and Rowland in-laws. A Jas. McMackins 23 is listed on page 470 of the census. Could this be the son of James and Elizabeth (Porterfield) McMackin?

In 1880 we find Nancy (Rowland) Porterfield 53, now a widow, living in the 16th District, Carroll Co. with four of her children and her mother-in-law Jane (Erwin) Porterfield who is 84. (The 1880 Soundex is found under P 361 because the name is spelled Poterfield.) Though the Soundex labels the two females N.P. and M.O.? as unrelated to N.(ancy) I believe they are her daughters Nancy P. 24 and Amy 17. The census microfilm column for relationships is blank for the 24 and 17 year old women but this was probably an oversight since the census is continued on the next page with James G. 13, son, followed by Edna 10, daughter, and Jane 84, Mother-in-law. Census enumeration was made June 5th.

Jane died June 21, 1880 outliving her son James who died June 24, 1873. She is buried in Prospect Cemetery, Hollow Rock, TN near her son and daughter-in-law. Nancy passed away two years after Jane, leaving two minor children. To this Charlotte Lockwood Seth descendant, adds that the 1880 census was the last record known for the only living male of this branch of the family with the Porterfield surname, James G. Porterfield, youngest son of James H. and Nancy (Rowland) Porterfield.

Three children apparently did not live to adulthood. The firstborn son, Samuel W. born in 1847 died in 1851. Their last child, a daughter named Ethel, lived only two years (1872-1874). A child named W.A. or W.C., (a son?), born in 1863 is not named in the 1870 census when he would have been 7.

The only daughter who has been traced is Luella Dorthula who married Randell Robinson Algee of Carroll Co. 5-17-1877 when she was 19 and he 36, a widower with 6 small children. They moved to San Antonio, Texas. More information about the Algees and Luella Dorthula (Porterfield) Algee can be found in the History of Carroll County Tennessee.

Marriages for the succeeding generations may assist in further research:

John H. Tyler and J.S. Capps married Porterfields in 1880 and 1887, in Carroll County.

Robt. Rowland obtained a license for marriage to Elizabeth F. McMackins on 11-25-1872, marriage solemnized 11-26-1872.

E. J. Porterfield was married to W. E. Burrow on 3-2-1871. (This probably was Elizabeth Jane, oldest daughter of James H. and Nancy (Rowland) Porterfield.) The latter two marriages are listed in Carroll County Tennessee Marriages 1860-1873.

The 400 acre farm belonging to Jane and her youngest children was located on the waters of Hollow Rock Creek and bounded by the Stage Road. Mrs. Lockwood has been unable to follow the succession of the land to others.

Porterfield Lines will attempt to trace those Porterfields who remained in Sullivan County Tennessee in the next issue.

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CARROLL COUNTY TENNESSEE CENSUS CHARTS

SETH PORTERFIELD

Place of Enumeration: Civil Dist. # 16 Carroll County TN P. O. Sandybridge 1860 Census

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
176	126	126	James Porterfield	42	M		Blacksmith	1500	600	Tenn				Oct. 9	
			Nancy	35	F					Tenn					
			Elizabeth J.	8	F					Tenn	X				
			Nancy	6	F					Tenn					
			Lewella D.	3	F					Tenn					
176	127	127	Jane Porterfield	?			Farmer	700	1000	Tennessee					Too dark Cannot read ages
			Alfred	?			Labour			Tennessee					

1870 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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CARROLL COUNTY TENNESSEE CENSUS CHARTS

SETH PORTERFIELD

Place of Enumeration:

16 Civil District Carroll County TN

P.O. Hollowrock

1870 Census

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	(Can't read or write)	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
464	95	95	Porterfield J.H.	53	M	W	Blacksmith	600	400	Tenn								July 14	
			Nancy	45	F	W	Keeping House			Tenn									
			Elizabeth J.	16	F	W				Tenn					1				
			Nancy A.	14	F	W				Tenn					1				
			Luella D.	13	F	W				Tenn					1				
			Amy	6	F	W				Tenn									
			Jas. G.	3	M	W				Tenn									
			Edney	9/12	F	W				Tenn									
464	96	96	Porterfield, Jane	70	F	W	Keeping House	Blank		Tenn									
			Jesse	60	M	W	Works on Farm			Tenn					1	1			
464	97	97	Glossen, J.W.	41	M	W	Farmer	2000	500	Tenn									
			Anna E.	33	F	W	Keeping House			Tenn									
			Rowland Nancy	14	F	W				Tenn									
			Wm ? B.	9	M	W				Tenn									
			Kilbreth, John	18	M	W	Works on Farm			Tenn									
464	99	99	McMackin, David	37	M	W	House Carpenter		100	Tennessee									
			Amanda	23	F	W				Tennessee									
			Nancy L.	2	F	W				Tennessee									
			Mary F.	5/1	F	W				Tennessee									
			Ruff, Pamela	26	F	W				Tennessee									
70b			McMackin Jas.	23	M	W	Farmer		400	Tenn								July 19	
			June	32	M	W	Keeping House			Tenn									
			David	3	M	W				Tenn									
			Alexander	1	M	W				Tenn									

1880 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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CARROLL COUNTY TENNESSEE CENSUS CHARTS SETH PORTERFIELD

Place of Enumeration:

Seventeenth Civil District Carroll County TN 1880 Census

Enumerator: J. H. Jordan

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Miscellaneous Information	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Enumeration Date	Remarks
197			Poterfield N.		F	53						1					Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	June 5	
			N. P.		F	24		Blank									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn		
			M. O.		F	17		Blank									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn		
			James G.		M	13		Son									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn		
			Edna		F	10		Daughter									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn		
			Jane		F	84		Mother-in-law									Tenn	N.C.	N.C.		

CORRECTIONS

Volume III-1 page 217. Paragraph 2 should read: Vesta Porterfield-Cravens is my mother and is the daughter of John Nelson Porterfield and Mary Moriah Knight-Porterfield and granddaughter of James T. Porterfield. From letter written by Mary Ann Cravens-Hegelson.

Volume IV-4 page 375. Eggleston should read Eggleston; page 378, Eagleston should read Eggleston; page 378, 1860 census for J.F. Porterfield, S.D. Porterfield should read J.D. Porterfield.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land transactions for the Samuel H. Porterfield article were selected from a list compiled by Paul L. Porterfield.

COMING IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE: John Wilson Porterfield of Rutherford County Tennessee



PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

INTRODUCTION JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD RUTHERFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE

John Wilson Porterfield whose family history has been traced by Frank Burke Porterfield in The Porterfields and by Porterfield Lines was known from records before 1850 as Jno. or John. His name was closely associated with that of Charles Porterfield also of Rutherford County Tennessee. Descendants have assumed they were brothers named as heirs, "sons" of James Porterfield (1747-1811), in a document dated 10 Sep 1813 giving James Porterfield another "son of the deceased" Power of Attorney.

State of Tennessee
County of Wilson

For value Received know ye that I Jean Porterfield wife of James Porterfield deceased Late of the State and County above mentioned and Sally daughter of the said deceased and we Charles Porterfield, John Porterfield, Thomas W. Porterfield, William W. Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield sons of the said James Porterfield deceased and his lawful legatees and he the said deceased being seized and possessed of a certain Lot and Buildings in the Town of Abingdon in the State of Virginia ... do this day constitute and appoint our friend James Porterfield son of the said deceased James Porterfield our true and lawful attorney in our names ... (See PL Vol IV No. 2 p. 338 for complete text of assignment of Power of Attorney recorded 19 Oct. 1813, Washington Co., Virginia Deeds Book 5, pages 307-308.)

Charles and John/Jno. Porterfield were neighboring residents of Rutherford County on 1820 and 1830 census returns. By 1840 a change in county lines placed their residences in Cannon County. Charles died in 1839 but the 1840 Cannon County TN census roll lists his second wife Maria and six children on the roll page 128. John Porterfield and three children are listed on page 117. (See PL page 335 of the March 1994 issue.)

The name John W. Porterfield first appears on an 1850 census roll for Richland Township, Jones County Iowa. Records prove that John Porterfield of Rutherford/Cannon Counties Tennessee was John W. Porterfield of Jones County Iowa, that sometime between 1840 and 1850 John of Cannon County TN removed to Iowa.

There may be a question, however, as to whether John W. (ilson) was the John named in legal documents as the son, heir, of James Porterfield and his wife Jane/Jean Lockhart of Washington County Virginia. This uncertainty gives greater need for an in-depth look at the family history.

It is the readers good fortune that Porterfield Lines has recently received information about the family from Raymond T. "Tillie" Porterfield of Hopkins, Missouri, a descendant of Samuel Scott Porterfield oldest son of John Wilson Porterfield of Rutherford County, Tennessee. Colleen Rickabaugh of Ukiah California whose husband Irl is a descendant of Susanna Gaines Porterfield third child, second daughter of John Wilson Porterfield continues to provide valuable family reports.

To prepare for the the following articles the reader should review "Lancaster County Porterfields" and "Brothers Charles, Thomas Wilson, James, William and John Wilson", Porterfield Lines Volume II, No. 3 pp 145-153, and the census records for Rutherford County TN 1820 and 1830 and Cannon County TN records for 1840, Porterfield Lines Vol. IV No. 2 pp. 333-335.

RUTHERFORD/CANNON COUNTIES TENNESSEE (1820-1840)

Contrary to the statement of Frank Burke Porterfield that John Porterfield of Rutherford/Cannon Counties left the state in 1839, the 1840 Cannon County TN census clearly reflects the family as residents there. Only the three youngest children, John Wilson age 11, Julia Edgmond age 15 and Sarah Elizabeth age 9 continued living with their father in 1840. Julia/Jaley (Edgmond) Porterfield, their mother, died about 1835 at the age of 45. (Source: J.M. Guinn History of the State of California)

1840 Cannon County Tennessee p 117:

	Males 10-15 yrs	1
John Porterfield	50 to 60 yrs	
	Females 10-15 yrs	1, 5-10 yrs. 1

JONES COUNTY IOWA (1850)

1850 found John Porterfield in Jones Co. Iowa living with James P. and Sarah Tibbett and their two children Wilmot and Amil B. Living next door are Alex O. and Jane Laughlin and their two children, Harvey and Elizabeth. Jane Laughlin is likely the daughter of John W., Jane Rea Porterfield born 1820. She and her husband, natives of Tennessee, had lived in Iowa at least 11 years.

1850 Richland TWP, Jones Co. Iowa 14th Oct. p 207B

Dwelling 1008, Family 1008:

Alex O. Laughlin	42 M Farmer	Real Est. Value 1500	b. Tenn.
Jane	30 F		b. Tenn.
Harvey Laughlin	9 M		b. Iowa
Elizabeth	11 F		b. Iowa

Dwelling 1009, Family 1009

John W. Porterfield	66 M Wheelwright		b. Tenn.
James P. Tibbetts	27 M Farmer	Real Est. Value 400	b. Ind.
Sarah	25 F		b. Vir.
Wilmot	4 M		b. Iowa
Amil B.	4/12M		b. Iowa

Dwelling 1011, Family 1011

James Coleman	30 M	Ep Meth. Minister	b. Ohio
Ann	22 F		b. Ohio
Leonidas B.	3/12M		b. Iowa

THE JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD FAMILY
AFTER THE DEATH OF JULIA (EDGMOND) PORTERFIELD

In the 15 years after Julia "Edgmond" Porterfield died many changes took place for the John Wilson Porterfield family.. Colleen Rickabaugh whose husband Irl Rickabaugh is a descendant of Susannah Gaines, wrote "From what I can determine, John Wilson Porterfield's family sort of fell apart after Julia's death and they became scattered. Some tried Missouri and Iowa before settling on California." (PL Vol I, No. 5, pp. 73-75) The nine children born to John Wilson and Julia are enumerated below.

John Wilson Porterfield
(Last Updated 19 Aug 1991)

FATHER: James Porterfield
MOTHER: Jane "Jenny" Lockhart
BORN: 15 Feb 1784
AT: Washington Co. VA
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 1
MARRIED TO: Julia/Jaley Edgmond
ON: 25 May 1809
AT: Washington Co., VA
STATUS: Married

DIED ON: 09 Feb 1860
AT: Knights Landing, CA

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 9

- 1) Elizabeth Edgmond Porterfield (1811-1824)
- 2) Samuel Scott Porterfield b. 1813
- 3) Susannah Gaines Porterfield b. 1815
- 4) Margaret Strother Porterfield b. 1818
- 5) Jane Rhea Porterfield b. 1820
- 6) James Harvey Porterfield b. 1823
- 7) Julia Edgmond Porterfield b. 1825
- 8) John Wilson Porterfield (1829-1911)
- 9) Sarah Elizabeth Porterfield b. 1831

From the records it appears that in 1836 the two older sons, Samuel Scott b. 1813 and James Harvey b. 1823 (perhaps with sisters Susannah Gaines Porterfield b. 1815 and Margaret Strother b. 1818, oldest daughters and their husbands) set out for the NW Missouri area of Van Buren and Jackson Counties. They may have traveled together in a wagon train, or Samuel Scott may have moved in 1835, with the others following later.

The earliest records are Rutherford County Marriage Bonds of Samuel Scott Porterfield and Susannah Gaines Porterfield:

James L. Cox to Susan Porterfield Jan. 31, 1835. Surety

James H. Alexander (Marriage Feb. 2, 1835)

Samuel S. Porterfield to Edney A. Monahan July 29, 1835.

Surety J.G. Cox

From Marriages of Rutherford County Tennessee

The 1840 Van Buren (Cass) County, Missouri census lists:

Males None

Samuel S. Porterfield 20-30 yrs

Females 20- 30 yrs 1, Under 5 yrs 1

Number engaged in agriculture 1

The females are Edna Monahan/Manahan, born TN ca 1812 and daughter Jaley Elizabeth, born 22 November 1837. Later census records show that Jaley was born in Missouri. Son John Wilson born 28 Dec. 1839 was not recorded on this census. (R.T. Porterfield)

We know that Samuel S(cott) Porterfield died within the next few years, cause of death not reported. Edney Manahan remarried to James Hall Alexander ca 1844. The family account is continued in the article which follows: "Samuel Scott Porterfield" by Raymond T. "Tillie" Porterfield.

An important part of his story is the relationship of the Alexander's, Laughlin's, Cox's, and Porterfields.

James Harvey Porterfield, second son of John Wilson Porterfield married Martha Alexander, a daughter of Edna Monahan's second husband James Hall Alexander who had first married a Laughlin.

John Wilson Porterfield, third son of John Wilson Porterfield married Elizabeth Jane Alexander the daughter of Harvey Alexander who was probably a brother to James Hall Alexander.

Susanna Gaines Porterfield second oldest daughter of John Wilson Porterfield married James Laughlin Cox son of Susannah Laughlin Cox.

A record of great interest included in Raymond's notes is the following marriage from Van Buren County, Marriage Book B, page 229:

James H. Porterfield 31 years to Martha E. Alexander 20 years married 13 January 1853 at house of Elizabeth

Laughlin in Van Buren County (J.H. Laughlin states that he is authorize to give the consent of the father) by Andrew Coleman Elder of the M.E. Church

The October 29 1850 census--Chequest TWP, Van Buren Co. Iowa:

James Laughlin 29 Farmer Tenn., Elizabeth Laughlin 65 Ireland, Martha Alexander 17 Tenn, ?Williams 14 Ohio, Richard Smith 14 Tenn.

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SAMUEL SCOTT PORTERFIELD
SON OF JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD

Samuel Scott Porterfield (born 1813) son of John Wilson and Jaley (Edgmond) Porterfield had 2 children with his wife Edney Manahan, whom he married 29 July 1835 in Rutherford County, Tenn.

Daughter - Jaley Elizabeth Porterfield born 22 November 1837 and died 13 December 1816 at Xenia, Illinois. She married Asa H. Porter (died 1906). She had a daughter Helen Levora Porter married to Noble Gibson. Helen and Noble lived next door to Jaley and Asa in Xenia, Illinois. Xenia is in Clay County.

Helen and Noble had a daughter Cleone married to a Woomer. Cleone Woomer had a daughter Helen Louise. Helen Louise and her grandmother are listed as age 17 and 76 in 1939 on the back of their picture. Helen Levora (Porter) and Noble Gibson celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1936.

Son - James Wilson Porterfield born 28 December 1839, married 2 October 1859 at Kinmundy, Illinois and died at Pickering, Nodaway County, Missouri. Kinmundy is near Xenia, Illinois. He died 27 January 1899 and is buried in the Coleman Cemetery near Pickering, Missouri. He married Julina Ruth White, daughter of William and Elizabeth White. She was born 7 January 1843 near Xenia, Ill. James and Julina were married by Felix Cockeril, Justice of the Peace, Marion County, Illinois. She died 8 April 1900 and is buried in Coleman Cemetery by her husband. (From Family Bible of Julina (White) Porterfield, wife of James Wilson Porterfield(1839-1899).)

Edney (Manahan) Porterfield remarried to James Hall Alexander. Edney was the daughter of James and Effie/Eppy (Newton) Manahan. She had brothers Wm. Newton Manahan born ca 1825; Geo Washington Manahan born ca. 1818 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and James Bazell Manahan born 1825-1828. Edney's parents were born in South Carolina, James ca. 1775 and Eppy/Effie Newton ca. 1791. They were married 24 October 1809 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He died in Gibson County, Indiana and she died in Wayne County, Illinois buried in Arrington Prairie Cemetery. Information taken from 1850 census Columbia Township, Gibson County, Indiana, 22 Nov. 1850 shows the Manahan's resided here 1 June 1850.

Edney (Manahan) Porterfield was born ca. 1812 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Her 2nd husband James Hall Alexander was born ca. 1807 in Virginia and died 23 September 1882 at Pickering, Nodaway County, Missouri, buried Coleman Cemetery beside Edney near Pickering, Mo. Edney died 16 April 1898.

James Hall Alexander and Edney had 5 children: Effie J. Alexander, George H. Alexander born 1 April 1846, Mary Adeline Alexander 1848-1909, Lavona Alexander, Joseph Hall Alexander 1850-1924. Joseph Hall was born in Mercer County, Missouri and his father went to California for a few years returning to his family and settling in 1856 in Nodaway

County, Missouri where he purchased 40 acres north of Pickering, Mo. and here he spent the remainder of his life. After his death Edney spent the remainder of her life living with son Joseph Alexander. James Hall Alexander's will lists as heirs Wm. D. Alexander, Martha Porterfield, Geo. H. Alexander, Adeline Whitman and Joseph Hall Alexander. Therefore I assume Effie and Lavona must have died at an early age.

James H. (all) Alexander, 1st married a Laughlin and had 2 children, Wm D. Alexander and Martha Alexander. Martha Alexander married James Harvey Porterfield, brother of Edney's 1st husband Samuel Scott Porterfield.

Harvey Alexander, who I suspect was a brother of James H. Alexander, had a daughter Elizabeth Jane Alexander that married John Wilson Porterfield Jr. also a brother of Sam'l Scott Porterfield and James Harvey Porterfield.

Harvey's 1st wife was Nancy Laughlin. Susannah Gaines Porterfield, a sister of the aforementioned Porterfield brothers, married James Laughlin Cox, son of Susannah (Laughlin) Cox.

CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF JAMES WILSON AND JULINA (WHITE) PORTERFIELD

1. Geo. Newton Porterfield 1861-1936 married Betty Lee
Daughters: Jessie, Cleo, Cecil, Lola.
2. Harvey Alexander Porterfield 15 Aug 1862-2 Feb 1863.
3. William Porterfield 19 Feb 1864-4 Dec 1864.
4. Samuel Scott Porterfield 1865-1944 married Olive Belle Scott
Children: Mart 1892-1975, Andrew Jackson P. 1894-1963, Fay P.
1897-1950, Maymie Marie P. 1899-1948, Ola Leone P.
1902-1987, Loretta Mae P. 1905- , Velma Beulah
1907- , Lenna Oleta Porterfield 1912- .
5. Jasper Seymour Porterfield 22 August 1868-24 Oct 1875.
6. Cyrus Porterfield 8 January 1870-25 March 1871.
7. Andrew Hinchman Porterfield 5 Sept 1871-29 Oct 1875.
8. Cora Edna Porterfield born 28 Oct 1873 died Beaverton, Ore.
married Wes Shreve. Children: Dee, Dot, and a son.
9. Lena Elizabeth Porterfield 1875-1958 married Chauncey
Copeland. Children: James Eddie, Crystal, Harry, Harold.
10. Asa Porterfield 1876-1961 married Mary Gertrude Ashford
(my grandfather and grandmother). Children: Julina Ruth,
Raymond Orval (my father), Asa Cople, Forrest Edmund,
Jacob Merlin, Milo, and Marjorie Elizabeth.
11. Dora Etta Porterfield 1879-1966 married Emmett Gray.
Children: Lowell Oris, Lorace Dale, Leila Irene, James
William, Beulah Marie.
12. James Harry Porterfield 19 December 1880- died Denver
Colo., married and divorced Opal McMillan. Children:
Audrey, Mildred, Marvin.

Sources: 1. Harold Porterfield, Mexico, Missouri 2. Marie (Gray) Carmichael, Hopkins, Missouri 3. Porterfield Bible
4. Porterfield trunk 5. Past and Present, Nodaway County, MO
6. Robert Alexander, Hopkins, MO 7. James Hall Alexander Will
7. Julina Porterfield Will 8. Maryville Missouri Newspapers
9. Hopkins Journal, newspaper.

Raymond T. Porterfield

RICHARD PORTERFIELD OF KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE
THE ACCOUNT OF A DESCENDANT

My Porterfield line is rather difficult as my great grandfather was Joseph Berry Porterfield. The first time I found him was on the 1880 Knox Co. Tn census living with his grandfather and grandmother, Richard and Mary Ward Porterfield. He was six at the time. Since he was living with his grandparents I have not been able to find out who his father was. I wonder if the Sussanah E. Porterfield age 26 listed as the daughter of Richard and Mary in the 1880 census, could possibly have been a daughter-in-law instead of a daughter and that Joseph was her son.

Richard Porterfield the grandfather of Joseph Berry was born about 1822 in S.C. and married Mary Ward 27/5/1851 in Tennessee. Mary said she was from Tennessee (on the 1880 census) as were Susannah E. Porterfield and Joseph Berry Porterfield.

My grandmother was Ora Lee Porterfield, daughter of Joseph Berry and Mary Elizabeth Glass Porterfield. I believe the line to go back to John Porterfield, Born 1675 in Ireland d. 1739 age 63.

On Joseph Berry's death certificate it shows his parents as Richard and Susan. The 1880 census shows Susan (Porterfield) in a household at age 26, Joseph age 6, but shows Susan the daughter of Richard (age ca 45). Very confusing... (and even more confusing) Joseph's death certificate was filled out by his youngest daughter as James Berry (not Joseph Berry), mainly because he was called Jim. My grandmother told me it was Joseph Berry (she was the oldest daughter) and had always told me it was Joseph Berry. The family Bible says Joseph Berry Porterfield, his marriage certificate says Joseph Berry, his wife's death certificate says Joseph... (however) his tombstone (is inscribed) as James Berry which I do not believe to be correct. Why they called him Jim I do not know.

My dad has told me that Joseph Berry had a brother that was a great jewel thief in the 30's and that he came to Knoxville to visit with Joseph. He was afraid that Joseph would turn him in so he slipped away in the night. Later he was caught by a Pinkerton man and put on a train to be taken to prison. He told the Pinkerton man he needed to go into the bathroom, and when he didn't come out, the Pinkerton man went inside and discovered he had climbed out of the window of the moving train, and he was never heard from again. Tho' my father didn't know the brother's name, he said he remembered seeing him as he was visiting Grandpa Porterfield when the visit from his brother took place.

I would really like to find out who Joseph Berry's father and mother were.

Mary Lou Carson House

IN ANSWER TO MARY LOU

We may never be able to determine who Joseph Berry's parents were. The problem is compounded by the fact that the names Richard, Susan, and Joseph were used so often in this Porterfield line. Elizabeth or Eliza was another common name.

I do believe that Susan was the daughter of Richard and Mary Porterfield of the 1880 census. She was reported with them in the 1860 census as a 5 year old. In 1870 she was living in the home of Edmund and Jane Payne, 72 and 67, perhaps as a housekeeper or nurse for the elderly couple. (One must wonder also if Jane Payne could be a grandmother or great aunt, kin to Richard or Mary.) Other members of the Edmund Payne household were Joseph Wrinkle 31 M farmer and Marion Wrinkle 40 M (occupation not given).

Susan's family (1870 census), father Richard Porterfield 45, her mother Polly (Mary) 43 and Susan's brothers Joseph 13 and Willis 11 were living two doors away. Richard, a laborer in 1860, had become a skilled stone mason. Note that Richard (or other family member) reported his place of birth as TN in 1860, his age as 27; in 1870 his place of birth was reported as NC, his age as 45; in 1880 his place of birth was reported as SC, his age as 54. This makes tracing family history even more difficult.

The 1880 Knox County Tennessee census, District 15, lists: Richard Porterfield 54 born S. C., Mary Porterfield, Wife 59 born Tenn., Susannah E., Daughter 26 born Tenn., Joseph Berry Grandson 6 born Tenn., Joseph Wrinkle 45 Hireling born Tenn. Joseph Wrinkle had become a member of Richard's household.

Another Richard Porterfield, son of William and Mahalia Porterfield, whom we can assume is a cousin, first or second, to Susan, was 20 when she was 16. He was living with his mother Mahalia, widowed by the Civil War?, in Household 22-20 P.O. Knoxville in 1870. In 1880 Richard Porterfield of Household 127-139 (Richard C. of 1850) son of William and Mahalia Porterfield is listed as Richard 32, with wife Mary 28, son William 5, daughter Margrett J. 1 and Jessie B. Patty 79 born in S.C., father-in-law. Other sources write Mary's name as Martha.

Richard C. Porterfield was a Union Veteran of the Civil War. He enrolled "on the Eighth day of November, 1864, in the service of the United States in the war of the rebellion, and served ninety days or more as a Private in Company I of the 7th Regiment of Tennessee Vols. Mounted Infantry commanded by James H. Galbreath, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Knoxville Tenn on the 13th day of June 1865." These words from a Declaration for Invalid Pension dated Aug. 29, 1900 describe the military service of a young man who volunteered when not quite 14 years old (age 9 mos. 1850 census). This was an amended application; Richard had been receiving a pension "Certificate No. 532561, rate per month \$10" under the "old law".)

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Knox County Tennessee Porterfields 1880

Place of Enumeration:

15th Civil Dist. Knox Co. Tennessee

No Post Office given

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Miscellaneous Information	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Enumeration Date	Remarks
109	117		Porterfield Richard	M		54			1					Stone Mason		X	SC	SC	SC		
			Mary	F		59		Wife	1					Keeping House		X	Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Susanah	F		26		Daughter	1					House Keeping			Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Joseph Berry	M		6		Grandson	1								Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Wrinkle Joseph C	M		45		Hireling	1					Works on farm			Ten	Ten	Ten		
	118		Porterfield Joseph	M		23			1					Works on farm			Ten	Ten	Ten		Dwelling 109
			Mary J.?	F		30		Wife	1								Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Anary J.	M		4/12		Son	1								Ten	Ten	Ten		
14	127139		Porterfield Richard	M		32			1					Works on farm			Ten	SC	Ten		
			Mary	F		28		Wife	1					Keeping House			Ten	SC	SC		
			William	M		5		Son	1								Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Margrett J.	F		1		Daughter	1								Ten	Ten	Ten		
			Patty, Jessie B.	M		79		Father in law						Farming			SC	SC	SC		

The declaration further stated that he was suffering from a variety of ailments including disease of the lungs, impaired hearing and rheumatism, that he was transferred to the hospital at Knoxville in 1865, had Pneumonia and Typhoid fever at that time. In an earlier document of the file Richard related that his hearing loss occurred on or about the 16th day of April, 1865 at Athens Tennessee and was "caused by being located very near a battery of heavy artillery (Ohioans) that was firing on the occasion of receiving the news of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln." We wonder if Richard was a flag bearer.

A letter from the Adjutant General's Office to the Commissioner of Pensions dated June 23, 1884 states that Richard Porterfield Company I 7th Regiment Tenn Mt'd Inft. Volunteers enrolled the 8th day of November, 1864, at Clinton Tenn. for 1 yr. and that he was mustered out a Private--on Ind M.O.R. at Knoxville Tenn. June 13/65 with the remark: mustered out in accordance with instructions in telegram from War Dept. dated May 3/65.

A declaration dated 25 September 1889 describes Richard as Richard C. Porterfield 39 height 5 feet 9 inches; complexion fair hair dark; eyes blue. At that time his residence was McMillan Knox County, Tennessee.

A letter from the Bureau of Pensions to Richard Sept. 14, 1897 requested information about his family, informing him that it was needed for future use, and that it might be of great value to his family. Richard's reply dated Sept. 21, 1897 stated that he was a married man that "he had married Martha Porterfield now, Martha Patty was her maiden name, that they were married Nov. 17, 1872 at the Macedonia Church by Parson Little, that the marriage was on record in the County Clerks office in Knox Co., that he was never married before and that the names and birthdates of his living children were:

William H. Porterfield	born Dec. 31th 1874
Andrew F. Porterfield	born Sep. 6th 1886
Laura Porterfield	born January 10 1889
Minnie B. Porterfield	born March 11 1891
Mary Porterfield	born Sept. 17th 1893

After Richard's death on May 16 1912, Martha applied for and received a widow's pension. She died April 2, 1917.

As for Richard's cousin Susan and her life, as you know from the marriage records you sent me, on June 28 1884 she married Joseph Wrinkle whom she had known since she was a teenager living in the household of Edmund Payne. Referring again to the 1880 census we are reminded that other members of the household were Joseph B. Porterfield 6, enumerated as her father's grandson and Joseph Wrinkle 45, hireling. Joseph B. Porterfield married Mary E. Glass November 1, 1891. It might be very helpful if we had an 1890 census record, but the 1890 census records do not exist.

Frances M. Willis

PORTERFIELDS IN TENNESSEE
SULLIVAN COUNTY DESCENDANTS OF SETH PORTERFIELD

The family history of the Porterfields in Carroll County is dominated by the story of Jane (Irwin) Porterfield, widow of Samuel Porterfield, her three youngest children, James W., Elizabeth, and Alfred and her in-laws, the McMackin's and the Rowlands. The family history of the Porterfields in Sullivan County is dominated by another widow, Elizabeth (Horn) Porterfield, whose husband Robert S. Porterfield, oldest son of Samuel and Jane (Erwin) Porterfield, died in 1850 at the age of 35, leaving Elizabeth to care for five young children. Samuel was the son, Robert was the grandson of Seth Porterfield.

Robert S. Porterfield (1840 and 1850 Sullivan County census) and his family remained in Sullivan County when his mother and brothers and sister moved to Carroll County. It was there in June 1850 that he died of pneumonia. The 1850 census enumerated Sept. 16, 1850 1st District of Sullivan County names the children as Wm. 13, Sarah 12, Mary 10, and Robt. 8. A fifth child Nelson Delaney Porterfield is unaccounted for in this census. Perhaps he had been placed with neighbors or relatives to earn money for the family shortly after his father's death--or perhaps he was as yet unborn at census time. Charlotte Lockwood, descendant, believes that he was born in 1850 after his father's death. However, the 1860 census schedule for Sullivan County lists a Nelson Porterfield 24, a millright, living with a group of people near members of his mother's family. See the 1860 Sullivan County census chart.

Elizabeth attempted to keep the family together by continuing her husband's shoemaking business but according to Charlotte Lockwood her father's will indicates that she had remarried to a man named Jones by 1857-1859. Date of her death and fortunes of her children are shrouded in mystery but it is believed that she died in the Paperville P.O. area sometime within the 1860-1870 time period and Nelson (Delaney) Porterfield is believed to have moved to Indiana during this time to work for relatives. It was there that he met and married Mary Louise Ruede who was of Moravian heritage.

Elizabeth's maiden name was Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Horn. She was the daughter of John George Horn born in MD, died 1867-1869 in Sullivan Co. TN, and Catherine Pence, born in VA, died 1864 in Sullivan Co. TN. One of Polly's sisters, Sarah Horn married George Lorts who was the son of Henry Lorts and Elizabeth Cook. Another sister, Pence Horn married Nelson Wright. These families were among the first ten or more Sullivan County families who pioneered to Bartholomew County, Indiana. Other surnames of these settling the frontier were Porterfield, Crussels, Foust, Gaines, Roller, and Harr.

DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL AND JANE (ERWIN) PORTERFIELD
 Samuel Porterfield was the son of Seth Porterfield of Sullican County

DESCENDANTS OF Jane Erwin 13 Dec 1984

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN

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|Jane Erwin
|   SEX: F
|   B: 1796 @ Sullivan Co.?
|   M: ca 1814 to Samuel Porterfield @ Sullivan Co TN?
|   D: 1880 @ Carroll Co TN
|   4 Children
|   (1: Jane (Erwin) Porterfield and 3 youngest children sold Sullivan Co property (180 acres) to David Erwin, Jane's
|       brother, in 1840, traveled over 350 miles on the Great Stage Road to Carroll Co TN.)
|   (2: In Carroll Co Jane began buying land from Thomas Rowland, 1-7-1841, accumulating 420 acres of farmland.)
|
|   |Robert S. Porterfield
|       SEX: M
|       B: ca 1815 @ Sullivan Co ?TN
|       M: ca 1835 to Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Horn @ Sullivan Co TN
|       D: June 1850 @ Sullivan Co TN
|       5 Children
|       (1: Died age 35 June 1850 of pneumonia Sullivan Co TN)
|       FATHER: Samuel Porterfield
|
|           |William S. Porterfield
|               MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Horn
|
|           |Sarah Porterfield
|               MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Horn
|
|           |Mary Porterfield
|               MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Horn
|
|           |Robert Porterfield
|               MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Horn
|
|           |Nelson Delaney Porterfield
|               MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Horn
|
|   |James H. Porterfield
|       SEX: M
|       B: 1820 @ Sullivan Co TN?
|       M: 31 Oct 1843 to Nancy Rowland @ Carroll Co TN
|       9 Children
|       FATHER: Samuel Porterfield
|
|           |Samuel Porterfield (1847-51)
|               MOTHER: Nancy Rowland
    
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PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN
		Elizabeth J. Porterfield b.1852					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		Nancy (N.P.) Porterfield b. 1856					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		Luella Dorthula Porterfield b. 28 May 1858					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		W.C. or W.A. Porterfield b. 1863					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		Amey Porterfield b. 1864					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		James Porterfield b. 1867					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		Edney Porterfield b. 1869					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		Ethel Porterfield (1872-74)					
		MOTHER: Nancy Rowland					
		Elizabeth Porterfield					
		SEX: F					
		B: 1820					
		M: to James McMackin					
		2 Children					
		FATHER: Samuel Porterfield					
		James L. McMackin b. ca 1846					
		FATHER: James McMackin					
		Robert S. McMackin b. ca 1848					
		FATHER: James McMackin					
		Alfred Porterfield					
		SEX: M					
		B: 1822					
		FATHER: Samuel Porterfield					

The possibility that other descendants of Seth, perhaps another son, removed from Virginia to the Paperville and Bristol area of Sullivan County is indicated by census records of 1860 and 1870 for John and Sarah Hennessee and Robert and Laura S./Sarah Porterfield.

The census records for Sullivan County are presented herein for study and conclusions which might be drawn from them.

We are deeply indebted to Charlotte Lockwood of Charlotte, North Carolina for much of the data about Seth's descendants. Additional information can be found in The Carroll County Tennessee History Volume 1, and Families and History of Sullivan County Tennessee, Volume 1.

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			1850 1st District												
047	501	501	Elizabeth Portifield	35	F			Blank		Tenn				Sept. 16	m. Jones of Paperville
			Wm.	13	M					"					
			Sarah	12	F					"					
			Mary	10	F					"					
			Robt.	8	M					"					
047	500	500	Thos. M. White	29	M		Farmer	1250		"					Neighbor
			Rebecca	23	F					"					
			Jas.	2	M					"					
Page 39-16			1860 Dist # 2				P.O. Paperville							June 19	
L. 38	270	267	John Hennessee	30	M		Farmer	2700	4600	Ireland					
			Sarah "	22	F		Housekeeper			Va					
			Robert Porterfield	60	M		Farm Labor			Va					
			Laura S. "	65	F		None			Va					

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JOHN HORN - Brother of Mary Elizabeth (Polly) Horn Porterfield Jones and
 Uncle of Delaney Porterfield
 DELANEY PORTERFIELD - Son of Robert S. Porterfield, Grandson of Samuel.

Place of Enumeration:

Civil District #7 Sullivan County Tennessee P.O. Eden Ridge

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
73-56	519	519	John Horn	37	M		Farmer	Blank		Tennessee				25 July	
			Margaret "	37	F		Domestic			"					
			Mary Ann M "	14	F					"					
			Martha "	12	F					"					
			James "	10	M					"					
			Pence "	9	F					"					
			Barby H. "	5	F					"					
			John M.D. "	2	M					"					
	520	520	John Shoemaker age 40-50				Farmer	3000	700	"					
			Hannah 43 and 5 children, all born in Tennessee												
	521	521	Wm. Moody	62	M		Farmer		200	Tennessee					
			Bier?	30	F				300	"					
			Frances	20	F					"					
			Mary	16	F					"					
	522	522	Wm. Moody	25	M		Farmer		100	Tennessee					
			Wm. Murry "	18	M		Farm Labor			"					
	523	523	Clinton "(Moody)	16	M		Farm Labor			"					
			George "	14	M					"					
			Hannah P ?	13	F					"					
			John	10	M					"					
			John Gray	30	M		Blacksmith		100	Tennessee					
			Betsy "	26	F		Domestic			Virginia					
			Nelson Porterfield	24	M		Millright		100	Tennessee					
	524	524	Alexander William	25	M		Day Laborer			Virginia					
			Catherine	26	F		Domestic			Tennessee					
			Franklin		2	M				"					
			Diission ?	4/12	M					"					

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Place of Enumeration: Civil Dist. No. 2 Sullivan County Tennessee P.O. Bristol Enumerator: C. E. Warren

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
386	2828		Hennessey, John	50	MW		Farmer	1500	522	Ireland							1	Aug 10	
			Sarah F.	31	FW		Keeping House			Virginia									
			Porterfield, Robert	75	MW		Farmer			Virginia							1		
			Sarah S	75	FW					Virginia									
			Tornston? Jared	33	MW		Farm Labor			Ireland							1		
			Ford Hanne	15	F		Domestic Servant			Tennessee									

WILLIAM RUFUS NOT WILLIAM ROSS

Anna Lee Carreiro of Cave City, Arkansas, descendant of John Milton Porterfield, has learned that the name of John Milton's oldest son was William Rufus, not William Ross. Descendants had believed his name to be William Ross and one of his grandson's, brother to my father Austin L. Porterfield, was named Ross Porterfield. William Rufus was a brother to Jemmy T/James T. Porterfield, great grandfather of Paul Porterfield. The name William Rufus establishes more strongly proof of the family ties to James Porterfield (1780-1821) born in Washington County Virginia, died in Wilson County Tennessee. During the families residence in Tennessee Rufus and Leonidas were frequently used as given names. FMW

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ADDITIONAL NOTES DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD PORTERFIELD KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE

KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE MARRIAGES

RICHARD PORTERFIELD, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER, AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Porterfield, Richard	Rose, Louisa	12/07/1847
Porterfield, William	Moffett, Mahaley	17/09/1848
Porterfield, Richard	Ward, Mary	27 May 1851
Porterfield, Susanna	Swaggerty, Willis	04 Sep 1851
Porterfield, Susan E.	McNutt, Hugh L.	02 Nov 1865
Porterfield, Richard	Patty, Martha	17 Nov 1872
Porterfield, Susan	Wrinkle, Joseph C.	27 Jun 1884
Porterfield, Joseph B.	Mary E. Glass	01 Nov 1891
Porterfield, Richard	Mary J. Burnett	04 May 1894
Porterfield, Wm. H.	Johnson, Susan Martha Eval	19 Jan 1896
Porterfield, Harriet	Cunningham, James	25 Sep 1898

(Marriage records from Mary Lou House)

LOCALITY Richard Porterfield, Revolutionary soldier, and his descendants lived northeast and east of Knoxville, for the most part within the triangle of land between the Holston and the French Broad Rivers.

Names of towns and villages from census reports 1820-80.

P.O. Mecklinburg	Wm and Mahaley (Moffett) Porterfield	1860
17th District	Wm and Jane Porterfield	1860
P.O. Gap Creek	Eliza Porterfield	1860
15th District	Zenith?/Cynthia? Rose	1860
P.O. Knoxville	R. and Mary Porterfield with	1860
2nd District	children Susan, Joseph, and Willis	
P.O. McMillan	Eliza Porterfield with children	1860
18th District	Winter and Eliza	
P.O. Knoxville	Mahalia, widow of William, sons	1870
15 Civil District	Richard C. and James F.	
	Eliza Porterfield with Benjamin C.	1870
	Rose and Sarah Hawk.	
	Domocile 24 No inhabitants	
P.O. Gap Creek	Susan Porterfield in household of	1870
15 Civil District	Edmund Payne	
	Richard Porterfield, father of Susan,	1870
	with wife Mary/"Polly" and sons Joseph	
	and Willis	
	Adam and Sarah M. Hicks with	1870
	Hicks children, Lawson and Elizabeth	
	and Porterfield children, James A. and	
	Arena (May not be Richard descendant)	
	Richard and Mary/"Polly" Porterfield,	1870
	Elizabeth, Joseph and William.	
15th Civil District		
No P.O. given	Richard and Mary Porterfield with	1880
	daughter Susanah, Grandson Joseph	
	Berry and Joseph C. Wrinkle, Hireling.	
	Joseph Porterfield and wife Mary J.?	1880
	son, Anary J. (Joseph son of Richard	
	and Mary.	
	Richard Porterfield and wife Mary, son	1880
	William and daughter Margrett J., and	
	father-in-law Jessie B. Patty.	

LOCALITY Richard C. Porterfield, son of William and Mahaley (Moffett) Porterfield.

Richard C. Porterfield was a U. S. soldier in the Civil War. Enlisted 8th Nov. 1864 at Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Honorably discharged June 13, 1865 at Knoxville. Entered hospital there. Treated Summer of 1873 near Ellejoy, Blount Co., later at Asbury, Knox Co.

Affidavit July 14, 1884: For five years preceding his enlistment in the Federal Army, he lived near the City of Knoxville, Knox Co. TN and from discharge until present has lived near Knoxville, in the 15th Civil District and that his P.O. address during that time has been Knoxville.

Richard C. married Martha Patty November 17, 1872 at Macedonia, Knox Co. TN.

Addresses from affidavits for pension applications: 1889, P.O. McMillan; 1890, Mascot, Knox Co. TN; 1892, Lyonton, Knox Co. TN; 1900 and 1903 Trentville, Knox Co. TN. Address given for 1890 Tennessee Census of Veterans, P.O. Riverdale, Knox County.

Richard C. died May 16, 1912 at Straw(berry) Plains R.F.D. 3. Martha (Patty) Porterfield applied for Pension from Strawberry Plains, Co. of Jefferson, July 31, 1912. She died April 2, 1917.

Most of these communities and villages can still be found on today's maps and gazateers. Searching for Gap Creek P.O., which I did not find, I discovered a place called Porterfield Gap. It is east of Knoxville, south of the French Broad River on the Knox Co.-Sevier Co. line and appears to be a pass in the Bays Mountain range. Nearest town of any size is Kimberlin Heights. Riverdale is north just across the French Broad. Porterfield Gap may have been the place where Richard Porterfield, the stone mason, father of Susan and grandfather of Joseph B. settled and worked. The census record of those who lived near him suggests that it was a community of quarry workmen and builders.

FINAL NOTE ON RICHARD PORTERFIELD PATRIARCH OF THE KNOX COUNTY PORTERFIELDS: The last accounting of the financial condition of the estate of Richard Porterfield (ca 1758-1852) should be found in the Probate record of Knox County Willbook 11, p.178. Perhaps the record also provides an accounting of those who were nearest and dearest to him.

FMW

JOSEPH/JAMES BERRY PORTERFIELD
KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE

Dear Mary Lou,

After reviewing the last ancestry charts you sent me, I'm wondering if you are not looking back into the wrong lineage for your Joseph/James Porterfield. That might account for the conflicting reports of birth, death, and cemetery records.

In your chart dated 22 Aug 1994, you list Joseph Berry Porterfield, Born 24 Oct 1873 in Marysville, Tenn., married 1 Nov 1891 in Knoxville, Tenn., died 14 Oct. 1927 in Marysville, Tenn.

Maryville is in Blount County Tennessee. Joseph Berry Porterfield's grandparents lived in the Knoxville area to the east and northeast, between or just outside the triangle formed by the juncture of the Holston and French Broad Rivers. Since I have not researched Mary E. Glass heritage, I do not know if she might have been from the Maryville area.

A page from The Porterfields by Frank Burke Porterfield may have significant information. I'm referring to (6a) Turner M. Porterfield and his twin half-sisters who moved to Maryville from Alabama. Turner M. Porterfield had a son Jack/John Berry Porterfield. His father was John Berry Porterfield, a double first cousin of James Richard Porterfield of Greenville, Alabama, according to information sent FBP by Turner M. Porterfield. All of these Porterfields seemed to be from the South Central section of Alabama [and were referred to as the Butler County Alabama Porterfields, descendants of John Porterfield, brother to James and Dennis Porterfield, and to Eleanor (Porterfield) Owen and son of James Porterfield (1719-1777)].

You have a copy of The Porterfields I believe and might want to do additional research to discover a possible connection for your Joseph/James Berry with these families. (FBP The Porterfields Chapter V Cumberland County Porterfields.)

Another intriguing bit of information is the 1870 Knox County census report for Adam and Sarah M. Hicks (page 283B HH 237-219) who have twins Lawson Hicks 2 and Elizabeth Hicks 2 and two older Porterfield children James A. Porterfield 5 and Arena (?) Porterfield living with them. The twins Lawson and Elizabeth were born in Tennessee, the Porterfield children were born in Alabama. Sarah M. Hicks may be the widow of an Alabama Porterfield, mother of James A. and Arena(?) Porterfield.

This family lived near the Richard Porterfield's in the 15th Civil District Knox Co TN; P.O. Gap Creek. Refer to pages 384-390, Sept. 1994 issue of Porterfield Lines.

I hope this is helpful to you.
Frances

Dear Frances,

Received your letter today. I am sorry that I have not sent you a copy of Joseph Berry's and Mary E. Glass Porterfield's death certificates; they are enclosed.

Joseph Berry I believe was born in Knoxville. I have found him on the 1880 census with his grandparents, Richard and his wife.

Hopefully we can solve this mystery. It probably would help if I could ever get to the Knox County archives and see what I could come up with.

Best wishes,
Mary Lou House

Death certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics State of Tennessee for James Berry Porterfield, married white male.

Place of Death: Maryville, Tenn., Blount Co, Civil Dist. 9
Date of Death: Oct 14, 1927. Date of Burial: Oct. 16, 1927
Date of Birth: Oct 24, 1871. Birthplace: Knox County
Occupation: Merchant
Name of father: Richard Porterfield Birthplace: Knox County
Name of mother: Susan Porterfield Birthplace: Knox County

Informant for Personal and Statistical Particulars:

"The above is true to the best of my knowledge."

Signed by Miss Edna Porterfield Address: City

Undertaker: Roy E. Ammons Place of Burial: Magnolia

Cause of death: Hemorrhage on brain Signed J. D. Singleton M.D.
Maryville Tenn

Certificate of Death State of Tennessee for Mary E. Glass Porterfield, white female widow, age in years 84.

Place of Death: Anderson Nursing Home, Knoxville, Knox Co. TN,
Civil District 7. Date of Death: Feb. 16, 1960
Usual Residence: 1018 Everett Avenue, Maryville, Blount Co. Tenn.
Civil District 9.
Date of Birth : 2-22-1875 Place of Birth: Tennessee
Occupation: Housewife Place: Own Home
Name of Father: James Glass Name of Mother: Elizabeth Nichols
Informant: Mrs. Ella Buchanan, Knoxville, Tenn.
Funeral Director: McCammon & Ammons, Maryville, Tenn.
Burial: Feb. 18, 1960 Place: Magnolia Cemetery, Maryville, Tenn
Cause of death: Probable metastatic Ca Signed: Herbert
Hill M.D., Fountain City, Tenn.

From Marriage License Records of Knox County, Tennessee:

Date issued: Oct. 31, 1891, No. 534.

Joseph B. Porterfield to Mary E. Glass

"I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the above named parties on the 1 day of Nov. 1891."

Signed: J.M. Payne J.P.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD
OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE

"From the records it appears that in 1836 the two older sons, Samuel Scott b. 1813 and James Harvey b. 1823 (perhaps with sisters Susannah Gaines Porterfield b. 1815 and Margaret Strother b. 1818, oldest daughters and their husbands) set out for the NW Missouri area of Van Buren and Jackson Counties. They may have traveled together in a wagon train, or Samuel Scott may have moved in 1835, with the others following later." (Porterfield Lines Nov 1994, page 402)

This was the surmised from records examined prior to recognizing the significance of 1850 Mercer County, Missouri census records found last year. The census schedules reveal important information about the daughters of James Wilson and Julia/Jaley (Edmond) Porterfield. From these schedules, and biographical accounts of the lives of the two youngest sons, James Harvey Porterfield and John Wilson Porterfield, printed in the History of Napa and Lake Counties, California -1881 and History of the State of California and Biographical Record of Coast Counties, California we now have a clearer picture of the removal of the family from Cannon/Rutherford Counties to Missouri and thence to California.

JAMES HARVEY PORTERFIELD (1823-1900)

No Missouri census record for James Harvey Porterfield, younger brother of Samuel Scott Porterfield, has been found, perhaps because he was not yet married nor head of a household or perhaps because he was on the move when enumerations were made. The story of his dangerous migration to California in the History of Napa and Lake Counties, California (1881) relates that he ventured to Jackson County Missouri in 1836, worked on a farm until 1845 when he headed for Oregon with Capt. John Grigsbey's Company. Fortune led him to California, rather than Oregon, for on the way their company met John Greenwood, Rocky Mountain hunter and trapper, whose tales of California caused Capt. Grigsbey' to change his course and destination for California. The company split; James Harvey Porterfield, acting as a teamster, chose to follow Grigsbey to California. The party arrived at Johnsons Ranch, on Bear River, September 6, 1845. Harvey was working as a carpenter at Sonoma California as the conflict between the U.S. and Mexico led to the phase of the Mexican-American War referred to as the Bear Flag War. Records show that (James) Harvey Porterfield joined J.B. Ford's company at Sonoma and served in the Mexican War for one year. His military assignments took him to San Diego and Los Angeles. He was discharged in 1847. To follow military operations of that area read the details in the biographical sketch for Harvey Porterfield (James Harvey Porterfield) in the history of Napa and Lake Counties California referred to above. He served under such illustrious leaders as Kit Carson and General Fremont, receiving his discharge in 1847. Harvey returned to Napa Valley living first with David and William Hudson, companions on the trek to California, then with Nathan Coombs who joined him in a gold mining venture at Colomba Mines.

He continued to seek his fortune with various enterprises including driving and raising stock, probably the most adventurous being fitting a vessel with Major Reading which was blown ashore on Vancouver Island and wrecked. In 1850 he took up land in Yolo County California and began raising stock. In 1852 he returned East by way of Panama. More of this story later as he and other family members are reunited.

JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD (1829-1909)

John Wilson Porterfield, youngest son of John Wilson and Jaley Porterfield, removed from Cannon County Tennessee to Iowa between 1840 and 1850. The probability that he traveled first to Missouri is underpinned by a biographical sketch in the History of the State of California and Biographical Record of Coast Counties, California by J.M. Guinn, A.M. 1904. Titled " J.W. Porterfield" the account provides data for John W. Porterfield and his son John W., not all of it accurate as readers have discovered. (These inaccuracies will be described in later paragraphs.) The probability that the history is accurate in stating that six of the children of John Wilson and Jaley Edgemond, four daughters and two sons, became residents of California is borne out by marriage and census records from Missouri, Iowa, and California.

The J.M. Guinn article further states that John Wilson "born at Stone's River, Tennessee, January 1, 1829 lived at home on the farm until eleven years of age, when he went to Jackson County, Missouri with his father. The following three years were spent in that state, from where he went to Jones County, Iowa and worked another four years, receiving as remuneration one colt and the privilege of attending school during the winter months."

With the idea of joining his brother James Harvey in California, John Wilson, Jr. became a member of a party of four young men traveling by ox team and wagons. The trip took six months, with many harrowing experiences. John Wilson made his first stop Georgetown, Eldorado County, then tried mining for a winter on Dear Creek. His lack of success pressed him on to join his brother in Yolo County with whom he formed a ranching partnership which lasted about fourteen years. Falling cattle prices discouraged John Wilson. He moved on to Lake County, settled on government land which he held for five years before moving on to Sonoma County and acquiring about 260 acres of land. He used most of the acreage for farming and stock raising. In time he also developed a productive vinyard of about fifty acres.

He had married Elizabeth Jane Alexander, daughter of Harvey Alexander, on May 22, 1856. She was born May 20, 1836 in Tennessee, but when a young girl her family moved to Iowa, then in 1854 they had come to Yolo County California. As previously noted she was probably a niece of Edna (Monihan) Porterfield's second husband, James Hall Alexander. She died May 18, 1901. Children of this marriage were Alice Jessie Porterfield, married C. F. McHarvey moved to San Francisco;

William Harvey Porterfield; and Kate Ella Porterfield who married William Leist, a native of California. (Kate Ella is buried in the Porterfield cemetery plot in Cloverdale.)

CONTINUING: JAMES HARVEY PORTERFIELD

Returning to the History of Napa and Lake Counties, California - 1881 and James Harvey Porterfield, older brother of John Wilson, Jr., and his return East via Panama. His course seems to have been set for Iowa and the family there. His father and sister, Jane Rea (Porterfield) Laughlin and husband Alex O. Laughlin were living in Richland Township, Jones Co. Iowa (1850 census). While in Iowa, James Harvey married Miss Martha Alexander (m January 1853). Sometime in that year, 1853, with his wife and father, he started across the plains and mountains to California, driving a drove of cattle back to his place in Yolo County. There he and his family remained until 1856 when he moved to Napa County. In 1857 he bought the farm of 408 acres where he spent the remainder of his life, engaging in stock and grain raising.

Children from his marriage to Martha Alexander (b. Jan 23, 1833, d. 1866) were: William, Josephine, and Emily. He married secondly in 1868, Miss Mattie A. Galbraith, who was born November 18, 1839. Children of this union: Alfred, Mattie, Mary, and Harvey.

(Note: In his history of the Coast Counties of California, Professor Guinn mistakenly refers to James Harvey, the oldest son of John Wilson, Sr. as his brother: "The elder Mr. Porterfield came overland to California in 1853 and divided the remainder of his life between the homes of his brother, James Harvey, and that of his son, John W.")

DAUGHTERS OF JOHN WILSON AND JULIA EDGMOND PORTERFIELD

Though the daughters names are not mentioned in the biographical synopsis of the son's lives, it seems almost certain that other members of James Harvey Porterfield's family may have traveled together in the 1853 trek to California, perhaps with members of the Laughlin, Alexander, and Cox families. And if not with John Wilson, Sr. and Harvey, they found their way there at some later time with other "laws and in-laws."

As R. T. "Tillie" Porterfield wrote, "It seems that the Laughlins, Alexanders, and Porterfields kept popping up in the same place for years. We can add Cox's to that group. This has proved true with census records to date. They have "popped up" in Rutherford Co. Tennessee, in Jones and Wayne Counties in Iowa, in northwest Missouri and California

Meshing the story told of John Wilson, Jr.'s trek to Missouri, then Iowa, with his father and the census records we have found, we can more accurately arrive at a synopsis which describes the order in which family members moved after leaving

Tennessee, and the places to which they migrated. The ages of the grandchildren and their place of birth are also important clues.

It seems most likely, as we surmised, that Samuel Scott and James Harvey, the older brothers together with the two oldest living daughters and their husbands and families left Tennessee for northwest Missouri in 1835-1836 after Julia Porterfields death in 1835. James Wilson, Sr. and his three youngest children, are listed as residents on the 1840 Cannon County Tennessee census but left sometime in 1840 for Missouri. (See John Wilson's biography; he says he and his father traveled together to Missouri. Surely they did not abandon Jaley Edgmond b. 1825 or Sarah Elizabeth Porterfield, b. 1831. John Wilson, Jr. born January 1, 1829, re biography, "lived at home on the farm until eleven when he went to Jackson County, Missouri with his father." The following three years were spent in that state, and from there he went to Jones County, Iowa and worked four more years. No doubt he was at age 14 still traveling in the company of his father and probably their reason for going to Iowa was to be near John's daughter, Jane Rhea and her husband Alex O. Laughlin, who in 1850 had lived in Iowa for 11 years. The daughters, Susannah, Julia, and perhaps Margaret, if still living, remained in Missouri at this time. John Wilson, Jr. remained in Iowa for four years, then headed for California with other youthful adventurers. John Wilson, Sr. stayed in Iowa, living near his daughter Jane Rhea Laughlin in 1850 (Iowa Census record).

We know from census records that Susannah Gaines Porterfield who had married James Cox in Rutherford County in 1835 was living in Mercer County in 1850, had been in Missouri for at least 13 years, and that four houses away her sister Julia/July Porterfield lived with, perhaps worked for, relatives, Sarah and Willis Baker. Her father, John Wilson, Sr., had evidently left her in their care when he left for Iowa. They are surrounded by Laughlins, Cox's, and Porter's and other "laws and in-laws" listed on pages 401 and 402 of the 1850 Mercer Co, Missouri, District 56 Being census.

Colleen Rickabaugh has given invaluable assistance in identifying family members and sharing her research. It is for this reason that we have found all the daughters of John Wilson and Jaley/Julia Edgmond Porterfield except Margaret Strother. Perhaps we will find her name as a young married woman in Missouri. She was living at the time of the 1830 Rutherford County census, one of the four daughters whose ages are given there. If she accompanied James Harvey and Samuel Scott, her brothers, to Missouri in 1836, she would have been of marriageable age though only 18.

The oldest daughter, Elizabeth Edgmond Porterfield (1811-1824) died at the age of 13. How sad to lose a thirteen year old daughter. Two of the younger daughters shared her name, Julia Edgmond and Sarah Elizabeth.

FMW

EXCERPTS FROM AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
Year of 1994
Colleen Rickabaugh and Frances M. Willis

Dear Colleen,

I was very pleasantly surprised last July to receive an inquiry about availability of Porterfield Lines from R. T. Porterfield of Hopkins, Missouri who is a descendant of John Wilson Porterfield's second child, oldest son Samuel Scott Porterfield. He had learned of Pfld Lines from the Missouri Genealogical Society.

Hearing from him has opened new avenues for research and information about John Wilson who was, as you know, a brother to James of my lineage.

I am quite happy to have this information to add to our knowledge of "Porterfields in Tennessee: and I'm particularly hopeful tht we will learn more about the descendants of John Wilson's daughters.

I'm fairly sure I have found one daughter Jane, fifth child, fourth daughter born about 1820. She is living next door to John W. according to the 1850 Jones Co. Iowa Census. I rented census microcopies for Missouri and Iowa, read them at the Longview library, will be printing families in upcoming issues--.

I am enclosing a copy of my last letter to Raymond Tilman Porterfield so you can be informed. Also a copy of the Jones Co Iowa census.

Do you have information on marriages, children, lives of any of John Wilson's daughters other than Susannah Gaines (Porterfield) Cox? Do you know the Tibbets (Members of John Wilson Porterfield's household in 1850 Jones County Iowa)?

My best,
Frances

Dear Frances,

First let me say that I am behind on working with all my Porterfield notes as I have spent the last year working on my mother-in-laws family so that I can present her with a special book that is organized. Thus, all other lines have been put on hold.

I do not know who James and Sarah Tibbetts are that are living with John W. Porterfield, or was John living with them since they owned real estate worth \$400. Perhaps John was placed first because of age. However, where was the rest of John's family? At least four of the children were still not married in 1850 so where were they living?

With regards to the sisters of Susannah Gaines Cox, I know very little. Elizabeth Edgmond Porterfield died in her teens, and I know nothing of Margaret Strother Porterfield and Jane Rhea Porterfield. (Did Jane get her middle name Rhea from Mary Ellen Rhea, first wife of John Wilson Porterfield 1828-1888, son of James Porterfield 1791-1848, grandson of John Porterfield 1751-1833?)

Jailey/Julia Edgmond Porterfield born Dec. 27, 1825 married Benjamin F. Burr on October 25, 1855 in Yolo County, CA and they had a daughter Della. Sarah Elizabeth Porterfield born April 10, 1831 married Esastus Jacobs on March 27, 1855 in Yolo County, CA. Think I will order the 1860 and 1870 census and see if they stayed there. Yolo County is next to a corner of Lake County and Susannah and J.L. Cox also lived there for awhile. In fact, J.L. Cox was the first sheriff there.

I found your letter to Raymond interesting as I have worked some on the Laughlin name as that was the maiden name of J.L.'s mother. Cox, Laughlin, Duncan and some Porters can be followed from Washington and Lee Counties, VA, to Rutherford County, MO except about 12 years when Wayne County, Iowa claimed it so you have to check both states.

Jane Laughlin, living next to John W. Porterfield, could possibly be his daughter as the age is correct. I looked through my Laughlin records and cannot locate an Alex and Jane with matching ages so I do not know if Alex is related to a different line or is related to mine and is just one of the blank spaces in my records.

Was the record you found for Mercer County, MO that contained Laughlin, Porter, Litton, Cox and a Porterfield on a census. Almost all of those are relatd to my husband but I didn't catch the Porterfield when I copied them way back then.

Sincerely,
Colleen

Dear Colleen,

Thank you for the data concerning the sisters of Susannah Gaines Cox. My primary purpose in writing this letter is to trace the movement of the family from 1835 in Rutherford/Cannon Counties (TN) to 1855 in California and to continue the search for information about the daughters and their families.

Only recently have I been able to obtain and read the accounts of the sons in the California histories to which you have referred. And ony as I began to study the records Raymond sent, in preparation for the next Porterfield Lines featuring the life of John Wilson, have I realized the real significance of the paragraph in your letter of Feb. 21 with regard to the Cox, Laughlin, Duncan and Porter families.

The census returns I had collected for Missouri began to make more sense. Since I don't have a record of having sent you copies of these, I am sending them to you now.

I have begun to believe that perhaps all the older children moved to Missouri shortly after Julia/Jaley's death in 1835, that John Wilson and the younger children joined them there sometime after 1840, then some or all of them moved to Iowa and from there to California between 1850 and 1853. The exceptions seem to be James Harvey the oldest son* who pioneered the trek to California in 1845 (from Jackson Co. Mo., having moved there in 1836, Napa & Lake Co. histories) and Jane Rhea Porterfield who, from the Iowa census seems to have married Alex D. Laughlin about 1838 (in Tennessee or Missouri?) and moved to Jones Co. Iowa almost immediately where their children, Elizabeth Laughlin, 11 in 1850, and Harvey Laughlin, 9 in 1850, were born. (Wonder what the Iowa attraction was?) *(James Harvey was the oldest living son at this time. Samuel Scott Porterfield died sometime between the 1840 census date and 1844.)

These surmisals are supported by the removal pattern of John Wilson, youngest son, as reported in J.M. Guinn's History of the State of California - 1881. I know the biographical record has some inaccuracies but this part of the account seems logical and plausible. It is surely then logical and plausible that the remaining members of John Wilson's family, that is, John Wilson, Sr. and the two younger girls and John Wilson, Jr. would have traveled together to Missouri since John Wilson, Jr. was at that time only 11 or 12. Moreover the account in Guinn's history states that he traveled to Jackson County, Missouri with his father. (It seems strange to us that the daughters were not mentioned but genealogical records of the past seem to have ignored records for women, tracing only paternal surnames.)

The probabilities outlined above are also born out by an 1850 Mercer County MO census record showing "July Porterfield, age 22, living with Willis and Sarah Baker. Next to them are Joseph Laughlin, Wesley Porter and several Cox families. If this is Julia Edgmond, daughter of John Wilson, she has been left near relatives in Missouri while John Wilson has gone to Iowa to be near his daughter Jane Rhea (Porterfield) Laughlin, wife of Alex O. Laughlin. (Note that John Wilson on Iowa census is listed as b. in Tenn. is obviously a mistake since he is 66 years old, but born in VA according to other sources. I arrived at 1835 as date of Julia's death from birth record given by FBP, 1790 plus 45 age of her death as recorded by J.M. Guinn. 1790+45 =1835.

I am worried about Margaret Strother Porterfield. As far as I know we have no record for her except a birth date (1818) FBP.

My question to you--a very important one--is this: Is the James and Susan Cox with children Jane, Samuel, Melville, Albert, and Amanda, ages 13 to 2 born in MO, the family of James Laughlin Cox and Susannah Gaines (Porterfield) Cox? Their census record appears on page 401 B of the 1850 District 56 Being Mercer County, Missouri, Dwelling No. 362. Dwelling No. for the Bakers and July Porterfield is 366. Is this family in Mercer County Missouri in 1850 the family of Susannah Gaines (Porterfield) Cox and James Laughlin Cox?

Frances

P.S. I too had noticed a Jane Rea m. John Wilson Porterfield of the Davidson County TN Porterfields. This family also came to Missouri, Andrews Co. (1860) census. Wonder if this Rhea/Rea and other middle names of Julia/Jaley's daughters represent surnames of cousins.
Enclosures: Various family census records Missouri and Iowa.

Dear Frances,

Just received your letter and will try and get a quick answer off to you as requested.

Yes, James and Susan Cox on the 1850 Mercer County, Missouri is our line. James Laughlin Cox & Susannah Gaines Porterfield Cox had eight children in all - Mariannia Jane, Samuel Tipton, Melvin Green and Elbert Ledbetter were born in Missouri (possibly Jackson County); Mariannia Amanda claimed to be born in Iowa and James Laughlin Jr. in Missouri (but they could be the same farm as Wayne County, Iowa and Mercer County, Missouri fought over a twelve mile stretch and each claimed it at one time or another and James and Susan lived in that area); and Victoria McCheney and Charlie B. were born in Yolo County, California.

Have we found the 1830 and 1840 census records for John Wilson Porterfield? If we found the 1830, did it show a wife and four daughters (Elizabeth had died and Sarah wasn't born yet? If not perhaps Margaret had passed on. I so, Margaret was alive and we need to look for a possible marriage.

In the 1850 census for Mercer County, Missouri, July Porterfield was in the home of Willis and Sarah Baker. The age is slightly off for Julia/Jailey Edgmond P. but I feel it is her as Sarah Baker was born Sarah Casandra Cox, younger sister of James Laughlin Cox. She first married a Baker and then a Farrell. Thus July was living with or working for a relative. I cannot, however, connect Alex Laughlin (husband to Jane Rhea Porterfield) or Marshall Laughlin (on 1850 census next to Sarah Baker) to our Laughlin line. Perhaps Alex Laughlin had family in Jones County, Iowa and that is why they moved there. Most people wanted to go west from Missouri, not north.

Hope this will help you and thanks again for all your help.
Colleen Rickabaugh

Year 1850

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Place of Enumeration: District 56 Being Mercer County Missouri September 30 Enumerator H. Shook

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
401 B	362	2	James Cox	44	M		Farmer			Tennessee					
			Susan "	33	F					Missouri					Wrong Birthplace
			Jane "	13	F					do					
			Samuel "	10	M					do					
			Melville "	8	M					do					
			Albert	5						do					
			Amanda	2						do					
	363	3	Samuel Cox	25	M					Kentucky					
			Mary Ann "	21	F					Virginia					
			Joseph												
			Lucinda												
			Nathan												
			James												
401 B	364	4	Joseph Laughlin	55	M		Farmer			Virginia					
			Jane "	49	F					do					
			John "	19	M					Tennessee					
			Jane "	15	F					do					
			Joseph "	12	M					do					
			Alexander "	8	M					Missouri					
			Green "	5	M					do					
			Wesley Porter	30	M		Farmer			Tennessee					
			Maryetta "	25	F					Kentucky					
			Mary "	4	F					Missouri					
			Victoria "	3	F					do					
			Thomas "	1	M					do					
			Jackson Litton	30	M					Kentucky					
			Elizabeth "	22	F					Tennessee					
			Angelina (?) "	1	F					Missouri					
			Alex Wood	16	M		Farmer			Illinois					

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Place of Enumeration:

District 56 Being Mercer County Missouri

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401	365	5	William Cox	65	M		Carpenter			Maryland					
			Sussanah "	65	F					Virginia					
			Barton (?)	25	M		Farmer			Tennessee					
402	366	1	Willis Baker	30	M		Farmer			Kentucky					
			Sarah "	28	F					Tennessee					
			John "	3	M					Missouri					
			Junius "	12	M					do					
			July Porterfield	22	F					Tennessee					
	367	2	Marshall Laughlin	28	M		Lawyer? Sawyer?			Tennessee					
			Elizabeth "	22	F					do					
	368	3	Samuel H. Porter	45	M		Farmer			Virginia					
			Mary "	44	F					do					
			Solomon Litton	30	M		Farmer			Kentucky					
			Mary G. "	20	F					Tennessee					
			Mary A. "	3	F					Missouri					
			Jefferson Davis	10	M					Kentucky					
	369	4	H. G. Ogden	34	M					Virginia					
			Elizabeth "	29	F					Kentucky					
			Ennis "	11	M					do					
			Sarah "	8	F					Missouri					
			Emily "	6	F					do					
			Mary "	4	F					do					
			Amanda "	2	F					do					
	370	5	David Clements	40	M					Virginia					
			Ruth "	39	F					Ohio					
			5 children all born in Ohio: Harry ? 12, Peter 10, Samuel 8, Mary Ann 5, John 3												

RETURNING TO JOHN MILTON PORTERFIELD IN NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Two deeds found by Anna Lee Carreiro in the Independence County Arkansas Courthouse are original sources which excite descendants of John Milton Porterfield.

These deeds prove that John Milton and Annis Lea Porterfield and their son William R. Porterfield and his wife Milly Ann lived in Independence County Arkansas following their removal from Wilson County Tennessee.

John Milton Porterfield, you remember, was the son of James Porterfield (1780-1861), grandson of James Porterfield (1746-1811), great grandson of John Porterfield (1724-1786) who is thought to be one of seven sons of John Porterfield (1675-1739), immigrant from Ireland to Pennsylvania.

This line of Porterfields had through the years found their way from Pennsylvania through Virginia and Tennessee to Arkansas. Marriage records for William R. and his second oldest brother James T. were the clues which led descendants to believe the family had first come to Independence County to live, though 1860 tax and census records indicated residence in Fulton County for John Milton and James T. and residence in Carroll County for William R.

The marriage records and much other important information about the Porterfields and allied families came from the Civil War pension applications for Milly Ann, widow of Wm. R., and for James T., disabled during the war.

With the deeds we can feel reasonably sure we have tied all family members to Independence, though not all are specifically named. Robert, third son, is accounted for as he was a testator for the sale of 80 acres by William R. and Milly Ann. From this deed we also learn, a great surprise to all, that William R's name was William Rufus, not William Ross. Photocopy of deed on opposite page.

William Rufus and Milly Ann Porterfield sold their 80 acres of property to Burrell Jones for One hundred and thirty-five dollars. Deed was dated 16 day of September, 1857. They may have moved immediately to Carroll County though we do not know why they moved away from their family or whether they were accompanied by other relatives or close friends. A quick look back at the birth dates of the children as reported by their mother in a pension application, shows Emma Adaline, their daughter, was born April 15, 1857 in Carroll County Arkansas. It appears then that they had moved to Carroll County before they sold their land.

John Milton and Annis Lea Porterfield sold their 198 acres at a later time, the 24th of February 1860.

hand this 17th day of September A. D. 1857.

Josee Sealey

The foregoing instrument of writing was filed for Record September 17th 1857

Henry Power
By John P. B.

William R. Porterfield

Do B. Albert

Burck Jones

State of Arkansas County of Independence. Know all men by these presents that I William Rufus Porterfield of the State of Arkansas in the County of Independence for and in consideration of one hundred and thirty five dollars to me in hand to be paid in hand by Burck Jones of the State and County aforesaid for and in consideration whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby give grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Burck Jones and his heirs a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the State and County aforesaid bounded and defined as follows to wit the south East of South East quarter of Section (18) South quarter of North East quarter of Section (14) Section in Township (14th) fifteen North of Range (14th) West containing Eighty acres with all the privileges and appurtenances there belonging to have and to hold the aforesaid privileges the said Burck Jones his heirs in fee simple forever unto I the said William Rufus Porterfield for my self and my heirs and administrators as covenant with the said Burck Jones and his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforesaid privilege that they are free from all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Burck Jones as aforesaid and that I will and my heirs executors and administrators shall ward a defend the same to the said Burck Jones and his heirs and assigns for against the lawful claims and demands of all persons and for the consequences aforesaid and for good and valuable considerations I witness whereof said William Rufus Porterfield here bears unto set my hand and seal the 16 day of September A. the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven executed and delivered in the present

Attest

H. D. Ogden

Robert W. Porterfield

(Signature)

William Rufus ^{his} Porterfield Esq
Melby ^{his} Amos Porterfield Esq

State of Arkansas

County of Independence

(Signature)

Be it remembered that on the 16th day of September A. 1857 in the County aforesaid before me a Justice of the Peace for said County personally came and appeared William Rufus Porterfield and Melba Amos Porterfield granting in the above deed to me personally well known and known acknowledge that they voluntarily executed and delivered the foregoing deed for the Express purpose and considerations there in expressed and in the same it and at the same time came Melba Amos Porterfield and full age and

Abstract of information for the deeds, both handwritten, is printed below:

William R. (ufus) Porterfield and Milly Ann Porterfield to Burrel Jones. Date: 16 September, 1857. Acres: 80 Price \$135.00

Land description: State of Arkansas, County of Independence the North East of South East quarter of Section (18) South quarter of North ? quarter of section (No) seventeen in Township (No) fifteen North of range (No) ? West containing 80 acres.

John M. Porterfield and Annis Porterfield to Robert H. Brummett. Date 24 day of February, 1860. Acres: 198 Price \$700.00

Land Description: County of Independence in the State of Arkansas. Part of the south half of the South West quarter. The North East quarter of the South West quarter-the South East quarter of Northwest quarter and the North West quarter of the South West quarter of Section No. twenty-six (26) in Township No. fifteen (15) North of Range No. six (6) West containing one hundred and ninety eight acres with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Note: Because words on the right side of the photocopy are missing, the description of the Wm. R. Porterfield land is not complete. The last sentences from the last paragraph of the deed, which would have been on the next page, were not photocopied with the first page. Words at top of the page Wm. R. deed are provocative as they have the date September 17, 1857 and what appears to be the signatures of Henry Powers by John Powers, brothers of Milly Ann Porterfield.
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The following records of land purchases were found using the Index to the Tract Book for Fulton County Arkansas by Desmond Walls Allen. Transactions for the initial acquisition of land from the Federal Government in Fulton County Arkansas from the 1830's through the 1930's are included in the Index.

No. 14893	Oct. 1	1858	Powers, Kimbriel W.	160 acres @	.25
	Total price	\$40.00	Twp 21N Range 9W Section 15		
No. 16720	July 8	1859	Powers, Kimbriel W.	40 acres @	.25
	Total price	\$10.00	Twp 21N Range 9W Section 15		
No. 18328	Feb. 21	1860	Ross, William M.	160 acres @	.12 1/2
	Total price	\$20.00	Twp 20N Range 9W Section 28		

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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer

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PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI

JESSE JAMES AND MARY JAMES

JAMES AND RUTH(A) (CAMBELL) PORTERFIELD

"SAGA: Any prose or verse narrative celebrating a line of events or the history of a family." Webster's New American Dictionary.

The article "Returning to John Milton Porterfield" in the January 1995 Porterfield Lines has reintroduced us to the descendants of James and Ruth(a) Campbell Porterfield of Wilson County Tennessee.

An account of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield and their children appeared in the May 1994 Porterfield Lines pages 352-357. The 1850 census records show James and Rutha surrounded by children and in-laws: Dwelling 1079, David H. Burton and wife Matilda and 7 children; Dwelling 1085, Albert S. Hutson and wife Rutha and 2 children; Dwelling 1087, John M. Porterfield and wife Annis and 7 children; Dwelling 1088 Jarvis M. Porterfield and wife Mary and eight children. Living with James and Ruth(a) in Dwelling 1086 were Juliana, their oldest daughter, unmarried, and Mary Harriet, their youngest daughter, with her husband Christopher C. Blankenship and daughter Louisa, age 5. (Census charts for these family members from pages 510 to 512 of Civil District No. 18, Wilson County Tennessee.)

James and Ruth(a) owned land valued at \$1200. David H. Burton and his wife Matilda, oldest daughter of James and Ruth(a), were apparently the only ones who had separate land holdings. The value of their Real Estate was \$350. The Real Estate value box is blank for the other children and in-laws. Perhaps they all worked in common on the farm of their parents. The family is also thought to have been engaged in manufacturing as wheelrights or wagon makers.

As the years passed pressure to provide for the needs of their large families must have been a factor in the son's decisions to strike out for new land.

Samuel Campbell and Asenith (Fite) Porterfield had already left the family, moving to southwest Arkansas, Dallas County. Samuel Campbell second child, the oldest son, married Asenith Fite September 1832 in Wilson County Tennessee. They left Tennessee about 1842 but spent a year in Mississippi on the way to Arkansas; their son James Nelson was born there. According to descendant Margrett Porter Singleton they had their "Homestead" grant in Dallas County by December 1857. (See PL May 1992 p. 156 for the 1850 census. Also note PL May 1994.)

Tragically, Charles Alburn Porterfield, third child, second oldest son, had died in 1847 when only 38 years of age. He and Catherine Lemons had been married in Dec. 1837 by Samuel H. Porterfield, J.P. (Bond 19 Dec. 1837). After Charles' death his widow Catherine (Lemons) Porterfield joined the household of her parents Sarah and John Lemmons who in 1850 lived in District #24 of Wilson County. (This census was overlooked because misspelled as Portefield but Margrett Singleton called it to my attention.) Catherine's children were daughters: Sarah 11, Rutha 9, Raymuth 7, and Eveline 3. Children of Sarah and John Lemmons/Lemons still at home were James 29, Nancy 22, Martha 18, and Mary 15. By 1860 the grandparents, Catherine and her children had moved to Civil District No. 1, Rutherford County TN, the number of family members reduced from 11 to 6. All the Lemmons/Lemons children had left home, as had Catherine's oldest daughter Sarah. John Lemonds 65 in 1860 had acquired or recovered funds so that in 1860 his Real Estate value was \$1200.00 and his Personal Property value stood at \$2200.

It seems that by 1850 John Milton and Annis (Lea) Porterfield were also ready to move on. John Milton fifth child, fourth son had married Annis Lea 14 Dec. 1834 in Wilson County TN. Seeking their independence and better circumstances they left Tennessee for north central Arkansas about 1851-1852. Family members whom we think undertook this journey were John Milton, 36 in 1850, Annis Lea, 40 in 1850, and the seven children listed in the 1850 Wilson Co. TN Civil District No. 18 census: William 16, James 12, Frances 11, Robert 9, Sophronia 7, Elizabeth Porterfield 5, and John 3 (ages listed in 1850 census). It is thought that their youngest child, son George F., born 21 May 1851 may have been born in Arkansas. Frances/Frankie J., oldest daughter has not been found in records later than 1850; we fear that she may have passed away in her teens but continue to look for marriage records.

Who ventured westward, who stayed in Tennessee with James and Ruth(a) as their old age approached? The **SAGA** continues in the next issue of Porterfield Lines.

We propose, however, to skip a generation as we follow descendants of John Milton, the children of William Rufus and Milly Ann Porterfield, and related families in this issue.

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Year 1850 and 1860 1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

(For those who use the Calendar Method of keeping re-search notes)

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 Printed Copy Search No. _____
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Notes: 1850 John and Sarah Lemmons and widowed daughter Catharine Porterfield
 Civil District # 24th Wilson Co. TN 11th day of Sept.
 1860 John and Sarah Lemonds and widowed daughter Catherine Porterfield
 Civil District No. 1 Rutherford Co. TN 2nd June Enumerator N. W. Carter

1860 J. T. McCanlas and wife M. J. McCanlas and E. Porterfield (Unidentified)
 Civil District No. 3 Rutherford Co. TN 11 June P.O. La Vergne?

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
453	269	269	1850 Wilson Co. TN												
			John Lemmons	58	M		Blank	Blank		N. Carolina					
			Sarah "	55	F					"					
			Nancy "	22	F					Tennessee					
			Martha "	18	F					"					
			James "	29	M					"					
			Mary "	15	F					"					
			Catharine Porterfield	31	F					"					
			Sarah "	11	F					"		1			
			Rutha "	9	F					"		1			
			Raymuth "	7	F					"		1			
			Eveline "	3	F					"					
			1860 Rutherford Co. TN				Civil Dist No. 1								
6-3	38	38	John Lemonds	65	M		Farmer	1200	2200	N.C.					
			Sarah Lemonds	63	F					N.C.					
			Catherine Porterfield	40	F					Tenn					
			S. Porterfield	17	F					Tenn					
			R.A. Porterfield	15	F					Tenn					
			E. Porterfield	12	F					Tenn					
27-14	177		1860 Rutherford Co. TN				Civil Dist No. 3								
			J. T. McCanlas	26	M		Farmer		300	Tenn					
			M. J. McCanlas	18	F					Tenn					
			Alice McCanlas	12	F					Tenn					
			E. Porterfield	49	F					N. Ca.					

WILLIAM RUFUS PORTERFIELD DESCENDANTS
Izard and Fulton Counties Arkansas

Descendants of John Milton Porterfield owe a debt of gratitude to Oleta (Helm) Laney who prepared a handwritten history of the Wm. Rufus Porterfield family illustrated with many photographs of family members. This story prefaced the photos and captions.

I am Mrs. Earl Loyd Laney, daughter of G. Escal Helm and Emma Ethel (Porterfield) Helm. I wish to preserve stories my mother Emma & her family told of their lives and of their parents and grandparents, mostly of their "Grandma Porterfield" and of their "Grandma Rodman."

"Grandma Porterfield" my mother remembered as sitting quietly in the rocker in the corner by the fireplace. Of course my mother "Emma" was only 5 when her Grandma Porterfield died so she may not have been able to do much but sit,--but she must not have complained much. She was probably at least part Indian, she was born Millie Ann Powers, born July 25, 1827 in North Carolina thus probably a Cherokee Indian. Her father was Gambrel Powers and her mother was Mary James, claiming kin to Jessie James.

Her "Grandma Rodman" mamma remembered as being harder on the children, but she probably had to help with them a lot as her daughter, Margaret Emaline (Rodman) Porterfield had a child about every 2 years from 1878-1898 then 5 years later had Mamma's baby sister, Buelah. She (Grandma Rodman) herself had only stopped having children about 1881--but the last one who lived long was Lucy Alice born in 1872 whom Nancy moved in with after Margaret Emmaline died in 1909. More about that later in a letter from Cave City.

"Grandma Rodman" was born Nancy J. Dinkins in Tennessee in June of 1833. She married Ross R. Rodman June 3, 1857 in Kentucky. They moved thru Missouri to N.E. Arkansas then to Van Buren County in middle Arkansas, then to Izard County where her daughter Margaret Emmaline Rodman married John Thomas Porterfield. He kidded her about being Irish. He was said to be English but was undoubtedly much Indian too. (John Thomas was Lowland Scottish. Milly Ann claimed to be part Indian, but this has not been verified. FMW)

Nancy (Dinkins) Rodman, Mom's "Grandma Rodman" is remembered by Gracie Williams, (Dora's daughter) as being afraid Eldon Lathum would catch cold when Gracie & her brother Horace put snow down his shirt collar. Eldon Lathum was Dora & Emma's cousin.

Gracie remembers Grandma Porterfield helping them (Dora and Issac Williams & children) move one time. She remembers her picking up dirty rags and papers from the yard and burning

them. They had a dog named "Ped" & would throw sticks for him to fetch & Grandma was afraid they would make the dog sick.

Ava (Sanderson) Risner remembers Minnie (her mother) tell(ing) about the Grandmothers & Neoma (Burge) Parker gave me some information.

There are 2 "apple" stories about the Grandmas. One is they would both be peeling fruit and one would accuse the other of picking out the biggest ones. But the best apple story is that Santa spilled the apples the children found on the floor on Christmas morning, so the Grandma's said.

Austin was 2 years older than Emma and they played together a lot so maybe my mother is the one who helped Austin play a trick on the Grandmas. They climbed up in the "sleeping loft & let a fire-cracker down on a string thru a knothole in the roof. The 2 Grandmas were below working in front of the fireplace. Needless to say the children climbed down the steps as fast as they could go when the firecracker went off. One grandma thought they should be spanked but the other said not to.

If my mother helped she never mentioned the story. Was she too ashamed to tell it? Her mother, Margaret Emmaline was said to be gentle & easy & calm. I have two memories of my Grandpa Porterfield about 1926 & his wife Mollie. She was good to me and gave me a tiny flowered china cup I kept until my children were small. I don't remember but I suppose it broke.

I remember Grandpa, John Thomas Porterfield, standing in the door between the 2 or 3 rooms of their log house smiling at me as I did the "Charleston" Dance when I was 6 years old in 1926. Then I remember another of our yearly visits a couple or 3 years later when he was sitting in an "easy chair" where he had to sit night & day because he had "Dropsy" & they didn't know any other way to keep the fluid from his lungs. He died when I was 9. Mamma had spent 2 weeks in Arkansas helping with him a short time before. I'm sure she took the train unless some relatives happened to be going. We stayed home with pop while he worked on Bredehoef's dairy farm & we went to school. There wouldn't have been room for us in the small house anyway.

Grandpa had been better off but he had gotten older and sick and had 5 or 6 children at home, 2 younger than me. Papa remembers giving Mollie money to buy groceries so she wouldn't kill a good hen to feed us.

We lived in a 3 room house ourselves, boards with strips nailed to cover the cracks and building paper inside tacked on with metal circles to keep the paper from tearing. The coal stove burned one side of us in winter while the other side was cool, but it was better than the Arkansas fireplaces.

We had a model T ford (1926 model) for our trips to Arkansas. I thought my Grandpa Helm's house was a mansion, the one at Melbourne, Ark farm that Ezra's sons now have.

But back to the Rodmans & Porterfields, whom I'm very proud to be from also. I admire people who survive as intelligent people with good morals in spite of adversity.

Mamma and Buelah painted pictures of their log home of their childhood they loved so much. It had an outside kitchen, a front porch, a rock fireplace, a shelf on the front porch where their Grandma washed her face in winter after breaking the ice over the water in the bucket and pouring some in the washpan.

Mamma would tell of her mother making soap from grease rendered at hog killing time and lye, made by pouring water over the ash hopper, ashes from the fireplace. She would tell about their apple orchard out behind the picket fence, of the stump hitching post out front. She loved the bushes of flowers in the yard, the rock steps walk to the gate and the garden out the side gate. Mamma enjoyed singing alto at church when she was young and at singing schools and reciting at "Literary" programs and spelling bees at school. The family peeled fruit under the trees in the yard.

Grandma Rodman--Nancy Jane Dinkins
From Anna Lee (Burge) Carreiro

Anna Lee Carreiro is the daughter of Ernest and Geneva (Ford) Burge, the granddaughter of Will and Annie (Porterfield) Burge, and the great granddaughter of John Thomas and Margaret Emmaline (Rodman) Porterfield, gg granddaughter of Nancy Jane (Dinkins) Rodman and her husband Ross R. Rodman.

Dad (Ernest Burge) said Grandma Rodman was a small woman who wore little wire rimmed glasses. She lived with John Thomas Porterfield and her daughter Margaret Emmaline Rodman Porterfield until Margaret's death. John Thomas moved to Cave City (where the Burges and Rodmans lived) and so did Grandma Rodman. She lived with her daughter Lucy Alice Rodman Burge and Rueben Buchanan Burge (Bucky) for the rest of her life. She is buried at Palestine Cemetery (Cave City) near Bucky and Alice.

Dad said Grandma Rodman was good natured. She used to play "Hide the Thimble" indoors with the children. He can't remember her ever going outdoors to play with them. Uncle Truman (son of Will and Annie Burge) can't remember her. Dad said in answer to the question, "did she look Indian?", Yes. (Wonder if confusing Grandma Rodman with Grandma Powers Porterfield who claimed to be part Indian. FMW)

Dad said the kids used to say that Grandma was stinkin'- "Dinkins" and then she married a rotten-"Rodman." Grandma would push her glasses up on her forehead when not in use. She would start hunting for her glasses, much to the amusement of all the youngsters. Finally they would tell her to "Look on your head, Grandma."

They always had big elephant ears (plants) near the doorsteps at Aunt Alice's home. They kept the yard swept clean with a buckberry broom. That was always Minnie's job, Alice's daughter. There were black walnut trees in the back yard. The only other flower Dad remembers being in the yard was a large peony.

I found th 1900 Ind. Co., AR census and found Grandma Rodman (Nancy Jane or N.J. living with the Lathums. It said on the census that she had borne 10 children and that 5 were still living in 1900. That means she had a child we did not know about. The five children who were still living in 1900 were Margaret Emmaline Porterfield, Nancy Elizabeth Lathum, Sarah Ann Owens, Lon Rodman, and Lucy Alice Burge.



John Thomas and Margaret Emmaline (Rodman) Porterfield and six of their children. Back row: Austin, Minnie, Lon, Della. Front Row: John Thomas, Buelah, Margaret Emmaline, Emma.

A copy of a photograph of Palestine Church and grave-yard west of Cave City AR where Will and Annie (Porterfield) Burge, and Nancy Jane (Dinkins) Rodman are buried is printed on the last page.

MILLY ANN POWERS
WIFE OF WILLIAM RUFUS PORTERFIELD

Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield is remembered most for the stories she told. My father, Austin L. Porterfield, who was her grandson, described her as a great storyteller.

Two tales she must have repeated often were mentioned in Oleta (Helm) Laney's article about the Grandma's. Milly claimed to be part Indian and she claimed kinship with Jesse James, the outlaw. I don't think my father really believed the stories but they certainly made a lasting impression on those who heard them.

I can picture her sitting in the rocker by the fireplace, grandchildren gathered around her listening intently. She lived with John Thomas, her oldest son, after the death of her second son, Will. We know her from research as the widow of William Rufus Porterfield, Union soldier who died in 1862 in St. Louis. Milly Ann had returned to Arkansas about 1867; she and many of the Powers and Porterfields found refuge in Missouri during the Civil War. By 1870 she and her mother Mary (James) Powers, widow of Gambil Powers, lived in Ashley Township Independence Co. Arkansas with Milly and William R's three children, John 14, Amy (Emma) 12, and William 10. Emma died between 1870 and 1880.

None of Milly Ann's grandchildren knew their grandfather because he died 5 Oct 1862 long before they were born.

Were the stories Milly told "true stories"?

Great granddaughter Vernie Johnson, now deceased, daughter of Beulah Porterfield believed, from family stories told her, that Mary James Powers was a sister to the father of Jessie James, the Outlaw. She wrote that "Grandma Millie Ann Powers told Beulah Porterfield Stuart how her Mother Mary James Powers would hide Jessie from the law."

Great-great-grandchild Anna Lee Carreiro first thought "Yes" then switched to "No." On Nov. 2, 1989 she wrote me: "I am so glad that you are going to be writing a Porterfield letter. I will certainly contribute some questions. Ha! I guess my uppermost question is how was Mary James Powers related to Jessie James? ... It is a fact that she was related to Jessie James, although I don't know how. Aunt Minnies' (Sanderson) son is named Jessie James Sanderson. Also, the cousins in Dumas, TX, Aunt Dora's daughters said when they were young and got a little rowdy they were told to calm down because they were acting like Jessie or " it was just the James blood coming out in you."

I replied, " The James' relationship is intriguing. I suppose we need to become familiar with the Jesse James tales to determine location, names of brothers and other gang members.

I hate to bring this up, but wasn't a Ford the gangmember who doublecrossed him and killed him? Frances" I wrote this in jest since Anna Lee's mother was a Ford.

By Feb. 4, 1991 we had both done some investigating when I wrote, " Dear Anna Lee--I was interested in the last note which you sent, can't find it, but you wrote, I believe, that you were trying to find our Mary James, that Jessie James married his own cousin. What I know of this, I read in a book, reprint of a 1883 edition about Jessie James' life which said 'the bride of the distinguished outlaw is the daughter of a sister of Reverend Robert James, who was married in the days of her youth to a Mr. Mimms.' The brides name was Zee Mimms. The Reverend Robert James was the father of Jesse and Frank James. (From The Life and Tragic Death of Jesse James The Western Desperado a 1966 Steck-Vaughn Company Facsimile of a book published in 1883 by E.E. Barclay & Co.)

"The other clue, which may fit, is from the Family Group Sheets which Paul Porterfield obtained from Hal Helm ... if they are correct, Mary James Powers' grandmother was named Elizabeth Mims, her grandfather (unless this was a second marriage) was Robert Poor. Do you think Hal Helm's information is correct? Frances"

In December 1993 Anna Lee sent this cryptic message on a card "I was hoping to find our Mary James who married Gambol Powers and send you the correct info. That info about Mary James is not our ancestor. That one is Jessie James aunt and also his mother-in-law as he married his first cousin. I couldn't find our Mary but that is the wrong one."

"That info" which Anna Lee Carreiro was referring to was Family Group Sheets prepared by Hal Helm, grandson of Emma (Porterfield) and Escal Helm, and nephew of Oleta (Helm) Laney. The following information comes from his group sheets. No sources were listed.

Robert Poor b. 1755
m. Elizabeth Mims
a daughter born
1790 Virginia
Mary (Polly) Poor

William James b. 1754 Wales
m. 15 July 1774 in Virginia
Mary Hines b. 1755 England
a son born 1775 Virginia
John James

married 26 Mar 1807

A daughter Mary James born 1800 Virginia m. Gambol Powers in 1823 N.C.

(These records are suspect because of the inconsistent birth-dates for Mary (Polly) Poor (1790) as the mother of Mary James (1800) coupled with the marriage date of 1807 for the parents Mary (Polly) Poor and John James.)

True stories? Maybe. The impressions, the questions remain, even for the present generation of descendants.

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JESSE JAMES

JESSE WAS THE SON OF A BAPTIST MINISTER.

Jesse James was born in Clay County Missouri on September 5, 1847. His brother's name was Frank, his stepbrother's name was Archie and his stepfather's name was Ruben Samuel. While Jesse was young his father died and his mother remarried Dr. Ruben Samuel. When Jesse was 16 he joined a band of Confederate Raiders who raided Union camps and pro-northern citizens.

Jesse married his first cousin Zerelda Mimms. Jesse and Zerelda had two children. Their names were Jesse Jr. and Mary. Jesse lived in Clay County Missouri during his younger years. After a series of robberies Jesse and a gang member went to San Antonio to exchange stolen gold into cash. He lived in San Antonio for a while.

Jesse James was famous for his 17 train and bank robberies. The loot from those robberies totaled about \$200,000. He accomplished this by robbing banks, trains, and stage coaches. The reason he did these terrible deeds is to get money. Something Jesse was credited for was his deadly marksmanship.

One interesting fact is that Jesse bought a house in St. Joseph Mo. To disguise himself he grew a beard and changed his name to Tom Howard. Another interesting fact is that some writers thought he only robbed from the rich but he really was a murderous thief. He was also the most famous bank and train robber.

A bomb was thrown into Jesse's house; it killed his stepbrother Archie Samuel and injured his mother.

I did not admire Jesse James' life because he murdered people. His personality was mean, savage, and murderous. Jesse James was shot to death on the morning of April 3, 1882, in his own home, while he stood on a chair to straighten a picture. His murderer was Bob Ford, a member of his gang, who with his brother Charlie, had planned Jesse's killing for the \$10,000 reward.

The inscription on Jesse James grave reads:

Jesse W. James

Died April 3, 1882

Aged 34 years six months 28 days

Murdered by a coward whose name is not worthy to appear here

[This young writer, Zachary Willis, age 12, my grandson, lists a Bibliography too long to print here. He consulted two biographies on lives of western outlaws, two encyclopedias, an account of Jesse James' life published in Academic American Encyclopedia, 1992, Prodigy; a CD ROM edition of Comptons New Media Inc.; World Book Educational Products, CD-ROM. FMW]

JESSE JAMES AND MARY JAMES

Was Mary James the sister of Jesse James father? Did she hide Jesse from the law? These are two questions the descendants of Milly Ann Porterfield would like to have answered. Milly Ann was the daughter of Mary (James) and Gambil Powers, the daughter-in-law of Annis (Lea) and John Milton Porterfield. She claimed that she was related to the infamous Jessie James of Kearney, Clay County, Missouri, that her mother Mary James was his father's sister.

The census for the James Family can be found on the microfilm roll for the 1850 census of Clay County Missouri, Platte Township, Page 351, Dwelling No. 732, Family No. 732:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate Value	Birthplace
James, Robert	31	M	B.P. Preacher	\$2100	Ky
Sarelda	28	F			do
Franklin	10	M			Mo
Jesse R.	4	M			do
Susan	9/12	F			do

Date census taken 28 Sept. 1850 Enumerator A.P. Moss
(do is the abbreviation for ditto)

Another James family is listed on page 348 of Clay County Missouri, Platte Township, Dwelling 683, Family No. 683:

James, Elizabeth	55	F			Va
Sarah	35	F			do
Garland	33	M	Farmer		do
James	25	M	do		do
Wm. L.	19	M	do		do
Nancy	17	F			do
Synthia	15	F			do
Charles W.	13	M			do

Wm. L, Nancy, Synthia, and Charles W. attended school in year
Date of census 23 Sept. 1850 Enumerator A.P. Moss

Comparison of a modified time line for Mary (James) Powers and Robert James might give us a sense of the probability or improbability of kinship.

Robert James

b. ca 1819 in Kentucky.
Son Frank b. 1843 MO.
Son Jesse b. 1847 MO.

Robert James d. 1851 CA.
Wife Sarelda remarried
to Dr. Reuben Samuels
Confederate secessionist.
Family remained at Kearney.

Mary (James) Powers

b. ca 1800 in Virginia.
m. Gambil Powers ca 1816 NC
Daughter Milly b. 1827 NC.

Mary James 1850 census at
Henderson Co. TN age 50.
Mary James 1860 census at
Independence Co. AR age 63
with Sarah (Powers) Seaton.

Frank joins Confederate
Guerillas-Quantrill 1862 MO.
Jesse joins Quantrill within
the year 1862 MO.

Milly 1850 census with Powers'
Henderson Co. TN age 23.
Milly m. Wm. R. Porterfield
11 Oct 1854 Ind. Co. AR.
On 1860 census Carroll Co. AR.
Wm. R. joins Union Army 10 June
1862, enrolled Batesville AR.

Jesse joined Bill Anderson,
bank robber and Guerrilla
leader, in 1864 Rocheport
Boone Co. MO.

Many Powers' and Porterfield's
to MO during Civil War.
Young men joined Union Army.
Wm. R Porterfield died
St. Louis, 05 Oct 1862.
Milly Ann in Phelps Co. MO.
Returns to AR 1867-1868.

Jesse became leader of the
"James Band" of Outlaws 1867
Bank and Train Robberies.

1870 Independence Co AR Census
Milly Ann age 35, Mary
James age 70, and Milly's 3
children reside in Ashley TWP.

Jesse James killed by 2 of his
men, the Ford Brothers, 3 April
1882 in St. Joseph, MO age 36.
Frank James retired, d. 1915

Date of Mary (James) Powers
death unknown--after 1870.
Milly Ann (Powers) Porterfield
died 1911 Salem, Fulton Co., AR.

The story has been told that Robert James was driven away from
home by his wife, that he went to California where he died
in 1851, that after his death Sarelda James married Dr. Ruben
Samuel, that the family lived quiet lives until the Civil
War began in 1861. Knowing the seething conflict underlying
the years preceding the war, it is unlikely that peaceful
lives were possible.

Abuse by Federal Militia is the reason given for the
enrollment of Frank & Jesse in W. C. Quantrill's army. The
particular incident which caused Jesse to join Quantrill at
the age of 15 was the visit to their home by a squad of
militia who strung up Dr. Samuel and cuffed and beat Jesse.
Sarelda cut Dr. Samuel down in time to save his life.

From reports, Quantrill's military activities were vicious and
excessive. A raid made on Lawrence Kansas slaughtered
nearly every man in the town. Theft and murders under the
pretense of obtaining supplies became a daring and exciting
way of life to some of the young followers, one they did not
want to give up after the Civil War was ended in 1865. The
guerillas were offered pardons if they would surrender.
Jesse was among those who surrendered but was soon treacherously
shot and wounded; in the following year he was declared
an outlaw (Encyclopedia Brittanica).

The first bank robberies of the James band were made in Kansas and Missouri. Between these raids they retreated to the Rio Grande border of Mexico. In later years they committed bank, stage, and train robberies in more distant places.

In 1874 Jesse married a cousin Zee Mimms whom he had probably known since childhood. His uncle, William James, minister of the M.E. Church South, performed the ceremony. Frank James eloped with Annie Rallston in 1875. They were married in Leavenworth, Kansas. Annie's father was an ardent secessionist. He welcomed all who favored the Confederate cause to his home. Frank and Jesse James were among that number. (E.E. Barclay & Co. biography)

A bank robbery in Minnesota in the fall of 1876 decimated the band of outlaws. Gathering new members from Oklahoma and Texas, Jesse continued to plan and carry out further operations returning near his home area for The Great Train Robbery at Glendale in 1879. Even at the time of his death in 1882 he was planning a robbery in which the Fords who shot him were to participate.

Did Mary James hide Jesse from the law? It seems most unlikely that their paths crossed. The James Band operated from Northwest Missouri, often from Clay, Jackson, and Cass Counties and environs. Quantrill's headquarters were in Sherman, Texas and he is said to have retreated at times to Kansas. The only accounts of activities which might have brought Jesse remotely close to Mary (James) Powers were use of a hideout in SW Missouri in the lead mining District and a robbery in Ste. Genevieve. Milly Ann and Wm. R were in Carroll Co. AR, Northwest Arkansas, in 1860, but Mary "James" Powers was in Independence County, North Central Arkansas. Many family members lived in Phelps and adjoining counties of Missouri between 1860 and 1870, an area not too distant from St. Louis and the central eastern part of the state. We do not know whether Sarah Seaton and her mother went along but surely they did not stay alone in Independence County. We know that John B. and K.W. Powers, Mary James' sons, took their families to Missouri.

Would Mary want to hide Jesse from the law? What were her sentiments about the war? Sons, John B. and K.W., and son-in-law Wm. Rufus were Union soldiers but the two sons, Henry D. and Hugh, who had removed to Pope County before 1860 became Confederate soldiers. Henry D. had been killed during the war if my memory serves me correctly. Pope Co. AR 1860 census returns for Hugh and Henry D. have been found, also an 1870 census for Hugh but none for Henry D.*

It seems unlikely from the succession of events outlined above that Mary James could have hidden Jesse and Frank James because she had little to no opportunity to do so.

It may be we will find that Mary (James) Powers and Robert James were kin. Mary's Virginia background needs to be researched carefully. Perhaps one branch of the family removed from Virginia through Kentucky to Missouri and another branch removed through North Carolina and Tennessee to Arkansas. These conjectures might also be considered-- that perhaps Robert James 31 is a son of the widow Elizabeth James 55 whose census statistics are printed above and that perhaps her son William who was 19 in 1850 was a brother to Robert and perhaps the minister who married Jesse James and Zee Mims. William would have been 43 by 1874.

Was Mary (James) Powers the sister of Jessie James father? Did she hide Jessie from the law? Not likely, but, well,-- maybe!?

Frances Marie Porterfield Willis

*A CORRECTION WHICH NEEDS TO BE MADE:

In reporting C.S.A. veterans to Mary Ann Cravens-Hegelson, pp 218 Jan 1993 PL, I wrote "H.G. Powers Widow number and name: 9662 Martha," That line and the following 2 lines should be deleted. THE RECORD IS NOT THE RECORD FOR HENRY D. POWERS. Researching Confederate veteran records at the Southwestern State Archives at Old Washington Historic State Park in Hempstead County AR. the following information which is not complete was found:

Henry D. Powers 2 Co E 3 Ark Cav., Cpl. 50076449
Hugh R. Powers 2 Co E 3 Ark Cav., Pvt. 50076476
Other notes were made which I hope to print later. FMW

PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI

The articles on the following pages serve as an introduction to PORTERFIELDS who lived in Missouri during the time segment 1840 to 1880. The first, a chart, registers Porterfields found on census rolls 1840-1880. An attempt has been made to list related families in chronological sequence to be read across the pages left to right. When family relationships were not known those living in the same section or county of Missouri were listed in the same way.

The second roster of Porterfields is taken from the 1880 Soundex records for Missouri. It is arranged alphabetically by Porterfields or Potterfields, Soundex Code No. P-361, then by Porterfields, Soundex Code No. P-636.

Brief accounts of family histories when known will be printed in future issues.

PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI
FROM CENSUS RECORDS

1840
William Porterfield
Jackson Co. 088

1850
Sarah Porterfield
Jackson Co. 345
Van Buren TWP

1860
Sarah Porterfield
Jackson Co. 415
Sniabar? TWP

*Iseral Potterfield
Ralls Co. 250

Israel Potterfield
Lincoln Co. 577
Prairie TWP

Joseph Porterfield
St. Louis Co. 261
Merrimac TWP

Joseph Porterfield
St. Louis Co. 384 &
Sarah Ann Potterfield
St. Louis Co. 384
Merrimack TWP

Joseph Potterfield
St. Louis Co. 996 &
John Potterfield
St. Louis Co. 997
Merrimack TWP

D. Porterfield
St. Louis Co. 250
Bon Homme TWP

Samuel S. Porterfield--Died about 1843. Wife Edna Manahan remarried
Van Buren Co. 133 about 1844 to James Hall Alexander (See p.402)
Deep Water TWP

July Porterfield--This was sister of Samuel S.
Mercer Co. 402 living with relatives
Being 56th District

Charles Porterfield
Livingston Co. 075
51st District

Porterfields
Mary-Livingston 841
John-Livingston 898
Martha-Livingston 913

Milton Porterfield-----Perhaps to Kansas 1870
Platte Co. 377 To TX in 1880
Green TWP

Eliza Potterfield
St. Louis Co. 124
St. Louis, 4th Ward
Eliza Potterdie
St. Louis Co. 248
St. Louis, 5th Ward?

Nathanial Porfl.
Holt Co. 119
Nodaway TWP

John Porterfield
Andrew Co. 456
Jackson TWP See FBP

John N. Porterfield
Stone Co. 571
Flat Creek TWP

Mexican War Pension: Isaac L. and Jane Porterfield
Ill., Mo./ Application 2/9/1887/ #7628

PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI
FROM CENSUS RECORDS

1870	1880	1880
William Porterfield Ray Co. 408 Crooked River TWP Thomas Porterfield Ray Co. 409 Crooked River TWP	Sarah Potterfield with Greene children Ray Co. Soundex Thomas Porterfield Ray Co. Soundex Henry A./O. Potterfield Marion Co. SDX Warren TWP William Potterfield St. Louis Co. SDX Meramec TWP James A Potterfield St. Louis Co. SDX St. Louis City 2700 Cass Place	1880 SDX Harry Porterfield Carroll Co. City of Dewitt
Only North Missouri 1870 census		
James Porterfield Nodaway Co. 662 Union TWP	Jas. Porterfield Nodaway County SDX Union TWP	
Jaems Porterfield Chariton Co. 196 Keytesville	James Porterfield Chariton Co. SDX Keytesville TWP	1880 Soundex R. R. Porterfield Howard Co. Prairie TWP
Mary Porterfield Livingston Co. 579 Jackson TWP	Ben Porterfield Livingston Co. SDX Jackson TWP	
Rufus S. Porterfield Buchanan Co. 460 2 W. Saint J		
Walter L. Porterfield Clay Co. 845 Kearney City	Walter Porterfield Clay County SDX Kearney City John D. Porterfield Scott Co. SDX City of Commerce John Porterfield Andrew Co. SDX Benton TWP	
Isaac L. Porterfield Clinton Co. 025 Concord TWP	I.W.? Porterfield Clinton Co. SDX City of Plattsburgh	

MISSOURI PORTERFIELDS
FROM THE 1880 SOUNDEX

Potterfield, Henry A. or O. White Male Age 43 Living in Marion Co.	Born in Virginia Warren TWP	22 20 23 10
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Potterfield, Margaret A. Emma L. William E. Henry F. Alls? Myrtle	Wife Age 41 Daughter Age 14 Son Age 12 Son Age 8 Daughter Age 4/12	Born in Maryland Born in Maryland Born in Missouri Born in Missouri Born in Missouri
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Potterfield, James A. White Male Age 24 Living St. Louis County, St. Louis City	Born in Missouri 2700 Cass Place	39 241 15 26
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Potterfield, Ann S. Charles A. Louisa A.	Wife Age 19 Son Age 4 Daughter Age 2/12	Born in Missouri Born in Missouri Born in Missouri
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Potterfield, Sarah White Female Age 54 Living in Ray County Hardin City	Born in Missouri Crooked River TWP Front St.	28 140 28 29
Greene, John Bettie Sallie	Grandson Age 21 Gr-daughter Age 16 Gr-daughter Age 5	Born in Missouri Born in Missouri Born in Missouri
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Potterfield, William H. White Male Age 36 Living in St. Louis Co.	Born in Missouri Meramic TWP	30 187 14 19
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Potterfield, Mary M. James I. Sarah E. (No Name)	Wife Age 24 Son Age 8 Daughter Age 5 Son Age 3/12	Born in Penn. Born in Missouri Born in Missouri Born in Missouri
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Porterfield, Ben White Male Age 24 Living in Livingston Co.	Born in Missouri Jackson TWP	2 162 9 33
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Porterfield, Mary E. David L.	Wife Age 20 Son Age 1	Born in Missouri Born in Missouri

Porterfield, Harry				6	158
White Male	Age 34	Born in Pennsylvania		8	4
Living in Carroll County		City of Dewitt			
Porterfield, Mattie		Wife	Age 28	Born in Missouri	
	A.L.	Son	Age 9	Born in Missouri	
	Richard	Son	Age 7	Born in Missouri	
Deroche	Sallie	Sis-in-law	Age 45	Born in Missouri	
	John	None	Age 4	Born in Missouri	

Porterfield, I.W.?				8	109
White Male	Age 53	Born in Illinois		10	37
Living in Clinton County		City of Plattsburgh			

Porterfield, Jane		Wife	Age 46	Born in Canada	
	Louise	Daughter	Age 20	Born in Kansas	
	Jennie	Daughter	Age 15	Born in Missouri	
	Robert	Son	Age 13	Born in Missouri	
	Lee	Son	Age 8	Born in Missouri	

Porterfield, Jas.				25	269
White Male	Age 40	Born in Tennessee		24	25
Living in Nodaway Count		Union TWP			

Porterfield, Lieuanna		Wife	Age 51	Born in Illinois	
	George N.	Son	Age 19	Born in Illinois	
	Samuel S.	Son	Age 14	Born in Illinois	
	Cora	Daughter	Age 6	Born in Missouri	
	Lenna	Daughter	Age 5	Born in Missouri	
	Asa	Son	Age 3	Born in Missouri	
	Dora	Daughter	Age 1	Born in Missouri	
White,	Martin	Bro-in-law	Age 20	Born in Illinois	

Porterfield, James				7	168
White Male	Age 40	Born in Tennessee		21	3
Living in Chariton County		City of Keytesville			

Porterfield, Eliza		Wife	Age 34	Born in Penn	
	John	Son	Age 14	Born in Missouri	
	Charles	Son	Age 11	Born in Missouri	
	Joseph	Son	Age 8	Born in Missouri	
	Caydous	Son	Age 5	Born in Missouri	
	Sarah	Daughter	Age 3	Born in Missouri	
	Lesley	Son	Age 1	Born in Missouri	

Porterfield, John 1 35
 White Male Age 52 Born in Virginia 18 46
 Living in Andrew County Benton TWP

Porterfield, Martha Wife Age 52 Born in Tennessee
 Josephine Daughter Age 15 Born in Missouri
 James Son Age 14 Born in Missouri
 Campbell Son Age 12 Born in Missouri
 David Son Age 10 Born in Missouri
 Clark Son age 8 Born in Missouri

Porterfield, John D. 43 142
 White Male Age 37 Born in Pennsylvania 6 7
 Living in Scott County City of Commerce

Porterfield, Fannie Wife Age 30 Born in Alabama
 Elmer Son Age 6 Born in Missouri
 John D. Son Age 4 Born in Missouri
 Behula Daughter Age 2 Born in Missouri
 Lowrey Son Age 3/12 Born in Missouri
 Pattin Cecile Sis-in-law Age 28 Born in Louisiana
 Ada Niece Age 3 Born in Missouri
 Thomas Nephew Age 1 Born in Missouri
 Deval? Ernest Nephew Age 16 Born in Ohio

Porterfield, Georgia White Female Age 5 Born in Ohio
 Living in Scott County, City of Commerce enumerated with Clemson,
 Lumaga? Relationship: Granddaughter (43, 142, 3, 32)
 Porterfield, Georgia, White Female Age 5 Born in Missouri
 Living in Scott County, Sylvania, enumerated with W.L. Smith
 Relationship: Boarder (43, 142?, 4, 4)

Porterfield, Mabel White Female, Age 7 Born in Missouri
 Living in Scott County, City of Commerce enumerated with Clemson,
 Lumaga? Relationship: Granddaughter (43, 142, 3, 31)
 Porterfield, M. White Female, Age 8 Born in Missouri
 Living in Scott County, Sylvania, enumerated with W.L. Smith
 Relationship: Boarder (42, 148, 4, 3)

Porterfield, R. R. 15 97
 White Male Age 40 Born in Tennessee 26 18
 Living in Howard County Prairie TWP

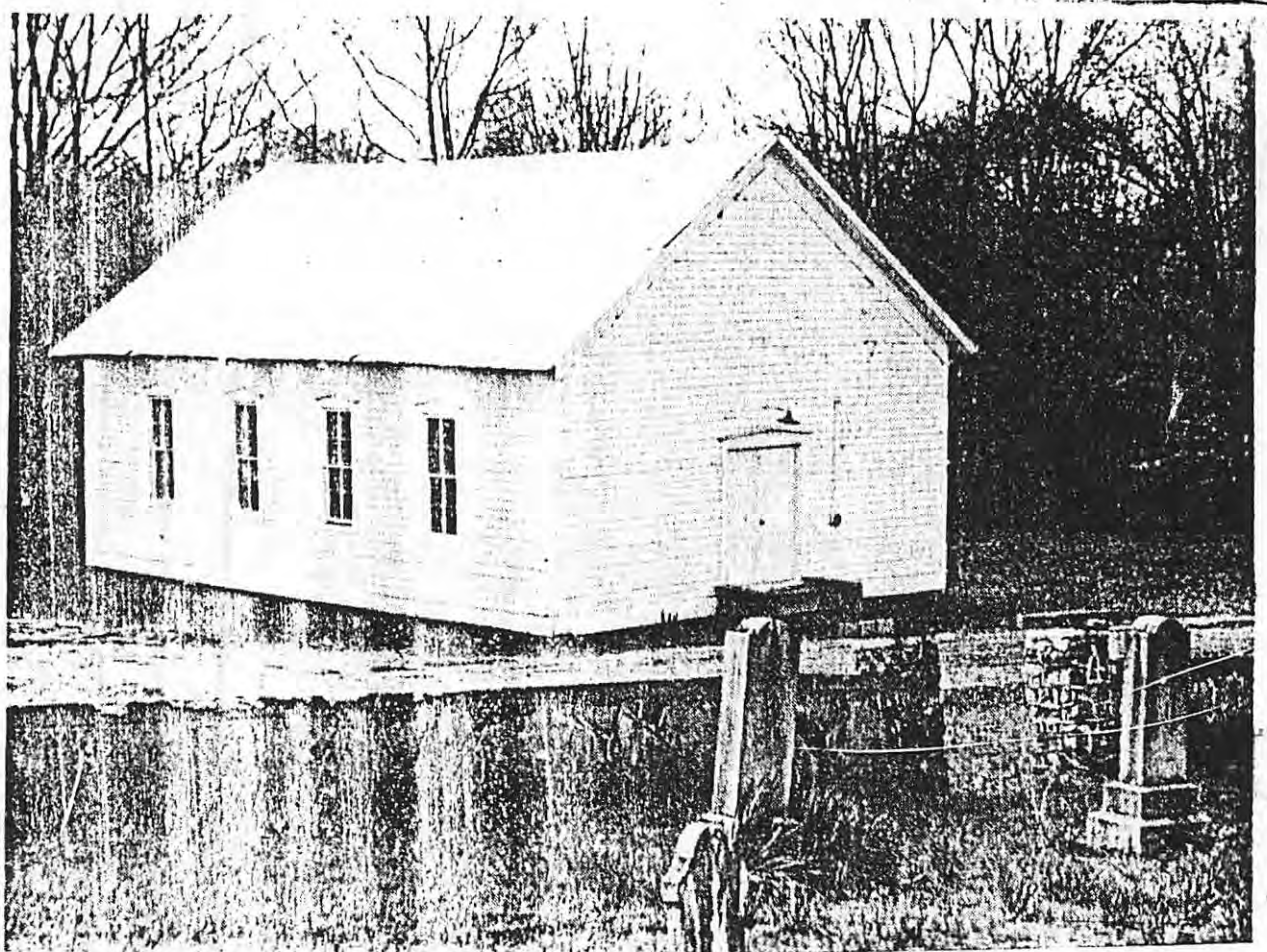
Porterfield, Rebecca A. Wife Age 39 Born in Indiana
 Laura Daughter Age 13 Born in Missouri
 Emily Daughter Age 11 Born in Missouri
 Amanda Daughter Age 6 Born in Missouri
 Thomas H. Son Age 4 Born in Missouri
 Therese Daughter Age 1 Born in Missouri
 Loma Daughter Age 1 Born in Missouri

Porterfield, Thomas			28	141
White Male	Age 36	Born in Missouri	2	10
Living in Ray County	Crooked River TWP			

Porterfield, Mary E.	Wife	Age 33	Born in Tennessee	
Eddie	Son	Age 5	Born in Missouri	
Belle	Daughter	Age 5/12	Born in Missouri	

Porterfield, Walter			8	116
White Male	Age 47	Born in Pennsylvania	22	1
Living in Clay County	City of Kearney			

Porterfield, Elizabeth	Wife	Age 38	Born in Missouri	
William	Son	Age 17	Born in Missouri	
Walter L.	Son	Age 15	Born in Pennsylvania	
Grace	Daughter	Age 12	Born in Pennsylvania	
May	Daughter	Age 8	Born in Missouri	
Austin	Son	Age 4	Born in Missouri	
Nellie	Daughter	Age 1	Born in Missouri	
Arnold	Ann	Aunt	Age 60	Born in Ky



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PORTERFIELD LINES



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These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI

They came to Missouri perhaps with the desire to travel to Oregon or California. Some stayed, some traveled on, if not to California or Oregon, to the neighboring state of Kansas. The northwest corner of Missouri was the gathering spot, the place where one could buy supplies for a strenuous and dangerous six months journey by covered wagon.

Most of them came from Tennessee or Virginia, others traveled southwestward across Ohio or Illinois or Kentucky from Pennsylvania. Porterfield Lines will attempt to trace the path and lineage of Porterfields who traveled to Missouri from 1840 to 1880. Most, if not all these Porterfields, were descendants of the seven Scottish brothers and a sister who emigrated from Donegal County Ireland to Pennsylvania in the first part of the 18th century. Admittedly further research will need to be done.

PORTERFIELDS FROM TENNESSEE

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES AND RUTH (LOCKHART) PORTERFIELD

JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD OF RUTHERFORD/CANNON COUNTY TENNESSEE.

John Wilson Porterfield was the son of James Porterfield and Ruth (Lockhart) Porterfield of Washington County Virginia and Wilson County Tennessee. James Porterfield (1747-1811) was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, married Jane "Jenny" Lockhart in 1773 in Augusta County Virginia, removed to Washington County Virginia, then to Wilson County Tennessee. References: Article "PORTERFIELDS", Porterfield Lines, Vol IV, Number 1, 317-318, Chart p. 320.

The account of the migration of the John Wilson Porterfield family to Missouri has been printed in Porterfield Lines Volume IV, Number 6, 399-408, Volume V, Number 1, 421-430. See PL Indexes for additional references.

John Wilson's older children set out for Missouri soon after the death of their mother Julia/Jaley (Edgmond) Porterfield in 1835. John Wilson and the younger children followed, leaving Rutherford/Cannon County Tennessee in the later part of 1840 or early in 1841. (John Wilson, 1840 Cannon Co. TN census PL 150). After remaining in Missouri several years, most family members risked the westward trek to California; John Wilson and some of the siblings lived briefly in Iowa before emigrating. Descendants of Samuel Scott Porterfield, oldest son, remained in Missouri and their census records can be found in Van Buren, Mercer, and Nodaway Counties from 1840 through 1880 and beyond... (Researched by Porterfield Lines only through 1880. See Census records in PL Vol. 5 No. 2, 448-454.)

July of the 1850 Mercer County Mo census was the 7th child, 5th daughter of James Wilson and Julia/Jaley (Edgmond) Porterfield; she was living with a relative (PL 430).

Jas. Porterfield of 1880 Nodaway County Union TWP was the only son of Samuel Scott White of the 1840 Van Buren Co. census (PL 403,404). ("Lieuanna should be Julina. Martin White was her brother. Asa Porterfield was my grandfather." Letter from Raymond T. Tillman)

Sources: Articles & Census records Porterfield Lines. See Indexes Frank Burke Porterfield, The Porterfields History of Napa and Lake Counties, California (1881) History of the State of California and Biographical Record of Coast Counties by J.M. Guinn, 1904 Colleen Rickabaugh - Ukiah, California Raymond Tillman Porterfield - Maryville, Missouri

JAMES ERASTUS PORTERFIELD OF WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

The name James Erastus Porterfield does not appear on any Tennessee census schedule but the 1820 and 1830 Wilson County returns list 5 sons for the family of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield. Presumably the youngest, the lastborn in 1820 was James Erastus Porterfield. Young males in the household numbered 3 under 10 years and 2 10-16 years.

Frank Burke Porterfield included James Erastus Porterfield, born July 2, 1818, among the names of family members in his Chapter on "Lancaster County Porterfields" claiming as his source "Bible record of births." The sons whom he named were Samuel Campbell, Charles Alburn, Jervis Miles, John Milton, James Erastus and Rufus Alverson. Rufus Alverson, who was born February 22, 1823 evidently died before his 7th birthday; young males listed in the 1830 census are 2 20-30 yrs. old, 2 15-20 yrs. old, and 1 10-15 yrs old. These should be Samuel Campbell b. 1807 and Charles Alburn, b. 1809 (20 to 30), Jervis Miles b. 1811 and John Milton b. 1813 (15-20), and James Erastus b. 1818 (10-15).

The reader or researcher is referred to background information printed in Porterfield Lines Vol IV, No. 3, 348-360. Also consult Indexes for names.

James Erastus was, according to Frank Burke Porterfield, the 7th child, 5th son of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield and a grandson of James and Jane (Lockhart) Porterfield of Augusta and Washington Counties Virginia. Margrett Singleton, descendant of Samuel Campbell who would presumably be his brother, holds that James Erastus was not a family member because he was not named as an heir in the will of James Porterfield (1880-1861) husband to Ruth Campbell. Expulsion from the will is an unusual circumstance. Perhaps, however, a deep rift in their relationship may have led to his being disinherited.

Two marriage records place James Erastus Porterfield in Lynn County Missouri from 1844 to 1848:

Porterfield, James C.	Bride: Mary T. Patrick	1-21-1844
Porterfield, James E.	Bride: Ruth Watson	1-13-1848

(Assuming that James C. should read James E.)

A biographical sketch in Hines History of Oregon states that he left Tennessee in 1842, removing to Missouri where he remained for seven years before beginning the trek to Oregon. The accounts of his two marriages are related in the history though the dates are one year earlier than those recorded in Missouri Marriages to 1850 and Mary T. is written "Isabel". Hines History also reveals that in the year following her marriage to James Erastus, Isabel/Mary Porterfield died in childbirth her child dying with her.

Note that the 1840 Wilson County TN census schedules reflect the possibility that James Erastus was still at home with his parents in 1840. One male (other than James 60-70) is listed as a household member. He is 30-40; James Erastus would have been 22 not 32 but perhaps a mistake in age was made. The other sons are all accounted for in newly established households of their own. (Census records)

Paul Porterfield has given PL additional valuable information: Typed transcriptions from photocopies of original documents of the Estate papers of Thomas Watson, first husband of Ruth Watson, Administratrix. The appraisal order in the State of Missouri, county of Linn is dated the 7th of June AD 1847 and is signed by Joseph Enfield, William M. Maxwell, and Watkins Lockridge, with Elbridge G. Clough, Justice of the Peace. The total for the Estate was \$210.00 with accounts owed the estate totaling \$47.49. Proceeds from a sale of estate property brought \$63.49. No real estate property is listed. Would that space permitted printing the inventory! Most valuable items were "one yoke oxen \$30.00, one Bay horse three years old \$20.00, one gun silver mounted \$10.00." A man's saddle and buffalo robe was valued at \$4.50.

Ruth signed the June 7th 1847 inventory of the estate and the sworn statement which follows:

I Ruth Watson do on oath declare that the foregoing inventory is a full and perfect inventory and description of all the goods and Chattles money and effects Real and personal books papers and evidence of debt and of titles of the intestate and of the deceased appearing to be due or becomeing due to him or as far as I Can at present ascertain from the property reserved as the absolute property of the widow____ and that this affiant was not indebted or bound in any Contract to the intestate in any manner or sum other than as set forth on the said inventory. Signature Ruth Watson

Ruth had been named Administratrix. Surely this action was unusual at this period of history. Evidently Thomas and Ruth Watson had no children. Ruth is referred to as Mrs. Ruth Watson, a native of Virginia, born 1807 in Hines History Frank Burke Porterfield lists her name as Ruth Porterfield Campbell Watson (1806-1897). Paul Porterfield writes: "A lady in the Willamette Valley Historical Society searched the cemetery where James & Ruth are buried. Ruth's stone reads:

Ruth P. Porterfield
Wonder if this Campbell family was already related to the Porterfields by some other marriage and Ruth was given the MIDDLE NAME of PORTERFIELD."

Hines History and other sources indicate that James Erastus and Ruth did move to Oregon in 1850. Hines wrote that three children were born to them in Missouri and one in Oregon. However, Frank Burke Porterfield recorded only two children: Miles Marshall Porterfield (1848-1926) and Ruth Adeline Porterfield ((1851-1861).

Paul Porterfield found the Donation Land Claim for James Erastus on page 133 of the Donation Claims Land Book Number 5191:

PORTERFIELD, James E., Polk Co., born 1818, Wilson Co. Tenn. Arrived Oregon October 1850. Staked claim 10 September 1851, married Ruth 3 Jan 1848 Linn Co. Mo. By 1878 Paul Hildebrand was owner of part of claim and I. Brown owned the remainder.

Affidavits: James E. Elkins, David Johnson, Samuel L. Campbell, Solomon Tetherow, Henry Marshall

You can read the account of the life of James Erastus and Ruth Porterfield Campbell Porterfield and their son Miles Marshall Porterfield and grandsons Ralph Erastus and Lester Wright Porterfield in the county histories listed below.

Sources: Porterfield Lines, See indexes; Frank Burke Porterfield The Porterfields; Missouri Marriages to 1850 compiled by Linda Barber Brooks; Hines' History of Oregon; History of Willamette Valley, Oregon, Vol 3, 1927, Clark Publishing Company; Paul Porterfield of Boerne TX.

PORTERFIELDS FROM VIRGINIA

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PORTERFIELD OF WASHINGTON CO VIRGINIA JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD AND SARAH HUTTON PORTERFIELD

It is difficult to decide whether the descendants of John Porterfield (1751-1833) should be called Tennessee Porterfields or Virginia Porterfields for one son, James, according to the accounts, remained in Washington Co. VA while the other son, Francis, removed first to Lincoln Co. Tennessee then to Davidson Co. Tennessee.

John Porterfield (1751-1833) was the brother of James Porterfield (1747-1811) both sons of John Porterfield (1724-1786) one of the seven brothers and a sister who came to America from Ireland in the early eighteenth century. They were of Scottish descent, settled in Pennsylvania.

Frank Burke Porterfield traced the descendants of John Porterfield (1724-1786) as Lancaster County Porterfields. (Chapter VI The Porterfields) PL brief background summary can be found in Vol IV, No. 1 pp.317-318, FGS for James Porterfield (1747-1811) and John (1751-1833) p. 320.

John Porterfield (1724-1786) 7th sibling, next youngest brother of the seven brothers and their sister, had five known children: James (1747-1811), Robert (1749-1800), John (1751-1833), William who m. Nancy Frazier in PA Aug. 6, 1785, and Eliza who m. John Smith PA July 10, 1790. Little is known about Robert (1749-1800) who was a land owner in Rich Valley VA. Only the spouses and marriage dates are known for William and Eliza. Perhaps someone has researched these lines further; if so, that data has not become available to PL.

Frank Burke Porterfield accumulated considerable genealogical background for descendants of James Porterfield (1747-1811) and John Porterfield (1751-1833). Descendants of James Porterfield have verified many of his reports, corrected a few, and added others. Records show that James (1747-1811) was born in Lancaster Co. PA, was a resident of Augusta Co. VA, removed to Washington Co, VA, later to Wilson Co. TN where he died.

Early records for John (1751-1833) are not as numerous and traditions revealed by family members for The Porterfields are not definitive. Records for later years have not been researched for Porterfield Lines as thoroughly as those of James. John may have been a resident of Augusta County Virginia but he was not found in Chalkley.

His name has been associated primarily with Washington Co. VA.; his descendants are referred to as the Washington County Porterfields. He married Nancy Kincannon a widow who had first been married to a man named Brooks.

John and Nancy (Kincannon) Brooks Porterfield had five children, three daughters, Ellen, Sarah, and Elizabeth, and two sons, Francis (1785-1833) and James (1791-1848)

It has been our intention to write of Francis Porterfield as one of the Tennessee Porterfields but we have not yet done so. Francis m. Melinda Morgan (1795-1869). They had five children, Elizabeth, John, Robert, Susan, and Frank before Francis suffered an untimely death from Cholera. A number of census and other records have been collected for this family which we hope can be presented in Porterfield Lines at a later date.

James Porterfield (1791-1848) had remained in Washington County Virginia. He married Jeannette Clark (1797-1867), daughter of James and Isabelle (Breckenridge) Clark, had large land holdings. Refer to the indenture of 2 May 1815, purchase of land from Thomas Edmiston and his wife, Margaret, PL p.321,322.

It is James' descendants who came to Missouri and that is what this tale is about. Of the six children of James and Jeanette (Clark) Porterfield, Elizabeth (1820-1838), James Clark (1823-1895), Malinda (1825-1828), John Wilson (1828-1888), Lilburn Breckenridge (1830-1905) and Sarah Hutton (1832-1875), two were intrepid enough to make the transition from what must have been a stable, well-to-do life in "civilized" Washington Co. Virginia to the unknown in northwest Missouri. They were John Wilson and Sarah Hutton.

Briefly returning to the other siblings, their sisters Elizabeth and Malinda died young, ages 18 and 3 respectively; James Clark Porterfield, their brother, had ten children; none of them married. Only the children of John Wilson Porterfield of Missouri, Lilburn Breckenridge Porterfield of Glade Springs Virginia and perhaps Sarah Hutton (Porterfield) Greever of Missouri and Wyandotte Kansas continued the lineage of James and Jeanette (Clark) Porterfield of Washington Co. Virginia.

JOHN WILSON PORTERFIELD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY VIRGINIA

Census schedules and other records add to the account of Frank Burke Porterfield who lists two marriages for John Wilson Porterfield (1828-1888), the first to Mary Ellen Rhea (1829-1853), the second to Martha Campbell (1828-1888), with a child, Mary Ellen, born in 1851 to John Wilson and Mary Ellen (Rhea) Porterfield.

The decision to move to Missouri may have been made after the death of his first wife, but two references in Virginia Settlers in Missouri, Coppage and Wulfeck, pp. 44, 72, indicate that he had settled in Andrew County by 1851. Did he go back to Virginia to marry Martha Campbell?

John and Martha Porterfield are listed in the 1860 Jackson TWP Andrew County MO census pp. 456 and 457 Dwelling 723-Family 707:

				Real Estate	Personal Property	
Jno. Porterfield	32	M	Farmer	2700	630	Va
Martha	"	32	F			Tn
Frances	"	6	F			Mo
Sarah	"	4	F			"
Harriet	"	2	F			"
Nancy	"	1	F			"
Elizabeth	"	2/12	F			"
William Burn	24	M	Farmer		100	Ind
Marion Dykes?	20	M	Farmer			Mo
Sarah Cammel	70	F				Va
Leonidas Greber	31	M	Farmer		1360	Va
Sarah	"	22	F			Va
William	"	6	M			O
James	"	3	M			Mo

Enumerated on 10 July 1860 Enumerator Jno. N. Richardson

This census lists two family members not recorded previously, Frances Porterfield 6 in 1860, born in Missouri about 1844 and Sarah Cammel 70 born in Virginia. Frances is an older child not mentioned by Frank Burke Porterfield. I believe Sarah to be the mother of Martha Campbell and that "Cammel" is a misspelling.

William Burn and Marion Dykes? must be farmhands for all the children were girls, not old enough to work on the farm even if they were sons.

An interesting possibility is that the name "Greber" is actually "Greever" for the b's and v's of the enumerator are quite similar. Sarah Hutton Porterfield, sister to John Wilson, is reported to have married a stockman named George Washington Greever (1831-1891) a prominent man in the history of both Missouri and Kansas.

The 1880 Soundex Andrew County Benton TWP presents a picture of the family 20 years later (See PL p453). John Wilson and Martha were now 52 years old. Children listed were a daughter, Josephine 15 and four sons, James 14, Campbell 12, David 10, and Clark 9, all born in Missouri. None of the children of the 1860 census are listed with the family. The great tragedy of this family is that only Josephine Porterfield and the four sons James Armstrong Porterfield, John Campbell Porterfield, David C. Porterfield and Lilburn Clark Porterfield lived to adulthood. One unnamed infant died in 1863. Frances, the first born, presumably died between 1860-1880.

Harriet and Nancy died in 1862, Sarah Jane and Elizabeth died in 1874. What disastrous accidents or epidemics could have caused these deaths! Mary Ellen Porterfield, daughter of John Wilson and his first wife Mary Ellen Rhea also died in 1874, at the age of 23. She had married George Gauger and had a child Mary Ellen Gauger (1872-1933).

Obituaries from Andrew County MO newspapers sent to PL by Jerry McClure report that John W. died of pneumonia on Jan. 1 1828 and his wife, Martha, died of pneumonia on Jan. 7 1828 not quite a week later. The obituaries identified John W. Porterfield as born in Glade Springs, Washington Co., Va on Mar. 9, 1828, a ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church at Rosendale, Mo. Martha Porterfield was identified as born in Monroe Co. Tenn. Jan. 2, 1828. They were buried side by side in burial grounds north of Rosendale, Mo., leaving 4 sons and 1 daughter as survivors.

The knowledge that Martha Porterfield was born in Monroe Co. Tennessee and the record of John in Andrew Co. by 1851 suggests that he and his first wife removed from Virginia by 1851, that she died in Missouri and that John Wilson Porterfield met and married Martha Campbell Porterfield in Missouri. Martha may have arrived earlier with a party of settlers from Tennessee. Records of marriages would be helpful in determining this matter.

SARAH HUTTON PORTERFIELD

The account of Sarah Hutton (Porterfield) Greever in Missouri must be delayed until additional research is completed.

Sources: Chalkley, Summer, FBP The Porterfields, 1820-1860
Tennessee Censuses, 1860 and 1880 Missouri Censuses, Research
by Jerry McClure of Carthage Missouri

PORTERFIELDS FROM VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA
DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM (1712-1789) AND SAMUEL (1726-1789)

It should not be surprising to learn that descendants of two other major branches of Porterfields migrated to Missouri. They were descendants of the brothers William Porterfield (1712-1789) and Samuel Porterfield (1726-1789). William was the oldest of the seven brothers who immigrated to America from Ireland, Samuel was the youngest.

Frank Burke Porterfield compiled genealogical data for these brothers in the chapters titled "Chester County Porterfields" (Embracing William & Descendants) and "Westmoreland County Porterfields" (Embracing Samuel & Descendants). Chester County and Westmoreland County are in Pennsylvania. Chester was organized in 1682 as an one of the three original counties. It is in the Southeast corner of Pennsylvania and just east of of present-day Lancaster County. Westmoreland is in Southwest Pennsylvania.

Samuel Porterfield remained in Pennsylvania, descendants migrating southwestward through Ohio and Kentucky.

William Porterfield removed from Chester County Pennsylvania to Frederick County, Virginia. The area in which he lived became Berkeley County Virginia in 1772, Berkeley County West Virginia in 1873.

William married Martha Alexander (1715-1789) of Chester County Pennsylvania in 1734. She too was a Scottish immigrant from Ireland having been brought to America by her parents when about 3 years of age. (FBP) William and Martha (Alexander) Porterfield were the parents of 10 children, Charles, Josiah, George, Matthew, William, Alexander, Rachel, John, Mary, and James.

Those who became Missourians were descendants of the second son, Josiah Porterfield, and the fifth son, William Porterfield. (If you do not have a copy of The Porterfields rent a microfilm copy from a Branch Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints to read the history of the Porterfields. Frank Burke Porterfield's book published in 1948 was out of print for many years until a reproduction of the text was printed in April 1993. The printing was almost completely presubscribed before publication and may be out of print by this time. FBP was a descendant of William Porterfield (1712-1789) and his son Josiah Porterfield (1737-1828).)

Josiah Porterfield married Jean McDowell also of Chester County in 1781. Pursuing the vocation of farming they obtained land first in Berkeley County then in Botetourt County and finally in Montgomery/Giles Counties (Giles from Montgomery in 1806). They were among the first settlers to Giles County and are buried in the Gasper Link graveyard there. (FBP)

FROM GILES COUNTY VIRGINIA TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY MISSOURI

Josiah and Jean (McDowell) Porterfield had six children, Martha, William, Jean, Mary, Elizabeth, and Alexander. Jean Porterfield married a man named John Webb. The Webb-Porterfield connection led to the realization that the Livingston County Porterfields of Missouri were members of the Giles County Porterfields of Virginia. And this led to finding the story of the migration of a group of 100 people who traveled to Missouri from Giles County Virginia in 1844 in "the Giles Caravan."

Among those who removed to Missouri were three sons and one daughter of William Porterfield (1782-1847) who was the second child, oldest son, of Josiah and Jean (McDowell) Porterfield. Their mother was Mary Albert (1791-1867) of Giles County.

Porterfields undertaking the hazardous journey were:

GEORGE ALEXANDER PORTERFIELD and his wife MARY BURKE WILLIAMS with their children George Williams Porterfield b. 1841 and Jehu Burke Porterfield b. 1843. Another daughter Mary Nancy Porterfield was born in Missouri in 1845. George Alexander and Mary Burke (Williams) Porterfield and their children returned to Giles County in 1846 and two sons Benjamin Franklin Porterfield 1848 and James Luther Porterfield 1850 were born after their return.

CHARLES LUTHER PORTERFIELD and his wife MARGARET ANNA WEBB who removed to Missouri in 1844. Their children were Louise Porterfield b. 1841 VA, Gordon Alexander Porterfield b. 1843 Va, Elizabeth Belle Porterfield b.1846 MO, Margaret Ann Porterfield b.1849 MO, Cynthia b. 1851 MO. Margaret Anna Webb died in 1852 and Charles Luther remarried in 1853 to Margaret Williams. They returned to Giles CO VA in 1855. William Frederick Porterfield b. 1854 must be the child of Charles Luther and his second wife.

MARTHA ANN PORTERFIELD who married ROBERT MACKEY STEWART in 1845 in Missouri.

JOHN ALBERT PORTERFIELD who married MARY ELIZABETH WINGO in 1852 in Missouri.

The 1850 census report for Charles Luther and Margaret (Webb) Porterfield can be found on page 075 District No. 51 being Livingston Co. Missouri. Next door were Pleasant Webb and Margaret Webb who presumably were the parents of Margaret Anna Webb.

Dwelling 421 Family 421				Real	Born
				Estate	
Chas. Porterfield	32	M	Farmer	700	Va
Marg t	"	33	F		"
Louisa	"	9	F		"
Gordon	"	8	M		"
Nancy E.	"	6	F		"
Cynthia	"	4	F		Mo
Marg t	"	2	F		"
John Hutchison	28	M	Farmer		Kentucky
Dwelling 422 Family 422					
Pleasant Webb	62	M			Va
Margaret Webb	62	F			"
Polly J.	"	14	F		Mo
Austin	22	M	None		"
James		M	Laborer		Kentucky
Enumerated 23 Sept. 1850				Enumerator J.H.B. Manning	

Note the discrepancy in names and ages on the census schedule in comparison to family data secured by FBP, with Margaret Ann older than Cynthia.

The 1860 Livingston County census confirms that John Albert Porterfield was a resident of Livingston County, that he had married and established his own household and was in 1860 the father of three sons, Everett, Benjamin, and Byron. The entry is on p.898 Dwelling 539, Family 542 for Jackson TWP, Livingston Co, P.O. Springhill:

Livingston Co, P.O. Springhill:				Real	Born
				Estate	
John Porterfield	33	M	Farmer	1000	Virginia
Mary	"	24	F		"
Everett	"	7	M		Missouri
Benjamin	"	5	M		"
Byron	"	2	M		"
Enumerated on 5 July				Enumerator W.C. Norman	

Pleasant and Margaret Webb were still living in Livingston County and are found on census page 841, Dwelling 159, Family 152:

				Personal	Born
				Property	
Pleasant Webb	76	M		500	Virginia
Margaret	"	76	F		"
Mary	"	23	F		"
Mary Porterfield	16	"			"
Margaret	"	12	"		Missouri
Enumerated on 13 June				Enumerator W.C. Norman	

It seems that two of the Webb's grandchildren, children of deceased Margareta Anna (Webb) Porterfield, remained with them in Missouri. We surmise from marriages recorded by FBP that the other children returned to Virginia with their father and his second wife. Elizabeth Belle Porterfield (1846-1876) is reported to have married William Smith of Lock Springs, Missouri; Margaret Ann Porterfield (1849--1934) to have married John Sterling of Spring Hill, Missouri. Elizabeth Belle is probably Nancy E. of the 1850 census, Mary of the 1860 census.

Jerry McClure sent information from the History of Livingston County which is helpful in identifying family members in Missouri and which records a tragedy which we would be unaware of from other reports available.

Two sketches are particularly forthcoming, the biographies of Douglass Stewart and George W. Wingo. Douglass Stewart was the son of Martha Ann Porterfield and mentioned in The Porterfields as having visited the Porterfields, always honoring them. He was one of six children born to his father Robert Stewart and Martha Douglas being their fourth child and second son. The account ends dramatically and yet, almost as an afterthought we learn that Martha (Porterfield) Stewart came with a party of 100 persons to settle there, and that "crimes (were) committed in Livingston County" and one "which stands out prominently...is the assassination of John Porterfield her brother."

The biography of George W. Wingo reveals that his parents, pioneers in Giles County, had also been members of the 1844 expedition to Livingston County and that their daughter Mary, sister to George W. Wingo, had married John Porterfield.

A census not yet read is the 1870 Livingston Co., Jackson TWP census, p. 579, for Mary Porterfield. This should be for Mary, widow of John, with her three sons. If there are those of our readers who have access to this census, please send the record to share with us. The 1860 census lists the names of the sons Everett, Benjamin, and Byron. A daughter Wilhelmina Porterfield was born 1859 in Missouri, made her home in Lock Springs, died there in 1943.

An 1880 Soundex record follows the life of son Ben Porterfield and his wife Mary E. They were living still in Jackson TWP, Livingston County and had a young son David L. who was 1 year old.

The History of Livingston County is a must for readers interested in knowing more about the Livingston County Porterfields. Reference is made to an earlier account of crimes committed in Livingston County. Was John Porterfield a victim of the Civil War conflict though not actively engaged in the war? He died in 1862 after the Kansas Civil War but we know confederate guerilla bands roamed northwest Missouri in the early years of the Civil War as federal forces tried to suppress them.

PORTERFIELDS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL PORTERFIELD OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Samuel Porterfield (1726-1789) was the youngest of the seven brothers from Ireland. He remained in Pennsylvania as the other brothers moved on to other states, had settled in Cumberland County, Newton Township. He is known from records of tax payments to Newton Township and from Pennsylvania Archives recording service in the revolutionary war.

Whether or when he moved to Westmoreland County is not clear. Perhaps his sons moved there after Samuel's death. The name of his wife is unknown but five sons, William, Samuel, James, Robert, and John and three daughters, Mary, Jane, and Elizabeth were born to this marriage. Frank Burke Porterfield identified the three oldest sons by counties in which they subsequently lived, William of Trumbull County, Samuel of Butler County, James of Armstrong County. Trumbull is north of Westmoreland just across the Ohio state line; Butler and Armstrong adjoin Westmoreland County. Venango County just north of Butler became the home for many Porterfields in later years.

The two younger sons are identified as Robert who served in the War of 1812 and John of Pulaski County Kentucky.

These identifications are useful in researching the lives of descendants.

Three of Samuel's descendants traveled to Missouri. Two were descendants of second son Samuel Porterfield (1763-1806) who married Nancy MacGuffen (1765-1858) in 1784.

WALTER LOWRIE PORTERFIELD (1833-1886) was a grandson, son of William Porterfield (1788-1864) and Jane Lowrie (1795-1869) of Emlenton, PA. (His name with the notation "doctor to Jesse and Frank James" had caught my eye a number of years ago as I scanned "The Porterfields" and was a matter of interest because of the possible Mary James-Jesse James kinship. FMW) Walter Lowrie married ELIZABETH FRANCES DUNKIN (1841-1928) in 1860.

JOHN DONALDSON PORTERFIELD (1843-1922) was the son of Walter's older brother Robert Lowrie Porterfield (1816-1881) who married ANN DONALDSON (1815-1876) in 1836. Both Walter Lowrie Porterfield and his nephew John Donaldson Porterfield were physicians.

Walter L. removed to Kearney City, Clay County Missouri, made famous by the James desperados. Missouri records are from 1870 and 1880 census schedules. John D. Porterfield moved to a different area, the City of Commerce in Scott County. His name has also been mentioned as a resident of Cape Girardeau. Two Porterfield children, Mabel and Georgia, boarding separately from John Donaldson Porterfield, also lived in Scott County in 1880.

Examining the 1880 Soundex Records printed PL 453,454 Walter Porterfield in 1880 lived with his family in the city of Kearney. The record shows that Walter Porterfield white male age 47, b. in PA had as members of his household his wife Elizabeth age 38 born in MO, son William 17 born in MO, son Walter L. 15 born in PA, daughter Grace 12 born in PA, daughter May 8 born in MO, son Austin 4 born in MO, daughter Nellie 1 born in MO, and his aunt Ann Arnold 60 born in KY.

Frank Burke Porterfield in The Porterfields records the birth and death of another son, the first born, David Dunkel Porterfield (1861-1864). Additional data about the children can be found in The Porterfields Walter Lowrie Porterfield died only six years after the 1860 census was enumerated. He was buried at Kearney. His family moved to Springfield, Missouri then to California.

John Davidson Porterfield's record from the 1880 Soundex shows that he was living in the City of Commerce, Scott County Mo caring for an extended family. He is a white male age 37 born in PA with wife Fannie age 30 born in AL, son Elmer 6 born in MO, son John D. 4 born in MO, daughter Behula 2 born in MO, son Lowrey age 3/12 born in MO. His sister-in-law Cecile Pattin/Patton age 28 born in LA and her daughter Ada 3 and her son Thomas 1 live with him Ada and Thomas were born in MO. Another nephew of John Donaldson, Ernest Deval/Duval 16 born in Ohio is a household member. He is most likely a son of John Donaldson's oldest sister Isabella who married a Duval.

Two other family members may have been part of the extended family to whom he offered assistance and concern even though they lived separately, boarding with W.L. Smith in Sylvania Scott County MO. Ostensibly they are cared for by Lumaga? Clemson, their grandfather. They are MABLE PORTERFIELD age 7 or 8 and GEORGIA PORTERFIELD age 5. Mable is reported to have been born in Ohio or MO, Georgia in MO. There are two listings for each, one living with grandfather Lumaga? Clemson, Commerce, Scott County MO, the other with W.L. Smith, Sylvania Scott Co. These are probably the children of Virgil Robert Porterfield, the youngest brother of John Donaldson Porterfield.(5d and 5e FBP). He died in 1880 leaving two daughters named Mabel and Georgia. Virgil Robert Porterfield was also a physician as were three sons and a grandson of John Donaldson.

The data naming the Duval nephew and Mabel and Georgia Porterfield, who were probably neices, encourages the thought that other family members, a deceased brother and a sister, may have come to Missouri by way of Ohio.

MILTON STEPHEN PORTERFIELD

The third descendant of Samuel Porterfield (1726-1789) who removed to Missouri was his grandson Milton Porterfield, son of Samuel's youngest son John (1782-1854).

John Porterfield (1782-1854) married Elizabeth Buster of Pulaski County Kentucky January 18, 1804, remained there until 1850 acquiring 313 acres of land which was disposed of in 1850 according to Frank Burke Porterfield.

Census records for 1820 and 1830 place John Porterfield in Pulaski County Kentucky. The 1840 census for Pulaski City, of Pulaski County Kentucky records the residence of both John Porterfield and Milton Porterfield there. (Page 321 Census)

In 1850 John Porterfield continued to live in Pulaski County in Sommerset Division 1. On page 048, Dwelling 665 Family 665 is recorded:

John Porterfield	68 M	Farmer	R.E. Value 400	b. Va
Elizabeth	"			b. Va
Mary Brown	25 F			b. Ky

Next door in Dwelling 666 Family 666 were:

William Brown	23 M	Farmer		b. Ky
Lavinia J.? Brown	20 F			b. Ky
Elizabeth	"			b. Va
Mary	"			b. Ky

Mary Brown, age 25, may be working for the Porterfields since they were quite elderly.

Milton Stephen Porterfield (1819-1881) had married Eliza Ann Collier (1819-1868) in 1837. His search for a livelihood led the family from Paducah to Missouri to Jackson County, Kansas. Frank Burke Porterfield lists 11 children born to Milton and Eliza.

In 1850 Milton and Eliza were living in Green TWP, Platte Co. Missouri. Page 377, Dwelling 202, Family 202:

Milton Porterfield	31 M	Carpenter	No R.E. Value	b. Ky
Eliza	30 F			"
Jefferson	12 M			"
Thomas	10 M			"
Franklin	8 M			Mo
Marion	4 M			"
Martha	1 F			"

Enumerated Oct. 10, 1850

Enumerator B.F. Barzton?

They had moved to Missouri about 1842. Two more children, Josephine and Winfield were born and died between 1844 and 1848. Eliza died in 1868 at the age of 49. Their home was Holton, Kansas and many of their descendants remained there. Read of their education and accomplishments in The Porterfields.

Milton Porterfield engaged in a final adventurous journey in the last years of his life. He traveled with a companion to Texas and we will find him there in 1880. FMW

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1870 CENSUS CHART - PORTERFIELDS AND ALLIED FAMILIES - JACKSON COUNTY MO

To be used in determining the relationships to Porterfields in Tennessee & Texas

Place of Enumeration: P.O. Richmond
 Ray County Missouri Crooked River TWP Enumerated: July 20 Enumerator: John J. Quick

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Value-Personal Property	Birthplace	Father foreign bn.	Mother foreign bn.	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in year	Can't read or write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration	Remarks
408240	240		Porterfield William	21	M	W	Working on farm		300	Missouri									
			— Sarah	58	F	W	Keeping House		400	Tennessee									
			Farris(?) John	24	M	W	Working on farm		400	Missouri									
			— Dory A	30	F	W	Housekeeper			Tennessee									
			— Minnie	12	F	W				Missouri									
			Green Lovicia	7	F	W				Missouri									
408241	241		Green John	38	M	W				Missouri									
			— John W.	9	M	W				Missouri									
			— Sarah E.	8	F	W				Missouri									
			— James	4	M	W				Missouri									
			— Ida	2	F	W				Missouri									
			Dotey Nancy	49	F	W	Keeping House			Kentucky									
409242	242		Armstrong Boone	23	M	W	Working on farm		200	Illinois									
			— Sarah	21	F	W	Keeping House			Missouri									
			Snowden Jane	11	F	W				Missouri									
			— James	7	M	W				Missouri									
409254	254		Porterfield Thomas	25	M	W	Farmer	1200	300	Missouri									
			— Mary E.	22	F	W	Keeping House			Tennessee									
409255	255		Bruner Samuel(S ?)	40	M	W	Working on farm			Missouri									
			— Eliza J	30	F	W				Missouri									
			— Sarah	11	F	W				Missouri									
			— Mariah	4	F	W				Illinois									
			— Samuel	1	M	W				Missouri									

PORTERFIELDS FROM TENNESSEE

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND SARAH PORTERFIELD OF JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI - BORN IN TENNESSEE

Continuing the survey of Porterfields who came to Missouri from Tennessee we must include a family which cannot escape the attention of anyone researching Porterfields for they, with the Joseph Porterfields of St. Louis County and the John Wilson Porterfields of Van Buren and Mercer counties, hold the record for length of residence in Missouri. We do not know their lineage but believe they were descendants of John Porterfield of Statesville, Wilson County Tennessee.

The name William Porterfield first appears in Missouri on an 1840 Jackson County census enumeration, p. 088:

1 Male under 5 yrs.

William Porterfield 30-40 yrs.

1 F 20-30 yrs., 2 F 5-10 yrs., 1 F under 5 yrs.

William died about 1846. Sarah Porterfield's role as a widow responsible for the care and upbringing of her children is reflected in the 1850 census, Jackson County MO p. 345:

1552-1552	Porterfield Sarah	39 F	born Tennessee
"	Dorm A.	15 F	"
"	Jam e? or Sam	13 M	"
"	Sarah	11 F	"
"	Thos J.	7 M	Mo
"	Wm. H.	4 M	Mo

Van Buren TWP Oct. 5, 1850 Enumerator C.R. Barnes

The oldest daughter, 5-10 in 1840, was no longer with the family.

Next door, Dwelling 1553 Family 1553 were Justman Ray 26 M, Farmer, b. Mo. with Nancy Ray 19 F b. TN and Mary F. Ray 2 F b. TN. In Dwelling 1555 Family 1555 were Thomas G. Webb 51 b. TN, Maret Webb 45 b. GA and 11 children. Perhaps the Ray's, Webb's, and Porterfield's are related. Because of that possibility their names are printed here.

Sarah and members of her family can be followed in MO census returns through 1880, residents of Jackson County in 1840, 1850, and 1860, residents of adjacent Ray County in 1870 and 1880. Census returns for years later than 1880 have not been searched.

1860 census Jackson County MO, Sniabar Township, p. 415:

1303-1228	Sarah Potterfield	48 F	Farm Manager	b. Tenn.
	Dory A.	21 F		"
	Thomas	17 M	Farm Hand	b. Mo
	William	13 M		"
	Ransom Lee	11/12?M		"

Date of enumeration 12 July 1860. Record for Sarah (11 in 1850) and Sam (Jam e?) (13 in 1850) not found. Perhaps they have married and left the family home. The age of Ransom Lee is almost illegible so he may not be an eleven month old infant as the age 11/12 would indicate. His parentage is unknown.

By 1870 the family had moved to Ray County and all the children except William had married. Records are found in the Ray County Missouri, Crooked River TWP schedule pages 408 and 409. Sarah, now 58, was living in Household 240-240 with her son William 21, John Farris? 24 and Dory A. Farris 30 and their daughter Minnie Farris 9/12. Lovicia Green 7 F, presumably a granddaughter, was also a member of the household.

Next door, (241-241) John Green 38, whom it appears was a widower, cared for his orphaned children John W. 9M, Sarah E. 8F, James 4M and Ida 2F, all born in MO, with the help of Nancy Doty 49 F, Housekeeper, b. in KY.

The next dwelling, listed on p. 409 Nos.242-242, houses Boone Armstrong 23 M, occupation working on farm, b. Illinois, wife Sarah Armstrong 21 F keeping house, born in MO, with children Jane Snowden 11 F and James Snowden 7 M both born in Missouri. This record is printed because of the possibility that Sarah Armstrong 21 is Sarah Porterfield 11 in 1850. Sarah would have been 31 by 1870 and was born in TN not MO, so that seems unlikely. However, the record may provide a clue to the identity of J. Porterfield 22 years of age whom we found living with B.H. and M.J. Snowden in Fannin Co. Texas in 1860. (1860 Census printed PL p.284.) The Snowdens had a daughter, Sarah A., who was 10 years old and had been born in Missouri. Both J. Porterfield and M.J. Snowden (F) had been born in Tennessee.

Also on page 409, in Dwelling 254, Family 254, are Thomas Porterfield 25 M Farmer with Real Estate value of \$1200 and Personal Property value of \$300 b.in MO and his wife Mary E. Porterfield 22 F, Keeping House, born in Tennessee. An alternate surmial about these families could be that Sarah Armstrong and Mary E. Porterfield are sisters. Conjectures such as this can lead to discoveries of kinship with further research. Dwelling 255 Family 255 is that of Samuel S. Bruner 40 M b. MO, who works on a farm, his wife Eliza J. 30 F b. MO, and children Sarah Bruner 11 F b. MO, Mariah Bruner 4 F b. Illinois, Samuel 1 M b. MO. The Ray County Mo, Crooked River TWP 1870 census records for these families is printed on page 470.

In 1880 Sarah Porterfield and son Thomas Porterfield were still living in Ray County, Crooked River TWP. Sarah, now about 68 though her age is listed as 54, heads a household which includes her grandson John Greene 21, and granddaughters Bettie Greene 16 and Sallie Greene 5. Thomas Porterfield 36 b. Mo and wife Mary E. 33 born TN have two children a son Eddie 5 born MO and a daughter Belle 5/12 born MO. Only Porterfields were researched on this 1880 Soundex. Other family members may be found when the complete schedule for 1880 Ray Co. MO is read. Dory M. and John Farris, and their daughter Minnie 9 months old in 1870, and William Porterfield who was 21 in 1870 have not been found at this point. Sources: Census records TN MO TX. Research of Jerry McClure of Carthage MO, R.T. Tillman of Maryville MO. FMW

PORTERFIELD LINES

A NEWSLETTER FOR PORTERFIELD AND ALLIED FAMILIES

PURPOSE: To present material of a genealogical nature pertaining to Porterfield and Allied Families. To share and encourage an exchange of information. To assist those researching Porterfield family history. To remember and honor our forbears.

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FEATURING
PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI
FRANCIS PORTERFIELD OF DAVIDSON COUNTY TENNESSEE
SUSANA PORTERFIELD OF JACKSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI
BORN IN ILLINOIS: ISAAC LEE PORTERFIELD

Isaac Lee Porterfield was born in Vandalia, Fayette Co., Illinois. To date, we know nothing about his antecedants.

He was a veteran of the Mexican-American War, serving twelve months in the Military service in Mexico as a private in company "F" of Captain A.T. Crow in the first regiment commanded by Colonel John J. Hardin and was honorably discharged at Carmago Mexico July 1847. He accompanied his command into Mexico and participated in the engagement at Buena Vista, the battle in which General Zachary Taylor with an army of 4,700 men repulsed the attack of Santa Anna and his force of 20,000 Mexican soldiers.

He was enrolled June 27, 1846 in Co. 1, Reg't Ill. Foot Vols. mustered in June 27-July 10 1846 at Alton, Ill. The stations of the Company between muster-in and muster-out were Oct. 31, Monclare, Mex., Dec. 31, 1846 Encantado, Mex., Feb. 28, 1847, Agua Nueva, Mex.

His pension application is the account of a courageous man who suffered many hardships, a man who in later life settled into farming.

The records available to us are:

1870 Census for Concord TWP, Clinton Co. MO. p. 025
1880 Soundex for the City of Plattsburgh, Clinton Co.
MO (See PL p. 450,452)

Pension Application Isaac Lee Porterfield Cert No. 7628
Pension Application of Widow Jane (Eaton) Porterfield
Application 9075; Certificate No. 10243

(The 1870 census gives name Isaac L. Porterfield, I. W. of 1880 listing is incorrect. Isaac Lee on pension papers.)

The 1880 Soundex reveals that in 1880 I. L. Porterfield b. in Illinois, 53 years of age lived near the City of Plattsburgh, Clinton Co. Missouri with his wife Jane 46 b. in Canada, da. Louise 15 born in Kansas, da. Jennie 15 born in Missouri, sons Robert 13 and Lee 8 both born in Missouri. (Census would list birthplace of the father and mother of Isaac and Jane.)

From the applications we learn that Isaac Lee Porterfield was 5 feet 8 inches high, of dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair and by occupation a farmer. His occupation before enlistment was mining. After his discharge, he had lived at Galena Illinois, and Sacramento California. Galena was a lead mining center in the 1840's; Gold was discovered in 1848 at Sutter's Mill in Coloma near Sacramento California. We wonder if Isaac Lee left mining lead in Illinois to search for gold in California.

He lived in Jackson County Missouri for a time, moving to Plattsburg, Clinton County in 1865. He was married to Jane Eaton on 30 June 1856 in Jackson County by Rev. Dr. Bacon. He had successfully applied for a land warrant in 1847, he states, but does not give the number of his application. Was the grant for Illinois or Missouri? We wonder and a search should be made.

After the death of Isaac Lee Porterfield at Plattsburg Mo. on May 18, 1890, his widow Jane began seeking pension benefits. Signing affidavits for her were John O. Eaton and Alfred Eaton, who seem to be her relatives. First application was made in 1890 but the pension was not granted until 1896. She was living at that time at Burnham, Howell County Mo. She died 26 June 1902.

George R. Riley, Clerk of the County Court, Clinton Co. Mo. prepared this affidavit for the application: "...a true and correct record and transcript as copied from a book purporting and I believe to be the family Bible of Isaac Lee Porterfield

I.L. Porterfield born Feb. 19, 1825
Jane Porterfield born Dec. 18, 1832
J. C. Porterfield born Nov. 28th 1857
L. E. Porterfield born Oct. 20th 1859
Milisa Jane Porterfield born Dec. 29th 1864
Robt E. Porterfield born Dec. 26th 1866
Alfred Lee Porterfield born May 18th 1872"

Signed and Sealed 21 June A.D. 1887
George R. Riley

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PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI

JOSEPH PORTERFIELD OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY MERRIMAC TOWNSHIP

The Porterfields of Merimac Township St. Louis County Missouri are recorded in census returns for the years 1840 through 1880, perhaps beyond that time for 1880 is the last census examined

- 1840 Joseph Porterfield, St. Louis Co. 261 Merrimac TWP
1850 Joseph Porterfield St. Louis Co. 384 Merrimack TWP
1850 Sarah Ann Potterfield St. Louis Co. 384 Merrimack TWP
1860 Joseph Potterfield St. Louis Co. Maramec TWP,
P.O. Fenton p. 996. See census schedules next page.
1860 John Potterfield St. Louis Co. Maramec TWP,
P.O. Fenton p. 997. See census schedules next page.

1880 William H. Potterfield St. Louis Co. Soundex See PL
p 451. Son of Joseph Potterfield above.

William H. Potterfield W M age 36 Residence St. Louis Co.,
Meramic TWP. Born in Missouri.

Wife Mary M. 24 born in Pennsylvania
Son James I 8 born in Missouri
Daughter Sarah E. 5 born in Missouri
Son (No Name) 3/12 born in Missouri

1880 James A. Potterfield St. Louis Co. Soundex See PL
p. 451. Son of John Potterfield above.

James A. Potterfield W M age 24 Residence 2700 Cass Place,
St. Louis City, St. Louis County. Born in Missouri.

Wife Ann S. 19 born in Missouri
Son Charles A. 4 born in Missouri
Daughter Louisa A. 2/12 born in Missouri

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PORTERFIELDS IN MISSOURI

Having presented records for Porterfields whose lineage is known to us and Porterfields with several generations of residence in Missouri, we turn to those for whom we have little information. Following the charts on page 449 and 450, PL June 1995, we list those Porterfields in chronological order.

ISERAL POTTERFIELD Ralls County and Lincoln County. NE Missouri counties bordering the Mississippi River north of St. Louis County

1840 Census Index Iseral Potterfield: Ralls County 250

1860 Microfilm Copy Lincoln County Census Prairie TWP, P.O. Trueston? p. 577:

		Real Estate Value	P.P. Value	Born
Israel Potterfield	47 M Farmer	2000	1288	VA
Elizabeth	" 56 F			Ireland
Washington F.	" 18 M			VA
Elizabeth	" 20 F			"

Enumerated 27 Aug. 1860 Enumerator Jno. R. Britton
Several neighboring people on this page born in Ireland.

D. PORTERFIELD St. Louis County. East Central Missouri on Mississippi River

D. Porterfield 1840 Census Index: St. Louis Co. Bon Homme TWP 250
No other record found to date.

ELIZA PORTERFIELD 1850 Census Index
St. Louis County, St. Louis City 4th Ward 124

ELIZA PORTERDIE? 1850 Census Index
St. Louis County, St. Louis City, 5th Ward 248

NATHANIAL PORFL Holt County. Northwest Missouri county bordering Kansas on Missouri River north of St. Joseph. Holt County organized from Platte Purchase 1841. County seat: Oregon

Nathanial Porfl 1860 Census Index: Holt Co. Nodaway TWP 119

JOHN N. PORTERFIELD Stone County. Southwest Missouri County just north of Carroll County Arkansas

1860 Census Microfilm Stone Co. Flat Creek TWP P.O. Galena
Page 571, Dw.152, Faml. 152

		Real Estate Value	P.P. Value	Born
John N. Porterfield	43 M W Farmer		5?	Tennessee
*Saloami Porterfield	28 F W			Tennessee
Joseph N. Porterfield	2 M W			Missouri

Enumerated July 5, 1860 Enumerator John D. Shannon
Organized from Taney County 1851, Taney County from Greene 1837

JAMES PORTERFIELD Chariton County. Central Missouri county bordered on south by the Missouri River.

Jaems Porterfield 1870 Census Index: Chariton Co., Keytesville 196.
James Porterfield 1880 Soundex. See PL page 452:

James Porterfield White Male age 40 born in Tennessee living in Chariton County City of Keytesville with wife Eliza age 34 born in Pennsylvania, son John age 14, son Charles age 11, son Joseph age 8, son *Caydous age 5, daughter Sarah Age 3, son Lesley age 1 all children born in Missouri.

RUFUS S. PORTERFIELD Buchanan County. Northwest Missouri bordering Kansas on Missouri River. Between Platte and Andrew Counties. Created from Platte Purchase 1838.

Rufus S. Porterfield 1870 Census Index: Buchanman Co. 2 W.
Saint Joseph 460

HARRY PORTERFIELD Carroll County. Central Missouri County bordered on South by Missouri River. Chariton adjoins Carroll, Carroll adjoins Ray.

Harry Porterfield 1880 Soundex: Carroll County City of Dewitt
See PL page 452:

Harry Porterfield White Male age 34, born in Pennsylvania living in Carroll County City of Dewitt with wife Mattie age 28 born in Missouri, son A.L. age 9, son Richard age 7 both born in Missouri. sister-in-law Sallie Deroche 45 born in Missouri and John age 4 listed as no relation to Harry (may be related to Sallie Deroche)

HENRY A./O. POTTERFIELD Marion County. Northeast Missouri bordering Mississippi River just north of Ralls County. County seat Palmyra. Created in 1822 from Ralls County.

Henry A./O. Potterfield 1880 Soundex: Marion County Warren TWP See PL page 451.

Henry A. or O. Potterfield, White Male age 43, born in Virginia, living in Marion County Warren TWP with wife Margaret A. age 41 born in Maryland, daughter Emma L. 14 born in Maryland, son William E. age 12 born in Missouri, son Henry F. age 8 born in Missouri and daughter Alis Myrtle age 4/12. born in Missouri.

R. R. PORTERFIELD Howard County. North central Missouri bordering Missouri River just south of Chariton County.

R. R. Porterfield 1880 Soundex: Howard County Prairie TWP
See PL page 453.

R. R. Porterfield White Male age 40 born in Tennessee, living in Howard County Prairie TWP with wife Rebecca A. age 39 born in Indiana, daughters Laura age 13, Emily age 12 Amanda age 6, son Thomas H. age 4, and daughters Therese and Loma both age 1, all children born in Missouri.
R. R. Porterfield

TENNESSEE PORTERFIELDS
FRANCIS PORTERFIELD OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Recital of this story began in the article "Porterfields from Virginia" printed in the series "Porterfields in Missouri." Rereading the introductory paragraphs, you will be reminded that Francis Porterfield was one of the "Washington County Virginia" Porterfields. John Porterfield (1751-1833) father of Francis Porterfield and a brother of James Porterfield (1747-1811) is believed to have remained in Washington County Virginia though his older brother James removed to Wilson County Tennessee. (Porterfield Lines 459-462)

John had married Nancy (Kincannon) Brooks, a widow. They had five children, three daughters, Ellen, Sarah, and Elizabeth, and two sons, Francis (1785-1833) and James (1791-1848). Little is known about the daughters. James (1791-1848) remained in Washington County Virginia. Francis, perhaps because of contacts or circumstances connected with pursuing his livelihood as a surveyor, removed to Lincoln County Tennessee.

Tax and newspaper reports for 1811 and 1812 suggest that he may have lived in White County in those earlier years. He was in his mid-twenties.

Francis married Melinda/Malinda Morgan in 1815. The household was first reported on the 1820 Tennessee census schedule.

1820 Lincoln County Tennessee census p. 02:

Francis Porterfield

Males 1 45 and over, 2 26-45, 1 10-16, 1 under 10

Females 1 26-45, 1 10-16

Slaves 1 F 26-45

Engaging in Manufacture 3

According to birth dates from an old Porterfield bible, in 1820 Francis would have been about 35, Malinda about 25, their children, Elizabeth, 2, and John, 1. The 1820 census record may represent two families living together, for the ages do not correlate with bible records--or perhaps, may be Francis and Malinda with a work crew and domestic help. However, neither of these surmisals explains the absence of the children.

Frank Burke Porterfield wrote that after following the trade of surveying, Francis Porterfield moved to Nashville where he became a wholesale merchant. The 1830 Davidson County census records the family unit, father, mother, and four children. A son Robert had been born in 1822, a daughter Susan in 1824.

1830 Davidson County Tennessee census p. 294:

Francis Porterfield

Males 1 40-50, 1 10-15, 1 5-10

Females 1 30-40, 1 10-15, 1 5 to 10

Presumably Francis 45, Malinda 35, Elizabeth 12, John 11, Robert 8, and Susan 6.

Francis moved his family from frontier hardships to a life of wealth and prominence in the city. It is ironic that the perils of the city led to his death and perhaps the early deaths of several of his descendants. One of these hazards was the danger of poor sanitation and consequent epidemics. Francis met an untimely death in 1833, dying of cholera after an illness of about 18 hours. He was only 48.

Malinda, now widowed, gathered her family around her as the 1840 census shows.

1840 Davidson County Tennessee Census p. 271:

Malinda Porterfield

Males 1 20-30, 1 15-20, 1 5-10, 1 Under 5

Females 1 30-40 1 20-30, 1 15-20, 1 Under 5

Family members who continued to live in the household in 1840 were Malinda 45, John 21, Robert 18, Susan 16, and Frank, 8, who had been born August 22, 1831 and orphaned less than two years later.

Elizabeth Porterfield, oldest daughter of Francis and Malinda, had married Collins D. Elliott of Ohio August 19, 1837. It seems she and her two children continued to live with the widowed Malinda in 1840, thus accounting for the enumeration of 1 female 20-30 and two children under five. Collins Elliott, a schoolmaster, may have been living away from home.

By 1850 enormous changes had occurred in the family, many of them tragic.

Robert Porterfield, third child, second son of Francis and Malinda (Morgan) Porterfield, who had married Mary D. Figures March 22, 1842 died in 1846. His infant daughter Mary Figures Porterfield born in 1845 also passed away in 1846. Both were buried in the Nashville City Cemetery. A son, Frank, had been born to Robert and Mary D. (Figures) Porterfield in 1843. After Roberts's death, Mary D. disappears from census records. Perhaps Mary was from neighboring Wilson County. A Figures family resided in Wilson County in 1860 according to the census.

Susan Porterfield fourth child, second daughter, born in 1824, had married Adam Gillespie Adams May 12, 1846, but died two years later in April 1848 when only 24. She, too, was buried in the Nashville City cemetery.

Frank, fifth child, youngest son of Francis and Malinda, who would have been 18 in 1850, is not listed on the 1850 Davidson County TN census. According to Bible records he was born August 22, 1831. died January 8, 1864 apparently without marrying.

The decade 1840-1850 had been kinder to other family members. Census schedules for two households continue the history of the Francis Porterfield's into 1850 and for the first time names of household members are given.

C.D. and Malinda Elliott head a 2 1/2 page 1850 Davidson County census record; at the side of the first page the words "Nashville Female Academy" are inscribed. The Elliott family is listed first, then families of faculty members, followed by the names of approximately 70 young women, students of the academy. The names of older women 21 to 40 may be teachers or attendants for the students. Th young ladies, ages 13 to 18, one or two younger, were from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, Canada East, one from the West Indies. Most of them were from Tennessee.

1850 census of the city of Nashville, Davidson County TN
Enumerated 15 Oct Enumerator: David C. Love, p.143 (287):

C(ollins) D. Elliott 38 School Master b. Ohio, Elizabeth Elliott 31 b. TN, Mary M. Elliott 12, Frank P. Elliott 10, Susan R. Elliott 6 Julia Elliott 3, Clemurtine Kimrolff M 11, Malinda Porterfield 55, Frank Porterfield 8, Malinda and all children born in Tennessee. Real Estate Value \$81,000.

Otto Ruppins 31 Professor of Music, Amelia 26, Alexander 3, Halene 1, all born in Germany; Charles Baldwin 34 Professor of Music, Charlotte 39. Names of students follow.

Only the households of the Elliotts and the professors are printed here. The legibility of the record is excellent and names are clearly written. Those wishing to check student names might wish to refer to the Sistler printed index.

The identity and family status of Clemurtine Kimrolff, male, 11 years of age is not known. Frank Porterfield, male, age 8, listed with Malinda Porterfield, may be the orphaned son of Robert and Mary D. (Figures) Porterfield, born in 1843. Read the account of Robert's funeral in The Porterfields.

John Porterfield oldest son of Malinda and Francis had married Mary Eliza Shephard in 1845. In 1850 they were living in the household of her parents.

1850 census of the city of Nashville, Davidson County TN, p.256:

Dwelling 650 Family 650

Wm. B. Shepard 57, Broker, b. N.C., Margaret Shepard 48, H. C. Shepard 13, Thomas Shepard 12, Margera Shepard 10 all born in Tennessee.

Dwelling 650 Family 651

John Porterfield 30, Merchant, Mary E. Porterfield 23, Margera Porterfield 3, Susan Porterfield 1 all born in Tennessee

John Porterfield and his family spent some time in Canada during the Civil War and he is said to have played a part in the Civil War conflict. Consult the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Volume 8, Series II, pp. 859, 940 and 941, also Volume 43, Series I, p. 933.

Year 1850

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Notes: John Porterfield second child, first son of Francis and Malinda (Morgan) Porterfield and wife Mary Eliza Shephard, daughter of Wm. B. and Margera Shephard Malinda (Morgan) Porterfield living with oldest daughter Elizabeth Elliott and Collin D. Elliott founder of the Nashville Female Academy.

Place of Enumeration:

City of Nashville Davidson County Tennessee

Enumerator David G. Love

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
256	579	650	Wm. B. Shepard	57	M		Broker			North Carolina				17th Sept.	
			Margera Shepard	48	F					Tennessee					
			H.C. Shepard	15	M					Tennessee					
			Ellen Shepard	13	F					Tennessee					
			Thomas Shepard	12	M					Tennessee					
			Margera Shepard	10	F					Tennessee					
257	579	651	John Porterfield	30	M		Merchant			Tennessee					
			Mary E. Porterfield	23	F					Tennessee					
			Margera Porterfield	3	F					Tennessee					
			Susan Porterfield	1	F					Tennessee					
287	777	879	G. D. Elliott	38	M		School Master	\$81,000		Ohio				15th Oct.	
			Elizabeth Elliott	31	F					Tennessee					
			Mary M. Elliott	12	F					Tennessee					
			Frank P. Elliott	10	M					Tennessee					
			Susan R. Elliott	6	F					Tennessee					
			Julia Elliott	3	F					Tennessee					
			Glemurtine Kimrolff	11	M					Tennessee					
			Malinda Porterfield	55	F					Tennessee					
			Frank Porterfield	8	M					Tennessee					
			Otto Rupines	31	M		Professor of Music			Germany					
			Amelia Rupines	26	F					Germany					
			Alexander	3	M					Germany					
			Halene	1	M					Germany					
			Charles Baldwyn	34	M		Professor of Music			England					
			Charlotte Baldwyn	39	F					England					
			A list of about 85 young women students and personnel follows the above list. Students were for the most part from Tennessee but others came from Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Kentucky, others from Ohio, New York, Canada, East & West Ind												

Year 1850

1850-1860 CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Notes: Other Davidson County Tennessee Porterfields---Lineage not yet identified
 Color identification: B Black M Mulatto Not marked White

Place of Enumeration:
 Davidson County Tennessee

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in yr.	School in year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
			City of Nashville												
271	667754		Samuel Porterfield	65	M	M	none			Virginia				25th Sept.	
			Manerva Porterfield	40	F	M				Virginia					
			Sarus F. Porterfield	21	M	M	none			Kentucky					
			Amanda Porterfield	16	F	M				Kentucky					
			E. Alley	70	F					Virginia					
			Civil District No. 6												Enumerator Chas. M. Hays
362	142142		Ja ^s Porterfield	46	M		Farmer	Blank		N. Carolina				30th Aug.	
			Elinor Porterfield	38	F					ditto					
			Jno. J. F. Porterfield	18	M		Labourer			Tennessee					

DESCENDANTS IN 1860.

Davidson County 1860 census records can be found for the Elliotts and for three Porterfield descendants.

ELLIOTT, Collins 49, Elizabeth 40, May 19, Frank 17, Susan 16, Julia 13, Arthur 8, Matilda (Malinda?) 58 Davidson-127

PORTERFIELD, Elizabeth 7 born TN, living 2nd Ward City of Nashville, TN, listed twice. Not found with family. D-101-370

PORTERFIELD, Frank 17 born Tennessee, living 4th Ward City of Nashville Davidson 57-348 listed twice, alone and living with the C.D. Elliott family. Most likely son of Robert Porterfield and Mary (Figures) Porterfield. Frank, son of Robert was a C.S.A. soldier enlisting May 10, 1861 in Nashville.

PORTERFIELD, Frank 28, D-28 living alone. The age of this young man indicates that he is probably the youngest son of Francis and Malinda Porterfield. Bible death date is January 8, 1864. Could his death be war-related? We do not know.

The search for descendants in 1860 and 1870 should continue for this is not the whole story.

See the descendency chart for John Porterfield (1751-1833). It will further clarify family relationships.

OTHER DAVIDSON COUNTY TENNESSEE PORTERFIELDS

Two other Porterfields are included on the rolls of the 1850 Davidson County population enumeration. They are Samuel Porterfield and Minerva Porterfield from Virginia who had lived in Kentucky from about 1829 to 1834 and James and Elinor Porterfield with son Johnathon 18 from North Carolina. They had lived in Tennessee since about 1832 or perhaps even earlier (son 18 born in Tennessee).

All Samuel Porterfield family members were mulattos except E. Alley, 70 year old female. An Alley family (whites) are listed on the census several pages later. One wonders if these two families are related and if so, how. They lived in the city of Nashville, Davidson County. See census charts.

The other family, Jas. and Elinor Porterfield and son Johnathon F. Porterfield, a white family, is from Civil District No. 6, Davidson County, a farming area where most of the household heads were born in North Carolina. See census charts.

Neither family seems to have ties with the descendants of John Porterfield (1751-1833) of Washington County Virginia.

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DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PORTERFIELD (1751-1833) OF WASHINGTON COUNTY VIRGINIA

DESCENDANTS OF John Porterfield

28 Jan 1996

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN
John Porterfield							
SEX: M							
B: 1751 @ Cuaberland County PA							
M: to Nancy Kincannon 1st ad Brooks							
D: 1833 @ Washington Co VA, buried Ebbing Spring.							
5 Children							
(1: Source FBP (2c) p. 72, 106-115PP)							
(2: Washington Co VA Porterfields. PA to VA Source Lilburn Breckenridge Porterfield (1830-1905))							
(3: FBP The Porterfields, early tax, probate, land, marriage records VA,TN; obituaries, cemetery records TN,MO; 1820-1880 censuses VA,TN,MO.)							
Ellen Porterfield							
SEX: F							
MOTHER: Nancy Kincannon 1st ad Brooks							
Francis Porterfield							
SEX: M							
B: 1785							
M: 1815 to Melinda/Malinda Morgan							
D: 1833 @ Nashville TN							
5 Children							
(1: Francis Porterfield died of cholera in Nashville after an illness of about 18 hours)							
MOTHER: Nancy Kincannon 1st ad Brooks							
Elizabeth Porterfield (1818-1877)							
SEX: F							
B: 22 Feb 1818							
M: 19 Aug 1837 to Collins D. Elliott							
D: 19 Sep 1877							
3 Children							
(1: Collins D. Elliott President Nashville Female Academy. On 1850 census p.143(287) 777/879 family, teachers, students.)							
(2: Household: C.D. Elliott, Elizabeth 31, children Mary M. 12, Susan R. 6, Julia 3, Malinda Porterfield 55 & son Frank 8, Clemintine Kinnsoff 11)							
MOTHER: Melinda/Malinda Morgan							
Mary M.							
Susan R.							
Julia							

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN
			GREAT	GREAT	GREAT	GREAT	GREAT

|John Porterfield (1819-1874)

|SEX: M

|B: 21 Aug 1819 @ Fayetteville

|M: 03 Jul 1845 to Mary Eliza Shepherd @ Nashville TN

|D: 28 Dec 1874

|5 Children

|(| Children Margery m. James Taylor; Susan m. M.A. Spurr; Jonnie (f) didn't marry d. 1940
 |Richmond; William m. Julia Minor Randolph, issue Elizabeth, Virginia, John, Wilson Randolph;
 |Nellie m. Dr. John Dunn, issue John Dunn d. World War I, infant son 1902)

|MOTHER: Melinda/Malinda Morgan

|Robert Porterfield (1822-1846)

|SEX: M

|B: 19 Jun 1822

|M: 22 Mar 1842 to Mary D. Figures @ Nashville

|D: 14 Mar 1846

|2 Children

|(| Son Frank Porterfield(1843-1901) m. Bettie Kay Castleman(1847-1885); served as private Co
 |B, 1st (Field's) Regiment TN Infantry C.S.A.; issue: Elizabeth d. as infant, Anne m. Leland
 |Rankin d. in early life, May m. Horace Kercheval, Sue m. B. Kirk Rankin)

|MOTHER: Melinda/Malinda Morgan

| |Frank Porterfield (1843-1901

| |Mary Figures Porterfield 1845-1846

|Susan Porterfield (1824-1848)

|SEX: F

|B: 11 Jan 1824

|M: 1846 to Adam Gillespie Adams

|D: 1848 @ Buried Nashville City cemetery

|0 Children

|MOTHER: Melinda/Malinda Morgan

|Frank Porterfield (1831-1864)

|SEX: M

|B: 22 Aug 1831

|D: 08 Jan 1864

|MOTHER: Melinda/Malinda Morgan

|Sarah Porterfield

|MOTHER: Nancy Kincannon 1st m Brooks

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN	GREAT GRAND CHILDREN

James Porterfield

SEX: M

B: 1791

M: 1819 to Jeannette Clark @ Probably Washington Co V

D: 1848 @ Probably Washington Co VA

6 Children

(1: Served War of 1812 but no official record. Owned and operated a large farm in Washington Co VA where he lived.)

(2: Married Jeannette Clark (1797-1867) daughter of James and Isabelle (Breckenridge) Clark of Washington Co VA)

MOTHER: Nancy Kincannon 1st ad Brooks

Elizabeth Porterfield

SEX: F

B: 1820 @ Probably Washington Co VA

D: 1838 @ Probably Washington Co.

0 Children

(1: Elizabeth died at age 18. Did not marry.)

MOTHER: Jeannette Clark

James Clark Porterfield

SEX: M

B: 1823

M: 1849 to Eleanor Hays Davis

D: 1895

10 Children

(1: None of the 10 children, James Clark Porterfield, Jane Ryburn Porterfield, Sarah Elizabeth Porterfield, John Davis Porterfield, Charles Lilburn Porterfield, Thomas Moffett Porterfield, Isabella Catharine Porterfield, Francis Hutton Porterfield, Mary Eleanor Porterfield, nor Malinda Morgan Porterfield married or had children.)

MOTHER: Jeannette Clark

Malinda Porterfield

SEX: F

B: 1825

D: 1828

0 Children

(1: Died age 3)

MOTHER: Jeannette Clark

PERSON	CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN	GRAND CHILDREN

|John Wilson Porterfield
 |SEX: M
 |B: 1828
 |2 Marriages
 |M: to Mary Ellen Rea
 |Widowed
 |RM: to Martha Campbell @ Probably Andrew Co
 |D: 1888 @ m
 |(1: John Wilson to Andrew Co MO by 1851. Read Porterfield Lines pages 459-462)
 |MOTHER: Jeannette Clark

|Lilburn Breckenridge Porterfield
 |SEX: M
 |B: 1854 @ 1830
 |M: 1854 to Rachel Buchanan
 |D: @ 1905
 |(1: Listed by Chataign as a leading farmer of Washington Co VA soon after the Civil War.
 |Eight children: Graham Crockett Porterfield, Margaret Eliza Porterfield, Lee Porterfield,
 |Thomas Buchanan Porterfield, Jennette Clark Porterfield, Albert Miller Porterfield, William
 |Breckenridge Porterfield, John Lilburn Porterfield.)
 |(2: See Frank Burke Porterfield)
 |MOTHER: Jeannette Clark

|Sarah Hutton Porterfield
 |SEX: F
 |B: 1832
 |M: to George Washington Greever
 |D: 1875
 |(1: With husband George Washington Greever owner and operator of Cherry Grove Farm and
 |Highland Stock Farms in Platte County, Missouri, and the Reserve Stock Farm in Wyandotte
 |County, Kansas. Husband served Civil War captain of 25th Missouri Cavalry, served Kansas
 |legislature, known as the man who made Kansas dry. Source: FBP The Porterfields)
 |MOTHER: Jeannette Clark

|Elizabeth Porterfield
 |SEX: F
 |(1: Little known of Ellen, Sarah, and Elizabeth daughters of John and Nancy (Kincannon) Porterfield.
 |Obit in Nashville Republican & State Gazette Fri. Dec 14 1832 "Miss Elizabeth Porterfield died in
 |Wash. Co, VA on the 6th instant." may be Elizabeth. Microfiche at Lgwm LDS library "Eleanor or Ellen
 |b. 2 Apr 1787 a. 8 Oct 1818 Abington Washington Co a. John Clark" may be Ellen)
 |MOTHER: Nancy Kincannon 1st md Brooks

SUSANNA PORTERFIELD
JACKSON COUNTY 1820

Seven Porterfield names appeared on the index for the 1820 Tennessee census schedule: Charles Porterfield and John Porterfield of Rutherford County, Samuel Porterfield and James Porterfield of Wilson County, Francis Porterfield of Lincoln County, and Susana Porterfield of Jackson County. Surprisingly the index and the microfilm copy of the 1820 Wilson County schedule listed another Porterfield name, John Porterfield of Statesville Tennessee whose family history has not been traced.

The lineage for both Susan Porterfield of Jackson County and John Porterfield of Statesville has not been determined. Charles and John were sons of James (1747-1811) grandsons of John Porterfield (1724-1786). Samuel Porterfield was a younger brother and James a son of James (1747-1811); Francis was the son of John Porterfield (1751-1833) who was the younger brother of James Porterfield (1747-1811).

Now, one bit of information from Margrett Porter Singleton may open a new avenue to researching Susanna Porterfield's identity. Margrett had this note among her records:

Young Family F. 841 pg. 775; Susanna Young (1775-1832)
m. John Porterfield. History of Smith County Tennessee -
986.

Margaret sent the record as a possible identification for John Porterfield of Statesville. However, the dates are conflicting since John Porterfield a contemporary of Susanna was living in Statesville, Wilson County during the same time period in which Susanna was living in Jackson County.

1820 census Susana Porterfield 26-45 no other females
Males 1 18-26, 1 16-18, 1 10-16
3 engaged in Agriculture
1820 census John Porterfield 26-45
Other Males 1 16-26, 3 10-16, 1 under 10
Females 1 26-45, 1 16-26 and 3 under 10
4 engaged in Agriculture, 1 in Manufactures

Since Jackson County was created from Smith County in 1801 it seems most likely that Susanna Young who married John Porterfield of Smith County Tennessee was Susana Porterfield of the 1820 Jackson County Tennessee census.

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THE NEXT SERIES OF PORTERFIELD FAMILY HISTORIES WILL BE OF THOSE
WHO MADE THEIR WAY TO TEXAS



PORTERFIELD LINES



Volume VI, Number 1

These "Lines" are written to, for, and by Porterfield descendants. It is our hope that sharing memories of our families, their aspirations, struggles, sorrows, and joys will bring life to the bare bones of genealogical facts and establish ties, through our love for them, which will draw us closer.

THESE CAME TO TEXAS

INTRODUCTION

Letters from the files of Evelyn Haynes should serve well as an introduction to tales of Porterfields who came to Texas. The letters were written by Helen Hurt and her father, Walter W. Porterfield, descendants of Samuel H. Porterfield.

Samuel H. Porterfield you will remember was the youngest son of James Porterfield (1746-1811) of Beverly, Augusta County VA, Abingdon, Washington County VA, and Wilson County TN. Samuel H. Porterfield was a peripetetic man, Justice of Peace in Wilson County Tennessee, Soldier in the War of 1812, Soldier of the Mexican-American War, accompanied General Zachary Taylor to Mexico. In 1852 he bought land in Ellis County Texas near Waxahachie. However, he was not the first Porterfield who became a Texas resident.

Samuel H. Porterfield's oldest son, James Fulton Porterfield, was the father of Helen Hurt's grandfather, Jefferson Davis. It is Helen and her father, Walter Wallace Porterfield (1885-1965) who wrote these letters.

Presenting excerpts from Helen Hurt's letter to Evelyn Haynes:

9-12-74

Sorry that I have waited so long to answer your letter but if I tried to explain I'm sure it would sound like I was making it up, so I'll just skip that. My brother in Waco had told me that he might be able to get another copy of "The Porterfields", and I have really been waiting to know about that.

As to your question about the Porterfield-Hooper feud, I can only remember hearing it mentioned once or twice--don't remember when or any details. I do have in my possession now the Porterfield book that belonged to my Dad. He had really studied it from front to back I think, and had made so many notations in it. I have a letter before me (from Him), written on 2-11-52, soon after he received the book I sent to him, telling me how much he was enjoying it. He goes on at length mentioning the various ones in the book, and quoting the page and their issue number, that he had known or heard about--many of them distant relatives of ours--and to quote him "Frank fails to record others I know of, so far as I can make out. There used to be number of them (the feuding and fighting bunch in Cass Co, Texas and Big Bob Porterfield as he was known..." Sorry I'm not more help, but maybe sometime we can really get together on it. Hope all are well and happy, and bless you all. Love--Helen

On 5-7-75 Helen Hurt sent copies of two letters from her father, Walter W. Hurt, to Evelyn Haynes. (Evelyn Haynes is a descendant of the Georgia Porterfields who came west to Hempstead County AR then removed to Cass County Texas; her husband was a second cousin to Helen Hurt through another family line.)

Letter from Walter W. Porterfield to Helen Hurt

"Fairy, Texas
2-11-1952

Dear Kiddos:

Well after so much delay, efforts and failures, I'll try again to reply to your letter of the 30th of last year. To offer apologies would be of no avail, (you could not eat nor smoke them) so will just call it pure negligence.

Well Sally don't live here anymore. (Helen's note: Sally was his car--he always had names for them). She moofed off and left last fall. Sure hated to see her leave, but she went, and--on her own feet and power. Had I known the law supposed to go in effect Jan. 1st would not, I probably would not have sold her, but as it is as yet, I could have got by with just a new battery and 2 tires, ie: for what driving I would have done. And I sure do need her once and a while.

Well about the Porterfield book. I've really enjoyed it "sumpin scanlous". But I fail to trace our family on out through the last 3 generations. My granddad comes from the Wilson County Tenn. stock, but the Samuel Campbell Porterfield

don't sound right to me as his father, though it may be: If I can get over to Waxahachie some time I'll go to the cemetery and find out, though I'm sure Aunt Jessie could tell. My granddad's name was Rufus Fulton (Ed. note: In next letter he corrects this to James Fulton), and his wife, Dad's mother, was Cassandra or Cassanda. Frank fails to carry out some of the other families too, but from what he has got together any one can readily see he has certainly made a noble effort, and deserves the highest praise and award.

The (4h) Matthew Alexander Porterfield P. 135 was a cousin to Granddad, and used to visit him and his boys, Sam and Ben (5b and 5f). Sam's son (6a) James Dennis stayed some time with us in Amarillo, and Lawrence, Louis and I were with him some bit in Lubbock in 1925; and Dad, Mother and I saw him in Dallas in 1937. His brother (6c) Herman also visited Gid Martin and I a short while one day as he was on his way to the army in World War I. He became a Captain. Then two of Cousin Alec's (4h) daughters married Martins (brothers), J.G. and G.M. G.M. was Gid Martin's dad. Gid is the one who was with us so long in Amarillo, and so much in Colo., and died there in L.A. in 1950.

Then on page 112 (5e) John Duff (5i) Frank Marion, and (5m) Geo. Monroe are the ones who settled around McGregor and Moody, Geo. visited Lawrence, Louie, and I in Hamilton and spent a night with us in 1923. I also saw him at Uncle Joe's funeral, and if you remember, I had a letter at Brownwood from Sherman just a short while before he died. And I've met two of his boys. His son (6g) P. 122 Hardy visited me while I was in the sanitarium at Waco, and I met (6h) Robert at Lamesa in 1925.

And Frank fails to record others I know of, so far as I can make out. There used to be numbers of them (the feudin and fighting bunch) in Cass Co. Texas, and Big Bob Porterfield as he was known, a very wealthy guy Of Fannin Co., Texas, and "deaf Jim" of Proctor and Dublin's Jim is the one who was walking down a street in Dublin crying at the age of 91 or 92, and when asked why crying said his Grandma just spanked him.

You can find Frank Burke (6b) page 210, born in the same year as I. He seems to spring from a brother of the father of the (3c) James-page 143. I've known a long time there was many of the animals, but did not know there were so many. I've not written Frank as yet but will try to when I learn more of Granddad's clan.

It's nearly bed time for me, so write soon.

Much love from
Dad

Letter from Walter W. Porterfield to Helen Hurt

Fairy, Texas
April 13, 1952

"Dear Kiddos:

Hi! Just don't go getting excited. It's just me, Dad-- Well, don't you know me? But just a word of explanation; though you can't eat apologies. Any way, I have been waiting, trying to learn something definite to tell you. But so far--very little progress.

I finally got over to Waxa. (Waxahachie). First off I learned my granddad's father is not buried there as I had thought, but in Tenn. where he went not long after the Civil war to take his slaves back to their native state, and he himself died there before he could return. I also find him to be Samuel H. in his land deeds and abstracts, dating from 1860, and that he married Jane Wallis (sometimes spelled Wallace) Patterson in 1832, who signs her name in all the transactions J.W. Porterfield.

In Frank's book, page 143, he lists issue of James Porterfield (4D) Samuel Campbell Porterfield who married a Jane Patterson. That is as close as we can link them. But it is also known that Granddad had an Aunt Julia and an Aunt Jane, which checks with Frank under issue of the James Porterfield of page 143. Also that Granddad had two sisters by name of Julia, who never lived in Texas, but who appeared in No. 4A, and signed the deeds to her share of Samuel H. farm to Granddad, also a sister Jane whose marriage license issued in Waxahachie, a copy of which is in the abstract of title.

Then, too, Lottie Patterson Barnett has raked up quite a tree of the Pattersons, and she finds a Jane Patterson married to Samuel H. Porterfield near Lebanon, Tenn. (county seat of Wilson) in this same year of 1832. So it may be we might have a starting point to come on down with.

[Frank Burke Porterfield, compiler of The Porterfields published in 1948, recorded that Samuel C Porterfield, oldest son of James and Ruth(a) (Campbell) Porterfield married Jane Patterson. That incorrect data delayed the completion of the lineage chart which Helen Hurt sought and led to confusion of the identity of the two men Samuel C. Porterfield and Samuel H. Porterfield. Editor's note.]

My great Grandmother's tombstone gives her death as June 17, 1883--age 75. No date of birth. My Granddad--James Fulton Porterfield was born Sept. 13, 1833, died Feb. 8, 1907, married Orpha Cassandra Donnell, born 1834, died April 5, 1890. No date of their marriage, but their oldest son, Samuel was born 1858, the year before they came to Texas, Dad--April 8, 1861--I don't know Uncle Eag's date, Uncle Joe, the youngest, in 1870 or 71. As yet I can't find out where the Alexanders and Wallace's come in but I remember in great-Grandmother's Bible records of a Porterfield and Wallace marriage, and that my Dad was either cousin or second cousin to the noted Texas pioneer and scoutman Big Foot Wallace, whom I was named for.

Anyway Orena is going to dig up what she can find out and let me know. Granddad's ol trunk is still there up stairs with some old records in it, she knows not what, and she is forbidden by her doctor to climb the stairs, but says she is going to get to that trunk, or it to her some way.

Well I think now that I'll be looking about getting a car to take to Seattle within the next two weeks...I've not tried about it yet as I want all danger of snow to be over, as I want to take the mountain route...either by Salt Lake City or Cheyenne and Sheridan or Cody, Wyo. And I don't care to get tied up in the snows of that far north...

Don't know that I would have any chance of a car, as I would not take one that distant and pay gas and oil, and some are requiring drivers to pay it all again, but allows you to take passengers, but I would not want that unless I could find one or someone who would want to travel only in day time... However, I might take on just a small part of night travel from here to Salt Lake City, or Cody or Sheridan, but beyond either of these points I would travel only be day as I've not been over it and would want to see the country in day light. It's got to where I've got to get several hundred yards from here to see any new country. And that's what I like to see.

Well, it's past my roosting time, and I don't know nothing nowhow, so had as well ring off.

So write real soon or I might not be here.

Much love, Dad

Helen Hurt made a notation on the letters that they were written to her while she and her husband lived in Los Angeles, California.

THESE PORTERFIELDS CAME TO TEXAS

It should not be surprising to learn that after five years of research, Porterfield Lines and its contributors have introduced lineages of most of the Porterfields whose descendants came to Texas before 1890.

The families are: 1. Descendants of Charles Porterfield of Rutherford/Cannon County TN, 2. Descendants of Samuel H. Porterfield of Wilson County TN, and 3. Descendants of David Porterfield of Guilford County NC (The Georgia Porterfields).

Of these the greatest number may be from the so-called Georgia Porterfields whom Walter W. Porterfield had heard of as the "feudin' and fightin' Porterfields of Cass County."

However, taking into account that Charles and Samuel Porterfield were sons of James Porterfield of Abington, Washington County Virginia, the total number of Virginia Porterfields might surpass that of the Georgia Porterfields.

The Texas list includes one descendant of Samuel Porterfield (1726-1789), the youngest of the seven Scottish brothers who came to America from Ireland with their sister in the first half of the eighteenth century. Samuel's line remained in the Pennsylvania-Ohio area before moving west. Descendants of his older sons moved westward to Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa; the youngest son John Porterfield removed to Pulaski County, Kentucky.

And then there are the few interesting but puzzling listings of our antecedents, the unknowns who make the search more challenging.

Regardless of which lineage produced the most Texans, the aspect which differentiates the Virginia Porterfields and the Georgia Porterfields is the pattern of their migration to Texas. The Virginia-Tennessee Porterfields removed to Texas primarily as individuals or in small family groups over a 30 year time period. The Georgia Porterfields who came to Texas seemed to have arrived en masse in Lafayette, Hempstead, and Columbia Counties of Arkansas between 1850 and 1860, removed to Cass County Texas between 1860-1870, and subsequently scattered to various localities in Texas one or two at a time.

There were always those who chose, for one reason or another, to remain in familiar surroundings. Porterfield Lines attempts to set the stage for each migration

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PORTERFIELDS IN TEXAS
FROM CENSUS RECORDS
1850, 1860, 1870

1850

Porterfield, Mathew	Travis	155	City of Austin
Portte, Mathew	Jefferson	234	

1860

Porterfield, J.	Fannin	199	Warren P.O.
Porterfield, J.F.	Ellis	021	Waxahatchie P.O.
Porterfield, M.A.	Karnes Co.	008	Helena P.O.
Porterfield, M.J.	Gonzales	080	Salt Stream
Porterfield, S.E.	Hopkins	138	White Oak P.O.
Portervin, Guillome	Dallas	385	Cedar Hill P.O.
Portier, B	Travis	287	City of Austin
Poterfield, Alex	Houston	243	Prairie P.O.

1870

Portarfield, William	Davis	082	4th Prect Douglasville
Pottison, Wm. R.	Austin	320	San Felipe
Potterson, John	Hill	400	Prect 1 Hillsboro
Porterfield, Charles	Walker	325	Prect 1 Huntsville
Porterfield, Martin	Travis	237	Austin
Porterfield, Mary	Davis	082	Douglasville
Porterfield, Nelson	Davis	083	4th Prect Douglasville
Porterfield, Sanders	Marion	377	Jefferson Beat 4
Porterfield, Thomas	Davis	083	4th Prect Douglasville
Porters, Minnie	Robertson	180	Prect 1 Calvert
Portersfield, William	Davis	096	4th Prect Douglasville
Portertels, Kinney W.	Lamar	315	Prect 3 Paris

PORTERFIELDS IN TEXAS
1880 CENSUS RECORDS

Cass County

A. Porterfield	162	E.D. 13	2 listings
E.D. Porterfield	174	E.D. 13	
G.M. Porterfield	174	E.D. 13	
J.H. Porterfield	162	E.E. 13	
J.N. Porterfield	155	E.D. 13	
J.T. Porterfield	174	E.D. 13	
Jame Porterfield	162	E.D. 13	
W.W. Porterfield	162	E.D. 13	
Martha Portifield	089	E.D. 10	

Porterfields in Texas--1880 census records (continued)

Dallas County

Milton Porterfield 057 E.D. 56

Denton County

Joe Porterfield 199 E.D. 108

Ellis County

James F. Porterfield 378 E.D. 45

Houston County

John A. Porterfield 330 E.D. 26

Wm. Z Porterfield 327 E.D. 26

Johnson County

J.A. Porterfield 376 E.D. 86

Marion County

Sandy Porterfield 391 E.D. 86

McLennan County

F.M. Porterfield 249 E.D. 119

J.D. Porterfield 249 E.D. 119

Red River County

A. W. Porterfield 228 E.D. 101

Somervell Co.

Nelson Poterfield 362 E.D. 147

Vandy Poterfield 362 E.D. 147

Travis County

Alex Porterfield 032 E.D. 122

Sam Porterfield 021 E.D. 121

Saul D. Porterfield 100 E.D. 124

(All possible spellings listed)

TEXAS PORTERFIELDS
BY COUNTIES

AUSTIN COUNTY

1870 Pattison, Wm. R 320 San Felipe

CASS COUNTY

1880 PORTERFIELD, A. 162 (two listings), E.D. 174, G.M. 174,
J.H. 162, J.N. 155, J.T.174, Jame 162, W.W. 162 Porterfield,
ED 13; Martha Portifield 089 ED 10

DALLAS COUNTY

1880 Milton Porterfield 057 E.D. 56

DAVIS COUNTY

1870 William Portarfield 082 4th Precinct Douglassville
1870 Mary " 082 4th Precinct Douglassville
1870 William Portersfield 096 4th Precinct Douglassville
1870 Nelson " 083 4th Precinct Douglassville
1870 Thomas Porterfield 083 4th Precinct Douglassville

DENTON COUNTY

1880 Joe Porterfield 199 E.D. 108

ELLIS COUNTY

1860 J.F. Porterfield 021 Waxahatchie P.O.
1870 Census not found
1880 James F. Porterfield 378 E.D. 86

FANNIN COUNTY

1860 J. Porterfield 199 Warren P.O.

GONZALES COUNTY

1860 M. J. Porterfield (Female) 080 Salt Stream P.O.

HILL COUNTY

1870 John Potterson 400 Precinct 1, Hillsboro

HOPKINS COUNTY

1860 S.E. Porterfield (Female) 138 White Oak P.O.

HOUSTON COUNTY

1860	Alex Potterfield	243	Prairie P.O.
1880	John A.	330	E.D. 26
1880	Wm. Z.	327	E.D. 26

JOHNSON COUNTY

1880	J.A. Porterfield	376	E.D. 86
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KARNES COUNTY

1860	M.A. Porterfield	008	HH 1019 Family 962
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LAMAR COUNTY

1870	Portertels, Kinney W.	315	Paris Beat 3
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MARION COUNTY

1870	Sanders Porterfield	377	Jefferson Beat 4
1880	Sandy Porterfield	391	E.D. 86

MCCLENNAN COUNTY

1880	F.M. Porterfield	249	E.D. 119
1880	J.D. Porterfield	249	E.D. 119

RED RIVER COUNTY

1880	A.W. Porterfield	228	E.D. 101
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ROBERTSON COUNTY

Minnie Porters	180	Calvert Precinct 1
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SOMERVILLE COUNTY

1880	Nelson Porterfield	362	E.D. 147
1880	Vandy Porterfield	362	E.D. 147

TRAVIS COUNTY

1850	Matthew Porterfield	155	City of Austin
1860	B. Portiere	287	City of Austin
1870	Martin Porterfield	237	City of Austin
1880	Alex Porterfield	037	E.D. 122
1880	Sam Porterfield	021	E.D. 121
1880	Saul D. Porterfield	100	E.D. 124

WALKER COUNTY

1870	Charles Porterfield	325	Huntsville Precinct 1
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THESE PORTERFIELDS CAME TO TEXAS

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES PORTERFIELD OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY

MATTHEW ALEXANDER PORTERFIELD

The distinction of having the earliest Porterfield record of residency in Texas belongs to a descendant of Charles Porterfield, oldest son of James Porterfield (1747-1811) of Wilson County TN.

Matthew Alexander Porterfield, eighth child, fifth son of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, moved to Texas sometime between 1844 and 1846. Texas was annexed to the U.S. December 29, 1845, so he may have been living in Austin, Texas when it became the capital of the state. He is listed in the 1850 census, the first census for the state of Texas:

Page 155, City of Austin, County of Travis
Matthew Porterfield, age 33, M. Carpenter, Real estate value \$1000, born in Tennessee
Elizabeth Porterfield, age 28, F, born in Tennessee
Franklin Porterfield, age 6, M, born in Mississippi
Mary Porterfield, age 4, F, born in Texas
Charles Porterfield, age 2, M, born in Texas
William Porterfield, 2/12, M, born in Texas
(Note: M. Carpenter means Master Carpenter)

Matthew Alexander Porterfield married three, perhaps four, times. There is no record of children for his first marriage to Mary Davis in Hardeman County Tennessee. They were married 4 Oct 1838 by R.H. McNees, J.P. Though not mentioned by name, Matthew and Mary, may have been the younger couple living with William Calvin and his wife in Hardin County, 1840.

1840 Hardin County TN census p. 250:

William C. Porterfield

Males Under 5 yrs. 2; 20 to 30 yrs. 1; 30-40 yrs. 1

Females Under 5 yrs. 1; 20 to 30 yrs. 1; 30 to 40 yrs. 1

The children of William Calvin and Ursula M. (Graham) Porterfield were Thomas 5, Sarah J. 3, and James Matthias 1. Charles Lockhart Porterfield, next older brother and his family lived close by.

It is evident that Matthew/Alex had left his Rutherford County home long before he was listed on the Stone's River Presbyterian Church roll with the notation: "Matthew A. Porterfield, stricken for absence, 10-1844"

By 1860 Matthew had moved to Karnes County and remarried.

1860 Census Karnes County, Helena P.O., p. 8,

Household 1019, Family 962:

M. A. Porterfield, age 42, M, Master Carpenter, Real estate value \$3000, Personal property value \$500, born TN.

M. Porterfield, age 23, F, born in Tennessee

Mary J., age 14, F, born in Texas

Susan, age 4/12, F, born in Texas

None of the children of the 1850 or 1860 census rolls were on Frank Burke Porterfield's list of siblings, which begins with Ellen Elizabeth Porterfield, b. 1859, married J.C. Martin, and includes Samuel Thomas Porterfield (b. 1862), Kate Lee Porterfield (1865-1910), Emma Lou Porterfield (1867-1881), William Leonidas Porterfield (1870-72), and Benjamin Duff Porterfield. FBP lists wives as Mary Janes Forbes and Miriam Priscilla Brown, giving no date for either marriage.

An 1870 census record for "Martin Porterfield" should be "Matthew Porterfield" who had returned to Travis County.

1870 Travis Co. P.O. Austin p. 237 Dwelling 478 Family 520:
Porterfield Martin (Matthew), age 54, M, Carpenter. Real Estate Value \$21,500, Personal Property Value \$2150 b. TN
Miriam, age 33, F, Keeping House, b. Mississippi,
Ellen, age 10, F, b. Texas, Samuel, age 8, M, b. Texas,
Kate, age 5, F, b. Texas, Louise 2, F., b. Texas.

Matthew and Miriam remained in Travis County 1870 to 1880.

1880 census Polling place No. 7 Travis Co Tx enumerated
June 5 E.E. 122 p 032:
Porterfield, Alex 64, Occupation Farmer born in Tennessee,
no information on birthplace of father or mother.
Miriam Wife age 43 b in TX, parents b TN, TN
Ella Daughtr age 19 b in TX
Sam Son age 18 b in TX
Kate Dau age 14 b in TX
Louise Dau age 12 b in TX
Ben D. Son age 3 b in TX

A son William Leonidas had been born 1870, died 1872. (FBP)

(FBP records that Matthew Alexander served in the C.S.A. Inquiries to be made.)

The burning question in the account of Matthew Alexander's life is "What happened to the children of the 1850 and 1860 census records?" and "Who was Elizabeth Porterfield, 28 years old in 1850, born in Tennessee? The children's names (1850) were Franklin Porterfield, 6 in 1850, born in Mississippi; Mary Porterfield, 4 in 1850, born in Texas; Charles Porterfield 2 in 1850 born in Texas; and William Porterfield, 2 months old in 1850, born in Texas. Additional questions from the 1860 census are similar. Who was M. Porterfield, 23 in 1860 and the two children of the household, Mary J. Porterfield, 14 in 1860 and Susan, 4 months in 1860?

A Gonzales County Texas 1860 census may have a bearing on the identity of Mary Porterfield who is reported living with Matthew Alexander in 1850 and 1860.

P.O. Salt Stream Gonzales Co. Texas En June 15, 1860.
Page 080 Dwelling 146, Family 133.

J.P. Barnett	25,	M	Farmer	Real Estate \$1000,
Personal Property Value	\$5000	b. in Texas		
Margaret Barnett	23	F	Mississippi	
M.J. Porterfield	13	F	Texas	
A.C.(?) James	8	M	do	

Other census records show that the Barnett families may have lived in Texas since 1840. Could it be that this is another instance in which an orphaned child is reported in two separate domiciles and that Mary with Matthew Alexander, daughter of a previous marriage is reported as living with him and at the same time living with relatives.

Two other 1880 census records for Travis County exist. How they fit into family lineage is uncertain.

An 1880 Travis County TX census p. 21 E.D. 121 lists Sam Porterfield, age 20, as a farm laborer in the family of E.S. Mathews 51, farmer b. in TN, and E. Julia Mathews 41 b. in Ill. who have in their household 8 Mathews children, Mary H., Geo S, Lou, Julia B, Steele? O, Ollie H, Decolb T, and nephews C.M. Monroe and W.M. Monroe, 22 and 19, and a neice, Kate M. Monroe 17. The Monroes were all born in TX.

An 1880 Precinct No. 3 Travis County TX census p. 100 E.D. 124 Dwelling 337, Family No. 341, State Lunatic Asylum, lists Saul D. Porterfield, White male, age 21 His occupation is listed as Farmer and his ailment described as Dementia. He is classified as Deaf & Dumb and Insane. What great tragedies of life this insane asylum held. The list of patients is 7 and 1/2 pages long. We are especially saddened to think of Saul D. Porterfield (as listed in index, name might read Sam D.) whose deafness and accompanying dumbness might have led to his being considered insane and consequently relegated to an asylum. A note along the sides of the pages reads "No record kept at this Asylum."

JOHN ALEXANDER PORTERFIELD

John Alexander Porterfield was the grandson of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, and the fourth child, first son of Charles Lockhart and Nancy/Jane (Dixon) Porterfield. Charles Lockhart was the third son, fourth child of Charles and Jane. He and his younger brother, William Calvin, had removed from Rutherford/Cannon County TN westward to Hardin County TN, living near Savannah, the county seat.

The 1840 record for William Calvin Porterfield, is written on p. 250 of that census; the 1840 census record for Charles Lockhart Porterfield is found on Page 238.

Charles L. Porterfield

Males Under 5 yrs. 1; 30 to 40 years 1

Females Under 5 yrs. 2, 5 to 10 yrs. 1, 20 to 30 yrs. 1

The children of Charles L. and Mary/Nancy Jane Dixon were, daughters Elizabeth J. 6, Frances J. 4, Martha J. 2, and son John Alexander newly born.

After the death of Charles Lockhart in 1854 and Mary/Nancy Jane in 1857, John Alexander Porterfield removed to Houston County TX. From Wayne Beeler's FGS and 1992 article, we learned that only one child, a daughter, stayed in Hardin County, the others removed to Arkansas and Texas. (See References below.)

Families usually moved in groups in those early days. We have told the story of those family members who removed to Arkansas in articles written in PL January and February 1992. Those who moved to Texas were John Alexander's oldest sister Elizabeth J. Porterfield and her husband Wm. Robbins, his youngest sister Septimia Ellen/Eleanor Porterfield who married James Howard Russell, and younger brothers Charles S. D. Augustus Porterfield b. 1847, and Wm. Zaccheus Porterfield b. 1852.

(Frances J. m. Zachariah Frank, moved to AR. Martha J. m. Frank Frank, remained Hardin Co TN, Sara Catherine moved to AR, Nancy A. moved AR with sister Frances J. Frank.)

Fortunately there are a few early Texas census records for members of this family. The first for 1860 Houston Co., P.O. Prairie lists all those who came to Texas. From the birth dates of the Robbins children they arrived sometime between 1856 and 1859. They were living in adjacent dwellings:

Page 243, 505, 474 Beat No. 5 Houston Co., P.O. Prairie
Wm. R. Robbins, age 33, M, Farmer, Real Estate Value \$2440
Personal Property Value \$425, born in Tennessee
Elizabeth Porterfield, age 27, F, Housewife, born in Tennessee
Coronelia Porterfield, age 9, F, born in Tennessee
Nancy Porterfield, age 7, F, born in Tennessee
Mary Porterfield, age 4, F, born in Tennessee
Alice Porterfield, F, age 1, born in Texas

Page 243, 506, 475 Beat No. 5 Houston Co., P.O. Prairie
Alex Porterfield, age 20, M, Farmer, Personal Property Value \$600, born in Tennessee
Eleanor Porterfield, age 14, F, born in Tennessee
Chas Porterfield, age 11, M, born in Tennessee
Wm Porterfield, age 9, M, born in Tennessee

In 1870, Charles, 20, was living with William and Elizabeth Robins in Walker Co. south of Houston Co. 1870 census records for others have not been found.
 1870 Census Walker Co. Precinct 1, P.O. Huntsville, July 11
 Page 325, 305, 305:

Robins, William 42, Miller, Personal Property Value \$500, born in Tennessee
 Robins, Elizabeth 36, Keeping House, born in Tennessee
 Robins, Cornelia 18, at House, born in Tennessee
 Robins, Jenny? 16, at School, born in Tennessee
 Robins, Alice, 10, at home, born in Texas
 Robins, Edgar, 8, at home, born in Texas
 Robins, Georgia, 2, AT home, born in Texas
 Porterfield, Charles, 20, Mill hand, born in Tennessee

John Alexander fought with the C.S.A. in Co. B 13th Texas Cavalry. We were informed by Wayne Beeler that he was thrice married, thrice widowed. He was married in 1866 to Elizabeth Ann Ellis at Houston Co. TX, after her death remarried in 1878 Sarah Texanna Ellis who died in 1879, then remarried in 1880 to Margaret Jane Squires.

Two 1880 census returns report changes. Septimia Ellen/Eleanor Porterfield had married James H. Bussell (Russell?) ca 1868; they continued to live in Houston County as did Wm. Z.

1880 Houston Co. TX Precinct No. 4 330 E.D. 26, 119, 119:

Bussell, James H.	age 34, Farmer	born TN	Parents b PA, TN
S. Ellen	age 33 wife	born TN	
Nancy M	age 11 dau	born TX	
A.A.	age 9 son	born TX	
Edney F.	age 7 dau	born TX	
Porterfield, Jno. A.	10 mos. nephew	born TX	
Wichard/Willard(?)	Henry White Male	Boarder	Farm Labor b TX

1880 Houston Co. TX Precinct NO. 4 327 E.D. 26, 41, 41

Porterfield Wm. Z. White Male age 28, single, Farmer born in TN

Jno. A. Porterfield living with the Bussell's was most likely the child of John Alexander and Sarah Texanna Ellis, deceased. By 1880 Alex had remarried to Margaret Jane Squires. The older children, siblings of John Alexander and Elizabeth Ann Ellis, lived with John Alexander and Margaret Jane. Their home was in Johnson County Texas.

1880 J.A. Porterfield Johnson County 376 E.D. 86, 157, 167

Porterfield, J.A. White Male age 40 Farmer born in TN
M.J. White Female age 26 born in Texas Father LA
Weldon White Male 12, son, works on farm, b. TX
Flora White Female age 9, dau, school b. TX
Hardie, White Male age 7, b. TX

The FGS sent Porterfield Lines by Wayne Beeler named 11 children for John Alexander. After marrying Mary Jane Squires, he took his family to Rising Star, Eastland Co. Texas. Charles S. D. Augustus Porterfield died in 1878 in Houston County. (Beeler FGS)

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CHARLES LOCKHART AND NANCY/JANE (DIXON) PORTERFIELD WHO CAME TO TEXAS: JOHN ALEXANDER PORTERFIELD, ELIZABETH J. (PORTERFIELD) ROBBINS, SEPTEMIA ELLEN//ELEANOR (PORTERFIELD) RUSSELL, CHARLES S.D. AUGUSTUS PORTERFIELD, AND WM. ZACCHEUS PORTERFIELD.

BROTHERS JOHN DUFF PORTERFIELD AND FRANK MARION PORTERFIELD

Recital of the history of the brothers John Duff Porterfield, Frank Marion Porterfield and other family members would require numerous pages of this publication. Grandsons of Charles Porterfield, they were sons of John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Of the five oldest sons of Charles and Jane (Duff) Porterfield, Harvey D., second oldest, moved to Illinois before 1830, where he remained until his death. John Duff, oldest son, accompanied Harvey D. to Illinois and lived there for a time, and perhaps in Hardin County Tennessee, before settling in Marshall County Mississippi. Their younger brothers Charles Lockhart and William Calvin left Rutherford County in the 30's and they are listed on the 1840 Hardin County census. Records of the marriage of Matthew Alexander, fifth son, to Mary Davis in neighboring Hardeman County; 4 Oct 1838, lead to the surmial that the younger couple living with William Calvin and his wife in 1840 were Matthew Alexander and Mary. (1830, 1840 Sangamon Co Illinois census, 1840 Hardin Co Tennessee census, 1840 Marshall Co Mississippi census).

Tying this account to other data: Their mother, Jane (Duff) Porterfield, died 17 Nov 1830. Their father, Charles Porterfield, remarried 26 March 1832 to Mariah Ellen Buckley. Three children were born to this marriage. Charles Porterfield died 17 July 1839.

As noted above the whereabouts of John Duff Porterfield and his family from 1830 to 1840 is somewhat of a mystery. The 1830 Sangamon Co Illinois census bears his name next to that of his brother, Harvey D. There is also an 1830 Hardin Co Tennessee census showing J.B. Porterfield 20-30 with two females, 15-20 and 20-30 as residents and a Hardin County court record naming John Houston and John D. Potterfield as administrators for John Hannah--died before 15 Dec. 1834.

The family is shown in residence in the 1840, 1850, and 1860 Marshall County Mississippi census schedules. All but three of their living children were still at the home of their parents John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield. Their oldest daughter Elizabeth Jane and next oldest son William Claude had married and established their own households.

Their fourth son, James Henry had moved to Arkansas and, unmarried, was working as a Master Carpenter with a crew of carpenters there, living in the home of his boss, Lewis S. Reed and his wife, Lydia S. Reed.

The lives of the family took a dramatic twist after 1860 when son James Henry, as a Union soldier, fought his brothers and his former neighbors in Holly Springs where he had been raised. John Duff the elder (1803-1879), was a recruiter for the Confederate Army and five of the brothers, including John Duff (1836-1900) and Frank Marion (1845-1914) had enlisted in the C.S.A. Later lives of these three brothers were intertwined and it is John Duff and Frank Marion and descendants of James Henry who became the Moody, McGregor County, Texas Porterfields.

The Diary of Sargent James Henry Porterfield as transcribed by H. Don Porterfield, descendant, has been presented in this publication. Reading the story can only impress upon us the ties that bind families together despite circumstances which might tear them apart.

After the Civil War, James Henry Porterfield and Francis/Frank Marion Porterfield moved to Arkansas and after the death of Frank Marion's wife, Josephine Aden, he and his young son moved into the home of James Henry, his older brother. The household is recorded in the census schedule for 1870 Jefferson County Arkansas P.O. Pine Bluff. Frank Marion married Jane/Florence Ann Moffett, a young ward of James Henry. An article "The Civil War and the Family of John Duff and Elizabeth (Donohoo) Porterfield" (PL 299-301) summarizes the years in which the family lived in Mississippi.

James Henry, quite ill from malaria even during his army service, died in 1879. He had married Missouri Hastletine Hardeman by whom he had three children, remarried to Martha Jane Goldman by whom he had two sons.

Of this family, these children of John Duff and Elizabeth (Donohoo) Porterfield of Holly Springs, Mississippi came to Texas: JOHN DUFF PORTERFIELD, FRANK MARION PORTERFIELD, MARY ELIZABETH (PORTERFIELD) BRITTON, and GEORGE MONROE PORTERFIELD. Also, the WIDOW OF JAMES HENRY PORTERFIELD, MARTHA JANE GOLDMAN, who brought two of his sons, OLIVER KING PORTERFIELD, b. 1877, and JAMES ARTHUR PORTERFIELD b. 1880, with her.

1880 CENSUS RECORDS

John Duff Porterfield and Frank Marion Porterfield were the first of this branch of the family who came to Texas. John Duff is reported by FBP to have been living in Garland, Tipton County, Tennessee in 1874. (Tipton County is bordered by the Mississippi River on the west.) If so, Frank Marion and his young bride, Florence Ann Moffett, arrived in Texas earlier than his brother. Frank Marion and Florence Ann were married the 12th of May, 1872 at Jefferson County, Arkansas and became Texas residents in April 1873.

Census enumeration District 119 McClennan County Texas, June 11, 1880 shows they were living side by side. Next door were John T. and Georgia Reed, with their daughter Rachel, 1 year old. (PE 310)

James Henry Porterfield, brother to John Duff and Frank Marion died in 1879 in Pine Bluff Arkansas and is buried there. Census Enumeration District 98 page 23 Calvert TWP, Grant County Arkansas, 2nd July 1880, reveals that his second wife, Jane (Goldman) Porterfield, and his children from marriages to Jane Goldman and his first wife, Missouri Hastletine (Hardeman) Porterfield, took refuge in the home of Missouri's father and mother, D. C. and Jane (Orr) Hardeman. (PL 309). The names of five Porterfield children are given on the 1880 Arkansas census: H. H. M., age 12, Lulu L., F., age 10, Jessie J., F., age 8. Oliver K., M., age 2, and James, M., 2 months old. James was James Arthur, youngest son of James Henry who died before his son was born. He married Rachel Reed, daughter of John T. and Georgia Reed, neighbors of John Duff and Frank Marion Porterfield, who were his uncles.

Jane Goldman moved to Texas about 1884 bringing her sons, Oliver and James Arthur, and her step-daughter, Lula. Two other step-children, children of Missouri and James Henry, died young: Henry Hardeman Porterfield (1867-1885) and Jessie Jane Porterfield (1872-1886). It is not clear whether they moved with her or remained with the Hardemans in Arkansas.

Mary Elizabeth (Porterfield) Britton had married David Britton of Potts Camp Mississippi. They moved from their Mississippi home to Texas. George Monroe Porterfield, youngest son of John Duff and Eliza (Donohoo) Porterfield, also moved to Texas but in 1880 he was still living in Marshall County Mississippi, most likely very near his older brother William Claude Porterfield. George married Nancy Catherine Culwell in 1872 and on this census is listed as George Porterfield, White Male, age 28, born in Mississippi. His wife Nannie is 22, born in Mississippi and their children are Theophilus, a son, age 6 born in Mississippi and Fanny, a daughter, age 4, born in Mississippi. (PL 190). Our research has not yet determined when Mary Elizabeth (Porterfield) Britton and George Monroe Porterfield moved to Texas.

FMW

Though the articles above are brief, it is not possible nor prudent to repeat all the genealogical data printed at an earlier time in this publication.

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A list of corrections is being prepared for publication in Porterfield Lines. Absent minded mistakes have occurred occasionally (yes, I admit to being absent a mind fairly often in my private life) and vital information is sometimes overlooked. For example, on page 468 in the article "Descendants of Samuel Porterfield of Westmoreland County," Lumaga? Clemson was reported as the grandfather of Mable and Georgia Porterfield (they were on the 1880 Soundex as grandchildren of Lumaga? Clemson.) I now know from a county history that Lumaga was a grandmother not a grandfather. More on those Missouri Porterfields in the future. FMW

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