

**2nd W. Va. Calvary Rgmt.***(Continued From Page 12.)*

was disbanded, was listed as age 6 in the 1850 Census, which means that he, like Arvi Joseph BOBO, was very likely under age at the time of enlistment.

Another DUNKLE, Perley, was 19 when he enlisted on Nov. 8, 1861, and re-enlisted on Jan. 1, 1864. He attained the rank of sergeant.

Arvi Joseph BOBO was listed as age 19 when he enlisted on Nov. 8, 1861. He re-enlisted on March 25, 1864. Though he held the rank of Sergeant at one time, he was mustered out as a Private.

Among those members of Company D listed as killed in action or died as a result of wounds in action was Private Granville C. BOBO, who died March 23, 1863, in Charleston, W. Va. We have no additional information. Corporal David C. LOWRY died on March 28, 1863, at Camp Piatt, Va., and Private Courtney LOWRY died on Aug. 12, 1863, in Vinton County, Ohio, of typhoid fever. The LOWRYs are associated with the BOBOs in the family history.

**BOBO Assn. Dues Now Payable**

Annual dues for The BOBO Family Assn. for the period from June 1, 1994, to May 31, 1995, are now due and payable. Several have mailed in their dues in the past few weeks and have received receipts for their payments. Dues are used to cover printing and mailing costs for the quarterly newsletter and other postage costs for the association.

Publication and mailing costs for this and the previous issue of *The BOBO Roots-Cellar* have been paid for with dues left when publication was suspended in 1991.

Annual dues are:

**\$25 for Individual or Family Memberships and include individuals or a husband and wife and minor children living at home or students away for studies.**

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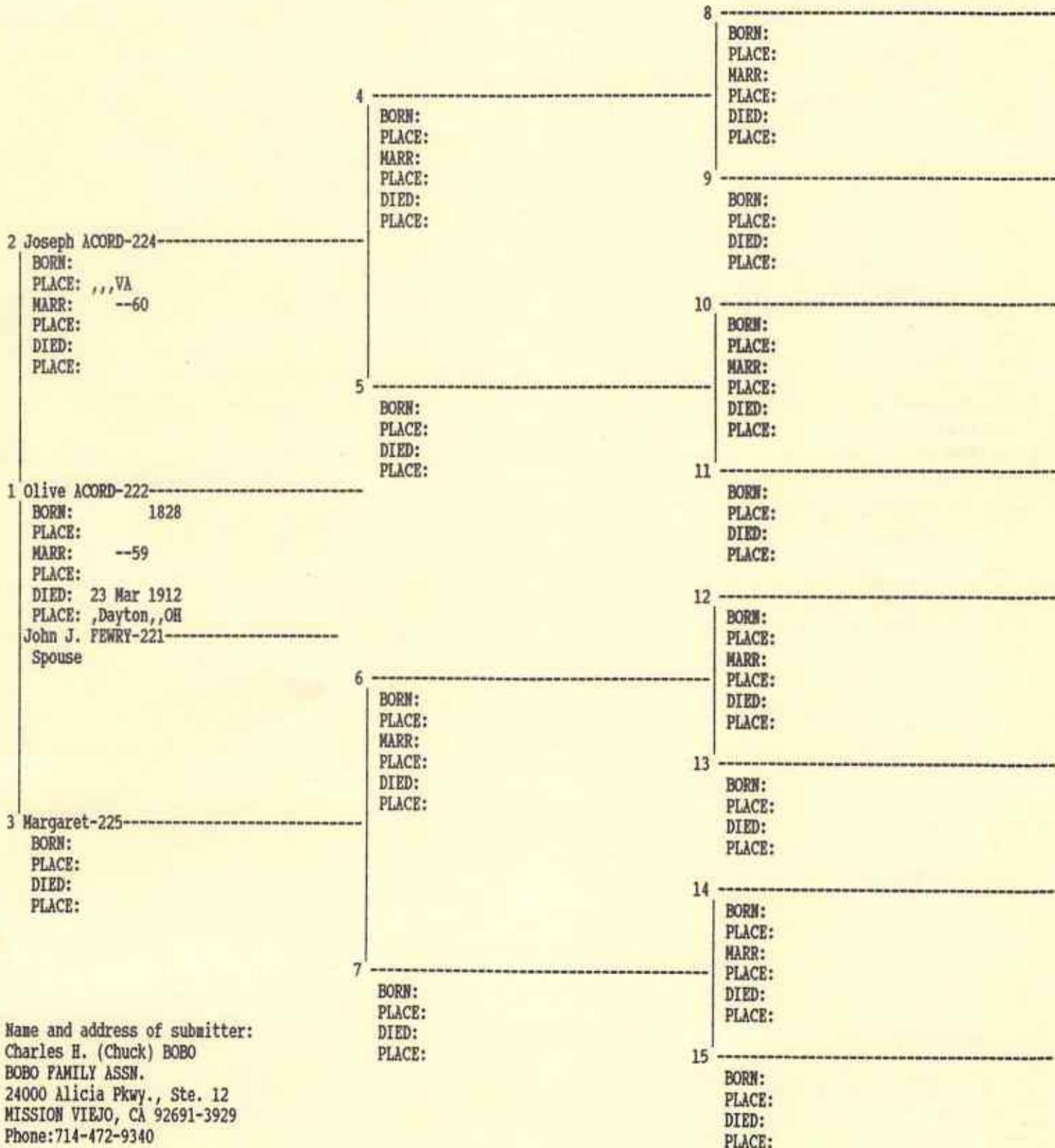
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24 Feb 1994

Chart no. 3

Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 11 on chart no. 1



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January 12, 1889

Dear children, I am  
able to write to you to  
to let you know how I am  
I think I am on the mend  
but it is so slow that I  
cant hardly notice it, I  
sit up most all the time  
and so can read & sleep  
tolerable good nits without  
morphine. the doctor dont  
want me to have it, my  
appetite is good but the  
trouble is I am bloated so  
he says as my stomach  
down I like my girl  
awful well she is just  
the one I want. I am heart  
is waiting to hear from  
you soon my love to all  
write soon from  
your mother Maiden name  
Wade  
S.S. Bobo

Postcard from Susan Sophie BOBO to her daughter, Fannie (or Fanny) Lieuetta BOBO ROBERTSON, written on 12 Jan. 1889, the day before Susan's death.

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all write soon from your mother  
S.S. Bobo"

Fannie was in the habit of writing notes on letters and cards, according to Donna. Noted on this card in parenthesis was (Maiden name Wade) and (Susan Samantha), which conflicts with our understanding that Susan's middle name was Sophie.

In her first letter, Donna relates that she received information on the BOBO Family Assn. and the newsletter from Laura Myrtle BOBO SYLER. This is a good example of how we can make contact with other relatives and share family information.

Donna writes in a later letter, "My grandmother, Fannie Lieuetta (BOBO), as a

young girl, told of going to the woods with her father, Henry BOBO, to help him gather herbs and roots which were sold to make medicine. She in turn taught my mother Lena Gertrude ROBERTSON the names of roots and herbs and what they were good for. Ironic isn't it, you named the newsletter 'BOBO Roots-Cellar.'"

From some of the research done by David Henry BOBO, son of Thomas Denver BOBO; grandson of Arvi Joseph; and great grandson of Henry BOBO, we learn more about this ancestor and his untimely death.

Henry was born on 26 Sept. 1821 in Athens County, Ohio; a son of Isreal BOBO and Margaret GRAHAM BOBO, according to David's research material and information in his death notice. He was married on 9 Aug. 1843 in Athens County to Susan Sophie (or Samantha) WADE. The marriage ceremony was performed by his brother-in-law, Jonathan BRINE, an Elder in the Christian Church (E.C.C.), according to Garth O. and Jane E. HALL of New Berlin, Wis.

According to Miss Anna Darby, historian of the First Christian Church of McArthur, Henry and Susan BOBO became members of that congregation in 1871.

According to the death record for Henry in the courthouse at McArthur, Ohio, Henry died 20 April 1887, aged 65 years, four months and 24 days. In that case, his birth would have been 28 Nov. 1821. This date is the one on the gravestone and would more likely be correct for his birth month, David concludes. The death record attributes his death to drowning.

David writes, "When I met his great neice, Mrs. Julia SALTS, at McArthur several years ago, I mentioned that I understood he died by drowing.

"She replied, 'Yes, poor Uncle Henry, he never knew when to stop drinking.'"

David continues, "Mrs. Lou HUFFMAN of Indianapolis, another great neice, remembers Henry and says he was a small-like man, who, when a little inebriated would introduce himself by saying, 'I am Henry BOBO; Susan Sophie is my wife; and Arvi is my little boy.'

"She tells me he was drowned in Raccoon Creek just below the bridge west of Zaleski near the Vanderford farm. It was supposed that he was drinking and had started home in that neighborhood and missed the bridge and walked into the creek.

"The old bridge is easily located and I have pictures of that place," David explains.

"Cousin Frank BUTTON also remembers the event and says the creek was at flood stage at the time and that the body remained in the water for some time (many hours or a matter of days) before it was recovered. When it was recovered, the feet had swollen so much that the shoes had to be cut off," David relates. "I think Frank's father -- also Frank BUTTON -- cut them off," David adds.

At this time, we do not have much information on property owned by Henry. Land records show that Henry and Susan had deeded six acres of ground to Bert and Ella BOBO MANKEY shortly before Ella's death, and they had just sold their farm a few days before Henry's death.

It is also noted that in some of David's papers he refers to his great grandfather as Henry B. BOBO, giving no name for the middle initial.

David's material lists four other children of Henry and Susan.

Ella L. BOBO was married to Henry C. MANKEY, and they had one child, a son, Bert, who was raised in the BOBO family after his mother's death. (Editor's Note --We plan to develop a story later on Bert, who married a BROCKWAY.)

Donna SMITH sent a copy of the death notice for Ella. It reads:

MANKEY -- At the Tinkham House, in Zaleski, Ohio, at 4:30 on Monday morning, May 6, 1878, of Consumption, Mrs. Ella L. MANKEY, wife of H.C. MANKEY, aged 25 years, 11 months and 6 days.

The deceased was a daughter of Henry BOBO, of Elk township. Her illness was long--very long--and very patiently did she bear her suffering. Her departure has left a vacancy in her little family and in the social circle which no earthly object can fill.

Gone from the lovely spots where Ella loved to stay,

With brightening hopes, till age has taken her soul away;

Gone to the realm which Jesus' precious blood had bought,

Where 'mid still higher bliss the earth has passed from thought.

Henry and Susan's other daughters were:

Lovina M. BOBO, who was age two in the 1860 census. David relates, "Lena LIGGETT



Ella L. BOBO MANKEY

says that Lovina was a beautiful, spirited and red haired girl. She liked to go dancing and, for the sake of her beauty, would not dress warmly enough and contracted tuberculosis.

"After becoming ill, she wished to be baptised and the minister broke the ice on the creek and baptised her.

"James ROBERTSON, who later married Fannie BOBO, was first in love with Lovina," according to information from David.

Elizabeth J. BOBO, apparently died as a child. She was five months old in the 1860 census, according to David.

Fannie Lieuetta BOBO was born 28 March 1867 and died 5 Oct. 1934. She was married to James Ellsworth ROBERTSON on 24 Dec. 1885, according to her granddaughter, Donna C. SMITH, who has tintypes of the wedding party, including Henry and Susan.

(We plan an article on Fannie in a future Roots-Cellar.) -- Charles H. BOBO

## We Get Letters

**T**he BOBO Family Assn. and The Roots-Cellar receives many letters from its readers, and we welcome them. When the letters are of general interest to our readers, we will reprint them in this "Letters" Column. The letters may be edited because of space limitations.

Dear Cousin Charles,

Just a few lines to let you know what I have been doing.

First, I have been compiling a family for Joseph BOBO, Isreal's youngest child. I was researching the 1870 census for Elk Township, Vinton County, Ohio, enumerated 2 June 1870. On Page 53-B, Family No. 34, I find Julia BOBO, head of the household, age 36, value of real estate \$4,000 and value fo personal property, \$3,695.

She was born in Ohio. There were also seven children in the home: Francis, 13 years (M), born in Kentucky; Alonzo V., 12, (M) born in Kentucky; Ada B., 11, (F), born in Kentucky; Alice D. 9, (F), born in Ohio; Carrie Le, 7, (F), born in Ohio (the name is somewhat indistinct); Anna L., 6, (F), born in Ohio; and Frederick, 4, (M), born in Ohio.

After finding this and three of the children were born in Kentucky, I went to the 1860 census, and in Lewis County, Kentucky, on Page 854, on 7 July 1860, family No. 877 is Joseph BOBO, 33 years, born in Ohio, a farmer with real estate value of \$5,600 and a personal value of \$650.

Also there is a wife, Julia A., 27, born in Ohio and three children: Francisco, 3, (M) born in Kentucky; Alonzo, 2, (M), born in Kentucky; and Ada D., 11 months, (F), born in Kentucky. Editor's Note--Apparentlay Francis and Francisco are the same.

I haven't found a marriage record for them. I am going to do some checking in Kentucky. I also am going to try to follow her and the children on the 1880 and 1900 censuses. Lewis County, Ky., is right on the Ohio border, just south of Vinton County.

Also, while I was in the Vinton County, Ohio, census records for 1860, 1870 and 1880, I find that Ezekeil BOBO and Sarah must have been estranged for quite some time, because in the 1860 census on Page



One of the last photos of the children of John Pearl BOBO and Julia Ann (Dolly) SCRUGGS BOBO. From left to right: Joseph Sterling BOBO, Emma Mabel BOBO CUNNINGHAM, Clara Belle BOBO PHILLIPS SAMMETT, Norman Theodore BOBO and Julia Mildred BOBO HAMILTON. Photo: Peggy Sue BOBO McCUTCHEN from Norman BOBO collection.

## John Pearl Bobo Reunion

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Florida and Mississippi during his life.

William Henry BOBO, B. 12 April 1893 and D. 26 Nov. 1897;

Clara Belle BOBO PHILLIPS SAMMETT, B. 2 Jan. 1897 and D. 8 Oct. 1978, who lived all of her life in Limestone County;

George Dewey BOBO, B. 3 Feb. 1899 and D. 17 Oct. 1900;

Norman Theodore BOBO, B. 2 Oct. 1901 and D. 17 May 1968, who resided in Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi and Missouri during his lifetime;

Emma Mabel BOBO CUNNINGHAM, B. 11 July 1904 and D. 26 Oct. 1982, who lived most of her life in Alabama and Tennessee; and

Julia Mildred BOBO HAMILTON, B. 8 Aug. 1905 and D. 11 Feb. 1972, who lived all of her life in Alabama.

As a young man, John Pearl worked on railroads in Georgia and Florida while Julia Ann remained on the farm with the growing young family.

He died on 19 Sept. 1931 and she died on 9 May 1936. Both are buried in Go-lightly Cemetery in North Madison County.

323, in the town of McArthur, he is staying in the local boarding house. He is age 56, a farmer, value of real estate owned at \$2,500 and value of personal property at \$1,000.

On the 1870 census for Elk Township, Vinton County, Ohio, Page 2, family No. 16 is Sarah BOBO, living alone, 65 years, born in Virginia, with a personal property value of \$3,500.

Down the road away at family No. 32, we find Ezekiel BOBO, 65, born in Ohio, a farmer with a real estate value of \$4,000 and a personal property value of \$425.

It was here, two families away, that I found Julia BOBO, and her seven children.

On the 1880 census for Elk Township, ..., Page 57, family No. 194, we find Ezekiel BOBO, 75, born in Ohio, a farmer. It also lists a wife, Mary M. BOBO, 66, born in Ohio. I assume this is the Margaret BROWN he married on 4 June 1873. I haven't finished looking at the 1880 census, and I don't know if Sarah BOBO is there or not.

Between the census records and the International Genealogical Index (IGI) from the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Library, I have compiled several families for Isreal's grandchildren and children. I will continue to work on these generations and forward information to you.

Here are a few other bits of information I have collected:

From the 11th Census of the United States (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Special Schedule:

BOBO, Thomas W., Private, Co. G, 7th Ohio Cavalry, Enlistment 7 Sept. 1862. Taken prisoner, no discharge. Could this be the same Thomas W., son of Ezekiel and Sarah BOBO?

BUTTON, Olive, widow of BUTTON, Phil-  
lemon, Colonel, Co. I, 75th Ohio Infantry,  
Enlistment 12 Dec. 1861. Killed at Get-  
tysburg, 1 July 1863. (Editor's Note:  
Olive Button is the mother of Margaret  
Angeline FEWRY, wife of Arvi Joseph BOBO.  
Several letters from Margaret and Arvi to  
her are included in earlier issues of The  
Roots-Cellar and in The BOBO Family His-  
tory manuscript.)

On the 1900 census for Madison Town-  
ship, Zaleski Village, Vinton County,  
Ohio, E.D. 112, Sylvester SHRY is the  
enumerator for this district.



THREE GENERATIONS of the family of Dimple Louise BROCKWAY THEDFORD are pictured above. From left to right are: Ashley Nicole GAINES, age 3; John Lane GAINES III, 25; Louise, 44; Latashia Lee GAINES, 2; and Amanda Lee THEDFORD, 10. John and Amanda are children of Louise; and Ashley and Latashia are daughters of John and Denise Charlene HAYDEN GAINES.

The SHRY family was No. 67. Sylvester SHRY, 40, Mar. 1840, married 38? years, occupation Notary Public, born in Ohio. His wife's name was Abbie, 40, Aug. 1855, married two years, born in Ohio. Place of father's birth, Mass.; place of mother's birth, Ohio.

There seems to be mistakes on this record. This could be a second marriage for Sylvester, on the 1870 census, it gives his wife's name as Sarah and on the 1880 census the same name.

In the same household there is also a 15-year-old male, Eason B. SHRY. Will do more research on this one.

Also, we find on Page 93-B, family No. 21, Olive A. Button, 72, born Feb. 1828, a widow, mother of six children--four of them still living. She was born in Ohio and the places of her father's and mother's births are Vermont and New Jersey.

In the same household, I find John E. BUTTON, 26, who was born in March 1874, a grandson, a widower, occupation barber, who was born in Ohio with birthplaces of father and mother also in Ohio.

I also see on the 1870 census for Vin-  
ton County, family No. 46, Page 37: Jona-



THIS PHOTO of Independence Day fireworks over Fort Worth, Tex., won recognition in an area competition for Dimple Louise BROCKWAY THEDFORD of Crowley, Tex.

than BRINE Jr., 26, born in Ohio, occupation Steam Engineer, value of real estate, \$1,400, and value of personal property, \$130. There is a wife, Mary, 29, born in Ohio, and a daughter, Harriett, 6 months, born in Ohio.

Now for a few comments on Gabriel BOBO and family. After checking the census records and the date that Matilda DAILY and Gabriel were married -- 6 Jan. 1842 in Meigs Co., Ohio -- I feel that she was the mother of Thomas, Benson, Vincent, Mary and Joseph, because, according to the 1850 census, Lee Township, Athens County, Ohio, Thomas was seven years old, which would have made him born the year after they married....

Good-Bye  
s/Louise

Dimple Louise BROCKWAY THEDFORD,  
Crowley Tex.

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Following is another letter received:

Dear Chuck,

I recently read through the back issues of The Roots-Cellar, searching for information to pass on to one of our readers, when two articles which made reference to "The Bobo Newsletter" (TBN) appeared to need some clarification.

On page 16 of the Spring '89 issue, James K. BOBO makes reference to the derivation of the name BOBO from two French words, BOBEAUX and BEAUBEAUX. I think that you may not be aware of some other

names that appear in the seven family histories that have been sent to us by our readers.

They are all certain that theirs is the French word from which BOBO comes. Among them are BEAUBOIS, BOBOIS, BEAUXBEAUX, BOBOUGH, etc., all of which appear moot when you consider that none of these has ever appeared in a public document.

As far as we know, the names BAUBAU, BUBBOE and BOBOE are the only variations that are documented, not by "THE BOBO NEWSLETTER," but in copies of the original documents sent to us by Jane Hall, 13513 Cardinal Pkwy., New Berlin, WI. They appeared in the May 1988 issue of TBN. Jane is descended from Israel BOBO and is most knowledgeable about the Ohio BOBOs.

On page 17 at the top of the left hand column, the first paragraph states, "...His descendants, Israel, Martin and Henry came to Athens County, Ohio, in 1798 or 1799..." Although Henry was married in Allegheny Co., MD, on 15 Aug. 1799, we suspect that he was actually living in what is now West Virginia, and remained there until early 1800 when he and Thomas BOBO moved to what then was Washington Co., OH. The 1800 census was conducted in May and the Washington Co. records are the only ones to survive. Counted in that census in Middletown Twp. were Henry, Israel, Jared and Thomas. Martin is not shown.

...Do you have any idea who Edwin BOBO, who died with the Custer Party, 25 June 1876, was? He left a widow, Missouri Ann, and two sons, Charles and Frank. Edwin was born ca. 1845 in Franklin Co., OH.

Congratulations again on a great publication.

Sincerely,  
s/Robert G. Bobo  
THE BOBO NEWSLETTER  
P.O. Box 496  
Franklin Township, NJ 08322

Since I answered this letter from Bob, I've received two other bits of information on our family name. Donna C. LIGGETT SMITH of California, Pa., made reference to the French spelling of BEAUBEAU. Information from the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, lists BABEU as a spelling of our name in research papers received from Dimple

Louise BROCKWAY THEDFORD of Crowley, Tex.

Jane HALL of New Berlin, Wis., to whom Bob refers, also has sent additional material on our early ancestors, which will be printed in the next Roots-Cellar.

We thank Bob for his comments on the

derivation of the name BOBO. We still seek further information and appreciate Bob's clarification on the early BOBOS in Ohio. We hope that we will have the relationships of these BOBOS eventually. I am including a query on Edwin BOBO in our Queries Column.-- Charles H. BOBO

## QUERIES

**E**ach query should be typed or printed on a separate sheet of paper with name, address and phone number of the person submitting at the top of sheet. These rules apply to queries:

1. There is no charge for queries for members of the BOBO Family Assn. There is a \$3 charge for each query for non-members of the BFA.

2. All surnames should be printed or typed in CAPITALS so that we can be sure which names are the surnames.

3. Do not abbreviate words. We will abbreviate where necessary. The editor reserves the right to edit, where necessary. Queries are limited to 70 words, not including return address.

4. Queries will be printed in the next issue after receipt, if possible.

5. If additional information is requested from the BFA, please include a No. 9 or 10 SASE.

**BOBO, Arvi Joseph**--Seek added info on Arvi Joseph BOBO during period 1861-1888 when he lived in Vinton Cnty., Ohio, and West Virginia. Arvi B. 4 May 1844 in Vinton Cnty., Ohio; D. 10 Nov. 1910 in Madison Cnty., Ala.; s/o Henry BOBO and Susan Sophie WADE of Vinton Cnty., Ohio; M. in Vinton Cnty., Ohio, to Margaret Angeline FEWRY. Moved to Madison Cnty., Ala., 6 Feb. 1888. Reply: Charles H. BOBO; 358 S. Main St., Ste. 18; Orange, CA. 92668-3876.

**BOBO, Edwin**--B. ca. 1845 in Franklin Cnty., Ohio. Died with Custer Party, 25 June 1876. Left a widow, Missouri Ann, and two sons, Charles and Frank. Reply: Robert G. BOBO; P.O. Box 496, Franklin Twp., NJ 08322.

**BOBO, Henry (or Henry B.)**--Seek added info on Henry BOBO; B. 26 Sept. 1821 in Athens Cnty., s/o Isreal BOBO and Mar-

garet GRAHAM; D. 20 April 1887; Bu. Zaleski, Ohio; M. 9 Aug. 1843 to Susan Sophie WADE in Athens Cnty., Ohio. Have limited info on Henry and fairly complete info on descendants. Reply: Charles H. BOBO; 358 S. Main St., Ste. 18; Orange, CA 92668-3876.

**BOBO, Isreal**--Seek info on Isreal BOBO; B. 1780?, Prince William County, Va. Moved in 1798? to what is now Athens Cnty, Ohio. Believed s/o Gabriel BOBO of Virginia. M. Margaret GRAHAM on 2 April 1801 in Athens Cnty., Ohio. D. in 1840?. Have copy of will and some info on his descendants. Would like to know of his life in Virginia and relationship to Jarad BOBO and Martin BOBO. Reply: Charles H. BOBO; 358 S. Main St., Ste. 18; Orange, CA 92668-3876.

**BRADLEY/PHILLIPS, Chaney Kathryn**--Seek info on Chaney Katherine BRADLEY, B. 1866, D. 1891; M. 21 July 1881 to James Thomas (Tom) PHILLIPS of near Pleasant Hill, Tenn., and on her brother and sister, Fred (Fed) Chaney BRADLEY and Alice BRADLEY, who moved from Pleasant Hill, Tenn., to Texas about 1910-1915. James T. PHILLIPS was B. in 1860 and D. in 1941. Reply: Charley June PHILPOT; Rt. 1, Box 363; Athens, AL 35611.

**GRAHAM/BOBO, Margaret or (Mary Margaret)**--Seek info: Margaret GRAHAM, B. 1783 in Penn. ?, D. 1832; d/o James GRAHAM and Elizabeth RIPLEY; M. 2 April 1801 to Isreal BOBO in Athens Cnty., Ohio. Reply: Charles H. BOBO; 358 S. Main St., Ste. 18; Orange, CA 92668-3876.

**MULLINS/SCRUGGS, Mary E.**--Seek info on Mary E. MULLINS, B. 29 Oct. 1845 in Tennessee; D. 21 Nov. 1900 in Lincoln Cnty., Tenn.; Bu. Sandlin (Camargo) Cem., Lincoln Cnty., Tenn.; M. Starling SCRUGGS of Lincoln Cnty., Tenn. Have some info on descendants. Reply: Charles H. BOBO; 358 S. Main St., Ste.

# Edward Boone 1740 - 1780



Visit the site where Edward Boone and his brother, Daniel Boone, were attacked by Indians on October 6, 1780, which resulted in the death of Edward.

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While returning from a trip to Blue Licks down this old buffalo trail, Edward and his brother Daniel stopped to rest at this beautiful site on what is now known as Boone's Creek, at the base of a grassy slope.

While resting their horses, Daniel went off in pursuit of a deer or bear. As he returned, a group of Indians' shot and killed Edward.



Boone's Creek, Bourbon Co., KY

Daniel could see Edward was dead and he ran off into a cane brake for protection. The Indians' dog pursued Daniel, and he had to kill the dog to stop him from yelping and alerting the indians to his hiding place.



Stone placed by the DAR in 1920's  
Edw'd Boone VA Mil Rev War

Daniel eventually made his way back to Boone's Station that night. The next day, he and a large group of men returned to the site and buried Edward near the creek and beside a Buckeye tree.

This beautiful site has changed very little in more than 200 years since Edward's death.

Directions: Take Hwy 537, go 5 miles east of Cane Ridge Meeting House Shrine to See Road. Turn left on See Road and go one mile, site is on right.

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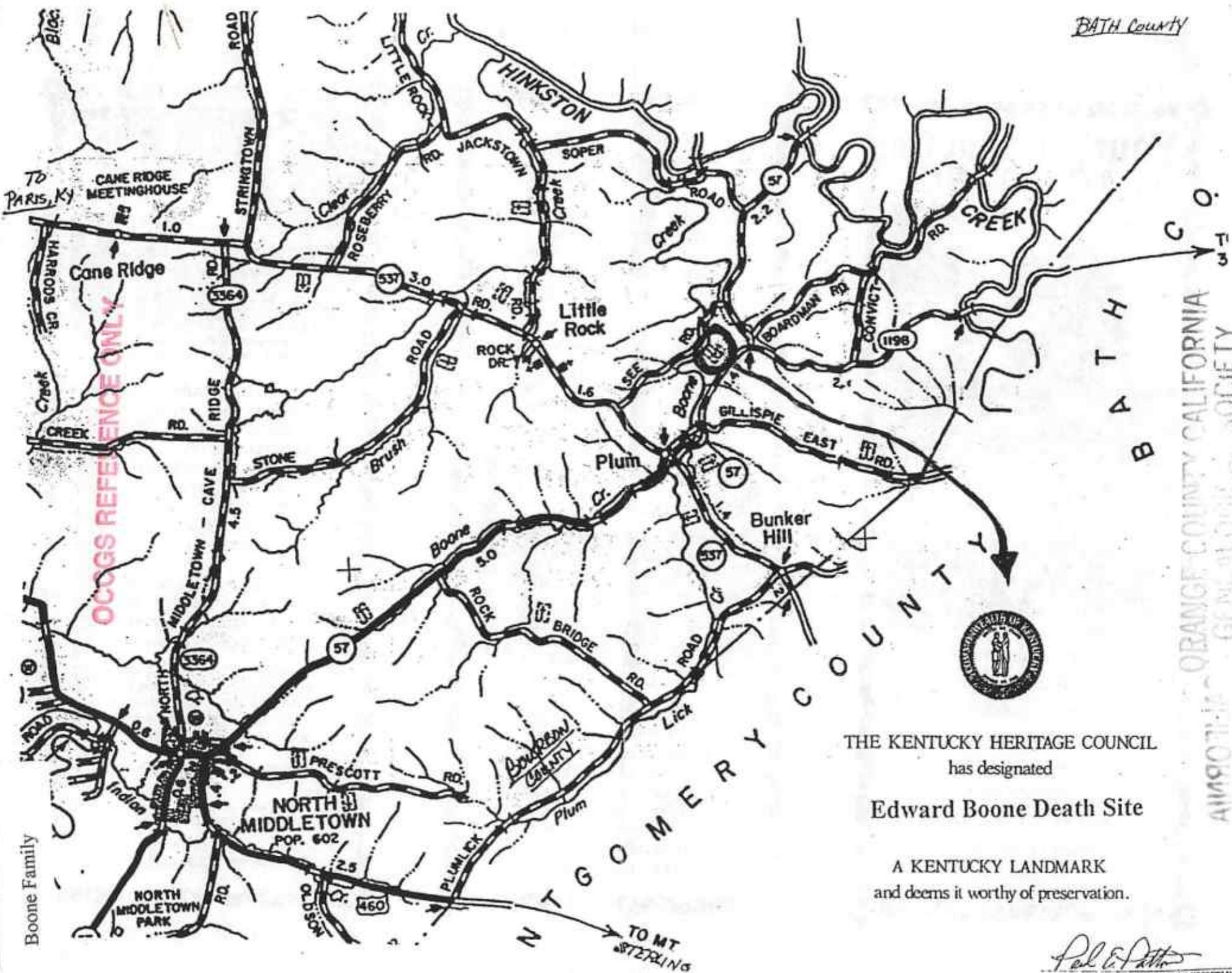
Stone Fence erected by Master Stone Mason: Stan Matherly.

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Boone  
Farm

BATH COUNTY



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## 2nd W.Va. Cavalry Rgmt.

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Ferry July 23. Williamsport July 28. At Meadow Bluff till August. Ordered to Kanawha Falls Aug. 14. Shady Springs Aug. 28 (Detachment). Campaign in Kanawha Valley Sept. 6-16. Barboursville Sept. 8. Fayetteville Sept. 10. Cotton Hill Sept. 11. Loop Creek Sept. 11. Hurricane Bridge Sept. 12. Charlestown Sept. 13. At Point Pleasant to Oct. 20.

*(Arvi Joseph BOBO's service record indicates he was left sick at Point Pleasant in the hospital and went home "absent without leave." He was reduced from corporal to privat on Nov. 1, 1862, on orders of Col. Paxton.)*

Unit moved to Charlestown Oct. 20. thence to Camp Piatt. Expedition from Summerville to Cold Knob Mountain Nov. 24-30. Lewis Mill on Sinking Creek Nov. 26. Peters Mountain Raid Jan. 5-20, 1863.

Scout into Wyoming County Feb. 5-8. Expedition into Pocahontas County Feb. 10-12.

*(Arvi Joseph BOBO's Company Muster Roll for November and December 1863 show him as being absent without leave from Feb. 28, 1863. However, he was back on duty in March, with no report of disciplinary action.)*

Scout through Boone, Wyoming and Logan Counties March 12-16. Expedition through Logan and Cabel Counties April 3-6. Mud River April 5. Lewisburg May 2. West Union May 6. Summerville May 12. Fayetteville May 18-20. Scout on Big and Little Coal Rivers June 18-19. Loup Creek June 26 (Cos. B and I). Raleigh July 4. Expedition from Fayetteville to Wytheville July 13-25. Shady Springs July 14. Wytheville July 18-19. Fayetteville July 28. Cold Springs Gap Aug. 8 (Detachment). Scout from Camp Piatt Sept. 11-13. Smythe County Sept. 14. Scout to Boone Courthouse Oct. 21-22.

*(During the period of September and October, 1863, Arvi Joseph BOBO is listed as sick in the Regimental Hospital. There is no indication of the nature of the illness.)*

Expeditions from Charlestown to Lewisburg November 3-13. Little Sewell Mountain November 6. Capture of

Lewisburg Nov. 7. Muddy Creek Nov. 7. Near Union Nov. 8. Scammon's Demonstration from the Kanawha Valley Dec. 8-25. Meadow Bluff Dec. 11. Lewisburg and Greenbrier River Dec. 12. Scout in Cabell and Wayne Counties March 16-18, 1864.

*(Arvi Joseph BOBO's Company Muster Roll show's him as absent for March and April, 1864, Muster and receiving a three-day furlough on April 2, 1864.)*

Averill's Raid on Virginia & Tennessee Railroad May 5-19. Princeton, Grassy Lick Cove, near Wytheville, Wytheville. Ingle and Cove Gap May 10. Salt Pond and Pond Mountain Gap May 13.

Hunter's Raid on Lynchburg, Va., May 26-July 1. Staunton June 8. Newport June 10. Lexington June 11. Near Buchanan June 13. New London June 16. Otter Creek June 16. Diamond Hill June 17. Lynchburg June 17-18. Liberty June 19. Buford's Gap June 20. Catawba Mountains and near Salem June 21. Cove Gap June 23.

*(It is interesting to note that Arvi Joseph BOBO's service record shows that he was "absent without leave" from May 31, 1864, to June 29, 1864, and other records state that he was assigned to Division Headquarters. Another set of records show him on Detached Service at Division Headquarters from July 15 through October, 1864.)*

Snicker's Ferry July 17-18. Carter's Farm July 20. Newton July 22. Kernstown, Winchester July 24. Martinsburg July 25. Hagerstown July 29. McConnellsburg, Pa., July 30. Hancock, Md., July 31. Near Moorefield, Aug. 7. Williamsport Aug. 26. Martinsburg Aug. 31. Bunker Hill Sept. 2-3. Near Bunker Hill Sept. 5. Near Stephenson's Depot Sept. 5. Darkesville Sept. 10. Bunker Hill Sept. 13. Near Berryville Sept. 14. Battle of Winchester Sept. 19. Fisher's Hill Sept. 22. Mt. Jackson Sept. 23-24. Forest Hill or Timberville Sept. 24. Piedmont Sept. 25. Brown's Gap Sept. 26. Weyer's Cave Sept. 26-27. Battle of Cedar Creek Oct. 19. Dry Run Oct. 23. Nineveh Nov. 12. Rude's Hill, Front Royal, Nov. 22. Expedition to Gordonsville Dec. 19-28. Liberty Mills December 22. Jack's Shop, near Gordonsville, Dec. 23. Near Ashby's Gap Dec. 27.

Sheridan's Raid from Winchester Feb.

25-March 25, 1865. Mt. Crawford Feb. 28. Waynesboro March 2. Charlottesville March 3. Augusta Court House March 10. Haydensville March 12. Beaver Dam Station March 15. White House March 28-April 9. Appomattox Campaign March 28-April 9. Dinwiddie Court House March 29-31. Five Forks April 1. Namozine Church and Scott's Corners April 2. Jetersville April 4. Sailor's Creek April 6. Appomattox Station April 8. Surrender of Lee and his army. Expedition to North Carolina April 23-29. March to Washington, D.C., May. Grand Review May 23. Mustered out June 30, 1865.

*(Arvi Joseph BOBO's record shows that he was mustered out on June 30, 1865, at Wheeling, W. Va.)*

Regiment lost during service four officers and 77 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 115 enlisted men by disease. Total 196.

More information on Arvi Joseph BOBO's unit was provided by the U.S. Army Military History Institute from *HISTORY of the Second Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry Volunteers During the War of the Rebellion* by J.J. Sutton, late private of The Regiment, published in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1892.

Among the members of Company D listed are: Sylvester SHRY, a corporal, who was 21 years old when mustered into service on Nov. 8, 1861. He was a son of Isaac SHRY and Sarah (Sally) BOBO, daughter of Isreal BOBO and Margaret GRAHAM. He served with the unit throughout the war. SHRY was listed as 10 years old in the Census of 1850.

Another member of Company D was Henry DUNKLE, a private and age 22 when mustered into service on Nov. 8, 1861. He was a son of Jacob DUNKLE and Lavina (or Lovina) BOBO, daughter of Isreal BOBO, and served until the unit was mustered out. DUNKLE was listed as 12 years old in the 1850 Census.

Another member of Company D was Elmer A. (listed as Elmore in some records) JOHNSON, a Private and listed at age 20 when enlisted on Dec. 2, 1862. He was a son of Henry JOHNSON and Jemima BOBO, daughter of Isreal BOBO and Margaret GRAHAM. JOHNSON, who was not mustered out when the unit

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# Arvi Joseph BOBO's Served in Co. D Of 2nd W. Va. Cavalry in Civil War

We have the unit histories of two military organizations in which two of our ancestors served during the Civil War. I obtained the regimental history of the Second West Virginia Cavalry Regiment of the Union Army, in which Arvi Joseph BOBO served and that of the 26th/50th Alabama Infantry Regiment of the Confederate Army, in which Starling SCRUGGS served, from the Civil War Descendants Society in Athens, Ala.

Then James Kenneth BOBO of Athens sent me a more complete record of Arvi's unit from the U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. In preparing Arvi's record for publication in this issue of the newsletter, I compared his service and pay records and was able to determine where he probably was during certain periods of time. Since his personal records show him on detached service during much of the last of his tour of duty, it can not be determined exactly where he was serving, and during some periods, he is listed as "absent without leave." We know from other records that he was hospitalized in Charleston, W. Va., after being thrown from his horse while riding as a headquarters courier.

One bit of family tradition which we were not able to prove or disprove in searching the records was that Arvi and Starling may have been on opposite sides in one of the battles near Lookout Mountain in East Tennessee. The records do not reveal that any of the units of the Second West Virginia Cavalry Regiment saw service in that area. However, Joseph Sterling BOBO a grandson of both Arvi and Starling, has told James Kenneth of going to the area of East Tennessee near Lookout Mountain where the battle was fought and that Arvi and Starling both participated in the fighting.

I was especially interested in the source of the unit history for I served briefly at Carlisle Barracks while attending Armed Forces Information School there in 1948.

Preparing Starling's unit records for publication in a future issue of the newsletter will not be so easy. Individual records of the Confederate Army were not preserved, and there are many questions concerning Starling's service. We hope to have the answers to many of these questions when we can print his record.—Charles H. (Chuck) Bobo.

## 2nd West Virginia Cavalry Regiment, Company D

From *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, Vol. 2*, by Frederick H. Dyer, published in Dayton, Ohio, by Morningside Press in 1979, pp 1656-57.

### 2nd Regiment Cavalry

Organized at Parkersburg, W. Va., September to November, 1861. (*Editor's Note—The Company Descriptive Book for Company D, 2nd Reg't Va., Mtd. Volunteers indicates that Arvi Joseph BOBO was enlisted at McArthur, Ohio, on Sept. 14, 1861, and was appointed a corporal at that time. The enlistment record shows that he was 19 years old at that time, but his birth records show him as having been born on 4 May 1844, which would have made him 17 years old. Other notes by the Editor will be in italic to distinguish them from the official records of the unit.*)

The unit was attached to District of the Kanawha, W. Va., to March, 1862. Unattached, Kanawha Division, W. Va., to Sept., 1862. Unattached, District of the Kanawha, Dept. of the Ohio, to Jan., 1863. Unattached, 3rd Division, 8th Army Corps, Middle Department, to June, 1863. Scammon's Division, W. Va., to Dec., 1863. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of West Virginia, to April, 1864. 1st Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, Army of West Virginia, to June, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, Army of West Virginia, to July, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, W. Va., to Nov., 1864. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Cavalry Corps, Middle Military Division, to February, 1865. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, to June, 1865.

SERVICE—Ordered to Guyandotte, W. Va., Dec. 5, 1861, and duty there till April, 1862. Co-operate with Garfield against Humphrey Marshall Jan. 7-8, 1862. Dry Fork Cheat River, Feb. 8. 1st Battalion (Cos. B, C, F, H and I) moved to Meadow Bluff April 1862. 2nd Battalion (Cos. A, D, E, G and K) moved to Raleigh with General Cox engaged in scouting and operating against bushwackers in Raleigh, Fayette and Wyoming Counties till August, then rejoined Regiment. Demonstration on Virginia & Tennessee Railroad May 10-18. Lewisburg May 12. Princeton May 15-17. Retreat to Flat Top Mountain May 18. Jackson River Depot May 20. Lewisburg May 23. Raid to Shaver River May 30. Lewisburg May 30. Middle Creek June 8. Alderson's

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a branch line from Fayetteville, Tenn., to Capshaw, Ala. This railroad ran adjacent to the Bobo farm and was a matter of great interest to Arvi, being mentioned frequently in his letters, since he had a business there.

Arvi applied for a war pension on 5 May 1890, appearing before the Circuit Court clerk of Madison County, H.B. Roper, because of his bout with pneumonia during the Civil War and back injury. A pension of \$12 a month was approved, beginning on 6 Sept. 1890.

Margaret Angeline (Fewry) Bobo's mother, Olive Button, remained in Vinton County, Ohio, though letters from the family to her indicated that Mrs. Button visited the family in Alabama and considered moving there. (Editor's Note--

Arvi to his mother-in-law begin on Page 14 and later issues of the newsletter will include letters from Margaret and some of their children to her mother and other relatives in Ohio.)

On 2 Aug. 1983, I (James Kenneth Bobo) visited a cemetery at Zaleski, Vinton County, Ohio, six miles east of the town of McArthur, where I visited the graves of my great, great, great grandfather, Henry B. Bobo, and his wife Susan Sophie (Wade) Bobo, parents of Arvi Joseph Bobo.

This is not the same Henry Bobo who was mentioned earlier who came to Ohio from Virginia with his brothers, Israel and Martin, in 1798. This Henry Bobo was an uncle of Henry B. Bobo and a great uncle of Arvi J. Bobo.

## We Need Information From You on Bobo Family

As our readers can easily see, there are many blanks in the preliminary Pedigree Chart and Family Sheet on Arvi Joseph Bobo on Pages 19 and 20. For the genealogists in the family, this should prove a challenge as it will be for those of us with just a curiosity about our ancestors.

While we have some information on Isreal Bobo furnished by James Kenneth Bobo, a will and other documents, all of us would like to know more about his background-- his parents' names and their history. Of course, we will welcome any information which can be supplied.

If any of you have information--tales or stories told to you by your parents or relatives about the family--please pass them along. Such stories may contain a bit of information which can be traced and developed further. Every fact or bit of information helps!

I plan to start checking the research of others on the Bobo family in Virginia, with the goal of connecting our branch of the family to our supposed Huguenot beginnings. As time permits, I hope to check early ship passenger lists for a clue to the arrival of the Bobo family in America.

We also need more information on the distaff side of the Bobo family from the earliest to recent generations. A good genealogical sleuth can spend much time seeking information on Margaret Graham,

wife of Isreal Bobo; Susan Sophie Wade, wife of Henry Bobo; and Margaret Angeline Fewry, wife of Arvi J. Bobo.

I'm hoping that my newly established membership in the Southern California Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will provide some information in this area. But, as all of you know, research takes time. We have a goal to shoot for. If any of you are doing, or have done, research on the Bobos or their spouses, we'd be pleased to share our limited knowledge and findings with you.

James Kenneth Bobo has another trip planned to Ohio this year and we're hoping that he will return with more information on our early ancestors.

Eventually I hope to get a Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheet completed on each member of the family. This may be a rather ambitious undertaking, but with the help of the computer it will be less difficult than the ones here. I hope to also get a lot more information on individuals than is included in these documents--occupation, education, military service, community activities, etc. All of this will make the newsletters more interesting.

My research time will be somewhat limited for the summer and fall, since this is my busy time escorting golf and sightseeing trips. I returned after an early May trip to Bermuda with 38 golfers. While there, I visited the Confederate War Museum, which was interesting, but I found nothing on the Southern Bobo line or the  
-- Charles H. Bobo.

the counties of Union and Spartanburg in South Carolina and he and /or his descendants later journeyed to Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

The other brother remained in Virginia. His descendants, Israel, Martin and Henry came to Athens County, Ohio, in 1798 or 1799, according to the history of Hocking Valley, Ohio, in 1883. From there they and some of their descendants moved later to other midwestern states. There is evidence of burials of family members in Zaleski, Vinton County, Ohio, and in the Ohio communities of Graham, Townhouse, Hebbardsville and Athens.

The descendant of this family with whom we are concerned is Arvi Joseph Bobo. He was born on 4 May 1844 in Vinton County and died 10 Nov. 1910 in Madison County, Ala., and was buried in Golightly Cemetery in Northwestern Madison County.

On 20 April 1861, at the age of 16, Arvi J. Bobo joined the Union Army at McArthur, Ohio. Since he was under age, he told the Army he was 19. In the early Fall of 1861 on Sept. 14, Arvi and 116 men from Vinton County answered the call of President Lincoln.

Upon the readiness of this body of men for muster and commission, application was made to Gov. William Dennison of Ohio to complete the organization. The governor declined, stating that the governors of all the northern states had instructions from the War Department to recruit no more cavalry units. Any cavalry in excess of 40 regiments was to be discharged.

Application was then made to P.R. Pierrepont, Provisional Governor of West Virginia, which was not admitted to the Union until 20 June 1863. Governor Pierrepont, with the consent of the War Department, accepted the organization as cavalry. As soon as practicable, the officers were commissioned and all were mustered into the service of the United States as the Second Regiment of the Loyal Virginia Cavalry at Parkersburg, Va., on 8 Nov. 1861.

While he was in the Army, we have records of two memorable events which were later to affect Arvi Bobo's later life.

First, in the Fall of 1863, Arvi contracted pneumonia and was hospitalized in Charleston, West Virginia. Then, in August of 1864, while carrying dispatches for General Arvil at Winchester, Va., Arvi's horse fell on him while crossing a ditch causing a back injury.

These injuries limited Arvi's work later and resulted in his being granted a

government pension. (Editor's Note--More detailed information on Arvi's military service and pension claims are included in a story beginning on Page 1 and continued on 8.)

These are the only events we have records of in Arvi's life before he was discharged honorably at Wheeling, W. Va., on 30 June 1865.

After the Civil War, Arvi lived in Ohio and, for a short while, in Fayette County, W. Va. He was a merchant and also a coal and iron ore miner.

Of his life in Ohio after the war, we have one piece of information provided by Miss Ann Darby. In her article, "A Look Into the Past," in the 9 Oct. 1969, McArthur Democratic Enquirer, Miss Darby tells of a time when livestock was allowed to run loose around McArthur, Ohio. Each owner was required to publish a description of any animal he had loose.

Among the descriptions is this paragraph: "A.J. Bobo, one white milk cow with one horn, one hip knocked down, will weight about 1,000 lbs. Also, one oran calf with ear about half froze off."

This notice was dated 1886.

Arvi and his family was one of the many families from Ohio who made the move to the new Alabama community. On 6 Feb. 1888, Arvi moved to Madison County with his wife, Margaret Angeline Fewry and eight children. The trip was made in three stages: By riverboat from Parkersburg, W. Va., to Louisville, Ky.; by Louisville & Nashville Railroad from Louisville to Athens, Ala.; and from Athens to Northwestern Madison County. The method of conveyance for the last leg of the trip is not known, but is guessed to be by horse or mule and wagon and on foot.

Arvi homesteaded 158.72 acres as recorded on Page 338, Homestead Certificate No. 7041, Application No. 17817, Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville, Ala., 21 Nov. 1904, at 10 a.m. (A copy of this certificate is on Pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter.)

This land was located in Northwestern Madison County. Arvi's main occupation was farming, but he also opened a neighborhood store and was postmaster in 1902.

About 1894 or '95 the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad opened

will dig and replant them a gain a bout the middle of next month for a fall crop. our early rose and pearless potatoes are large enough to use to Corn is waste high will start to laying by next Monday Am now planting peas Will finish an aker of peas to day. Sorgum is looking well. Only have a bout two thousand sweet potato plants out yet. it is a little dry here now has not rained for over a week yet evry thing is growing nice ly per haps you remember Apple garths folks they war here when you was down to see us. Mr. Apple garth was brough home dead from burmingham last week and buried at the Golightly place he had ben down there mining coal dide of Rheumatic feaver and consumption.

"Pearl and Dollie is here for dinner to day and we had cobler made of Mulburries and Du berries for our first buries this season.

"they are still stewing over the R.R. I dont know wheather they will settle and finish this summer or not. Cools folks did not sell but concluded to stay till fall so you might buy them out, yet this fall per haps I have found a vein of splendid iron ore that will under lay their land they don know aney thing of it nor I dont in tend they shal We expect Henry hom to build on his land about the 20th of next month.

"We are milking three cows and have all the milk and butter that we can get a way with be sides letting Pearls have milk every day

"Tell John that Pearl has gon to lift his fish basket he get a mess nearly evry time he goes to it the other day when he was going and was waling in the R.R. Cut when a buck deer come verry near running over him. he did not have his gun or he could have shot it Him and I was out

## James K. Bobo Traces Family History Briefly

(The following article was prepared by James Kenneth Bobo of Athens, Ala., for publication in another newsletter. James Kenneth is the great, great grandson of Arvi Joseph Bobo and Margaret Angeline Fewry; the great grandson of John Pearl Bobo and Julia Ann (Dollie) Scruggs; the grandson of Joseph Starling Bobo and Kathryn Chaney Phillips; and the son of Joseph Windell Bobo and Louise Christine Clinard. James Kenneth is responsible for

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hunting the cows the other night when my dog got after a wild hog and we caught it and knocked it in the head with a club it would weigh a bout 125 lbs and made good Meat A.J. Bobo"

The following letter was not dated, but was with a letter written by Margaret in May of 1899.

"Dear Mother I will write you a few lines. I am still trying to make both ends meet by selling groceries and fertilizers. have sold about 500 sacks so far this spring it is hardwork unloading from the cars and stacking in the house then running out to the wagons but I get alittle out of it. I sold one thousand sacks last Spring. Am handeling it for Another man and I suppose he gets a good deal of money out of it. Well we are having nice Spring weather planting is going on where the ground is not to wet We have had lots of rain will not have many peaches this year but think we will have several apples.

"Well it is getting so late I will have to close for this time Give my bestwishes to all and tell them I would be glad to hear from them. A.J. Bobo"

Not only do the letters from Arvi and his wife Margaret give our readers an idea of the tough times they went through in settling the land in Madison County, but they also tell much of the day-to-day life.

Other letters from Margaret and the children will be included in The ROOTS-CELLAR when the newsletter includes more detailed information on them. We would welcome copies of any of the old letters our readers might have which would add interest to the newsletter--Charles H. Bobo

much of the original research for many of the articles in this issue of The BOBO ROOTS-CELLAR.)

The tradition is very strong that the Bobo family came to America as French Huguenots in 1700. The name Bobo, derived from the French word Bobeaux or Beaubeaux, means very beautiful. (The most recent issue of The Bobo Newsletter, published in Franklin Township, N.J., give still another spelling, "Baubau."--Editor's Note.)

Among the Bobos who settled in Virginia in 1700 were two brothers. One moved to

this month hurt the growing crops some  
 "Well they have not comenced work yet on the R.R. but still say it will be finished this summer  
 "I have a bout 35 hundred sweet potatoes out will put out a bout one thousand more. We almoste lost the seed of the topless potato last fall by planting all for a second crop and it was so dry that they did not come up have a few hills in the garden will plant a gain this fall and try to get started a gain  
 "Tom I donte blame you for going in to farming now for that is the only way to keep starve of as Andy Shry used to say. tellFranks folks that we have answered every letter that we ever got from them but will writ soon a gain but at this time we have a bout 6 or seven letters wanting to answer we organized a Sabath School at our school house yesterday and hope we are going to have a good school I will now close and leave room for some one else to write write soon and all of you say some thing as we want to hear from all A.J. Bobo"

On 14 Oct. 1895, Arvi wrote the following letter to Olive Button.

"Golightly Ala  
 "Oct the 14th /95

"Dear Mother I make haste to answer your welcom letter becaus I learned the other day that the olde Billie Freeman place had been canceled if so it is open to home Stead the olde man died a bout three years a go and his time was up to make final proof his wife went to live with one of hur sons and must have neglected to make final proof. now is sutch is the Case you ought to be here now to enter it your self, for there is two prety good houses on it and a splendid peach and apple orchard and a bout 25 akers cleared. And if you and Tom would get that you could make a good living from the start one of my neighbors Tolde me that a clerk in the land office tolde him that the entry had been Canceled. Now I cant get time to go to hunts ville to finde out and am a fraid to say mutch a bout it for fear some one will jump it before you can get here if they find out that it can be entered. that 80 is still vacant but olde man Crowson has moved the house. there is several talking a bout entering it but cant say how long it will be vacant, for there is quite an excite ment here now a bout oil and they are

leasing all the land in this neighborhood I have leased mine get \$200.00cents and one tenth of the out put if they finde aney thing. they expect to start to bore soon on the golightly place you ought by all means have Tom or John with you if you settle down here though we will help you all we Can. there is 160 akers in the freeman place it is 1 1/2 miles from our place prety near due East on the Huntsville road. well I must close now and go to hawling in Corn and fodder we are gathering in our crops now I was in hopes you would get here while we had some good sweet potatoes We have some nice ones now but only raised a bout 25 bushels this year Tom is at home now has been at home over a week. Write as soon as you get this and try to come this month yet if you can A.J. Bobo"

The following letter bears no date, but was with his wife Margaret's letter of May 1899 and seems to belong to about the same time.

"Dear mother

"I will try to help Mag out some with hur letter you ask if the people here are raising any wheat yet no they are keeping in the same old channel cotton & corn old mister Carter and a fiew men near the cross roads are raising what and this year their weheat looks splendid as nice as I ever saw any where in fact every one that tries allways has good wheat here.

"Ella found one head of wheat growing in the yard last summer and I shelled and planted it last year and now it has produced this year 140 heads I will save and plant them this fall and so on un till I get a start in that kind of wheat as it seems tobe a good variety.

"I intend to sow about 7 akers this fall if I can get the seed to wheat and clover. I bough one bale of clover hay last winter and now it is coming thick all over where I fed it out to the cattle eather on the plowed ground or in the woods. and a bout to take Mags garden from seed that got in the manure that she used.

"you remember our red potatoes that we had when you was here. well they are nice this year and nearly ripe enough to dig we have been using them for some time I

# Letters From Arvi Bobo to Relatives in Ohio

Copies of the following letters from Arvi J. Bobo to relatives in Ohio were provided to The ROOTS-CELLAR by James Kenneth Bobo from materials he received from other family members. They have been transcribed as nearly as possible without correction of orthography or punctuation.

Letters from Arvi's wife, Margaret, will be printed in future issues of the Bobo Family newsletter.

The following letter was written from Arvi to Tom Button in 1889, the year after Arvi brought his family from Ohio to Alabama. Arvi's mother-in-law was Olive Button. At this point, do not know the relationship of Tom Button to Arvi. (If I waited to publish this newsletter until all the questions were answered, I'd never get it published. I welcome any corrections or additional information from readers.)

"Well Tom I will write you a few lines in Tommie's letter I will have to excuse you for not writing any more than you do as you don't write your self but I want you to tell Frank that I am much obliged to him for answering any letters so promptly

"you say you would like to see this place but are not ready yet I will say that this would be a good time to come if you would like to get work for there is lots of work on the R R where Pearl and Henry is and another one being surveyed a bout three mile east of here that they would go to work on that right a way & then there is two nurseries near here that will hire all they can get you know William McInehan I got a letter from him he talks of coming down here soon A.J. Bobo"

This letter was on the same sheet as one written by Arvi's son, Thomas Denver Bobo, to John Huffman, a grandson of Olive Button and so a (half) first cousin to Thomas D. Bobo.

The following letter from Arvi was to his mother-in-law, Olive Button, and accompanied one written by his wife. It was written in 1891.

"Golightly Ala May 27th

"Dear Mother I will write some now. it is wednesday morning and raining pretty

hard and we was beginning to nead rain a gain but every thing is looking nice. I am working in my corn it is knee high and the best corn in this part of the country, Our potatoes are as large as hens eggsbut we have not gone in to them yet we want to seve a great many of them to plant for a second Crop. I have out six hundred sweet potatoes want to put out at least thre thousand have just finished pailigin our garden it is 160 feet long and 90 ft wide. mag says she is making a bout one and a half lbs of butter per day now and has plenty of milk.

"I was dreadfully surprised and shocked to hear of Andy Shry's death but it seems as though all our old neighbors wer dropping of since we left up there it is shurley more un healthy there than it used to be. I wish not that John Vander ford had come down here for I believe he would have been living yet if he had. I hope you will get things in shapoe so that you can come dnd eather take that eighty joining pearl or some other land near us. I think that Holiway claim can be bought cheap now as he is not living on it now. You ask if I ever got to sellmy R.R. ties yes they was sold and accepted last August but the R.R. company never poaid for them and the contractor still holdes them while we holde him for the money well he is good for it but we dont want to push him for we know he will pay as soon as the Co pays him and that they will do when ever they start to work a gain. write soon I will now have to close as break fast is a bout ready A.J. Bobo"

Following is a copy of another letter written from Arvi to his mother-in-law in 1894.

"Golightly Ala

"May the 28th 194

"Dear Mother & family I seat my self to answer your welcome letter that come to hand a short time a go we are all well as usual you ask if the Williams place has been solde no I saw one of the agents a short time a go he said it could bought on ten years time. And would sell very cheap for cash down.

"Well I will get done plowing my new ground to day will not get done planting corn un till a bout the last of this week

"Am very late planting this year we had a light frost here a bout the 20th of

U. S. Government } Homestead Certificate No 7011.  
 To } Application No. 17817.  
 Arvi J. Bobo } The United States of America, to all  
 to whom these presents shall come "Reading":  
 Whereas there has been deposited in the General Land  
 Office of the United States a certificate of the Register  
 of the Land Office at Huntsville, Alabama, wherein  
 it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress  
 approved 20<sup>th</sup> May 1862 to secure homesteads to  
 actual settlers on the public domain, and the  
 acts supplemented thereto, the claim of Arvi J. Bobo,  
 has been established and duly consummated, in  
 conformity to law for the North West quarter of  
 Section fifteen in Township one South of Range  
 two West of Huntsville Meridian in Alabama,  
 containing one hundred and fifty eight acres and  
 seventy two hundredths of an acre according to the  
 official plat of the survey of the said Land returned  
 to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General;  
 Now know ye that there is hereby granted by  
 the United States unto the said Arvi J. Bobo, his  
 heirs and assigns forever; In testimony whereof I,  
 Benjamin Harrison President of the United States  
 of America, have cause letters to be made forth  
 and the seal of the General Land Office to be  
 hereunto fixed. Given under my hand at the  
 City of Washington, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year  
 of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and  
 Ninety one, and of the independence of the United  
 States one hundred and Sixteen by the  
 President, Benjamin Harrison, By Ellen Macfarland  
 Asst. Secretary, I. R. Conwell, Recorder of the  
 General Land Office, Ad interim Recorded  
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The foregoing "Patent" was filed in the  
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 Ala. Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1904 at 10 a.m. and duly recorded  
 Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1904.  
 W. T. Lawler  
 JofP

therefore granted by the United States  
 unto the said Alvi (Arvi) J. Bobo the  
 tract of land above described: to have and  
 to hold the said tract of land with the  
 appurtenances thereof, unto the said Alvi  
 (Arvi) J. Bobo and to his heirs and  
 assigns forever: In testimony whereof I,  
 Benjamin Harrison President of the United  
 States of America, have cause letters to  
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We hope that this article gives our  
 readers better knowledge of this Bobo  
 ancestor. We hope to devote a major  
 article in each issue to one of our  
 ancestors, with Henry B. Bobo tentatively  
 picked for the Summer issue. If you have  
 any information on Henry which you will  
 share with us, please send it to the  
 newsletter. -- Charles H. Bobo

**Future Newsletters**

While this issue of The BOBO ROOTS-  
 CELLAR concentrates on Arvi Joseph Bobo,  
 it obviously does not contain all of the  
 information on this ancestor. As more  
 information is discovered and developed on  
 him, it will be included in future issues  
 of the newsletter.

If you have a favorite ancestor you  
 would like to have us develop information  
 on, please let the editor know. If you  
 have information on which we can build a  
 story or an issue of the newsletter, then  
 send that along.

We want to develop an issue in which  
 Isreal Bobo and his ancestors are  
 discussed more fully; we'd like to feature  
 Henry B. Bobo; the spouses of the Bobos;  
 and the children of Arvi and Margaret.

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 General. Now know ye that there is**

"Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 5th day of May A.D. 1890, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, do, were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including, etc. and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

"Henry B. Rober (signature)  
"Clerk Circuit Court"

We have copies of the "History of Claimant's Disability" in the claim in the handwriting of Arvi J. Bobo describing his injuries. This document was stamped by the Pension Office on March 24, 1891, and is transcribed as literally as possible from the copy. Arvi lists his occupation as a farmer and miner and names his places of residence as "Vinton Co. Ohio near Zaleski also Webb Summit (word blurred, could be Licking Co.) Ohio Also Coal Valley West Va fayette Co. a bout 83 & 84. Moved to Ala feb the 6th 1888. This is as near as I can remembr factes."

It is interesting that he writes, "Got medicine from Dr. Mames of Zaleski, Ohio, for lungs in July '65. done no good so went to using pattent medicines whitch I have continued to use ever Since as I was not able to pay a regular doctor. As to pain in back I must avoid all stooping work and when it gets to bad I must layu up and apply linaments & (word marked through) untill it gets better.

"Was treated for typhoid pneumonia in Hospital, i think brigade hospital at Charleston W. Va. doctors Mcune & Newton Steward W.D. Higgens one nurse named Senica A. Covee think hospital was of brick situated on Kanawha rive bank a bout one half mile from boat landing at Charlestown and up the ariver have (word blurred) the doctors wer boath (or booth) bad."

Writing of his ability to work, Arvi said, "I have mined coal and iron ore and some farm work was formerly able to make about a half hand in the mines except sutch times as my cough would get to bad or my back. Chose mining be caus could work kneeling or sitting down so to keep my back straight had to quit on act of health came south took government land can now do in one day a bout what a good

man will do in two hours.

"As to effect of disabilities shortness of breath when exerting my self sharp pain in left lung and left shoulder and some times in right shoulder so as not to be able to rais an ax or other tool to strike. And at times coughing almoste continuley during damp cloudy weather unable to talke a long breath without coughing."

This statement was witnessed by J.H. Crocker and A.ett. Tanner in Madison County, Ala., and sworn before T.J. Martin, Notary Public.

In addition to his statement, Proof of Disability, in the form of sworn statements from neighbors in Ohio also was furnished by George W. Douglas and Mrs. Lottie Douglas, both of Nelsonville, Athens Co., Ohio. George Douglas wrote, "in the year 1877 from March to Sept of said year I was boss of Sarne (?) Oar Mines in Hocking Co., Ohio, and said soldier was at the same mines and during all the time from March to September 1877 he was afflicted with a bad cough and complained of having lung truble and of having a lame back and was taking medicine for his lungs seeinghim daily and conversing with him I further saw said soldier at Zaleski in Vinton Co. Ohio in 1885. and he appeared to be worse in his back and seemed to have a worse cough."

A \$12 per month disability (invalid) pension was approved for Arvi on March 23, 1891, effective Sept. 6, 1890, based on the diagnosis of "disease of lungs and uniary organs and injury of back."

One further document gives more information about Arvi J. Bobo and the settling of the family in Madison County, Ala. This is the Homestead Certificate on the original Bobo family farm in what is now the Bobo Section of North Madison County. We hope a project will be started to determine the history of that homestead and who now owns and lives on it.

HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATE NO. 7041  
Application No. 17817

U.S. Government )  
To )  
Arvi J. Bobo )

The United States of America, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a

military or naval service otherwise as stated above re-enlisted March 24-'64--discharged June 30-'65. Also served three months in Co. D, 18th O.V (Ohio Volunteers) April 20/61. That since 30 day of June 1865, he has not been employed in the military or naval service.

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in Zaleski, Carbondale, West Summit & Kittanning in the State of Ohio and in Ala. and his occupation has been that of a laborer & farmer. That prior to his duty in the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled the same. That he is now 1/2 disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

"He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Patrick O'Farrell, of Washington, D.C., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has not received or applied for a Pension. That his post office address is Golightly in the County of Madison and State of Ala.

"A.J. Bobo (signature)

"ATTEST: A.J. Bentley (signature)  
Otis Nichols (signature)

"Also personally appeared Margaret A. Bobo, residing at Golightly P.O. and Henry A. Bobo, residing at Golightly P.O., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw A.J. Bobo, the claimant, sign h\_\_ name (or mark h\_\_ mark) to the foregoing declaration; and they have every reason to believe, from the appearances of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

"Margaret A. Bobo (signature)  
"Henry A. Bobo (signature)

"Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 5th day of May A.D. 1890, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, do, were fully made known and explained to the applicant and

(3-000.)

Department of the Interior,  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,  
Washington, D. C.

No. *774519*  
*Arvi J. Bobo*  
*C. D. 2, W. Va. Cav.*

It is alleged that *Arvi J. Bobo* collected *Sept 14* 18 *65*  
and served as a *Private* in Co. *D* Regt. *W. Va. Cav.*  
also as a " " in Co. *D* Regt. *W. Va. Cav.*

and was discharged at *Charleston, W. Va.* 18 *65*

It is also alleged that while on duty at *Charleston, W. Va.*  
on or about *fall* 18 *63*, he was disabled by *typhoid fever,*  
*pneumonia, disease of lungs, injury of back*

and was treated in hospitals of which the names, locations, and dates of treatment are as follows:  
*Charleston, W. Va., Regt. Ammunition, McCune & Newton*

In case of the above named soldier the War Department is requested to furnish an official statement of the enrollment, discharge, and record of service so far as the same may be applicable to the foregoing allegation, together with full medical history. Please give the rank he held at the time he is claimed to have incurred the disability alleged, and if records show that he was not in line of duty during that period, let the fact be stated.

Very respectfully,  
*John B. Rawson*  
Commissioner

The Officer in Charge of the  
Record and Pension Division,  
War Department.

witnesses before swearing, including, etc. and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

"Henry B. Roper (signature)  
"Clerk Circuit Court"

We have copies of the "History of Claimant's Disability" in the claim in the handwriting of Arvi J. Bobo describing his injuries. This document was stamped by persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw A.J. Bobo, the claimant, sign h\_\_ name (or mark h\_\_ mark) to the foregoing declaration; and they have every reason to believe, from the appearances of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

"Margaret A. Bobo (signature)  
"Henry A. Bobo (signature)

complexion and is 5 feet, 8 inches high.  
(Signed) James A. Hoover, ????  
2nd Regiment W. Va. Cav. Volunteers  
RECRUITING OFFICER.

A hand written annotation along the side of the enlistment form reads:

"Mustered into the Service of the U.S. for three years or during the war from the date of enlistment in Co. D 2nd Reg W. Va Cav. on the 24 day of March 1864 (signature illegible), Asst. Com. Musters, 3D Div Depot W. Va.

From this document, we know little more about the physical appearance of young Arvi Joseph Bobo: Color of hair and eyes and complexion and his height, and we can now draw somewhat of a mental picture of him.

LATER PENSION CLAIM FILED

Arvi made claim (No. 774519) with the Bureau of Pensions in the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. for pension on May 5, 1890, as a result of injuries while on active duty with the Army. (Remember throughout this paperwork that the meaning of the word "invalid" is not "not having merit" but rather is "a person in poor health.") Paperwork includes:

"DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION"

State of Alabama, County of Madison, ss.

"On this 4 day of May, A.D. 1890, personally appeared before me H.B. Roper of the Clerk Circuit Court, a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Arvi J. Bobo aged 45 years a resident of the Town of Golightly county of Madison State of Ala. who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Arvi J. Bobo who was ENROLLED on the 14 day of Sept. 1861, in Company D of the 2nd Regiment of W. Va. Cav. commanded by Capt. H.S. Hamilton and was honorably DISCHARGED at Charleston, W. Va. on the 24th day of March 1864 that his personal description is as follows: Age 45 years;

Height 5 feet, 8 inches; complexion dark; hair dark; eyes gray. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in line of his duty at Charleston in the State of W. Va. on or about the Fall of 1863, he contracted typhoid pneumonia resulting in disease of lungs, accompanied by a bad cough.

"While carrying dispatches for General Arvil at Winchester, Va., during an engagement about August 1864, he incurred injury of back by having his horse fall on him in crossing a ditch.

"That he was treated in hospitals as follows: Charleston, W. Va. and by Regt'l Surgeon's McCune & Newton.(?).

"That he has been employed in the

DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION. TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF HIS SEAL. State of Alabama County of Madison ss. On this 5 day of May A.D. 1890, personally appeared before me H.B. Roper of the Clerk Circuit Court, a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Arvi J. Bobo aged 45 years a resident of the Town of Golightly county of Madison State of Ala. who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Arvi J. Bobo who was ENROLLED on the 14 day of Sept. 1861, in Company D of the 2nd Regiment of W. Va. Cav. commanded by Capt. H.S. Hamilton and was honorably DISCHARGED at Charleston, W. Va. on the 24th day of March 1864 that his personal description is as follows: Age 45 years; Height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion dark; hair dark; eyes gray. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the service and in line of his duty at Charleston in the State of W. Va. on or about the Fall of 1863, he contracted typhoid pneumonia resulting in disease of lungs, accompanied by a bad cough. That he was treated in hospitals as follows: Charleston, W. Va. and by Regt'l Surgeon's McCune & Newton. That he has been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above on or about March 24th 1864 discharged June 30th 1865. That since the 5th day of June 1865, he has not been employed in the military or naval service. That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in Charleston, W. Va. and his occupation has been that of a laborer. That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled in the service. That he is now disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States. He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, PATRICK O'FARRELL, of Washington, D.C. his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That he has applied for a Pension. That his postoffice address is in the County of Madison and State of Alabama.

Joined for duty and enrolled:  
When .....Sep. 14, 1861.  
Where ..... McArthur, O.  
Period 3 years.

No entry is made for bounty paid or due or valuation of horse and equipment.

\* This organization subsequently became Co. D, 2 W. Va. Cav.

Company Muster Rolls for Arvi during the early part of his enlistment provide very little information until May and June of 1882 when he was listed as a Private, not as a Corporal. It was noted in the September and October 1882 Muster that Arvi had gone home and was now absent without leave. He had returned to his unit and in the November and December Muster, and it was noted that Arvi had been reduced from corporal to private on Nov. 1, 1882, by order of Col. Paxton.

There may be an explanation, though we have no proof of it. During that period, if a unit were in bivouac, soldiers would often leave and go home to take care of business. For farmers, this often meant going home in the Fall for harvest of crops and then returning to the unit when harvest was completed. This could be an explanation, but at this point it is speculation.

Arvi's record continues to show him as present, but in the September and October, 1863, muster he is shown as absent in the regimental hospital. The November and December, 1863, Muster again shows him as "Absent without leave since Dec. 28, '63." But, he passed muster in the January and February report.

The Detachment Muster-out Roll (a copy produced here) and the March and April Company Muster Roll shows that Arvi re-enlisted. The records also show something of the pay of soldiers and was the first notation of pay in his records. The Muster-out Roll shows that he had received \$28.37 since Sept. 1, 1863, and was due \$100 for bounty. When mustered back into the 2d Cav. W. Va., on March 26, 1863, it was noted that Arvi was due \$400 bounty. Other notations of bounty due were made in later musters and he received a three-day furlough in April 1864.

Trouble seems to have arisen again for Arvi, who was listed as a deserter on June 30, 1864, but in July and August it was noted that he was on detached service at Division Headquarters, as he was in

September and October.

## VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT

STATE OF OHIO ELK TWP., VINTON CO.

I, Arvi J. Bobo (signature) born in Vinton Co. in the State of Ohio, aged Twenty-One years and by occupation a Farmer do HERBBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have volunteered this 25 day of Mch 1864, to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for a period of THREE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, established by law for volunteers. And I, Arvi J. Bobo, do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at Camp Toland, W.V., this 25 day of Mch 1864 before J.A. Hoover, (signature) 2nd Lt., Co. D. 2nd W. Va. Cav. (Signed) Arvi J. Bobo

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

(Signed) M.M. Ewen  
Surg. 2nd Rgt. 2d W. Va. Cav.  
EXAMINING SURGEON

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, Arvi J. Bobo, previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has grey eyes, dark hair, dark

# Bobo Community

(Continued from Page 7.)

and second generations of the family are now gone. A series of letters written by Arvi and Margaret and other members of the family to relatives still in Ohio bear the postmark, Golightly, Ala., through the 1880s and '90s. This name obviously stemmed from the Golightly family, also a migrant family, from which the Golightly Cemetery is named. About the turn of the century, one letter at least the postal origin of Dan, Ala. By 1908, the postmark Taft, Tenn., takes over. There seems to be no evidence of a BOBO post office.

About 1894 or '95, the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis R.R. opened a branch line from Fayetteville, Tenn., to Capshaw, Ala. This railroad ran along adjacent to the Bobo farm, and was a matter of interest to Arvi, being mentioned frequently in his letters. Since he had a business there, and was located on a section line, it seems to have been regarded as a suitable place for a small railway station. Many of our (now senior) generations remember a neat iron post beside the station bearing the sign BOBO. While the name may already have been emerging gradually, it seems safe to assume that it was the BOBO station of the railroad that fixed and authenticated the name.

Also, at some time in the platting of that part of the county, the section line road running east and west through the community was named the BOBO SECTION ROAD, and is posted by that name across the township to the east.

Arvi and Margaret Bobo lived out their lives in the little hamlet of BOBO, and various of their descendants lived in the community from 1888 until about 1940. Other members of the family still live there. Arvi and Margaret, their sons, J.P., Thomas D., and Clarence E. and their daughters Olive and Margaret all lie buried in the pioneer Golightly Cemetery among their fellow Ohio migrants. The railroad is gone, and so is the station sign, but the name BOBO lingers on.

L.F. Bobo, Hazel Green, Ala.  
David H. Bobo, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Grandsons of Arvi J. Bobo

I wish to see the Service of the U.S. for about 18 years or during the war from the date which I was in the U.S. in 1864 a h...  
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## VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF  
Ohio



TOWNSHIP OF  
Clermont Co. Ohio

I, Arvi J. Bobo, born in Clinton Co. Ohio  
in the State of Ohio, aged 19 years,  
and by occupation a Soldier, Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have  
volunteered this 25 day of March 1864

to serve as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the  
period of THREE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also  
agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, estab-  
lished by law for volunteers. And I, Arvi J. Bobo do  
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States  
of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all  
their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the  
orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers  
appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Given and subscribed to, at Clermont Co. Ohio  
this 25 day of March 1864  
By Arvi J. Bobo

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, agreeably  
to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental  
infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

James W. McQueen  
Examining Surgeon

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, Arvi J. Bobo  
personally to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my  
judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties  
of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service.  
This soldier has 1/2 eye, 1/2 hair, 1/2 complexion, is 5 feet 8 inches  
high.

James W. McQueen  
2nd Regiment of W. Va. Cav. Volunteers,  
Recruiting Officer.

## Arvi Joseph Bobo

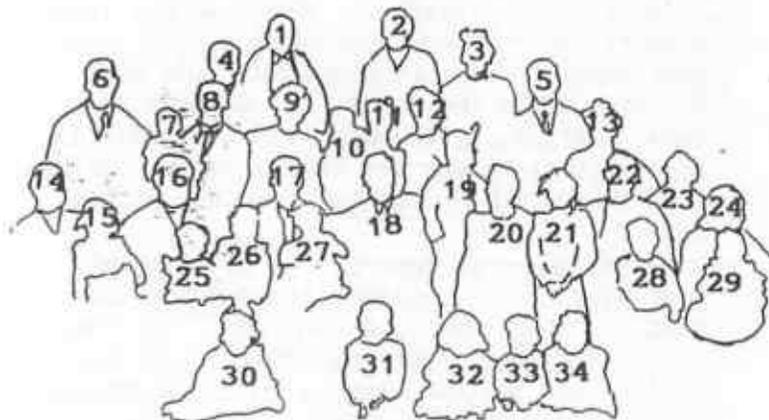
If he were born on 4 May 1844 as other records indicate, then Arvi was 17 years old, not 19, as his army records show. But, young men have often fudged on their ages to get in the military, and Arvi may have aged an extra couple of years to join the army.

His Muster-in Record reads as follows:

U.S. 2 Cav. / W. Va.  
  
Arvi J. Bobo  
Corpl., Co. D, 2 Reg't Virginia Mtd.  
Vols.\*  
Age 19 years  
  
Appears on  
Company Muster-in Roll  
of the organization named above. Roll  
dated  
Camp Bolles (?), Va. Nov, 8, 1861.  
Muster-in date Sep. 14, 1861.



- (25) Arthur Brosemer [grandchild], son of Mathias and Minnie Brosemer;
- (26) Mary Katherine Brosemer Campbell [grandchild], daughter of Mathias and Minnie Brosemer;
- (27) Clarence Brockway [grandchild], son of ~~Henry and Olive Maynard; NO~~
- (28) Norman Theodore Bobo [grandchild], son of John Pearl and Julia Ann Bobo;
- (29) Emma Mabel Bobo Cunningham [grandchild], daughter of John Pearl and Julie Ann Bobo;
- (30) Frances Brosemer Maddox [grandchild], daughter of Mathias and Minnie Brosemer;
- (31) Charles Algernon (Charlie) Bobo [grandchild], son of Thomas Denver Bobo and Della Marie Bobo;
- (32) May Brockway Tunstill [grandchild], daughter of ~~Henry and Ella Margaret Maynard; NO~~



- (33) Arvie Henry Maynard [grandchild], son of Henry and Ella Margaret Maynard;
- (34) Blanche Violet Bobo Baeder [grandchild], daughter of Henry Allen and Edna Bobo.

## Bobo Community

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 fertilizer, may have served for a time as postmaster. These activities, of course, as well as participation in homespun community educational and social enterprises, tended to make his place a sort of community center. The older sons [John Pearl and Henry Allen], 19 and 17 at the time of their arrival in Alabama, married in a few years and settled either

on or near the family farm. In the course of the years, at least five of the six sons lived with their families within a quarter of a mile of the homestead, and so formed a Bobo community.

When did the community began to be publicly known as BOBO? That question is difficult to answer since all of the first  
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# Many Cousins Contributed to Newsletter

Several persons have contributed information for this the first issue of The BOBO ROOTS-CELLAR, we wish to thank each of you. James Kenneth Bobo, Athens, Ala., from the John Pearl Bobo line, has graciously shared much of his research on the family. James Kenneth has spent many hours on this and has made trips to Ohio seek additional information. He sent along addresses of several other cousins, who are receiving a copy of this first newsletter. He also provided the address of Louise Thedford, Crowley, Tex., of the Olive Amanda Bobo line, who is preparing information on that group. Louise phoned and we exchanged memories of Madison County, Ala.

Charley June Philpot, Athens, Ala., also of the John Pearl Bobo line, has shared memories of the family with the editor and encouraged him to get this labor of love started. One good morning in December, over a good Alabama breakfast, she and her daughter, Clara Ruth Andrews, stuffed the editor and encouraged him to do something about writing a family history. The way to a Bobo's heart is through his stomach.

Charley June also sent me the address of Talmadge Bobo, Pensacola, Fla., of the Frederick Fenton Bobo line, who reviewed the draft manuscript and called with a long phone call, which I'm afraid help Ma Bell's profits and put a dent in his wallet. He also sent a photo of Arvi J. Bobo and family taken in about 1905 and a copy of the newspaper article on the Bobo community in north Madison County prepared by L.F. Bobo and David H. Bobo.

My sister, Mrs. Bill (Peggy Sue) McCutchen, Scottsboro, Ala., John Pearl Bobo line, encouraged me more than she knows to get this started when she recounted memories of our father, Norman Theodore Bobo, and our uncle, Joseph Starling Bobo, grandfather of J.K. It didn't hurt anything but my waist line that she fed me during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and allowed me to share the affection of three great nieces -- Laura, Danielle and Cecelia Thorsen -- during the holidays. The way to a great uncle's heart is to let him read children stories.

Then Roberta Norris, Fayetteville, Tenn., and D.R. Bobo, Hazel Green, Ala., of the Benjamin Harrison (Harry) Bobo

line, helped me recount a lot of wonderful memories. They may not have known it at the time, but they were helping to kindle a fire in my heart and brain.

Someone in the Brosemer family has done a lot of research and compilation of records in the Minnie Catherine Alwinda Bobo line, and I want to thank them. As a youth, I remember going with Dad to visit Aunt Minnie, I believe at Owens Cross Roads, near Huntsville. J.K. sent me the material on this line, and I want to thank him and those who provided the information to him.

There are others to thank, and though I don't know all their names, I do thank them. -- Charles H. Bobo

## Day to Remember

### Daughter for Lewises

A day to remember in the family of William Michael Lewis and Karen Lynn Bobo Lewis is April 17. Karen, daughter of Thomas Robert (Talmadge) and June Bobo of Pensacola, Fla., gave birth to a daughter, Christina Ryan, on 17 April 1989. On 17 April 1972--17 years earlier--she gave birth to her first child, Donald Shane Lewis.

For the record, this newest Bobo descendant weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 ozs. and was 20.5 inches long. Christina and all are doing well.

Michael and Karen have two other children, Larissa Dawn, 14; and Aaron Michael, 8.

## Mrs. Talmadge Bobo

### Recuperating at Home

Recuperating at home in Pensacola, Fla., after an accident at work in which she broke her shoulder in three places and cracked her hip is June Bobo, wife of Thomas Robert (Talmadge) Bobo.

Talmadge reports that June spent a week in the hospital. The doctors placed a plate in her hip and were able to work the shoulder into place. The healing and rehabilitation process will be a long one.

'Get Well' cards can be sent to June at: 800 Lucerne Ave., Pensacola, FL 32505.

Bobo  
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naming. Surprisingly enough, the maps show a BOBO, Miss., and a BOBO, Ohio, and older maps show a BOBO, Ind., all from branches of the same family.

The family which gave our BOBO its name was a part of a rather large migration of people from Vinton County, Ohio. In the early days of the iron and steel industry in America, there was a modest smeltry at Zaleski, Ohio. It was a chief source of employment and livelihood for the citizens of that community. But as consolidation took place, and centers like Pittsburgh, Wheeling and Youngstown developed, such small installations as that at Zaleski closed down. When this happened at Zaleski, many of the residents were left without employment and began seeking opportunity elsewhere. Some of these disoriented people learned that there was still an abundance of public land available for homesteading in North Alabama, and some promise of railroad and other public work. The word was passed around, and scores of families who were from slightly to closely acquainted in Ohio migrated, if not together, at least in close succession, and settled in northwestern Madison and northeastern Limestone Counties. In this area, one finds a set of names largely duplicating that around Zaleski, Ohio. This migration took place chiefly during the last two decades of the last century.

Among those migrants was one Bobo family -- that of Arvi J. and Margaret (Fewry) Bobo and their eight children, to which two more Alabama-born children were added later. The Bobo family made the move in 1888, traveling by river steamboat from Parkersburg, W. Va., to Louisville, Ky., and by Louisville and Nashville R.R. from Louisville to Athens, Ala. One night was spent in Athens, and then a trek through the wilderness brought them to their new home, now known as BOBO. Arvi Bobo's farm lay in the southwest quadrant formed by the present crossroads there. The original house, with perhaps some surface changes, still stands in the grove a few yards back from both of the two roads. Arvi Bobo farmed in a modest way, and, having been a small merchant in Ohio, opened a neighborhood store, dealt some in

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The photo (at the right) of a reunion of the Arvi J. Bobo family in about 1905 was sent to the newsletter by Talmadge R. Bobo of Pensacola. To make matching of names and faces easier, an outline at the right should help. We will try to identify everyone's relationship to Arvi J. and Margaret Angeline Bobo in [ ] and spouses and children, if in the photo.

- (1) Joseph Starling Bobo [grand-child], son of John Pearl and Julia Ann (Dollie) Bobo;
- (2) Clarence Edgar Bobo [son], husband of Elizabeth Beatrice Hess Bobo;
- (3) Elizabeth Beatrice Hess Bobo [daughter-in-law];
- (4) Frederick Fenton Bobo [son];
- (5) Henry Allen Bobo [son], husband of Edna Smith Bobo;
- (6) Benjamin Harrison (Harry) Bobo [son];
- (7) Walter Harry Maynard [grand-child], son of Henry and Ella Margaret Maynard;
- (8) Henry Maynard [son-in-law], husband of Ella Margaret Bobo Maynard;
- (9) Ella Margaret Bobo Maynard [daughter];
- (10) Frederick Leo Brosemer [grand-child], son of Mathias and Minnie Catherine Alwilda Bobo Brosemer;
- (11) Minnie Catherine Alwilda Bobo Brosemer [daughter], wife of Mathias Brosemer;
- (12) Olive Amanda (Ollie) Bobo Brockway [daughter], wife of Lawrence Brockway;
- (13) Edna Smith Bobo [daughter-in-law], wife of Henry Allen Bobo;
- (14) Thomas Denver Bobo [son];
- (15) Roy Edwin Bobo IV [grandchild], son of Thomas Denver Bobo and Della Marie Scruggs Bobo;
- (16) Mathias Brosemer [son-in-law], husband of Minnie Catherine Alwilda Bobo Brosemer;
- (17) Lawrence Brockway [son-in-law], husband of Olive Amanda Bobo Brockway;
- (18) Arvi Joseph Bobo;
- (19) Emma Margaret Bobo [daughter];
- (20) Margaret Angeline Fewry Bobo;
- (21) Bessie Maynard [step grand-child], daughter of Henry Maynard;
- (22) John Pearl Bobo [son] and husband of Julia Ann (Dollie) Scruggs Bobo;
- (23) Clara Belle Bobo Phillips [grandchild], daughter of John Pearl Bobo and Julia Ann Bobo;
- (24) Julia Ann (Dollie) Scruggs Bobo [daughter-in-law], wife of John Pearl Bobo;



## Bobo Family Crest

Bobo Family

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Firstly, if we are descendants from the Bourbons of France, as one family tradition leads us to believe, then the crest should be the Bourbon crest or a derivation of it. That crest was passed along from Henry of Navarre, who became the first king in the Bourbon line, King Henry IV. The Bourbon crest contains fleur-de-lis, a device of three leaves or flowers bound together at the base.

Secondly, if we are descendants of the Bobone or Bobo family of ancient Rome, which became the Orsini family in Italy, then their crest might also be ours. Could the Bobo or Bobone or Orsini family have migrated to from Rome to France in the Middle Ages. David H. Bobo's research located the family in Southern France near the Pyrenees Mountains. I don't know, but all this makes for some interesting speculation and research. As I remember, the bear is a feature of the Orsini family crest.

I'll try to get copies of the Bourbon and Orsini crests and print them in a future Roots-Cellar. Until then, let me know any ideas you have about crests of other branches of the Bobo family. --

Charles H. Bobo

## Susan and Scott Smith Parents of Son, Bennett

**S**usan Ann Rehm Smith and Scott Andrew Smith of Old Hickory, Tenn., are the parents of a 6-pound, 10-ounce baby boy, Bennett Scott Smith, born on 17 Oct. 1989 at Nashville, Tenn.

Young Bennett Scott has a sister, Jessica Lauren Smith, born 21 March 1987.

The youngsters are grandchildren of Helen Marie Maddox Rehm and William Lester Rehm of Huntsville, Ala. Great grandparents were Frances Helen Brosemer Maddox and Baddie Calvin Maddox of Huntsville; great, great grandparents were Minnie Catherine Alwilda Bobo Brosemer and Mathias Brosemer of Huntsville; and great, great, great grandparents were Arvi Joseph Bobo and Margaret Angeline Fewry Bobo of Madison County, Ala.

## Jessie Bobo Bailey, 69, Dies On 17 Feb., Buried at Golightly

**J**essie Geraldine Bobo Bunn Bailey, 69, of 169 Cothran Rd., Hazel Green, Ala., died Saturday, 17 Feb. 1990, of congestive heart failure at a Huntsville, Ala., hospital. The funeral was at Gallant Funeral Home in Hazel Green with Donald Ramey officiating. Burial was in Golightly Cemetery by her father.

Jessie was born 15 Feb. 1921, a daughter of Thomas Denver Bobo and Nora May Wallace and a granddaughter of Arvi Joseph Bobo and Margaret Angeline Fewry Bobo who lived in the Bobo Section area of Madison County.

Survivors include her husband, John Wesley Bailey; a daughter, Laura Angelyn (Angie) Hall of Owens Cross Road, Ala.; a son, Richard Stephen Bunn of Livingston, Mont.; four step-daughters, Bobby Cooper of Ecu, Miss.; Ann Brown, Marilyn Capwell and Debra Abbey, all of Pontotoc, Miss.; two sisters, Laura Myrtle Syler of Hazel Green; and Verna May Gowen of Nashville, Tenn.; a granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Durham; and two step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David Bobo, Glenn Ferguson, Vann Ferguson, Johnny Ferguson, Dave Headrick and Garrell North.

She attended the Bobo family reunion in June of 1989 in Ardmore, but had been in failing health recently.

Jessie's first marriage was to Richard W. Bunn.

## Matthew Bryant Married To Bobbie Lynn Boggs

**M**atthew Edward Bryant of Orlando, Fla., and Bobbie Lynn Boggs of Cincinnati, Ohio, were married on 14 Oct. 1989. The Rev. Robert Ross of Orlando, Fla., officiated at the wedding at the Victory Baptist Church in Cincinnati.

Matthew is a son of William Lawson Bryant II and Rachael Cecilia Maddox Bryant of Huntsville, Ala.; and was a grandson of the Baddie Calvin Maddox and Frances Helen Brosemer Maddox of Huntsville; a great grandson of Mathias Brosemer and Minnie Catherine Alwilda Bobo Brosemer; and a great, great grandson of Arvi Joseph Bobo and Margaret Angeline Fewry Bobo, of Madison County, Ala.

We plan to publish additional information on Isreal Bobo in the next Roots-Cellar, along with additional charts and group sheets. Jane Hall is making more of her research available, and we hope

that others who have additional material on Gabriel, Isreal and any of the descendants of the latter, particularly his son, Henry, will contact the newsletter and make it available.-- Charles H. Bobo)

## Joseph Bobo Also Was Son of Gabriel

**A**nother son of Gabriel Bobo is mentioned in the research papers of David Henry Bobo -- Joseph Bobo. These papers have been kept by James Kenneth Bobo of Athens, Ala., who recently made copies of them for my use.

David writes, "Joseph appears to be the son of Gabriel. He appears in the family of Gabriel in connection with his personal property tax lists first in 1787, where he appears to be over 21, though possibly only over 16. He appears in this connection again in 1788 and...in 1791, '92, '93, '97, '98 and '99.

"Apparently the same Joseph Bobo appears in the county of Prince William (Va.) 1810 and 1820, in both of which he and his wife were over 45. This would seem to fit, age-wise," comments David.

Here we have another possible link to our Isreal Bobo, if he is a son of Gabriel, as some of the other researchers think. Both Stephen R. Brown of Fresno, Calif., and Garth O. and Jane E. Hall of New Berlin, Wis., list Isreal as Gabriel's son in their charts and sheets. Until someone finds other information, I'll accept their findings.

David adds, "Joseph, however, is perhaps the most frequent of all names in the Bobo family."

The name Elizabeth appears repeatedly among the girls' names, which ties to a theory I have. I've read several Huguenot histories and found that many of them escaped France in the 1500s and 1600s and went to England, where some of them remained for several generations before migrating to the American colonies.

While the Huguenots were in England they were protected and aided by Queen Elizabeth I, and many of the French Huguenots named their daughters Elizabeth as a mark of respect and thanks for the English Queen who was their protector.

I still have not had the opportunity to research the ships passenger lists coming into the colonies when our ancestors might have migrated from England, if, indeed, they came from England. If we checked the passenger lists of ships

coming into the Middle Atlantic ports in the early 1700s or even the late 1600s, we might find some more clues to our ancestors. Given time, I hope to do just this. -- Charles H. Bobo

## Jesse Bobo Was Another Son of Gabriel Bobo

**J**esse Bobo was mentioned only briefly in the research of David Henry Bobo, and thus far, I've been able to locate any additional information on him.

David wrote, "Jesse appears as the son of Gabriel Bobo. He appears in the Gabriel Bobo personal property tax list for the first time in 1787, where he appears to be over 21, though possibly only over 16. He appears again in the same connection with Elizabeth Bobo in 1792.

"There is a Jesse Bobo in Ohio at the time of the 1820 census, which may possibly be him."

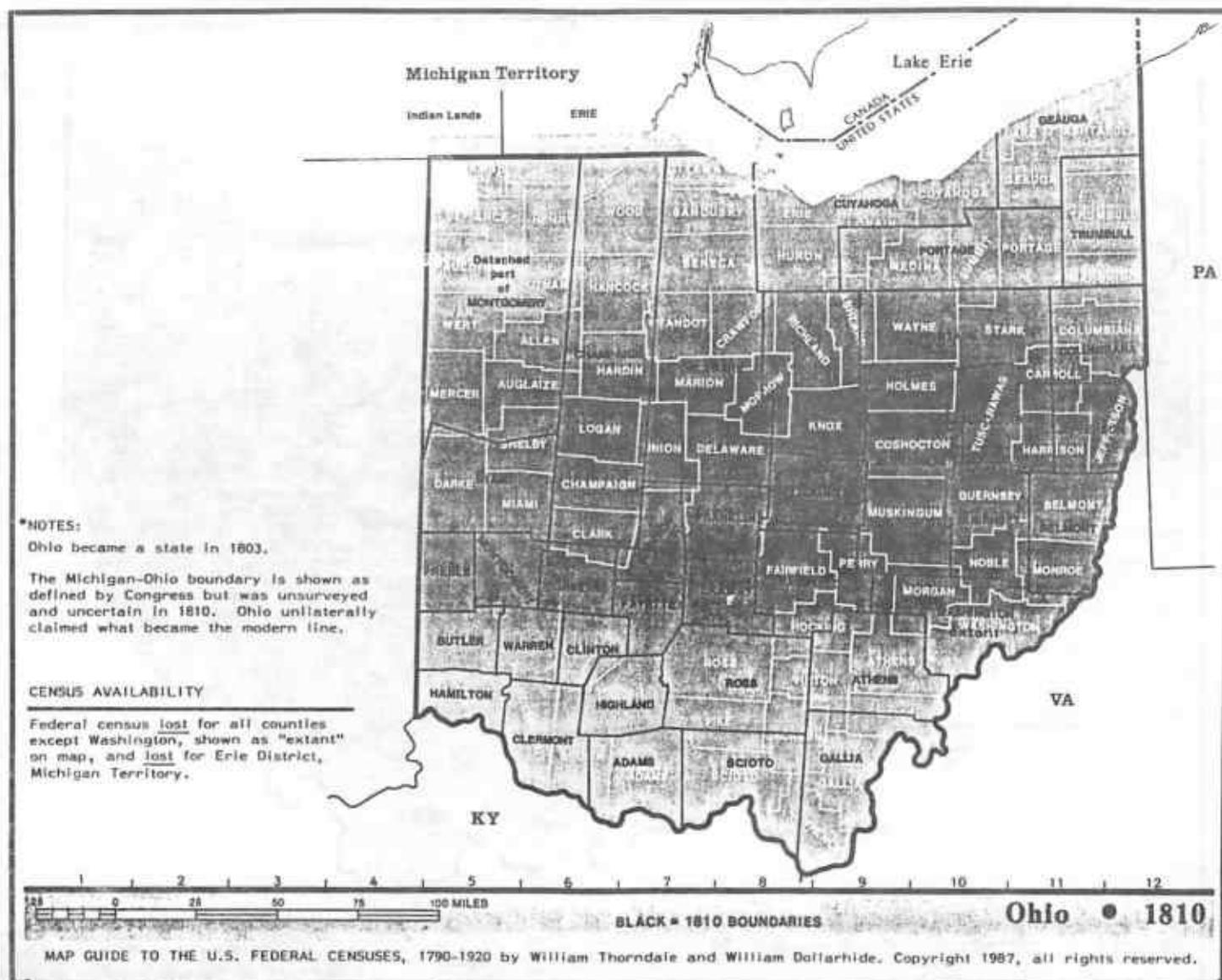
If our Isreal Bobo is a son of Gabriel, then Jesse and he are brothers. If any of you are doing research in Ohio, stay alert for any mention of Jesse Bobo.

## Is Bobo Crest Authentic Or Artist's Creation?

**S**ome of you have asked if I would print a copy of the BOBO Family Crest which has appeared in other publications. I've seen this crest, but I have some reservations about its authenticity.

While it may well be the true crest of the BOBO family, it may not be. I'd like to know from what source it originated. I know that many art houses which specialize in heraldry will create a family crest, if none already exists.

I do not remember the elements of the BOBO crest which has appeared in other publications, but from my research and knowledge there are two factors which (Continued on Page 16.)



BY 1810, Athens and Gallia Counties had been organized, and Washington County was considerably smaller as other counties

had been formed from it. Note that Vinton, Meigs and Hocking Counties had not yet been organized.

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The probate record proving it is probably to be found in Ohio."

This conclusion conflicts with the the information that we have that Isreal is probably the son of Gabriel BOBO.

He asks, "Do you know the names of Isreal's Children? Their names may be clues to the grandparents names."

Isreal sons were: Ezekiel, Gabriel G., Henry and Joseph. Could the Henry to whom Wilson refers in Virginia and later in Ohio be an uncle or brother of Isreal, for whom our Henry B. BOBO was named? Our Henry B. BOBO is the father of Arvi Joseph BOBO.

Wilson adds, "Almost the earliest Vir-

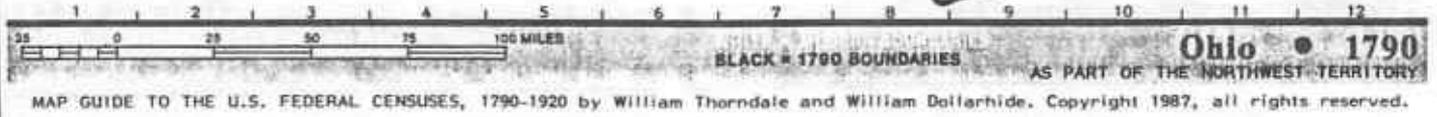
ginia BOBO I have found so far is a Spencer BOBO who was a petitioner in Orange County, Va., in 1737 and who appears in Orange County land records and, after 1749, in those of Culpeper County. He owned land there as late as 1767 (deed abstracts by John Frederick Dorman). Prior to 1759, Culpeper County (formed in 1749 from Orange County) was immediately adjacent to Prince William County.

"Even earlier than Spencer is an Elizabeth BOBO who owned 200 acres of land in King William County, Va., in 1704 (Annie Smith, 'Quit Rents of Virginia, 1704', p. 9). She is mentioned in Virginia land grants there as late as 1725 (Nell Nugent, 'Cavaliers and Pioneers,' V. 3, p. 287. This name is extremely rare, so there is probably a relationship."



**\*NOTES:**  
 Permanent Indian cessions came only in 1795, so the county boundaries shown here represent grandiose lines partly obscure and mostly deep in hostile country.  
 Knox now lies in Indiana. Ohio's Knox County was created in 1808.

**CENSUS AVAILABILITY**  
 No federal census was taken in the Northwest Territory in 1790.



THIS IS OHIO as it was organized in 1790, a few years before our Isreal Bobo is thought to have moved there from Prince William County, Va. While his name is not included in the 1787 Census of Virginia, was he too young to have been listed, or had he already left? If he arrived in 1798, as tradition has it, did he stop in what is now West Virginia or

Pennsylvania en route to his new home? We know that he arrived before 1801, for he married Margaret Graham on 2 April of that year. In 1790, Washington County encompassed all of the counties in which we are primarily interested in researching today -- Vinton, Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Jackson, Gallia, Morgan, Perry and the present Washington.

## Our Bobo Ancestors

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 home of Isreal Bobo."

According to the PWCGS newlsetter, "The 1800 census of Ohio shows the following BOBOs in Washington County: Garner, Henry, Jared, Thomas, all in Middletown Township. In 1803, Garner is gone, but your Isreal joins the others. (Ronald Jackson, 'Early Ohio Census Records'). Henry is probably the Herry BOBO who was in Fauquier Co. (Va.), 1787,

and the Henry mentioned in the Athens County history. Thomas was probably in Prince William in 1787-1792.

"The 1820 census of Ohio shows Henry BOBO in Athens Co., Ohio, along with Isreal, Jared and Isaiah BOBO."

Wilson concludes, "Judging from the above sources, I would guess that Isreal BOBO is most likely the son of Henry.

WILL & TESTAMENT OF JAMES GRAHAM DEC'D

In the name of God Amen, I, James Graham of Rutland Township, in Meigs County & State of Ohio considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind but weak in body, do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, viz.

First, I do give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Graham all the monies, Rights, Property, Goods of any kind whatsoever now doe to me from John Black by his note bond or other instrument whatsoever. Also all the rents profits use or income of whatsoever name or nature arising from the lot or farm which I now live on in said Rutland & which I lately conveyed by deed to my son Henry Lasley Graham a minor during the natural life of her the said Elizabeth Graham. I also do give and bequeath to her the said Elizabeth all my personal property, to wit: all the cows, Horses, sheep, swine or other cattle and also all household Furniture of every name, nature or description belonging to me together with all monies, dues, debts or demands of whatsoever name or nature. She the said Elizabeth is to pay and discharge all Just debts & demands that may be against me at my decease. I do also will & bequeath to each of my children, namely, Margaret Bobo, William Graham, John Graham, Sarah Carpenter, David Graham, Gabrel Graham, Susannah Caster, James R. Graham, Samuel Graham the sum of One Dollar each to be Paid by my Executor out of my personal Property. I do also will & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Graham, twenty five Dollars to be Paid by my said minor Son Henry L. Graham when he becomes of lawful age & comes into full possession of the premises before described. And I do hereby nominate & appoint Jonatham Lasley my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In witness thereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

James Graham                      L.S. (seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published & declared by the above named James Graham to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the Testator.

Samuel Downing  
George Downing  
Harrison Downing

The State of Ohio, Meigs County SS I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the last Will & Testament of James Graham dec'd as presented in open Court & the execution thereof proven by the oaths of George Downing & Harrison Downing two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & the Court being satisfied from the testimony adduced that the Testator was at the time of executing the same of sound mind & memory & not under restraint order that the same be recorded.

M. Bosworth Clerk

JANE E. HALL of New Berlin, Wis., who sent The Roots-Cellar a copy of this will, notes that the Henry Lasley Graham

mentioned in the will is a son of James Graham and his second wife, Elizabeth Lasley Black, and that the others of his children mentioned later in the will are children of James Graham and his first wife, Elizabeth Ripley.

hundred perches to a bonnded white oak in the fork of the said branch then by a Straight line to the first bonnd tree containing and laid out for one hundred and ninety five acres of Land, which Land I Will and Desire may be equally divided between my two sons aforesaid Hezekiah and Mathew Garner ----

Item, I give and bequeath unto Charles Garner whom, I appoint by these presents my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament the Dwelling plantation whereon I now live and my other Estate whatsoever which is not heretofore mentioned to be equally divided between my sons John Garner, Charles Garner, Hezekiah Garner and Mathew Garner. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 5th day of June 1771.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presents of also the Testator requested and Desired us to be Witness hereof

Dan'l. McPherson,  
Archibald Johnson  
Thomas Adams

his  
Joseph (X) Garner  
mark

Seal

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus written, Viz. Charles County to wit the 8th January 1774 Came Daniel McPherson, Archibald Johnson and Thomas Adams, three Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will who being duly Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangils of Almighty God do Depose and say that they saw Joseph Garner the Testator sign and Seale the name and heard him publish and pronounce it to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind and memory and they severally Subscribed as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his request which probat was taken in the presence of William Garner the heir at Law who did not object to the same ----

Before Dan'l. Jenifer Dy. Comm'r.

THE WILL of Joseph Garner is another provided by Garth O. and Jane Hall of New

Berlin, Wis., for use in The BOBO Roots-Cellar and BOBO Family History.

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Proven: July 2, 1972.  
Signed: Richard (X) Bobo.

Wits: Saml. Dryn, John (X) Murdock, James Bradfield.

Again, we have knowledge of other Bobos living in Prince William County near the same time our ancestor lived there, but we know nothing of the relationship of Richard or Thomas Bobo to Isreal.

The January 1990 "Newsletter of the PWCGS," in reference to a query by me, Mr. Wilson wrote:

"According to 'The 1787 Census of Virginia' by Nettie Schreiner-Yantis, the following men named BOBO were living in Virginia that year, all in Prince William County (except for a Herry BOBO in neighboring Fauquier County): Gabriel, Jesse, Josep, Richard, Thomas (two of them), and William. Gabriel BOBO's will was filed in PWC in 1790, Richard's in 1792. (Torrance, 'Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800.') Nobody else named BOBO is listed. It seems safe to conclude that Prince William was probably the (Continued on Page 13.)

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## JOSEPH GARNER'S WILL

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I, Joseph Garner of Charles County in the Province of Maryland, Planter, being in health and of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain Estate of this Transitory life and that all flesh must yeald unto Death when it shall please God to call, do make, Constitute, ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments, Will and Wills heretofore by me made and Declared either by word or writing and this to be taken only for my Will and Testament and none other and first being penitent and sorry for the bottom of my heart for my Sins and past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same, I give and commit my Soul unto Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ, Trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my Sins and that my Soul with my body at the general day of Resurrection shall rise again with joy and through the merits of Christ's death and passion possess and Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for elect and chosen, and my body to be Buried in such a place and where it shall please my Executor hereafter named to Appoint and now for the settling of my Temporal Estate and such goods, chattles and Debts as it hath pleased God far above my Deserts to bestow upon me, I do order, give and Dispose the same in manner and form following, that is to say, First I will that all my debts and Dues as Favor in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly Contented and paid or ordained to be paid within convenient timeafter my Decease by my Executor hereafter named ----

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son, Benjamin Ganer, a feather bed and furniture which I have already lent him, also an iron pot and frying pan, also a cow and calf and two flagg bottom chaires ----

Item, I give and bequeath to my son William Garner a Cow and calf ----

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Bobo three barrels of Indian corn ----

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Garner one sow and piggs ----

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Francis Garner ten shillings Sterling ----

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Garner a negro wench called Rachel, a negro girl called Dinah and her choice of the best bed with the furniture which I have, two cows and Calves, two ewes and Lambs, a horse, bridle and Saddle which she shall choose belonging to me ----

Item, I give and bequeath unto my grandDaughter Ann Gray a negro girl called Eliz'th.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Hezekiah Garner and Matthew Garner all that Tract or parcell of Land whereon my sons Benjamin Garner and Charles Garner now lives called Williams Purchase beginning at a bondded red oak at the head of one of the branches of the white marsh about a mile from Richard Carpenders and running North East one hundred and eighty perches to a bondded red oak at the head of Daniels branch then South twenty seven Degrees East one hundred and sixty perches to a bondded red oak at the head of another branch of said Marsh, then down the said white Marsh branch South West by South two

ELIZABETH BOBO'S WILL

In the name of God, Amen. I, Elizabeth Bobo of the County of Prince William and State of Virginia, being of weak body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks to God, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. Imprimis, I bequeath my Soul to God and give it trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ forgiveness of my sins and a Joyful Resurrection, and my body to be decently entered at the descretion of my Executor, I desire my just debts may be paid as soon as possible after my Decease and just methods be used for the speedy recovery of the debts due to me.

Item, I give and bequeath to my grandson Duglass Conner, his Heirs or assigns forever all the estate now in my possesson or that may hereafter come to me by any way whatsoever. And further it is my will that if I should be entitled to any part of my Brother Charles Garner's Estate who lately Died in the State of Maryland, that my Grandson above named shall have the same to be his legal right and his Heirs forever. And lastly I constitute and appoint my Grandson Douglass Conner to be my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal on this 16th day of January 1813. Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us.

John Kincheloe  
Thomas Wells

her  
Elizabeth (X) Bobo  
mark

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At a Court of Quarterly Sessions Continued and held for Prince William County June 8th 1813. This last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Bobo, dec'd, was presented to the Court and being proved by the oath of John Kincheloe and Thomas Wells is ordered to be recorded.

Teste Phil. D. Daws Co Cur.

At a Court Cont'd and held for Prince William County May 3rd 1814, Douglas Conner the Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Bobo, dec'd, came into Court and made oath to the same, aiming (?) to have & having taken the Oath of an Executor and performed what is usual in such cases, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste Phil. D. Daws Co Cur.

THE WILL ABOVE is recorded in Prince William Co., Va. A copy of it was sent

to The Roots-Cellar by Jane E. and Garth O. Hall of New Berlin, Wis.

Carr with Simon and Thomas Chapman: which contains the following reference:

"Elizabeth Boboe, James Brown, Thomas Harding levying execuiton on William Innis.

Pages 30-31. Will of Richard Bobo being about 41 years of age:

Br. Thomas Bobo 5 s.  
Br. Thomas Bobo's oldest son William 1 s.

Wife: Mary Bobo horse, furniture & etc. and remaining part of estate both real and

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Leg:                    | personal during her natural life and at her dec. to (be) disposed of at her decretion. |
| Exorx:                  | Nothing to any of the rest of my brothers or sisters or their children.                |
| Dated:                  | Wife.<br>Jan. 9, 1792.   |
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# FAMILY GROUP RECORD BOBO Family Assn.

## HUSBAND JAMES ROBERT? GRAHAM

Born 4 OCT. 1756 Place CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND CO., PA.  
 Married 12 OCT. 1782 Place CUMBERLAND CO., PA.  
 Occupation FARMER, CAPT. REV. WAR UNDER WAYNE  
 Church Affil. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 2 SEPT. 1834 Place RUTLAND, MEIGS, CO., OHIO  
 Buried MILES CEMETERY Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other wives \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father JAMES GRAHAM  
 Mother (maiden name) MARTHA HUTCHINSON

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON FILLING OUT THIS SHEET  
 COMPILED BY CHARLES H. BOB  
 FROM MATERIAL BY STEPHENE BROWN FROM INFO. FROM J.K. GAHAM, PAULA McVEY, RUTH RAWLINGS  
 Relationship of above to Husband: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship of above to Wife: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAMES OF HUSBAND AND WIFE OF THIS CHART ARE THE SAME PERSON AS NOS. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
 ON LINEAGE CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## WIFE (1) ELIZABETH RIPLEY (2) ELIZABETH BLACK

Born 18 SEPT. 1780 Place FAYETTE CO., PA.  
 Church Affil. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other husbands \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father JOHN OR DAVID RIPLEY  
 Mother (maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

| Sex M F | CHILDREN                 | BORN DATE & PLACE | MARRIED TO WHOM DATE & PLACE                            | DIED DATE & PLACE                       |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| F       | 1 MARGARET GRAHAM        | 1780 - 1783 PA    | ISRAEL BOBO<br>2 APRIL 1801, ATHENS CO., OH             | 1832<br>ATHENS CO., OH                  |
|         | 2 WILLIAM GRAHAM         | 2 JULY 1783       | NANCY CASSEL  | 1854<br>VINTON, CO., OHIO               |
|         | 3 JOHN GRAHAM            | 28 AUG. 1787      | NANCY MURPHY<br>13 OCT. 1811<br>KANAWKA CO., W. VA.     | 1840                                    |
|         | 4 SARAH GRAHAM           |                   | JOSEPH CARPENTER<br>27 FEB. 1806<br>ATHENS CO., OHIO    |   |
|         | 5 DAVID GRAHAM           | 1790              | ANN ROBINET<br>9 DEC. 1813<br>GALLIA CO., OHIO          |   |
|         | 6 GABRIEL GRAHAM         | 1791              | MARY BICKLE<br>2 APRIL 1815<br>GALLIA CO., OHIO         | 1869<br>GRAHAM CEM.<br>ATHENS CO., OHIO |
|         | 7 SUSANNAH GRAHAM        | 1797              | HEZEKIAH CASTER<br>12 JAN. 1815<br>WASHINGTON CO., OHIO |   |
|         | 8 JAMES ROBERT GRAHAM    | 21 MARCH 1798     | POLLY BROWN<br>21 AUG. 1820<br>MEIGS CO., OHIO          | 18 DEZ. 1880<br>MEIGS CO., OHIO         |
|         | 9 HENRY LASSLEY GRAHAM   | 1818              | ALMIRA NOBLES<br>25 FEB 1841<br>MEIGS CO., OHIO         |   |
|         | 10 MARY ELIZABETH GRAHAM | 1819              |   | 1853                                    |
|         | 11 SAMUEL GRAHAM         | 1794?             | SARAH LOWERY<br>25 NOV. 1819<br>ATHENS CO., OHIO        |   |
|         | 12                       |                   |   |   |

Bobo  
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GABRIEL BOBO'S WILL

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In the name of God, amen. I, Gabriel Bobo of the County of Prince William, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, Calling to mind the uncertainty of my body, I, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this Last will & Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I commend to the earth nothing doubting but, General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again, by the Almighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate herewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. --

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth, my Dearly beloved wife, my whole estate to have and to hold for her life & (it is) my Desire that none of my children shall molest her and at her Decease to be disposed of as she thinks proper, whereof I have hereunto set my heand and seal this 2nd day of December 1789.

Signed, sealed & delivered by the said Gabriel Bobo

his  
Gabriel (X) Bobo  
mark

in the presence of us.

Daniel Parris  
James Greenwell

seal

At a Court held for Prince William County the 4th day of October 1790, this will was presented to the court and being proved by the oaths of James Greenwell was admitted to record and administration the said will annexed was granted to Elizabeth Bobo who performed what is usual in such cases.

C Teste

Robert Graham Co Cur.

GABRIEL BOBO'S WILL is recorded in Prince William County, Va., and a copy

was sent to The Roots-Cellar by Garth O. and Jane E. Hall of New Berlin, Wis.

Our Bobo Ancestors

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ter, in material prepared by Don L. Wilson, gives some additional information on Joseph:  
"The Revolutionary War pension application of Joseph BOBO of Prince William County, filed in 1846, gives his age as about 86, states that he was born in 1760, in Prince William County, and that his father died when he was quite young. (John Frederick Dorman, 'Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications,' V. 8, p. 5-6). In the 1810 census of Virginia, Joseph BOBO can be found in Prince William County, while Jesse BOBO is found in

Wood County."  
Ms. Jeffries found one other bit of information on Absalom in "Marriages of Some Virginia Residents 1607-1800," by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck:  
BOBO, Absalom m. bef. 21 Apr., 1784, Amy Sims, dau. of Thomas Sims Sr., whos will of that date bequeaths to his dau., Amy Bobo and mentions Absalom Bobo. Culpepper Co. WB C, pp. 129-131." (Culpeper County is south of Prince William County.)  
The date of this marriage in 1784 would rule Absalom out as a father of Gabriel or Israel.  
Among other information sent by Ms. Jefferies was an extract from the "Prince William County Will Book H 1792-1803, p. 10-26, Estate accounts of Mr. William

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