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FOWLER

(also Waskey, Lafferty, Straton)

Mrs Claude S Fowler

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To: Prof. Houg H*

The following is subject to corrections and there could be typing errors.

1. Fowler children

PARENTS

- 2. Claude Stanley Fowler Sr = 1922, Putnam Co, WVa - =  
md 1947, Roanoke, WVa
- 3. Vicie Jane "Babe" WASKEY = 1926, W'mson, WVa -

GRANDPARENTS

- 4. Orville Sayre Fowler =1896, Put. Co, WVa -1950 Boone Co, WVA = md 1917, Kana. Co, WVa.
- 5. Marbra Reado LAFFERTY = 1902 Piney, WVa - 1967, Baltimore, Md.
- 6. Mannings Garland Waskey = 1887, Montg. Co, Va - 1972, Rke, Va = md 1909, W'mson, WVa.
- 7. Carrie Gertrude STRATON = 1886, Logan Co, WVa -

GREAT GRANDPARENTS

- 8. James Robert Fowler = 1871, Mason Co, WVa - 1934, Put. Co, WVa = md 1892, Put. Co, WVa
- 9. Annie Belle HUTTON = 1870, Put. Co, WVa - 1945, Putnam Co, WVa
- 10. Howard Edward Lafferty = 1874, Fay. Co, WVa -1952, Smithers, WVa = md 1895, Boone Co, WVa.
- 11. Cora KEENEY =1877 Boone Co, WVa -1916 Kana. Co, WVa.
- 12. James Madison Waskey = 1847, Bote. Co, Va - 1932, Montg. Co, Va = md 1880, Montg., Co, Va.
- 13. Zuleikia "Zue" Lemon MOORE = 1854, Campbell Co, Va -1937, Montg. Co, Va.
- 14. Allan Butcher Straton = 1855 Logan Co, WVa - 1920, W'mson, WVa = md 1885, Logan Co, WVa
- 15. Sarah Jane DESKINS = 1867, Wayne Co, WVa -1941, Mercer Co, WVa.

2nd GREAT GRANDPARENTS

- 16. Thomas Richard Fowler = 1844 - 1912, Mason Co, WVa = md 1868, ?
- 17. Matilda Frances HOOVER = 1847, G'b'r Co, WVa -192, Mason Co, WVa
- 18. James Hutton = 1848 -1889, Put. Co, WVa = md 1869, Put. Co, WVa
- 19. Emma Jane HARMON = 1851 - 1906, Putnam Co, WVa
- 20. Henry Rife Lafferty = 1852 -1912, WVa = md 1873, Ral. Co, WVa.
- 21. Bettie Cam SNUFFER = 1846, Amh. Co, Va - 1933, Ral Co, WVa.
- 22. John Patrick Keeney/Kena = 1852/54, Kana Co, WVa - 1920, Boone Co, WVa = md 1873, Boone Co, WVa
- 23. Mary Frances NELSON = 1854 - 1930, Boone Co, WVa.
- 24. William Christopher Waskey = 1825 Bote. Co, Va - by 1888, Montg Co, Va = md 1845, Montg Co, Va.
- 25. Charlotte McCLURE = 1828, Bote Co, Va - ?
- 26. Richard Marshall Moore = 1817 Camp. Co, Va -1882 Montg Co, Va = md 1841 Camp Co, Va.
- 27. Emily ?Overstreet ?Hurt ROBARDS/Roberds = 1818 Camp Co, Va -1908 Montg Co, Va.
- 28. John Wm Straton = 1821 Cabell Co, WVa - 1903 Logan Co, WVa = md 1849 Logan Co, WVa



29. Mary Ann PERRY = 1831 - 1896, Logan Co, WVa
30. John Deskins = 1821 Pike Co, Ky - 1886, Logan Co, WVa = md 1840 Pike Co, Ky.
31. Martha BEVINS = 1822, Pike Co, Ky - 1897 W'mson, WVa

### 3rd GREAT GRANDPARENTS

32. Thomas ?Richard Fowler = 1810 Eng - 1884 Mason Co, Wva = md 1830 Ohio
33. Mary "Polly" MULFORD = 1810 Ohio or Pa - 1892 Mason Co, Wva
34. John Smith Hoover = 1819 G'b'r Co, WVa - ? = md 1846 G'b'r Co, WVa
35. Jane Wilson JEFFRIES = 1823 G'b'r Co, WVa - ?
36. Joseph Hutton = 1827ca - ? = 1846, Kana Co, WVa
37. Ann PARKINS =
38. Thomas Harmon = 1814 Kana Co, WVa - 1891 Put Co, WVa = md 1842 Kana Co, WVa
39. Segious Hutson/Hudson COLLINS = 1824 Kana Co, WVa - 1908 Put Co, WVa
40. (Seth?) Steele Laferty/Laverty = 1805, Monroe Co, WVa - 1878, ? = md (1st) 1837 Fay. Co, WVa
41. Nancy JONES = 1820 Grayson Co - 1855 Ral Co, WVa
42. Owen Snuffer = 1804 Montg Co, Va? -1893 Ral Co, WVa = 1834 Amherst Co, Va
43. Cleopatria Alvertine TERRY = 1816 Amh Co, Va - 1899 Ral Co, WVa
44. ?John ?Keeney
45. Caroline ASBURY = 1830ca Giles Co, Va - ?
46. Joseph Nelson = 1812ca Surry Co, NC - 1868ca Boone Co, WVa
47. Mary "Polly" Estep = 1822ca Pulaski Co, Ky - ?
48. Christian/Christopher Waskey = 1779, ?Md - 1838ca Bote. Co, Va = md 1807 Rockbridge Co, Va.
49. Mary RIPLEY = 1795-80, Va - ?
50. Samuel McClure = - 1838ca Bote Co, Va = md 1817 Bote Co, Va
51. Nancy PULLEN = 1802ca -
56. Joseph Straton = 1794, Ire. - 1846 Logan, WVa = md 1819 Cabell Co, WVa
57. Mary "Polly" HENDERSON = 1803 Monroe Co, WVa = 1890 Texas.
58. Col James G Perry = 1793ca G'b'r Co, WVa - ? = 1816 Monroe Co, Va
59. Rachel ROACH = 1796 Monroe Co, WVa - ?
60. John Deskins = 1790/1800, Va -1849ca Pike Co, Ky = md 1819 Floyd Co, Ky
61. Rebecca HOLT = 1797ca NC - 1860 Pike Co, Ky.
62. John Bevins = 1786, ? - 1867ca Pike Co, Ky = md ?
63. Mary Jane "Polly" STACY = 1790, ? - 1850/57, Pike Co, Ky

### 4th GREAT GRANDPARENTS

64. Thomas Richard Fowler = 1775, Eng - 1855 Mason Co, WVa = md 1800 Eng.
65. Anna JOHNSON = 1780, Eng. - 1850 Mason Co, WVa
66. Ezekiel Mulford = 1788ca, Pa -1871 Ohio = md 1808, Pa.
- 67 Sally COOK
68. Jacob Hoover = = 1819 G'b'r Co, WVa, md
69. Nancy FLINN =
70. William Franklin Jeffries = = md 1820 G'B'r Co, WVa
71. Annie L VANARSDALE =
76. John Harmon = 1785ca Bote Co, Va - 1860 Put. Co, WVa = md
77. Mary
78. Moses Collins = = md 1821 Kana. Co, WVa
79. Segus FARLEY =
80. William Laverty/Lafferty = , Aug. Co, Va - 181 Monroe Co, Va = 1/md ?Jane ; 2/md 1792, G'b'r Co, WVa
81. Nancy JAMISON

82. James Jones = 1795, - = 1812, Grayson Co, Va  
 83. Cynthia SCUDDER = 1796ca NC -  
 84. George Snuffer = 1777, Montg Co, Va? - 1859 Ral Co, WVa = md 1798  
 Montg Co, Va  
 85. Elsie HUFF = 1776 Loudoun Co, Va - 1855 Ral Co, WVa  
 86. Thomas Randolph Terry = 1793 Amh Co, Va = 1874 Amh Co, Va = 1815 Amh Co, Va  
 87. Catherine ROBINSON = 1795 - 1867  
 90. William Asbury = 1800ca Bedford Co, Va - = md 1819 Bote Co, Va  
 91. Cney SIMMONS  
 96. George Waskey  
 97. Margaret ? = -1827 Rockbridge Co, Va.  
 98. Matthias RIPLEY = - 1814 Rockbridge Co, Va = md  
 99. Barbara (?Van) BOUSMAN = -1824, Rockbridge Co, Va.  
 102. John PULLEN = - 1845 Bote Co, Va = md 1798 Bote Co, Va.  
 103. Elizabeth BENNETT =  
 104.  
 94. Shadrack Estep/Eastep = 1792ca NC - 1870 Boone Co, WVa = md 1809 Floyd  
 Co, Ky  
 95. Elizabeth HUNT = 1793ca Bedford Co, Va? -  
 114. William Henderson = 1780ca G'b'r Co, WVa - = md 1800 Montg Co, Va  
 115. Nancy DINGESS  
 116. John Perry  
 117.  
 118. Jonathan Roach = 1762 Rockingham Co, Va - 1840 Monroe Co, WVa = md  
 1782 Aug. Co, Va  
 119. Ruth MEADOWS = -1855 Monroe Co, WVa  
 120. ? Deskins  
 121. ?Sarah ROARK  
 124. Joseph Bevins = 1751 Ire. - 1824 Floyd Co, Ky = md  
 125 Mary/Anna NOBLETT

#### 5th GREAT GRANDPARENTS

128. (?Thomas) Richard Fowler = Eng.  
 129. (?Harriet) Ann ? = Eng.  
 132. Abram/Abraham Mulford = 1752ca NJ - = md  
 133. Hannah (?Van) SICKLES  
 138. George Flinn  
 139.  
 142. Cornelius Vanarsdale = NJ - = 1785, Aug Co, Va.  
 143. Jane WILSON  
 152. Thomas Harmon = 1752 Aug Co, Va - 1824 Kana Co, WVa =?1774 Bote Co, Va  
 153. Nancy WALKER  
 158. William Farley = 1755 Va - = md  
 159. Elizabeth FOURQUERAN = 1782 - 1860 Kana Co, WVa  
 160. Ralph Laverty = 1751ca Ire - 1792 Bath Co, Va. = 1/md  
 161. ?Elizabeth Stewart?  
 166. John Scudder = - 1817/1823 Grayson Co, Va = md  
 167. Nancy  
 168. George Snuffer = 1743ca Ger. - Tenn. = md  
 169. ?Missy ?WIRTS  
 170. Philip HUFF = - 1822/3, Montg. Co, Va = md  
 171. Rachael  
 172. Thomas Terry = 1761, Chesterfield Co, Va - 1833 Amh Co, Va = md 1786  
 Buckingham Co, Va.  
 173. Lucy LAX = 1757 - 1843 Amh Co, Va.

174. William Robinson = 1758 -1825 Amh. Co, Va = md  
 175. Lucy  
 176. ?John Terry  
 177.  
 180. Thomas James Asbury = 1768/9 - 1827 Bedford Co, Va = 1792 Bed. Co, Va  
 181. Nancy WRIGHT  
 182. Simmons  
 183. Polly  
 228. John Henderson = 1740 -1787, G'b'r Co, WVa = md  
 229. Anne GIVENS = 1740ca - 1819  
 230. Peter Dingess = 1748ca Ger - 1809 Giles Co, Va = md  
 231. Mary "Polly" SMITH

#### 6th GREAT GRANDPARENTS

264. Job Mulford = 1719 ca - = md  
 265. Sarah HAMPTON = - 1787 NJ  
 284. Cornelius Vanarsdale  
 285.  
 286. William Wilson  
 287.  
 306. William Walker = - 1810, Bote Co, Va = md  
 307. Mary  
 318. John Fourquaran = = md 1772, Bedford Co, Va.  
 319. Mary GUTRY  
 336. ?Hans Michael Schnauffer = 1716 Ger - 1772 Pa = md  
 337.  
 344. John Terry  
 345.  
 348. John Robinson = 1736ca - 1798ca Amherst Co, Va. = md  
 349. Lucy ? = - 1825, Amh Co, Va  
 360. Thomas Asbury = 1726ca, Westmoreland Co, Va - 1808 Mercer Co, Ky =  
 md 1751 Stafford Co, Va.  
 361 Martha JENNINGS =  
 362. John Wright = - 1803 Bed. Co, Va. = md  
 363. Elizabeth  
 456. James Henderson = 1708, Scot. - 1784 Aug Co, Va. = md 1738  
 457. Martha HAMILTON  
 458. John Givens = 1719 - 1790  
 459. Mary Margaret SITLINGTON = b 1729

#### 7th GREAT GRANDPARENTS

528. Jeremiah Mulford = b 1687 -  
 529.  
 638. Henry Gutry  
 639.  
 720. Henry Asbury = 1680/3 -1740 West. Co, Va = md  
 721. Hannah  
 722. Daniel Jennings =  
 723.  
 724. Thomas Wright = -1762/3 Bed. Co, Va.  
 725. Mary  
 912. William Henderson = 1676 -1757 = md 1705  
 913. Margaret BRUCE  
 914. Audley Harrison Hamilton  
 915. Elener ADAMS



916. Samuel Givens = -1740 Orange Co, Va. = md  
917 Sarah CATHEY  
918. Robert Sitlington  
919. Mary FEAMSTER = b 1715 -

8th GREAT GRANDPARENTS

1056. Thomas Mulford = 1650 NY -1727/32 NY = md  
1057. Mary Gardiner CONKLING = 1658, Conn - 1743.  
1440. Henry Asbury =1650/55 Md? - 1707 West. Co, Va. = md  
1441. Mary  
1836. John Sitlington  
1837. Sopher MATHER  
1838. Thomas Feamster  
1839. Elizabeth

9th GREAT GRANDPARENTS

2112. William Mulford = 1600ca End - 1687 NY = md  
2113. Sarah AKERS  
2114. Jeremiah Conkling = 1634 - 1712  
2115. Mary GARDINER  
3672. Alexander Sitlington  
3673. Charlotte HOLDEN

10th GREAT GRANDPARENTS

4228. Ananias CONKLING - 1600ca Eng - 1684 NY = md 1631 Eng.  
4229. Mary LAUNDERS  
4230. Lyon/Lion Gardiner = 1599ca ?Eng - NY = md Holland  
4231. Mary Wilemson DEARCANT = b Netherland.

Abbreviations used.

WVa - West Virginia  
Va - Virginia  
Put. Co = Putnam Co, WVa  
Kana. Co = Kanawha Co.  
W'mson = Williamson (Mingo Co)  
Montg. Co = Montgomery Co.  
Rke = Roanoke  
Md = Maryland  
md = married  
Fay. Co = Fayette Co.  
Bote Co = Botetourt Co  
G'b'r Co = Greenbrier Co.  
Ral. Co = Raleigh Co.  
Amh Co = Amherst Co.  
Camp Co = Campbell Co.  
Pa = Pennsylvania  
Ire. = Ireland  
Eng = England  
NC = North Carolina  
Ky = Kentucky  
NJ = New Jersey  
Aug Co = Augusta Co.  
Ger = Germany  
Tenn = Tennessee

Bed Co = Bedford Co.  
West. Co = Westmoreland Co.  
NY = New York

Fowlers  
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## FOWLERS IN FAYETTE COUNTY

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My maternal grandmother Marjorie Fowler Ludwick lived to be almost 102. When I became interested in genealogy, I would try to get information from her about the family and her life. On one such occasion I asked her about her early life, which began in Fayette County. Marjorie was born in 1894 in Smithfield, PA, the youngest of seven daughters of Charles W. and Eliza Fowler. She recalled that they lived in a flat across the street from a doctor who owned a house with a large lot of land on either side of him. His son, Morford, who was about three years younger than Marjorie would come across the street and call over the fence, "Mrs. Fowler, can Marjorie come out and play?"; and with her mother's permission, she would then go out and play with Morford. Morford's father, Doctor Guiher, traveled by horse and buggy to visit his sick patients and Morford and Marjorie would go out with him on his house calls. In looking at the 1900 census for Smithfield Borough one finds: H.B. Guiher, physician, age 37, Maud his wife, age 27, and Morford his son, 3 years old.<sup>i</sup>

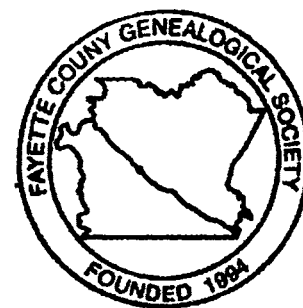
Marjorie's father, Charles, a carpenter with a specialty in staircases, worked in Uniontown and would stay there during the week. Marjorie went with her mother every Saturday to meet her dad at the train station and then would walk him to the station Sunday evening to catch a train back to Uniontown. When Marjorie was about 8 years old, the family finally moved to Uniontown. It is known that they lived on Lawn Street and during the 1930's her parents lived "out on the pike." Marjorie recalled a Japanese garden that was put on the estate of the Seaman's family, which they had opened up to the public to view. In the book, *History of Uniontown*, there is a mention of a Mrs. Titlow who owned some property and that she "conveyed it to Frank M. Seamans, Jr., August 5, 1903, who made elaborate and expensive improvements and added many acres of ground which he also embellished, making it one of the most delightful and desirable suburban residences in this part of the state."<sup>ii</sup> It is possible that this may be the family who created the Japanese garden that my grandmother visited.

Before her marriage in 1917, to William Ludwick,<sup>iii</sup> Marjorie lived in Uniontown with her parents and was employed by a photography studio. Although she didn't mention the name of the studio, several old family photos have the imprint Kough, Uniontown, PA on them and I also have in my possession a picture sleeve with an order form on it, with The Croft Studio, 28 East Main St printed on it. It is most likely that Marjorie worked for one of these studios. Found in one book is a listing of the Kough family:

"In 1893... [Oliver C. Kough] came to Uniontown, where he entered a



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## RENEWAL TIME

Enclosed in this issue is our 2006 renewal form. Please note that your membership card is attached at the bottom. Please remove your membership card before returning the renewal form to us.

## 2006 NEWSLETTER CONTENT NEEDED

In appreciation to all who sent in desperately needed articles, this issue includes the 8 pages we were short in our July issue. Thank you to all who take the time to submit material for the newsletter!

Please utilize your membership to its full potential - share your family research and let us know who you are looking for in Fayette County, PA, with a query or two.

As always, we rely entirely on our membership for newsletter content.

In addition, we haven't gotten any family group sheets for a long time.

## WE NEED FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR THE CARD CATALOG!!!

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photographic studio, remaining until he had mastered the art of photography. He then opened a gallery at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1901, gaining experience and perfecting his art. He then returned to Uniontown where he succeeded McClellan Leonard in his well established business. Mr. Kough has been very successful and stands among the best photographic artists of the county."<sup>iv</sup>

Marjorie also had worked as a telephone operator for Tri-State telephone company and she related that Lula Walters who was the chief operator of the phone company, came to see Marjorie's sister, Ida who had worked for the phone company before her marriage and was home visiting. While Lula was at the Fowler house, Marjorie asked Lula for a job at the phone company and was hired.

Her father Charles was born in 1854, the third child of John and Caroline Moser Fowler.<sup>v</sup> The Fowlers frequently crossed between the Pennsylvania and [West] Virginia border, and although it is not certain, it is believed that Charles was born in Fayette County, as there is no birth record located in Monongalia County, WV. His father John died in 1862 at the age of 36,<sup>vi</sup> leaving behind his wife Caroline, son Charles and five other children: Henry Caleb, Hannah J., Mary Catherine, Simeon D., and Asa. Another daughter Elizabeth died one day after she was born.<sup>vii</sup> From Marjorie's stories, after the death of his father, Charles would often stay with an uncle; he is listed in the 1870 Census in Springhill Township, living with his uncle Asa and aunt Mary Fowler.<sup>viii</sup> Two other children are found living apart from the family in 1870 in different households in Dunkard Township, Greene County. Hannah Fowler is listed with the Abraham Sterling family as a domestic servant.<sup>ix</sup> Also living in this household is John McCann, a farm hand--Hannah would become John's second wife in 1891. Also listed three doors away, is a Henry Calendine, living with Valentine Moser, perhaps a brother to Caroline.<sup>x</sup> It is strongly believed that this is Henry Caleb Fowler, as his grandfather's will lists him as Callendine.<sup>xi</sup> None of the other children, however, can be found in the 1870 Census; Caroline is listed in Union Township, Monongalia County, West Virginia by herself.<sup>xii</sup> It is unclear if the other children were just not recorded with their mother, or if they were living with other relatives, and never indexed.

Henry Caleb or Uncle Cal as my grandmother referred to him, moved to Oakland, Maryland, and married Catherine Gauer<sup>xiii</sup>; Hannah married John McCann as mentioned above and lived in Fayette County in Nicholson Township<sup>xiv</sup>; Mary Catherine married Daniel H. Hugh and lived in Fayette County in Fairchance<sup>xv</sup> <sup>xvi</sup>; Simeon D. married second Delilah Miller and settled in Greene County<sup>xvii</sup>, Asa married first Emma Nedley<sup>xviii</sup> who died in 1895 and then he married Sarah Nedley<sup>xix</sup>; and Charles married Eliza Zollars<sup>xx</sup>, or Lydia as she was referred to by family. Except for the first few years of their marriage,



Charles and Lydia resided in Fayette County until they were aged. After the death of their daughter Margaret in 1931, Charles and Lydia “broke up housekeeping” as my grandmother would say and they went to live at the Oddfellows Home in Grove City, PA, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

In addition to Marjorie, the other daughters of Charles and Lydia are: Mary Elizabeth (Molly) born in 1876 in Greene County and married Ewing L. Holmes in 1899.<sup>xxi</sup> Ewing was on the Uniontown Police Force and was at one time Captain of the force. The next daughter, Margaret Pearl (Maggie) was born in 1878 in Greene County and never married. Maggie was a dressmaker and sewed by hand. Ida May, the third child, was born in 1880 in Smithfield and she married Charles E. Flowers in 1909; they resided in Carmichaels, PA. Next born was Jesse E. in 1883 in Smithfield. She first married Clifford Minor in 1903 <sup>xxii</sup> and he died in Sept. 1910. An article reports how Clifford’s mother, after receiving word that her son was critically ill, hurried from Hagerstown, Maryland, to be with her son, but she arrived too late.<sup>xxiii</sup> (The article incorrectly names Clifford as Clarence.) In 1920, she married Charles A. Jobes and they resided in Monongahela, PA.<sup>xxiv</sup> The fifth daughter, Caroline, named after her grandmother, was born in 1885 in Smithfield and in 1903 she married Joseph Benjamin Brown; they lived most of their lives in Youngwood, PA. The next to the last daughter, Hannah Adeline (Addie) was born in 1889 in Smithfield and she married Clyde Graham in 1912.<sup>xxv</sup> Hannah died in 1921 following an operation for appendicitis. About six months after Addie died, her husband Clyde died. The official cause was pneumonia, but Marjorie stated that the doctor said Clyde died of a broken heart.

Although the descendants of my great grandfather, Charles Fowler, no longer live in Fayette County, the Fowler family has a rich history in the county. I’m sure there are some descendants of his grandfather, John Fowler, still living in Fayette County. As I continue to research the Fowler family, I hope to make contact with those distant relatives. If you think you are related to this family or if anyone is interested in learning more about the Fowler line that I am researching, please feel free to contact me.

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<sup>i</sup> 1900 US Census, H.B. Guiher household, Smithfield Borough, Fayette county, PA, page 149A, Family No. 132.

<sup>ii</sup> James Hadden, *History of Uniontown, Pennsylvania* (Akron: New Werner Company, 1913), 198.

<sup>iii</sup> Westmoreland County Marriage License #42201, County Clerk’s Office, Greensburg, PA.

<sup>iv</sup> John W. Jordan and James Hadden, editors, *Genealogical and personal history of Fayette County, Pennsylvania* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1912), 42.

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- v Family Data, Charles Walter Family Bible, owned by Dorothy Holmes in 1985.
- vi John P. Fowler tombstone, Forks of Cheat Baptist Church Cemetery, Stewartstown, WV; transcribed by T.C. Brown on July 29, 2005.
- vii Elizabeth Fowler tombstone, Forks of Cheat Baptist Church Cemetery, Stewartstown, WV; transcribed by T.C. Brown on July 29, 2005.
- viii 1870 US Census, Asa Fowler household, Springhill Township, Fayette County, PA, page 467, Family No. 294.
- ix 1870 US Census, Abraham Sterling household, Dunkard Township, Greene County, PA, page 216, Family No. 252.
- x 1870 US Census, Valentine Moser household, Dunkard Township, Greene County, PA, page 216, Family No. ?.
- xi John C. Fowler will (1863), Monongalia County will book 2:152, Register of Wills Office, Morgantown, WV.
- xii 1870 US Census, Caroline Fowler household, Union District, Monongalia County, WV, page 406, Family # 89.
- xiii Henry C. Fowler obituary, *The Republican*, Oakland, MD, July 28, 1927, page 4.
- xiv Fayette County Marriage License #3394, County Clerk's Office, Uniontown, PA.
- xv Charles W. Fowler obituary, *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA, November 22, 1932, page 9, col. 3.
- xvi Hannah McCann obituary, *The Morning Herald*, Uniontown, PA, October 15, 1938, page 2, col. 2.
- xvii Simeon Fowler obituary, *Waynesburg Republic*, Waynesburg, PA, July 9, 1925, page 1.
- xviii Monongalia County Marriage License Book 15:248, County Clerk's Office, Morgantown, WV.
- xix Fayette County Marriage License #7536, County Clerk's Office, Uniontown, PA.
- xx Family Data, Charles Walter Family Bible, owned by Dorothy Holmes in 1985.
- xxi Fayette County Marriage License #9574, County Clerk's Office, Uniontown, PA.
- xxii Fayette County Marriage License #14147, County Clerk's Office, Uniontown, PA.
- xxiii "Mother Hastens Home to Find Son Already Dead", *The Daily News Standard*, Uniontown, PA, September 24, 1910, page 1.
- xxiv Fayette County Marriage License #36759, County Clerk's Office, Uniontown, PA.
- xxv Fayette County Marriage License #25740, County Clerk's Office, Uniontown, PA.

**"UNCLE BOB" WINDERS - FAYETTE COUNTY'S LINK WITH  
WYATT EARP & TOMBSTONE, AZ**

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"Mining Suit Involving Millions," screamed the headlines of the *Tombstone Prospector* on 26 June 1909. Dr. Thomas W. E. Winders, a 37-year-old San Francisco physician who had grown up in Tombstone, had brought what was called, "perhaps the largest mining case ever filed in Arizona," against the Copper Queen Company, claiming \$1,250,000 for damages to the estate of his father, Robert Jackaway Winders, and his stepfather, Origen Charles Smith, more familiarly known as "Uncle Bob" and "Hairlip Charley." This venture into "courtroom mining" probably was the closest approach to fortune made in their pursuance of wealth through mining claims during the years 1879 through 1887. Dr. Thomas W. E. Winders was the son of Robert Jackaway Winders, who, in 1822, was born in Fayette County, son of Samuel Winder and Catherine Jackaway.

In 1838, Robert J. Winder, as an orphan over the age of fourteen years, petitioned the Orphans' Court of Fayette County to have John Winder appointed as his guardian. This petition was duly granted by the court. The only John Winder in the 1840 Census in Fayette County was the son of David Winder, who died in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1843. By 1840, young Robert J. Winder had already started off on his own, as the listing of John Winder's household in 1840 does not include a male of Robert's age. By 1847, he had found his way to Texas, where he was a member of the famed Texas Rangers during the Mexican War. According to Uncle Bob's military records, he was all of five feet, two inches tall, with hazel eyes and auburn hair. After the war, he wandered around in southern Texas. In 1865, he married 15-year-old Margaret Collins in Brownsville, Texas, and they began a round of gambling and saloon operations that took them from the Rio Grande to a booming Fort Worth in 1876. There Bob Winders, as his name had become in Texas, operated the elegant Cattle Exchange Saloon and employed a bartender named James Cooksey Earp - a matter of some consequence to Winder's later ventures in Arizona, as Jim Earp was the older brother of Wyatt and Virgil Earp.

In the fall of 1878, a spasm of "reform" spirit gripped Fort Worth, resulting in a series of raids, arrests, and clamoring for the closing of saloons. Uncle Bob, seeking new fields of enterprise, wrote to his old Ranger friend, William S. Oury, who was living in Tucson, about opportunities in Arizona Territory. Oury's reply in December of 1878 advised that "On the San Pedro River....a mining region has been discovered called the Tombstone District," reported as "surprisingly rich." Oury was not so interested in the gambling prospects, but told Uncle Bob Winders that "Charlie Brown is keeping a large saloon here and there are a number of games in his house," frequented by "quite