

Query from Fran WALKER: The Vincent KESTERSON family Saline AR. Several of his children married BROWNS - Marion m Nancy BROWN Emily m Joel E BROWN Cordelia m Richard BROWN. Nancy CHANZ you know the most about the BROWNS - Did any of them live in Saline AR and do you know of any other KESTERSON/BROWN marriages around the 1850's. OR does anyone know if the 3 BROWNS in Saline were siblings?

I received a rather nasty letter from Evaline BROWN of Dierks AR. I am reluctant to even mention this and to take up space that could be better used. But - its been on my mind too much so I am going to mention it. She is mad at me - Walter MILLER and Gloria MARKUS. Evaline has been a member since Nov 1996. She is offended because of what I printed in the last Newsletter in regard to Franklin Columbus KESTERSON beating his wife. (Please refer to Page 2 of the Feb 98 Issue. Reference to Onie Lee DWYER). Her short letter was curt, and to the point. To protect her privacy I will not reprint it here although I am sorely tempted to do so. In her opinion the story was untrue and I should not have printed it. She has told me clearly not to print anything in regard to her family ever again since I was not there to know if it happened or not. First let me say that I haven't a clue as to WHO Evaline Browns family members are. In the year and 1/2 she has been receiving the Newsletter she has never sent me one single thing on her line. She has sent no research material, no data whatever nor any money to support the group although I have asked her several times to send me her family data. If this Frank is a member of her family I would have had no way of knowing it!!! It would not have made any difference if I HAD known because I would have printed it anyway. The information is out there, free to anyone and I present it to you as I find it, to make of it what you will. I have no interest in spreading lies or causing anyone hurt feelings. These are merely family stories and \$\$\$ happens. It would be very nice if we could present to the world the perfect KESTERSON family - but its not gonna happen folks. All our families are normal people and we get the good with the bad as does the rest of the world. My apologies to any and all that are offended in any way but I'm not here to prove or disprove "gossip" - thats your job should you care to take it on. I AM HERE to research and to put forth to you every bit of information that comes our way whatever its content might be. I urge all of you to take what is offered in the light that it is presented. Whatever Frank has done (God rest his Soul) is now between him and his maker. If he's innocent then he's sprouting wings - if he's guilty then I guess he lost some points with GOD. To Evaline Brown and any other members of her family - I'm sorry if the story upset you and I'm sorry that she doesn't want to get the Newsletter anymore. She will now miss THE REST OF THE STORY. (Famous words of Paul Harvey). I for one want to hear what happens next.

Received ANOTHER nasty letter from Vergie Kesterson LAY 728 N Moore Rd Hot Sps AR 71913. She is a daughter of Frank Columbus Kesterson and has asked that I print a retraction -- Sorry - can't do it.

I have a mess of data coming in on top of what I already have on the Kesterons in Arkansas. Many of you are mixing the families of John/Malinda Dorsey Kesterson with that of Vincent and Dolly Chandler Kesterson. These families are no doubt related but I don't believe that they were brother (yet). I need to get all the census material/land records/birth/deaths/cemetery info and anything else connected to AR to get it all straight. Vincent was in and around Saline AR while John stayed put in Sevier (later Howard AR) Their children are all clearly listed in all the census material and I'm starting to work on this line closely. AGAIN - Please get me the stuff you have on Sevier AR (John & Malinda) and where you fit into the line. Its important that I have it because we have to be able to determine whos/who in AR. I especially need the lines of the following:

Deborah AKIN - I need your people. Edna HALL -I have most of yours but some missing.
Chris KESTERSON - I have nothing on your line from Charles/Sarah Forrester on down.
Norma KESTERSON - I have nothing on your line.

Walter Miller/ You sent me some 1880 Census pages - Champaign IL and I Thank You but I can barely read it. I made out Thomas Kesterson age 68 and wife Nancy age 50 with a son? Samuel Age 23.. Does anyone know who Thomas belongs to? Thomas b ca 1812. Nancy b 1830.

Sylvester KESTERSON line:

Cordelia KESTERSON d/o James Roland KESTERSON s/o Sylvester KESTERSON
Cordelia m Milton Tate BROCK 19 Aug 1871 Morgan Co TN.
Milton b 29 Oct 1846 in Anderson TN d 21 Jun 1916 Tahlequah, Cherokee OK
Cordelia b 5 Mar 1855 Anderson TN d 31 May 1883 Anderson TN
Cordelia died 1 week after her last child was born
Children: All born Morgan TN
William R BROCK 8 Sep 1873
Minnie J BROCK 25 Apr 1875
Samuel C BROCK 8 Jan 1877 m Minnie Gail McCart
Maudie M BROCK 3 Nov 1881 m Edward Franklin HUMAN
Cordelia T BROCK 24 May 1883

Some "Homework" if you have the time. I have found some things that I can't connect anyone to. Maybe some of you know about these folks.. If so please clue me in..

Frances KESTERSON m Samuel PHILPOT 21 Oct 1803 Franklin VA.
They had a daughter Lucinda PHILPOTT b 1809 d 9 Jan 1881 Monroe VA m Addison RIGGS

Margaret KESTERSON m Fielding COURTNEY 6 Feb 1840 Greene Co TN
Margaret b ca 1803 - Who were her parents. She is on the 1850 Census as a second wife of Fielding. Also on that Census with them is Elizabeth KESTERSON age 18 b ca 1832. Obviously Margaret was previously married to a KESTERSON - but which one?

Daniel KESTERSON m Susan OWENS 1 May 1842 Greene TN
Daniel was b ca 1820 and was the s/o William & Mary (Bailey) KESTERSON
On the 1850 Census living with them are Thomas (19) John (17) Charles (16), Mary (12) obviously not their own children. Who were their parents?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:: There is added interest in Samuel KESTERSON who was married to Eliza (GREEN) in Columbia AR. We have thought that he was probably a brother to John in Sevier AR.. or possibly a brother to Vincent in Saline AR. BUT - mull this over for awhile. There was a Samuel b 31 Oct 1775 Nabr VA s/o William and Elizabeth HERRY KESTERSON. They also had a son Thomas b 17 May 1768. We have not found anything on them yet - so what if they went to GA/AL? There was a Thomas KESTERSON on the Oglethorpe GA Tax List for 1820 and 1824. Either might be the father of John 1807 who married Malinda Dorsey or Vincent b 1800 GA who married Dolly CHANDLER. Nothing has turned up in VA that indicates either of them stayed there -but things have turned up down South that points to the fact that they MIGHT have gone there...

Lastly: I want to let you all know that Theresa Kingsley's mother is very, very sick. Her Cancer has pretty much taken over and things don't look good. Lets all keep Theresa and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Everyone have a wonderful summer - and if you go on any research trips remember to take notes and send them to me... See you in August--

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as his family online now. You can tune in to
m/users/m/i/Walter-I-Miller-III/index.html
milytreemaker.com, then home pages and look

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file on the Internet. Ancestry.com (Good site),
that turned up in Ray Co MO born around
/an 1841 Ray Co MO. The submitter of this
1 Claiborne TN. For the Claiborne TN
m The File # is 10910. This of course does
N (they probably met and married in MO) but
ple researching that area. Its surprising how
ill the time. Its fairly certain that James was
ig of Lancaster VA but this has not been

nyone know about a book called "Chadwell
per a descendant of this line heard about the
on that it was ever published. The Author
re Mission KS. She was suppose to have
laiborne Co.

Knox KY - s/o Joseph HOPPER s/o Harris
: KY d/o Seymour b s/o Harris
y E HOPPER b 3 Apr 1856 d/o Seymour B. I
e? Some other birth records are:
more HOPPER & Levina DICKEY
s HOPPER & Mary MOORE
with a son James b 1854

ales s/o Reuben s/o David (Claiborne TN)
t minister, came to the Cumberland Gap in
v School, established for the purpose of
n youngsters. On a visit to the area to give a
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in establishing Lincoln Memorial University.
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property. In commemoration of Lincoln's
he State of Tennessee on February 12, 1897, as

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Hi to ALL - Well I had a disaster with my "new" Computer. It turns out that we had a bad CD Rom as well as a bad C Drive and it naturally just plain crashed and refused to work one day. It took nearly 3 weeks to get it up and running again. I thought all was lost but I had backed up everything so by some miracle was able to get everything back in. I don't understand half of what I know about Computers so it was a great relief to find out that I still had my files. I did lose my Email list and therefore lost many Kesterson Connections. I hope they will contact me again. Check out the Kesterson Collections Homepage. I have Thomas on there of course, and as of November 16th John and Malinda Dorsey Kesterson Family are on line. I just took Vincent off because I can only do 5 at one time. Meriday Kesterson is now on there in the hopes that someone will see it and be able to help with that line. David Chadwell Kesterson is also on line since November 16, and have already had a stirring of interest on that line. I think that once the David Chadwell Kesterson family comes out of the woodwork we will find a very large family line. <http://www.familytreemaker.com/w/a/Christine-Y-Walters>

We want to extend to Theresa Kingsley our sympathy in the loss of her mother. Theresa's mom lost her battle with Cancer on Nov 5 1998. She had a long and difficult illness and her family has suffered right along with her. Most of you are familiar with Theresa and have been in regular contact with her. She has been busy during this past year with her mother, making frequent trips back to Illinois and taking care of her own family in California. Research has taken a backseat as a result. Theresa has been invaluable with our Kesterson Research and we have missed her regular input and "new finds". Hope your life is getting back on track Terry!

NEW MEMBERS:

Robin BAILEY 1707 Eye St Bakersfield IL 93302 Email: Live2rite@aol.com
Robin descends from the John Kesterson/Malinda DORSEY/DOSSEY
Howard AR through their son Thomas Jefferson Kesterson

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Descends from the David Chadwell KESTERSON/Elizabeth LANHAM family
through their daughter Nancy KESTERSON & John Ely JONES of Claiborne TN

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their son William KESTERSON/Hannah ULRED and their son Solomon
Thomas KESTERSON/Sarah RAINS of Mills IA

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Descends from the Claiborne TN group. Hezekiah Kesterson s/o John s/o David

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William H HOPPER (member) and wife Mollie and William E HOPPER and his wife (not a member yet but can't imagine why not) are meeting this summer in Washington and will spend a week doing some research in Fauquier VA/Greene TN and Knox KY.. Bill and Bill met through the Newsletter and have since become fast friends.. Hope they find a lot of good stuff and can't wait for them to let us know about it. (You know they are probably going to be looking for HOPPER info - but maybe they'll come across some good Kesterson stuff too.) Have a great trip. I wish I could do it.

SOME MILITARY DATA - Sistler Publishers "TENNESSEANS" (From Edna Douglas)

KESTERSON John Pvt Col Samuel Bunch Capt John Dobbins, E TN Drafted Mil; deserted 4-6-1814
KESTERSON Meredith Pvt Col Samuel Bunch Capt John Dobbins E TN Drafted Mil; "*****" 4-6-1814
KESTERSON Thomas Dnr Col Samuel Bunch Capt Francis Register E TN Mil
KESTERSON Thomas Pvt Col Samuel Bayless Capt Joseph Hale E TN Mil
KESTERSON William Pvt Col Samuel Bunch Capt John Dobbins E TN Drafter Mil: deserted 4-6-1814

John, Meredith, William are brothers (I believe). They were in VA/KY/IN/OH and as yet we have no members who belong to this line. Sure wish one would come along.

JAMES STEPHEN KESTERSON (Data from new member Donna GROVE)

b 13 Aug 1854 Little Rock AR the son of Harvey KESTERSON/Charlotte CASTEEL who was the son of George KESTERSON/Lettice BAKER. Harvey KESTERSON was born in Caldwell KY, lived in Pike IL by 1850 and was in MO/AR. Listed on the 1860 Census which is the census that noted them as Whites in Indian Territory. I don't know where they were in 1870 but Charlotte appeared on the Pike IL Census in 1880 a widow. Apparently Harvey died somewhere in AR or MO and she returned to her home in Pike IL. The only child listed with here in 1880 was James. I think that some more digging in AR/MO might find us the burial/death of Harvey. I have not found yet found the death of Charlotte and she might have even remarried after coming back to IL. Guess another trip to Pike Co is needed. James Stephen died 5 Jul 1936 Morgan IL. He married Sarah Ellen LANGLEY d/o Edward LANGLEY & Amy BRADFORD. James was blind and a steam boat agent in Valley City. Children: 1. Harvey Elmo KESTERSON 3 Mar 1887 IL d 1960 Quincy IL
m Lulu Queen HOWELL 1 Jan 1914 Scott IL d/o James OWELL/Lucinda CAMPBELL
Ch: Eva Marie KESTERSON 11 Nov 1914 Bluffs IL
m Earl Granville WHITE Jr 4 Jul 1933 n/o Earl WHITE/Sadie GRAHAM
Ch: Donna Ruth WHITE (Member) 17 Jun 1934 Hancock IL m Wm GROVE
Mary Jane WHITE 11 Mar 1938 m Buddy McDONALD
Helen Kaye WHITE 24 Aug 1943 Keokuk IA
Helen KESTERSON 5 Apr 1917 m John LOUDEN
Vera KESTERSON 1919 Clayton IL m Harold STEELE
Ch: Harold, Sandra, Susan and Nancy Lynn STEELE
Winifred KESTERSON 25 Dec 1921 m George BRITTON/James SAXBERY
Ch: Steven, Dennis, Gloria, Patricia, Teresa Sue SAXBERY
2. Roy KESTERSON Oct 1889
3. LAURA KESTERSON Jan 1893
4. Lucy Grace KESTERSON 24 Jun 1897 d 21 Dec 1918 Scott IL

** Donna if you have anything further on Roy/Laura or Lucy I would appreciate getting it.

Researchers of George/Lettice BAKER KESTERSON Caldwell KY...

Marriage date for Winifred MEAL/BEAL and Cader BARNES 5 Aug 1809 Caldwell KY
The marriage shows MEAL - we always thought it was BEAL - she obviously must have married prior to a MEAL/BEAL. Winifred is suppose to be sis or 1/2 sis to George

Of Interest to those researching Cadwell/Chadwell/Caddle. Paul Waite (member) found a James CADWELL in Craven NC in 1751 - prior to his arrival in what became Moore NC in the 1760's. Remember that David Chadwell Kesterson is one of our Research Subjects and Moses CADWELL married Mary Anne Ware KESTERSON d/o George as did Nancy CADWELL (Sister of Moses) who married John KESTERSON s/o George. Consider that there might be some relationship between Wm CADWELL/Daniel CHADWELL arriving in VA in 1650/51. These names appear along with the KESTERSON Lines. We know that the CADWELL line joined the Kesterson line in Christian KY but perhaps they were acquainted in VA as well.

Also of interest to this line: Darius Porterfield KESTERSON s/o John & Nancy CADWELL s/o George & Lettice BAKER KESTERSON has been found! He is buried in Blagg Duckworth Cem. in Benton AR. Tombstone reads: Derias P KESTERSON 1825-1886. Still don't know if he was every married or not. He was last seen on 1860 Benton AR Census with his brothers

Ernestine MOORE -- Thanks for the changes you sent. No you really don't have to send changes pertaining to recent people.. But those having to do with the "old" ones I really do need.

Wm H HOPPER Jr of Duarte CA (member) has written that he and Wm E HOPPER of Tulsa OK have exchanged lengthy correspondence in regard to their common line - Blackgrove HOPPER who married Rhoda KESTERSON. He is convinced (as I) that the Kesterons and Hoppers had closer ties than just this marriage. Wm asked about the earliest known time when the Kesterons settled in Greene TN and asks WHY they moved there. The HOPPERS and KESTERSONS were together in most of the same places from the beginning! The first record I have is 22 Nov 1759 between Wm BEACH of Halifax Co and Peter BEACH of Fauquier Co 200 Acres on Deep Run. Land belonged to Alex. BEACH, deeded to his son by deed of gift 28 Mar 1760 witnessed by Wm KESTERSON, Wm BLACKWELL, Wm EUSTACE, Rodham TULLOS, Daniel BRADFORD. Samuel BAKER m Elizabeth BEACH d/o Peter. Their daughter Lettice BAKER married George KESTERSON s/o Wm & Ann who migrated to Greene TN along with the HOPPERS, KESTERSONS, BAKERS and others. Samuel & Elizabeth broke up their property in Fauquier VA in the fall of 1792. They began their move to Greene TN then and made their first land transaction in Greene TN in 1793. Registered 3 Jan 1794. Wm Kesterson bought land on Deep Run 23 Jun 1770. He purchased it from Wm EVES of Prince Wm Co and it contained 100 Acres bounded on a branch of Deep Run called Middle Branch on lines with Joseph BLACKWELL. Witnessed by Joseph BLACKWELL, Thomas SMITH, John SMITH. Recorded 25 Mar 1771. Mr Wm BLACKWELL of Fauquier Co (Assignee of Wm KESTERSON) shows 60 Acres on Deep Run. Survey 5 Apr 1748 Forfited. Deed to BLACKWELL. This puts a KESTERSON in Fauquier VA in 1748. I'm not at all sure WHICH William this might have been. It appears that Wm KESTERSON (wife Ann) divested himself of all property in VA by 1785 and probably moved to Greene TN around that time. The first record that I know about in Greene TN was the tax list from 1798 showing Wm Sr with 70 Acres, Wm Jr with 200 Acres, John with 200 Acres and George with no land. The land owned by John, Wm Jr and Wm Sr was all on Lick Creek in the same area where Blackgrove settled upon his arrival in Greene TN. We know for certain the the HOPPERS, BAKERS and KESTERSONS all made their moves at or near the same time -- Late 1700's to Greene TN.

Additional BLACKGROVE HOPPER Material: From Marriages/Nmbr VA by Stratton NOTTINGHAM: Peter P BLAGROVE was security for several marriages. I would guess that this Peter P BLAGROVE was connected to your Blackgrove HOPPER line. Most likely Blackgrove was named for his mothers family (Maiden Name). This may or may not help you much but I have found that often we can glean some information from first names of male children. Do you have BLAGROVE connections in you BLACKGROVE HOPPER line? Some of the people that Peter P BLAGROVE knew (and was Security for) were: (Maybe you'll find some old connected names)

Judith BALL ward Mottram BALL/James BURWELL 15 Nov 1797
Jeremiah ASHTON/Betty FORD 2 Jun 1798
Lancelot L EDWARDS/Nancy W HUDNALL d/o Lucy 19 Oct 1798
James SMITH/Nancy MUSE d/o Daniel 25 Dec 1798
Peter C RICE Wid/Molly FLINT ward Ed.BLAKEMORE 29 Oct 1799
Mottram BALL/Martha TURBERVILLE 25 Jan 1800
James DAUGHTY Wid/Betsey CONWAY Wid 17 Feb 1800
Fleming BATES/Mary MOSS 20 Jul 1803

The Kesterson's are online - about 90 % completely entered. You can find it under KESTERSON KOLLECTIONS (Search) and under my name (User Home Pages) Christine-Y-Walters. Let me know if you find mistakes or errors. You can access Family Tree Maker at the following:
www.familytreemaker.com. When you look through this please note if there are descendants I don't have yet - that you may have. Please send them to me. I'd like to have as many as possible represented. Thanks to EVERYONE for keeping me updated on new finds.

 I HAVE ORITS (Sent to me by David & Denise Kesterson Cupertino CA)

** Son of John Henry & Sarah DAVIS KESTERSON (Greene TN/Lafayette MO)

Gross Scroggs Kesterson: Odessa Mo Paper. Written by Rev. J I. Downing (Baptist Minister)
 Born in Greene TN Oct 11, 1823, Remaining in his native state until he was about 75 years of age. At 21 he professed faith in Jesus and joined a Baptist Church. He was married to Narcissa Easterly. Three years later they moved to MO to make this state their home, rearing their family of 8 children to be grown and burying 3 babies in infancy. Seven of the children survive their father, five sons and two daughters. Brother Kesterson was ordained to the ministry at Old Concord Church about 1860 and devoted much of his time to preaching the gospel. He never gave up secular work to enter fully into the work of the ministry but held meetings and filled appointments in connection with his secular work, doing much good and leading many people to believe in Jesus and to follow him. When the church at Bates City was organized he was a charter member of that organization and on moving to Odessa united with the church here in 1888, remaining a faithful member until his death. In 1880 his wife died and her remains were laid to rest in Concord Cemetery. In 1885 he was married to Mrs. Kate Salmon who remains to mourn his loss in her lowly widowhood. In his early life he taught a number of terms in the public schools being a very successful teacher, dearly beloved by his pupils. He loved children and delighted to be with them. He was a devoted Bible Student and was a faithful attendant at Sunday School and Church services until confined to his bed in his last illness. His wise counsels and ripe scholarship in the Scriptures were very greatly helpful in the Men's Bible Class of which he was a member. In his wisdom and wide experience he was always a great help to his pastor. Death came at 8:25 PM June 22 1905. He suffered a great deal in this last illness but bore it all with firm patience. A few hours before death his sufferings became less intense and death came very gently, even like one falling asleep. The remains were laid to rest in Concord Cemetery with those of his wife and children.

OTHERS I HAVE: John Wesley KESTERSON s/o Gross
 Mary KESTERSON m A P GRAY 29 Dec 1886
 Lucy Jane KESTERSON m R Marion BROWN
 Thomas Dick KESTERSON s/o Gross
 Isaac Easterly KESTERSON s/o Gross
 Virgie KESTERSON HAMMOND

 That's it for this issue. Now that I'm recovered from my Surgery I can get back to work. I was only able to tolerate sitting at the Computer for short periods of time and I didn't go near it for almost the whole first month - so I lost MAY totally. Things are better now so look forward to a bigger issue in November.

Something else for the Claiborne TN Researchers:

James W Kesterson and Jerry Christ
From the Taulbee KY Obituaries

Ruth Cornelia LEWIS R1 of Ruskin FL, formerly of Daysboro d 17 Jun 1996
Sun City FL, d/o the late Dr Robert LEWIS and Adeline Kesterson. Ruth
born in Rockcastle KY and m Robert LYKINS. She had 2 sons Lindon LYKINS
of Durham NC and David LYKINS of Salyersville, and 1 daughter Judith
Flannery of Ruskin FL. 3 sisters - Lucille CAUDILL, Mrs Juanita HALL, both
of Lexington and Mrs Winnie BRYANT of Williamsburg VA. 7 Grandchildren and
1 Great Grandchild. Buried Hazel Green Cem. Porter and Son Funeral Home

** Adeline Kesterson was the daughter of Garrett Henderson Kesterson who
married Cornelia OVERTON. You already know that Garrett left
Claiborne TN and moved to KY and you now know that he had at least 4
daughters. Ruth, Lucille, Juanita and Winnie.

Taken from "The Bureau of Land Management". It has several Eastern States
already on and they give you the original date of the Land Grant, the
acreage, the county and the description. To those of you who do not have
access to the Internet please feel free to ask me look up things for you.

ARKANSAS Kestersons (Land Grants I have copies of)

Samuel	40 Acres Howard Co	1 May 1877	James J	120 Acres Benton AR	1 Feb 1860
Samuel	80 Acres Howard Co	9 Sep 1882	Derias P	50 Acres Benton AR	21 Jul 1896
Vinsley L	80 Acres Howard Co	15 Jan 1885	Samuel	160 Acres Columbia AR	5 Sep 1861
Hannah M	160 Acres Howard Co	26 May 1890	William M	40 Acres Sevier AR	1 Jul 1859
Squire W	160 Acres Howard Co	12 Aug 1901	William M	40 Acres Sevier AR	2 Apr 1860
William F	160 Acres Howard Co	12 Dec 1904	William D	80 Acres Polk AR	30 Jul 1900
Charles H	160 Acres Howard Co	26 Aug 1905			
Frank P	160 Acres Howard Co	1 May 1906			

INDIANA Kestersons (Land Grants I have copies of)

Merida	40 Acres Brown Co	16 Apr 1835	Squire	40 Acres Dubois Co	1 Oct 1840
Meredy	36 Acres Crawford Co	15 Aug 1838	William	40 Acres Hamilton Co	1 Aug 1839
Merida	40 Acres Dubois Co	1 Oct 1840			

MISSOURI Kestersons (Land Grants I have copies of)

Rufus M	40 Acres Bates Co	10 Sep 1861	James B	80 Acres Ray Co	1 May 1843
William	40 Acres Lawrence Co	30 Oct 1857	James B	80 Acres Ray Co	1 May 1843
William H	40 Acres Caldwell Co	10 Jun 1848			
William H	160 Acres Caldwell Co	1 Sep 1856			
William H	40 Acres Caldwell Co	1 Jun 1850	Nancy	80 Acres Mercer Co	1 Apr 1861
William H	40 Acres Caldwell Co	1 Dec 1851	William T	40 Acres Mercer Co	1 Apr 1857
James K	160 Acres Caldwell Co	1 Oct 1856	William T	40 Acres Mercer Co	1 Nov 1866

1890 Special Census Survivors/Widows of Union Soldiers/Greene Co TN
Eliza JEFFERS formerly widow of George Kesterson lived at Myers PO in
Greenville TN.

Anyone know who the GEORGE KESTERSON belonged to?

Reuben Neil KESTERSON of Claiborne TN:
 Son of Reuben KESTERSON/Adeline HENDERSON
 From the Internet (Ancestry.com) Taken from TN the Volunteer State Vol 4
 Pg 883-884 James Cloyd Wilburn (Contributor of the article?)
 Reuben Neil Kesterson, president and treasurer of the Greenwood Cemetery
 Co. is one of the substantial citizens of Knoxville. He was born in
 Claiborne Co, on his fathers farm, on the 12 of Jul 1858. On both paternal
 and maternal sides he is descended from old and honored ancestry. His
 paternal grandfather, David Kesterson, was a prominent agriculturist and
 one of the leading citizens of this section of the state. Reuben
 Kesterson was born in Claiborne Co and died in 1882. Like his father
 before him he was successful in agricultural pursuits and a representative
 citizen. Reuben Kesterson married Adeline Henderson, who was born in
 Claiborne Co and whose demise occurred in 1860. She was a daughter of
 Jerry Henderson and Betsey (Mills) and a granddaughter of Thomas Henderson,
 a gentleman, of Fifeshire, Scotland and through William and Margaret
 (Bruce), Samuel Henderson, who came to the US and died in Augusta VA 19
 Jan 1787 and then through Andrew Henderson, the father of Thomas
 Henderson, grandfather of Mrs Kesterson. The early education of Reuben
 Neil Kesterson was received in the country schools of his native county
 and subsequently in Mossy Creek College, now the Carson and Newman
 College of Jefferson City. He took up the study of dentistry in the
 University of TN in 1879 and was graduated in 1881, with the DDS degree.
 He began practice at Richmond, KY where he remained 4 years, enjoying
 substantial success. In Jan 1887, he came to Knoxville, where he has since
 resided. He was active in professional circles here until 1908. In 1900
 he obtained the charter of the Greenwood Cemetery, and he gradually
 retired from active practice in order that he might give his entire time
 and attention to his duties in connection with the development of the
 cemetery. In 1912 he became president and treasurer of the Greenwood
 Cemetery Co., a position he holds at the present time. The Cemetery
 contains some 175 acres of land and is located north of Knoxville on the
 Tazewell Pike. The grounds are beautiful and everything is kept in
 splendid condition. Mr Kesterson is likewise president of the Grandview
 Cemetery at Maryville. On the 13th of October 1885, was celebrated the
 marriage of Mr Kesterson and Miss Frances Otey, a daughter of Frazier
 Otey, a native of Bedford Co VA. She is descended from one of America's
 oldest and most honored families. The progenitor of the family in this
 country was Capt John Otey, who served in Washington's Army throughout the
 Revolution. : He was born in England and came to the US in 1760, locating
 in Bedford VA. His son was Frazier Otey and his son the Frazier Otey who
 became the father of Mrs Kesterson. The father was a Baptist minister and
 a cousin of Bishop Otey, the first bishop of the Episcopal church in TN.
 Mrs Kesterson is a member of the DAR and has been vice president of the
 Daughters of the Confederacy. She is prominent in club and social circles
 and is a zealous worker in the Church. To Mr and Mrs Kesterson 2 children
 were born. Robert Neil, who died at the age of 3 and Thomas Otey, who was
 born in 1890. He is a veteran of the World war, having volunteered in the
 aviation branch of the service in Apr 1917. He married Miss Barbara Davis
 daughter of Willis P Davis of KY on 18 Apr 1922. Although Mr Kesterson
 gives his political endorsement to the democratic party he has never been
 active in party affairs. He is a public-spirited citizen, however, and
 wields a great influence for good in the city and county. Fraternally he
 belongs to Bright Hope Lodge of the Masons and to Knoxville Lodge, R.P.O.E.
 He is an active member of the Rotary Club and the Board of Commerce and is
 identified with the (Page 884) Association of American Cemetery
 Superintendents of which body he has been president. Mr Kesterson is a
 man of culture and high intellectual attainments. For recreation from his
 business affairs he turns to music and all things artistic, and his home
 contains much of the best in arts, literature and science.

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

Family ties are precious things, Woven through the years
Of memories of togetherness... Of laughter, love and tears.

Family ties are cherished things, Forged in childhood days
By love of parents, deep and true, And sweet familiar ways.

Family ties are treasured things, And far though we may roam,
The tender bonds with those we love, Still pull our hearts toward home.

By Virginia Blanck Moore (The Preface in the Book Ellenwood-Wharton & 20 Allied Families. Compiled by Willard W Ellenwood. Library Congress # 69-17358

Also in this book is found a Kesterson Family

Harry KESTERSON b 13 Oct 1913 m Alma Isabel WHARTON 9 Apr 1939

Alma b 10 Jun 1918.

(I have in my records that Harry is the son of Frank K. KESTERSON & Myrtle. I show the marriage occurred in Wood WV. This is part of the VA/WV/OH Kesterson - Belpre, Washington OH figures prominently in the book)

1. Francis KESTERSON 24 Apr 1940 m Howard SHARP 11 Jun 1960

....A. Leanne SHARP

2. Susan Virginia KESTERSON 30 Sep 1942

3. Frank Lynn KESTERSON 1 Jul 1946

4. Janet Lou KESTERSON 28 Nov 1948

5. Julia Eileen KESTERSON 8 Nov 1950

6. Mary Jane KESTERSON 22 Oct 1953

7. Carol Ann KESTERSON 7 Dec 1956

8. Michael Allen KESTERSON Apr 1961.

I realize that these folks are living people but some of you may know them or their families.

VIRGINIA Bath County:

Page 512 Settlement - estate of Richmond T. Walton - Anthony Mustoe, exec -accts 1863-1869. Heirs: Catharine A. Walton, widow; 5 children: Samuel, Polly, Nancy, John N., Jane; Polly is now Polly Kesterson, wife of William.

Bath County - Estate of David THOMAS 23 Jun 1855: Buyers: Ballard Rucker, George Hively, Jared Williams, Nancy Thomas, Francis Kesterson, James M. Johnston, Thomas Cosby, Dr. Henry Gilmer, John McElwee, John J. Thomas, Henry Grose, John Hoover for Wm. Davis, widow Thomas, Wm. B. Thomas, Wm. Davis, James Coverly, Erasmus Williams, Samuel Hoover, Wm. Hull, Joseph B. Thomas

Who might these folks belong to?

Mike Moore sent the following Kesterson names:

Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Archives: www.civilwardata.com

This is a Subscription Site - \$25.00 per year. Mike has joined it and will do lookup information for you. Mike is very interested in finding his ancestor - Hezekiah Kesterson who was known to be in the Army - but can't find a record. Mike's Email is: Drexpert@aol.com. His address is 13061 Paraiso Rd Apple Valley CA 92308

ARKANSAS

David Kesterson Co K 2nd AR Cav Derias Kesterson Co K 2nd Ar Cav

MARYLAND

Joseph Kesterson 2nd MD Inf

MISSOURI

<u>William H H Kesterson</u>	Co L 1st MO Cav	<u>William H H Kesterson</u>	7th MO Cav
<u>John Kesterson</u>	Co B MO HG	<u>William J Kesterson</u>	3rd S MO Cav
<u>John Kesterson</u>	Co B 50th MO Inf	<u>William J Kesterson</u>	7th S MO Cav
<u>Joseph Kesterson</u>	Co F 10th MO Cav		

TENNESSEE

Henry Kesterson	CO A 9th TN Cav
James R Kesterson	CO G 9th TN Cav
James Kesterson	CO A 11th TN Cav
Patrick H Kesterson	Co F 4th TN Cav & CO C 8th TN Cav (I had Co G 8th TN)
William Kesterson	Co C 2nd TN Cav

I need someone to give me the correct birthdates on the following

John Henry Kesterson, Jr b 24 Mar 1797 Greene TN d Lafayette MO m Sarah DAVIS
Thomas Kesterson b 12 Jul 1797 Greene TN d Greene TN m Nancy C JACKSON

They were brothers correct? How did they get to be born in the same year 4 months apart?

Robin Bailey is host of www.myfamily.com - the Kesterson family. Contact Robin at: Live2rite@aol.com to get onto the list or let me know.

Mary Ellen Smith is host of www.myfamily.com - the Blackwood family. Mary Ellen can be reached at mmpwr@earthlink.net

Both these sites are of interest to any Kesterson Researcher and I urge all of you to contribute your information to both of them.

THE KESTERSON CEMETERY also known as Elan or Robert Hall Cemetery
researched by Marvin Beatty.

http://www.floyd-pavey.com/indubois/dubois/kesteron_cem.html

Located on what used to be the Robert Hall farm, not far from Cuzco. Most likely all traces of these graves are now gone. When these boys were killed at the Battle of Perryville their father, Jonathan Kesterson, journeyed to Perryville and brought them home to be buried on his farm. They both fell in the same volley. Fred Dillard once told me that when he would walk to Cuzco from his house he would take a short cut and pass these graves. He said he did so the morning he went to Cuzco to catch the train that would take him off to war in WW 1. He said he paused at the graves and wondered if the same fate awaited him.

Kesterson, Alfred - died Oct 8 1862 at the Battle of Perryville, KY (husband of Martha Beatty)

Kesterson, Eliza J. - died Oct 13 1862 - 10 mo 22 da (da. of J & M. Kesterson)

Kesterson, Samuel - died Oct 8 1862 at the Battle of Perryville, KY

(Chris' Notes) Jonathan Kesterson was born in OH abt 1820 d 27 Apr 1879 Owensville, Gibson IN and I believe he must be connected to the Meridey Kesterson line. John married Mary PAINTER (Painter) 19 Mar 1840 Dubois IN and it appears they lived their lives out in that area of Indiana. Jonathan and Mary had the following children:

1. Alfred Kesterson 1838 Dubois IN d 8 Oct 1862 m Martha E BEATTY 13 Sep 1860 in Dubois IN
A. George W Kesterson b 1861
2. Benjamin Kesterson 1843 Dubois IN d 3 Apr 1862 Perryville KY
Benjamin died at Cumberland Ford. Mustered in Nov 21 1861 Co G 49th IN
3. Margaret Kesterson 27 Dec 1844 Dubois IN d 13 Jan 1918 Mt Carmel IL m Frederick G WEAVER 31 Jan 1880 she married W WALKER after 1886. There were two Weaver children. Alonzo WEAVER 13 Feb 1880 Gibson IN and a daughter. Three children born to the Walker Marriage. W D, Elmer and Mary
4. Samuel Kesterson 1847 Dubois IN d 8 Oct 1862 Perryville KY
5. Nancy Kesterson 18 Apr 1850 Dubois IN m James CLEMENTS - Children were:
Sarah, Thomas, Jesse, Mary and Eliza J Clements
6. John Kesterson b 1852 Dubois IN
7. Mary Kesterson b 11 Jun 1852 Dubois IN
8. James Kesterson b 1854 Dubois IN
9. George Kesterson b 27 Oct 1858 Dubois IN m Mary NEWMAN 10 Jul 1880 Owensville IN
George was Marshall there in 1894-1896. One son John P b abt 1881
10. Eliza Jane Kesterson 21 Nov 1861 Dubois IN d 13 Oct 1862 Dubois IN
11. Grant Kesterson b 10 Apr 1864

(There is some more on the descendants - if anyone is interested let me know)

This Obit sent in by P J Cowling

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, Saturday, July 3, 1999

Submitted by P J Cowling Jul 3 1999

DIERKS - Mrs. Nina Kesterson Cannon - age 89, a resident of Dierks, Ark., died Thursday, July 1, 1999 in the Christus St. Michael Healthcare Center in Teacarana, Texas. She was born Sept. 25, 1909, in Provo, Ark. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Dierks. She was preceded in death by her husband, H. A. "Shorty" Cannon, in 1988. She is survived by three sons - H. J. Cannon of Dierks, Ark., Wesley Cannon of Fayetteville, Ark., and Billy F. Cannon of Dierks, Ark.; two daughters, Louise Blackwood of Dierks, Ark., and Euna Faye Austin of Seattle, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mrs. Cannon will be held at 3:30 PM, Saturday, July 3, 1999, in the McHorse Church with Rev. J. T. Hill officiating. Burial will follow in the McHorse Cemetery under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home.

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Found this in the White Co IL pages of the US Gen Web reprinted by the Hist. Society copyright 1999 by the Carmi Times. Poem provided by Janet Armstrong. Appeared in the Hughes & Related Families Intl. Newsletter Dec 1998

I climbed my family tree and found it was not worth the climb;
And so I scampered down, convinced it was a waste of time.
Some branches of my tree I found were rotten to the core,
And, all the tree was full of sap and hung with nuts galore!
I used to brag of my kinfolk, before I made the climb,
But truth compels me not to tell of those not worth a dime.
And, I beg friends who boast aloud of their ancestors great,
To climb their family tree and learn of those who weren't so straight.
I've learned what family trees are like, I've seen them growing 'round.
They're like a 'tater' vine because, the best are underground!

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Weatherby Family Bible Records Robin Ballay : Saturday, July 17, 1998

I am not sure where this ties in, but on one of my many trips down to the Los Angeles Family History Center I came across this mention. I thought I'd pass it along.

On Microfilm: SC#1,597,743 Weatherby Family Bible Records

It shows the following KESTERSON names:

Johnny Kesterson died the - day of April 1804

Sally Kesterson died the Year of our Lord 1804

Thomas Kesterson was born Thursday, 8 day of October in the Year of our Lord 1778.

John Kesterson was born Monday, the 16th day of Oct. 1797

Vinceny Kesterson was born on Sunday, the 23 day of March 1800.

Polly Kesterson was born Thursday, the 24th day of March 1802

Sally Kesterson was born on Saturday, the 25 day of Feb. 1804

*** Notes from Chris: This is the family bible record of Vincent Kesterons family. It gives his sisters and brother John that we already knew about. WHO is Thomas b 8 Oct 1778. Would Johnny and Sally be the parents of Vincent, Polly, Sally and John?

Remember how the story went? The parents were suppose to have gone on a trip and never returned. Open for discussion!!! Whats the connection to WEATHERBY?

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 No one descending from John Kesterson Lafayette MO seems to have had the following information yet: I got it from Family Data Ref. www.familysearch.com LDS Records JANET L. MCCUMBER 909 N E GRANT Hillsboro OR 97124 Submission: AF97100563. I haven't written to her yet so if anyone contacts her please let me know the results.

Descendants of Ulysses S Grant Kesterson (S/o John Kesterson/Malinda Jacques Lafayette MO)

Generation 1

1. ULYSSES S GRANT KESTERSON b 21 Apr 1868 in Odessa Lafayette MO and d 17 Jun 1950 Burns Harney OR. m DELORA EVA GOWAN 1 Jan 1896 in Burns Harney OR d/o ALBERT GOWAN/DELORA PITCHER. She was b 3 Jun 1880 Winfield Osborne KS d 29 Apr 1913 in Burns Harney OR.

Children of ULYSSES KESTERSON and DELORA GOWAN are:

- 1. EMMA WHEELER KESTERSON b 23 Jan 1899 Burns Harney OR.
 d 12 Sep 1973 Burns Harney OR m. BAKER.
- 2.2 FANNY MAHEL KESTERSON b 17 Jul 1897 Burns Harney OR.
 d 22 Sep 1986 Forest Grove Washington OR.
- 3. CLARA KESTERSON b 19 Jun 1900 Burns, Harney OR d 29 Dec 1986 Burns Harney OR m. JAMES HENRY OARD 24 Dec 1919 Burns Harney OR b 19 Oct 1896 Lawton, Harney OR d 6 Dec 1971 Boise, Ada ID.

Generation No. 2

2. FANNY MAHEL KESTERSON was born 17 Jul 1897 in Burns, Harney OR, and died 22 Sep 1986 in Forest Grove, Washington OR. m CHARLES ELBA TURNER 05 Jun 1915 in Burns, Harney OR, son of FRANCIS TURNER and IDA HUPPMAN. He was born 20 Aug 1893 in Kirksville, Sullivan MO, and died 06 Apr 1967 in Burns, Harney OR. Children of Fanny Kesterson/Charles Turner

- 1. EDITH BEILE TURNER b. 18 Apr 1916, Fields, Harney OR; d. 13 May 1916, Fields, Harney OR.
- 2. DOROTHY EVA TURNER, b. 12 Mar 1917, Burns, Harney OR; d. 13 Feb 1966, Hot Water Pool, Harney OR; m. CLIVE HUGH FREEMAN, 13 May 1935, Burns, Harney OR; b. 13 Dec 1909, Merrill, Klamath OR; d. 18 May 1959, Portland OR.

OBIT sent in by Robin Kesterson Bailey.

Wife of Lee Kesterson the s/o O.L. Kesterson s/o James Oliver Lee Kesterson. Part of the Sevier AR family of Wm C & Josephine Forester Kesterson) Gretchen Marie Kesterson Services: Thurs., Aug. 27, 1998- 9: 30 a. m. Graveside services will be held in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 3700 River Blvd, Thursday, August 27, 1998 at 9: 30 a. m. for Gretchen Marie Kesterson, 97, who passed away August 24, 1998 in Bakersfield. Father Bob Wenzinger will officiate. Ms. Kesterson was born September 28, 1890 in Dewey, Oklahoma and resided in Kern County for 65 years. She had been a Librarian for 35 years, last employed with the Kern County Library. She retired in 1969 and retired in 1989 as secretary from St. Joseph's Church. Gretchen was a member of St. Joseph's, the Legion of Mary and the Catholic Daughters. She will be remembered for many things, one being the first woman telegrapher for the Santa Fe Railroad. She was very proud of her recognition from the Pope for her work with the Catholic Church. Gretchen will join her son Lee S. Kesterson Jr and grandsons Rocky Handy and Brian Lynch. Survivors include her son Dub Kesterson; daughters Ruth Lynch of Bakersfield and Dolores Kjar of Arizona; daughter-in-law Barbara Kesterson of Bakersfield; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. No visitation is scheduled. We are all blessed for having had her in our lives and will miss her dearly. Greenlawn Mortuary Funeral Directors

OBIT Sent in by Robin Kesterson

(Daughter of Gretchen and Lee Kesterson)

Ruth A. Lynch 1926 1998 Graveside services for Ruth Lynch will be held Monday, October 5, 1998 at 10 a. m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Officiated by Reverend Father Robert D. Wenzinger of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bakersfield. Ruth was born in Winfield, Kansas, March 24, 1926 and passed away in Bakersfield this past week at her residence. She has lived in this area for the last 60 years. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Andrea Lynch of Bakersfield; her son, Michael Lynch of Oregon; her daughter-in-law, Una Simental; her brother, William J. Kesterson; and a dearly loved sister in law, Barbara; also four grandchildren, Jasmine, Ira, Erin and Gretchen. There are no visitations scheduled. Hillcrest Memorial Park

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

Kesterson Family

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NEW MEMBERS:

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Henry Allen LOVE 1888 Drew AR /1952 m Beulah WILLIAMS
Robert A LOVE b AR 1838 m Elm Jane DAVIS
Jessima Elizabeth KESTERSON 1838 AR/1933 m Henry C DAVIS
Samuel KESTERSON b 1814 m Elm

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Andrey Pink MEADOWS m Vivian STONECIPHER
Theresa A KESTERSON b 1894 TN m Saml W STONECIPHER
Emsley Jeffers KESTERSON 1857 TN m Nancy E TAYLOR
Frederick KESTERSON 1826 VA d 1985 TN m Anna Lovely
Hazzard KESTERSON 1787 VA m Elizabeth GRASS
John KESTERSON 1742VA/1825 OH m Elm. Rebecca WHITMAN
John KESTERSON 1712/1752 Numb VA Wife Unknown
George KESTERSON 1674/1733 Numb VA m Aquilla FRY
Thomas KESTERSON 1658 England/1728 Northumberland VA

(It now appears that Hazzard lived in Anderson/Campbell TN at about the same times as his brother Sylvester)

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John KESTERSON 1831 TN/1849 CA m Sarah FOSTER
John KESTERSON Jr 1797 TN/ 1873 MO m Sarah DAVIS
John KESTERSON Sr 1768 VA / 1843 Greene TN m ?
William KESTERSON 1725 Numb VA/ 1821 Greene TN m Ann
John KESTERSON 1712-1752 Numb VA wife unknown
George KESTERSON 1674/1733 Numb VA m Aquilla FRY
Thomas KESTERSON 1658 Eng/1728 Numb VA

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Robert Lee GREEN m Lela Adeline FOX
Susan BLACKWOOD b 1851 m Wm A GREEN
Andrew J BLACKWOOD 1827 TN/1899 AR m Caroline YOUNG
Rebecca KESTERSON 1810 m Wm BLACKWOOD

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ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

I heard from Rom Walker Email: RommWalker@aol.com in answer to my question about WHO was his Elbert Kesterson Hamilton listed in rootsweb, born 10 Nov 1826 Marion TN. Elbert was the son of John Hamilton and Margaret Weatherspoon. (Suspiciously close to the name Weathersby which caught my attention). Elbert was the youngest of 12 children. Rom's source was: Marion County TN, Compendium Biography of William E. Hamilton, page 348. Author and date published unknown (after 1894). This book was located at Whitwell, Marion Co. TN library in 1995. Source: Elbert Kesterson Hamilton, Family Group Sheet, from Eulene Harris, Marion Co TN.

"..... Elbert K. Hamilton is one of the leading and influential citizens of his community, has always taken an active part in local politics, and at different times has efficiently served as county and circuit clerk, and justice of the peace. He is now a free-silver Republican, and is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He is a prominent member of Altine Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is present master, and several times he has represented the local organization in the grand lodge of the state."

Cutler's History of the State of Kansas

(Received from Robin Bailey)

From Internet: <http://ukanaix.cc.ukans.edu/carrie/hok/woodson/woodson-co-p6.html#PIQUA>
William G. Cutler's History of the State of Kansas WOODSON COUNTY, Part 6 PIQUA, Piqua is a village in Neosho Falls Township at the crossing of the St. Louis, Fort Scott & Wichita and the Missouri Pacific Railways. It is in a sort the successor of Bramlette, a station about a mile below, which was abandoned by the railway after the building of the new east and west road. The main street of the village is upon a half section line, the land upon the north being owned by George A. Bowlus, of Iola, and that on the south by P. C. T. Buck who used it for farming purposes. The town started in the spring of 1882, the store of J. W. Kesterson being the first building. Next came the blacksmith shop of John Kipp, and third the residence of Dr. J. Beekman. Street & McClure soon afterward erected a store building, which burned November 8, 1882. A schoolhouse was erected in 1882 at a cost of \$1,000, and has an attendance of sixteen. It is taught by Miss Nannie Stewart. The Methodists have recently organized a society, with twenty members, at this point, and completed a church edifice in December, 1882. Services are held by the pastor of the church at Neosho Falls. A post office was established in the spring of 1882, and M. Street appointed Postmaster. The town now has one store, one school, one church, one lumber yard and a dozen residences. A hotel building is in the process of erection.

So thats about it for now. I haven't been able to do much actual research this summer - its been a busy one. See you in November..

Love to all

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
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PUTNAM CO

Kesterson Estey Female White age 1 d Mar 2 1893 Limesdale book H-2 page 17
Kesterson John Male White age 87 d Feb 7 1902 Putnam Co book H-6 page 16
Kesterson Lummie Female White age 14 b MO d Sep 15 1889 Putnamville Bk H1 Pg 226
Stark Co

KESTERSON Samuel T Volume 2407 Cert. # 67821 d 6 Oct 1917

TIPPECANOE CO

Kesterson Nellie M. Female White age 31 Oct 22 1905 City S-13L 67
Kesterson Male White age 14 Days Aug 6 1898 City S-11L 19
Kesterson Melvin E Male White age 8 months May 4 1918 City S-CH-10L 105

WASHINGTON CO

KESTERSON Helen E. Volume 1060 Cert. # 19091 d 24 Mar 1913

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The Weatherby Bible presented us with the probability that our Vincent, John, Susan (Sarah) and Mary were the actual children listed. NOW there is the following on the net. This is from www.gendex.com File 11377 rjgraham@cdsnet.net. Something else to chew on for awhile. - Thomas KESTERSON & Tinny TIDWELL. Children: Polly b 24 Mar 1802 and Sally b 28 Feb 1804 Warren Co GA. - Notes follow - Thomas KESTERSON married Nancy FEARS 15 Feb 1806 and Thomas KESTERSON m Charlotte LAMKIN 27 Dec 1810. He married Tinny first and it would have to have been in 1799 or so - most likely GA.

Notes from Chris: (me) I have long suspected that the Vincent Kesterson family fell into the GA Kesterons because Vincent always maintained he was born in GA. Thomas Kesterson was the only one there! It would appear logical to me that Thomas & Tinny were the parents of John, Vincent, Susan/Sarah and Mary. We need to find out more about Thomas and his 3 wives. Below are the early Kesterons in GA. Calculating the probable/possible birthdates for Thomas I come up with something in the vicinity of 1770. Looking back at the VA Kesterons of that time period I found only one - Thomas Kesterson b 17 May 1768 Northumberland VA s/o William and Elizabeth BERRY KESTERSON. However - I also find a death date of 14 Feb 1791 which would rule him out. Where did this date death come from???? ALSO Of note: There is a Robert Kesterson Tidwell in GA born about 1818 who married Nancy Huffstutler. Their children were George, Josiah and Landwick Tidwell.

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R KESTERSON 1820 Richmond GA Page 233 (Casterson)
R KESTERSON 1824 Richmond GA Tax List (Casterson)
Thomas KESTERSON 1804 Oglethorpe GA Tax List
Thomas KESTERSON 1806 Chatham GA Tax List Pg 21
Thomas KESTERSON 1820 Oglethorpe GA
Thomas KESTERSON 1824 Oglethorpe GA
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Kesterson Deaths in Indiana by County

ATHENS CO

KESTERSON Catharine Volume # 2230 Cert. # 23486 d 11 Apr 1917
KESTERSON Stillborn Volume # 1641 Cert. # 26268 d 31 May 1915
KESTERSON Jennie Volume # 1662 Cert. # 31663 d 1 Jun 1915

CLINTON CO

Kesterson Escot F W 11 July 30 1909 Jackson Twp. H-23 18
Kesterson Henry W M W 16/30 May 21 1904 -- CH-5 102
Kesterson Henry W M W 16/30 May 21 1904 Frankfort H-21 7
Kesterson Leslie J M W 1 Sept 3 1916 Jackson Twp. H-24 149
Kesterson Lulu F W 32 July 30 1909 Jackson Twp. H-23 18
Kesterson Scott M W 36 July 4 1906 Clinton County H-22 9
Kesterson Scott V M W 36 July 4 1906 Frankfort CH-5 125
Kesterson William H M W 74 Jan 5 1920 Jackson Twp. H-24 293

DUBOIS CO

KESTERSON, Thomas b 25 Feb 1873 d 9 Apr 1901 Buried Burton Cemetery
Located on the Riley Burton Farm near Hilham IN
NICHOLSON, Daniel b 1 Jul 1812 d 12 Jun 1889
Killed by Stepson - Samuel Kesterson. Buried Burton Cemetery
Daniel had a daughter Mary I b 31 Jan 1885 d 27 Dec 1895 which
listed her mother as Mary Nicholson. Mary would have been previously
married to a Kesterson if Samuel was her son.
KESTERSON Infant Son - 8 Oct 1889 - 9 Nov 1889
SIMMONS Martha E 28 May 1840 - 25 Feb 1923 w/o Alfred Kesterson and
John W SIMMONS

GIBSON CO

Kesterson Johnathan died Saturday Last. Obit dated 4 May 1878
Kesterson George Jr 3 Dec 1912
Kesterson Grant 20 Apr 1914

GREENE CO

KESTERSON Alesey Age 4 Female d Aug 1888 born IL Cong Brain

MEIGS CO

KESTERSON Stillborn Volume 2219 Cert. # 20919 d 24 Mar 1917
KESTERSON John L Volume 2302 Cert. # 41373 d 21 Jun 1917

PAOLI CO

KESTERSON Alex d 1933 age 85 yrs (b 1848) BK 6 Paoli Public Cemetery
KESTERSON John A d 1919 55 Years (b 1864) Paoli Public Cemetery
KESTERSON Louisa M d 1913 Age 19 yrs Sk 2 Paoli Public Cem.
KESTERSON Lucia J d 1928 79 Years (b 1849) Paoli Pub Cem

Would you believe it - there is a new book out - Its about a serial killer and a really awful type of character - named Arthur Kesterson IV.. I have got to find out why the author choose the name Kesterson, also will have to buy the book although the Reviews tell me there is not much in the book worthwhile..

www.amazon.com The Stalking of Sheila Quinn by Jeremiah F. Healy \$17.47
Number of Reviews: 1 Jim Norman (jnorman@tdaw.com) from Fort Lauderdale, Florida , October 26, 1998. A Very Different Legal Thriller There's not a trace of John Francis Cuddy in Jeremiah Healy's latest work. He has parted company with the Boston PI and has crafted a genuine thriller that uses courtroom scenes a backdrop, rather than the main focus. Healy also gambled on a multi-viewpoint style, but pulled it off brilliantly. We gain great insight into a wide range of characters, from Sheila's inherently evil, serial killer client, *Arthur Kesterson IV*, to an obsessed trial judge Roger Hesterfield. All of the characters are real, with no stereotypes thrown in gratuitously, as happens so often in genre fiction. The Kesterson character is the most easily despised person I've run across in fiction in a long time. I will resist the temptation to talk about plot specifics, for fear of spoiling a great read for you, but the plot tangles keep coming and keep closing in on Sheila Quinn, criminal defense lawyer. It's enough to discourage you from going to law school! Healy does his usual masterful job of dialogue and interesting and quirky minor and supporting characters. More than cops and lawyers, we get insight into Sheila's romantic life, and how she deals with the real issues that arise between two members of a professional couple, each of whom has their own history. The romance doesn't slow down the plot, but gives us occasional breathers in the roller coaster ride that is this plot. Just when you think you know who did what and why, Healy pulls the rug out from under you. This is one terrific read. If we're lucky, we'll get a lot more of both John Francis Cuddy and Sheila Quinn.

DID YOU KNOW? The Kesterson Surname Distribution is 1 in every 1000 people in the states of TN and AR. I guess we knew that already didn't we?? Check this site out on other names you have: <http://www.hamrick.com/names/>

Theresa Kingsley has found another great website - The War of The Rebellion
A wonderful place to find information on that Civil War Ancestor that you have in your family tree -- Check it out. Cornell University has put the ENTIRE "War of the Rebellion" on the internet!!! Over 60 volumes!!! It includes scanned images of reports, correspondence, seizures of Southern property, etc. sent to the War Dept. during the Civil War. It includes both Union and Confederate accounts. It is in chronological order but there is no online index. Many libraries have the index. Find the volume and page number for your subject in the index at the library. Go to this website
<http://moa.cit.cornell.edu/MOA/MOA-JOURNALS2/WARO.html>

Found this information but don't quite know which family he belongs to. Don't ask me where I found this - I don't remember..

Alonza Kesterson b 1856 Pontiac, Oakland MI m Arbell BYERS b 1860. Children were Cora Sara Kesterson 28 Jul 1882 d Nov 1953 m Charles Elmer CANTERBURY he was b 24 Dec 1887 Pomeroy, Meigs OH d 25 Mar 1952

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I have recently been corresponding with Elaine Morris who is a Newland/Nulen family researcher. It has always been my thought that William Kesterson (22 Sep 1722 Nbr VA had married one Elizabeth Nulen probably in Fauquier VA. William was the son of William (8 May 1701-21 May 1729) and the grandson of George & Aquilla Kesterson. It is also my belief that William (1722) was the "first" William that moved to Fauquier VA and was there by 1748 proven by a land document of 1772 stating that a survey was done for William Kesterson April 1748. William (1735) who later moved to Greene TN was the "second" William in the area - moving there about 1760, leaving before 1800. Elaine has offered further proof of this marriage in the form of a Will left by Daniel Nulen (Proven 1785 Shenandoah VA) in which he names his daughter as Elizabeth Kesterson. The last land transaction in Fauquier VA for William and Elizabeth was 25 Sep 1771 when they sold their land and moved to Shenandoah Co VA. The following SHenandoah Land transaction clearly shows that Elizabeth Nulen was the Widow of William.

Shenandoah County Deeds

1781 Jan Daniel NEWLAND of Shannandoah Co 182 Acres on N.R.
Shannandoah adj. Daniel NEWLAND Sr, William KESTERSON,
Griffith THOMAS
1787 Sep Auston SPARKS & Elizabeth his wife (late Elizabeth
KESTERSON), grant William NULUN rights to farm land being
her dower of estate of former husband, William Kesterson
Decd.

Proves Wm died between Jan 1781 and 27 Jun 1787 when Eliz.remarried
If anyone is researching in Shenandoah Co VA and finds more on
Wm/Elizabeth family let me know!!

FROM: Dave Kesterson: Hello fellow Kesterson researchers. Here is a list of Kesterson's which fought on the Union side and filed with the U.S. government to receive a Civil War pension. This list was obtained from FHL film# 0541015, US Civil War Pension Index, Kerney-Keys. This index is also available from the National Archives as series T288, roll #259 Kerney-Keys. If your particular Kesterson is not listed here, that doesn't mean that he didn't fight in the war. There are several reasons why someone would not be listed in the pension list, they or their dependents never filed for a pension or they fought on the Confederate side. Each card listed in the pension index gives the veteran's name, rank, unit, and term of service; names of dependent(s); the filing date; the application number; the certificate number; and the state from which the claim was filed. There are two types of records you can obtain: military and pension. The military records you can subsequently obtain will generally contain copies of the muster roll cards for the military unit, enlistment papers and discharge papers. The pension records can reflect the names of children and their births, list of siblings, some medical information and birth/death dates for the soldier. How to use this data:

- * See if your desired research ancestor is in the list. I included extra details for those Kesterson's which I was directly researching. Sorry, I didn't have time to get the details for every ancestor listed.
- * Obtain the film by ordering it from your local FHL or local National Archives branch.
- * Once the film is located, look up the ancestor's record and write down all the data associated with the record. Especially important are the branch of service and cert. #'s.
- * Next you'll need to obtain a NATF form 80 from the National Archives.

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NATIVE AMERICAN: There is an interesting site on the Internet about various Indian Tribes - <http://hometown.aol.com/bbbenge/front.html>. I've looked at it but I haven't the time to pursue the Indian History of the Kestersons because I have found nothing that indicates we have any. I'm sure that some of our allied families have Indian Heritage and if anyone find a solid connection I'll be more than happy to spread the word. The stories run through my own family as I'm sure they run through yours. Yet no one has any hint or direction in finding that heritage. Theresa Kingsley found the previous site and also recommends this one. http://www.tngenweb.org/cherokee_by_blood. Check it out!

Got this little poem from Theresa Kingsley who received it from a friend. A great way to leave your message when you visit those cemeteries and find one of your own.

Dear Ancestor:

Your tombstone stands among the rest; Neglected and alone
The name and date are chiseled out, On polished, marbled stone.
It reaches out to all who care, It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist, You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you, In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse, Entirely not our own.
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled, So many years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left, Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved, I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot, And come to visit you.

This was sent to me by newest member Dale Kesterson. If you know who he belongs to please let me know..

KESTERSON, Arthur Kenneth. Pine Bluff. Radio engineer-inventor; manager and co-owner with Charles Penix, KCLA, Pine Bluff. Bn, Oct, 1907, Pine Bluff. Son of Robert and Oral Pearl Bunn Kesterson. Maternal grandfather made and patented the first pill-rolling machine. Interest in science and invention began to roll with this. As schoolboy pioneered radio, operating ham station M-5-JXW. Built first two way radio system in Southeast Arkansas, KQGT, Jefferson Co. Court House, November 1, 1939, for police work. Prior to WWII, did preliminary communications work for special corps., Pine Bluff; continued as civilian employee during war. With financial backing of Dr. C. B. Capel, partners and staff built KCLA with own hands, 1947. Since Kesterson designed and built emergency generator, 1952, KCLA never got off air more than 35 seconds from power failure. This record held through tornadoes, other emergencies when station facilities aid relief agencies and supply uninterrupted news coverage. Subsequent contributions to radio engineering include man improvements in console design, notably the square peg type nonslip capstan for turntable speed reducer, adopted by manufacturer in present models. Devoted two years engineering for audio improvements of quality of reproduction. Edu. Pine Bluff HS, attended discontinued Judkins Business College, Pine Bluff. Grad. Government Radio course conducted in LR in 1936 by Prof. Cordray of ASTC. Mason, Shriner, mem. Bd. Stewards, Lakeside Methodist Church. Md. Negie Lee Capel, June 16, 1934. Two sons, Arthur Gerald, ham radio W-5-BHG; and Kenneth Lee.

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT RECORDS

- 1662/63 Mar 12 Nmbr Co Order Book 1652-1665 - THOMAS KESTERSON:
Servant to Mr William WILDEY is by judgment of this court to
serve his said master. the term of seven years from his arrival.
- 1672 Nov 7 Nmbr Co Orders 1666-1678 - Whereas it appears to this
court, Mr William WILDEY stands indebted unto THOMAS KESTERSON,
a cow and calf for his service. It is ordered Mr Wm WILDEY pay
ye said cow and calfe with corne and cloathes in lieu of his
service according to custom and costs of suite.
- 1679 Jun 7 THOMAS KESTERSON on a Tithable List. Pg 5-6
Colonial Abstracts Series 2 Vol 1, Nmbr A 1678-1713
- 1700/1 Mar 20 Thomas Webb, Joseph Boulton, Edward Sanders, George
Crosby, Thomas KESTERSON to app. the estate of Thomas BERRY
decd being sworn by the next justice and ordered that
Margaret GILL late Margaret BERRY exx of said decd exhibit an
inventory
- 1708 Jul 21 Pg 227 # 1362 Records of Indentured Servants
Certificates for Land Nmbr VA 1650-1795 by W Preston Haynie
Judgment is granted Mary DENNIS, late servant of George
Kesterson for her Corne and Cloathes according to law to ye
customs of this Country and ordered the said George Kesterson
pay her the same together with Costs als Ex. OB 1699-1713,
Part 2.530
- 1763 Feb 14 Court ordered that the Church Wardens of St Stephens
Parrish bind out Sarah Kesterson, Daughter of Wm Kesterson
deceased OB 1762-66 Part 1,34
- 1786 Feb 13 Court ordered that the Church Wardens of St Stephens
Parrish bind out Sally Popperwell to Elizabeth (Kesterson)
OLDHAM OB 1786-90, Part 1.9.

Hope you all have a great holiday season... Next issue Feb 1 1999

Chris

CLEVELAND CO AR (Town of Rison) Obit for husband of Belsora

KESTERSON d/o Vincent & Dolly G Chandler Kesterson Saline AR

*This gives us the daughters of Belsora which I didn't have before and who they married. December 15, 1904 MR. J. HARRISON Died at his home in Rison, Ark., Tuesday morning Dec. 12, 1904 at 3 o'clock a.m., Mr. Jesse Harrison, age 66 years 11 months and 12 days. Hewas a native of Alabama but came with his parents to Arkansas when quite aboy, being only ten years of age. His family settled near this place and it was near here that he attended school, that he cleared away the forestand did general farm work until the beginning of the war between the states. When war was declared he was among the early volunteers and he continued in the confederate ranks until he received a gun shot wound in the knee which entitled him for service for nearly a year, as soon as he was sufficiently recovered he returned with his musket to the line of battle. He remained in the war until the surrender when he returned to his family and to the farm. In 1850 Mr. Harrison was married to Miss BalzoraKesterson with whom he lived pleasantly until his death. To them were born eight children; seven of whom four boys and three girls, Messrs. J.E. Robert, Joe, and Frank Harrison and Mrs. Dora Crump and Misses Mattie and Nolie Harrison, survive him. Mr. Harrison was one of our enterprising citizens. He was always anxious to see and assist in any move that would be beneficial to neighborhood. Mr. Harrison left the farm because of the injury he sustained in the army. Soon after the county seat was located at Toledo he moved there and went into the hotel business and remained there until Cotton Belt railroad was built and Rison located and then he was among the first to locate here. He was the first to build a substantial house where the town now stands and from that day, he was one of the leading citizens of that place. Among his public acts he served his people as magistrate and as County Judge. He was regularly in the hotel business until a few years ago when he quit for a year on account of failing health but he re-entered the business and remained in it until he sold out last year to his son, Mr. R.E. Harrison. Mr. Harrison was a Christian as well as a moral upright citizen. In 1862 he professed religion and joined the Methodist Church of which he was a constant member till his death. Mr. Harrison had been in failing health for a year or two and several times lately had beat death's door and while his death is much regreted it is not a surprise to those who had known him. In addition to the wife and children he has two brothers and two sisters, Daniel and Franklin Harrison and Mrs. E.H. Raiborn and Mrs. M.C. Harlow, who survive him. They weep over his departure but not as those who without hope for he died in the faith and assured his loved ones that he was going home to a better world. The funeral was preached by brother Scott after which the odd Fellows and Masons in which orders he was an honored member, took charge and with befiting ceremoies his remains were laid to rest in the Rison Cemetery.

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* For details on the exact procedure involved, see Cindi Howell's excellent guide for obtaining Civil War pension records. For further information on this, type the following address in your favorite web browser: <http://www.oz.net/~cynidhow/pensions.htm>

****In the case of Gross Scruggs Kesterson, the National Archives did not have any pension data on file, apparently because of the fact that he served in the Missouri state militia. I've subsequently written to the Missouri State Archives department to obtain the records from them. If anyone sends for these records please send me copies..

Veteran's Name Dependent's Relationship Dependent's Name State Filed

Service Unit Date Filed Application #'s Certificate #'s

Benjamin Mother-Mary A. Kesterson

Charles Ore

Charles M. Mother-Delia Kesterson Ind

David G. Mo

Derias P. Widow-Martha A Kesterson Ark

Edward Ohio

George S. Widow-Sarah A. Kesterson Ka

George S. Ind

George W. Calif

George W. Widow-Mary E. Kesterson W Va

Gross S. Kate Kesterson Mo S 7 E Mo MIL S 5 PM E Mo MIL "1892 May 5

Invalid 1905 July 10 Widow "1109419 "831441" "840955 "613547"

Horace J. Ark

Hugh Mo

Ira Bertha H. Kesterson W Va

James R. Widow Mary Kesterson Tenn

John Widow Sarah E. Kesterson MOo B 50 Mo INF

"1881 "1914" "434776" "1028286" "506183 "778990"

John G. Mary A. Kesterson W Va IV 3 W Va CAV

"1886 Oct 5 1901 Dec(?) 10" "586595 "753286" "432602" "549663"

John W. Eliza Kesterson Ohio "D4 West Va INF B2 West Va Vet

INF" "1888 Nov 6 1910 Feb 21" "698046 "936343" 524031

Joseph D. WidowMinor Margaret Kesterson

James H Kesterson Mo

Patrick H. Mary Arrington -Tx (I have this one if anyone needs copies)

Samuel Mo (I have this one if you need copies)

Samuel Ind

Sylvester T. Father

Mother* John Kesterson

Elizabeth Kesterson" Ind

Thomas A. Widow Eliza J. Kesterson Tx

Thomas J. Nebr

William Tenn

William H. Widow Eily A. Kesterson Ind

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William H. Widow Phoebe J. Kesterson W Va
 William H. Widow Margaret Kesterson Mo "G1 Mo Cav L1 Mo Cav"
 1885 July 9 328723 297686
 William M. West 71a (FLA or ALA?)
 William T. Mo "F T (?) 3 Mo S U Cav"
 17 Mo S U Cav" 1884 June 15 Invalid 504027 353656
 William T. Mother Adaline V. Kesterson

Angela Meadows (Angela.Meadows3@usdoj.gov) contacted me with some information on Hazzard Kesterson. Hazzard was the son of John Kesterson who died in Jefferson OH and the brother of Sylvester Welch Kesterson who lived in Anderson TN. Angela has made the connection through the help of Verda Lee Wells that Hazzard apparently moved to Anderson TN sometime after 1830 along with Sylvester. There are so far - no documents to support this except for Family knowledge. Hazzard married Elizabeth GRASS 6 Mar 1807 in Augusta VA. The only thing I knew about him was that he had at least 9 children which were found on the 1810 Augusta VA, 1820 Buckingham VA, 1830 Augusta VA Census. I think that some of Hazzards children were: Levina Jane who married Ephraim COOPER, Nancy, John b 6 Feb 1818 VA who married Sarah SWEATON, James b 1820 VA m Margaret Lovely/Lovedy Campbell TN 14 Jan 1841 and Frederick listed below:

- Frederick Kesterson b 1827 Augusta VA m Annie LOVELY d/o James and Susan LOVELY. Annie born abt 1828 Anderson TN and died 8 Mar 1900. Their children:
1. Nicey Jane b 1858 m Robert Murray. Children - Emma, Nanie, Melvina
 2. Lucinda m R F PARROTT 24 Dec 1876 Campbell TN
 3. James Carter b Feb 1852. One son, David Edward Kesterson b 1 Jan 1890
 David married Mary C HENSLEY. Children, William Floyd, Beulah, Irene, Mary, Axilee, Georgia, Mattie and Myrarae
 4. Amanda b 25 May 1857 m William MARTIN 3 Sep 1882 Anderson TN
 5. Emalee Jeffries b 1 or 22 Sep 1866 m Nancy Elizabeth TAYLOR d/o David C TAYLOR and Theresa BAKER. Nancy b 9 Sep 1871. Their children;
 - A. Charles Taylor 22 Mar 1898 Anderson TN - 1 known daughter Verda Lee.
 - B. Theresa Annislee b 26 Nov 1877 she married Samuel W STONEFIPHER. Children - Vivien Edith, Gladys, Walter, Leroy, Ovena, Charlotte Faye, Dorothea.
 - C. Carrie b 13 Nov 1892
 - D. Bonnie married Jasper WHITE in 1919 - Children, Virginia, J.T., Joanne, Charlie John, Clifford, Norman, Charles Robert, Lucille
 - E. Lewis Emory b 5 Nov 1908 m Mary FOUST/FAUST - Children Betty Jo and Margaret Rose
 - F. Tressie Blanche b 5 Jan 1901, died as an infant about 1902

Chris

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1902 CADILLAC STOLEN IN WEST KNOXVILLE

The Knoxville News Sentinel Tuesday Feb 2 1993

Written by Bob Wieracki Staff Writer The Article was sent to me by James Kesterson, Winter Haven FL and a member of this family. Thomas H D Kesterson holds a picture of his missing 1902 Cadillac, which was stolen. A family heirloom among the oldest of its kind. Thomas H D is the s/o Thomas Otey & Barbara (Davis) Kesterson s/o Reubin Neil & Fanny (Otey) Kesterson who was s/o Reubin & Adaline (Henderson) Kesterson s/o David Chadwell & Elizabeth (Lanham) Kesterson, son of John & Nancy (Chadwell) Kesterson of Claiborne TN via VA. We are still working on establishing the parents of John.

"For more than 90 years, Knoxville has been the home of one of the oldest Cadillacs in existence. But its present whereabouts are unknown, owner Thomas H. D. Kesterson reported it stolen last week. Kesterson said he kept the car, which was in mint condition, in a garage across the street from his home in West Knoxville. He discovered it missing Saturday and said it probably had been stolen a month ago or longer. It was the first Cadillac sold south of the Mason-Dixon line. My grandfather (Dr. R.N. Kesterson) bought the Cadillac new in 1902, said Kesterson, a Knoxville developer. It was shipped by rail to Cincinnati in 1903, and he and my father went up there and drove it back. It took them several weeks because they drove through West Virginia and Kentucky to visit friends and family. Kesterson said it was not only the first Cadillac sold in the South, it was apparently one of the first ever built. Its engine number is 181. He said his grandfather, a dentist and developer, operated the car until about 1912. It stayed in the family and was kept in running order until about 1924, Kesterson said. After that, it was used in parades and exhibits. For several years, it was on display in the old Cherokee Aviation building at Meigs-Tyson Airport. After Kesterson sold Cherokee, he brought the car to his home and put it in the garage. He had it restored and made operable again in 1984. Although some of the wood veneer has been replaced, the vehicle still has the original brass trim and kerosene lamps. It is maroon in color and "about the size of a little buggy", he said. The car, which had a one-cylinder engine and generated six horsepower, listed for about \$750 in 1902, Kesterson said. The listed value on the police report is \$125,000.00. "I'm not sure what it's worth now. I've been offered that for it by a man in Florida, but I'm not sure I'll take it," he said. Kesterson said he has some ideas about what happened to his car, but he would not go into detail. He only says he is sure the thief or thieves hauled it away on a trailer and did not drive it. He added that he is sure that whoever took it did not do so to try to sell it. "I think we'll find it. There are only a few of those cars left, and everybody knows about this one," Kesterson said. "Nobody can sell it for any big price. The only thing they could do is sell it to somebody for a few hundred dollars to somebody who would keep it locked up." He said he will offer a reward for information leading to the return of his treasure."

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SEVIER/HOWARD AR!! We are getting some interest in the Blackwood and Kesterson Family connection. Anyone with a connection is welcome to share the Blackwood info with me as it is a part of the Kesterson line. A new member - Sue Blackwood has the following info - needs more.

The children of William Andrew and Mary Kesterson Blackwood are:

1. Bethie Blackwood 1897 Dierks AR d 1983 Dequeen AR m Ben ALLEN a preacher
2. Mary Blackwood died in infancy
3. Clarence Blackwood 23 Mar 1900 Dierks AR d May 1967 Pine Bluff AR m Lacy ?
4. Otis James Blackwood 5 May 1906 Dierks AR d 22 Apr 1976 Arkadelphia AR
buried in Rose Hill Cemetery Arkadelphia AR m Carrie Eula ROBERTSON
22 Aug 1924 Carrie b 11 Aug 1904 Alpine AR d 30 Jan 1989 Arkadelphia AR
A Raynond Hutchison Blackwood 10 Jul 1925 d Dec 1970 Arkadelphia AR
B Harold Lee Blackwood 25 Oct 1935 d 20 Apr 1984 Arkadelphia AR never married
C Jammie Blackwood 12 Nov 1939 m Margaret Lee CORUM 24 Jul 1961 and
divorced Mar 1974 Wichita KS. Jammie then married Marilyn Sue LESTER 22
Jun 1974 Fairborn OH. Jammie's children with his first wife:
aa. Tracey Laine Blackwood 6 May 1963 Selma AL d 22 Apr 1966 Ft Worth TX
bb. Brett Clark Blackwood 9 Aug 1964 Ft Worth TX
cc. Melissa Page Blackwood 21 Jun 1968 Ft Worth TX
5. Effie Blackwood 1912 Dierks AR d Tipton AR m Robert STEELE

When Mary died William Andrew married a second time to ?? and had 2 more children

6. Cora Lee Blackwood b abt 1918 d abt 1988 Denton TX m Harold LAMBERT
7. William Andrew Blackwood, Jr b 4 Oct 1920 d 14 Sep 1992 Lancaster CA m Dorothy

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Shirley Smith had a great time when she went to VIRGINIA last summer. She found St Stephens Parrish in Northumberland VA and probably walked on the ground that our Kesterson Ancestors walked upon. Shirley says the Church has been kept in good repair. She spent a day in Fairfax Co where she found a book on Fauquier VA Cemeteries and went to visit one. She took some great pictures but found no new information to report.
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Sharon BEAN went to Arkansas this past summer. In the Old Piney Cemetery in Lockspur, Sevier AR there are two graves that don't match anything I have. I'm sure that some of you have their history tucked away somewhere. William Olen Kesterson 11 Sep 1914 d 3 Apr 1984 and his obvious wife Marilyn Faye 14 May 1923 d 21 Mar 1977. If anyone has his parents, etc maybe they could send it to me. There are still a lot of the AR families that I don't have much on.

Sharon did take photos if anyone is interested in getting one. Write her at 219 Cherry Ave Dumas TX 79029 or Email: ccb@ixit.net
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