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"BERSHEBA LINCOLN"

by Miss Ruby Lillian Crume

Among the pioneer women who came to Kentucky from Virginia was one destined to become the grandmother of one of the greatest men that Kentucky ever produced. That woman was Bersheba Lincoln, the grandmother of President Abraham Lincoln. From her he inherited many things that contributed to his greatness. She was noted for her native shrewdness, her keen intellect, her boundless courage, and dogged perseverance.

Very little is known of her early life. She was born in Virginia in 1745. One tradition says that her maiden name was Herroit and that she was of French origin, and another says that it was Herrin. She evidently attended a colonial school as a child for she was able to write a fair hand as the marriage permit of her daughter, Nancy Ann, in 1801 bears her signature. (this permit is on file at the Washington County, Kentucky, Courthouse.) She married Capt. Abraham Lincoln in Rockingham County, Virginia, when she was about 24 years old. Her five children--Mordecai, Josiah, Thomas, Mary, and Nancy Ann--were all born in that county.

In 1780 Capt. Lincoln, who had served under Gov. Patrick Henry on the Southern Trail during the Revolution, took advantage of the Treasury Land Script for land in the County of Kentucky offered in payment for services in that war by Virginia.

He migrated, with his family, to Central Kentucky. Here he acquired over 5,000 acres of picked land in widely scattered parts of that section. The home of the family was located at Hughes' Station, on Long Run, in Jefferson County. Here in 1786, during crop planting time, Capt. Lincoln was killed in a surprise attack by Indians. He died without a will and as the old English law was still in effect in America the eldest son, Mordecai, by the law of primogeniture, inherited all the land of the family. Thus, the mother with four children dependent upon her was left in a wild unsettled country with the meagre belongings of the average pioneer family. In a short time, she moved with her brood to Washington County. Little is known of her life there except that she kept the family together until most of them were married.

The first to marry was Mordecai, the eldest son. He married Mary Mudd in 1798. The next to marry was Nancy Ann, the youngest child. She married William Brumfield in Febru-

ary, 1801. Josiah married "Caty" Barlow in the same year and month as Nancy. In August of the same year, Mary married Ralph Crume.

About this time Bersheba began to center her interest on the family of Nancy and William Brumfield, with whom she made her home. Mary's husband, Ralph Crume, was many years her senior, and had been married before. He had been a soldier of the Revolution and like her father had taken advantage of the Treasury Land Script offered by Virginia and had taken up land in Central Kentucky. He had a comfortable home on a large farm near Hardinsburg, in Breckinridge County to which he took his bride.

Both Mordecai and Josiah had farms in Washington County. The former had inherited his farm from his father, the latter owed some on his, but was rapidly paying the debt. In 1803, Thomas Lincoln bought 238 acres of land on Mill Creek in northern Hardin County. He paid L118 for this property. This was money that his mother had saved for him when she had hired him out at a man's wage in Washington County. Shortly after Thomas bought this place, the Brumfields and Bersheba Lincoln moved to it.

In 1806, the Brumfields acquired a farm five miles north on Buffalo Run of Mill Creek. Here they built a large two story log house with a large kitchen in the rear. Tradition says that Bersheba was the brains of the clan. She was endowed with a shrewd mind which made it possible for her to plan for the future. William Brumfield was rather indolent, but Bersheba pushed him along until they were one of the wealthiest families in the neighborhood. They owned a store, a blacksmith shop, and a stillhouse. Somehow or other she schemed and got the three-day elections held at their place.

"Granny" Lincoln, as she was called by the whole community after the coming of the Brumfield children, lived to a very ripe old age. She died in 1833, and was buried in the cemetery of the old pioneer Baptist Church of Mill Creek. At first her grave was marked with a large flat limestone rock turned on end with the letters "BL" carved near the top. Today the stone stands less than a foot high.

(Miss Ruby Lillian Crume, now deceased, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crume of Vine Grove. She was the great great-granddaughter of William Crume, who was the son of Ralph Crume and his first wife, Polly Riggs.)

QUERY

CARDIN, WILLIAM

William Cardin b. 27 May 1834, d. 3 May 1887 married Margaret Brashear. Who were his parents, grandparents, and siblings? Dan Lee, 723 East Main St., Cecilia, KY 42740

1990 Dues are now being accepted. Send them to Mrs. June Thornberry, 128 N Main St. Elizabethtown, KY 42701

COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1799 (July)

Wednesday July the 24th 1799 Court Continued and held for the County of Hardin

Present Bladin ashby philip Reed & George Bell Gent Justices

On the motion of Samuel Goodin it is considered by the Court that a Ferry be Established across the Rolling fork at the burnt lick and that the said Samuel Goodin be appointed keeper of Said ferry and it is ordered that he Constantly keep one good Boat for Transporting Horse and foot passengers and two good hands to attend Said Boat and that he be allowed one shilling per Ferriage per man and horse he having Complied with what the law in that Case requires

On the motion of Charles Barbier who owns land on one side of beaver dam Creek a branch of Nolin and is desirous of building a water grist mill thereon and prays that one acre of land on the Opposite Shore the property of Robert Good may be Condemned for the Abutments of his Mill dam it is ordered that the Commonwealths writ of Adquoddamnum Issue to the Sheriff of this County commanding him that he cause twelve good and lawful men to meet on the premises on the day of next then and there to enquire agreeably to an act of Assembly in such case made & provided and such inquisition so to be made and Sealed by the Jurors Shall return to the next October Court

Ordered that it be certified to the Auditor of Publick acots that Satisfactory proof has been made to the Court that Benjamin Helm had no retale store in the year 1798 and that he ought to be Exempted from the tax of sd year

Ordered that it be certified to the Auditor of publick acots that Satisfactory proof has been made to the Court that Ichabod Radley had no Licence for keeping Tavern in the year 1798 and ought not to be charged with the tax for sd year

Ordered that it be certified to the Auditor of publick acots that Satisfactory proof has been made to the Court that the revenue Tax on the following tracts of land has been paid by the persons to whose names they are annexed to wit

John Atherton on acres of land for 95 & 6 paid

John Atherton on acres of land for 95 & 6 & 7 paid

Matthew Shutts 500 acres of land paid for 95 & 6

Joshua Harrison 237 acres 3rd land Tax paid 92.3.4.5 & 6

Ordered that Christopher Bush be exempted from the Tax on one Studhorse for the year 1797 Satisfactory proof being made that he had no Stud horse in Said year

A Certificate of the Emancipation of an aged negro woman named Daghney the property Benjamin Wright was acknowledged by the Said Benjamin and ordered to be recorded he having Entered into bond to keep said negro from being Chargable to the County

A Statement of the Administration of the Estate of John Larue Decd was returned and was ordered to be Recorded

Ordered that Christopher Jackson Adms. of the Estate of John Crow Decd be allowed nine Shillings per day for the time

he was Settling Said Estate

Ordered that Benjamin Huff Jacob Weatherhall Frederick Claycomb and Henry Hershfield or any three of them being first Sworn do view a road from the Courthouse Christs ferry on the Ohio and make report thereof to the next Court

Ordered that the Sheriff Advertise the Old Jail to be Sold to the highest bidder at the next August Court

Ordered that the Sheriff Employ some person to take Charge of the Courthouse kep it Clean and in good order who Shall be allowed a Sum Adequate to his Services at the next Court of Claims

Upon the petition of James pierciful for leave to build a water Grist mill a Juries report returned and considered reasonable in order to be recorded which is as followeth we the Subscribers Jurors being summoned Impaneled and Sworn agreeably to an act of Afsembly concerning Mill dams and obstructions in Water Courses have laid off and impartially viewed one acre of land on knob Creek the property of James Nourse or Christopher Hahn for the Abutments of James piercifuls Mill dam and bounded as follows Beginning at an Ash on the East bank of the Creek marded with B Runing thence Eight Rod out from the Beginning and up the Creek for Quantity which acre of land is of the value of three pounds we are also of Oppinion that building Said Mill dam will not obstruct fish of pafsage nor ordinary Navigation neither will the orchards Gardens Curtilages or Mansion house of any person be injured thereby nor the health of Neighborgood annoyed thereby neither will any of the adjacent be injured there by the overflowing of the waters given under our hands and Seals this 13th day of June 1799 Conrade Walters John Whitehead Gilbt Evans Stout Whitehead Daniel Vittertow John Coy James Bairds William Coy Henry Dewit Thomas Reynolds Benjamin Johnson George Lindsey

Ordered that the acre of land so laid off be granted to the petitioner

Ordered that John Coy be appointed Overseer of the Road in the room of Henry Dever and Innis Randall and the same Tithables that afsisted them do afsist him in Clearing & keeping said Road in repair

On the Motion of Charles Barbier it is Considered by the Court that he may lay off 21 acres of land part of pearmans preemption into Convinunt Town Lots in addition to the Town of West point and it Ordered that it be Establish as part of said Town agreeably to an act of Afsembly in that Case made & provided and that it be vested in the Trustees of said Town Whereupon the said Charles together with William Kelso his Security entered into & acknowledged thier Bond Conditioned according to Law

Ordered that Alescander Jackson be bound an apprentice according to Law

On the petition of William McIntire who owns land on one side of Cedar Creek and is desirous of building a water Grist mill thereon prays that one acre of land on the opposite Shore be condemned for the abutments of his Mill dam it is

ordered that a writ of Adquoddamnum Ifsue to the Sheriff of this County commanding him that he cause twelve good and law-ful men of his county to meet on the land petitioned for on the day of Then and there to Enquire agreeably to an Act of Afsembly in that case made and rrovided and that the Sheriff return the Inquest so to be made under the hands and Seals of the Jurors to the next Court

A bond from Issac Larue Sen to Isaac Larue Jun for the conveyance of land was proved by the Oath of Benjamin Dinny and was ordered to lay for further proof

Ordered that it be certified to the Auditor o publick acts that satisfactory proof has been made to the Court that the Tax on 140 acres 2nd Rate Lnad on Youngers Creek was paid up for the years 1792.3.4.5 & 6

A deed from Aaron Rawlings and Nancy his wife was ack-nnowledged and ordered to be Recorded feme Covert Examined

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course

Bladin Ashby

ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, 1824

At a meeting of the board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town at the Clerks Office on Wednesday the 14th day of July 1824

Present John Morris President---George Matthis Allen Singleton and Gabreel Wathen Gentlemen Trustees

Ordered that Gabreel Wathen Allen Singleton and Hugh Gunning be be appointed Commissioners to contract with some person for turnpiking Main Cross street from the public square to the Town line at the corner of Arthur Parks shop to be taken square across from the corner of said shop On the best terms they can make and in such a manner as they may think best and to be completed against the time they may fix upon The work to be done under their superintendance Taking bond and approved security of the undertaker The said Commissioners to make use of the fund now raising by subscription in order to carry on the said work They are also authorise to sell to the best advantage the lots now in said street, the proceeds to be applied as above

Ordered that the board adjourn

John Morris Prst

At a meeting of the board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town at the clerks office in said town on the 17th day July 1824

Present Allen Singleton George Matthis Gabriel Wathen & A. H. Churchill

A. H. Churchill is appointed President Protempore

Asa T. Smith proposes to exhibit Natural Curiosities in this Town It is ordered that he pay to this board the sum of Two Dollars for each day he may exhibit such Curiosities in this place

Ordered that the board adjourn

A. H. Churchill

At a meeting of the board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town on the 29th day of July 1824 at the clerks office

Present John Morris President Gabriel Wathen Allen Singleton & Armistead H. Churchill Gentlemen Trustees
Whereas Timothy Owen the undertaker of the turnpike on Main Cross street has commenced the same, And in order to assist him in Completing the same one half the street is reserved to him until it is completed, And so soon as that is completed then the other half is reserved until the whole is completed And It is Ordered that all persons shall be and are hereby prohibited from riding on horseback or driving waggons or other wheel carrages over such part or half of the street as the said Owens may be at work upon And should any person violate this bye law he or she shall for such offence be fined One Dollar for each violation And should the Offense be a slave then the fine to be recoverable of the master of such slave in the name of the Trustees before any Justice of the Peace in and for Hardin County

Ordered that Allen Singleton be appointed to settle with all persons having funds of the Trustees on their hands and to render a complete account of the amount of monies received and expended and the present State of the funds

Ordered that the board adjourn

John Morris Prst.

Monday 2nd August 1824

In pursuance of an Act of Assembly directing election to be held in the several County Towns of this state on the first Monday in August Annually for the purpose of electing five Trustees in each Town I caused and Election to be held at the Court house in Elizabeth Town on Monday the 2nd day of August 1824 for the purpose of electing five Trustees for said Town and caused to be elected by the qualified Voters of said Town as Trustees the following persons towit John Morris Gabriel Wathen George Matthis Allen Singleton & Armistead H. Churchill as appears by a return to the Clerk of the Hardin County Court Given Under my hand this 2nd day of August 1824

Samuel Haycraft

Clk board of Trustees

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 19th day of August 1824

Present John Morris Armistead H. Churchill Allen Singleton Gabriel Wathen & George Matthis

On motion made and seconded John Morris is appointed President of the board

Nathaniel Dodo proposes to exhibit natural curiosities in this town It is ordered that he pay to this board the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each day he may exhibit such curiosities in this Town to be paid to the Clerk of this board

Ordered that the Board adjourn.

John Morris Prst

TIDBIT In September, 1900, Hardin County did "not owe a cent." Elizabethtown NEWS September, 1900.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE HODGENVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, HODGEN-
VILLE, LARUE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

by Mrs. Sally Burba

On the 16th day of February, 1872, about forty persons assembled in the Court House at Hodgenville, where services were held to the time of the erection of the Church building, subscribing their names to the following Constitution, which is preserved in the handwriting of Dr. John W. Gore:

"We the undersigned members of the Church of Christ at Hodgenville, Larue County, Kentucky, do hereby enroll our names and pledge ourselves to unite in an organization for the furtherance of the Gospel, and pledge ourselves to be governed in all things by the teaching of the same. We also pledge ourselves to be governed by the officers set apart by us, according to the teaching of the Word of God and will give them our hearty cooperation in all things consistent with the Word of God. This February 16th. 1872."

John W. Gore--Elected Elder
John M. Duncan
Melissa Mather
G. W. Thurman
Sally A. Nall
O. M. Shivell
M. B. Gore
Anna Naylor
Ida Nall
Sarah A. Churchill
Charles Friend
Richard Friend
Henry C. Swann
Joseph Simmons
V. Y. Nall
Tommie Patterson
N. C. Howard
Mrs. Judith N. Howard
Emma Howard
Arch Nall
David E. Perry

T. P. Howard--Elected Elder
S. W. Mather--Elected Elder
Caroline Kaster
H. M. Redman
Eleanor Gore
C. S. Naylor
Tony Mayfield
Addie Gore
Maggie Howard
J. B. Gore--Elected Elder
D. J. Hargan
Nancy Hargan
Elvira Swann
C. A. Patterson
Frank Lapierre
Logan M. Gore
Margaret Medcalf
Lucy Gore
Sally Naylor
George Medcalf

FAMILY BIBLE JOHN T. HAWKINS & MOLLIE C. KING

John T. Hawkins and Mollie C. King married Sept 16th 1873

Lizzie V. Hawkins, Obeyed the Gospel August 27, 1886 at South Elkhorn, Fayette Co., Ky. H. T. Wilson preaching

J. South Hawkins at same and place

Mary Inez Hawkins obeyed the Gospel May 18, 1890 at South

Elkhorn J. T. Hawkins preaching

Frank A. Hawkins obeyed at same time and place

Grace Allan Hawkins obeyed the Gospel Oct 6, 1897 Mark Collis preaching at Broadway, Lexington.

BIRTHS

John T. Hawkins was born April 20th, 1847 in Union County, KY
Mollie C. King was born March 1, 1858 in Barren County, KY
Blue Spring Grove

Children

Lizzie Vertrese Hawkins, Daughter of J. T. & M. K. Hawkins was born in New Liberty, KY July 16th, 1874 at 10 O'clock AM Thursday. At the house of Dr. A. Toon.
John South Hawkins was born in New Liberty, KY on Feb. 10th, 1876 at 3 o'clock PM Thursday
Mary Inez Hawkins was born in New Liberty, KY Jan 24th, 1878 at 5 o'clock AM Thursday
Frank Allen Hawkins was born Thursday March 17th 1880 in New Liberty, KY
Grace Allen Hawkins was born Friday Sept. 11th, 1885 in LaGrange, KY
Anna Phelps Hawkins born August 4th, Sunday 1889 at South Elkhorn, KY
Anna Phelps Hawkins obeyed the Gospel Sept 30 1901 at Broadway, Lexington, KY Was baptised Oct. 1st, Mark Collis preaching. All these children were baptised by their father, John T. Hawkins

DEATHS

John T. Hawkins passed peacefully and quietly to rest on May 10th, just as the sun was setting at the close of a beautiful Lord's Day, 1931.
Mollie King Hawkins passed peacefully and quietly to rest on Saturday, Oct. 2nd 1943 at 2:20 PM
J. South Hawkins passed away, Thursday Nov 7th, 1946 at Nichols Hospital Louisville, KY about 1 PM
John A. King son died April 28th, 1804, aged 37 & 12 days.

(Note: The present location of this Bible is not known by the Editor.)

FAMILY BIBLE ROBERT WICKLIF PHILLIPS

Robert Wicklif Phillips was born May 16, 18_3
Susan Nall wife of R. W. Phillips was born November 22, 1800
Mary Elizabeth Phillips was born June 22, 1826
James Milton Phillips was born December 29, 1827
John Rector Phillips was born November 1, 1829
William Nall Phillips was born December 1, 1831
Francis Phillips was born December 12, 1833 Died Mar. 3, 1925
Thomas Gasper Phillips was born May 17, 1836

Robert and Susan Phillips died September 1838
Jon Rector Phillips died at same time
James Milton Phillips died July 1, 1883

NOTE: Thomas Gasper Phillips tombstone in Elizabethtown City Cemetery lists him as Thomas Jasper Phillips 1836-1925

From the Elizabethtown NEWS

F. Marion Phillips, 92, died Mar. 3, 1925 in Elizabethtown at the residence of his daughter Mrs. Charles W. Terry. T. J. Phillips, now in his ninetieth year is a surviving brother, while William Phillips a brother, died at the age of eighty-nine, and Mrs. Elizabeth Showers, a sister, at eighty-seven. Mr. Phillips was married sixty-eight years before to Miss Sarah Jane Hobbs, who survives him, aged eighty-six years. Of the seven children born, four are living, Mrs. Terry, Clifton Phillips of Colorado, Mrs. W. M. Carr of Rochester, and Mrs. Ben Gardner of Louisville.

NOTE: The present whereabouts of this Bible is not known to the Editor.

SOME CREAGER NOTES

Dixie Creager Ward is a granddaughter of Daniel Hayden Creager, who was the second son of Charlotte Chloe Swan and her husband Joshua Lloyd Creager. I (Dixie) have a few little stories of Charlotte's family and played with a beautiful china clock decorated with flowers and probably made in France. My Aunt Ina born in 1898 recalls having this clock as a toy when she was a child. It no longer ran and was given to her by her grandmother probably Charlotte Creager as her other grandmother had died before she was born. I remember that I broke the clock and though it was mourned by the family, it was dumped in the trash. What a fragile lovely thing it was. I believe this clock had probably come from France with the Swans.

From the records of Jeanne Swan Parker: David Cooper Swan was a brother of Colonel James Swan. David was given power of attorney Deed Book F p. 320 and 326 recorded in Elizabethtown, Hardin Co., Kentucky.

David Cooper Swan settled on a land grant on the Nahn? (perhaps Nolin) in what is now Hardin County, KY. (I, Dixie) have records showing nearly 4,000,000 acres in Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, etc. that was granted to James Swan, David C. Swan and (probably same) David Cawper Swan. David Cooper Swan taught school in the private school of General Fayette Hewitt. Bibles were printed bearing this wording: "Edinburg Printed for D. C. Swan and S. Allison, N.Y. and sold by them and by principal Book Sellers in the United States. 1807"

Jean Swan Parker records: Miss Martha Poston, granddaughter of Euphremia Swan quoted Euphremia as saying that when she was a little girl, her mother Antionette dressed her in her best clothes and sent her into her father's study to

be admired by him, but he was so engrossed in his studies that he didn't see her. The records of David Cooper Swan are said to have burned. Credit goes to Miss Martha Poston of Louisville, KY for information about David Cooper Swan's family. David C. Swan's heirs appear in Deed Books of Hardin County, KY on March 19, 1847.

Dixie Ward notes: Julius Swan married Sophia Hayden (descendant of Daniel through John who fought in the Revolutionary War) on 10 June 1829 at Severns Valley Baptist Church I think. The Civil War came between Julius Swan and his daughter Charlotte Chloe. Charlotte grieved much about this and her life led her into Missouri, Kansas, down to Texas (Jack and Young Counties) back to Sulphur, OK; and finally to Topeka, Kansas, where she died at the home of her granddaughter, Annie Buchanan, in April, 1921. Her body is interred at Warrensburg, MO where, I think, her son Theadore was buried many years previous. She was almost 90 years old. Her husband Joshua L. died the following October at almost 98 years of age.

Dixie Creager Ward expects to do much more research on the Swan family and would welcome any letters with additional information. She will be happy to share what she has.

There is a Swan's Landing in the overflow of the Ohio River. In 1980 Dixie tried to find some trace of it but did not succeed. Grandfather Daniel Hayden told Dixie of swimming in the Ohio many times as a boy. She found his family in Meade Co., KY and decided to search Harrison Co., IN for Julius Swan and found him there in the 1860 census. Contributed by Dixie Creager Swan, Rt. 1, Box 392, Graham, TX 76046

THE STRICKLER HOMESTEAD NEAR ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY
Compiled by Walter Kiser (Originally published in the LOUISVILLE TIME with a sketch of the house Sept. 20, 1938 and reprinted in the ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS March 31, 1939.)

In 1779 Jacob VanMeter, Senior and his family landed at the Falls of the Ohio River, having emigrated from the Monongohelia River country. In 1780 this family settled in Severn's Valley, about two miles from Elizabethtown on a farm now known as the Strickler Place. On Valley Creek, at the mouth of Billy's Creek, VanMeter built a grist mill, where corn and wheat were ground, although no trace of this mill remains today. Mr. VanMeter also engaged in farming and resided here until his death Nov. 16, 1789. He was buried on this farm and a stone carved by his son, Jacob VanMewter II has been preserved, as the inscription itself is a piece of antiquity, particularly as to its orthography. Following is something like a facsimile of it:

"Here Lizes
The Body of Jacob VanMeter
Died in the 76
Yare of his age
November the 16, 1798"

A bronze marker was erected by the Woman's Club of Elizabethtown in 1935 and placed on the highway about 100 feet from the cemetery. Jacob VanMeter, Sr. was a charter member of the Severn's Valley Baptist Church, organized June 17, 1781.

The front part of the brick house was built in 1855, while the rear portion was built many years before. A log house was built and afterward torn down as in Will Book A, page 80, Hardin County Court House, Jacob VanMeter, Sr. leaves the plantation and log house and grist mill to his son Jacob VanMeter II. On March 11, 1807, Jacob VanMeter II sold the place to Mr. Ambrose Geohegan. On Feb. 1, 1838, the property was purchased by George W. Strickler and it is now owned by the Strickler family. Three layers of brick were used in the walls and it is said too that ground glass was used in the foundation in order to prevent dampness. There are six rooms and a hall downstairs. In the hall is a winding walnut stairway. There are four rooms upstairs, and a twenty by twenty-five foot basement under the west front room. The rooms have high baseboards and high mantels, and the floors of every room are at a different level.

{Editors Note: The old Strickler house was torn down some fifteen to twenty years ago after having been used for a hay barn. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Strickler built a new house on the site using some of the old brick. They have since sold the property to James Manakee who uses the house as a funeral home. Jacob VanMeter, Sr.'s body was disinterred some years ago and its remains and the stone along with the Woman's Club marker were moved to the front row of the City Cemetery.}

DODGE

Anyone having information that you would be willing to share on Josiah Rogers Dodge 1762-1800, the third pastor of Severn's Valley Baptist Church; John Dodge, 1787-1873; Jordan Dodge, 1819-1886; Samuel Buriel Dodge, 1855-1924; or any members of their families, please contact Bob Beimdick, 3443 Leitchfield Road, Cecilia, KY 42724

THE KENDALL FAMILY HISTORY--The Life, Ancestors & Descendants of Abraham Kendall & "Millie" Ellen Gilmore by Denise K. Mortorff, Ellen K. Kelley, and Elma Jane Richardson Scott

This is a readable and enjoyable history of the Kendall family of Virginia and Stithton, Hardin County, Kentucky. Contrary to many family histories, this one includes the good and the not so good facts and information about the Kendalls. In one incident, court records of a murder trial are included and give not only the facts of the case but also paint an interesting portrait of the individuals involved.

The Kendalls first came to Hardin County (then Nelson County) in the 1780's and some still remain. Others moved

into the old Northwest Territory and some later moved into the Great Plains states. Kendalls today are scattered throughout the United States.

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of this extremely well written and readable book should contact Denice Mortorff, 109 Quail Court, Hercules, CA 94547

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