

# *Bits and Pieces of Hardin County History*

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A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
Located near Glendale, Hardin County, Kentucky  
From March 17, 1824 to March 17, 1924

Owing to the absence of complete records, and the abbreviated manner in which a great many of the important events are narrated, your committee has been forced to rely upon tradition for a part at least of the early history of the church. The name of Warren Cash is so inseparably linked with the first twenty-five years of the church's history, it appears appropriate to give some facts connected with this remarkable man.

Born in Virginia, April 4, 1760, he grew up wholly illiterate. He served four years as a private in the Colonial Army, and in 1783, married Miss Susannah Baskett, daughter of a Baptist preacher of Fluvana County, Virginia. He moved to Kentucky in the fall of 1784 and remained at Grubb's Fort in Madison County until the spring of 1785, when he moved to Mortonsville, Woodford County, where he and his wife, being converted to God, both became members of Clear Creek Church. At the time of his conversion, he was twenty-five years old, and so illiterate that he did not know the alphabet. His wife, who was a fair scholar, began to teach him, and in a short time he was able to read the Bible. A few years later he moved to a new settlement in Shelby County and in 1799 was ordained to the ministry and became pastor of Beech Creek Church. In the spring of 1802, he moved to Nelson County, and united with Simpson's Creek Church. In 1806 he moved to Hardin County and organized Bethel Church and became its pastor. On March 17, 1824, he organized and became pastor of Gilead Church and continued in that capacity until 1840, when the church split on the subject of missions. Mr. Cash adhered to the anti-missionary party and continued to serve it as pastor until his death, September 15, 1850.  
(SPENCER'S HISTORY OF KENTUCKY BAPTISTS)

On March 17, 1824, Gilead Baptist Church was constituted as shown by the following report:

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

To Whom It May Concern:

Be it remembered that we, the underwriters, being duly called upon by a number of professors of the Baptist order (formerly members of Bethel Church) in order for convenience sake to be set apart and constituted a church in gospel order; we therefore do certify that upon the 17th day of March 1824, we attended the call of our brethern, and after due examination, found them sound in the faith and ordinances of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, wishing to be set apart and constituted a body, and to become a

member of the Salem Association (if received) we have, therefore, according to their wish, constituted them a church with full power to exercise and keep up the discipline of the house of God according to Scripture authority. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Elder Alexander McDougal  
Lay Members John W. Standiford  
Cornelius Lucas

CHARTER MEMBERS OF GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Warren Cash, Abraham Cash, Bailey S. Tabb, Jacob VanMeter, Mary Coombs, Hetty Briscoe, Catherine Drury, Olivia Drury, Catherine Cash, Susan Cash, Ruth VanMeter, Nancy Van Meter, Penelope Stark, Rebecca Van Meter, Millie Shepherd, Sarah Tabb, Kitty Glover, Deborah Cash, Linora Best.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Article 1; We believe in one only true and living God, and that there is a Trinity of person as in the Godhead, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and yet there is but on God in essence.

Article 2; We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3; We believe in the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, the corruption of human nature, and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own ability.

Article 4; We believe that sinners are only justified in the sight of God by and through the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them, and that good works are the fruits of faith (and only justifies us before men and angels) being evidence of our gracious state.

Article 5; We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and not one of them shall be lost.

Article 6; We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 7; We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have given themselves to the Lord, and to each other, having agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules laid down in the gospel.

Article 8; We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body.

Article 9; We believe that (water) Baptism and Lord's

Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and to be continued by His church until His second coming.

Article 10; We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects for baptism and that immersion is the only proper mode. (Continued on page 7.)

COURT ORDER BOOK, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1800 (Mar.)

At a Court held for Hardin County at the Court house in Elizabeth Town on Tuesday the 25th day of March 1800

Present Robert Hodgins, Stephen Rawlings, Thomas McIntire, Isom Enlow, Samuel Watkins & Daniel Vettertow Esqrs

John Paul Esqr comes into Court and resigns his office as Clerk of this Court

Benjamin Helm who produced a Certificate of his Ability According to Law is appointed Clerk of this Court whereupon he took the Oaths required by law and Entered into and acknowledged bond with James Crutcher John Paul and George Helm his securities in the penalty of one thousand pounds Conditioned agreeably to Law

Ordered that Jacob Enlow Samuel Goodin junr & William Withers be recommended to the Governor as proper persons to act as Justices of the County Court of this County in addition to those in Office

Andrew Reed Joseph Kirkpatrick & William Hargis having been appointed to view the best way for a road to Lead from Amoses ferry on Green River to Intersect the Road that leads by Andrew Reeds to the Saltworks returned a report in the form following (to wit) In Obedience to an order of Court We the Subscribers have viewed & reviewed a road leading from Amoses ferry to intersect a Road leading by Andrew Reeds to the Salt works and find a very good way may be had on a General road by a Compass supposing it to the best of our knowledge to be not more than 20 Miles from Hodgins to Amoses Ferry & not more than 4 Miles on the Road without Standing water the year through, and we believe that the Clearing of it not to be more work than the repairing the Old road by Rogers and we conclude that the road we reviewed to be between 6 and 8 miles the nearest as Witnefs our hands Nolin March 15th 1800 And Reed Jos Kirkpatrick William Hargis

Ordered that the said Road be Established agreeably to the foregoing return and that John Brunk be appointed overseer thereof and that all the hands living on the South East Side of said Road as low as to where it Crosses the big South fork of Nolin and the hands living at Knoxes Grove & down the River to Amoses ferry do Afsist him in opening and keeping the same in repair

Ordered that Nicholas Brasher be appointed Surveyor of the road leading from Robert Hodgins to Amoses Ferry as far as Bacon Creek and that all the hands from Richard Brumfields & to include him & thence down the South side of Nolin as far as Henry Funks & to include him also and to include the inhabitants of Lucas'es Grove do afsist him in Opening and keeping the same in repair

And Ordered that Timothy Tichenor be appointed overseer of the Road from Bacon Creek to Amoses Ferry and that all the hands living on Bacon Creek as far as to William Logstons old place Thence up said Creek to David Bozers and <illeg> and to include them do afsist in opening & keeping the same in repair

An Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Elenor Byrnes returned ordered O R

Ordered that Henry Hays Taply Oldham John Carr and Jacob Enlow or any three of them being first Sworn do Settle the accounts of Joseph Inlow Administrator of Elinor Byrnes & that they make report to Court

Ordered that all the tithables living on Cedar Creek and the waters thereof to the Rolling fork thence down the same to Salt River and thence down Salt River to the Ohio and thence down the Ohio to the mouth of Otter Creek Thence up Otter Creek as to include Henry Ditto's Also all the hands on Mill Creek and the waters thereof so as to include Walter Mudd do afsist Joseph Enlow in opening & keeping the Road from the Town of Westpoint to the Road from Henry Inlows to Henry Ditto's where the same Intersects the Road leading from Elizabeth Town in repair

Ordered that Thompson Afhby Coonrod Frakes Josiah Hart and John Chaffan or any three of them being first Sworn do view the best and nearest way for a Road to lead from Elizabeth Town to Samuel Millers ferry on the Rolling fork and that they make report thereof to Court

The Court doth appoint George Bell and Samuel Watkins Esqrs two of thier own Body to Superintend the ensuing Election for Governor &c

George Bell & Thomas McIntire Esqrs having been appointed to Examine the Clerks office of the County Court of this County return that nothing was omitted being done which the law requires

Ordered that James peercuval be appointed Surveyor of the road from the Rolling fork to Intersect the old road near a Schoolhouse on knob Creek and that all the hands allotted Benjamin Johnson do afsist said James in opening & keeping the same in repair

Aaron Braden is appointed Commifsioner of the revinue of this County for the present year whereupon he entered into & acknowledged Bond with George Helm & James Crutcher Securits in the penalty of \$2000 Conditioned agreeably to Law

Ordered that Thomas McIntire be appointed Clerk to the next Election for Governor &c

Ordered that Jon Paul Jacob Larue Isaac Larue & Coonrod Walters or any three of them being first sworn do view the way for a Road to run from the Road leading from Mr Hodgins to the Salt works to Begin at the fork of said Road & from thence to the Sulpher lick on Youngers Creek and down Said Creek to the old Road and also to view the old road leading from said Hodgins to the Salt works and make report which of those ways are most proper for a publick Road to run agreeably to a petition

Ordered that this County be divided into two districts by Middle Creek and up Middle Creek to the head thereof Thence to the head of Youngers Creek Thence down Youngers Creek to the mouth and from the mouth of Middle Creek down Nolin Creek to Green River and that George Helm be appointed Capt. patroller & Robert C Slaughter John Sneed Saml Bush & Armsted Churchill privates under him for the district on the north Side of Said Creek And that Isom Enlow be appointed Capt. patroller and Saml Larue Isaac Hodgins George Rust and John Walter be privates under him for the district on the South Side of Said Creek and that the Said patrollers do patrol thirty six hours in Each Month for three Months

Ordered that John Humphreys be appointed Surveyor of the Road from Mr Hodgins New Mill to Middle Creek in the room of John Carnahan and that the hands allotted said Carnahan do assist Said Humphreys in opening & keeping the Same in repair

Ordered that the Tithables living on the waters of Youngers Creek on the waters of Clay Creek and also on the Rolling fork on the South Side do assist Francis pairpoint in keeping the road in repair of which he is appointed Surveyor

On the motion of Christopher Bush and it appearing to the Court that the Road leading from Elizabeth Town to Frakes Ferry doth run over the land of Said Bush It is ordered that a writ in the nature of a writ of ad quod damnum to assess his damages by reason thereof and that the Sheriff make return thereof to Court

Ordered that Thomas Miller be allowed L15 for Clothing and maintaining John Downs a poor man from the 25th day of March and that the Same be laid in the next County Levy

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course  
Robt Hodgins

#### ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, 1825

At a meeting of the board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town in Hardin county on Saturday the 30th day of July 1825 at the office of A. H. Churchill in said town

Present John Morris Allen Singleton & A. H. Churchill  
Gentlemen Trustees

A. H. Churchill reported to the board that he had received of David Carter the sum of twelve dollars & fifty cents the amount of tax levied on said Carter for the exhibition of Wax figures & other curiosities by an order of the board of Trustees made on the 22nd day of the present month which said money was received by him for the use of the Trustees & is now in his hands subject to their order

Allen Singleton reported that in pursuance of an order of the board made on the 12th day of May 1825 he did let out to the lowest bidder the appointment of clerk of the market until the 1st day of December next & that Hezekiah Smallwood Jr. undertook the same for the time aforesaid for the sum of twelve dollars

Saturday 20th July 1825

The board proceeded to make a statement of the accounts of moneys received by them & the moneys expended to be presented to the Hardin County Court as & for a settlement with said court as required by law as follows to wit:

To Balance in the hands of the board as appears from a settlement made with the said county court on the 4th day of Oct 1824 & returned to court \$19.66 3/4

To three dollars in the hands of Gabriel Wathen received of Beverly Dennis as a tax for the exhibition of feats of slight of hand \$ 3.00

To fourteen dollars in the hands of Allen Singleton received of Auzen Cargill & Co. as a tax upon theatrical performances \$14.00

To twelve dollars & fifty cents in the hands of A. H. Churchill being the amount of tax assessed by the board upon David Carter for the exhibition of wax figures & etc. & received by said Churchill \$12.50

To six dollars in the hands of the clerk of the board received of Jones & Calvert for tax on museum \$ 6.00

Making a total of money received \$55.16 3/4

Since the last settlement with the county court the trustees have paid out the following sums to wit:

To Thos W Rathbone for bill paid by Hugh Gunning out of the money in his hands \$ 1.50

To account of Hugh Gunning for money paid for hire of waggon & negro paid by sd Gunning out of money in his hands \$ 3.25

An amount to the sum of \$ 4.75  
Which being deducted from the sum of \$55.16 3/4

The amount received by the trustees leaves a balance in their hands of \$50.41 3/4

There is due to Joel Wellington for his services as market master the sum of nine dollars which was allowed to him by an order of the board the 17th day of February 1825 which when paid will further reduce the sum in the hands of the trustees to the sum of \$41.43 3/4

There will be due to H. Smallwood clerk of the market on the 1st day of December next the sum of twelve dollars for his services as clerk of the market up to that time but there will be due from said Smallwood & from Israel Linder the sum of \$5 to the trustees, the sum of five dollars for the rent of the two front stalls of the market which when paid will

leave a balance due to him of two dollars which will reduce the balance in the hands of the trustees after discharging all demands known against them to the sum of \$39.41 3/4 which may be considered as the sum due from them to the court for the benefit of their successors

On the amount as reported at the last settlement to be due to the overseer of the streets the board are informed & believe that no part have been collected nor has any part of the Judgements in favor of the trustees against Peter Burba been collected as they are informed & believe

Which said statement is ordered to be copied & said copy returned to the Hardin County Court at their next term for a settlement with said court

Ordered that the board adjourn John Morris Pres

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Article 11; We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

The church rules adopted at this time are not available.

When Salem Association met at Little Union Meeting House, Spencer County, Kentucky, on the fourth Friday and Saturday in September 1824, Gilead Church was admitted to membership and Elder Warren Cash and Bailey S. Tabb were enrolled as messengers. The church at that time had a membership of twenty-one. In 1825 the same messengers attended the Association at Mill Creek, Hardin County, Kentucky, and reported thirty-one members. In 1826 the Association met at Cedar Creek, Nelson County; Gilead sent the same messengers and reported thirty members, one received by baptism, one died and one dismissed by letter. The next record we have is 1830, the Association met at Bardstown, Nelson County, Messengers from Gilead Church were Warren Cash, W. T. Cash, and Bailey S. Tabb. In 1831 the Association met at Gilead Church on September 30th, October 1st, and 2nd. The messengers were Elder Warren Cash, Elder H. G. Waggoner, and Bailey S. Tabb. The membership reported was sixty-four. Elder David Thurman was the moderator, and Elder Samuel Carpenter, clerk. No records are available for the period between 1831 and 1849, excepting that the church split on the subject of missions in 1840 when Elder Warren Cash led off a large part of the membership and organized under the name of "Regular Baptists". Both parties continued to worship in the same house for many years. The members of the original church called Elder James Nall, who lived near the church, as pastor and he continued to serve in that capacity until his death in 1842. (His death resulted from a fall from his horse) The records show that in 1849 James Jenkins was pastor; whether or not this is the same as James H. Jenkins who was pastor in 1871, we are unable to determine. SPENCER'S HISTORY relates that James H. Jenkins was ordained at Nolyn Church in 1857.

"September 1, 1849, the church met and after prayer proceeded to business. Received by letter, Brother Lemuel

English, Sister Judith Ann English, and Margaret English. On request of Brother Perry, he is released from the office of clerk and Brother Lemuel English is appointed in his place."

On September 15, 1849, a meeting commenced which lasted for two weeks. Received by letter, Stephen Gardner and Mildred F. Slaughter; by experience and baptism, Uriah G. T. Slaughter, Martha E. Yates, Mary Margaret Horel, Katherine Cotton, Lee Ellen Dorsey, Abigail Monin, Amelia Glover, Katherine Goehagen, Jeremiah Jeffries, Samuel Waggoner, Martha Jane Triplett, James H. Harrison, Martha English, Elizabeth Duvall; Sofira W. E. T. Slaughter, Fielder W. Simmons and John J. Jeffries.

Several of the above members became very active in the affairs of the church, especially Brother Fielder W. Simmons, who in 1851, was elected a messenger to the Association and from that time on until his death, January 25, 1890, was regular in attendance at the business meetings of the church and ready to perform any duty assigned to him.

In 1852 Elder W. L. Morris was elected pastor, and served in that capacity until 1857. In March, 1857, the church called Elder J. Tol Miller as pastor, who during the ten years of his pastorate, baptised 122 converts into the fellowship of this church. The first protracted meeting he held was in September, 1857, and the following is taken from the records:

"September 28, 1857, according to previous appointment, the church met with the following ministering brethren, viz. Elder J. Tol Miller, our pastor; Elder Smith Thomas and Elder W. L. Morris, and after a meeting of eight days the following brethren and sisters were added to the church: on September 30, Melvina English, by experience; October 1, Hiram Overall, Garrett Peterson, Brother Hunt's Margaret (colored) and Brother Simmons' Mary (colored) by experience; Sister Kitty Glover, Salinda (colored) by relation belonging to Monin; October 2, Sarah English, Nancy J. Jeffries, by experience; October 3, Kitty Glover, Sarah Cash, Lueretia Merritt, James Jenkins, Warder Mount, Charles Miller, by experience; and Martha Miller by letter; Harvey M. English, Rebecca (colored) of Brother J. Jeffries and Mr. Johnson's Dinah (colored) by experience; October 4, Mary Miller, Catherine Cash, Susan Miller Lee Ann Miller, Angeline Vanmeter, by relation; Gabriel Cash, Nancy Blades, by experience; Mr. Merritt's Sam (colored), Amanda Vanmeter, Martha Gardner, Malinda Gardner, Louisa Gardner, by relation; Mary Kindle, Johnson's Mariah (colored), Herron's Mary (colored) by experience, also Milly Tabb; October 5th, John Bland, Mary A. Bland, Michael Miller, Mary Miller, Manda Williams, by relation; Albert Herron, Ann M. Herron, Josephine Herron, Mr. Bird's Elizabeth (colored) Vanmeter's Mariah (colored). All of the above who joined by experience were baptised.

John Overall, Clerk

In December, 1857, the church commenced having weekly prayer meetings, and on April 4, 1858, a Bible class was

organized. Evidently this was the first prayer meeting and Bible class undertaken by the church, as no mention is made of either previous to this time. In January, 1858, the deacons and officers of the church all offered their resignations, which were promptly accepted and in February, 1858, Noah English and J. R. Gaither were elected deacons and J. J. Jeffries, moderator and John Overall, clerk. Evidently they were all re-elected. August 21, 1858, the pastor and deacons were appointed to assist in constituting a church at Sycamore Grove. Noah English was appointed to ascertain from County Clerk's office whether the church had a deed for the lot on which the meeting house stood. Reports were made that no record of deed could be found. Noah English, J. J. Jeffries, and J. R. Collins were appointed trustees of the meeting house lot, and instructed to ascertain boundary and secure deed for same. In July, 1859, a committee of six members was appointed to examine the books of the church to ascertain names of members who had absented themselves from church service and report at next meeting. A resolution was adopted withdrawing fellowship from those who habitually and persistently indulged in the popular amusements of the day, such as gaming at cards, etc. (Continued in next issue.)

LYNNLAND MALE AND FEMALE INSTITUTE  
in ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS May 1, 1909

Professor W. B. Gwynn, the present owner and director of Lynnland, took charge in 1895, and at once inaugurated a system of co-education that stands today as a monument to his ability as an educator. Educated for a Baptist minister and for many years an active worker in the religious field, an educator by right of thirty years' experience, Professor Gwynn is enabled to give to his pupils a wealth of experience that is rarely found in one of the smaller colleges of the country. In taking charge of a pupil he analyzes the mental ability and talents of the pupil and prescribes a line of studies that bring to maturity the best that the pupil is capable of. This is a great help, for many waste many weary months in a fruitless effort to master something for which they have no natural bent or talent, which time would have brought satisfactory results if properly guided.

One of the most important factors regarding the location of Lynnland was entirely overlooked in describing it above when its unprecedented healthfulness was not mentioned. It is a rare thing for any of the pupils to be sick, and for four out of the eleven years the school had been under its present management, a doctor never came on the place, that is professionally. Situated in the country away from the distractions of a town or city, Lynnland is enabled to better control and advance in their studies the pupils put in its charge.

During its existence, Lynnland has been the home of many prominent men either as teachers or pupils. Among the former might be named Gen. Perry; Judge Hobson, of the Court of

Appeals; Jacob Fischer, now of Boston; Horace Epps, of Newport News, Va., and among the pupils, Congressman G. G. Gilbert, ex-Gov. Ireland, of Texas.

The curriculum at present embraces every feature that goes to make up the education of the modern man. It comprises ancient and modern languages, mathematics, science, history, literature, art, music and elocution. For the study of science, the institute has installed an excellent laboratory.

The present faculty is composed of President W. B. Gwynn, English literature, history and moral science; Emerson Gwynn, Vice President and teacher of modern language and physical science; Miss Lida Gwynn, rhetoric, algebra and botany; Miss Gladys Gwynn, primary history and declamation; Miss Mattie Collins, music, including piano, organ, violin, guitar and mandolin; Miss Sara B. Hensley, art and geography; Miss Ina Foster, elocution and physical culture and Professor Charles A. Woodard, ancient languages.

Professor Emerson Gwynn in addition has the leadership of the college band, which is gaining an excellent reputation in its good work.

In closing, it might be well to state that while Lynnland has the hearty support and co-operation of the Baptist church in Kentucky, it is a private institution, and open to all, irrespective of religion, providing the moral character of the pupil desiring admittance is above reproach.

Professor Gwynn in speaking of his school said that with its past record he was satisfied, but that the future looked to him to have far brighter possibilities than ever dreamed of.

One feature above all others that a mother would value in selecting a school for her child is the mother and Matron. In Mrs. Gwynn, the matron of Lynnland, we have the ideal. To her thorough training for school work gained in her years of co-operation with her husband in his religious and educational work, she adds her bright personality and kindly nature which win the love and devotion of all the pupils.

All local trains stop at the private station, making it accessible and convenient.

Lynnland has the largest attendance this year in all its history, and many students have been refused on account of lack of room. Professor Gwynn's abilities and success as an educator are so generally recognized that an enlargement of the college buildings has become necessary. The fact that the patronage is entirely volunteer, without any solicitation, speaks volumes for the character and reputation of the college.

DUES! DUES! DUES!

Your 1991 dues are now payable. They remain for this year \$8.00 per member. Please send your checks to Mrs. June Thornberry, %Brown-Pusey House, 128 North Main Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

# Bits and Pieces

## TIDBIT

The first brick house in Elizabethtown was built by Ben Helm, son of Thomas Helm, in 1802 at the corner of North Main and Poplar Streets. Eighty years later it burned while David May owned it. Samuel Haycraft had lived there more than 50 yrs.

DARLAND FAMILY HISTORY As prepared by W.L. Darland and his son S.A. Darland--August 2, 1890

Lambert Darland, the oldest of our line on record, was born in Germany about 1760 or 1761. He came to the United States when a boy and served in the Revolutionary War. He was captured by the British Army when they captured Fort Washington.

Isaac Darland, brother of Lambert, had 2 sons, Morrison and Isaac. Morrison married a German woman probably in Illinois. Isaac died single.

Lambert Darland after the War probably settled in Kentucky and married Martha \_\_\_\_\_ and had 4 sons: Abraham, Isaac, Garret, and John, and 1 daughter Katie who married Hamilton Hawkins of Kentucky.

Isaac son of Lambert was born probably in Kentucky about 1795 and died August 11, 1839. He married Alsey Reynolds, daughter of William Reynolds of North Carolina. She died Feb. 25, 1875. They had 6 boys: Jas. B., John, Samuel, George W., William L. (our grandfather), Martin A. and 3 daughters: Martha, Mary, and Catherine. Martin died single during the Civil War. Jas. B. raised a large family in Missouri. Samuel R. went to Golden Dale, Washington and raised a large family (he never returned home). George W. raised a family near Des Moines, Iowa. William Lambert was born in Park County, IN May 12, 1830 at Bruins? Cross Roads. Died March 21, 1904 age 74. He married Nancy Jane McClure, daughter of James and Mary McClure. James McClure was the father of Nancy Jane and Martha McClure, both wives of W.L. Darland. James was born in Shelby Co. KY June 8, 1803 and married M. Moots. Their children were Jno. Thomas, Nancy Jane born Nov. 18, 1832, died Oct. 26, 1864; Lucinda born Jan. 15, 1835, died Sept. 26, 1903; Ellen; Minerva; Anna; and James. They came to Mahaska County, Iowa, about 1860 where they mostly grew up.

The children of W. L. Darland and Nancy Jane McClure were

1. James T. b. Sept. 28, 1851; d. April 14, 1927.
2. Martha Jane b. Jan. 12, 1853 md. W. H. Ives and moved to western Kansas. There her five children died of diptheria and she followed. Her funeral was at Bulls City, Kansas.
3. Francis M. (Bud) b. Mar. 24, 1854; d. Mar. 4, 1926 buried Oskaloosa, Iowa. He raised a large family--9.
4. Mellisa Anna b. Sept. 29, 1855, died age 14 at Montazuma, buried near Oskaloosa, Iowa.
5. Sarah Melinda b. Apr. 18, 1857 md. John Laughery; d. Nov. 16, 1931. buried at Blackwell, OK. They raised a family of five there and in South Haven.

6. Sylvester Atwill b. Feb. 19, 1861, near Barnes City (then Agricola) Iowa; d. Sept 14, 1937.

There were twin daughters born Delilah d. in infancy and Mary Lucinda d. Nov. 6, 1863 age 4 mo. 20 da. An infant son died Nov. 6, 1863. Grandmother Nancy Jane died in childbirth Oct. 26, 1864 aged 31 yrs. 11 mo. 8 da. Then Grandfather married her sister Martha, Jan. 1, 1865. They had the following children

1. Lavina V. b. Nov. 15, 1865 md. Richard Gorey; d. about age 40; had 4 sons; buried in Claremore OK

2. Marietta M. b. Nov. 15, 1865; d. April 22, 1930; buried Blackwell, OK. Raised 1 son, Ira Fox who now lives near Oakland, CA.

3. Alsey Alice b. Mar. 3, 1871, md. J. I. Mitchell; d. of TB leaving 7 rather young children

4. Isaac Eli b. May 28, 1874; d. June 15, 1889 of typhoid fever, buried 12 mi. northeast of Oskaloosa, Iowa in Roberts Co. by his father.

5. Ida May md George Boatsma and had 2 daughters.



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