Abel A. Franklin

A three-quarter sitting view of 2nd Lieutenant Abel A. Franklin, Company A, 3rd Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He also was a Signal Corps Officer. He is pictured holding a telescope in his hand. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP90.84
**Cover Photo: Franklins in the Civil War**

This was kindly shared by Craig Franklin <craig@ohvanhorn.com>

The US Army Military History Institute has numerous Civil War photos. There are over 103 with Franklin as part of the name, however only 21 of them have Franklin as a surname.

http://carlisle-www.army.mil/cgi-bin/usamhi/PhotoDB/FindPhotos.cfm

Seated wartime portrait of Corp. Benjamin Franklin, Company K, 1st Minnesota Mounted Rangers & Company H, 2nd Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Cavalry. He is with a lady. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP1.77

A standing view of Benjamin Franklin, “The Unfortunate Soldier” Both legs and arms are missing as a result of being stranded in a bad snow storm. An article is included in the folder. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP2.34

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Letter from the Editor

Another year begins! I have spent some serious time updating and expanding the database of researchers. In the past few months it has gone from about 800 to over 1,400 researchers. This was in preparation for the subscription drive which I have just completed.

I have also spent a lot of the time that I devote to FFRU corresponding with people who submit queries. I have begun in this volume to include some of those responses. These include hints and excerpts from other records. These are really only a few of the queries to which I have responded.

For the first time since becoming editor, I have printed a few things about the famous statesman in this issue. I plan on continuing my “Famous Franklins” in the next issue, along with more Civil War photos.

I have been getting a number of questions about back issues, so let me mention them, briefly: I am putting them on the web page as fast as I have time. A complete set of printed backissues in recycled 3-ring binders, costs $180, and consists of 31 volumes and approximately 2300 pages of Franklin-related information.

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Franklins in the Civil War (Continued from page 2)

A full standing view of Daniel R. Franklin, 7th Regiment, N. Y. S. M. Post 139 Coll. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP101.10

Post war bust portrait of Private Edward Z. Franklin, Company F, 13th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP 190.21
Wartime bust image of Colonel Emlen Franklin, 122nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP 207.76

3/4 standing view of Captain George Franklin, Company A, 122nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He is in uniform. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP 170.51
2/3 standing portrait of 1st Lieutenant Henry L. Franklin, Company C, 2nd Regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry. He has a 6th Corps badge pinned to his frock coat. Reference Number: RG98S-CWP84.87

A full sitting view of Private Milton Franklin, 16th Battery, Indiana Volunteer Light Artillery. Reference Number: RG98S-CWPAB#2-2.6

More of these photos will be published in future volumes - Ed.
Book Review: A history of a family

Call Number: US/Can; Book Area; 929.273; F854mp

Author: McMillan, Paul J.

Title: A history of a family: which includes the descendants of John Franklin, the second, Roswell, Jonathan & Jehial Franklin with notes on the families of Elisha Blackman, Isaac Foster, John McClelland, Louis McClelland, Larnard Freelove & Wm. Dobbins and the descendants of Hans Jensen Hansen Rubech, I, with notes on the families of John Brynjulfson & Knute Esping and other tangential relationships / [Paul J. McMillan].


Format: x, 185 p.: ill., maps [folded], ports.


Contents: William Franklin was born in 1802 in New Jersey to Arnold Franklin (1765-1839) and Abigail Foster (died about 1821). He married about 1820 to Elizabeth Dobbins (1796-1866). They moved to Pennsylvania in 1830. The line of their son, Samuel Worcester Franklin (1823-1898) is emphasized. Descendants lived in Minnesota, South Dakota, California, Iowa, and elsewhere. Allied names were Freelove, Jensen, Brynilsdon, Esping, Dobbins, McClelland, Martin, Hicock (Hickox), Foster, and others.


Includes index.

Earliest Franklin Progenitor: John Franklin of Canaan, Connecticut. He married Keziah Pierce.

Children:
I. John Franklin, married 1) Elizabeth ______, married 2nd Mrs. Abigail (Fuller) Bidlack, daughter of Captain Stephen Fuller, widow of Captain James Bidlack (who died in the Massacre of 1778) Children:
   A. Hulda Franklin, married Hugh Rippets/Rippeth, died about 1805
   B. Phoebe Franklin, married Rufus Foster
   C. Betsey Franklin, married George Frazee
   D. Martha Franklin
   E. John Franklin

II. Roswell Franklin, born about 1740 in Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut. In 1760 he married Jerusha Hickok^2 (baptized 17 Aug 1740; killed by Indians in 1782), daughter of Stephen Hickok and Bethia Root.

1. From the article in FFRU, Vol. 14, pages 14-16, article entitled John Franklin, Sr. and Keziah (Pierce) Franklin:
   “John (born 1716, St. Anne Parish, West Minister, England - died 20 Aug 1800 Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut buried Plain Grave, Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut) married 24 Dec 1745 Falls Church, Canaan, Connecticut to Keziah Pierce (born 1727 - died Feb 1804 buried Canaan, Litchfield, Connecticut) daughter of Amos Pierce and Mary (Spaulding) Pierce. In May 1738 John Franklin drove his ox team (one of first settlers in Canaan) near the area where the Blackberry River enters the Housatonic. He may have lived in Bradford, Connecticut before coming to Canaan. Children:...” There are more children listed in the first generation as descendants of John Franklin and Keziah Pierce, but they largely agree with the children listed above.

2. History of Ancient Woodbury
Children:
A. Joseph Franklin born about 1765, carried away and murdered by Indians 7 Jul 1781
B. Roswell Franklin, Jr. born 22 Oct 1768, married Pamelia Goodrich
   Children:
   1. John Franklin
   2. William Franklin
   3. Betsey Franklin
   4. Almira Franklin
   5. Caroline Franklin
   7. Pamelia Franklin
   8. Samuel N. Franklin, born 28 May 1818 in Ledyard, Cayuga County New York. He married in 182, Emily Slocum, the daughter of Elihu Slocum of Genoa (She died in 1869).
      Children:
      a. Howard H. Franklin married Maggie Gibbs of Lexington County.
         Children:
         1) Walter Franklin
C. Olive Franklin, born about 1768. On 24 Nov 1785 she married John Stevens. She died 6 Nov 1848.
D. Susanna Franklin, born about 1770
E. Steven Franklin, born about 1780
F. Ichabod Franklin born about 1780, at age 18 month, was captured with his mother, who was killed.

III. Jonathan Franklin, born in Connecticut. In about 1762 he married Ruth?_____. He died in a battle with Indians 3 July 1778
   Children:
   A. Elizabeth Franklin, born 176? in Litchfield County, Connecticut. In 1786 she married Ichabod Blackman, son of Elisha Backman, Sr.
   B. Arnold Franklin, born 18 Oct 1765 in Litchfield County, Connecticut. His father was killed when Arnold was about 13. Arnold was then raised by his Uncle Roswell. In about 1784 he married 1) Abigail Foster, daughter of Isaac Foster. She died about 1821 in Palmyra, New York. He married 2) Lucinda? in Palmyra, New York. He died 10 February 1839 in Smithfield, New York.
      Children:
         Children:
         a. Patience Jane Franklin, born May 1821 near Princeton, New Jersey. He married 1) _____. 2) John McClelland (born 1818)
            Children:
            1) Laura E. “Laury” McClelland. She married Fred Bohlayer (born 1850)
               Children:
               a) Elizabeth Bohlayer, born Nov 1877.

b) Eloise E. Bohlayer, born Apr 1896.
c) Fannie A. Bohlayer, born Jul 1879.
d) John E. Bohlayer, born Apr 188.
f) Frederika E. Bohlayer, born May 1884.
g) Harold J. Bohlayer, born Apr 1888.
h) Weller M. Bohlayer, born Feb 1893.


d. William Seth Franklin, born 21 Feb 1832 and died 18 Aug 1833. He is buried in the cemetery at Smithfield, New York, next to his father and grandfather.

C. Ilisha Franklin, baptized 27 Mar 1768 at Woodbury, Connecticut.
D. Patience Franklin, born 5 Jun 1769. She married William Ferguson? or Alfred Foster? or both? She died 12 Oct 1845 in Coles County, Illinois.

IV. Jehial Franklin, married “Em” Johnson, daughter of John Johnson.

My Observations: Numerous photos and references throughout. I have left off much of the interesting history. Some of these events are very early and there is a lot of confusions about several of those lines among various researchers, so if this is your line, I would be sure to get a copy of this book.

This line is found in PERSI: Title: John Franklin - Keziah Pierce Family, Pennsylvania Periodical: Settler; Volume: 12; Number: 1 (February 1974)

Alys Monod <swiss_village@telus.net> sent a note that was published in FFRU, Vol. 29, page 34 about a son of John Franklin and Keziah Pierce, named Judge Silas Franklin (not mentioned in the above book).

A query from FFRU, Vol. 24 is about this line, also: Susanna Franklin born 6 Dec 1754 New Canaan, Connecticut, died 1/4/1805 Pennsylvania, daughter of John Franklin, Sr. and Keziah Pierce. Susanna married Stephen Harrison Sr. 29 Jul 1773 at New Canaan, Connecticut.

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Descendants of Rev. William Franklin and Sarah (Rebecca) Boone

GEDCOM File GEDR7380 from The Genealogy Forum's Surname Center; Franklin (William) GEDCOM; Subject: Franklin (William); Author: Holli Boone Kees; Uploaded: 02/04/98; Keywords: Franklin; This file includes 249 individuals. Surnames include: Ames, Armstrong, Barton, Benning, Bills, Bloodworth, Boon, Boone, Boykin, Bradford, Brasswell, Brewer, Brown, Childress, Claar, Clayton, Curtis, Davis, Dawson, Dean, Dillard, Floyd, Franklin, Franks, Grace, Granade, Green, Harris, Hill, Hodges, Holcomb, Honea, Hooks, Isler, Jergins, John, Jordan, Kees, Kendrick, Landen, Lavender, Lewis, Long, Lord, McBride, McIntosh, McNeely, Meadows, Mercer, Meredith, Mitchell, Opry, Parker, Pendleton, Pierce, Reese, Shires, Simms, Stephens, Thomas, Valders, Watts, Wharton Wheeler, Whitaker And Willard created 3-16-98.

Rev. William Franklin was born about 1718. He married Sarah (Rebecca) Boone. He died in 1790 at Louisville, Georgia.

A. George T. Franklin was born in 1744 in Virginia. He married Vashti Mercer before 1774 at Currituck
Bay, North Carolina. He died in Jan 1816 at Washington County, Georgia. He was buried at
Davisboro, Georgia. Vashti and James W. Franklin administered estate of George in 1816. It was
said that George was a Revolutionary War Soldier.

1. Vashti Mercer Franklin was born in 1800 near Davisboro, Washington County, Georgia.
   She married Daniel Harris on 28 Dec 1826 near Davisboro, Washington County, Georgia.
   She married Thomas Simms on 13 Dec 1834 at Newton County, Georgia.
   a) Rev. Thomas Marcus Harris was born on 6 Jul 1829. He married Mary Sarah Smith
      on 1 Oct 1851. He died on 19 Oct 1893 at age 64.

2. Samuel Owen Franklin was born in 1802 at Tennille, Washington County, Georgia. He
   married Mary Elizabeth Floyd. He died in Georgia.
   a) Mary Eliza Franklin was born on 2 May 1844 in Georgia. She married Zibeon B.
      Wheeler. She died on 22 May 1917 at Birmingham, Alabama, at age 73. She was
      buried at Riverside Cemetery, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia.
      (1) Mamie Franklin Wheeler married Allison Nelson Kendrick. She died in
      1951 at Macon, Bibb County, Georgia.
         a) Gladys Kendrick
         b) Lucille Kendrick
         c) Clifford Kendrick

3. George Franklin, Jr. was born in 1804.

4. Sarah “Sallie” Franklin was born in 1806. She married Jacob Boon. She died at Bossier
   Parish, Louisiana.
   a) Edwin R. Boone
   b) Freeman Boone
   c) Horatio Boone
   d) James Boone married ______ Jones.
   e) Joseph Marion Boone was born in 1802 at Wilkinson County, Georgia. He married
      Jane L. Benning on 22 Feb 1821 at Georgia. He married Mary Ann Isler on 10 Jan
      1839 at Georgia. He died at Wilkinson County, Georgia
   f) Jesse M. Boon was born in 1821 at Wilkinson County, Georgia. Listed in the U. S.
      Census in 1840 for Georgia he is listed Jesse, son of Jacob, pg. 252
      He married Caroline Pierce on 19 Jul 1840 at Wilkinson County, Georgia.

     History of Chattahoochee County, Georgia by N. K. Rogers Page 287
     April 1858
     Jesse M. Boone appointed guardian of Adeline and George M. D. Norton, orls. of

     Listed on 1850 Stewart County, Georgia Census Report: #126
     Boon, Jesse age 29 male white farmer property value: $500 born: Georgia
     Caroline age 27 female white born: Georgia
     Melissa age 7 female white born: Georgia
     M. S. age 4 female white born: Georgia
     John C. age 2 male white born: Georgia

     Listed on 1860 Stewart County, Georgia Census Report: Page 349
     24th District, 23 Jun 1860 Post Office Lumpkin.
     Boon, J. M. age 39 male white farmer born: Georgia
     Caroline age 37 female white born: Georgia
     Vasta M. age 16 female white born: Georgia
     Martha age 14 female white born: Georgia
John C. age 12 male white born: Georgia
Mary R. age 9 female white born: Georgia
Matilda age 5 female white born: Georgia

Living with family:
Norton, V. age 18 male Laborer born: Georgia
J. M. age 13 male born: Georgia
Adeline age 14 female born: Georgia.

(1) Vashti Melissa Boon was born in 1844 in Stewart County, Georgia. She married John S. Brewer on 15 Nov 1865 in Stewart County, Georgia.

(2) Martha S. Boon was born on 15 Nov 1846 in Stewart County, Georgia. She married Wiley Meredith on 4 Apr 1831. She married John T. Wharton on 25 Sep 1866 at Stewart County, Georgia. She died on 24 Aug 1934 at Stewart County, Georgia, at age 87.

(3) John C. Boon was born on 3 Dec 1848 at Stewart County, Georgia. He married Annie Laura Tressie Stephens. Listed on Chattahoochee County, Georgia Census in 1880. He died on 1 Apr 1944 at Koperrel, Bosque County, Texas, at age 95.

Soldiers and Widows Pension Application, Bee County, Texas: Mullins, Francis Marion, #27927 (filed McLennan County, Texas), 2 Dec 1913, approved 1 Jun 1914. Age 69, born Alabama, res. Texas 54 yrs, 26 yrs at 921 Procter Ave., Waco, McLennan County, Texas. Served about 2 1/2 yrs, Rangers (State Troops), Cavalry. Affidavits by John C. Boone, McLennan County, that Applicant served in G. W. Robbin’s Company stationed near Castroville, Medina County, Texas, 1863/1864; and by J. E. Dean, Kerr County, Texas. Mr. Mullins died 25 Jan 1924 at his home, Tuleta, Bee County, Texas. Wife, Callie Mullins appl for mortuary warrant.

Caldwell County Confederate Soldiers: Compiled by Historical Research Center, states that John C. Boone served as a confederate soldier during the Civil War.

1880 Census Chattahouchee County 678 Gobbler’s Hill
John Boon age 30 farmer, born Ga. Father born GA Mother born GA.
L. T. Boon wife age 20 born GA.
Emmett Boon, age 9 months (son) born August born GA Father born GA
Mother born GA
Thomas Boon age 21 (brother) born GA Father born GA
Mother born GA

Ref: T-9, Roll 139, ED 9, page 34 Line 47.

Listed on 1900 Ellis County, Texas Census: Vol 34. Ed. 22 Sht 10 Line 28
162/162 Boon, John age 50 male white born: Georgia
Tressie age 40 born Sep 1859 female white born: Georgia
Emmett age 20 born Aug 1879 male white born: Georgia
Peter age 17 born Feb 1883 male white born: Georgia

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Lottie B. age 14 born Jan 1886 female white born: Georgia
Pierce age 12 born Aug 1888 male white born: Texas
Hatcher age 9 born Apr 1891 male white born: Texas
Annie age 7 born Sep 1892 female white born: Texas
Ratliff age 5 born Oct 1894 male white born: Texas
Daniel age 3 born Apr 1897 male white born: Texas

Buried at Koperrel Cemetery located in Koperrel, Texas. Buried next to his son Daniel.

His middle name is either Ceciro or Calvin, according different sources.

(a) Emmett Clyde Boone was born on 28 Aug 1879 in Georgia. He married Gladys Calvert Lewis. Listed on Georgia Census in 1880. He married Eliza Albina Holcomb on 17 Jul 1901. He died on 19 Jan 1951 at Precinct 1 North Hwy 75 at age 71 and was buried in Mankin Cemetery located between Tool and Trinidad, Texas.
   i) Infant daughter of Emmet C. Boone was born and died on 26 Feb 1931 at Henderson County, Texas.
   ii) Agnus Boone married Jimmy Ray Grace.
   iii) John Emmett Boone married Elizabeth Boone.
       (a) John Randell Boone
   iv) Laura Boone was born in 1903. She married _____ Dillard
       (a) Andrew Dillard
       (b) Ruby Dillard
   v) Ethel Boone was born in 1904. She married Robert Lee Green. She is buried in Mankin Cemetery, Henderson County, Texas.
       (a) Dorothy Green
       (b) Barney Green
       (c) Annie Green
       (d) Corbin Lee Green
       (e) Calvin Green
   vi) John Marion Boone was born on 2 Mar 1905. He married Eula Madilline Boykin.
       (a) Bernice Marion Boone
       (b) Vivan Ruth Boone
       (c) Joe Boone
   vii) Clyde Boone was born on 2 Jun 1907. He married Dorothy Lee Brasswell.
       (a) William Wayne Boone was born on 6 Oct 1934 at Navarro County, Texas.
       (b) Billy Clyde Boone was born on 16 May 1938 at Navarro County, Texas.
   viii) Dora Ellen Boone was born on 4 Jul 1908 at Navarro County, Texas. She married Delmer Robinson.
       (a) Laverne Hollyfield
   ix) Vernon Boone was born on 9 Dec 1910 at Henderson County, Texas. He died on 11 Aug 1916 at Henderson
x) Elvis Lewis Boone was born on 16 Jun 1913 at Henderson County, Texas. He married Barbara Dell Bills.
   (a) Cornelia Annette Boone
   (b) Carolyn Jeanette Boone was born on 15 Mar 1941 at Navarro County, Texas.

xi) Willie Lucile Boone was born on 6 Oct 1915 at Henderson County, Texas.
   (a) Myrtle
   (b) Mary Jo
   (c) Mary Ann
   (d) Elva Ruth
   (e) Jackie

xii) Infant son of Emmet Clyde Boone was born and died on 8 Jul 1918 at Henderson County, Texas.

xiii) Willie Lucile Boone was born on 6 Oct 1915 at Henderson County, Texas. She married Oscar Lee Aaron in 1932.
    (a) Mary Jo Aaron married Thomas
    (b) Mary Ann Aaron
    (c) Myrtle Aaron married McNew.
    (d) Elva Ruth Aaron married Jesse Marvin Carlile, Sr.
       i) Cathy Ruth Carlile
       ii) Jesse Marvin Carlile, Jr.
       iii) James Darren Carlile
       iv) Martha Sue Carlile
       v) Joseph Wayne Carlile
    (e) Jackie Aaron married Clements

(b) Peter Stephen Boone was born on 5 Feb 1881 at Bibb or Coweta County, Georgia. He married Nellie Milvinie Honea on 10 Nov 1912 at Johnson County, Texas. Listed on the U. S. Census in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas in 1920. He died on 23 Dec 1951 at Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, at age 70. He was buried at Wichita Falls State Hospital Cemetery in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas.
   i) Olney Floyd Boone was born on 11 Dec 1914 at Kimbel Bend, Bosque County, Texas. Listed on U. S. Census in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas in 1920. He married Jewel Naomi Hodges.
      (a) Sherry Boone married Roy Ames.
         i) Julian Ames
         ii) Shelley Ames
      (b) Sandra Boone married Danny Valders. She married Franks.
         i) Cory Valders
         ii) Daniel Valders
         iii) Kelly Franks

4. *Henderson County Death Records; Book 2, pg 81.*
Dex Lloyd Boone was born on 4 Nov 1944 at National City, San Diego County, California.
   i) Richard Boone
(d) Rex Floyd Boone was born on 4 Nov 1944 at National City, San Diego County, California.
   i) Ronnie Boone
   ii) Stephen Boone

ii) Arles Edward Boone
   (a) DeeAnn Boone
   (b) Barbara Boone married Daniel Curtis.
      i) Randy Curtis
      ii) Rhonda Curtis
      iii) Ricky Curtis
      iv) Robin Curtis
(c) Troy Boone was born on 26 Aug 1942 at National City, San Diego County, California. He married Katherine Brown. He married Judy Claar.
   i) Brenda Boone
   ii) Ronny Boone
   iii) Travis Boone
(d) John Edward Boone married Patty Barton. He married Donna Boone
   i) Shannon Boone

iii) Paul Hollis Boone was born on 13 Nov 1927 at Cisco, Eastland County, Texas. Served in World War II in the United States Navy. He married Johnnie Jean Mitchell.
   (a) John Paul Boone was born on 16 Jan 1954 at Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. He married Margaret Ann Pendleton on 20 Oct 1973 at Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.
      i) John Michael Boone
      ii) Jeremiah Scott Boone
      iii) Jacob Daniel Boone
      iv) Joseph Hollis Boone
   (b) Holli Jean Boone married Travis Roland Kees
      i) Travis Roland Kees, II.
      ii) Shawn Paul Kees
      iii) Aaron Hoke Kees
   (c) Kristi Lynelle Boone married Jody Lavelle Hill. She married Gerald Frank Willard.
      i) Kasey Elizabeth Hill
      ii) Landen Leo Willard
(c) Lottie Bell Boone was born on 2 Jan 1885 at Stuart County, Georgia. She died on 6 Sep 1900 at Buried Grange Hall Cemetery, Navarro County, Texas, at age 15.
(d) Pierce Boone was born in Aug 1887 in Texas. He married Cassie Brown on 24 Aug 1912. He died on 19 Jul 1938 at Navarro

5. Death Certificate # 34028
County, Texas. Buried at Oakwood Cemetery, at age 50.

i) Ruth Boone was born on 14 Jan 1914 at Navarro County, Texas. She married Bill Dawson. She married Joe McNeely. She died on 19 Apr 1997 at Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas, at age 83.

ii) Loyd Maruice Boone was born on 4 Jun 1926 at Navarro County, Texas. He died on 21 Dec 1996 at age 70.

(e) Hatcher Boone was born in Apr 1891. He married Dee McBride. He died at Johnson, Hill, or Bosque County, Texas

i) Cecil Boone

ii) Grady Boone died on 9 Nov 1951 at Midland, Texas.

iii) Joy Boone

iv) Mildred Boone

v) Rudy Boone

(f) Annie Elizabeth Boone was born in Sep 1892. She married Gus Holcomborn

(g) Daniel Boone was born on 22 Apr 1893 at Navarro County, Texas. He married Willie Mae Childress. He died on 26 Jul 1956 at Koperrel, Texas, at age 63.

i) Alta Ellen Boone was born on 9 Apr 1931 at Bosque County, Texas. She married Budden Landen

(a) Barlene Landen

ii) Johnnie Ruth Boone

(h) Robert Edward Boone was born about 1896. He married Hettie C. Walters Bryne.

i) Leslie Eugene Boone was born on 31 Jan 1904 at Navarro County, Texas. 6


(a) Allen Varnell Boone was born on 11 Jul 1927. He married Ruth Elizabeth Budai.

i) Elizabeth Ann Boone

(b) Juanita Joyce Boone was born on 6 Jul 1929 at Navarro County, Texas.

(i) Ratliff Boone was born on 10 Oct 1896 in Texas. He married Minnie Jergins. He died on 16 Dec 1982 at Navarro County, Texas, at age 86.

i) Wanda Boone married C. M. Jordan.

(j) Lottie Bell Boone was born on 17 Jan 1885 at Stewart County, Georgia. She died on 6 Sep 1900 at Navarro County, Texas, at age 15.

Headstone Inscription: “Lottie B. Dau. of J. C. & L. T. Boone Born Jan 17, 1885 Died Sept. 6, 1900 Gone in her young years, Ere sorrow could stains, Afar from life’s cares, Its grief and its pain.” 7

6. A father at age 8? Ed.
(4) Mary Rosalyn Boon was born on 2 Jan 1851 at Stewart County, Georgia. She married John A. Opry at Chattahoochee County, Georgia. She died on 31 May 1895 at Navarro County, Texas, at age 44 and was buried in Grange Hall Cemetery in Navarro County, Texas.

(5) Matilda Boon was born in 1855 at Stewart County, Georgia.

(6) Jesse Thomas Boon was born after 1860 at Stewart County, Georgia. He married Laura J. Armstrong. He married Sara Boone. In 1880, lived with brother John C. Boon in Chattahoochee County, Georgia.

   (a) Jessey Boone
   (b) Annie Boone
   (c) Mazie Boone was born about 1894.
   (d) Mercer Olney Boone was born on 4 May 1895 at Navarro County, Texas.

(7) Martha S. Boon was born on 15 Nov 1846 at Stewart County, Georgia. She married James Tennyson Wharton on 25 Sep 1866 at Stewart County, Georgia. She died on 24 Aug 1934 at Navarro County, Texas, at age 87.

   (a) William T. Wharton married Elizabeth Catherine Kilpartrick at Navarro County, Texas.
       i) Madie Elizabeth Wharton was born on 8 Feb 1914 at Navarro County, Texas. She married O. E. Hawkins, Jr. She married Drellis G. Kurb.
       (a) Jo Elizabeth Kurb
       (b) Earlane Hawkins was born on 31 May 1935. She married Max H. Simpson on 23 Jun 1956 at McLennan County, Texas.

   g) Ratliff Boon was born in Georgia. He married Mary Hall John. He appeared in 1820 in the U.S. Census in Georgia.

   h) Daniel Mercer Boone was born in 1804 at Georgia. Listed on the U.S. Census in Wilkinson County, Georgia in 1820. He married Amelia Lord on 22 Jun 1840 at Wilkinson County, Georgia.

      (1) Jacob H. Boone was born in 1842 at Wilkinson County, Georgia.
      (2) Joshus M. Boone was born on 23 Oct 1843 at Wilkinson County, Georgia. He married Sara Elizabeth Ivey Davis. Listed on the U.S. Census in Decatur County, Georgia in 1830. He died on 16 Oct 1908 at age 64.

          (a) Mary E. Boone was born in 1875. She died in 1877.
          (b) Edwin M. Boone was born in 1878. He married Daisey Thomas.
          (c) Gertrude Boone was born in 1879. She married Gerald Mercer.
          (d) Addie Mae Boone was born after 1880. She married Thomas McIntosh.

              (e) Alexander Stephens Boone was born on 2 Oct 1882. He married Marie Meadows. He died on 23 Aug 1952 at age 69.

                  i) James Boone married Lois Lord.
                  ii) Alexander Boone, Jr. married Edna Clayton.
                  iii) Joseph Boone married Edna Estelle Reese. He married Mary Elice Samson Lavender.

John D. Boone was born on 26 Jan 1844 at Wilkinson County, Georgia. He died on 7 Sep 1893 at age 49 and was buried in Ebenezer Cemetery in Georgia.

Moses West Boone was born about 1847 at Wilkinson County, Georgia. He married Amanda Hooks. In 1880, he was in the U.S. Census in Georgia. He died about 1906.

(a) Willie Pearl Boone was born after 1880. She married Henry C. Parker.
   i) Hendridell Parker married Harry Whitaker.

(b) Ben L. Boone was born on 22 Jul 1885. He married Lydia Bloodworth. He died on 20 Jun 1952 at age 66 and was buried in Ebenezer Cemetery in Georgia.
   i) Ray M. Boone was born on 13 Nov 1925. He died on 14 Feb 1960 at age 34.

John Mitchell Boone was born in 1817. Listed on Census in Wilkinson County, Georgia in 1840 and 1850. He married Lucretia Lord on 22 Oct 1842 at Georgia.

(1) Thomas E. Boone was born on 29 Mar 1841 at Wilkinson County, Georgia. He married Catherine “Katie” Granade. He married Rutha Dean. He died on 5 Jan 1928 at age 86 and was buried in Ebenezer Cemetery in Georgia.
   (a) James W. Boone was born in 1872.
   (b) Sarah C. Boone married H. A. Watts.
   (c) Ella Boone married _____ Bradford

(2) James T. Boone was born in 1843 at Chauncey, Wilkinson County, Georgia. He married Sarah Shires. He died in 1900.
   (a) Joseph Boone was born in 1866.
   (b) Lizzie Boone was born in 1871.
   (c) Nancy Boone was born in 1875.
   (d) Mary Boone was born in 1876.

(3) John F. Boone was born in 1845 at Wilkinson County, Georgia.

William Franklin Boone was born in 1816 in Georgia. He married Malissa Pierce on 10 Oct 1833 in Georgia. Listed on Georgia Census in Wilkinson County, Georgia in 1840. He married Rebecca Meredith on 18 Jan 1846 at Georgia.

Wilkinson County, Georgia, Historical Collections lists William, son of Jacob born 1816 was a minister and that he moved to Louisiana.

(1) Joseph William Boone was born after 1860.
(2) Coopers Boone was born after 1860.
(3) Susan Boone was born after 1860.
(4) John Boone was born after 1860.
(5) Milton Boone was born after 1860.
(6) Nora Boone was born after 1860.
(7) Benjamin L. Boone was born in 1845.
(8) Samuel A. Boone was born in 1847.
(9) Ebert Gilbert Boone was born in 1850.

5. Martha Franklin was born in 1808.
6. Boyd Franklin
7. Daniel Harris Franklin
8. Owen Franklin married Eliza Floyd.
9. Sarah “Sallie” Franklin was born about 1780. She married Jacob Boon. She died at Bossier Parish, Louisiana. She was around 60 years old.

### Descendants of Henry Franklin “Sr.”

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Henry Franklin, “Sr.” 8 was born about 1715 in Orange County, Virginia. He married Margaret ?, before 1737. He died in Sep 1792 at Amherst County, Virginia. 9

A. Sarah Hensley Franklin was born about 1737. She married Joseph Ballinger in 1753 at Amherst County, Virginia. She died 8 Jan 1777 at Amherst County, Virginia.

B. John Franklin was born about 1740 at Amherst County, Virginia. He married Margaret Pamelia Dawson, daughter of Martin Dawson and Priscilla ____. He moved to Warren County, Kentucky after the Revolutionary War. He died in Kentucky.10.

Children:
1. Elizabeth “Betsy” Franklin was born between 1765 and 1768 in Virginia. She married John D. Gorin, son of John Gorin and _____ Gladin, about 1786 at Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia. She died on 11 Jul 1833 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. She was buried at Presbyterian Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky.

   Children:
   a) Susan “Lucky” Gorin was born in 1787 at Fairfax County, Virginia. She married Elijah Haiden/Haydon on 26 Jan 1803 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. She died in 1833 at Alton, Madison County, Illinois.
   b) Mary “Polly” Gorin was born in 1789 at Fairfax County, Virginia. She married Charles Harvey on 6 Sep 1805 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky.
   c) Margaret “Peggy” Gorin was born on 11 Dec 1791 at Fairfax County, Virginia. She died on 10 Jan 1808 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, at age 16.
   d) Henry Gorin was born in 1793. He married Maria Lucretia Whitaker, daughter of William White Whitaker and Penelope Edwards, on 19 Mar 1818 at Logan County, Kentucky. He died on 24 Aug 1835 at Illinois.

   Children:
   (1) Penelope E. Gorin was born on 7 Jan 1819. She died on 12 Jul 1840 at age 21, and was buried in Whitaker Cemetery, Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky.
   (2) Caroline L. Gorin was born on 13 Dec 1820. She died on 27 Jul 1842 at age 21 and was buried in Whitaker Cemetery, Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky.

8. No known source documents list this Henry Franklin as “Sr.” This is made-up name, based on the guess that Henry Franklin, Jr. is his son. - Ed.

9. Sources: Franklin Fireplace DAR “Ancestors”; Gayle K. Blankenship; 24 Roberts Landing; Poquoson, VA 23662; Lucille A. Wright 225 Lotus Avenue; Redlands, CA 92373; Jack C. Grantham, Jr. 10102 Lanshire Drive; Dallas, TX 75238 214/341-4384; Amherst County, Virginia In The Revolution.

10. The Times of Long Ago by Franklin Gorin, Deeds of Amherst County Amherst County in the Revolution.
Kentucky.

(3) Mary Margaret Gorin was born on 14 Jan 1823. She married Joseph Henry Gough. Children:

(a) Henry Gorin Gough was born on 16 Sep 1846 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He married Susan Clara Reeves, daughter of Douglas Reeves and Florida Pope Gorin. Child:

  i) Olive Florida Gough married J. Max Montgomery.  

  Child:

    (aa) Jerry Maxwell Montgomery married Mary Elizabeth Meyer.

    Child:

    (ii) Patricia Montgomery married Robert Charles Mollison.

    Child: Caitlin

(4) Maria Evelyn Gorin was born on 21 Nov 1824. She died on 21 Jun 1901 at age 76.

(5) Florida Pope Gorin married Douglas Reeves. Child:

  (a) Susan Clara Reeves married Henry Gorin Gough, son of Joseph Henry Gough and Mary Margaret Gorin.

  Child:

  i) Olive Florida Gough (see above)

John D. Gorin was born between 1795 and 1797 at Fairfax County, Virginia. He married Eliza Francis Wilson, daughter of James Wilson and Margaret Whitaker, on 26 May 1819 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He died between Mar 1861 and 1864 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. Children:

(1) Thomas Hawkins Gorin was born at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He died in Florida.

(2) Henry Franklin Gorin was born at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He married Lizzie A. ______. He died in 1860 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky.

(3) William Gorin was born between 1820 and 1830 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He died before 1850 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky and was buried at John Talley Farm, Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky.

(4) James Wilson Gorin was born in 1821 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He married Helen Murrell on 11 Jun 1846 at Warren, Kentucky. He died in 1884 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky.

(5) Jane Gorin was born between 1829 and 1832 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. She died in Jun 1856 at Logan County, Kentucky and was buried at John Talley Farm, Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky.

(6) Marquise Margaret R. Gorin was born about 1832 at Logan County, Kentucky. She married David John P. Burks at Logan County, Kentucky.

(7) Ellen “Ella” Pope Gorin was born between 5 Jul 1835 and 1836 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. She married Cyrus Neville Pendleton on 26 Jun 1860 at Logan County, Kentucky. She died on 30 Aug 1925.
John Curran Gorin was born on 23 Jul 1841\(^1\) at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He married Mildred Jane Boyd, daughter of Robert Winchester Boyd and Susan Jane Delozier, between 23 Aug 1864 and 1866 at Kingston, Roane County, Tennessee. He died on 13 Jul 1926 at Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska, at age 85 and was buried at Richland, Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska. Occupation: lawyer, teacher, farmer.

**Bio:**

John Curran Gorin, his wife Mildred Jane Boyd and their two small children, Robert And Susan, migrated with Mildred's parents, Robert Winchester Boyd and family to Lone Tree Precinct, Merrick County, Nebraska in 1872. John Curran Gorin was born July 23, 1841 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. He was the youngest child of John Gorin And Eliza F. (Wilson) Gorin. On April 23, 1861 at age 19 he enrolled as a private in Company D, 1st Regiment, Kentucky Infantry, under Captain John D. Pope. Later he enrolled for a three year term as a member of Company I, 11th Regiment, Tennessee Cavallery. He was wounded three times during his period of service. He fought under General Stonewall Jackson and General Forrest. He served from April 1861 to April 1865. He met his wife-to-be, Mildred Jane Boyd, while in the confederate forces. She was born in Kingston, Roane County, Tennessee, December 8, 1844. They were married at Kingston in 1864. They lived in Merrick County, Nebraska until 1885 after which they moved to a homestead near Palisade, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. While they lived in Merrick County, five more children were born to them: Emma, William, Beulah, Gertrude and Jenny who died in infancy. John Gorin had a number of occupations; county assessor, insurance agent, and lawyer. At Palisade he was classed as a school teacher, farmer, town marshall and when legislature was in session he had some office there. Crop conditions were very poor in the 1880 - 1890s and with a large family they had a very difficult time making a living. John Hunter Gorin, their youngest child, was born while they lived on the homestead. They moved back to Marquette, Nebraska about 1896 or 1897. Their son John ran a restaurant in Marquette that later burned down. John C. Gorin, his wife, and son John, moved to Scottsbluff, Nebraska for a few years then they returned to Marquette, Nebraska. On July 23, 1915, Mrs. John Gorin passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guy Barnes, at Doniphan, Nebraska. John C. Gorin resided with his children until his death, July 13, 1926 at the home of his son, William, Grand Island, Nebraska. Both are buried in Richland Cemetery, Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska. Children:

(a) Robert Lee Gorin was born on 5 Apr 1868 at Philadelphia, Loudon County, Tennessee. He married Alice “Alley” Foster on 25 Dec 1897 at Palisade, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. He married Abbie Annie Stoner on 3 Mar 1921 at Nebraska. He died on 3 May 1922 at Angora, Morrill County, Nebraska, at age 54 and was buried at Richland Cemetery, Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska.

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11. One source had this birth date as 23 Jan 1841

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Bio:

Death of Robert Gorin (newspaper clipping)

This community was saddened last week when word was received of the terrible death of Robert Gorin and wife who, from all indications, were murdered at their home near Angora and their bodies burned. Their home was burned to the ground about two o'clock A.M., May 3rd and on being notified immediately, the sheriff and county attorney arrived at the scene at four o'clock A.M. and discovered the two bodies side by side beneath the floor of the house so badly burned that they were practically unrecognizable. The body of Mr. Gorin appeared to have been wrapped in a heavy comforter. The last either Mr. or Mrs. Gorin were seen was on Saturday in the town of Angora. A visit was made to the home by the banker of Angora between Saturday and Wednesday, but the window shades were pulled down and there appeared to be no one at home. The body of Robert Gorin was brought to Aurora and funeral services were held Tuesday, May 9th, at the Richland Cemetery where burial was made. Rev. Goins had charge of the services. The body of Mrs. Gorin was shipped to Osceola, where burial was made.

The Obituary of Robert Gorin

Robert Lee Gorin was born at Philadelphia, Roan County, Tennessee, on April 5, 1868, and departed from this life on May 3, 1922, at the age of 54 years and 28 days. He moved with his parents to Central City, Nebraska, in 1872 where they resided a number of years before moving to Palisade. He was married to Alley Foster on December 25, 1897, to which union three children were born. Otis, now of Grand Island, and Forest, who now resides at Shelton, and one dying in infancy. The deceased has been engaged in farming and ranching for several years in the western part of Nebraska. He was united in marriage to Abbie Stoner on March 3, 1921. No children were born to this union. He leaves to mourn his departure two children, Mrs. Otis Voss of Grand Island; Forest Gorin of Shelton; his father, John C. Gorin of Grand Island; two brothers and four sisters; Mrs. Newton Rogers, Elmcreek: William F. Gorin, Grand Island: Mrs. Charles Adams, Marquette: Mrs. Earl Wildman, Crook, Colorado: Mrs. Guy Barnes, Giltner: and John H. Gorin, Bridgeport.

Children:

i) Otis Gorin

ii) Forest Gorin

iii) ______ Gorin

(b) Susan Elizabeth Gorin was born between 18 Aug 1870 and 1872
at Kingston, Roane County, Tennessee. She married Isaac Newton Rogers on 26 Dec 1902 at Central City, Merrick, Nebraska. She died on 23 Apr 1943 at Hampton, Hamilton County, Nebraska and was buried at Overton, Dawson, Nebraska.

(c) William Forrest Gorin was born on 5 Feb 1874 at Central City, Merrick County, Nebraska. He married Eva Grace Hulbert on 1 Oct 1895 at Hayes Center, Hayes County, Nebraska. He died on 22 Apr 1950 at Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska, at age 76 and was buried at Richland Cemetery, Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska.

(d) Beulah Benton Gorin was born on 27 May 1876 at Central City, Merrick County, Nebraska. She married Charles Allen Adams on 11 Jun 1899 at Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska. She died on 13 Jan 1947 at Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska, at age 70 and was buried at Richland Cemetery, Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska.

(e) Emma Dixie Gorin was born between 12 Dec 1878 and 1880 at Central City, Merrick County, Nebraska. She married Earl C. Wildman on 2 Nov 1899 at Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska. She died on 10 Feb 1928 at Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming and was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery, Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming.

(f) Jenny Gorin was buried south of Central City, Merrick County, Nebraska.

(g) Gertrude Georgia Gorin was born on 5 Mar 1885 at Central City, Merrick County, Nebraska. She married Guy Addison Barnes on 15 Apr 1907 at Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska. She died on 27 Mar 1966 at Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska, at age 81 and was buried on 30 Mar 1966 at Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska.

Child:

i) Hugh Eldred Barnes was born on 26 Jul 1917.

(h) John Hunter Gorin was born on 15 May 1887 at Palisade, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. He married Olive Leona Weishaar, daughter of David Ferdinand B. Weishaar and Anna “Catherine” Hammel, on 29 Jun 1914 at Gering, Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. He married Sarah L. Miller after 1958 at California. He died on 2 Sep 1969 at Loma Linda, San Bernardino County, California, at age 82. He was buried on 4 Sep 1969 at Richland Cemetery, Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska.

Children:

i) Columbia Ruth Gorin was born in 1915 at Minatare, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. She died in 1915 at Hooker, Texas County, Oklahoma.

ii) Cecil Hunter Gorin was born on 19 Mar 1916 at Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska. He died on 26 Dec 1940 at...
iii) Hazel Katherine Gorin married Ernest H. Mattison.
   (a) Ernest H. Mattison, Jr. married Aleta Melvin. He married Julie Mann.
       Children:
       i) Aaron Mattison
       ii) Joshua Mattison
       iii) Molly Rachel Mattison
   (b) Laurel Benita Mattison married Roger Randall.
       Children:
       i) Summer Randall
       ii) Matthew Randall
   (c) Lorene Mattison married Jerome James.
       Child:
       i) Ashley Elizabeth James

iv) Vira “Marie” Gorin was born on 4 May 1925 at Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska. She died on 7 Feb 1982 at Kanesaw, Adams County, Nebraska, at age 56. She was buried on 9 Feb 1982 at Richland Cemetery, Marquette, Hamilton County, Nebraska.

v) Zira “Mildred” Gorin married Gerald Dean Prater, son of Virgil William Prater and Beulah Mae Moore.
   Child:
   (a) Leona “Eunice” Prater married Harold Wayne Gentry, son of Henry Harold “Hank” Gentry and Leta Faye Gentry.
       Child:
       i) Erin Nicole Gentry
   (b) Ronnie Dean Prater married Melinda Michele Pyeatt, daughter of David S. Pyeatt and Linda _______.
       Child:
       i) Dean Sterling Prater

(9) Elizabeth “Lizzie” Gorin was born in 1842 at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky.

f) Franklin Gorin was born on 3 May 1798 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. He married Louisa Frances Underwood on 21 Oct 1818 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. He died on 8 Dec 1877 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, at age 79.

g) Sarah Hensley “Sally” Gorin was born on 11 Dec 1800 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. She married George Rogers on 10 Mar 1818 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. She died on 15 Jan 1870 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, at age 69.

h) James M. Gorin, M.D. He married Elizabeth R. Rhodes/Rodes. He was born on 12 Oct 1805 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. He died on 30 Oct 1833 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, at age 28.

i) Elizabeth “Betsy” Gorin married Hezekiah P. Murrell on 2 Oct 1822. She died before 1832.

j) Thomas Jefferson Gorin was born in 1808 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. He married Mary Ann Bowman. He died on 11 Jan 1883 at Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

k) Evalina Gorin was born in Kentucky. She married George Y. Shirley on 7 Jul 1829
James Franklin was born in 1756 Virginia. He married 1) _____ 2) Jane/Jenney Finney on 18 Nov 1802 at Barren County, Kentucky.

Children:
   a) Nancy Franklin

John Franklin, Jr. was born in Virginia. He died in Alabama? He married ______ Gibson.

Joel Franklin was born in 1757 at Albemarle, Virginia. He married Mary “Polly” Greer on 24 Dec 1812 at Barren County, Kentucky.

Child:
   a) Joel Franklin, Jr.
   b) Margaret Dawson Franklin died of smallpox caught from slave her father, Joel, gave to her.
   c) Caroline Franklin

Molly Franklin was born at Virginia. She married John Moss. She died at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Margaret “Peggy” Franklin was born at Virginia. She married John McDaniel. She married James Waggner on 6 Oct 1802 at Barren County, Kentucky.

Sarah “Sally” Franklin was born at Virginia. She died in Missouri? She married G. Washington Fletcher.

Martin Franklin was born at Virginia. He died about 1806 at White Sulphur Spring, Virginia.

Elizabeth Franklin married Richard Ballinger.

Henry Franklin, Jr. 12 was born in Amherst County, Virginia. He married Mary Ann Higginbotham in 1767 at Amherst County, Virginia. He died on 3 Jun 1782 at Amherst County, Virginia.

James Franklin was born between 1750 and 1759 at Amherst County, Virginia. He married ______ Taylor. He married Anna “Nancy” Crews at Amherst County, Virginia. He died on 23 Jul 1813 at Amherst County, Virginia.

Children:
   1. Mildred Taylor Franklin was born in Georgia. She is thought to be the illegitimate daughter of James Franklin.
   2. Nancy C. Franklin was born in 1778 at Amherst County, Virginia.
   3. Sarah “Sally” Wilson Franklin was born in 1780 at Amherst County, Virginia.
   4. Elizabeth “Betsy” H. Franklin was born in 1782 at Amherst County, Virginia.
   5. John R. Franklin was born in 1800 at Amherst County, Virginia. He died before 1832.

Margaret “Peggy” Hensley Franklin was born in 1757 at Amherst County, Virginia. She married Rueben Harrison, son of Battaile Harrison and Frances White, on 9 Oct 1770. She died before Feb 1829 at Barren County, Kentucky, when her will was probated. 13

Children:
   1. Elizabeth Betty Harrison was born on 24 Aug 1771 at Amherst County, Virginia. She married Joseph Wyatt after 1800.
   2. Andrew Harrison was born on 21 Feb 1773 at Amherst County, Virginia.
   3. Matilda Caroline Harrison was born on 16 Apr 1775 at Amherst County, Virginia. She

12. There is no evidence that this Henry Franklin, Jr. is actually a child of Henry Franklin “Sr.” Some sources confuse this Henry Franklin with Henry T. Franklin (died after 1829) of Barren County, Kentucky. This is the Henry T. Franklin who acted, with Samuel F. Harrison, as execut- tor of the will of Peggy Harrison in 1829. Source: Barren County, Kentucky Will Book 3, p. 8

13. It is because of the name of this daughter that some researchers speculate that her mother’s maiden name is Hensley. No documentation has been found to support this theory. Barren County, Kentucky Will Book 3, p. 8
married Reuben Franklin on 2 Nov 1796 at Barren County, Kentucky. She died on 28 Sep 1828 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, at age 53

Children:

a) Henry T. Franklin
b) John S. Franklin
c) Lucy C. Franklin married Peter Bush.
d) Samuel H. Franklin
e) Peachey E. Franklin

4. Frances White Harrison was born on 9 Dec 1776 at Amherst County, Virginia. She married Elijah Brockton on 22 Dec 1795 at Amherst County, Virginia.

5. Robert Harrison was born on 15 Feb 1779 at Amherst County, Virginia. He died on 6 May 1860 at Barren County, Kentucky, at age 81.

6. William Harrison was born on 29 Sep 1781 at Amherst County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Thurman in 1811 at Franklin, Virginia. He died before 1821.

7. Reuben Harrison, Jr. was born on 18 Nov 1783 at Amherst County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth T. Hill on 2 Apr 1805. He died on 26 Jul 1842 at age 58.

8. Polly Harrison was born on 3 Mar 1786 at Amherst County, Virginia. She married Matthew Pate on 4 Apr 1811 at Franklin, Virginia.

9. Sally Harrison was born on 11 Feb 1789 at Amherst County, Virginia. She married John Nemmore.

10. Judith Harrison was born on 4 Jul 1791 at Amherst County, Virginia. She married Seth Bradshaw, son of Allen Bradshaw and Mourning Richardson, on 23 Jul 1818 at Barren County, Kentucky. She died about 1861 at Barren County, Kentucky.

11. Samuel Franklin Harrison was born on 10 Nov 1794 at Amherst County, Virginia. He married 1) Lucy Bradshaw, daughter of Allen Bradshaw and Mourning Richardson, on 14 Jan 1813 at Franklin, Virginia. He married 2) Harriet Pickett on 4 Dec 1826 at Barren County, Kentucky. He married 3) Martha Nuckols on 4 Oct 1837 at Barren County, Kentucky. He died at Barren County, Kentucky.

Children:

a) Liza Harrison was born in 1826 in Kentucky?

b) Seth B. Harrison was born on 17 Aug 1815 at Franklin, Virginia. He married Amanda Jane Bush on 17 Jun 1848. He died on 9 Feb 1894 at age 78. He was buried at S. Harr. Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky.

Child:

(1) Josiah Harrison was born on 25 Apr 1859 at Barren County, Kentucky.

c) Reuben H. Harrison was born on 3 Mar 1817 in Kentucky. He married Patsy Sanders, daughter of William H. Sanders and Biddy Bradshaw, on 9 Jun 1837 at Barren County, Kentucky. He married Nancy Carrier on 6 Jun 1859 at Barren County, Kentucky. He married Elizabeth “Lizzie” M. Franks on 13 Aug 1868 at Barren County, Kentucky. He married Mollie V. Harlow. He died on 23 Sep 1897 at Barren County, Kentucky, at age 80. He was buried at Wilson Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky.

Children:

(1) Seth Harrison was born in 1838 in Kentucky.

(2) William Harrison was born on 17 Nov 1839 at Barren County, Kentucky. He married Sarah Holley on 3 Jan 1867 at Barren County, Kentucky. He

14. Terrance Armstrong’s research says death date was August 13, 1844 near Olean, Miller County, Missouri.
died on 12 Aug 1909 at Barren County, Kentucky, at age 69. He was buried at White Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky.

(3) Elizabeth Harrison was born in 1841 in Kentucky. She married Thomas Grooms on 12 Mar 1861 at Barren County, Kentucky.

(4) John Thom Harrison was born on 13 May 1844. He married Nancy A. Smith on 14 Feb 1867 at Barren County, Kentucky. He died on 10 Jul 1911 at Etoile, Barren County, Kentucky, at age 67. He was buried at Coney Fork Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky.

(5) Julia Ann Harrison was born in 1847 in Kentucky. She married George W. Smith on 8 Nov 1866 at Barren County, Kentucky.

(6) Lucy Harrison was born on 17 Mar 1848 in Kentucky. She died on 21 Feb 1912 at Barren County, Kentucky, at age 63. She was buried at Harrison Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky.

(7) Martha J. Harrison was born in 1849 in Kentucky. She married W. M. Johnson. She is mentioned by her married name in the settlement of a lawsuit concerning her brother, Fleming Harrison.

(8) Fleming Harrison was born on 15 May 1853 in Kentucky. He married Moss Harlow in 1880 at Barren County, Kentucky. He died on 9 Dec 1936 at Barren County, Kentucky, at age 83. He was buried at Harrison Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky.

(9) Norma D. Harrison was born on 30 Aug 1855 at Barren County, Kentucky.

(10) Oma Dillon Harrison was born on 21 Sep 1856 in Kentucky. She married William Durham Riherd, son of Jesse Lewis Riherd and Zorintha Permelia Taylor, on 6 Oct 1874 at Barren County, Kentucky. She died on 26 Sep 1890 at Barren County, Kentucky, at age 34. She was buried at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky.

Children:

(a) Eugenia Riherd was born on 14 Aug 1875 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. She married Ira Ellsworth Haines, son of William Christopher Haines and Cynthia Ann Thompson, on 17 Jun 1895 at Scottsville, Allen, Kentucky. She died on 17 May 1959 at Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, at age 83. She was buried on 23 May 1959 at Whittier, Los Angeles County, California.

Bio:
Eugenia was born and reared in fairly well-to-do family. Being reared in the tradition of culture and plenty, being proud of her family. When she reached the age of maturity, her father’s wealth was lost when President Cleveland came into office and probably for the first time she felt the feeling of not having everything she desired. The other children in the family were younger and never felt the loss of money as much as Eugenia who was thought to have resented this. She watched over the other children and at nights they remembered her reading to them in the sitting room before they retired to their rooms. She taught elocution which today would have been speech and dramatics. She was very good at the art of teaching. During the time she was teaching, she was being courted.
by a Huntsman fellow who was a school studying to be a lawyer. It is felt by Mrs. Keys they were both proud and thought a lot of themselves and this may have been the reason for their breakup.

Eugenia married Ira E. Haines, a man older than herself and thought by everyone a poor match for anyone so proud, religious and so conscious of her family being Rihersds and Taylors, as she was. Ira was a good man, and a nice looking man but he wanted to farm down on the river bottoms near Scottsville. Ira wanted to farm and thought that they could obtain a nice farm and with her teaching school and him working, doing the work he liked and desired. Eugenia would hear of none of this. She was going to live in town where she was used to living.

Mr. Riherd at this time was recovering his wealth through his lumber mills and gave Eugenia a house and a horse and carriage so she could live in town. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Riherd died leaving his large family and again Eugenia helped with her family, looking after the children.

At the tragic illness of her son, Fred, and the taking of Mr. Haines life it was felt by her sister she was humbled a little, but not much. The family has always felt if Eugenia could have tried to bring Mr. Haines out in public, such as to church where Eugenia taught Sunday School, and was a devout member, that maybe as Mr. Haines got older he would not have been so prone to read under the tree so much, thus get so despondent that he would have been able to cope with life but who can tell what went on in the home that none know about.

Eugenia moved her two boys to Utah, where Don, the eldest, had moved and married and from there she and the two boys went to California.

Eugenia loved her boys as devoutly and as possessively as she did her religion and background. She never forgot she was a Riherd and Kentucky blue blood or Baptist.

Until her death her boys kept her and revered her as their mother. Eighty-seven-year-old Maria Atwood Haines, sister-in-law of Ira, stated that she went with Ira before she married his brother Tom. She held Ira in high regard and spoke lovingly of him. She stated that when he was twenty years 6-8 months. He helped fight a forest fire and was surrounded by the fire for five and a half days and when they found him, he was mentally ill. The Haines family kept
him at home until he recovered.

Children:

i) William Donald Haines was born on 16 Apr 1897 at Scottsville, Allen County, Kentucky. He married Rachael Ann Nielson. He died on 8 Mar 1950 at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, at age 52 was buried at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Children:
(a) Warren Eugene Haines was born on 13 Nov 1919 at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah. He died on 5 Jul 1921 at Provo, Utah County, Utah, at age 1 and was buried at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.
(b) Glen Robert Haines married Joan Anna Ward, daughter of John I. Ward and Clara L. Elgi. He married Norma Carol Mair, daughter of Nurl Ivey and Andrew A. Mair.
(c) Colleen Mary Haines died on 29 Oct 1989.

ii) Fredrick Pitts Haines was born on 29 Jun 1907 at Scottsville, Allen County, Kentucky. He married and later divorced Marjorie Palmquist. He married Viola Horsley. He died on 23 Feb 1994 at San Pedro, Los Angeles, California, at age 86. He was buried on 1 Mar 1994 at Whittier, Los Angeles County, California.

(a) Fredrick Roy Haines
(b) Judith Ann Haines married Robert Crail.

iii) James Francis Haines was born on 16 Mar 1910 at Scottsville, Allen County, Kentucky. He married and divorced Mae Stark. He married Vera Georgia Emma Brolliar, daughter of George Stewart Brolliar and Mina Belle Preston, on 7 Jul 1934 at Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. He died on 7 Apr 1962 at Brawley, Imperial, California, at age 52. He was buried on 1 May 1962 at Brawley, Imperial County, California.

Children:
(a) Laura Jean Haines married Harold Lewis Miller.

Children:
(i) Leslie Ann Miller married Jerry David Martin.
(ii) Barbara Lee Miller married Verl Farnsworth.
(iii) Harold Craig Miller married Tracy Elizabeth Robinson.
(iv) Steven Arnell Miller married Susan Michele Grace.
(v) Lorenzo Kay Miller married Lohra Lee Flynn.
(vi) Ronald Kim Miller married Tammy Lynn.
Stanton.

(b) Rita Annette Haines married and divorced Dan Bartlett Clark. She married Leopoldo Perez Solorio. She married an unknown person.
   i) Lorraine Ann Clark married Edward Carl Wammack.
   ii) Gregory Dan Clark married Tamara Arvell Pullman.
   iii) Dale James Clark married Maria Alicia Garcia.
   iv) Dan Bartlett Clark, Jr.

(c) James Stafford Haines

(d) Carollee Dawn Haines married Larry Dean Simpson. She married an unknown person.
   ii) Christy Dawn Simpson
   iii) Craig Michael Simpson

(b) Eliza F. Riherd was born in Jan 1887 at Allen, Kentucky. She married William David Smith.

(c) Effie L. Riherd was born in Mar 1889 at Allen, Kentucky. She married Elonzo Pitts Hinton. She resided in Twin Falls, Idaho. No children but had 2 or 3 step-children. She died at Twin Falls, Idaho.

(d) Elizabeth Permilia Riherd was born about Nov 1876 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky. She married Richard Settle. She died about 1957 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

(e) Lewis Montgomery Riherd was born about 1878. He died at California.

(f) Bradford Riherd was born in 1880

(g) James Clarence Riherd was born in 1880 in Kentucky. He married Nettie Scott on 11 Mar 1905 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky.

(h) ______ Riherd [infant son] was born on 3 Jan 1883 at Barren County, Kentucky and died on 9 Jan 1883. He was buried in Barren County, Kentucky.

(i) Flem Riherd was born on 25 Oct 1888 in Kentucky. He died on 6 Dec 1889 at Barren County, Kentucky, at age 1 and was buried at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky.

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15. 1900 Census of Allen County, Kentucky
16. per Laura Jean Miller (Haines).
17. Research of Laura Jean Miller
18. Research of Laura Jean Miller
(j) Ruby Dell Rhode married Richard Keys.

d) Eliza J. Harrison was born on 22 Nov 1818 in Kentucky. She married Thomas Jefferson Fisher on 7 Dec 1837 at Barren County, Kentucky. She died on 8 Sep 1896 at Polk, Missouri, at age 77.

e) Frances Harrison was born in 1819 in Kentucky. She married William Billy Wood.

f) Benjamin Harrison was born on 12 May 1822. He married Nellie Jane Carver about 1853 in Kentucky. He died on 4 Aug 1896 at age 74.

Children:
(1) Robert Harrison was born on 7 Nov 1854.
(2) Lucy M. Harrison was born on 10 Feb 1857 at Barren County, Kentucky.
(3) Mary W. Harrison was born on 23 Apr 1859 at Barren County, Kentucky.
(4) William H. Harrison was born on 18 Feb 1862 at Barren County, Kentucky.
(5) Eliza J. Harrison was born about 1865 in Kentucky.
(6) Benjamin Harrison was born in 1870 in Kentucky.

g) Elizabeth Harrison was born in 1824 in Kentucky. She married Lott Sanders.

h) ______ Harrison was born in 1828 in Kentucky.

G. Phoebe Franklin married Jeremiah Franklin, son of Bernard Franklin. She died in 1842 at Amherst County, Virginia.

Child:
1. Henry Franklin married Jane C. ______.

H. Joel Franklin was born on 23 Sep 1757. He married Susannah Lewis on 7 Jan 1794 at Amherst County, Virginia. He died on 19 Oct 1807 at Amherst County, Virginia, at age 50.

I. Samuel Franklin was born on 29 Dec 1762 at Amherst County, Virginia. He married Rachel Powell on 1 Jan 1794 at Amherst County, Virginia. He died in May 1836 at Bedford, Virginia, at age 73.

J. Philadelphia Franklin married William Smith on 17 Nov 1784 at Amherst County, Virginia.

K. Judith Franklin died on 18 Nov 1811 at Amherst County, Virginia.

Connecting to Ben Franklin, the Statesman

In the past few weeks I have received dozens of E-mails from people who have been convinced that they are related to the famous statesman. They have heard from a family member that although no one knows exactly how, they’re definitely related to Dr. Benjamin Franklin. They want to know how to prove their connection. This is actually one of the simple of genealogical questions to answer: Do genealogical research. Work backward from what you know.

Many seem to want to work forward. Please remember that Dr. Franklin has hundreds of documented relatives. If one were to try to work “forward” from any of these known, which one would it be? If the person were to accidently chose the wrong one, they could literally spend a fortune and/or an infinite amount of time trying to prove something which never was. Instead, work backwards from known to unknown. Then and only then can one find out their true history, whatever it may be.

The Last Will and Testament of Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Statesman

I, Benjamin Franklin, of Philadelphia, printer, late Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Court of France, now President of the State of Pennsylvania, do make and declare my last will and

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testament as follows:

To my son, William Franklin, late Governor of the Jerseys, I give and devise all the lands I hold or have a right to, in the province of Nova Scotia, to hold to him, his heirs, and assigns forever. I also give to him all my books and papers, which he has in his possession, and all debts standing against him on my account books, willing that no payment for, nor restitution of, the same be required of him, by my executors. The part he acted against me in the late war, which is of public notoriety, will account for my leaving him no more of an estate he endeavoured to deprive me of.

Having since my return from France demolished the three houses in Market Street, between Third and Fourth Streets, fronting my dwelling-house, and erected two new and larger ones on the ground, and having also erected another house on the lot which formerly was the passage to my dwelling, and also a printing-office between my dwelling and the front houses; now I do give and devise my said dwelling-house, wherein I now live, my said three new houses, my printing-office and the lots of ground thereto belonging; also my small lot and house in Sixth Street, which I bought of the widow Henmarsh; also my pasture-ground which I have in Hickory Lane, with the buildings thereon; also my house and lot on the North side of Market Street, now occupied by Mary Jacobs, together with two houses and lots behind the same, and fronting on Pewter-Platter Alley; also my lot of ground in Arch Street, opposite the church-burying ground, with the buildings thereon erected; also all my silver plate, pictures, and household goods, of every kind, now in my said dwelling-place, to my daughter, Sarah Bache, and to her husband, Richard Bache, to hold to them for and during their natural lives, and the life of the longest liver of them, and from and after the decease of the survivor of them, I do give, devise, and bequeath the part and share that would have passed to his, her, or their parent, had he, she, or they been living.

And, if any or either of them shall happen to die under age, and without issue, the part and share of him, her, or them, so dying, shall go to and be equally divided among the survivors or survivor of them. But my intention is, that, if any or either of them should happen to die under age, leaving issue, such issue shall inherit the part and share that would have passed to his, her, or their parent, had he, she, or they been living.

And, as some of my said devisees may, at the death of the survivor of their father or mother, be of age, and others of them under age, so as that all of them may not be of capacity to make division, I in that case request and authorize the judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Pennsylvania for the time being, or any three of them, not personally interested, to appoint by writing, under their hands and seals, three honest, intelligent, impartial men to make the said division, and to assign and allot to each of my devisees their respective share, which division, so made and committed to writing under the hands and seals of the said three men, or any two of them, and confirmed by the said judges, I do hereby declare shall be binding on, and conclusive between the said devisees.

All the lands near the Ohio, and the lots near the centre of Philadelphia, which I lately purchased of the State, I give to my son-in-law, Richard Bache, his heirs and assigns forever; I also give him the bond I have against him, of two thousand and one hundred and seventy-two pounds, five shillings, together with the interest that shall or may accrue thereon, and direct the same to be delivered up to him by my executors, canceled, requesting that, in consideration thereof, he would immediately after my decease manumit and set free his Negro man Bob. I leave to him, also, the money due to me from the State of Virginia for types. I also give to him the bond of William Goddard and his sister, and the counter bond of the late Robert Grace, and the bond and judgment of Francis Childs, if not recovered before my decease, or any other bonds, except the bond due from ---- Killian, of Delaware State, which I give to my grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache. I also discharge him, my said son-in-law, from all claim and rent of moneys due to me, on book account or otherwise. I also give him all my musical instruments.

The king of France's picture, set with four hundred and eight diamonds, I give to my daughter, Sarah Bache, requesting, however, that she would not form any of those diamonds into ornaments either for herself or daughters, and thereby introduce or countenance the expensive, vain, and useless fashion of wearing jewels in this country; and those immediately connected with the picture may be preserved with the same.

I give and devise to my dear sister, Jane Mecom, a house and lot I have in Unity Street, Boston, nor or late under the care of Mr. Jonathan Williams, to her and to her heirs and assigns for ever. I also give her the
yearly sum of fifty pounds sterling, during life, to commence at my death, and to be paid to her annually out
of the interests or dividends arising on twelve shares which I have since my arrival at Philadelphia purchased
in the Bank of North America, and, at her decease, I give the said twelve shares in the bank to my daughter,
Sarah Bache, and her husband, Richard Bache. But it is my express will and desire that, after the payment
of the above fifty pounds sterling annually to my said sister, my said daughter be allowed to apply the resi-
due of the interest or dividends on those shares to her sole and separate use, during the life of my said sister,
and afterwards the whole of the interest or dividends thereof as her private pocket money.

I give the right I have to take up to three thousand acres of land in the State of Georgia, granted to me by
the government of that State, to my grandson, William Temple Franklin, his heirs and assigns forever. I also
give to my grandson, William Temple Franklin, the bond and judgment I have against him of four thousand
pounds sterling, my right to the same to cease upon the day of his marriage; and if he dies unmarried, my
will is, that the same be recovered and divided among my other grandchildren, the children of my daughter,
Sarah Bache, in such manner and form as I have herein before given to them the other parts of my estate.

The philosophical instruments I have in Philadelphia I give to my ingenious friend, Francis Hopkinson.

To the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of my brother, Samuel Franklin, that may be living
at the time of my decease, I give fifty pounds sterling, to be equally divided among them. To the children,
grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of my sister, Anne Harris, that may be living at the time of my de-
cease, I give fifty pounds sterling to be equally divided among them. To the children, grandchildren, and
great-grandchildren of my brother James Franklin, that may be living at the time of my decease, I give fifty
pounds sterling to be equally divided among them. To the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
of my sister, Sarah Davenport, that may be living at the time of my decease, I give fifty pounds sterling
to be equally divided among them. To the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of my sister, Lydia
Scott, that may be living at the time of my decease, I give fifty pounds sterling to be equally divided among
them. To the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of my sister, Jane Mecom, that may be living
at the time of my decease, I give fifty pounds sterling to be equally divided among them.

I give to my grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache, all the types and printing materials, which I now have in
Philadelphia, with the complete letter foundry, which, in the whole, I suppose to be worth near one thousand
pounds; but if he should die under age, then I do order the same to be sold by my executors, the survivors
or survivor of them, and the moneys be equally divided among all the rest of my said daughter's children,
or their representatives, each one on coming of age to take his or her share, and the children of such of them
as may die under age to represent and to take the share and proportion of, the parent so dying, each one to
receive his or her part of such share as they come of age.

With regard to my books, those I had in France and those I left in Philadelphia, being now assembled to-
gether here, and a catalogue made of them, it is my intention to dispose of them as follows: My “History of
the Academy of Sciences,” in sixty or seventy volumes quarto, I give to the Philosophical Society of Phil-
delphia, of which I have the honour to be President. My collection in folio of “Les Arts et les Metiers,” I
give to the American Philosophical Society, established in New England, of which I am a member. My quar-
to edition of the same, “Arts et Metiers,” I give to the Library Company of Philadelphia. Such and so many
of my books as I shall mark on my said catalogue with the name of my grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache,
I do hereby give to him; and such and so many of my books as I shall mark on the said catalogue with the
name of my grandson, William Bache, I do hereby give to him; and such as shall be marked with the name
of Jonathan Williams, I hereby give to my cousin of that name. The residue and remainder of all my books,
manuscripts, and papers, I do give to my grandson, William Temple Franklin. My share in the Library Com-
pany of Philadelphia, I give to my grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache, confiding that he will permit his
brothers and sisters to share in the use of it.

I was born in Boston, New England, and owe my first instructions in literature to the free grammar schools
established there. I therefore give one hundred pounds sterling to my executors, to be by them, the survivors
or survivor of them, paid over to the managers or directors of the free schools in my native town of Boston,
to be by them, or by those person or persons, who shall have the superintendence and management of the
said schools, put out to interest, and so continued at interest forever, which interest annually shall be laid
out in silver medals, and given as honorary rewards annually by the directors of the said free schools be-
longing to the said town, in such manner as to the discretion of the selectmen of the said town shall seem meet.

Out of the salary that may remain due to me as President of the State, I do give the sum of two thousand pounds sterling to my executors, to be by them, the survivors or survivor of them, paid over to such person or persons as the legislature of this State by an act of Assembly shall appoint to receive the same in trust, to be employed for making the river Schuylkill navigable.

And what money of mine shall, at the time of my decease, remain in the hands of my bankers, Messrs. Ferdinand Grand and Son, at Paris, or Messrs. Smith, Wright, and Gray, of London, I will that, after my debts are paid and deducted, with the money legacies of this my will, the same be divided into four equal parts, two of which I give to my dear daughter, Sarah Bache, one to her son Benjamin, and one to my grandson, William Temple Franklin.

During the number of years I was in business as a stationer, printer, and postmaster, a great many small sums became due for books, advertisements, postage of letters, and other matters, which were not collected when, in 1757, I was sent by the Assembly to England as their agent, and by subsequent appointments continued there till 1775, when on my return, I was immediately engaged in the affairs of Congress, and sent to France in 1776, where I remained nine years, not returning till 1785, and the said debts, not being demanded in such a length of time, are become in a manner obsolete, yet are nevertheless justly due. These, as they are stated in my great folio ledger E, I bequeath to the contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital, hoping that those debtors, and the descendants of such as are deceased, who now, as I find, make some difficulty of satisfying such antiquated demands as just debts, may, however, be induced to pay or give them as charity to that excellent institution. I am sensible that much must inevitably be lost, but I hope something considerable may be recovered. It is possible, too, that some of the parties charged may have existing old, unsettled accounts against me; in which case the managers of the said hospital will allow and deduct the amount, or pay the balance if they find it against me.

My debts and legacies being all satisfied and paid, the rest and residue of all my estate, real and personal, not herein expressly disposed of, I do give and bequeath to my son and daughter, Richard and Sarah Bache.

I request my friends, Henry Hill, Esquire, John Jay, Esquire, Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, and Mr. Edward Duffield, of Benfield, in Philadelphia County, to be the executors of this my last will and testament; and I hereby nominate and appoint them for that purpose.

I would have my body buried with as little expense or ceremony as may be. I revoke all former wills by me made, declaring this only to be my last.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this seventeenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

B. Franklin

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above named Benjamin Franklin, for and as his last will and testament, in the presence of us.

Abraham Shoemaker, John Jones, George Moore.

Codicil

I, Benjamin Franklin, in the foregoing or annexed last will and testament named, having further considered the same, do think proper to make and publish the following codicil or addition thereto.

It having long been a fixed political opinion of mine, that in a democratical state there ought to be no offices of profit, for the reasons I had given in an article of my drawing in our constitution, it was my intention when I accepted the office of President, to devote the appointed salary to some public uses. Accordingly, I had already, before I made my will in July last, given large sums of it to colleges, schools, building of churches, etc.; and in that will I bequeathed two thousand pounds more to the State for the purpose of making the Schuylkill navigable. But understanding since that such a work, and that the project is not likely to be un-
dertaken for many years to come, and having entertained another idea, that I hope may be more extensively useful, I do hereby revoke and annul that bequest, and direct that the certificates I have for what remains due to me of that salary be sold, towards raising the sum of two thousand pounds sterling, to be disposed of as I am now about to order.

It has been an opinion, that he who receives an estate from his ancestors is under some kind of obligation to transmit the same to their posterity. This obligation does not lie on me, who never inherited a shilling from any ancestor or relation. I shall, however, if it is not diminished by some accident before my death, leave a considerable estate among my descendants and relations. The above observation is made as merely as some apology to my family for making bequests that do not appear to have any immediate relation to their advantage.

I was born in Boston, New England, and owe my first instructions in literature to the free grammar schools established there. I have, therefore, already considered these schools in my will. But I am also under obligations to the State of Massachusetts for having, unasked, appointed me formerly their agent in England, with a handsome salary, which continued some years; and although I accidentally lost in their service, by transmitting Governor Hutchinson's letters, much more that the amount of what they gave me, I do not think that ought in the least to diminish my gratitude.

I have considered that, among artisans, good apprentices are most likely to make good citizens, and, having myself been bred to a manual art, printing, in my native town, and afterwards assisted to set up my business in Philadelphia by kind loans of money from two friends there, which was the foundation of my fortune, and all the utility in life that may be ascribed to me, I wish to be useful even after my death, if possible, in forming and advancing other young men, that may be serviceable to their country in both these towns. To this end, I devote two thousand pounds sterling, of which I give one thousand thereof to the inhabitants of the town of Boston, in Massachusetts, and the other thousand to the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, in trust, to and for the uses, intents, and purposes herein after mentioned and declared.

The said sum of one thousand pounds sterling, if accepted by the inhabitants of the town of Boston, shall be managed under the direction of the selectmen, united with the ministers of the oldest Episcopalians, Congregational, and Presbyterian churches in that town, who are to let out the sum upon interest, at five per cent, per annum, to such young married artificers, under the age of twenty-five years, as have served an apprenticeship in the said town, and faithfully fulfilled the duties required in their indentures, so as to obtain a good moral character from at least two respectable citizens, who are willing to become their sureties, in a bond with the applicants, for the repayment of the moneys so lent, with interest, according to the terms hereinafter prescribed; all which bonds are to be taken for Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in current gold coin; and the managers shall keep a bound book or books, wherein shall be entered the names of those who shall apply for and receive the benefits of this institution, and of their sureties, together with the sums lent, the dates, and other necessary and proper records respecting the business and concerns of this institution. And as these loans are intended to assist young married artificers in setting up their business, they are to be proportioned by the discretion of the managers, so as not to exceed sixty pounds sterling to one person, nor to be less than fifteen pounds; and if the number of applicants so entitled should be so large as that the sum will not suffice to afford to each as much as might otherwise not be improper, the proportion to each shall be diminished so as to afford to every one some assistance. These aids may, therefore, be small at first, but, as the capital increases by the accumulated interest, they will be more ample. And in order to serve as many as possible in their turn, as well as to make the repayment of the principal borrowed more easy, each borrower shall be obliged to pay, with the yearly interest, one tenth part of the principal and interest, so paid in, shall be again let out to fresh borrowers.

And, as it is presumed that there will always be found in Boston virtuous and benevolent citizens, willing to bestow a part of their time in doing good to the rising generation, by superintending and managing this institution gratis, it is hoped that no part of the money will at any time be dead, or be diverted to other purposes, but be continually augmenting by the interest; in which case there may, in time, be more that the occasions in Boston shall require, and then some may be spared to the neighbouring or other towns in the said State of Massachusetts, who may desire to have it; such towns engaging to pay punctually the interest and the portions of the principal, annually, to the inhabitants of the town of Boston.
If this plan is executed, and succeeds as projected without interruption for one hundred years, the sum will then be one hundred and thirty-one thousand pounds; of which I would have the managers of the donation to the town of Boston then lay out, at their discretion, one hundred thousand pounds in public works, which may be judged of most general utility to the inhabitants, such as fortifications, bridges, aqueducts, public buildings, baths, pavements, or whatever may make living in the town more convenient to its people, and render it more agreeable to strangers resorting thither for health or a temporary residence. The remaining thirty-one thousand pounds I would have continued to be let out on interest, in the manner above directed, for another hundred years, as I hope it will have been found that the institution has had a good effect on the conduct of youth, and been of service to many worthy characters and useful citizens. At the end of this second term, if no unfortunate accident has prevented the operation, the sum will be four millions and sixty one thousand pounds sterling, of which I leave one million sixty one thousand pounds to the disposition of the inhabitants of the town of Boston, and three millions to the disposition of the government of the state, not presuming to carry my views farther.

All the directions herein given, respecting the disposition and management of the donation to the inhabitants of Boston, I would have observed respecting that to the inhabitants of Philadelphia, only, as Philadelphia is incorporated, I request the corporation of that city to undertake the management agreeably to the said directions; and I do hereby vest them with full and ample powers for that purpose. And, having considered that the covering a ground plot with buildings and pavements, which carry off most of the rain and prevent its soaking into the Earth and renewing and purifying the Springs, whence the water of wells must gradually grow worse, and in time be unfit for use, as I find has happened in all old cities, I recommend that at the end of the first hundred years, if not done before, the corporation of the city Employ a part of the hundred thousand pounds in bringing, by pipes, the water of Wissahickon Creek into the town, so as to supply the inhabitants, which I apprehend may be done without great difficulty, the level of the creek being much above that of the city, and may be made higher by a dam. I also recommend making the Schuylkill completely navigable. At the end of the second hundred years, I would have the disposition of the four million and sixty one thousand pounds divided between the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia and the government of Pennsylvania, in the same manner as herein directed with respect to that of the inhabitants of Boston and the government of Massachusetts.

It is my desire that this institution should take place and begin to operate within one year after my decease, for which purpose due notice should be publicly given previous to the expiration of that year, that those for whose benefit this establishment is intended may make their respective applications. And I hereby direct my executors, the survivors or survivor of them, within six months after my decease, to pay over the sum of two thousand pounds sterling to such persons as shall be duly appointed by the Selectmen of Boston and the corporation of Philadelphia, to receive and take charge of their respective sums, of one thousand pounds each, for the purposes aforesaid.

Considering the accidents to which all human affairs and projects are subject in such a length of time, I have, perhaps, too much flattered myself with a vain fancy that these dispositions, if carried into execution, will be continued without interruption and have the effects proposed. I hope, however, that is the inhabitants of the two cities should not think fit to undertake the execution, they will, at least, accept the offer of these donations as a mark of my good will, a token of my gratitude, and a testimony of my earnest desire to be useful to them after my departure.

I wish, indeed, that they may both undertake to endeavour the execution of the project, because I think that, though unforeseen difficulties may arise, expedients will be found to remove them, and the scheme be found practicable. If one of them accepts the money, with the conditions, and the other refuses, my will then is, that both Sums be given to the inhabitants of the city accepting the whole, to be applied to the same purposes, and under the same regulations directed for the separate parts; and, if both refuse, the money of course remains in the mass of my Estate, and is to be disposed of therewith according to my will made the Seventeenth day of July, 1788.

I wish to be buried by the side of my wife, if it may be, and that a marble stone, to be made by Chambers, six feet long, four feet wide, plain, with only a small moulding round the upper edge, and this inscription: Benjamin And Deborah Franklin 178-
to be placed over us both. My fine crab-tree walking stick, with a gold head curiously wrought in the form of the cap of liberty, I give to my friend, and the friend of mankind, General Washington. If it were a Sceptre, he has merited it, and would become it. It was a present to me from that excellent woman, Madame de Forbach, the dowager Duchess of Deux-Ponts, connected with some verses which should go with it. I give my gold watch to my son-in-law Richard Bache, and also the gold watch chain of the Thirteen United States, which I have not yet worn. My timepiece, that stands in my library, I give to my grandson, William Temple Franklin. I give him also my Chinese gong. To my dear old friend, Mrs. Mary Hewson, I give one of my silver tankards marked for her use during her life, and after her decease I give it to her daughter Eliza. I give to her son, William Hewson, who is my godson, my new quarto Bible, and also the botanic description of the plants in the Emperor’s garden at Vienna, in folio, with coloured cuts.

And to her son, Thomas Hewson, I give a set of “Spectators, Tattlers, and Guardians” handsomely bound. There is an error in my will, where the bond of William Temple Franklin is mentioned as being four thousand pounds sterling, whereas it is but for three thousand five hundred pounds.

I give to my executors, to be divided equally among those that act, the sum of sixty pounds sterling, as some compensation for their trouble in the execution of my will; and I request my friend, Mr. Duffield, to accept moreover my French wayweiser, a piece of clockwork in Brass, to be fixed to the wheel of any carriage; and that my friend, Mr. Hill, may also accept my silver cream pot, formerly given to me by the good Doctor Fothergill, with the motto, Keep bright the Chain. My reflecting telescope, made by Short, which was formerly Mr. Canton’s, I give to my friend, Mr. David Rittenhouse, for the use of his observatory.

My picture, drawn by Martin, in 1767, I give to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, if they shall be pleased to do me the honour of accepting it and placing it in their chamber. Since my will was made, I have bought some more city lots, near the centre part of the estate of Joseph Dean. I would have them go with the other lots, disposed of in my will, and I do give the same to my Son-in-law, Richard Bache, to his heirs and assigns forever.

In addition to the annuity left to my sister in my will, of fifty pounds sterling during her life, I now add there-to ten pounds sterling more, in order to make the Sum sixty pounds. I give twenty guineas to my good friend and physician, Dr. John Jones.

With regard to the separate bequests made to my daughter Sarah in my will, my intention is, that the same shall be for her sole and separate use, notwithstanding her coverture, or whether she be covert or sole; and I do give my executors so much right and power therein as may be necessary to render my intention effectual in that respect only. This provision for my daughter is not made out of any disrespect I have for her husband.

And lastly, it is my desire that this, my present codicil, be annexed to, and considered as part of, my last will and testament to all intents and purposes.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty-third day of June, Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and eighty nine.

B. Franklin.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above named Benjamin Franklin to be a codicil to his last will and testament, in the presence of us.

Francis Bailey, Thomas Lang, Abraham Shoemaker.

Queries

Please note: If I know the snail-mail address, it is listed, otherwise I have listed the Email address of the author of the query. If you want to get in touch with someone and can’t, please contact me - Ed.
I am looking for Herbert John Franklin, born in Michigan. He moved to Maryland and married Golda Smith in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. I lose track of him after he divorced her in 1902 and moved and remarried. This is my great grandfather. Any help would be appreciated!
George Jones; 3822 Old Louisville Road; Garden City, GA 31408 <GJones5935@aol.com>

Looking for siblings, parents, ancestry of (Robert?) Lewis Franklin who died in 1770 in Bedford County, Virginia. He was in Bedford County, Virginia as early as 1735. What was maiden name of his wife Jane? Any data on her? They had the following eight known children:

1. Robert (my ancestor), born 1741 died 1831 Campbell County, Virginia; married about 1767 Jane Lewis. He was in Revolutionary War. He is not the Pilot Mt. Robert who married Mary Perrow.
2. Owen, born about 1750 died 1794 married Betty Steele
3. Lewis (no data)
4. Thomas (middle name Edw. ?), born Sep 1758; died 23 Mar 1841, married 1) 6 Jul 1779 Bedford County, Virginia to Margaret Campbell, 2) 29 Mar 1796 Campbell County, Virginia to Letitia Evans.
5. Henry (middle name Edmund/Edwin?) (no dates) married 4 Jun 1788 Campbell County, Virginia to Sally Davis
6. Elizabeth (no data)
7. Jane (no data)
8. Edmond? (no data)
Don Matson <donmatson@hotmail.com>

Looking for descendants of Martha Susan Franklin who married William H. Staples 10 Oct 1855 McMinn County, Tennessee. They had 3 known children:
1. Martha C., born about 1851 Tennessee
2. Samuel B., born about 1856 Tennessee
3. William J., born about 1858 Tennessee
Don Matson <donmatson@hotmail.com>

Looking for descendants of Lucinda Franklin who married 29 Dec 1852 in McMinn County, Tennessee, to Joseph H. Walker. They had 3 known children:
1. George, born about 1853
2. Frank B., born about 1856
3. Milton, born about 1859
Don Matson <donmatson@hotmail.com>

I am researching my Franklin line from Allen County and Wyandot County, Ohio, namely Johnston Fran-
klin who was born about 1867 in Richland Township, Wyandot County, Ohio. He was married to Mary C. Long, born about 1871. Their son, Ernest Verle Franklin, born 1893 is my great-grandfather. Mary Long married Miner C. Peterson and they lived outside of Lima, Ohio for many years. Ernest Franklin married Lena Belle Wickiser, born April 4, 1895 in Whartonsburg, Ohio. Their daughter Mary Jo is my grandmother.

If anyone has information about this line, please contact me.

Thank you.

Cary Williams <koninginanna@yahoo.com>

Editor’s Response:

_Ernest’s birth appears in the IGI, but that is the only mention of Johnston Franklin found there._

*When and where did Johnston Franklin die? Have you tracked down his death certificate?*

*Have you looked for him in the 1870 Census? He would have been 3, so he still should have been at home. Probably still at home in the 1880 census, too.*

My most wanted are the ancestors of John W. Franklin, Sr. I have been searching for them for some time now. He was born in South Carolina in 1780

His children are:

Mary born 1800
James born 1804
William born 1805
Jane born 1810
Anna born 1814
a female born 1816 Possibly Sarah
John W., Jr. born 1817, married Elizabeth Neely, on 9 Jan 1840 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
James Thomas born 1819
Frances born 1820
Hiram born 1821
Wesley born 1825

If anyone has any information on this please contact me.

Amanda Franklin Johnson <zyrtec@yahoo.com>

Editor’s Response:

_My usual reaction to any early South Carolina query is to suggest the Andrea Papers, but I've searched them briefly and don't see a match..._

_I looked around in my various databases. I noticed your submission to the LDS Pedigree Resource File in Volume 13, which helped me to search further..._

_I see that your info doesn’t include the locale of John W. Franklin, Jr.’s marriage. This is listed in volume 16 of FFRU as Lincoln County, Tennessee. The source is described at the beginning of the article as: “Tennessee Marriages County marriage records from the Hunting For Bears collection. This collection represents information originating on courthouse marriage licenses in various counties. In some cases the date listed is the date of the license rather than the actual date of the marriage. Compiled by Dorothy Ledbetter Murray and Nicholas Russell Murray, Hunting for Bears, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah.”_

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FFRU has featured a number of John W. Franklins over the years. I’ve looked and found that there is at least one John W. in every volume, but I didn't see a match for yours.
I’ve posted your query on the FFRU queries webpage. -Editor

Looking for grandfather's family: He was John Archibald Franklin, born about 1890 in Pocomoke City, Maryland. Supposedly he married and divorced before WWI, and had a daughter, with whom he lost all contact. Possibly her name was Shirley. (In 1925, he married my grandmother, Olive Holland, born Massachusetts). He must have been born between midyear 1889 and midyear 1890. Vital stats in Maryland were kept in idiosyncratic fashion and I have not yet located the exactly place to find his birth certificate, etc.

John had a brother named Walter. Their father was John B. Franklin. Their mother was Anna Corbin. Anna died while boys still young. John B. remarried and moved to Baltimore City. There he had a second family with several children. Any connections? Please contact me.
Sheri Kern <SheridanSquare@sprintmail.com>

Editor’s Response:

Suggestions: have you located him in the 1900 Census? Actually, because the 1900 census includes the birth month and the birth year, I assume you haven’t located him there yet. He would probably still be living at home at the approximate age of 10. He seems a little old to have served in WWI. Did his brother? Do you know if Walter is younger or older?

Maryland was one of the earliest states with birth registrations starting in 1898, but that is still too late to help with John. Indeed if my memory serves, there are a lot more independent cities in Maryland than elsewhere, complicating the jurisdictions further. The state archives has even more birth and death records (301-225-5988) and Worcester County Courthouse might have records (301-632-1194).

I read with interest your chapter on the famous Dr. Benjamin Franklin. As you wrote, my family has always had a tradition that we have an ancestor related to Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin ancestor: Tabitha Franklin, daughter of John Franklin, Sr., married James Holloway (born 1755 at Worcester County, Maryland) by 1781; died 1828 at Worcester County, Maryland.

According to One Holloway Family, by Robert John Holloway, University of Minnesota Press, “James married Tabitha Franklin, a daughter of John Franklin, Sr. who had nine slaves. Tabitha apparently inherited some land and so between the two of them they owned at one time or another, Labor in Vain, North Benefit, Briddles Choice, Cypress Adventure, and Purnells Purchase.” They had 11 children.

Do you know of a source which gives the genealogy of Benjamin Franklin's father, Josiah Franklin? I know it is against sound practices, but considering the tradition that Tabitha is related to Benjamin Franklin, perhaps Josiah had a brother, John, with descendants. It would be a long shot, but would appreciate your comments on this.
Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Margery Borger; 6957 24th Street #7; Sacramento, CA 95822-4482 <MBorger548@aol.com>

Editor’s Response:

Thank you for such a nicely worded request! I frequently get things like “Send me everything you have on
Franklins” The last time I got such a request, I asked the person if he knew that he had asked for 800 lbs of
photocopies...

Anyway, I have looked around and am surprised to not find much on this Tabitha. She is mentioned in sev-
eeral GEDCOMs which have been submitted to Ancestry.com, but there are no source references listed, so
these particular GEDCOMs are worthless. Both are rather large, 8,000 and 25,000 individuals, so they
just seem to be collections, rather than the work of serious Franklin researchers.

I found no mention of your John, Sr., Tabitha, or James Holloway in other records. In backissues of FFRU,
only Volume 5 mentions Worchester County, and it is just an index of the 1850 Census. I similarly found very
little else about it and Franklins.

There are a number of well-documented John Franklin, Sr.’s out there. In backissues of FFRU, the ones in
Barren County Kentucky and Burke County, North Carolina are most prominently mentioned, but none
from Maryland...

There is a web page which has your family on it:


His home page is:

http://www.buxx.com/genealogy/VanDerVeer.html#notes

His Email address is: genealogy@buxx.com

I tried to get into the Worchester County, Maryland USGenWeb website, but the RootsWeb servers are still
not all online from their scheduled maintenance, so I can't get in there right now. I wanted to see if anyone
else was interested in Worchester County Franklins. Anyway, I suggest you try that. The URL is
www.usgenweb.com If that isn't enough information for you, I would be happy to give you more instructions
and help you get a query posted on the Worchester County website, if you haven’t already.

With regards to the famous Statesman, Benjamin Franklin, interestingly, he himself is one of the best sourc-
es. While he was a diplomat in England he did quite a bit of research. Some of his results were recorded in
his Autobiography.

A few on-line links:

http://sln.fi.edu/franklin/family/famtree.html

On my own page, at the bottom of the page that you tell me you’ve already seen, are numerous references.

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ffru/FamousBen
Looking at Josiah, he did indeed have a brother named John, which is not at all remarkable, because John is the most common English given name. However, Josiah was born 23 Dec 1657. His brother John was born 20 Feb 1643 in Ecton, Northamptonshire, England and died in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England in 1691. None of his children are listed as a Tabitha or John... Now to have a daughter who was probably born about 1755, that would be more than a bit of a stretch. There might be as many as 4-5 generations between them (although 2-4 would be more likely).

This John did not seem to have a son named John, either, and in the various versions of his genealogy that I have quickly located, none of his children lived in the US... Note that not only did the statesman have an uncle named John, but he had a great uncle, and a brother named John. Interestingly, the brother named John had a son named John, which may have caused him to be called “Sr.” Note: There were a large number of possibilities in the 17th century for the name “Sr.”, only one of which is a father-son relation. Another is that there were two or three John Franklins in the same town and the oldest was called “Sr.”. When he died, the new oldest was called “Sr.”. Anyway, this John, Ben Franklin’s brother, lived in Connecticut. So did all of his children, as far as I can see in my database.

What I know of my family is this: my grandmother is Loye Louise Franklin born 26 nov 1927 in Texas; her brother and sisters are John Dudley Franklin, died 1966 Athens, Texas; Marvin; Effie Mae who changed her name to Debra; and Jessie Pearl. Their parents are Jessie Lee Franklin born 1899 and Lizzie Bell Williams born 1901; Jessie Lee's mother was Uthie (sp?) and he had at least one brother names Ray. If you could help me with info or at least where to search I would be most grateful. I am living in the Netherlands with my husband and I can't do anything except search the net. Thank you,
Katrina Weis <kat_weis@hotmail.com>

Editor's response:
At first glance, there may appear to be a lot of genealogical material on the web, but I seldom find any useful data there, and many other experienced researchers have complained of the same to me.

I think the best place to search might be the 1910 and 1920 U.S. Census. Ancestry.com said they were going to have it ready to search on the net sometime in March, but I haven't heard any recent announcements. Their fee for a normal subscription plus access to the census for a year is $99.

http://www.ancestry.com/search/io/about/main.htm

If you haven't already gotten Loye Louise Franklin's birth certificate, it would be a good thing to get. Do you know when and where Jesse Lee Franklin died? If so, I’d order his certificate, and the same for Lizzie Bell, assuming they have passed on.

www.vitalrec.com has the procedure for ordering various birth and death certificates for the different states.

Although Federal law did not require birth certificates when Jessie Lee Franklin and Lizzie Bell Williams were born, nevertheless, many jurisdictions (usually the county) were keeping birth records in 1901.

Depending on which county there were born in, the records may now be in the state archives, the county archives, the county courthouse, the local historical society, etc.

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I am researching Cora Ellen Franklin daughter of Jim Franklin and I believe Ellen Owens. I think my husbands GG-mother was an Owen, it’s hard to read off of the copy of the SS application. It might be Ownsby, Owens etc. Not sure, however. I don’t have anything more than a name of Jim Franklin to go with either. I think they were from Tennessee. Cora Ellen Franklin married John Harrison England in Sevier, Tennessee, date unknown. Cora was born 28 Feb 1897 in Sevier, Tennessee. I will keep researching. If you have any leads I would appreciate it very much.
Donna England <england@goodnet.com>

Editor’s Response:

Have you looked in the 1900 Sevier County U.S. Census for this family?

In looking at my atlas, I see a Sevier County and a Sevierville. The following backissues of FFRU contain mentions of Sevier County, Tennessee: 5, 16, 17, 20, 28

Specific Sevier County Locales:

Big Ridge Cemetery Vol. 16
Sevierville Vol. 16

Volume 16 has a long article about Sevier County Franklins, with numerous (poor quality) photographs.

From Volume 16, here is a James from about that time and place, who married an Ellen:

(2) James Franklin, son of Hiram Hodsden and Rachel Eslinger (Nathan) Franklin, was born 1852 in Sevierville, Sevier County, Tennessee, and married 1870 in Sevier County, Tennessee, Ellen Gibson

Source: Franklin Genealogy by Thelma Franklin Johnson McClung Collec
East Tennessee Historical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee Source: Marriage Book. Married Sevier County, Tennessee by C.T. Ogle, J.P.
Children:
A. Lem Franklin born in Sevier County, Tennessee.
B. Erin Franklin born in Sevier County, Tennessee.

There is a book in the Salt Lake City Family History Library on this line:

Call Number
US/CAN
Q AREA
929.273
F854j
Author: Johnson, Thelma Franklin, 1914-
Title: Franklin genealogy, 1740-1983 / collected and arranged by Thelma Franklin Johnson.
Format: about 300 leaves: coat of arms, geneal. tables, ports.
Contents: Henry Franklin (born 1821) and Hiram Johnson (1828-1909), brothers, moved from Buncombe County, North Carolina to land near Sevierville, Tennessee. Descendants and relatives lived in Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Texas, California and elsewhere.

Includes Forbes, Holt, Ingram, Johnson, Reagan, Wade and related families.

This Record Found Under
1. Franklin
2. Forbes
3. Holt
4. Ingram
5. Johnson
6. Reagan
7. Wade

Curiously enough, I have a record of a John England marrying a Lula Franklin in Davidson County, Tennessee in 1885:


I mention this so that you will be aware that there is a similar lineage.

It does not match in any detail. The name, place and time do NOT match, rather they are close, so be careful not to confuse what appears to be two different lines.

FFRU, Volume 16 has a long article on Sevier County with a number of James Franklins listed. You can download it for free from the Rootsweb Website. The cover article is:

“Franklin Genealogy collected and arranged by Thelma Franklin Johnson, McClung Collection, East Tennessee Historical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Henry and Hiram came over the mountains from North Carolina when they were about 23 and 16. They were from Buncombe County. Buncombe County then was most of the state. As the years have gone by, Asheville became the whole Buncombe County.

Henry married first and fathered a big family. Our line comes by way of Hiram. He fathered two sons, Henry Harrison and James. Henry Harrison ran the poor farm for Sevier County for some forty years. When I was very young, I can remember taking the train to visit. After the train they came for us in a wagon. This was before I was six. About this time they were making plans to go to Missouri.

The first fifteen children were born on Big Ridge, now called Kings Mountain. They of course farmed. Families there built a school where all the children attended. It was still standing in 1980 but was removed later. Some of our family are buried there. About this time, they began a housing project. Some squatters, a mother and son, who were living there in unsanitary conditions were asked to move but would not leave until the court removed them.
Thomas and sons did construction work. They took the job to remove dirt for the Church of God Home for Children in Sevierville, Tennessee. They had for some time a Charles Williams working on the place. My Aunts talked about going square dancing. That was about the only place to go besides church. I believe when they moved from Big Ridge, he began to sharecrop.

Between 1912 1914 they came to Bluegrass at Ten Mile Creek to Longbottoms Farm. This was about the time my father came from the four years he had served in the Calvary. He was sixteen when he went to the service. He was a big boy and had no problems. He was stationed in Casper, Wyoming. Later on he went back there for a visit. I found out in 1983 that both of my grandparents lived on farms near one another.

Mama’s name was Scates. Ella and Sam owned their own farm and were about a mile from my father’s family. I believe grandpa went to Blount County on a farm and from there back to run the poor farm where they lived until 1923 when they went to Missouri. From one to six we visited lots, but by that time our family had grown so large that Dad just went by himself. Aunt Stella said on her birthday, March 30, 1923, grandpa and family came to Knoxville and spent a fun day. They left on the train that night for Missouri.

Aunt Stella was already married when they went to Missouri. Aunt Stella and Aunt Pearl married brothers. Glenn Jones went with them to Missouri.

Uncle Sam married and stayed. In my limited information, I think Uncle Sam had gone on ahead and had a place the family could go to. Pearl and Alice were working at Standard Knitting Mills here in Knoxville. Pearly went to Missouri shortly and married there. They farmed until 1930 when they returned to Knoxville and bought several houses and a store with gas pumps. They lived there until 1935 when grandma passed away. He sold the home and later on in April married Isabell Barnes four months after the passing of his first wife Addieline. He then moved back to Big Ridge where he lived until he passed away. He was plowing the garden and was kicked by a mule and passed away shortly.

After my father passed away, my mother said dad wanted me to keep this book. Henry Harrison, his grandfather gave him this book and wanted him to take care of it.

“H. H. Franklin his book (price 25 cents) this November first 1892. When i am done withe book i want John Henry Franklin to have hit in rember longe me take good care of it besides.”

H.H. was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This book is one to enlighten elders and pastors. So I would say he probably helped establish this church. This book is for all the needs of a Methodist Church.

Thanks for all the help I have received and apologize for any mistakes that might have been made.

Thelma Franklin Johnson”

Volume 20 was dedicated to Tennessee, and just has a few random Franklin references.

I am trying to research my mother's side of the family. My great grandfather Jesse F. Franklin (1867-1935), Born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. His father was Henry Franklin. His mother Ellen Dellona Brown

If you have a new web page address, or if you have any family connections Thank you for your help in this
Editor’s Response: I looked in a few places and didn’t see Jesse F. Franklin or Ellen Brown. Of course I have hundreds of Henry Franklins...

Looking for Poplar Bluff, in an old issue of FFRU (Vol. 1) there was a query:

Looking for info on ancestors of Sally Sue Franklin (born 27 Aug 1883 at Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri). They lived somewhere around Sallisaw, Oklahoma and were of either Creek or Cherokee heritage. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

( Don Ryburn, PO Box 91212, Lakeland, FL 33804 813/853-3134 )

The address is about 10 years old... I did a reverse lookup of the phone number and it is not current, and there are no current phone listings in Florida for D Ryburn, so I assume that the above is no longer current.


In Volume 20 there was a brief article that mentioned Butler County. I verified the submitter’s address as current with the phone number of (405)946-5095. (There was a photo from this family on the cover of Volume 11):

“William Lawson & Isabella (Roberts) Franklin

(Carl & Kay Franklin, 3000 NW 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73107-5304)

William Lawson Franklin (born about 1829; died 1887 ?) 10 Mar 1864 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. William Lawson Franklin’s father is believed to have come from Virginia. William Lawson married Isabella Roberts (born 3 Feb 1841 Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee d 24 Jan 1901 Noble, Cleveland County, OK) daughter of John C. Roberts & Sarah (Rutherford) Roberts both of Tennessee. Six years after their marriage they are found on the 1870 White County, Arkansas census. By 1880 they were in Butler County, Missouri.

William Lawson Franklin probably died 1887/8. His widow Isabella was in 1900 Noble, Oklahoma Territory where she filed her homestead claim on 2 Dec 1891. She is recorded on the Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory Census in 1900 where she states only 5 of her 8 children are still living. Isabella Roberts Franklin filed homestead 2 Dec 1891 Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory. Children:

I. Dorcas Jane Franklin born 1866
II. Louisa Franklin born 1865
III. Robert Ferdinand Franklin born 1868
IV. William A. Franklin born 1870
V. Mary Isabel Franklin born 1872
VI. George Owen Franklin born 1874
VII. Margery Franklin born 1875.

1. Leon Robert Franklin (born 25 Sep 1912 Noble, Cleveland County, Oklahoma d 11 Nov 1984 Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma). Married July 1936.

(1) Carl James Franklin, Sr. (born 30 Dec 1937 Noble, Cleveland County, Oklahoma).
A.  

From Franklin Fireplace, page 375: 1850 US Census, Butler County, Missouri

75/76 In Stephen Abshear household:
  Franklin, James 7m b. Mo.;
  Delila 6f b. Ark.

85/88 In John Abshear household.
  Franklin, Henry 8m b. Mo.;
  Ephraim 5m b. Mo.

72/73 Franklin, Martin 28m farmer b. unknown;
  Hannah 24f b. unknown;
  Litsey 4f b. Mo.;
  Henry 3m b. Mo.;
  Betsey 1f b. Mo.;
  John 16m laborer b. Tenn.;
  Elias 20m laborer b. unknown.

305/305 Franklin, Jessee 27m merchant b. Va.;
  Sarah A. 25f b. Md.,
  John C. 2m b. Mo.;
  Jessee 7/12m b. Mo.;(all in John Grullet household.

From the Missouri 1870 U.S. Census, mentions of Butler County:

Franklin, Emma; Butler County, Missouri, page 030, Cane Creek Township, Federal Population Schedule
Franklin, Hanibel; Butler County, Missouri, page 030, Cane Creek Township, Federal Population Schedule
Franklin, Jane; Butler County, Missouri, page 006, Ash Hills Township, Federal Population Schedule
Franklin, Jessie; Butler County, Missouri; page 041, Poplar Bluff Township Federal Population Schedule
Franklin, Joseph, Butler County, Missouri; page 006, Ash Hills Township Federal Population Schedule
Franklin, Lee; Butler County, Missouri, page 028, Cane Creek Township, Federal Population Schedule
Franklin, Martin; Butler County, Missouri, page 006, Ash Hills Township, Federal Population Schedule

Looking for family history of John Wesley Franklin born 1818 in Loudoun County, Virginia. He married Martha Ann (?)
Had 5 children:
  Ellen born 1845 in Virginia
  Benjamin born 1847 in Virginia
  Nancy born 1850 in Virginia
  John Miflin Franklin born 2 Jan 1852 in Virginia.
  unknown
John Miflin Franklin is my grandfather. Family moved near Hannibal, Missouri in 1856. John married Minnie Johnson of Missouri. She was born in 1859, and died 1898 in Fort Madison, Iowa. John Miflin Franklin died 21 Jun 1926 in Fort Madison, Iowa. Worked as railroad engineer for Santa Fe Railway.

Any help would be appreciated!

John F. Oliver <joliverea@aol.com>

Editor’s Response: I see that we have not corresponded directly. My Email database contains 4 messages from you, beginning 05 Jul 1999.

By this time, you may know that a complete set of backissues is a lot of paper, about 2300 pages... For copying and postage, that would be $180, which might be a little more paper and money than you had in mind. Those are double-sided pages, so that works out to less than 4 cents per copy.

Mentions of someone named John M. Franklin occur in nearly every volume of FFRU. None of them match your John M. There are no mentions of John Maf____ Franklin. One of your queries was about a John Wesley Franklin. Various John Wesley Franklins are in the index:

Ped:91, 2:62, 5:36, 26:9, 26:10, 31:40

I searched my other databases and didn’t come up with a match.

After all of that, however, I was not very optimistic that I would find anything, anyway... These are very recent events.

Have you request his death certificate yet? If you don't know how, I would be glad to send you instructions.
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