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British Arctic Explorer
(1786 - 1847)

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Letter from the Editor

You will notice that this issue is a little short. Sorry. Preparing these articles, even as short as they are, was quite time-consuming. I hope to make up for this in a future, longer-than-usual issue. You will also note that this is late, being finished in the middle of August, rather than in the scheduled July - sorry again!

This issue contains two articles about two separate Franklin families who ended up in Louisiana, and also in Ashley County Arkansas, so in answer to the previously-asked question, "is this a 'Southerners Only' quarterly," the answer is still: absolutely not! These two lines were submitted by subscribers and just so happened to be southerners, again! I'd like to encourage those who have Northern roots to send me their information so that we can improve the variety of the Franklin families contained herein.

I received an collection of probate papers from Carol Franklin Hensley <lhensley@the-onramp.net> relating to John Ambrose Franklin's estate.

This Volume's Famous Franklin is Sir John Franklin. I have received a few queries about him, so I thought I'd look more deeply into his life and genealogy. It was absorbing to study and learn more about him. All I know previously was that he was a famous explorer. He was an interesting character and lived an extraordinary life.

The volume of queries has somewhat abated. I think it must be that a number of people got computers for Christmas, or pursued genealogical interests (being remind of family) at that time of year. Maybe it's just that it's summer.

I have been pleased to receive copies of several hundred additional pages from Franklin Fireplace, a previous publication on Franklin which stopped in about 1983. If time permits, I may write articles that expand on submissions and queries found therein.

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Descendants of Gillis Minor Franklin

This is largely taken from a manuscript submitted by Buck Archer, 1102 W. Bullock, Denison, TX 75020 <ACharlesB@cs.com> Note that he frequently quotes from the research of Bob Heflin <rbbarf2@iamerica.net> and his cousin, Patricia Siewert. Additions or corrections are most welcome!

Gillis Minor Franklin

Child of Gillis Minor Franklin is:

- I. Charles Alexander Franklin was born in 1760 in Edgefield, Newberry County, South Carolina, and died 1825 in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Charles served with the First South Carolina Regiment during the American Revolution. He is listed as a Private from Sep 21, 1776 to December 1776. His DAR # is 465636 through Marie Louise Lepine of Thibodaux, Louisiana. Verified December 15, 1969. Also refer to Nat'l # 398761 belonging to Earlene Honeycutt.¹

It is thought Charles died after 1790 in Newberry County, South Carolina. However, it appears he may have died in prison.²

Family Stories: Charles was working with his father, Gillis Minor Franklin, cutting timber when his father was attacked by a cougar. Young Charles tried to kill the cougar and unfortunately the ax hit his father killing him. He was so upset, he left home and joined the First South Carolina Regiment under General Francis Marion³.

According to Charles, he became separated from his company and set upon by three British soldiers on horse back. He managed to kill all three and capture their horses and weapons and returned them back to General Marion. The General lacking in compliments, told him to put the horses where they belonged, the guns where they belonged and for him to get back to where he belonged! Needless to say...his feelings were hurt!

How he landed in prison is not clear. According to his son, Gillis Minor Franklin II, a man threatened to kill Charlie one day. When Charlie approached the man who was standing on a platform, the man jumped at Charlie and somehow Charlie's powerful forearm caught the man as he was coming down and broke his neck. A trial was held and Charlie was found innocent by self-defense. However, it appears this is the story Gillis wanted everyone to know not that his dad had died in prison. He died less than 6 weeks after entering.

Children of Charles Alexander Franklin are:

- A. John Franklin was born Jun 1791 and died December 21, 1868 in Pilot Knob, Washington County, Illinois and was buried in Franklin Cemetery, Washington County, Illinois. He married Susannah (?). She was born 1796 in South Carolina, and died May 19, 1873 in Washington County, Illinois.

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1. Bob Heflin
 2. See: *The Georgia Black Book. Georgia Penitentiary Records* pg 69 #264: Charles A. Franklin sentenced to 4 years for assault to murder, Apr 13, 1825 he died Jun 5, 1825. Listed as 6 feet 1 inch tall, Black Hair and Gray Eyes. 64 years of age at death.
 3. DAR records say it was General Pinckney

Note: She was summoned to court for a competency hearing on May 19, 1873⁴.

Children of John Franklin and Susannah (?) are:

1. Elizabeth Franklin, born in Illinois.
2. Rachel Franklin, born December 13, 1813 in South Carolina; died Aug 5, 1902 in Wood County, Texas. She was buried Hopewell Cemetery, Wood County, Texas. In 1870 Washington County, Illinois census listed her with John and Susan Suiter⁵.
3. Edmond Franklin, born May 1, 1815 in South Carolina; died Feb 3, 1849 in Washington County, Illinois. He was buried in Franklin Cemetery, Washington County, Illinois.
4. Minor N. Franklin, born 1817 in South Carolina; died 1864.
5. Gillis Franklin, born May 1822; died Apr 1905 in Illinois.
6. Thomas H. Franklin, born 1832 in Illinois.
7. Mary Franklin, born 1832 in Illinois.
8. Benjamin Franklin, born 1835 in Illinois; died 1897.

B. Reason Franklin, born 1795.

C. Gillis Minor Franklin was born Apr 6, 1801 in Newberry County, South Carolina, and died Jun 1, 1854 in Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. He married Martha Emma Wright in 1820 in Newberry County, South Carolina. She was born Apr 3, 1779 in Ireland, and died 1867 in Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, Louisiana.

The Franklins migrated from South Carolina to Alabama around 1832-1835. They lived in Tuscaloosa County, above the town of New Lexington. Land records there show Gillis Minor Franklin bought 40 acres in November 1836 from the government and sold it in 1838. They were still listed in the 1840 census in a nearby county. From Alabama it is believed they went to Memphis, Tennessee for a short time, although son James Rainey Franklin was in Illinois in the wagon making business. It is believed they arrived in Lake Providence, Louisiana 1842, Gillis Minor Franklin purchased 145 acres at Joe's Bayou, 20 miles Southwest of Lake Providence.⁶

Children of Gillis Franklin and Martha Wright are:

1. Eliza Franklin.
2. James Rainey Franklin was born Mar 22, 1823 in Newberry County, South Carolina, and died December 17, 1897 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Mississippi Arkansas Werland Aug 1850 in Arkansas City, Desha County, Arkansas. She was born Aug 3, 1833 in Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas, and died Jul 27, 1909 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was buried in Bethel Cemetery, Ashley County, Arkansas.

Lived in Illinois and worked as a wagon maker. He married and moved to Ashley County, Arkansas in 1850, 5 miles Northwest of Hamburg, Arkansas. in a town called Old Milo. William Owen, Oscar Lee, W.L. and O.T. Franklin were born in this vicinity.⁷ Lived in South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas.

4. Patricia Siewert
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Church Affiliation: Baptist

Property: about 1870, owned and operated a combination grist mill, flour mill, cotton gin, and sawmill.

Children of James Franklin and Mississippi Werland are:

- a. Martha Emma Franklin, born Sep 21, 1851 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas; died 1936. She married Charles R. Mann.
- b. Mary Franklin, born Mar 17, 1853 in Ashley County, Arkansas; died 1853 in Ashley County, Arkansas.
- c. Gillis Minor Franklin was born Jan 18, 1855 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died 1939. He married Lula Angeline Goodwin on Oct 8, 1884 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was born 1860, and died 1941. Child of Gillis Franklin and Lula Goodwin is:
 - (1) Mina Franklin was born 1885. She married Joseph Charles Gross. He was born 1882, and died 1959. Child of Mina Franklin and Joseph Gross is:
 - (a) Marie Louise Gross, born 1906. She married Wilson Lepine; born 1894.
- d. Charles Alexander Franklin was born Sep 15, 1856 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Sep 8, 1909 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Lillie Honeycutt on December 15, 1881 in Ashley County, Arkansas, daughter of William Honeycutt and Mary Neal. She was born Feb 10, 1862 in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Jun 15, 1932 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was buried in Antioch Cemetery, Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas.

Property: Sep 18, 1894, 160 acres, Sec 26, TWP 18S, RNG 7W, Ashley County, Arkansas

Children of Charles Franklin and Lillie Honeycutt are:

- (1) Murray Gillis Franklin was born December 18, 1882 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Feb 15, 1932 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He was buried in Antioch Cemetery, Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Annie Johnson. Children of Murray Franklin and Annie Johnson are:
 - (a) Murray Gillis Franklin, Jr.
 - (b) Harry Franklin
 - (c) Jeannette Franklin
- (2) Mallie Gertrude Franklin was born Mar 6, 1883 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Jan 23, 1940 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. She married William Lumbus Byrd November 13, 1898 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. Children of Mallie Franklin and William Byrd are:
 - (a) P. M. Byrd, born 1902; died 1953.
 - (b) Willie B. Byrd, born 1904.
 - (c) Clem S. Byrd, born 1917; died 1942.
- (3) William Morris Franklin was born Mar 14, 1885 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died November 26, 1962⁸ in

Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. He married Abby Gail White Sep 27, 1903 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, daughter of D. White and Nancy Stanley. She was born Feb 8, 1882 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Aug 26, 1959 in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Child of William Franklin and Abby White is:

- (a) Willie Lea Franklin, born May 4, 1906 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas; died Oct 1974 in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
- (4) Hope Franklin was born 1890 in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died 1969. She married Byron Morrell Montgomery on Sep 20, 1906 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas.

Children of Hope Franklin and Byron Montgomery are:

- (a) Charles Montgomery.
- (b) Audrey Mois Montgomery, born 1909.
- (5) Leona Myrtle Franklin was born 1892⁹ in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died in Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. She is buried in Antioch Cemetery, Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. She married Young Dudley Crawford on December 4, 1909 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He was born 1882, and died 1959.

Children of Leona Franklin and Young Crawford are:

- (a) Selma C. Crawford, born 1911.
- (b) Darwin P. Crawford, born 1912.
- (c) Dixie Nell Crawford, born 1914.
- (d) Dudley Dale Crawford, born 1918.
- (e) Emma Hope Crawford, born 1919.
- (f) Fanny Laverne Crawford, born 1921.
- (g) Audrey Marie Crawford, born 1924.
- (h) Virginia Dean Crawford, born 1926.
- (6) Melvin Linwood Franklin was born December 22, 1902¹⁰ in Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Nettie Burnette. She was born December 22, 1902 in Ashley County, Arkansas.

Children of Melvin Franklin and Nettie Burnette are:

- (a) Ozelle Franklin.
- (b) Travis Franklin.
- e. John Henry Franklin was born November 15, 1859 in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Apr 8, 1943 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He was buried in Lick Prairie Cemetery, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Grace Miller on Apr 26, 1885 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was born 1867, and died 1959.

Property: December 17, 1901, 160.1 acres, Sec 30, TWP 19S, RNG 8W,

8. Another source lists his death date as 1969, Ashley County, Arkansas
9. Another source has her birth as 1893, Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas
10. Another source has his birth as November 1888, Ashley County, Arkansas

Ashley County, Arkansas

Children of John Franklin and Grace Miller are:

- (1) Johnnie Franklin, born 1882.
- (2) Rainey Franklin, born 1884.
- (3) James Rainie Franklin, born Jun 24, 1886 in White, Ashley County, Arkansas.
- (4) Minnie Franklin, born 1888.

- f. Sally Jeffries Franklin was born Mar 17, 1862, and died 1947 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She married (1) William Powell Hooker on Nov 10, 1880 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She married (2) R. Bowdie Honeycutt after 1905.

William Powell Hooker purchased property on Aug 26, 1905: 160 acres, Sec 8, TWP 18S, RNG 9W, Ashley County, Arkansas

Children of Sally Jeffries Franklin and William Hooker are:

- (1) Dovie Hooker.
- (2) Terry Lawson Hooker.
- (3) Abbie Lottie Hooker.
- (4) Nanie Llewellyn Hooker.
- (5) George Franklin Hooker.
- (6) Sallie Dean Hooker was born 1893. She married Harrison H. Honeycutt. He was born 1888, and died 1965.

Children of Sallie Hooker and Harrison Honeycutt are:

- (a) Terry Lawson Honeycutt, born 1910.
- (b) Mary Earline Honeycutt, born May 26, 1919.

Child of Sally Jeffries Franklin and R. Honeycutt is:

- (7) Dovie Honeycutt.

- g. James Edwin Franklin was born Oct 1, 1864 in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Jun 21, 1928 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He was buried in Unity Cemetery, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Ella McGowen Maxwell December 14, 1886 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was born 1869, and died 1942.

Property: 80 acres, Sec. 13, TWP 18S, RNG 8W, Ashley County, Arkansas

Children of James Franklin and Ella Maxwell are:

- (1) Lena Franklin, born 1887.
- (2) Mary Lee Franklin was born 1888, and died after 1968. She married Charles Jasper Hollis. He was born 1888 and died 1968.

Children of Mary Franklin and Charles Hollis are:

- (a) Herman Ira Hollis, born 1910. He married Violet May Baker; born 1910.
 - (b) Otha Lee Hollis, born 1914. He married Laura Mae Bowman; born 1922.
 - (c) Muriel Charlene Hollis, born 1918. She married James Barrett Jones; born 1914.
 - (d) Carl Edwin Hollis, born 1920.
 - (e) Durwood Setzler Hollis, born 1922.
- (3) James Edwin Franklin, Jr., born 1890.
 - (4) Charlie Ira Franklin was born 1891, and died 1932. He married Iva Strickland.

Children of Charlie Franklin and Iva Strickland are:

- (a) Quenton Franklin.
 - (b) Yvonne Franklin.
 - (c) Quain Franklin.
- (5) Ella Franklin, born 1895.
 - (6) Bennie Wilford Franklin, born 1898.
 - (7) Essie Lora Franklin, born 1903. She married Edgar D. Massey; born 1899.
 - (8) Ivan Roy Franklin, born 1904.
- h. William Owen Franklin was born Jun 2, 1867 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died May 17, 1941 in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. He was buried in Zachary Church Cemetery, Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married Kittie Ann Carter on Jun 16, 1889 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was born Jul 31, 1872 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Jan 5, 1956 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Property: Jan 9, 1896, 80 acres, Sec. 28, TWP 17S, RNG 7W, Ashley County, Arkansas

Children of William Franklin and Kittie Carter are:

- (1) Eunice Anne Franklin, born Jul 7, 1890 and died at birth.
- (2) Osker Lee Franklin was born Oct 20, 1893 in Old Milo, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died December 1973. He is buried at Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Ida Mae Shields, daughter of William Shields and Balzora Pilgrim. She was born Apr 4, 1897 in Kosciusko, Mississippi, and died after 1980 in Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. She is buried at Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas.

Children of Osker Franklin and Ida Shields are:

- (a) Willie Lee "Dub" Franklin, born Aug 13, 1916 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; died Apr 30, 1998 in Waynesville, Missouri.
 - (b) Oliver Travis Franklin, born Jan 22, 1921 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
 - (c) Benny Frank Franklin, born Aug 20, 1924 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; died November 19, 1998 in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
- (3) Willie Janet "Nettie" Franklin was born November 7, 1896, and died 1966 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. She married Chester Arrington. He was born 1894, and died 1965 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He was buried in Zachary Church Cemetery, Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana

Children of Willie Franklin and Chester Arrington are:

- (a) Loyce Arrington, born Oct 28, 1914; died Aug 26, 1999.
 - (b) Chester W. Arrington, born Jun 27, 1924; died Jan 4, 1988.
 - (c) Cecil Arrington, born November 2, 1926; died Sep 13, 1985.
- (4) Joe Owen "JJ" Franklin¹¹ was born Apr 22, 1900 and died 1972. He is buried in Zachary Church Cemetery, Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) Dora Parker. She was born 1903, and died 1967. He married (2) Leona Gertrude Strickland May 23, 1921.

Children of Joe Franklin and Dora Parker are:

- (a) Ernestine Franklin, born Sep 2, 1928; died Mar 31, 1996.
- (b) Jack D. Franklin.
- (c) Willie Joe Franklin.
- (d) Bobby Franklin, died in Fort Worth, Texas.

Child of Joe Franklin and Leona Strickland is:

- (e) John Benjamin Franklin, born 1920.

11. He changed his name to Joe James or Joe Jaynes Franklin

- (5) Naud Worten Franklin was born Mar 6, 1902¹², and died Feb 7, 1978¹³. She was buried in Zachary Church Cemetery, Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) Marie Lorraine Hayden. She died of Typhoid Fever. He married (2) Loreen Preston. He married (3) Delanie “Eskimo” Brixley.^{14 15 16 17}
Child of Naud Franklin and Loreen Preston is:
(a) Dorothy “Dot” Franklin. She married Arron Harrington
- (6) Travis Taylor Franklin was born December 23, 1905 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Aug 15, 1960 in Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He was buried in Zachary Church Cemetery, Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. He married Allie Mae Murphy Jun 26, 1926 in Bonita, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, daughter of Henry Murphy and Martha Johnson. She was born Jan 27, 1907 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Sep 9, 1961 in Ratson, New Mexico. She was buried in Zachary Church Cemetery, Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Occupation: Truck Driver for the Morehouse Parish Street Department.

Children of Travis Franklin and Allie Murphy are:

- (a) T. L. Franklin, born December 21, 1929 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
- (b) Mattie Fern Franklin, born Mar 19, 1933 in Bonita, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; died Oct 19, 1997 in Plain Dealing, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.
- (c) Willie David Franklin, born December 25, 1942 in Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

12. Patricia Franklin Siewert

13. Patricia Siewert

14. T. L. Franklin provided the original information on Naud Franklin on Oct 12, 1999.

15. Spouses: 1) Marie Lorraine Hayden, 2) Lorraine Heath and 3) Eskimo Brixey, according to Patricia Franklin Siewert

16. Spouses: 1) Marie Hayden, 2) Loreen Preston, 3) Delanie Brixley, according to Bob Heflin

17. Reola Belle Franklin provided the following information to T. L. Franklin in an interview on Jan 22, 2000: ‘For starters Loraine Townsend, Loraine Heath and Loreen Preston are the same woman. He married Loreen Preson. Her stepfather was named Townsend, after Naud and Loreen divorced, she married Leonard Heath. He married: 1. Marie Lorraine Hayden 2. Loreen Preston 3. Delaney Brixley”

- (7) Reola Belle “Ola”¹⁸ Franklin was born December 31, 1908. She married Thomas Douglas Armstrong, son of Sherrod Armstrong and Eunice Taylor. He was born Mar 28, 1904, and died Mar 13, 1964.

Children of Reola Franklin and Thomas Armstrong are:

- (a) Mildred Ruth Armstrong, born December 30, 1924. She married Darnes Dean Polk.
 - (b) Evelyn Maxine Armstrong, born December 2, 1930.
 - (c) Joyce Ann Armstrong, born Feb 3, 1940.
 - (d) Larry Douglas Armstrong, born Jun 5, 1945; died December 6, 1980.
- i. Susan Annie Franklin was born Jun 25, 1870, and died Feb 14, 1946 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was buried in Unity Cemetery, Ashley County, Arkansas. She married Joseph Courtney Wright on Feb 15, 1888 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He was born 1861, and died 1935. Children of Susan Franklin and Joseph Wright are:
- (1) Addie Maybell Wright, born 1889.
 - (2) Joseph Powell Wright, born 1890.
 - (3) Sallie Ester Wright, born 1892. She married (1) Lenard Jackson Hester She married (2) Richmond F. Harper
 - (4) Barney Wright, born 1894.
 - (5) Harvey Earl Wright, born 1894.
 - (6) Henry Grady Wright, born 1895.
 - (7) Mary Elizabeth Wright, born 1900.
 - (8) Garland Lee Wright, born 1902.
 - (9) Lena Wright, born 1904. She married Everitte Herbert Ross; born 1901.
 - (10) Osborne Morris Wright, born 1906. He married Willie Mae Miles; born 1909.
 - (11) Lucian Levi Wright, born 1911.
- j. Robert E. Lee Franklin was born Jan 26, 1876 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas, and died May 5, 1955 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He was buried in Hamburg Cemetery, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Mary Bellott Oct 7, 1893 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. She was born 1876, and died Feb 18, 1947.

Killed a man named Mason who was a member of his wife’s family.¹⁹

Property: December 17, 1900, 40 acres, Sec. 25, TWP 17S, RNG 8W, Ashley County, Arkansas

18. When she applied for her Social Security Card she listed her name as Ola.

19. Patricia Siewert

Children of Robert Franklin and Mary Bellott are:

- (1) Luther R. Franklin, born 1896.
- (2) Arkola Franklin, born 1898; died 1916.
- (3) Llewellyn Franklin, born 1900; died 1936.

3. Martha Caroline Franklin, born Mar 3, 1826; died 1892. She married Campbell Parker about 1845 in Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, Louisiana.

Martha and Campbell moved to Benton, Kentucky, had eight children, very successful farmers, who supported education.²⁰

4. Mary Ann Franklin was born 1828 in Newberry County, South Carolina, and died Feb 1863 in Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. She married David L. Morgan on May 25, 1848. She died during childbirth in Feb 1863. General Grant and Union Troops were at Lake Providence, Louisiana at the time, and no doctors were available.²¹ David owned the newspaper at Lake Providence, Louisiana. He was a property owner and influential in the town.²²

Child of Mary Franklin and David Morgan is:

- a. Franklin L. Morgan, born Feb 1861.
5. Margaret E. Franklin, born 1830 in Newberry County, South Carolina. Never married. Died at 20 - 25 years old, not much known about her, some copies of letters she wrote exist, probably in the possession of John Franklin.²³
6. Susan Franklin, born 1835 in Newberry County, South Carolina; died 1868. She married Thomas M. Mann. Susan and Thomas has three children all of whom died at birth.²⁴
7. Charles Alexander Franklin, born 1836 in Alabama; died between 1859 and 1861. Farmed with father Gillis Minor Franklin.²⁵

Ed.: Generation No. 7 - 9 deleted for privacy reasons. Most of these people are still living

Sources

Bob Heflin, Son of Annette Masling Franklin, *Descendants of Charles Alexander Franklin Register Report*, (Sent to Charles K. Archer Jr. on Jan 7, 2000), "Electronic."

Patricia Franklin Siewert, Daughter of Oliver Franklin, *Charles Alexander Franklin Family Tree*, (November 28, 1999), "Electronic."

T. L. Franklin, Oldest son of Travis Franklin, Travis Taylor Franklin Family, Interviewed Oct 12, 1999 by Charles K. Archer Jr.

T. L. Franklin, Oldest son of Travis Franklin, Reola Belle Franklin, Interviewed by T. L. Franklin Jan 22, 2000.

Rebecca DeArmond-Huskey, *Beyond Bartholomew "The Portland Area History"*, (Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 96-068762 (page 195 of book)).

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Roots Web, Arkansas Land Records, Cindi's Genealogy Links, Taken from the Internet December 31, 1999
By Charles Keith Archer Jr.

Charles Keith Archer Jr., Jan 22, 2000, Zachary Church Cemetery, Jones, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, Information from headstones.

Unknown Newspaper, "Obituary for Allie Mae Franklin."

Unknown Newspaper, "Obituary for Travis Taylor Franklin."

John Ambrose Franklin and Seleta Caroline Stell

Submitted by Ben Franklin, Editor. Much of the basic structure of this was taken (with permission) from the web pages of Joe Dudek <joedudek@earthlink.net>. This also includes information garnered from queries by David Moyers <theledger@seark.net>, Lee Franklin <samm@morgan.net> Received documents about John Ambrose Franklin's estate from Carol Franklin Hensley <lhensley@the-onramp.net>

John Ambrose Franklin was born Dec 6, 1819 in Person County, North Carolina. He died Sep 19, 1858 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. On Mar 12, 1836 he married Seleta Caroline Stell. She was born Sep 12, 1823 in Pickens County, Alabama, the daughter of George Stell and Elizabeth Runnels²⁶. After the death of John Ambrose, Seleta and most of her children moved to Ashley County, Arkansas and settled on Bearhouse Creek. She died Apr 11, 1904 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas.

Ed. Note: I was delighted to receive a sheaf of papers from Carol Franklin Hensley, photocopies of original documents primarily relating to the probate of John Ambrose Franklin's estate. There is very little genealogical information found therein, but it is a fascinating glimpse into mid-19th century life, including a complete inventory of the belongings of John Ambrose at his death.

Children of John Ambrose Franklin and Seleta Caroline Stell:

- I. Elmira Elizabeth Franklin was born Jul 16, 1837, and died Jul 13, 1919 as was buried in Coleman, Texas. She married (1) James H. Rogers/Rodgers. He was killed in the service of the Confederacy during the Battle of Prairie Grove on Dec 7, 1862. She married (2) Jacob McDougald on Jun 18, 1865 in Conecuh County, Alabama. He was born Nov 29, 1839 in Conecuh County, Alabama, the son of Archibald McDougald and Sarah Gilmore. He died Apr 9, 1914 and was buried in Hamburg Cemetery, Ashley County, Arkansas.



Seleta (Stell) Franklin's
Tombstone

The webpage of Mark & Jana Rooke²⁷ contains a several anecdotes about the James Rogers, Jacob McDougald and Elmira Elizabeth Franklin. Briefly put, James and Jacob were friends and neighbors who volunteered to fight for the Confederacy.

"Jacob (Jake) McDougald was born November 29, 1839 in Conecuh County, Alabama, the second

26. There are several more extensive versions of Seleta Carolina Stell's lineage found on Ancestry.com

27. Contact information: 7021 Burnside Drive, San Jose, CA, 95120-3219, 408-268-3008
<rooke@earthlink.net> <http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/r/o/o/Mark--Jana--Rooke/index.html>

son of Archibald McDougald and Sarah Gilmore...The McDougald family moved to Ashley County, Arkansas about 1858 and settled in Bearhouse Township. In 1859, Jacob hired out to James Rodgers to help him farm his acreage in Ashley County. He was still working for Rodgers when the two men joined the ranks of the Confederacy as the South was trying to stem the onslaught of General U.S. Grant's Union forces. Jacob's first engagement as a Confederate soldier was at Pleasant Hill, where the Second Trans-Mississippi Brigade under General Churchill challenged Union forces in a pitched battle. Jacob got a slight shoulder wound, while his friend James Rodgers was mortally wounded (Battle of Prairie Grove 7 Dec 1862). Before Rodgers died, he asked Jacob to care for his wife and family, if he made it back home. After recuperating from his wound, Jacob was reassigned to Gibson's Company B and again engaged the Union Army at Vidalia, Louisiana. Jacob's luck ran out at Jenkins Ferry. His wounds put him out of action until just before Lee surrendered to Grant. Jacob was formally surrendered at Marshall, Texas and was mustered out in the spring of 1865.

Family lore, as told by Porter McDougal, a descendant of Jacob, has it that the returning soldier looked up the widow of James Rodgers, Elmira Elizabeth, and informed her that he was there to take care of her. Her response was that no man was going to take care of her unless they were married, so Jake hitched up the mule to the buckboard and drove into Hamburg, Arkansas where they were married Jun 18, 1865.”²⁸

Children of James Rodgers and Elmira Elizabeth Franklin:

A. John Robert Rodgers was born Nov 1, 1859 in Berea, Arkansas. He died Dec 4, 1904 and buried in the Hopewell Cemetery, Hopewell, Texas. He married Amanda L. Johnson on Feb 6, 1884 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She was born Mar 6, 1866 in Ashley County, Arkansas, the daughter of Rebecca and Shimra Johnson. She died Apr 6, 1911, and was buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Hopewell, Texas.

John Robert Rodgers and Amanda L. Johnson's children:

1. Alma Rodgers was born in 1884 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. She married a (?) Hays.
2. Emma Lee Rodgers was born Sep 8, 1886 in Hamburg, Ashley County Arkansas. He died Apr 28, 1913. She married J. D. Gibson.
3. Oscar Rodgers was born 1888 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Lakey Pearce.
4. James W. Rodgers was born Mar 22, 1890 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Ona Fowler in Jan, 1920.
5. Ivy Rodgers was born 1892 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas and died Jun 3, 1907.
6. Ezra Rodgers was born in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Ressie Baker.
7. Lydia Rodgers was born Sep 10, 1895 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. She died May, 1969. She married Barley(?) Black.
8. Walter Rodgers was born in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Josie Hicks.
9. George Arthur Rodgers was born in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Reba (?).
10. Christine Rodgers was born Jun 1, 1905 in Hopewell, Smith County, Texas.

B. James H. Rodgers was born 1861 in Louisiana

28. "Jacob McDougald," biography written by Corinne McDougald Gaddy and published in for the *Reflections Of Ashley County*.

C. Ophelia Rodgers was born 1862. She married William Hughen in Mena, Arkansas.

Children of Elmira Franklin and Jacob McDougald are:

D. Alonzo Zemrie McDougald was born Feb 14, 1868, died Jan 1, 1937 at Clute, Brazoria County, Texas. He married Effie Louise Lindsey on Aug 16, 1891.

E. Eliza Ann McDougald was born Dec 6, 1869. She died Sep 4, 1907 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She married J. W. Wilcoxon.

Children:

1. John Clark Wilcoxon was born Jan 4, 1894 in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Aug 18, 1895 in Ashley County, Arkansas.

2. William Lee Wilcoxon was born Dec 20, 1895 in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Aug 26, 1896 in Ashley County, Arkansas

3. Annie Elizer Wilcoxon was born Aug 16, 1907 in Ashley County, Arkansas, and died Sep 16, 1907 in Ashley County, Arkansas.

F. William Archie McDougald died of whooping cough at age four.

G. Lula E. McDougald was born 1871 or 1872. She married Charles Knight.

H. Otis McDougald was born 1873. He married Blanch Shanks.

I. George Alexander McDougald was born Sep 9, 1874, died Apr 28, 1944. He married Miriam Virginia Durant Bering on Aug 10 1898.

II. Robert Luther Franklin was born Jul 23, 1840 in Pickens County, Alabama. He died Sep 14, 1917, and is buried in Palo Alto Cemetery, Clay County, Mississippi. He married Anna E. Goldston. She was born Oct 22, 1849, the daughter of William D. and Permelia A. Goldson. She died Mar 15, 1918 and is buried in Palo Alto Cemetery, Clay County, Mississippi.

“Robert L. Franklin was brought up to the life of a planter by his father John A. Franklin, and like the majority of boys, has followed in his ancestor’s footsteps, and is now one of the leading agriculturists of Clay County. He was born in Pickens County, Alabama in 1841, a son of John A. and Seleta C. Franklin, the former of whom was born in North Carolina in 1814. When about twenty-three years of age he married to Seleta Stell, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Stell of Alabama. To Mr. Franklin and his wife eleven children were born: Elmyra (Mrs. McDougald, of Arkansas); Tempy, the widow of Mr. Carpenter of Colorado; George W. of Arkansas; James R. and John W. also of that state; Robert L., Oliver and Mattie (Mrs. Green) of Arkansas. John A. Franklin came with his family to Mississippi in 1843, and settled at Ripley in Tippah County, but afterward moved to Itawamba and finally to Noxubee County where he died in 1859. His widow survives him and resides at Hamburg, Arkansas in her seventieth year. The father was a member of the Masonic fraternity, which he joined in Itawamba County and upon his death in Noxubee County was buried by that order. He was as is his widow a member of the Baptist Church. Robert L Franklin received a common school education and at about the age of twenty-five years began to make his own way in the world. In 1865 he was married to Miss Anna Goldson of Oxford County, Mississippi, a daughter of William D. and Permelia A. Goldson, and their union resulted in the birth of ten children: Minnie A (Mrs. Milton); Mary E; Edith C (Mrs. Jones); Willie L; John B; Charley A; Julia S and Mattie L being the only ones now living. Upon the opening of the war in 1861, he became a member of Company H, Fifth Alabama Regiment, under Jackson, and fought at the battles of Seven Pines, Yorktown, the seven days’ engagement at Richmond, Chancellorsville, Bull’s Run, the first and second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Petersburg and Fredericksburg. He was wounded at Malvern Hill, and lay ten days in the hospital at Richmond, and at the battle of Chancellorsville he lost his left arm from a rifle shot. After remaining in the hospital for some time, he was honorably discharged from the service and returned to his home, where he has since devoted his attention to planting, and has done well. His plantation is a fertile and admirably conducted one and is situated on a beautiful prairie, and he has the consciousness that it was obtained through his own endeavors, and not from

inheritance. He is an enterprising and industrious planter and has proven himself a good manager.²⁹

Children of Robert Luther Franklin and Anne E. Goldson are:

- A. Robert Luther Franklin was born 1880 and died 1880
- B. Murray Luther Franklin was born 1877 and died 1889
- C. John Luther Franklin
- D. Mattie Lee Franklin, married (?) Talbert.
- E. Charles Albert Franklin was born about 1882. He died Aug 14, 1916 in Bakersfield, California. He married Mary Sallie Glasgow about 1905. She was born Feb 4, 1888 in Clay County, Mississippi. She died Nov 12, 1969 in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas

Children of Charles Albert Franklin and Mary Sallie Glasgow are:

- 1. John Luther "Sam" Franklin was born Dec 11, 1907. He died Nov 9, 1971 in Clay County, Mississippi. He married Sara Louise Anthony on Jul 16, 1934 in Aberdeen, Monroe County, Mississippi. She was born Dec 13, 1913 in Clay County, Mississippi. She died Dec 26, 1997 in Clay County, Mississippi.

Children of John Luther "Sam" Franklin and Sara Louise Anthony are:

- a. Anne Claire Franklin married Robert Patrick Washington
Children:

- (1) Robert Patrick Washington, Jr. married Brenda Joyce Bigham

Children:

- (a) Jennifer Marie Washington
- (b) Robert Patrick Washington, III

- (2) Mary Kay Washington married William Harmon Patterson

- (3) Amy Louise Washington married Thomas Blake Garrard

- b. Richard A. Franklin married Joyce Bell.

- c. James F. Franklin married Shelby Healey.

- 2. Charles Albert "Steve" Franklin, II was born Jun 9, 1910 in Montgomery, Alabama. He died Nov 23, 1981 in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas. He married Raffaella Angelina Maria Bernadette "Mary" Albano on Aug 9, 1931 in New York, New York. She was born Mar 3, 1914 in Naples, Italy. She died Apr 27, 1989 in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas

Children:

- a. Charles Albert Franklin, III married (1) Jean Ann Van Hout. He married (2) Letha Ann "Lee" Landrum

29. *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, Vol. 1, pp 767-768, The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891, Chicago. A copy of this is also found in FFRU, Volume 1 of FFRU, pages 72-73

Children of Charles Albert Franklin, III and Jean Ann Van Hout are:

- (1) Charles Albert Franklin, IV was born Feb 9, 1956 in New York. He died Mar 29, 1956 in New York
 - (2) James Lloyd Franklin married Denise Rae Gleason.
Children:
 - (a) Jason Charles Franklin
 - (b) Jessica Rae Franklin
 - (c) Jennifer Lynn Franklin
 - (3) Dawn Cathleen Franklin married Ed Van Horn
Children:
 - (a) Ashley Elizabeth Van Horn
 - (b) Erika Anne Van Horn
 - (4) Kevin Ernest Franklin was born Feb 22, 1963 in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York, and died Mar 10, 1994 in Seneca Falls, New York. He married Anita E. Smith.
Children:
 - (a) Felicia Elaine Franklin
- b. Sammye Louise Franklin married David Leon Miller. He was born Sep 22, 1934 in Newport News, Virginia. He died Mar 21, 1981 in Minden, Louisiana.
Child:
- (1) David Charles Miller married Marsha Marie Kozelski.
Children:
 - (a) Amanda Nicole Miller
 - (b) Morgan Alexandra Miller
 - (c) Hannah Marie Miller
 - (2) Debra Lynn Miller
 - (3) DeAnn Marie Miller married Erich Stephen Grant.
Child:
 - (a) Rachel Lynn Grant
- c. Jean Marie Franklin married Dennis Lee Lewis.
Children:
- (1) Carey Daniel Lewis married (1) Kathy Lyde. He married (2) Donna Kay Wright
Children of Carey Daniel Lewis and Kathy Lyde:
 - (a) Cary Daniel Ryan Lewis
 - (2) Catherine Louise Lewis married Joseph Mendoza.
Child:
 - (a) Heather Marie Mendoza.
 - (3) Chris Lee Lewis married William John Gunnels
Children:
 - (a) Charles Dennis Gunnels
 - (b) Corey Daniel Gunnels
 - (c) Clayton Dean Gunnels
 - (4) Carl Dennis Lewis

III. Tempy (Tempie) Franklin was born about 1841. She married James Carpenter. He was born about 1841. He died about 1932.

Children:

- A. Oliver Carpenter
- B. Ben Carpenter
- C. James Carpenter

IV. Benjamin Young Franklin was born Apr 4, 1844 in Itawamba County, Mississippi. He died Sep 9, 1887 of yellow fever in Sabine Parish, Louisiana and was buried in Bayou Scie Cemetery. When his mother, his brothers, and sisters moved to Arkansas after his father died, Benjamin stayed behind until after the war, when he rejoined them. He married Keron Abaline Cook on Feb 4, 1865 in Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. She was born Jan 21, 1846, the daughter of Samuel Cook and Keziah Maxwell. She died Nov 10, 1922 in Sabine Parish, Louisiana and is buried next to her husband in Bayou Scie Cemetery.

Benjamin Young Franklin served in Company H of the Fifth Alabama Regiment during the Civil War.

He was accosted on his farm in Arkansas by a drunk and during the ensuing fight his attacker was fatally injured. Following this incident, in the Fall of 1870, they moved to Rusk County, Texas. He did not enjoy Texas and in about 1881 they moved to Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

Children:

- A. Seleta Eliza Franklin was born in 1867 in Ashley County, Arkansas.
- B. Samuel Cook Franklin was born Dec 4, 1870 in Mt. Enterprise, Rusk County, Texas. He died Nov 23, 1973 in Sherman, Grayson County, Texas. On Jan 3, 1900 he married Mattie Siebert. She was born Feb 25, 1878 in Sadler, Grayson County, Texas. She died Sep 24, 1969 in Whitesboro, Grayson County, Texas.

Child:

- 1. Albert Benjamin Cecil Franklin was born Aug 23, 1901 in Sadler, Texas. He died Jun 7, 1979 in Brea, California.
- C. Elmira A. Franklin was born in 1872 in Mt. Enterprise, Rusk County, Texas.
- D. John A. Franklin was born in 1874 in Mt. Enterprise, Rusk County, Texas.
- E. Thomas C. Franklin was born in 1876 in Mt. Enterprise, Rusk County, Texas.
- F. Keziah Maxwell Franklin was born in 1877 in Mt. Enterprise, Rusk County, Texas.
- G. Charles L. Franklin was born in 1879 in Mt. Enterprise, Rusk County, Texas.
- H. William Henry Franklin was born in 1881 in Sabine Parish, Louisiana.
- I. Ruth Irene Franklin was born in 1885 in Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

- V. George Washington Franklin was born Dec 10, 1845 in Itawamba County, Mississippi. He died Nov 18, 1932 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. On Dec 19, 1876 in Portland, Ashley County, Arkansas, he married Sarah E. "Sallie" Cain. She was born Feb 16, 1851 in Alabama. She died Apr 3, 1934 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas.
- A. George Lurel Franklin was born Nov 22, 1891 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Oct 3, 1894 in Ashley County, Arkansas
- B. Allie Mae Franklin was born Sep 6, 1877 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She married Hugh Ernest McArthur on Oct 17, 1903.
Children:
1. Eula Mai McArthur was born Nov 22, 1904 in Ashley County, Arkansas
 2. Hugh Ernest McArthur was born Mar 16, 1906 in Ashley County, Arkansas
- C. Chester Arthur Franklin was born Nov 30, 1889 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Mar 21, 1939 in his home in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Mittie Belle Dickson Oct 27, 1920. She was born Jun 9, 1898 in Wilmar, Drew County, Arkansas. She died Mar 2, 1984 in Leisure Lodge, Nursing Home, Heber Springs, Arkansas.
Children:
1. Marcella Mai Franklin was born Nov 13, 1921 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. She died Mar 10, 1971 in El Dorado, Arkansas. She married James Jackson Stone on Sep 2, 1939.
Children:
 - a. Linda Gail Stone was born in Crossett, Ashley County, Arkansas. She married Harry Shiver. He was born in Panama City, Florida.
Children:
 - (1) James Bradley Shiver was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. On Jun 10, 2000 in Hamburg, Arkansas, he married Rebecca Barber.
 - (2) Christy Elizabeth Shiver
 - b. Carol Ann Stone married Billy Ray Carpenter.
Children:
 - (1) Jeffery Stone Carpenter
 - (2) Anna Odell Carpenter
 2. Lois Eva Franklin was born Jul 4, 1923 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. She died Mar 13, 2000 in Monticello, Arkansas. On Nov 17, 1944 in Lake Village, Chicot County, Arkansas, she married Hugh Curry Moyers. He was born Jul 26, 1918 in Scott County, Mississippi. He died Feb 16, 1988 in Monticello, Arkansas.
Children:
 - a. David Michael Moyers married Naomi Carol Crouch on Aug 24, 1968 in the United Methodist Church, Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas.
Child:
 - (1) David Michael Moyers, Jr.

- b. Mary Lea Moyers was born Jul 24, 1950 in Crossett, Ashley County, Arkansas. On May 28, 1972 in Fellowship Baptist Church, Snyder, Ashley County, Arkansas, she married Peter John Rieck. He was born in Dutchess County, New York.
Children:
- (1) John Franklin Rieck was born Sep 26, 1977 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
 - (2) Andrew Paul Rieck was born Apr 14, 1980 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
 - (3) Stephen Adam Rieck was born Aug 31, 1982 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
 - (4) Jennifer Rose Rieck was born Aug 5, 1987 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
3. Mary Alice Franklin was born Aug 25, 1927 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Feb 10, 1999 in Arkansas. She married Donald Dace in Little Rock, Arkansas.
Children:
- a. Sarah Dace married Eddie McMullen
 - b. Janna Dace married Byron Beall
 - c. Rebecca Dace
4. Charles Hugh Franklin was born Jun 2, 1934 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Aug 2, 1991 in Mobile, Alabama. He married (1) Rita Sims. He married (2) Ann Brooks in 1991 at Mobile, Alabama.
Children of Charles Hugh Franklin and Rita Sims:
- a. Susan Lenore Franklin
 - b. Sarah Louise Franklin
- D. Ernest Augustu³⁰s Franklin was born Feb 1, 1882 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Nov 9, 1964 in Crossett, Arkansas. On Feb 5, 1908, he married Laura Katherine Hundley. She was born Sep 10, 1881. She died May 25, 1964 in Ashley County, Arkansas.
Children:
1. Frank H. Franklin was born Feb 23, 1907 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He married Maude Tucker on Aug 25, 1934
 2. Sallie Joe Franklin was born Aug 22, 1910 and died Oct 24, 1913
- E. Eula McBride Franklin was born Dec 14, 1880 in Ashley County, Arkansas She died 1961. On Jul 9, 1916, she married Frank Mc Mullen.
- F. Floyd Anderson Franklin was born Sep 20, 1887 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Mar 5, 1948. On Jan 21, 1919, he married Leta Day.

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VI. John Bunyan Franklin was born Jun 28, 1848 in Mississippi. He died Apr 2, 1893 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. On Feb 12, 1873, he married (1) Nancy Malinda Cone. She was born Feb 11, 1853. She died Aug 14, 1883 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. On Apr 6, 1884 in Arkansas he married (2) Lukie Pierce. She was born 1864 She died May 3, 1887 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas. He married (3) Henrietta J. Straughn on Sep 11, 1886 in Arkansas. She died in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas

Children:

- A. Alvin L. Franklin was born Dec 15, 1873 in Ashley County, Arkansas and died Nov 8, 1878
- B. Oliver D. Franklin was born Sep 24, 1875 in Ashley County, Arkansas and died Aug 19, 1881
- C. David E. Franklin was born Feb 25, 1877 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Sep 24, 1879
- D. Ida M. Franklin was born Jul 28, 1878 in Ashley County, Arkansas.
- E. George A. Franklin was born Mar 10, 1880 in Ashley County, Arkansas.
- F. Eva M. Franklin was born Jul 11, 1882 in Ashley County, Arkansas.

Children of John Bunyan Franklin and Henrietta J. Straughn:

- G. Mary E. Franklin was born Jul 5, 1888
- H. Seleta Parilea Franklin was born Feb 5, 1890 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She died Jan 20, 1891 in Ashley County, Arkansas
- I. John B. Franklin was born Aug 12, 1893 in Ashley County, Arkansas. He died Aug 12, 1900 in Berea, Ashley County, Arkansas.

VII. Charles M. Franklin was born about 1852.

VIII. James R. Franklin was born about 1854 in Mississippi. He died about 1908. He married Mattie Ann Jackson. She was born about 1856 and died about 1936.

IX. Oliver B. Franklin was born Sep 11, 1857 in Mississippi. He died Sep 5, 1898. He married Margie Powell on Feb 13, 1879. She was born Nov 5, 1859. She died Oct 11, 1899 in Ashley County, Arkansas.

Children:

- A. Arthur Franklin
- B. Abbie Franklin was born Apr 28, 1880. She died Dec 28, 1956 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. She married Samuel Albert Miller on Mar 8, 1910. He was born Jun 16, 1867 He died Aug 26, 1945 and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Dallas, Texas
 - 1. Samuel Franklin Miller was born Dec 7, 1910. He died Dec 19, 1913 and was buried in McGehee, Arkansas Cemetery, "Durain Plot."
 - 2. Marguerite Miller was born Dec 10, 1912 She married Claude L. Carpenter on Apr 24, 1938. He was born Nov 25, 1911. He died Jun 4, 1967 and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

Children:

- a. Robert Wayne Carpenter married Lana Beth Houghton.
Children:
 - (1) Elizabeth Lynn "Beth" Carpenter
 - (2) Robert W. "Bob" Carpenter, Jr. married Beverly A. Cox.
- b. James Franklin "Jim" Carpenter married (1) Ann Trimble on Aug 23, 1969.
He married (2) Marsha Bainbridge in 1992.
Children of James Franklin "Jim" Carpenter and Ann Trimble:
 - (1) Claudia Anne Carpenter
 - (2) Rebecca Sue "Becky" Carpenter
Child of James Franklin "Jim" Carpenter and Marsha Bainbridge:
 - (3) Christen Marsha Carpenter
- c. Patricia Elaine "Patty" Carpenter married Robert Lee Brannon.
Child:
 - (1) Abbie Louise Brannon
- d. Gary Miller Carpenter married (1) Rita Sue Nixon on Aug 8, 1976. He married (2) Julie Marie Perez on Dec 1, 1984.
Children of Gary Miller Carpenter and Julie Marie Perez:
 - (1) Jessica Carpenter
 - (2) Tessa Miller Carpenter
3. Frances Elizabeth Miller was born Aug 17, 1915 in Jefferson, Texas. She died Sep 5, 1987 She married Marvin B. McCarley on Dec 26, 1937. He was born Aug 1, 1906. He died Jul 9, 1987
- C. Ollie Franklin was born Jan 4, 1882. She died Jul 28, 1959. She married Earl Parkell of Birmingham, Alabama on Jun 16, 1912.
 1. Albert Earl Parkell was born Mar 16, 1902 in Birmingham, Alabama
 2. Charles Oliver Parkell was born Jan 28, 1905 in Birmingham, Alabama
 3. Claird Arthur Parkell was born Apr 16, 1907 in Birmingham, Alabama
 4. Claude Franklin Parkell was born Apr 16, 1907 in Birmingham, Alabama
- D. Minnie Franklin was born Aug 26, 1884, and died Oct 23, 1967. She married John Hawthorn Aug 10, 1902.
Children:
 1. Sallie Mae Hawthorn was born Nov 23, 1906.
 2. Stephen Hawthorn was born Mar 9, 1909.
 3. Lona Hawthorn was born Jun 26, 1913.
 4. Johnne Hawthorn was born Jun 26, 1913.
 5. Lillian Hawthorn was born Jun 20, 1917.
 6. Lester Hawthorn was born Aug 22, 1923.
- E. Ella R. Franklin was born Mar 18, 1887. She died Sep 11, 1889 in Ashley County, Arkansas

- F. Hattie Seleta Franklin was born Mar 24, 1891 in Ashley County, Arkansas. She died Dec 16, 1970 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas. On Jan 10, 1912 in Little Rock, Arkansas, she married (1) Louis Edward Durain. He was born Dec 23, 1874 in Toledo, Ohio. He died Mar 27, 1935 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas. She married (2) George Chester Hagan on Jun 13, 1946 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas. He was born about 1873 and died about 1960

Children of Hattie Seleta Franklin and Louis Edward Durain:

1. Lyman Arthur Durain was born Jul 17, 1913, and died Jun 24, 1914.
2. Wilburn Edward Durain was born Jan 22, 1915 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas. He married, (1) Willie Christine Tuberville on Sep 25, 1945. She was born Jan 11, 1920 in Louisiana. She died Dec 18, 1989 in El Dorado, Arkansas. He married (2) Cathy Jane Gandy on Jun 24, 1978.

Children of Wilburn Edward Durain and Willie Christine Tuberville:

- a. Wilburn Edward Durain, Jr. married Sharon Valcoor.

Child:

- (1) Tracey Lynn Durain

Children of Wilburn Edward Durain and Cathy Jane Gandy:

- (2) Tiffany Chrisanne Durain

- (3) Allison Lynn Durain

3. Norman Everette Durain was born Feb 21, 1917 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas. He died May 13, 1999. On Mar 17, 1946, he married Waudene Porterfield. She was born Dec 13, 1922 in Tennessee.

Child:

- a. Norman Everette Durain, Jr. married Dawn Gargaro.

Children:

- (1) Cora Elizabeth Durain

- (2) Jesse Everette Durain

- (3) Leah Elyse Durain

- (4) Luke Arthur Durain

- (5) Cody Andrew Durain

- (6) Emma Aileen Durain was born in Houston, Texas.

4. Milford Franklin Durain was born Jun 17, 1919 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas. He died Oct 10, 1926 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas.

5. Irma Louise Durain was born Nov 6, 1920 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas. On Oct 18, 1943, she married Joseph Peter Dudek was born Nov 4, 1914 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. He died Dec 25, 1981 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
 - a. Joseph Anthony Dudek married (1) Mechthild Otilie Becker. He married (2) Stella Diane Olson.
 - (1) Ronald Wolfgang Dudek married Petra Carolina Pieper.
 - (a) Michelle Pieper
 - (2) Robert Gene Dudek
 - b. Charles Franklin Dudek married (1) Shirley Sue Bing. He married (2) Marlan "Mickey" Hanauer. He married (3) Kathleen Goetsch. Children of Charles Franklin Dudek and Shirley Sue Bing:
 - (1) Laura Denise Dudek married William Brichetto.
 - Child:
 - (a) Branden Paul Brichetto
 - (2) Stefanie Alison Dudek
 - c. Eugene Louis Dudek married Mary Elaine Heeren. He married (2) Sandra (?). Children:
 - (1) Melissa Marie Dudek
 - (2) Kelly Ann Dudek
 - (3) Tami Jean Dudek
 - (4) Nathan Joseph Dudek
6. Eugene Clayton Durain was born Mar 7, 1922 in McGehee, Desha County, Arkansas.
- G. Haddon Arthur Franklin was born Jun 24, 1894 in Hamburg, Arkansas. He died Jun 13, 1984 in Richmond, California. He married Winifred Woodman on Jul 14, 1918 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was born Jan 25, 1894 in Carbon Hill, Alabama. She died Jun 1992 in Richmond, California. Children:
 1. Joan Franklin was born Dec 10, 1920 in Montrose, Arkansas. She married (1) Martin C. Yates on Nov 13, 1949 in Miami, Florida. He was born Nov 3, 1911 He died Feb 4, 1993 in California. She married (2) Gene S. Howard on May 24, 1998. He was born Dec 27, 1915. He died Mar 27, 1999 in Cheyenne, Wyoming
 2. H. Arthur Franklin, Jr. married Joanne Fay Guelette Children:
 - a. Leanne Rene Franklin
 - b. Robin Joyce Franklin
- H. Lona Maude Franklin was born Mar 4, 1895. She died Jun 24, 1983 in Snyder, Arkansas She married (1) Charles E. Cone on Apr 1, 1913. He died May 13, 1938 in Snyder, Arkansas. She married (2) Frank H. Dennington on Nov 25, 1939. He died about 1965 in Dermott, Arkansas.
- X. Martha Virginia Franklin was born about 1859 in Mississippi. She married Walter Greene.

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Famous Franklins - Sir John Franklin

By Ben Franklin, Editor. There are numerous historical accounts about Sir John. If anyone has additional genealogical information, please let me know, so that I can share it.



Sir John Franklin was born 16 Apr 1786, the twelfth and youngest son of Willingham Franklin. He died on 11 June 1847. On 16 Aug 1823 he married 1) Eleanor Anne Porden, daughter of William Porden. She died in 1825. He married 2) Jane Griffin on the 5 Nov 1828 at Great Stanmore, London, England³¹. She was the daughter of John Griffin.

Sir John Franklin died on while seeking the Northwest passage on 11 Jun 1847

Sir John Franklin lived a extraordinarily adventurous life with many perilous experiences.

His family was descended from a line of free-holders or “franklins” from whom some centuries earlier they had derived their surname; but the small family estate was sold by his father, who went into business. John was the fifth and youngest son and ninth child. Contrary to his father’s wishes, he pursued a nautical career from a very early age. He joined the British Navy at the age of 14 after already sailing on a voyage to Lisbon, Portugal on a merchantman. His first Navy assignment was to the 64-gun *Polyphemus* as a midshipman. Under Captain John Lawford, on 1 April 1801, the *Polyphemus* participated in the bombardment of the Danish fleet at the Battle of Copenhagen. Casualties were very heavy on both sides; on the *Polyphemus* a midshipman, four seamen and one marine were killed and the boatswain, twenty seamen and four marines were wounded.

His career as an explorer began in June of 1801 when he was transferred to *Investigator*, he participated in the exploration of the Australian coast under the command of his cousin, Matthew Flinders. This voyage included a number of adventures including a shipwreck on a coral reef and rescue. During his homeward journey, Franklin sailed on the *Bellerophon* under Captain John Cooke, and participated in the Battle of Trafalgar, during which he was in charge of signals. The *Bellerophon* came under withering fire. Of the 40 people around Franklin on the poop deck, all but eight were either killed or wounded.

Sailing on the *Bedford* in 1808, the ship was part of a squadron which accompanied the Portuguese Royal Family to South America and then the ship maintained station off the coast. In 1814 he participated in the Battle of New Orleans against the Americans.

On 14 January 1818 Lieut. John Franklin was appointed to his first command, the hired brig *Trent*. The *Trent* and the hired sloop *Dorothea*, were sent on an expedition led by Captain David Buchan with orders to explore the Polar sea to the north of Spitzbergen. The two ships sailed to the northward between Greenland and Spitzbergen arriving in Magdalena Bay in Spitzbergen which was full of decaying ice from four glaciers. An ill-advised musket shot at an ice flow a half a mile away knocked down a huge chunk of it from 200 feet above the water. This produced a 96 foot wave which swept away *Trent’s* launch. The crew barely escaped with their lives. *Dorothea*, which was being careened³² four miles away, was righted. The iceberg was found to be 100 feet high and nearly a quarter of a mile in circumference.

Lieutenant Franklin made a dangerous land and river journey from Hudson Bay to the Coppermine River in the company of Midshipmen (afterwards Sir) George Back and Richard Hood, Dr. (afterwards Sir) John Richardson, a naval surgeon, two sailors, John Hepburn and Samuel Wilkes, and four Orkney boatmen. The purpose of the expedition was to determine the exact location of the mouth of the Coppermine River and to map the shore of the Polar Sea to the eastward. They sailed from Gravesend in the *Prince of Wales* on 23 May 1819 and, after being nearly wrecked on Resolution Island, reached York Factory (the principal depot of the Hudson’s Bay Company) at the mouth of the Nelson River in Manitoba, on 31 August. His instruc-

31. LDS IGI.

32. careened: to cause a vessel to lie on its side on a beach, etc., to allow workers access to the bottom.

tions had assumed that he would be able to obtain a schooner at this point to take them up to Wager Bay, but the ship was unusable and no guides could be obtained along the coast. He decided to accept the advice of the people at York Factory and follow the chain of Hudson's Bay Company posts to the Great Slave Lake. The journey was very arduous with cold, hunger and failure of boats and equipment taking their toll. This trip last through several winters near the Arctic Circle and it was only with heroic effort that anyone survived to tell the tale.

At the end of this expedition, Franklin summarized the journey:

"Lieut. Back, Dr. Richardson, John Hepburn, Augustus and I returned to York Factory on the 14 July. Thus terminated our long, fatiguing, and disastrous travels in North America, having journeyed by water and land (including our navigation of the Polar Sea), 5550 miles."

On his return Commander Franklin was promoted to post captain on 20 November 1822

The story of his expedition was published in the following year and immediately became a classic of adventure and travel.

Shortly after his return, he began the cautious courtship of Eleanor Porden,³³ much of it conducted through letters and with little apparent romance. She was a frail, already weakened from the effects of tuberculosis that led to her early death. Despite her illness, however, she was a talented and published poetess and what would be called now a feminist who conducted regular get-togethers of London's literati. The courtship was almost derailed because of Sir John's disapproval of her literary career and her use of Sundays for writing and entertaining. By the same token, Eleanor worried that she was being forced into the conformity of Methodism. He surrendered to her ultimatums and they were married just a year after his return. They married on 16 August 1823.³⁴ Eleanor died less than two years later.

Early in 1825 he was entrusted with the command of a second overland expedition. His wife was very sick at the time, but she urged him to place his duty to his country before his love for her, so he set sail without waiting to witness her end. She made and presented him with, a silk union flag which was not to be unfurled until he reached the Polar Sea. Six days later she died, leaving a daughter only eight months old.³⁵

Again accompanied as before by Dr. (afterwards Sir) John Richardson and Lieutenant (afterwards Sir) George Back, he descended the Mackenzie river in the season of 1826 and followed the North American coast as far as 149° 37' W. Long., while Dr. Richardson at the head of a another party traced the mouths of the Coppermine and Mackenzie rivers.

Thus between 1819 and 1827, he and his fellow explorers added 1,200 miles of coast line to the map of the American continent, or one-third of the whole distance from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These exertions were fully appreciated in England and around the world. He was knighted in 1829; received the honorary degree of D.C.L. from the university of Oxford, was awarded the gold medal of the Geographical Society of Paris, and was elected corresponding member of the Paris Academy of Sciences. The results of these two expeditions are described by Franklin and Dr. Richardson in two magnificent works published in 1824 - 1829.

33. Eleanor Porden was the youngest daughter of William Porden. He was a well-known architect, having designed the King's stables at Brighton Pavilion.

34. In the IGI this is listed as the 19th of Aug 1823

35. According to FFRU Volume 11, Sir John Franklin's only child was this daughter (not named in the Volume). She married in 1849 the Rev. John Philip Gell, the head of an old Derbyshire family, who, as a young man, had been elected by Dr. Arnold's advice to be principal of the college in Hobart Town, and was long rector of Buxted in Sussex. Mrs. Gell died in 1860, leaving several children. (*Ed.: I don't know how authoritative this mention in Volume 11 is. There are no source documents listed to consult*)

On his return as a hero and a widower, he courted Jane Griffin,³⁶ who had been a close friend of his late wife. In less than a year, on the 5th of November 1828 he married her, at Great Stanmore, London, England.³⁷ Like Eleanor, Jane was an intelligent, intellectual social activist. At age 36, she had spurned many suitors, including Peter Roget of *Thesaurus* fame. She seems to have become the force behind Sir John's ambition and influenced the offer made to him of command of a frigate in the Mediterranean. During his years there she traveled extensively, visiting Greece, Turkey, Egypt and the Middle East. When he returned to London after tour of duty, competing with other half-pay officers for the few available assignments, she made use of her powers of persuasion and he was offered and accepted a post as the governor of Van Dieman's Land which is present-day Tasmania.



In 1837 Sir John was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemen's Land and moved to Hobart with his wife that year. During the politically turbulent years of his office (1837-1843) he attempted to promote the development of cultural pursuits in a colony of brutalized convicts and Aborigines, and free settlers. Sir John established a State education system, founded the Tasmanian Natural History Society (which became the first scientific Royal Society to be established outside Britain) and subsidized the *Tasmanian Journal of Natural History*. During his period in office, Tasmania became the intellectual hub of the Australian colonies.

The posting turned out to be a six-year debacle, not only because of his inexperience as a politician, but because his wife had an uncanny ability to alienate people. Admitting defeat, they returned to England.

36. the daughter of John Griffin.

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Thus it was perhaps to redeem himself that in 1843, when no one else could be found to lead another expedition to seek the Northwest Passage, Sir John, at the age of 59, was asked to take command and he accepted. The crew consisted of some of the finest, most experienced explorers in England. His two-ship flotilla, the *Erebus* and the *Terror*, with 128 men, one dog, and one pet monkey, left England in 1845. Later that summer word came back to England that the two ships had been seen in Greenland in Disko Bay. Then there was silence... for the rest of that year, and for the next, and for the year after that. Neither the *Erebus* nor the *Terror* nor Sir John Franklin nor any of his crew ever came home.

In 1859 Captain Leopold M'Clintock of the steam yacht *Fox* found a small cairn on the north-west coast of King William Island. It contained a paper:

“28 May 1847 H.M. ships *Erebus* and *Terror* wintered in the ice in lat. 70 deg 05 min N. long. 98deg 23min W. Having wintered, in 1846-7, at Beechey Island, in lat. 74deg 43min 28sec N., long. 91deg 39min 15sec. W., after having ascended Wellington Channel to lat. 77deg., and returned by the westside of Corwallis Island, All well. Party consisting of two officers and six men left the ships on Monday 24 May 1847.

Gm. Gore, Lieut.

Chas. F. Des Voeux, Mate”

Around the margin, in another person's handwriting were written the following words:

“April 25th 1848 - H.M. ships *Terror* and *Erebus* were deserted on the 22nd April, 5 leagues N.N.W. of this having been beset since 12 September 1846. The officers and crews, consisting of 105 souls, under the command of Captain F.R.M. Crozier, landed here in lat. 69deg. 98min. 41sec. W. Sir John Franklin died on 11 June 1847; and the total loss by deaths in the expedition has been, to this date, nine officers and fifteen men.

F.R.M. Crozier, Captain and Senior Officer.

James Fitzjames, Captain of H.M.S. *Erebus*

And start to-morrow, 26th, for

Back's Fish River.”

Tennyson wrote the epitaph for his memorial at Westminster Abbey:

*Not here: the white North hath thy bones, and thou Heroic Sailor Soul art passing
on thy happier voyage now toward no earthly pole.*

Postscript: Many, many expeditions were sent both before and after 1859 when Captain M'Clintock uncovered the exact fate of Sir John, to delve more deeply into what happened to all these men. Lady Jane Franklin was instrumental in maintaining interest in discovering their fate and in raising funds and promoting expeditions. She died in 1875.

Even as recently as the 1990's there have been new discoveries which seem to indicate that lead poisoning from the ship's provisions may have been an important factor in the failure of the Franklin expedition.

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Book Review: *The Fox and Stidham Families*

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Author: Fox, Berdie Steadmon.

Title: *The Fox and Stidham Families* / by Berdie Steadmon Fox.

Publication Information: Cullman, Ala.: The Gregath Company, 1987.

Format: v, 117 p.: ill., facsim., port. Also on microfiche. 6100345

Contents: Descendants of Titus Fox (ca. 1760-1825), a son of James and Elizabeth Fox. He married Elizabeth Wright (1766-1845) in 1780. Both died in Hopkins County, Kentucky. They had nine children. Most of their children were born in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Descendants live in Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Georgia and elsewhere.

Includes related families of Hardwick, Jeffreys, Franklin, Henson, Connor, Castleberry, Lovett, etc.

Earliest Franklin Progenitor: Merrill Franklin, born about 1825 in Tennessee, married on 25 May 1842, to Elizabeth Henson in Paulding County, Georgia. She was born about 1825 in Georgia. The family was in Carroll County, Georgia for the 1850 Census.

My Observations: Format is neat and clearly legible. It uses a custom version of the Henry numbering system. The research appears to be top-notch, with source references and even copies of original documents included in the book. There are only two pages on the Franklins and Hensons (pp 99-100).

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, contact me - Ed.

Robert Franklin born about 1810 in New York, married Jane or Margaret Elliot of the River Clyde in England. Their son, Robert Irwin Franklin, was born 26 May 1834 in Buffalo, New York. He died 14 Sep 1909 in Gig Harbor, Washington. He married Elizabeth Dickens. Any info or associations would be greatly appreciated.

Betty Gilkinson <bgilkinson@aol.com>

I would like to correspond with someone who is familiar with the Franklin family, who were the first Franklins to settle in Carroll County, Maryland, in 1745. Thomas Franklin born 1705 opened an inn in Franklinsville on Old Liberty Road. The information I have is:

Thomas Franklin, born 1705, married Ruth Willmott in 1729 in Baltimore County, Maryland

I. Thomas Franklin, born 1732

1. Charles Franklin, born about 1759, son of Thomas Franklin, Jr.

(1) Charles Franklin, born 1780, married _____ Gorsuch about 1798. Note: Charles was running the Hotel when his daughter Ann was married in 1832.

A. Resin Franklin, born 1799

B. Nathan G. Franklin, born 1804

C. Charles G. Franklin, born 1808 married Sarah A. Buried in Taylorsville Cemetery

D. Ann Franklin, born 1810 married Asbury Barnes in 1832

(2) Resin Franklin, born about 1779, married Elizabeth Gorsuch in 1799

Anyone who knows anything about these Franklins, I would love to hear from you.

Debora Krauss <commhousemom@hotmail.com>

Thomas Franklin born about 1820 Truro Cornwall, died Devonport 24 Feb 1906, married
(1) Selena Williams 6 Apr 1850 in Truro (2) Florina Trevena (nee Martin) 5 Sep 1878 in Falmouth
Children:

Jane born 1851
John born 1852
Henry born 1854
Elijah born 1856
Ellen born 1859
Charlotte born 1861
Emily born 1865
Paul born 1867

Elijah was my ggrandfather. He came to New Zealand in 1898 with eldest son. The rest of his family arrived
1901

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I would like to correspond with anyone who has additional information concerning Grace Ann Franklin,
born 27 Mar 1815 in Deal, Kent, England. She married John Squires on 31 Jan 1837 in St. Mary's Church,
White Chapel, London, England. John Squires was born 18 Aug 1814, High Street, Marylebone, and was
baptized, in St. Mary's Church, Marylebone, London. His parents were listed as John and Ann Squires. She
may be a daughter of Sir John Franklin, born 16 Apr 1786 in Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England (the famous
explorer)...

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*Editor's Response: I began to research Sir John Franklin to respond to Ron's query and this resulted in the
article found earlier in this volume. I have not found any evidence that he fathered a child in addition to the
daughter born 10 years later.*

Related Surnames: Macumber, Jessup, Wormer, Davis, Lundquist, Thomas, Spaulding
Researching family of Erastus Franklin. He was born in New York (unsure where), married to Louisa (?)
and their children were: Eliza, Francis Sophronia, Henry, Thomas C., Augusta Anna and Rosetta E.
Trudy Lowe <trudy5247@aol.com>

My ancestor is William R. (called Reeves) Franklin, born 22 Mar 1878 in Bedford County, Virginia. He married Lydia Ann Loyd, born 4 Nov 1881. His parents were William A. and Virginia Franklin. Reeves had 2 children:

Ora Beatrice Franklin

India Finetti Franklin

I would like to know the death date and burial place of Reeves. Family lore has it that he died in 1902. Any info on this family appreciated.

My surnames are:

Primarily from Virginia: Barton, Franklin, Kefauver, Loyd, McFall(s), Settle(s), Simmons, Wheeler

Primarily from West Virginia: Cox, Boothe, Bishop, Drake, Marks, McQuain, Raines, Summers.

Visit my homepage at:

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Searching for any information about Captain Edward Franklin, Justice. Spouse Mary (?). He was born about 1640-1660 perhaps Virginia, died about 1693. I believe he was a ship's captain. The "Justice" seems to be a title, as in some type of judge, but I don't know for sure. His daughter lived in Westmoreland County, Virginia and married a Sanford.

Hilary Westin <hilarywest@earthlink.net>

I am researching Franklins from Crawford County, Illinois, Vigo and Sullivan Counties in Indiana, and we believe (but no proof yet) Hopkins County, Kentucky. My Franklins are from my maternal Grandmother's side, her father was Emory Earl Franklin (born Oct 17, 1896 died Feb 10, 1951). His father was George Franklin (born Aug 31, 1865, died Jun 10, 1939) George's father was John R. Franklin (born 1828, died Jan 12, 1888). We have proof thus far for our Franklin line, including spouses and children. We believe John's father was James P. Franklin born in Kentucky (possibly Hopkins) and think he was married to a Rebecca Jackson. This is theory, not proven.

I thank you for adding me to registry, I've visited there a few times, and found it very interesting.

Brenda Followell <jbfollowell@frs-l.com>

Editor's Response:

I see several references to this line, but none include source documentation. The beginning of one of the articles, found in FFRU, Volume 19, (published July, 1996) reads:

"James Franklin and Rachel (Unknown)

(Researchers: J. Donald Franklin, 18 Entrada East, Irvine, CA 92720 (1991); Wetona F Harrell, P.O. Box 176, Dawson Springs, KY 42408 (1964); D.W. Dockery, Jr. 934 Bell Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431; FGS Ellen E.M. Kurr for Mary L.B. Atwood, Spanish Fork, Utah. See FFRU Vol 13 page 40 for Kentucky Marriages.)"

J. Donald Franklin's Email address is: jdfranklin@prodigy.net. I corresponded with him in Feb, 2000

Conversely, in an Email dated 29 Apr 2000 14:51:22, Cara Franklin does not list a John Franklin as a descendant of this family, although he seems to be listed in an associated census record, thus:

16. James Ashley Franklin was born on 1 Aug 1808 in Kentucky. He appeared on the census in 1850 in District 1, Hopkins County, Kentucky. 1850 census, Hopkins County, Kentucky, Dist 1, #471/471, Aug 18:

James Franklin	42	Ky	\$150
Rebecca	36	Ky	
John	19	Ky	
Stephen E.	18	Ky	
James A.	16	Ky	
Rachel E.	13	Ky	
Nancy	10	Ky	
Gilbert	7	Ky	
Zerilda	3	Ky	
Logan	3	Ky	
Matilda	1	Ky	

He appeared on the census in 1860 in Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina. 1860 census, Charleston, Hopkins County, Kentucky, Household: 951/951:

James Franklin	51	Ky	\$500
Rebecca	47	Ky	
C. C.	16	Ky	
Logan	13	Ky	

living close by at household 934/934 is S. E. and Emily O. Franklin:

Serilda	13	Ky	
Matilda	10	Ky	
W. B.	9	Ky	male
Francis U.	6	Ky	male
P. J.	1	Ky	sex looks like female but not plain

He appeared on the census in 1870 in Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina. Hopkins County, Ky census, 1870, Charleston District 5, Aug 31, page 96, household 120/120

James Franklin	62	Ky	farmer \$200
Rebecca	58	Ky	

He appeared on the census in 1880 in Charleston, Hopkins County, Kentucky. Hopkins County, Kentucky census 1880, Charleston District, household 111/111: James Franklin, age 72, widowed father of James A. S. Franklin, Ky, Ky, Ky, now living in home of his son, James A.S. Franklin and wife Nancy H. with their 8 children.

No will found for James Ashley or Rebecca at the Hopkins County Courthouse. Researched by Marian G. Hammers, of Madisonville, Kentucky. He was married to Rebecca Jackson (daughter of Christopher Jackson and Rebecca Croft) on 23 Mar 1828 in Hopkins County Kentucky. Original Hopkins County, Kentucky Marriage Register 1807-1868, married by Rev Timothy Sisk. Rebecca Jackson was born about 1814 in Kentucky. James Ashley Franklin and Rebecca Jackson had the following children:

- + 121 i. *Ellender Franklin.*
- + 122 ii. *Stephen Ezell Franklin.*
- + 123 iii. *James Ashley Franklin Jr. aka "Buck".*
- + 124 iv. *Rachel E. Franklin.*
- + 103 v. *Nancy Franklin.*
- 125 vi. *Rebecca Caroline Franklin was born on 13 Mar 1842 in Kentucky. She appeared on the census in 1850 in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Not listed with the family.*
- + 126 vii. *Christopher Gilbert Franklin aka: Kitchener or Kit.*
- 127 viii. *Zerilda/Zerlita Franklin was born on 10 Jan 1847 in Hopkins County, Kentucky. She appeared on the census in 1850 in Hopkins County Kentucky. Age 3 on 1850 census, Hopkins County, Kentucky.*
- + 128 ix. *Logan R. Franklin.*
- 129 x. *Mitilda Franklin was born about 1849 in Hopkins County, Kentucky.*
- 130 xi. *William Bennett Franklin was born on 11 Mar 1851 in Kentucky.*
- 131 xii. *Francis Urey Franklin was born on 14 Jun 1854 in Hopkins County, Kentucky.*
- 132 xiii. *Parnicey Jane Franklin aka: PJ was born on 27 Jan 1859 in Kentucky.*

You may also want to get in touch with Carolyn Moering at: <linka@bellsouth.net>

-Ed.

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