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STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF GREENE, } ss. *B. E. Meyer*
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. }

Mayor of the City of Springfield, in said County, have this day appointed *E. G. Franklin*
a Special Police Officer of said city, to serve from the *16th* day
of *August* *1904*, to the *1st* day of *April* *1905* *189*.
Without pay from the City

Witness my hand and seal of said city, affixed this the *16th*
day of *August* *1904* A. D. *189*.

Attest:
E. M. Houston City Clerk.
[Signature] Mayor.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF GREENE. } ss.

being duly sworn, says he will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Missouri, and comply with the Ordinances of the City of Springfield, and that he will discharge the duties of the office of Policeman faithfully and impartially, and to the best of his skill and ability.

E. G. Franklin
Sworn to and subscribed before me the *16* day of *Aug* A. D. *1904*
John J. Purko Police Judge.

Edward Grundy Franklin
Police Commission
(Note that he was to serve without pay.)

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Letter from the Editor

Another great year for FFRU, and genealogical research in general, is over. This year Ancestry.com has added indexes to both the 1880 Census (courtesy of FamilySearch.org) and the 1870 Census. Toward the end of the year, I decided to subscribe to Genealogy.com's Census Database for access to more census indexes. You will soon see the fruits of this additional data access. The census has never been easier to use for 19th century US-based genealogical research.

We've received several contributions of information from non-US sources, too. There will be a number of articles on these lineages in coming issues.

FFRU began several new features this year. One new feature is the publishing of the full text of various Wills written by Franklins. Another is the publishing of Slave Narratives.

The feature called Famous Franklins, begun in July 2000, continues. These articles should serve as a reminder to each of us that the famous Statesman is not the only Franklin to whom one would like to claim kinship. Ironically, many of these other famous Franklin have, at one time or another, falsely claimed to be kin to the Statesman...

Speaking of the famous Statesman, FFRU has continued to debunk the assumptions by many Franklins that they are somehow kin to this lineage. L. David Roper's genetic study has identified a number of distinct paternal lines via Y-chromosome DNA (See: <http://www.roperld.com/FranklinGenetics.htm>). The Pennsylvania census records (published in Volume 38, Jul 2002) list a surprising number of Franklins whose birthplace is listed as "Prussia". I assume that the likelihood of these being related to the British Franklins is fairly low.

Again, per FFRU policy, this being the last volume of the year, here is the financial report.

	Category	2001	2002	2003
Income	Subscriptions (2003 - 51 Subscribers)	1508.00	1166.00	920.00
	Other income, Backissues, gifts, etc.	174.00	568.78	542.92
Total Income		1,682.00	1,734.78	1,462.92
Expenses	Photocopying	<1120.87>	<1215.87>	<862.60>
	Postage	<482.66>	<381.43>	<290.32>
	Miscellany, advertising, bank fees, sales tax, carryover from previous year.	<441.68>	<137.48>	<310.00>
Net		<363.21>	<0.00>	<0.00>

Again, due the to the largesse of several generous donors, we were able to balance the books and continue operating, despite the bad economy. Thanks!!!

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Descendants of Ambros Newton Franklin

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Generation No. 1

1. Ambros Newton Franklin was born 04 Apr 1840 in Tennessee, and died 15 Jul 1911 in Giles County, Tennessee the son of Richard and Francis (Cress?¹) Franklin and Francis. He married to Minerva E. Brown (or Crabtree?) on 26 Jul 1863 in Marshall County, Tennessee by Zachariah Haislip, JP. She was born about 1841 (or 1851?), and died about 1871. She was the daughter of William Crabtree and Mary Foster.

In the 1850 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Marshall County, Subdistrict 53, page 19, HH 269/269, he is listed as "Ambrose N. Franklin", age 10, born TN, the child of Richard and Francis.

The 1860 Marshall County, Tennessee census indicates that Ambrose Franklin, age 21, was a farmhand living with the J. J. Walls family (District 2, HH 420/406). According to the census, he could neither read nor write.

Ambros N. Franklin enlisted on 24 Nov 1862. Tennessee Confederate pension application records show application #13183 by A. N. Franklin of Giles County, Tennessee. Those records indicate he served as a Private in I Company, 8th Infantry, C.S.A. This was quoted in Volume 41, *Confederate Pension Application of Ambrose N. Franklin - Rejected*.

The 1870 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Marshall County, District 3, page HH 66/68:

A. N. Franklin, 30m, P.P. \$500, farming, born TN;

Minerva Franklin 29f, keeping house, born TN;

F. M. Franklin, 5f, born TN;

B. J. Franklin, 2m, born TN;

L. S. Franklin, 5/12f, born TN.

The 1880 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Lincoln County, District 9, page 133A, HH 87/87.

A. N.² Franklin, self, married, 40m, born TN, farmer, Fa: GA, Mo: TN;

Manerva Franklin, wife, married, 38f, born TN, keeps house, Fa: [blank], Mo: TN;

Francis Franklin, daughter, single, 14f, born TN, Fa: TN, ³ Mo: TN;

Robert J. Franklin, son, single, 12m, born TN, on farm, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

A. Franklin, daughter, single, 10f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

Mollie Franklin, daughter, single, 9f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

James⁴ Franklin, son, single, 2m, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN.

The 1900 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Giles County, Roll 1572 Book 1, Page 306B:

Ambrose Franklin, head, widower, 60m, born Apr 1840 in TN, Fa: GA, Mo:VA, farmer;

Lona Boswell, daughter, widow, 30f, born Nov 1869 in TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

Almer Boswell, granddaughter, single, 9f, born Apr 1891 in TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

Josie Boswell, granddaughter, single, 6f, born Feb 1894 in TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

Lyla Boswell, granddaughter, single, 1f, born Sep 1898 in TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

The 1910 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Giles County, District 20 page 92B

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1. In the 1850 Census, there is a 60-year old woman living with Richard and Francis who is named "Dotie Cress". This may be Richard's mother-in-law. Note that the oldest daughter of Richard and Francis is named "Dosha Louisa Franklin"
 2. FamilySearch.org has this as "A. U." - it's clearly A. N.. - Ed
 3. FamilySearch.org has this as "TM" - it's clearly TN. - Ed
 4. FamilySearch.org has this as "Jann" - it's clearly James. - Ed

Ammus Frankland, head, 64m, widower, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;
Lonie Billings, daughter, 39f, widow, 5 children/4living, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;
Joe Billings, granddaughter, 16f, single, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;
Inese Billings, granddaughter, 12f, single, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;
Lyler Billings, granddaughter, 6f, single, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN;

Tennessee Confederate pension application records show application #9182 by Ambros N. Franklin of Marshall County, Tennessee. Those records indicate he served in the 8th Infantry and died in Sep 1911.

Tennessee death record #652-28541 indicates that Ambrose Franklin of Bunker Hill, Giles County, Tennessee died on 15 Jul 1911 at age 65 from diarrhea. Those records indicate he lived in the 16th School District, was a farmer, and was born at Petersburg, Tennessee. (Note: Based upon census records, he was approximately 71 years old.)

Descendant Myrtle Richardson related to me a family tradition that the health of Ambros Franklin was ruined during his service in the Civil War when he and other soldiers were starving and resorted to eating the spoiled flesh of dead horses. His death years later was said to have been related to intestinal problems that started during the war.

Myrtle Richardson also told me that most of the children of Ambrose and Minerva Franklin were buried at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church cemetery at Bunker Hill, Giles County, Tennessee.

Ambrose was buried in Indian Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, between Pisgah and Bunker Hill in Giles County, Tennessee

According to Myrtle Richardson, an oral family tradition holds that Minerva E. Brown was “an adopted child raised in a wealthy home.”

A Rootsweb.com posting by Terry Kaye Hill dated 9 Jan 2003, who is a descendant of Luther Henry Franklin, states that Ambros N. Franklin married Minerva Crabtree, daughter of William and Mary Ann Foster Crabtree. According to Hill, Minerva Franklin was born 1851 and died 1871.

Children of Ambros Franklin and Minerva Crabtree(?) are:

- i. Fannie M.³ Franklin, born about 1865 in Tennessee. According to Myrtle Richardson, oral tradition holds that Fannie Franklin had no children.
- ii. Robert J. Franklin, born about 1868 in Tennessee. Thought to have died at an early age.
2. iii. Lidia A. “Lonie” Franklin, born Jan 1870; died 1918.
3. iv. Mollie Franklin, born 1863 in Tennessee
4. v. James Franklin, born 1878 in Tennessee.

Generation No. 2

2. Lidia A. “Lonie”³ Franklin (Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born Jan 1870,⁵ and died 1918. She was buried in Indian Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, between Pisgah and Bunker Hill in Giles County, Tennessee. She married (1) Josiah Mitchell. She married (2) _____ Boswell and (3) _____ Billings.

According to Myrtle Richardson, Lonie Franklin’s first husband, Josiah Mitchell, was a Mason. When he died, Lonie and her children moved to Nashville to live in the Masonic Home for Orphans and Widows. The children loved it there because they had their own beds and were well provided for. Lonie later remarried to Mr. Boswell, who was also a Mason. When he also died, Lonie and the children returned to the Mason’s home. The children cried when Lonie later remarried to Mr. Billings and they had to leave the Mason’s home.

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5. According to 190 Census Lona Boswell was born Nov 1969. She was widowed and had 3 children/3 living

Children of Lidia Franklin and Josiah Mitchell are:

5. i. Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, born 20 Mar 1890⁶, Giles County, Tennessee (or 1891?); died 29 Jan 1968, Lewisburg, Marshall County, Tennessee.
- ii. Josie "Jo" Mitchell, born Feb 1894 in Tennessee. According to Myrtle Richardson, Jo Mitchell was thought to have died at about age 16.
- iii. Delia/Lyla Mitchell born Sep 1898. According to Myrtle Richardson, Delia Mitchell died in infancy.

Child of Lidia Franklin and _____ Boswell is:

- iv. Inez⁴ Boswell, married Claude Cassidy. According to Myrtle Richardson, they had no children.

Child of Lidia Franklin and _____ Billings is:

6. v. Lula Bell⁴ Billings.

3. Mollie³ Franklin (Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born about 1863 in Tennessee. According to Myrtle Richardson, Mollie Franklin was thought to have had a daughter named Anna who married a Mr. Hogshead.

Child of Mollie Franklin and _____ is:

- i. Anna⁴ _____, married _____ Hogshead.

4. James³ Franklin (Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 1878 in Tennessee. He married (1) Ellie Benedict. He married (2) Lillie Bayless. Jim was buried in Louisville, Kentucky. It was stated to me that Jim Franklin and Lillie Bayless had several children, including a son named Sam Franklin. Lillie Bayless was a school teacher at Bunker Hill, Giles County, Tennessee

Children of Jim Franklin and Ellie Benedict are:

- i. Kenneth L.⁴ Franklin was born 19 Jul 1901. He married Zerle _____. They had no children. Kenneth Franklin lived in Los Angeles, California and died on 29 Dec 1967 of cancer. Zerle Franklin had a son from a previous marriage.
- ii. Jimbell Franklin, married _____ Ivy. It is believed that Jimbell Franklin and _____ Ivy had three daughters and perhaps more children. Her name has also been written as Jimmie Bell Franklin. She resided in Louisville, Kentucky
- iii. Robert Franklin served in the U.S. Navy and resided in Los Angeles, California area.

Children of Jim Franklin and Lillie Bayless are:

7. iv. Samuel⁴ Franklin.
- v. Marie Franklin.
- vi. Elton Franklin.
- vii. Allene Franklin.

6. Almer Boswell, born Apr 1891 according to 1880 Census.

Generation No. 3

5. Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell (Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 20 Mar 1890 in Giles County, Tennessee (or 1891?), and died 29 Jan 1968 in Lewisburg, Marshall County, Tennessee. She married Daniel Alexander Warren on 30 Jul 1904 in Giles County, Tennessee. He was born 24 Feb 1880 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, and died 19 Jun 1961 in Giles County, Tennessee. Myrtle Richardson said that the marriage date of Alma Mitchell to Daniel Alexander Warren was 30 Sep 1904. Children of Mary Mitchell and Daniel Warren are:

8. i. Rosa Bell⁵ Warren, born 19 Feb 1907; died 25 Dec 1975, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.
9. ii. Leonard Kenny Warren, born 11 Aug 1908, Giles County, Tennessee.
10. iii. Anna Mary Edna Warren, born 27 Feb 1911, Giles County, Tennessee.
11. iv. Myrtle Inez Warren, born 03 Sep 1914, Giles County, Tennessee.
12. v. Lona Myron Warren, born 08 Feb 1918, Giles County, Tennessee.
13. vi. Gladys Rebecca Warren, born 14 Feb 1920, Giles County, Tennessee.
14. vii. James Leon Warren, born 06 Feb 1923, Giles County, Tennessee.
15. viii. Dorothy Mae Warren, born 17 Oct 1926, Giles County, Tennessee.

6. Lula Bell⁴ Billings (Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) married _____ Tomlin. According to Myrtle Richardson, Lula Bell Billings and Mr. Tomlin had a son who died at birth. Reportedly he had black hair and was buried in the coffin with his mother, who died during childbirth. Child of Lula Billings and _____ Tomlin is:

- i. [Son]⁵ Tomlin, died at birth.

7. Samuel⁴ Franklin (Jim³, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) According to Myrtle Richardson, Samuel Franklin married three times. My notes are sketchy, but it appears she told me the first wife died from a gunshot wound, the second marriage ended in divorce and this wife was the mother of his two boys, and the third wife resided in Oklahoma. My notes also seem to indicate that his sons, J. D. Franklin and Robert Franklin, lived in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Children of Samuel Franklin are:

- i. J. D.⁵ Franklin.
- ii. Robert Franklin.

Generation No. 4

8. Rosa Bell⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 19 Feb 1907, and died 25 Dec 1975 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. She married Kenneth Barnes on 16 Aug 1925 in Giles County, Tennessee.

Child of Rosa Warren and Kenneth Barnes is:

16. i. Clarence⁶ Barnes, born 15 Jun 1926; died 30 Sep 1967, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.
9. Leonard Kenny⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros

Newton², Richard¹) was born 11 Aug 1908 in Giles County, Tennessee. He married (1) Bessie Louise Hill on 23 Nov 1929 in Athens, Limestone County, Alabama, daughter of Stephen Hill and Fanie Coon. She was born 17 Jun 1911 in Giles County, Tennessee, and died of cancer on 07 Aug 1962 in Anderson, Indiana. He married (2) Zella Ruth Beaman Hull on 01 Aug 1965 in Anderson, Indiana. She was born 22 Jun 1913 in Anderson, Indiana.

Child of Leonard Warren and Bessie Hill is:

17. i. Aaron Kenny⁶ Warren, born 30 Jun 1936, Giles County, Tennessee.

10. Anna Mary Edna⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 27 Feb 1911 in Giles County, Tennessee. She married Luther Columbus Hodges 07 Nov 1931 in Limestone County, Alabama, son of Napoleon Hodges and Mary E. _____
Children of Anna Warren and Luther Hodges are:

18. i. Louilla⁶ Hodges.

19. ii. Luther C. Hodges, Jr.

iii. Glenn Roan Hodges married Sharon Sue Smith.

20. iv. Jimmy Dan Hodges.

21. v. Sybil Faye Hodges.

vi. Gayron Warren Hodges.

11. Myrtle Inez⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 03 Sep 1914 in Giles County, Tennessee. She married Claude Richardson 22 Feb 1932 in Bunker Hill, Giles County, Tennessee, son of Arther Richardson and Nannie Madden.
Children of Myrtle Warren and Claude Richardson are:

22. i. Nannette⁶ Richardson.

23. ii. Harold Wayne Richardson.

24. iii. Marilyn Kay Richardson.

12. Lona Myron⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 08 Feb 1918 in Giles County, Tennessee. She married Virgil Pruett on 17 Dec 1932 in Athens, Alabama, son of Elisha Pruett and Odella Whites. He was born 12 Jun 1911 in Maury County, Tennessee.

Children of Lona Warren and Virgil Pruett are:

25. i. Doris Elaine⁶ Pruett.

26. ii. Jerry Dan Pruett.

13. Gladys Rebecca⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 14 Feb 1920 in Giles County, Tennessee. She married (1) Marvin David Wisner 19 Dec 1936 in Bunker Hill, Giles County, Tennessee, son of G. Wisner and Johnie Lee. He was born 01 Oct 1914 in Coffee County, Tennessee, and died 08 Mar 1966 in Lincoln County, Tennessee from injuries sustained in a logging accident. She married (2) Walter Woody Johnson 18 Jun 1976, son of James Johnson and Ella Alexander. He was born 19 Aug 1899.

Children of Gladys Warren and Marvin Wisner are:

27. i. Mary Laverne⁶ Wiser.

28. ii. Joe Warren Wiser.

29. iii. Richard Wiser.

30. iv. Carolyn Wiser.

14. James Leon⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 06 Feb 1923 in Giles County, Tennessee. He married Mary Eudora Haislip 19 Dec 1942 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, daughter of Berdie Haislip and Lessie Burgett. She was born 30 Nov 1924 in Marshall County, Tennessee.

Children of James Warren and Mary Haislip are:

31. i. James Ladon⁶ Warren.

32. ii. Carol Delynn Warren.

15. Dorothy Mae⁵ Warren (Mary Dolly Alma⁴ Mitchell, Lidia A. "Lonie"³ Franklin, Ambros Newton², Richard¹) was born 17 Oct 1926 in Giles County, Tennessee. She married James Elbridge Pardon in Giles County, Tennessee, son of Will Pardon and Annie Bevels. He was born 11 Apr 1923 in Giles County, Tennessee.

Children of Dorothy Warren and James Pardon are:

i. James Daniel⁶ Pardon married Carolyn Blevens.

ii. Dorothy Jane Pardon married Tommy Lee Davis.

iii. Joann Pardon married Richard Allen Griffin.

Generations 5 and 6 removed to protect the privacy of the living... - Ed.

Slave Narrative: Jim Franklin of McLennan County, Texas

Interviewed by Mrs. Ada Davis McLennan County, Texas District No. 8, 21 Sep 1937.

Jim Franklin is a shabbily dressed old negro, "down in de back," who feels that the world has about got the best of him. He has large, protruding upper teeth, and is inclined to be very loquacious. He draws a small pension but has a large family, and the people of Jasper help him some, for which he seems duly grateful.

"My name's Jim Franklin, and I's name' for my young marster. I'se sebenty-five year' ol' and come fum Bruton, Alabama. I's the daddy of twel' chillen. I reckon dey's all min', leastways, dey say dey is. My fust wife's name' Kansas. Dey git her in Floridy and brung 'er to Alabama. W'en she die, I's jes' crazy, and lef' and follow' the tuppentime wuks on Wes'. I lef' the six chillen wid us folks. Dey aunt Maria Leonard, she raise' some of dem, and Phil Leonard, my mudder brudder', he raise' the baby chile. Den my mudder, my ol'es' sister and some others, dey go Norf and all tek pneumony and die'. The climate kill' 'em."

"My daddy name was Dary Franklin. He was a sco' hacker. Atter the wuk in the timber was done for the year, he come home in the winter time and he'p mudder sew and patch. Some run mills in the winter and fa'm in the summer. I quit the tuppentime wuk ten year' ago, and now jes' fa'm and mek cross-tie'. Us libs close to the cullud Orphans' Home, and I's done the fust wuk on dis Home to open it up."

W'en I's wukkin' in the timber, a big slab fall on me and injure my lif' kidney, so I jes' ain't able to wuk no mo'. I bought two acre' of lan' fum Mista' Will Lynn, close by the cullud Orphans' Home, and I's paid for all but jes' leben dollar'. Mista Few, he buil' the house for me, and I's paid 'im back the whole hunnerd dollar'. W'en fadder come Wes', he buy a place 'tween Myrtle Creek and Cedar Creek for fo'teen hunnerd

dollar' and pay for it all. But in t'ree mont' time my fadder, sister, mudder-in-law and other kin folks dey die'. I was 'Big Jim' and dey was all lookin' up to me, so I git dissatisfy' and lef' home."

"Den I git hurt and hab to lie on my back in one 'sition (position) for nine long days. De doctor was 'fraide to tu'n me over, I was dat low, and I was mind-rupted and worryin' 'bout my big doctor bill dat I couldn' pay. Den w'en I git up, the doctor he jes' cha'ge (charge) me seben dollar'."

"In slav'ry day' we didn' hab nuttin' to eat t'roo the week but cawn bread and sweet 'taters. On Sunday, we git one biscuit apiece, and I tells you, it taste better'n' cake do now."

"My las' marster' name was W. W. Downer. He hab son us call' Little Lijah. Den dere was Julia and Alice. My stepmudder, Sally Franklin, was dey house-servant. Little Lijah save' my life onct. I's out playin' at the mill pon' wid a slab in the water, and I fall in. I try to git on the slab but couldn' and I was drownin'. Little Lijah happen' to be walkin' 'long the bluff 'bove the pon' and seed I mos' drown. He slide down dat steep bluff the fas'es' you ever see. He grab me and drag' me out, and tol' me he whip me good if he ever kotch me 'roun' dat mill pon' 'gin."

"Marse Downer, he try to teach us good manners. W'en I do sumpin' wrong, he say, 'Now don' you go to the other w'ite folks houses and act like you does yere; you must be nice and p'lite.' Ain't able to wuk much on 'count of my back; if it warn't for my ol'es' boy, who's my main 'pendence now, I don' know w'at I do. You see, I got six chillen by my secon' wife. I ain't never seed any of my fust set of six chillen since I lef' 'em and come Wes', but I's had word fum 'em a time or two, t'roo (through) other people."

Slave Narrative: Robert Franklin of McLennan County, Texas

Interview with Robert Franklin, Ex-slave, McLennan County, Texas, by Dibble, F.W., P.W. Beaumont, Jefferson, Dist. #3. 12 Sep 1937.

"I was born in Warren County, Mississippi in 1851. I am now eighty-seven years ole. My parents was Watson an' Dellia Franklin. Watson my father was born in St. Louis, Missouri an' Dellia my mother was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi. I had six brothers an' two sisters, my sisters was: Mandy, an' Martha.

"My father trapped when he war'nt workin' on de plantation, dat was on Saturday afternoons. De slaves had Saturday afternoons fer dere to do as dey pleased. De slaves made baskets an' sold dem to dere master or uthers an' made money dat way. De colored women wove an' made all dere close, de shoes was made out ob cloth with pieces of thin board in each side ob de shoe to sho' which foot it belonged on, an' also had brass toes.

"De cooked on a spider (skillet) in a big open fire-place, made of sticks an' dirt an' all de houses or slave quarters was made of logs. Dey slept in three leg "son of bitches" as dey called de beds.

"De ole marster had a big garden which 'vided veg'tabl's an' de sich for ever'one on de plantation. Ole marster was a good man. On Saturday after dinner de women washed an' cleaned deir close, gettin' re'dy foh Sunday an' de nex' week. Dey combed deir hair wid a "Jim Crow card".

"We use to have corn-shuckins an' dances on de plantation an' have slaves foh miles 'roun' to come---yes un us had good music too, dem niggers sho could draw de bows 'cross dem fiddle strings. De little chillun dey played games sich as Peep eye an' hide-go-seek.

"W'en we was sick dey had medicine made ob certain roots an' herbs an' dey mos' always had a culled nuss to nuss us. Almos' all de niggers an' w'ite too, wore asafetida in a little bag tied 'roun dere necks to keep away diseases.

"Dere was always a leader in de fiel's to warn ebery one if de overseer's was comin'. On our plantation, de leader was Aunt Dianah who sung all de time whilst wurkin'. Dis was her warnin' song to de niggers. 'Walk indepen'ent, walk bold, Marster in de fiel' run leader an' carry de news home, master in de fiel'.' De leader would sta'at chantin' dis song an' de ones nearby 'ud take it up an in no time 'tall de ones fudderest away

would hear it an git chantin' it an' workin'. Ef de ober seer katched a nigger sittin' in de corn row or lyin in de shade ob a tree dat nigger sho gwine git forty lashes on he bare back.

"On Chris'mas mornin' all de niggers went to de big house for deir pres'nts---ebery one was 'membered.

"I married Mary Bascum w'en I was thuty-five years old. Us sho had a big weddin' in her home in fact us had a secon' day weddin'. I is de father of fou'teen chillun an' foe gran'chillun.

"I has been a preacher in de "A M E Church" foh fifty years. My fav'rite songs are "A Charge to Keep I Have", "Standing in the Need of Prayer" an' "Amazing Grace."

"De cemetery was on de plantation, de funeral songs was "Hark From The Tomb The Doleful Sound" an' "Must I be to Judgement Brought to Answer on That Day."

"Us learned to read an' write frum de w'ite chillun w'en dey was goin' to school.

"My father went to war wid his marster an' lived to come home wid him. I picked up skulls, leg bones an' "minnie balls" on de battle groun' at Ft. Hill, Mississippi. W'en de niggers was freed, de marster called dem to de big house an tole dem dey could go elsewhere or sta' dere on de plantation. Us niggers knowed a good thing, so us stayed wid de ole marster 'till he died. De marster, he give my father an' mother some land after dey was free an' dey lived on it for seven or eight years, but as dey was unable to pay de taxes, de land went back to de State. I was very fond of my missus, she was finer dan split silk.

"I jes wore my bes close at my weddin' an' Mary she sho looked powerful purty in her white dress, veil an' gloves an' a big boquet. De secon' day we had a bigger dinner an' dance dan de fus day. Folks come on hoss back an in waggins from fer an' near. De w'ite folks liked us so well dey gibed us a shoat, a cow an' calf, some corn an' chickens an' dey gibed Mary a bed an' beddin' an' dishes. I made chairs an' table an' a bed atter I built us two rooms ob split b'ods.

"W'en I was young I 'vided fer de winter heavy effen de ants got strivin lively en durin ob de summer kase dat am shore sign us gwine hab a hard winter facin us. Ef de saplins in de bottoms got a heavy bark deys 'vidin ginst a cold winter. Effen de corn's got shucks like ober coats, watch out fer de norther, it' el be early an cold.

"Dey had a big bell on a scaffold out side ob de door an de cook 'ud ring dat bell w'en it come time to git up in de mawnin or to come in from de fie'l. An' dey'd ring it to call de big men, (the white men) in from whar ebber dey was effen somebody was sick, in trouble or like dat.

"We groun' corn an' coffee wid a rock like de Indians did. We got a big rock wid a holler in it an' a littler one dat was hard, we used de littler rock as a pessal (pestle) 'course w'en travel got better we got us a corn meal mill near our place an' a boughten coffee mill what we nailed to de wall an' turned de handle, dat is de kind us use to day. Dat air boughten groun' coffee aint no good, us men like our coffee black an' strong. Dats de kind ob coffee de ole Indian fighters dranked an' dey made dis here State what it is.

Slave Narratives: Buck Colbert “B.C.” Franklin⁷ of Oklahoma

Buck Colbert Franklin (1879-1960), was a well-known African-American lawyer, and community advocate. He wrote an autobiography. His son and grandson, the historians John Hope Franklin and John Whittington Franklin, edited the work. Written mostly after suffering a stroke, Buck Colbert Franklin’s autobiography describes the evolution of Oklahoma from a frontier community to statehood and describes the successful civil rights challenges to Jim Crow segregation by black Oklahomans. *My Life and an Era: The Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin*. Ed. by John Hope Franklin and John Whittington Franklin. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1997. xxx, 288 pp. \$29.95, ISBN 0-8071-2213-0.) - Ed.

My people came from Mississippi. My grandfather belonged to the Burneys back there and when they came to this country in the '40's they brought my grandfather with them, as a slave. My father, David, belonged to Wesley C. Burney, brother of Ben Burney, who later became governor of the Chickasaws. My mother was Minnie; she was a most unusual colored woman. She was owned by the Colberts and Pitchlynns of Mississippi. They were Choctaws. They raised my mother and allowed her every privilege of their own people. She was a Bible student. My parents were married after the war.

I received my first schooling at the Dawes academy, twelve miles north of Ardmore. This negro school was founded by white missionaries of the Baptist church. We had some white missionary teachers. After that I attended Roger Williams University at Nashville, Tennessee. It burned down and the site was bought by whites and the Peabody Institute is there today. My wife was a teacher. We are both college graduates. I completed my law course long ago.

We have three children of which I am very proud. Mozella Franklin Jones, A.B. West Virginia State College, a teacher at Dunbar School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, for four years; Buck Colbert Franklin, Jr. an A.B. from Fiske University and a principal of a six-room school at Bixby; John Hope Franklin, twenty-three and got his A.B. from Fiske in 1935, master’s degree from Harvard in 1936, has completed his residence work at Harvard and is now ready to get his Ph. D. That is not a bad record for grandchildren of slaves.

Buck Colbert Franklin Lineage

David Franklin, slave, belonged to Wesley C. Burney, brother of Ben Burney, who later became governor of the Chickasaws in the Oklahoma Territory. David married Minnie Colbert.

Children:

4. Buck Colbert “B.C.” Franklin was born in 1879 in the Oklahoma Territory, died 1960. He married Mollie L. _____ (born 1879, Tennessee). This family is found in the 1920 U.S. Census, Oklahoma, McIntosh County, Checotah, ED# 41, page 9A;⁸ 1930 U.S. Census, Oklahoma, Tulsa County, Tulsa, District 60, page 4B.⁹

Children:

- A. Mozella Franklin born 1907 Oklahoma, A.B. West Virginia State College, a teacher at Dunbar School, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, for four years. Married _____ Jones
- B. Buck Colbert Franklin, Jr. born 1908 in Oklahoma He received a an A.B. from Fiske

7. Here are a few mentions of Buck Colbert Franklin (1879-1960): *Who's Who of the Colored Race. A general biographical dictionary of men and women of African descent. Volume one.* Edited by Frank Lincoln Mather. Detroit: Gale Research Company, 1915.(WhoColR)1413245

Contemporary Authors. A bio-bibliographical guide to current writers in fiction, general nonfiction, poetry, journalism, drama, motion pictures, television, and other fields. Volume 171. Detroit: Gale Group, 1999.(ConAu 171)

University was the principal of a six-room school at Bixby. He died in 1947.

- C. Anna Franklin born 1913 Oklahoma
 - D. John Hope Franklin born 2 Jan 1915 married 11 Aug 1940 in Goldsboro, Wayne County, North Carolina, Aurelia Whittington (born 25 Jul 1915, North Carolina; died 27 Jan 1999, North Carolina)
- Child:
- 1) John Whittington Franklin

Famous Franklins: John Hope Franklin

Because I came across John Hope Franklin's lineage in the Slave Narratives, I thought I'd write a "Famous Franklins" article about a living Franklin, He and I both live in Durham, North Carolina - Ed.

John Hope Franklin was born on 2 Jan 1915 in Rentiesville, Oklahoma to Buck Colbert Franklin and Mollie Lee Franklin. John Hope was their fourth child. Rentiesville is an all black town, despite the fact that Franklin's parents were ardent integrationists. His mother was his first and best teacher: "My mother was the one with high standards," Dr. Franklin said, "she taught me never to be satisfied by anything but the best."

The Franklins were happy in Rentiesville, but felt there was too much religious politics. Buck Franklin decided to move the family to Tulsa. He established a thriving law practice there and by 1925 he sent for the rest of the family to join him.

In 1921 race riots erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dozens were killed when whites, enraged by the success of black businessmen, burnt the black section of Tulsa to the ground. Although Buck Franklin was unhurt, he lost everything in the riots. His rented home, all of his clothes, his offices and his records are destroyed. It took four more years before Buck Franklin was ready to move the entire family.

The next year, while travelling from Rentiesville to a nearby town, Mollie and her children accidentally boarded an all-white compartment on a train. The conductor ordered her to move her young children while the train is moving. Mollie Franklin objected so the train was stopped and the Franklins are sent off. John Hope recalls this moment as a defining point at which he dedicated himself to ending segregation.

John Hope Franklin enrolls at the all-black Fisk University in the fall of 1931 at the age of 16. The fact that his brother attended Fisk was, Franklin has said, one of the reasons he chose the university. It is at Fisk that Franklin met Aurelia Whittington, a North Carolina native and his future wife.

At the age of 20 in 1935, he completed his bachelor's degree. Unable to attend his first choice, the University of Oklahoma, because it was still an all-white institution, he had been accepted at Harvard. He was, at the time, unable to afford the \$400 tuition. Ted Currier, a white historian and Franklin's mentor, stepped in to make certain that he would attend Harvard. Currier borrowed the money from a bank and sent him to Boston

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- 8. 1920 Census, Oklahoma, McIntosh County, Checotah, ED #41, page 9A.
Buck C. Franklin, head, black, age 38, born OK, Fa: Tennessee, Mo: MS, Law, B??t????; Mollie, wife, black, age 38, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN, teacher, public school; Mozilla, daughter, black, age 13 born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN; Buck C. Jr. son, black, age 11, born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN; Annis H. daughter, black, age 7, born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN; John H. son, black, age 5, born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN.
 - 9. 1930 Census, Oklahoma, Tulsa County, Tulsa, District 60, page 4B, HH 76/108, address: 338 Frankfort Place.
B. C. Franklin, head, negro, age 48, born OK, Fa: TN, Mo: MS, Lawyer, General Practice; Mollie L., wife, negro, age 48, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN, occu: none; Anna daughter, negro, age 17 born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN; John H. son, negro, age 15 born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN; Mozella daughter, negro, age 23 born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN; B. C., Jr. son, negro, age 22 born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TN.

where, one year later, he earned his Masters degree.

In 1939 he became a professor of history at Saint Augustine's College. He began researching his dissertation on free African-Americans in North Carolina. When he arrived at the North Carolina State Archives he discovered that there were no segregated facilities set up. They prepared a room for him alone but were unable to find a page willing to serve him. He was given a key to the stacks and had to get his own material until the other researchers objected.

John Hope Franklin and Aurelia Whittington are married on 11 Aug 1940 in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

It is in 1941 that Franklin received his PhD from Harvard. Later in the year, after Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Navy advertised for emergency enlistment. Inspired, John Hope attempted to enlist, only to be told that because he is black he will not be given duties that a white enlistee with his qualifications would be given. Piqued, Franklin decided never to serve in the Armed Forces and spent the rest of World War II avoiding service. Franklin's brother Buck served until the end of the war, but never saw combat.

In 1943, he joined the North Carolina College for Negroes, later renamed North Carolina Central University, as a professor of history.

Toward the end of World War II, publishers at Knopf approach Franklin with a proposal to publish a book of African-American history. While Franklin was leery at first, he eventually agrees and, in 1945, began to work on *From Slavery to Freedom*. After 13 months of work, it is published. The book is well received, but there are many challenges at this time. His brother Buck, suffering from emotional breakdowns, died at an early age. John Hope pointed to his brother's experiences in the segregated Armed Services as a contributing factor in his early death. It is at this same time that John Hope became a professor at the prestigious, all-black Howard University in segregated Washington, D.C. Howard is, at that time, the pinnacle of many African-Americans' academic careers.

John Whittington Franklin, the only child of Aurelia and John Hope Franklin, was born in 1952.

In 1954, John Hope Franklin worked with Thurgood Marshall on *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. This case, decided by the Supreme Court in 1954, begins the long, painful process of integration in America.

In 1956, John Hope Franklin became the first black historian given a full-time post at a white institution when he joined Brooklyn College as the chairman of the history department.

In 1982 he returned to North Carolina when he accepted a teaching position as the James B. Duke Professor of history at Duke University. He taught for three years before reaching retirement age and becoming a professor emeritus.

In 1995 he was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Clinton. The Medal of Freedom is the highest honor an American civilian can receive from the president.

On 27 Jan 1999, Aurelia Whittington Franklin died after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Professor Franklin's numerous publications include *The Emancipation Proclamation*, *The Militant South*, *The Free Negro in North Carolina*, *Reconstruction After the Civil War*, and *A Southern Odyssey: Travelers in the Ante-bellum North*. Perhaps his best known book is *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African-Americans*, now in its seventh edition. His Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities for 1976 was published in 1985 and received the Clarence L. Holte Literary Prize for that year. In 1990, a collection of essays covering a teaching and writing career of fifty years, was published under the title, *Race and History: Selected Essays, 1938-1988*. In 1993, he published *The Color Line: Legacy for the Twenty-first Century*. Professor Franklin's most recent book, *My Life and an Era: The Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin*, is an autobiography of his father that he edited with his son, John Whittington Franklin. His current research deals with "Dissidents on the Plantation: Runaway Slaves."

Professor Franklin has been active in numerous professional and education organizations. For many years he has served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Negro History*. He has also served as President of the following organizations: The American Studies Association (1967), the Southern Historical Association (1970), the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa (1973-76), the Organization of American Historians (1975),

and the American Historical Association (1979). He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University, the Chicago Public Library, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association.

Professor Franklin has served on many national commissions and delegations, including the National Council on the Humanities, from which he resigned in 1979, when the President appointed him to the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. He has also served on the President's Advisory Commission on Ambassadorial Appointments. In September and October of 1980, he was a United States delegate to the 21st General Conference of UNESCO. Among many other foreign assignments, Dr. Franklin has served as Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions at Cambridge University, Consultant on American Education in the Soviet Union, Fulbright Professor in Australia, and Lecturer in American History in the People's Republic of China. Currently, Professor Franklin serves as chairman of the advisory board for One America: The President's Initiative on Race.

Professor Franklin has been the recipient of many honors. In 1978, Who's Who in America selected Dr. Franklin as one of eight Americans who has made significant contributions to society. In the same year, he was elected to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He also received the Jefferson Medal for 1984, awarded by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. In 1989, he was the first recipient of the Cleanth Brooks Medal of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, and in 1990 received the Encyclopedia Britannica Gold Medal for the Dissemination of Knowledge. In 1993, Dr. Franklin received the Charles Frankel Prize for contributions to the humanities, and in 1994, the Cosmos Club Award and the Trumpet Award from Turner Broadcasting Corporation. In 1995, he received the first W.E.B. DuBois Award from the Fisk University Alumni Association, the Organization of American Historians' Award for Outstanding Achievement, the Alpha Phi Alpha Award of Merit, the NAACP's Spingarn Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1996, Professor Franklin was elected to the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame and in 1997 he received the Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award. In addition to his many awards, Dr. Franklin has received honorary degrees from more than one hundred colleges and universities.

Professor Franklin has been extensively written about in various articles and books. Most recently he was the subject of the film *First Person Singular: John Hope Franklin*. Produced by Lives and Legacies Films, the documentary was featured on PBS in June 1997.

Will of Stephen Franklin of Cheshire County, New Hampshire

Stephen Franklin was born 9 Jul 1765, probably at Winchester, New Hampshire. He was the son of Stephen, born 1736, and Rachel (Carpenter) Franklin. The lineage of Stephen Franklin is found in FFRU, Volume 17, and Franklin Fireplace on pages 389, 395, 396, 639.

Be it remembered that I Stephen Franklin of Winchester in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make & publish this my last will and testament in manner & form following that is to say

First I give and bequeath unto Nathan Franklin, to the heir of Asuba Martin deceased formerly the wife of John Martin & also formerly Asuba Franklin, to Sabra Bennett wife of Levi Bennett & formerly Sabra B. Franklin, to Maryann Franklin, to Kesiah Hill wife of David Hill & formerly Kesiah Franklin, to Simeon Franklin, to David Franklin, to Eunice Davis wife of Stephen Davis & formerly Eunice Franklin, to Stephen Franklin Jr and to Daniel Franklin the sum of one Dollar each to be paid by my execucater[sic] within ten years after my decease.

And lastly as to the rest residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal whatsoever after payment of all my just debts I give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Loamy Franklin during her natural life or during her widowhood the following reserves that is if anything should remain unexpended at the end of said Laomy life or widowhood the same shall be equally divided between the above named heirs. And I hereby appoint Henry Baxter of Swanzey in said County my sole-executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former by me made.

In writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirteenth day of December 1838.

Signed sealed published & declared by the above named Stephen Franklin as & for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence & in the presence of each other have submitted our names as witnesses thereto.

Rufus Kard*

Stephen Franklin

Syleo Guellow*

Peter Holbrook Jr.

*Signatures very indistinct

Will of David Franklin Dubuque County, Iowa

Taken from records of Butler County, Iowa. This David was born 8 Oct 1805, son of Stephen and Keziah (Twitchell) Franklin, ¹⁰ Winchester, New Hampshire (James born 1650; James born 1682; Ichabod born 1713; Stephen born 1736; Stephen born 1765; David born 1805 died 1875). David married Roxanna Curtis of Swanzey, New Hampshire, 10 Apr 1827.)

I David Franklin of Farley, Dubuque County, Iowa, of the age of Sixty two years and being of sound mind and memory do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner following

1. After paying my funeral expenses and all my just debts I desire my Executor to procure and set in a proper manner at my grave, suitable Grave Stones with suitable mottoes and Masonic Emblems.

2. Subject to the foregoing provision I give and devise and bequeath all my real and personal property and Estate to the children and heirs of the body of my Daughter Hannah C. Hannant and in case of the death of either of said children the share of such deceased shall go to the other said children surviving, equally, providing such deceased shall not leave issue but if such deceased leave issue such deceased share to descend according to law of inheritance. It being my will that the children of my said Daughter Hannah shall have and enjoy all my estate as aforesaid.

And it is my express will and direction that Robert W. Hannant the Husband of my said Daughter Hannah shall not in any event either directly or indirectly have any right, title or interest in any of my property or estate, real or personal, or have any use, benefit, profit or control or custody thereof in any manner whatever.

3. I give Henry Billheimer my Gun and the Cane I got in California and my Sword.

4. I give to my Grand daughter Clarissa R. Hannant the Gold Brest Pin which formerly belonged to her Grand Mother Roxina Franklin.

5. I give to my Grand Daughter Mary S. Hanant the other Brest Pin belonging to me.

6. It is my will and I hereby direct that all my Real and Personal Estate and Property herinbefore given and devised to the children of my said Daughter Hannah, be kept and held by my Executor in Trust for said children until they become Twenty one years of age respectively, that is when each becomes twenty-one years of age he or she shall receive his or her respective share and distribution as herein before provided. I desire my Executor to take good care of my said property and carefully and prudently and in good faith preserve and protect the same and faithfully carry out the provisions of this will, and to give a good and sufficient Bond with sufficient surity for the proper and faithful Ekection of his duties as such Executor and that he shall have a reasonable compensation therefore out of said estate.

7. I hereby appoint Jonathan Gilbert of Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa, the Sole Executor of this my last will & Testament, revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this Seventeenth day of January AD 1868.

(Signature) David Franklin

10. Married 22 Dec 1784

The above will consisting of three pages one one [sic] sheet of paper was at the date thereof signed and declared by: the said (see over) David Franklin: as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of both of us who at his request and in his presence. and-in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this 17th day of January 1868

John Doudy, Jr residing at the City of Dubuque in Dubuque County, Iowa

A. B. Soule residing at the city of Dubuque in Dubuque County, Iowa

Henry Ilgenfritz

A. J. Ilgenfritz

Opened publicly read and filed this 26th day of July A.D. 1875, and Nov 1/75 is fixed upon as the time for hearing proofs of same. Notice to be published in the Clarksville Star.

W. H. Burdick, Clerk Circuit Ct.

State of Iowa, Butler County) ss.

I W. H. Burdick Clerk of the circuit Court of the State of Iowa, in and for said Butler County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Will of David Franklin deceased, was, on the 22nd day of May 1876 duly proved, and admitted to probate and record in said Circuit Court in accordance with law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at my office in Butler Court in said county, on this 22nd day of May A. D. 1876.

Wm H. Burdick-Clerk

Will of John Franklin (Swanzy - 1738)

John Franklin of Swansea and Rehoboth, married 1) 6 May 1703, Ruth Wilson of Rehoboth, daughter of Francis and Ruth ____ Wilson. (Arnold's Rehoboth Records, page 140, and) He married 2) 16 Oct 1728 Hannah Record of Pembroke, having filed intent on 9 Sep 1728 at Pembroke by Rev. Daniel Lewis.¹¹ See also FFRU Volume 22

The children of the first marriage, born between 1705 and 1727 at Rehoboth and Swansea, were: Hopestill; Ruth; John; Francis; John; Joanna; Abel; Elizabeth. Possibly there were others who died. The only known child of the second marriage was Record Franklin, born 22 May 1729, at Swansea. He married, 25 Apr 1751, Rachel Hodges of Norton, born 30 Aug 1728, daughter of Benjamin and Abiah (Dean) Hodges.¹²

Inventory of Estate of John Franklin of Swanzy, Cordwainer, dated 5 Feb 1738/9, presented by Hannah Franklin, widow and Executrix. Personal estate: £ 276-01-10; Real Estate £ 2,280-0-0. Appraisors: Peres Bradford, William Turner and Jonathan Kingsley¹³

From *Bristol County, Massachusetts Wills*, Volume 9, pages 142-3:

In The Name of God Amen I John Franklin of Swanzy in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Cordwainer being weak and infirm of Body but through mercy of sound

11. *Vital Records of Rehoboth 1642-1896*, by J. N. Arnold, page 140 (Mass.) *Bristol County Probate Records, Volume IV*, page 365. *Early Massachusetts Marriages, Book H*, page 59
12. Rachel (Hodges) Franklin was born 1728 (Volume 58, page 52, *Genealogical Column of the "Boston Transcript."* 1906-1941. 7 Nov 1904, 645; 11 Oct 1905, 713; 25 Oct 1905, 713 LDS Film 14735. Some people think of this as the greatest single source of material for genealogical data for the Northeast area for the period 1600-1800.
13. *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts, 1687-1745* Compiled by H. L. Peter Rounds, C.G. 1987. Original found in *Bristol County, Massachusetts Wills*, Volume 9, page 182

Disposing mind & memory do make and ordain this my Last will and testament in manner and form following hereby Revoking and making null and void all former and other wills by me at any time hereafter made. First and Principally I commit my Soul into the hands of God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to-be Buried in a Decent Christian like manner at the discrestion of my Executors herein after named, and as Touching the worldly Estate; It haith pleased God to Bless me in this Life: I Will is that all my Just debts and funerall Charges; be first paid and discharged and then my will further is and I so hereby order and Appoint my well beloved wife Hannah shall have the sum of forty five Pounds out of my moveable Estate in Discharge of A certain Bond given by me unto her said wife before my intermarriage with her for the for the payment of said sum of forty five pounds, Agreement then made and also one full third Part of What remains of my moveable Estate (after the said forty five Pounds is taken out of do hereby give unto my said Wife to dispose of as She Shall think fit, and the Remaining Part of my said moveable Estate my will is that the Same shall be Equally Devided amongst my Children In the Next place my will is and I do hereby order and appoint that my said Wife shall have the Sole use & Benefit of all my Real Estate until my youngest Surviving child arrives att the age of seven years and_ as myth longer as she continues my widdow, and if it shall so happen that after my youngest surviving child arrives att the age of Seven years that my said wife is againe married then my will further is and I do hereby order and appoint that all my Real Estate whatsoever shall be Equally Divided amongst my children only with Reservation viz that for as much as my Daughter Hopesstill the wife of John Jones has already had of my estate the sum of Twenty Pounds and Eight Shillings and my Daughter Ruth the wife of Richard Round has likewise had out of my Estate the sum of fifteen Pounds & Thirteen Shillings which also sum my will is that they shall be accounted and Estemed as so much of their respective part upon the devision, and therefor they shall shear so much less of: my said Real Estate as is Equivelent to what they, have already Received in manner as aforesaid and when my said Real Estate is sheared amongst my children as is above Directed or as they themselves may or do otherwise agree, my intent and meaning is that ye same shall be by each and every of them holden and Enjoyed as an Estate in fee simple, to them their heires and assignees forever, and altho I have above ordered that all my Real Estate shall be Divided amongst my children as aforesaid yet I have upon Consideration, further ordered and it is my will that my said wife shall have the free use and Benefit of one full third Part of my Real Estate in Every Part during her life whether she marrys or not and I do hereby ordain Constitute and Appoint my said well Beloved wife Hannah my only and Sole Executrix of this my last-will and testament In wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of September Anno Domini 1738 in the Twelfth year of his majesties¹⁴ Reign

Signed Sealed Published and Declared

by the said John Franklin the Testator to be his Last will and testament in the presence of us

Peres Bradford

John Carpenter

John Franklin Signature

Philip Coye

Bristol January 19 1738/9

Then Before the Hono Nathaniel Blagrove Esqr Judge of the Probate of wills within the County of Bristol came Mr Peres Bradford John Carpenter and Philip Cooye wittnesses to the Last will and Testament of Mr John Franklin Late of Swanzey Deceased and made oath that they were present and did see and hear the said Deceased Signe Seal Publish and Declare the within written testament to be his Last will and Testament and he was of a Sound Deposing mind when he so did and that they all signed in the Prescence of the Testator.

Stephen Parne Register
(Paine?)

Coram N Blagrove
Bristol January 20 1738/9

Entered per Stephen Parne Register

14. King George II of England

Will of John Franklin (Swanzey - 1745-6)

In The Name Of God Amen The twentieth Day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and fourty five or Six I John Franklen of Rehoboth In ye County of Bristol - in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay In New England Cordwinder being weak of Body But of a Sound Disposing mind calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and ordain This my Last Will and Testament 'And first I give and Reccommend my Soull Into the Hands of God that gave it and my Body To the Earth To be decently buried and as touching Such worldly Estate - wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me In this Life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form -

Imprs¹⁵ I give and bequeath unto Mary my Beloved Wife to be at her own disposal all my Indoor household utensills for keeping house excepting only what I shall particularly give to any of my children - in this my sd will. Also I give to my said Wife fifty Pound old Tenor out of my other Estate when it is sold to be paid to her by my Executor also I give to my said wife my old cow The above mentioned moveables and money are in lieu of her thirds

Item I give to my Eldest son Viall Franklen thirty Pound old Tenor to be paid to him or guardian for his use as Soon as the Land can be sold by my Executor hereafter named also I give to Viall a large Pewter Platter

Item I give to my youngest son John Franklen Thirty Pound old Tenor to be paid to his guardian for & use of sd John as soon as the land can be sold To be paid by my Executor hereafter named -

Item I give to my Eldest Daughter Ruth Franklen a pair of looms also a black Chest with one Draw in it also three Plates and one Pewter Platter also one Calico bed Quilt also all the wearing apparrell that was her own Mothers also I give her fifteen Pound old Tenor to be paid to her guardian for her use e by my Executor, after named as soon as the Estate. can be sold --

Item I give unto my youngest Daughter Rebeckah Franklen Sixty Pound old Tenor to be paid to her guardian - as soon as the Land can be sold by my Executor hereafter named and it is my will that the guardian of this my Youngest child should have & use of her share of my Estate towards her Support in bringing of her up --

And I do hereby Constitute and appoint Samuell Goff of Rehoboth in ye County of Bristoll - Gengleman to be my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby authorize and appoint my said Executor to make sale of all my Real Estate - Situate in sd Rehoboth - and also my outdoor moveables for the Payment of my Just Debts and the Legacies mentioned in this my Last will and Testament and if ye Estate shall sell for more than to pay my Just Debts and Legacies and other necessary charges arising the remainder of sd Estate to be added to the Legacies in proportion- as they were first given and I do revoke and I annull all other wills by me before made and I do Ratify and confirme this and no other to be my last will and Testament

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seall the Day and year first above written- - -

Signed Sealled Published Pronounced
and Declared by ye sd John Franklen
as His Last will and Testament in presence
of us the Subscribers

Squier Wheeler
David Buer
Nathl Bliss

John X Franklen
his
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15. Imprimis: in the first place -- used to introduce a list of items or considerations (*Webster's Dictionary*)

Bristoll March 10th 1749

Then Before ye Honol Nathaniel Hubbard Esqr. Judge of the Probate of Wills within the County of Bristoll came Squier Wheeler David Burr and Nathaniel Bliss Witnesses of the Last will and Testament of John Franklen Late of Rehoboth Deceased and made oath that they were present and did see and hear the said Deceased Signe Seall Publish and Declare the within will and Testament to be his Last will and Testament, and that he was of a Sound Disposing mind when he so did and that they all signed in the presence of the Testator

Nathl Hubbard

Stephen Paine Register

Will of Benjamin Franklin of Albemarle County, Virginia

Source: Albemarle County, Virginia Will Book 1, page 27. Last will and Testament of Benjamin Franklin of St. Ann's Parish in Albemarle County in the Colony of Virginia. Dated 15 Aug 1751, presented for probate 12 Nov 1751. Note: a brief abstract of this will was published in FFRU in Volume 3. I am repeating this will here in full - Ed.

In The Name Of God Amen. This 15th. Day of August in the year of our Lord 1751, I Benjamin Franklin of ___?___ Parish in Albemarle County in the Colony of Virginia Planter being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, wherefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament: That is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it & for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive this once again by the mighty power of God, & as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis, It is my will & I do order that in the first place all my just debts & funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Patience, my beloved wife, the third part of my whole estate, etc. Item; I give and bequeath unto my four daughters (viz) Elizabeth, Anne, Mary, Doreas (Dorcas ?) all the remainder, of my estate to be equally divided amongst them & to have and receive their part at the day of their marriage or when they come to age which shall first-happen, to be paid them by my lawyers hereafter to be named.

I likewise will & ordain my lawyers to sell one hundred acres of land, belonging to me, lying in Orange County for money & the same to be divided between my wife & children as aforesaid, & S do further will & ordain that all the increase of my negro woman Charity, shall be equally divided as aforesaid. Lastly I will & ordain that my whole estate shall be left in the hands of my wife until the children come of age; except she should waste or suffer any part whereof to be wasted, I will and ordain that my executors shall then take my children's parts out of her hands & the same keep for the use of my children as aforesaid. I likewise constitute make & ordain my only & sole executors of this my last will & testament my beloved wife, Ambrose Porter & Rubin Franklin etc., and I hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all & every other former testaments wills by me in any wise before by me made satisfying and confirming this to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed & published, pronounced &)
declared by the said Benjamin Franklin	((signed)
as his last will & testament in the) Benjamin Franklin
presence of us the subscribers.	(
(signed)	his
Phillip Davis	George X Mounroe
	Thos T. Lillie
	mark
	mark

At a court held for Albemarle County the 12th. day of November, 1751 this last will & testament of Benjamin Franklin was presented into court by Patience Franklin & Reubin Franklin executors therein named. By the oaths of Phillip Davis & George Mounroe two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & on motion of the said Patience & Reubin who made oath according to law certificate is granted. them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security on which they with James Jones & Philip Davis. their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond for their due & faithful performance of the said will.

Test.

(signed) John Nicholas

Edmond Franklin of Bienville Parish, Louisiana

From History of *Bienville Parish, Vol.1* by Billie Gene Poland. See: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~labienvi/volf.htm>. For other references to this lineage, see also FFRU Volumes 1 and 34

Franklin, Edmund Born 7 Jul 1832, Butler County Alabama, son of Mark Franklin and Nancy Stapleton. He married Elviney Burkett on 11 Jun 1854, served in Company G 2nd Alabama Confederate Infantry. He was captured, sent to a northern P.O.W. camp and returned after the war in very poor health. He moved, with his wife and other family members, by ox-cart caravan, from Butler County, Alabama to Alabama Bend community in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. in 1879. Elviney Burkett was born 22 May 1833 in Butler County and died 6 Nov 1879. She is buried in Springhill Cemetery, Bienville Parish. Edmund died in 1898. Edmund's gravesite is not known. Children:

- (1) William Twiggs Franklin born 5 Nov 1856, married¹⁶ Fannie Elizabeth Stockton. He was a merchant, watchmaker and jeweler. He donated four acres of land to Rocky Mount Methodist Church for church and the cemetery. He died 12 Oct 1916 and is buried in Rocky Mount Cemetery. Fannie died 15 Dec 1947 and is buried in Houston, Texas.
Their children:
 - A. Vinnie Mae Franklin
 - B. Mary Lou Franklin
 - C. Robert Edmund Franklin
 - D. Tommie Franklin, infant died at 2 days of age.
 - E. Willie Imogene Franklin
 - F. Paul Eckford Franklin.
- (2) Henry Thomas Franklin born 27 Aug 1855, Butler County, Alabama, married Lucy Etta Henning 30 Apr 1885, at Sparta, Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Henry died at Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana 19 Jun 1906, Lucy Etta died at West Los Angeles, California 22 Jun 1947.
Children:

16. 5 Nov 1895, Monroe County, Mississippi

- A. Linus Valentine
 - B. Mary Ethel Franklin
 - C. Crillon Creston Franklin
 - D. Nina Leona Franklin
 - E. Lenard Knighton Franklin
 - F. Eunice Gertrude Franklin
 - G. John Gordon Franklin.
- (3) Francis Eugene Franklin born 1858, married 1) Ida L. Kirkpatrick, daughter of John Kirkpatrick. She died in 1899 and is buried in Rocky Mount Cemetery.
Children:
- A. Ernest Franklin
 - B. Dozier Franklin
 - C. Orié Franklin
 - D. Claud C. Franklin
 - E. Junie May Franklin
 - F. Clinton Franklin

Francis Eugene married 1) _____. He married 2) Mrs. L. Neal and had a son. Francis died in 1920 and his second wife died in 1948. Both are buried in Rocky Mount Cemetery.
Their Child:

- G. Zack F. Franklin.
- (4) Ennis M. Franklin married 1) _____
Children of Ennis and his first wife:
- A. Elbert Franklin
 - B. Bodie Franklin
 - C. Grady Franklin
 - D. Viola Franklin
 - E. Alvin Franklin.

Ennis married 2) _____ Lee.
Their children:

- F. Andrew Franklin
 - G. Frank Franklin
 - H. Marvin Franklin
- (5) Arthur James Franklin died as infant.

Twiggs Franklin, youngest brother of Edmund, was born 16 Dec 1850, married Sabra Ann Hampton 10 Feb 1870 and died 22 Apr 1912. Sabra was born 29 Jul 1850 and died 19 Jan 1929. They came from Butler County in 1879 and many descendants still live in Bienville Parish. Twiggs and Sabra are buried in Springhill Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Ennis Napoleon Franklin
- (2) Lula Kasiah Franklin
- (3) Bert Alvin Franklin
- (4) Willie Twigg Franklin
- (5) Nettie Franklin
- (6) Theo Franklin
- (7) Luther Franklin
- (8) Winton Morris Franklin

- (9) Otha Pearl Franklin
- (10) Onia Malinda Franklin.

Famous Franklins: Wirt Franklin

Wirt Franklin was born 22 May 1883 in Junction City, Kansas, the son of John H. Franklin and Irene Hudgins. During his early life, his family moved several times, following his father's career as an attorney. He became a prominent oil man in the early days of Oklahoma. His biography is found in *A Standard History of Oklahoma*.¹⁷

“Maintaining his residence at Ardmore, the attractive metropolis and judicial center of Carter County, Mr. Franklin is actively and prominently identified with oil production in the fields of this part of the state and is one of the wide-awake, progressive and popular young business men and public-spirited citizens of the favored commonwealth in which he has found ample opportunity for the achieving of independence and definite success.

Mr. Franklin is a scion of colonial stock in both the paternal and maternal lines, and is a representative of the sterling old family of which Benjamin Franklin was a distinguished member. William H. Franklin, grandfather of him whose name introduces this article, was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, on the 13th of June 1813, and as a young man he became a pioneer settler of Macomb in McDonough County, Illinois. He was a prominent lawyer and influential citizen of that county and was a member of the Illinois militia during the Black Hawk War. He attained the patriarchal age of more than ninety years and died in the City of Houston, Texas, while there for a visit, in 1904. The original progenitors of the Franklin family in America came from England in the seventeenth century and settled in Virginia. Each succeeding generation having given strong and worthy men to aid in civic and material development and progress in various states of the Union.

William Blake Hudgins, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky, in the year 1820, served as a stalwart and gallant soldier in the Seminole Indian War and was a pioneer in Missouri, where he became a prosperous agriculturist and stock-grower. He died at Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 1894, and his death was the direct result of a severe wound which he received while serving in the Seminole war, the bullet having never been extracted from his body.

Wirt Franklin was born at the home of his maternal grandmother, in Richmond, Missouri, on the 22nd of March, 1883, the home of his parents at the time having been at Junction City, Kansas, and his mother having been at the time of his birth a guest in the home of her mother. Mr. Franklin, the former of whom was born in McDonough County, Illinois, in 1853, and the later who was born at Richmond, Missouri, on the 12th of May, 1855. John H. Franklin was reared to adult age in his native county, and in addition to receiving good educational advantages he there learned the trade of telegrapher. As a telegraph operator he found employment at Richmond, Missouri, where he met and wedded Miss Irene Hudgins. In the meanwhile he gave close attention to the reading of law. In company with his young wife he finally returned to Macomb, Illinois, where he proved himself eligible for and was admitted to the bar of his native state. Within a short time he removed to Junction City, Kansas, where he engaged in the practice of law. In 1887 he removed to Russell, that state, where he built up a large and important law business and became a prominent and influential citizen. During the administration of President Harrison, Mr. Franklin served four years as deputy auditor of the fiscal department of the United States War Department, in the city of Washington, D. C., and in 1892 he returned to Illinois, where he continued in the practice of his profession in Toluca, until 1895. In the autumn of the following year he removed to Lacon, Illinois, where he continued in practice until 1907. He

17. *A Standard History of Oklahoma - An Authentic Narrative of its Developments from the Date of the First European Exploration down to the Present Time, including Accounts of the Indian Tribes, both Civilized and Wild, of the Cattle Range, of the Land Openings and the Achievements of the most Recent Period*, by Joseph B. Thoburn, The American Historical Society, Chicago and New York, 1916. 5 Vols., 2,190 pages. FHL Film 1425716 Item 2 (Volume 3)

then, just prior to the admission of Oklahoma to statehood, came to this vigorous commonwealth and engaged in the practice of law at Lawton, the judicial center of Comanche County. He has since continued his successful practice at that place and has gained secure prestige as one of the representative members of the Oklahoma bar. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and while a resident of Kansas he served as prosecuting attorney of Russell County, besides which he held in Illinois the office of state's attorney of Marshall County, a position of which he continued the incumbent twelve years.

He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church and in the state of their adoption their circle of friends is limited only by that of their acquaintances. Of their children the eldest is Mabel, who resides in Los Angeles, California, and who is the widow of William H. Ocker, her husband having been a skilled operator of wireless telegraphy. Blake is a lawyer by profession and is serving as assistant general counsel for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, in Los Angeles, California. Wirt, the subject of this review, was the next in order of birth. Veta completed in 1915 a post graduate course in domestic science and arts at Columbia University, New York City, and is now at the parental home. Julia is the wife of Frank M. Head, who in engaged in the insurance business at Lawton, Oklahoma. Harry is in the employ of the Crystal Oil Company, in the Healdton Oil field of Oklahoma.

Wirt Franklin gained his rudimentary education in the public schools of Russell, Kansas, 1889-91, and thereafter attended the public schools of the City of Washington during the four years that the family home was sustained in the national capital. Thereafter he continued his educational work in turn at Macomb, Galesburg and Lacon, Marshall County, Illinois, in the high school of which last mentioned city he was graduated as a member of the class of 1900. For the ensuing two years he was a student in Columbian University, now designated George Washington University, in the City of Washington, and in the meanwhile he had learned stenography and typesetting.

In February, 1902, Mr. Franklin assumed the position in the service of the Dawes Commission, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and he held this association two years. Thereafter he did effective service as law clerk in charge of the preparation of decision matters pertaining to enrolment matters in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. He resigned this post in October, 1905, and, duly fortified by prior study and by attendance in the law department of the Columbia University, he then engaged in the practice of law at Muskogee, in partnership with Samuel A. Apple. The firm opened also an office at Ardmore, and the partnership alliance continued until June, 1906, when the law business of the two offices was consolidated at Ardmore, where Mr. Franklin built up and controlled a substantial law practice, in which he devoted special attention to Indian citizenship cases presented before the Department of the Interior and before Indian committees in Congress, and to land contests in the land offices of the Dawes Commission.

Since 1913 Mr. Franklin has found it expedient to lay aside his law practice and give his time to his important activities in connection with the oil-producing industry, of which he has become a prominent and influential representative in Southern Oklahoma. He maintains his offices in the Baird Building at Ardmore, and was one of the pioneer operators in the Healdton Oil field. He aided in effecting the first leases of land and in the drilling of the first well in this now important field. In this enterprise he formed a partnership association with Roy M. Johnson, concerning whom individual mention [sic] is made on other pages of this work. In this field he holds six hundred acres of land, and the holdings of the firm of Apple & Franklin, in which his coadjutor is his former law partner, have a valuation of approximately half a million dollars. Mr. Franklin was the first president of the Crystal Oil Company and is still a member of its directorate. He is treasurer of the Apple-Franklin Oil company, president of the Ardmore Oil Producers Association, and president of the Plains Oil & Gas Company. Further and tangible evidences of the success that has attended the well ordered endeavors of Mr. Franklin are those given in his ownership of 1,000 acres of valuable land in Southern Oklahoma and approximately \$25,000 worth of city property in Ardmore.

In politics Mr. Franklin maintains an independent attitude and gives his support to men and measures meeting the approval of this judgment, without considering strict partisan dictates. His wife holds membership in the Episcopal Church of Ardmore. He is identified with the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce and the Dornick Hills Country Club, and his Masonic affiliations are as here designated: Ardmore Lodge, No. 31, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons; Ardmore Chapter, No. 11, Royal Arch Masons; Indian Consistory, No. 2, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at McAlester, in which he has received the thirty-second degree; and India

Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Oklahoma City. He holds membership also in Ardmore Lodge, No. 648, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Ardmore Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America.

At Lacon, Illinois, in August, 1902, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Franklin to Miss Mary Cecile Collyer, daughter of the late John A. Collyer, who was a successful contractor and builder in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin have two children, Chester, who was born October 17, 1903, and Priscilla, who was born March 23, 1913.”

This lineage is found in FFRU, Volume 3. Other FFRU volumes on James Franklin and Nancy Whitten include Charter Issue, Volume 10, but I re-published (and expanded) this info in Volume 31. I've added a few more details to this version - Ed.

The following details other children of James and Nancy (Whitten) Franklin not covered in our original article.

8. William Harrison Franklin was born 13 Jun 1813 Mercer County, Kentucky. He moved to Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois 25 Oct 1839. He married 1 Apr 1841 in McDonough County, Illinois to Maria Jane Clarke (born 7 May 1821 Washington County, Kentucky; died 5 Sep 1886) daughter of James and Mary (Lewis) Clarke who were pioneer settlers of McDonough County, Illinois. Mr. Clarke served as County Judge many years

1850 Illinois, McDonough County, page 230, HH 9/9

William H. Franklin 37m, attorney, born KY.

Maria J. Franklin 29f, born KY;

W. J. Franklin, 7m, born IL;

Mary E. Franklin, 2f, born IL.

1860 Illinois, McDonough, Macomb 3rd Ward, page 545

William Franklin, 47m, Atty Law R.E.\$3,500/P.P.\$200 born KY;

Maria Franklin, 39f, born KY;

William Franklin, 17m, born IL;

John Franklin, 4m, born IL;

George Franklin, 2m, born IL;

1870 Illinois, McDonough County

W. H. Franklin, 57m, Atty at Law R.E.\$600P.P.\$100 born KY;

Mariah J. Franklin, 49f, Keeps House born KY;

John H. Franklin, 16m, Telegraph Operator born IL

George A. Franklin, 12m, born IL

Harrison Franklin, 9m, born IL;

H. G. Bowles 24m, Patent Atty, born IN;

Elizabeth Noel, 22f born KY.

1880 Illinois, McDonough County, page 472A

William H. Franklin, self, married, 65m, born KY, Justice Of The Peace, Fa: VA, Mo: VA;

Mariah J. Franklin, wife, married, 59f, born KY, keeping house, Fa: KY, Mo: SC

George Franklin, son, single, 22m, born IL, hand in planing mill, Fa:KY, Mo: KY

Harrison Franklin son single, 18m, born IL, hand in printing office, Fa: KY, Mo: KY .

Their children (Most omitted. They are found in FFRU, Volume 3, etc. as described above):

- f) John H. Franklin was born 5 Jul 1853 in McDonough County, Illinois. He was an attorney. He lived in Russell, Russell County, Kansas and was editor of *Russell Records*. He married about 1873 to Irene Hudgins (born 12 May 1855; died 5 Mar 1929, buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma). He died 16 Jan 1944 and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma.

1880 Census, Kansas, Davis County, Junction, page 258D

John H. Franklin, self, married, 26m, born IL, lawyer, Fa: KY, Mo: KY

Irene Franklin, wife, married, 25f, born MO, keeping house, Fa: KY, Mo: KY

Mable Franklin, daughter, single, 4f, born IL, Fa:IL, Mo: MO

Blake Franklin, son, single, 2m, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: MO

1900 Census Illinois, Marshall County, Lacon, ED48, Sheet 4D, page 116A

J. H. Franklin, head, born Jul 1853, 46m, married 27 years, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, Lawyer;

Irene Franklin, wife, born May 1855, 44?f, married 27 years, 9 children/6 living, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO;

Maybelle Franklin, daughter, born May 1876, 24f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, Stenographer;

Blake Franklin, son, born May 1878, 22m, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, Teacher?

Wirt Franklin, son, born Mar? 1883, 17m, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, At School;

Veta Franklin, daughter, born Feb 1885, 15f, born KS, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, At School;

Junia Franklin, daughter born Jun 1887 12f, born KS, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, At School;

Harry Franklin, son, born Aug 1889, 10m, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, At School;

1910 Census, Oklahoma, Comanche County, Lawton Ward 2, ED 57, Sheet 1A, page 222
1110 Signal Avenue HH 2/2

John H. Franklin, head, 56m, married 36 years born IL, Fa; KY, Mo: KY, Attorney, General Practice;

Irene Franklin, wife, 54f, 9 children/6 living born MO, Fa; KY, Mo: KY;

Veta Franklin, daughter, 25f, born KS, Fa; IL, Mo: MO, Teacher in Private School;

Junia Franklin, daughter, 23f, born KS, Fa; IL, Mo: MO, Kindergarten Teacher;

Harry Franklin, son, 20m, born MO, Fa; IL, Mo: MO;

Mabel F. Ocker, daughter, 33f, Widow, no children, born IL; Fa; IL, Mo: MO;

Rachel W. Bayne, boarder, 21f, born IL, Fa; IL, Mo: IL, Teacher in Public School.

1920 Census, California, Los Angeles County, Glendale, ED# 26, Sheet 2A

246 North Central Avenue, HH 42/50

John H. Franklin, head, Owns home, 66m, born IL, Fa: KY, Mo: KY, occupation: none

Irene Franklin, 64f, born MO, Fa: KY, Mo: KY occupation: none;

Mabel F. Ocker, daughter, 43f, widow, born IL, Fa:IL, Mo: MO, occupation: none.

Newspaper Items for Sept-Oct 1924 *Daily Ardmoreite* published in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma 19 Sep 1924 Little Items of Interest: "J. H. Franklin of Glendale, California, is visiting at the home of his son, Wirt Franklin, well known oil man of this city."

1930 U.S. Federal Census, California, Los Angeles County, Glendale, District 970, Sheet 10B, 246 N. Central HH 273/392

John H. Franklin, head, home worth \$40,000, 76m, widower, born IL, Fa: KY, Mo: KY, occupation: None;

Mable F. Ocker, daughter, 53f, widow, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, occupation: None;
Helen Mathews, [?]¹⁸ 46f, widow, born MO, Fa: AR, Mo: IL, occupation: Maid;
Dan Lane, lodger, chinese, 59m, 21 at first marriage, born China, Fa: China, Mo: China,
occupation: gardener.

Their children:

- (1) Mabel Franklin, born 30 May 1876, married William H. Ocker (died before 1910). She returned home to live with her parents (1910 Census) and then moved to Glendale, Los Angeles County, California (1920, 1930, still with her father). She died 12 Sep 1955 in Los Angeles County, California.¹⁹
- (2) Blake Franklin, born 03 May 1878,²⁰ died in Los Angeles, California on 29 Jul 1971 In about 1901 he married Inez Hall (born 22 Sep 1878 in Illinois, died 02 Oct 1949 in Los Angeles, California)

1910 Census, New Mexico, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, 4th Ward, page 205,
923 Forrester Avenue, HH 145/69

Blake Franklin, head, 31m, married once 8 years, born: IL, Fa: MO, Mo: MO, forest
service-district law office;

Inez Franklin, wife, 31f, married once 8 years, 4 children/4 living, born: IL, Fa: IL,
Mo: IL;

Donald Franklin, son, 7m, born: AL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL;

Isabell Franklin, daughter, 6f, born Washington, D.C., Fa: IL, Mo: IL;

John Franklin, son, 2m, born AL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL;

Josephine Franklin, daughter, 1f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL;

Rose Martinez, 15f, born NM, Fa: NM, Mo: NM.

1920 Census, California, Los Angeles County, Glendale, ED 23, Sheet 5A

Blake Franklin, head, 42m, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, Lawyer

Inez H. Franklin, wife, 41f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL

Donald Franklin, son, 17m, born AL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL

John B. Franklin, son, 12m, born Washington, D.C. Fa: IL, Mo: IL

Josephine Franklin, daughter, 10f, born KS, Fa: IL, Mo: IL

1930 U.S. Federal Census, California, Los Angeles County, Glendale, District 963,
Sheet 6B 317 Lexington Drive, HH 139/171

Blake²¹ Franklin, head, home worth \$15,000, 51m, 23 at first marriage, born IL,
Fa: IL, Mo: MO, Lawyer

Inez Franklin, wife, 51f, 23 at first marriage, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL;

Josephine Franklin, daughter, 21f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, occupation: None.

Children:²²

18. Relationship illegible.

19. California Death Records: Ocker, Mabel Franklin, born 30 May 1876, Mo: Hudgens, Fa: Frank-
lin, Gender: F, birthplace: Illinois, deathplace: Los Angeles(19), death: 12 Sep 1955, age: 79

20. California Death Records: Franklin, Blake, born 03 May 1878, Gender: M, birthplace: Illinois,
deathplace: Los Angeles(70), death: 29 Jul 1971, SSN: 563-09-9865, age: 93

21. Ancestry.com says this is Blair. Wrong...

- (a) Donald Franklin, born 1903 in Alabama.
 - (b) Isabell Franklin, born 1904 in Washington, D.C.
 - (c) John B. Franklin,²³ born 1908 in Alabama.
 - (d) Josephine Franklin, 1909 in Illinois or Kansas.
- (3) Wirt Franklin, born 22 Mar 1883, died 24 Sep 1962 (See the Bio above)
He married in Aug 1902, at Lacon, Marshall County, Illinois, to Mary Cecile Collyer (born 1885 in Illinois, daughter of John A. Collyer)

1910 Oklahoma, Carter County, Ardmore, 3rd Ward, Page 98, 201 O Street, HH 105/108

Wirt Franklin, 27, married once, married 8 years, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, lawyer, genral practice ;

Mary C. Franklin, 25, married once, married 7 years [sic], born IL, Fa: NJ, Mo: NJ; Chester Franklin, 6m, born OK, Fa: MO, Mo: IL.

1920 U.S. Census Oklahoma, Carter County, Ardmore - Ward 3 ED 45, page 12A, 201 D Street, HH 242/269

Wirt Franklin, head, age 36, born MO, Fa: United States, Mo: MO, occupation: Oil Business;

Mary C. Franklin, wife, age 37, born IL, Fa: NJ; Mo: NJ, occupation House Work;

Chester A. Franklin, son, age 16, born OK; Fa: MO, Mo: IL;

Cycila Franklin, daughter, age 6, born OK; Fa: MO, Mo: IL.

1930 U.S. Census Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, District 61, page 14A, 1550 Lincoln Blvd HH 240/292

Wirt Franklin, head, owns own home \$35,000, age 46, first married at age 21, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, occupation: Independant Oil Producer;

Virginia Franklin, wife, age 45, first married at age 17, born TX, Fa: AL, Mo: AL;

Jewell Franklin, daughter, age 19, born OK, Fa: TX, Mo: TX;

Louise Franklin, daughter, age 17, born OK, Fa: TX, Mo: TX;

Betsy Franklin, daughter, age 2 [?]/12, born OK, Fa: IL, Mo: TX;

Doris Stuart, nurse (crossed out) servant, age 45, born IA, Fa: Ireland, Mo: PA.

Children Wirt Franklin and Mary Collyer:

(a) Chester A. Franklin, born 17 Oct 1903; died 11 Oct 1962, buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma. He married Madge H. _____ (born 7 Oct 1900, died 19 Jun 1983, buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma.). In 1930 they lived at 201 D Street S. W., Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma. They owned their home, valued at \$25,000, occupation, Oil Producer.

i. Marilou Franklin born 23 Sep 1926 in Oklahoma, died 27 Mar 1954, buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma.

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22. Note: this family moved around a good bit. They don't seem sure where they were living when the children were born, because the census is quite inconsistent on the topic of birthplace.
23. California Death records: Franklin, John Blake, born 02 Jul 1907, Mo: Hall, Fa: Franklin, Gender: M, birthplace: Kansas, deathplace: Los Angeles(19), death: 09 Sep 1946, SSN: 561-07-2007, age 39.

ii. Wirtaine Franklin born about Jan 1929 in Oklahoma.

(b) Priscilla / Cycila Franklin, born 23 Mar 1913.

Between the 1920 and 1930 Census, Wirt remarried to Virginia Douthitt/ Virginia B. Doss,²⁴ born 23 Nov 1895, died 1 May 1937, buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma. By 1930, Wirt appears to have adopted both Jewell Doss (neice of Virginia), and Louise Douthitt (Virginia's daughter by previous marriage), and appears to have started a new family (Betsy). Perhaps this experience made him sensitive to the needs of orphans, because he is credited with starting a home for orphans. - Ed.

Children:

(c) Jewell Franklin (adopted, neice of Virginia Douthitt), born 1911 in Oklahoma.

(d) Louise Franklin (adopted, daughter of Virginia Douthitt by previous marriage), born 1913 in Oklahoma.

(e) Betsy Franklin, born 1927 in Oklahoma.

(4) Veta Franklin,²⁵ born 4 Feb 1885 in Kansas, died on 1 Oct 1956, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma. In 1910 (age 25) she is found living with her parents, employed as a teacher in a private school. In 1915 she completed a post-graduate course in domestic science and arts at Columbia University, New York City, and returned to live with her parents.

In 1917 she married Charles F. Robbins (born 1867 in New Jersey) and In 1920 they were enumerated on Main Street W.W., Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

In 1930 they are found living on Glenora Road, Glenora, Yates County, New York (owns home worth \$12,000, no occupation)

Child:

(a) Franklin C. Robbins, born 1924 in New York.

(5) Junia Franklin, was born 19 Jun 1887 in Kansas, died 12 Oct 1966 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma. In 1910 she was still living at home (age 23) with her parents in Comanche County, Oklahoma, working as a kindergarten teacher. She married Frank Murry Head (born 16 Jan 1884 in Kansas, died 14 Aug 1959, buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Carter County, Oklahoma). The family is enumerated at 216 D Street, S.W., Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma in the 1920 Census (Ed 44, page 8B). Frank is listed as an investor in Oil and Gas Company. George H. Franklin (born 1907), a cousin, is enumerated with them in 1920.

Children:

24. 1910 U.S. Census, Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City, 711 East 4th Street Virginia Douthitt, head, 24f, widow, born TX, Fa: AL, Mo: AL, occupation: None; Louise Douthitt, daughter, 7f, born OK, Fa: OK, Mo: TX; Jewell Doss, neice, 10f, born OK, Fa: TX, Mo: OK.

25. In Volume 3 she was listed as Delia Franklin

- (a) Nancy B. Head, born 1916
 - (b) Mary Wirt Head, born 1918
- (6) Harrison "Harry" Franklin, born in Aug 1889 in Missouri. In about 1913 he married Louise _____²⁶ (born 1891)

1920 Census, Oklahoma, Carter County, Ardmore, ED 42, page 5A, Street Address: 702 (Street name illegible), HH 93/109/
 Harry Franklin, head, 30m, born MO, Fa: MO[sic], Mo: MO, stockholder - Plains[?] Oil Co.
 Louise Franklin, wife, 29f, born KS, Fa: NY, Mo: IL.

1930 Census, Oklahoma, Carter County, Ardmore, 409 N.W. 21st Street, HH 131/194
 Harry Franklin, head, owns home worth \$17,000, 40m, 24 at first marriage, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, Oil business - Oil produces and Company[?]
 Louise Franklin, wife, 40f, 24 at first marriage, born KS, Fa: NY, Mo: IL;
 Harry Lou[?] Franklin, daughter, 5f, born NY, Fa: MO, Mo: KS..

Children:

- (a) Harry Lou? Franklin (female), born 1925 in New York.

Miscellaneous Notes on Wirt Franklin

Healdton Oil Field

When the Healdton Oil Field opened in 1913, it set into motion one of the great Oklahoma oil booms, and established southern Oklahoma as a major petroleum producing area. This was one of the most productive pools in the state. By 1937 this field it had produced over two million barrels of oil. The first successful well was drilled in Aug 1913, at the depth of only 920 feet. Oilmen poured into the area as word of the discovery spread. In a year's time, over 100 oil companies were actively searching for oil around Healdton. Smaller operators were attracted by the shallow depth of the oil-bearing sands. This gave the Healdton area the reputation of being a "poor man's" field. Among the Oklahoma investors were Lloyd Noble, Wirt Franklin, Robert A. Hefner and former Governor Charles N. Haskell. Of note is the fact that Erle Halliburton perfected his methods of oil well cementing in the Healdton field. This established his company as a leader in oil-field technology.

26. Appears to be Louise Stevens per a 21 Oct 1924 Healdton column written by Louise Mayberry: "Mrs. Kate Stevens and grandson, Morris Routh of Norman, arrived this week to visit Mrs. Stevens' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franklin, and little granddaughter, 210 D St. SW."

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1910 Census, Oklahoma, Grady County, Chickasaw, 1st Ward, page 100, 1123 Fifth Street
 Kate Stevens, head, 45f, born IL, Fa: KY, Mo: IN;
 Louise Stevens, daughter, 20f, born KS, Fa: WI, Mo: IL;
 Marion Stevens, daughter, 15f, born OK, Fa: WI, Mo: IL;
 Grace Stevens, daughter, 10f, born OK, Fa: WI, Mo: IL;
 Owin Stevens, son, 5m, born OK, Fa: WI, Mo: IL;

The Town of Wirt, Oklahoma

Note: There is (was?) a town by the name of “Wirt” in Oklahoma. It is three miles west of Healdton. At the present time there is just the feed store, a few houses and the baptist church which is not operating.

The town was first called Ragtown because of the tents workers lived in when the town started. It was an oil boom town and named for Wirt Franklin, the man that drilled the first well. A large number of oil company camps housed a lot of families. The town burned several times. At one time the town had a bank, movie theater, drug store, two gas stations, two churches, two grocery stores and a school called Dundee. When oil production dropped off so did the town.

Myth Busters: The Clark Gable Tie-In with Wirt Franklin

Kinfolk of Mabel Franklin Ocker have claimed that she was one of the wives of Clark Gable, the famous actor. Mable did live in Los Angeles at the same time that Gable did, however the actor married Maria “Ria”/”Rhea” Franklin Printiss Lucas Langham (!). She was Gable’s second wife. She was a wealthy Texas (not Oklahoma) socialite, who helped his early career, and taught him the social graces that would help him throughout his life. They were married on 19 Jul 1931 and divorced on 4 Mar 1939. The divorce itself was spectacular. It is said that their rift was triggered by his affair with Loretta Young in 1935. Ria Gable went to Las Vegas for a “quickie” divorce, where one had to live for only six weeks to establish residency. Because Reno, Nevada was a much more popular divorce location at the time, the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce invited Ria to come there to promote their services. She hosted parties all over town.

Anyway, that’s enough gossip. Mabel Franklin Ocker (Wirt’s sister) was born 30 May 1876 and died 12 Sep 1955 in Los Angeles County, California. Maria Franklin Gable was born 17 Jan 1884 in Kentucky and died 24 Sep 1966 in Houston, Texas. She is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, Harris County, Texas. They are obviously not the same person. When Gable died in 1960, *Time* magazine interviewed Ria, so it’s pretty unlikely that she is the same person as Mabel F. Ocker who died 5 years earlier.

If I learn more about Ria’s true lineage, I’ll write a future volume. - Ed.

Prince George’s County, Maryland Marriages and Deaths

Prince George’s County, Maryland Marriages and Deaths in Nineteenth Century Newspapers, Vol I: A through J, by Shirely V. and George E. Baltz, 1995, Heritage Books, Inc.; Bowie MD, ISBN 0-7884-0262-5

Married on Tuesday 20 Apr at Walnut Grange, Prince George’s County, by Rt Rev. W. Whittington D.D., the Rev Benjamin Franklin to Miss Emma Windsor. *Baltimore American & Commerical Daily Advertiser*, Baltimore MD, 24 April 1847.

Washington marriage license issued to John H. Franklin and Minnie J. Smith, both of Laurel. *Evening Star*, Washington, D.C. 6 Aug 1900.

Samuel Franklin, only son of Dr. Samuel Franklin of Prince George’s County, an interesting and amiable lad of about 13 years of age, was drowned on Thursday last, whilst bathing in a cove near this city [Annapolis]. He had been not more than 15 minutes under water, before the best medical aid was afforded, but all efforts to resuscitate him proved abortive. *Maryland Republican*, Annapolis, MD, 23 Jul 1831.

Married at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Prince George’s County, 19 Oct, by the Rev. Dr. Stanley, Thomas Franklin, Esq. of Annapolis to Mary, the youngest daughter of Col. W. W. W. Bowie. *Maryland Republican*, Annapolis, MD, 22 Oct 1870.

Neil M. Franklin Obituary

Neil and I corresponded quite a few times via email, beginning in 1999 when he was 85 years old. He was an enthusiastic researcher. He will be missed. - Editor

Franklin, Neil M., 89, a resident of Montgomery, Alabama, died Thursday, 24 Apr 2003 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be Saturday, 26 Apr 2003 at 2:30 p.m. from Saint Bede Catholic Church with Father Jan A. Zagorski officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Marian M. Franklin; daughter, Kathleen F. Avant; son, Neil Michael Franklin (Kemper); two grandchildren, Lindsay L. Avant and Wilson M. Franklin, all of Montgomery, Alabama; brother, Bernard W. Franklin, Tampa, Florida and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Franklin was a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, served in North Africa in the Army in WWII, and retired with 30 years of service from the Veteran's Administration. He was a member of the Saint Bede Parish since 1946. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. A rosary will follow at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Bede Catholic Church or to one's favorite charity. Leak-Memory Chapel Directing.

James Anthony Franklin Obituary

Recently submitted to RootsWeb. *Albuquerque Journal* - 14 Nov 2003

James Anthony Franklin, 69, a resident of Rio Rancho for the past 14 years, passed away on Wednesday, 12 Nov 2003. James was born 15 Jan 1934 the son of Robert K. and Mary Ellen Kelly Franklin in Brooklyn, New York. After coming to New Mexico, he was an evidence technician with the Rio Rancho Department of Public Safety. James served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, the Italian American Club, and the Policeman's Benevolent Association. James is survived by five children, Michael Franklin and wife, Peggy of Rio Rancho, Theresa Bryant and husband, Jared of Rio Rancho, Robert Franklin and wife, Lidey of New York, Lori Franklin and Cindy Flores of Nevada; one sister, Mary Velletta of New Mexico; one brother, Gerard Franklin of Colorado; and ten grandchildren. Visitation will be held for James on Saturday, 15 Nov 2003 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, 16 Nov 2003 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the Rosary being recited at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Vista Verde Mortuary, Sara Rd. at Meadowlark Lane, Rio Rancho. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday, 17 Nov 2003 at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1502 Sara Road, Rio Rancho. Interment will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Albuquerque. Pallbearers will be provided by the Rio Rancho Department of Public Safety. Military Honors will be presented by the New Mexico Honor Guard. Arrangements by: Vista Verde Mortuary Rio Rancho, New Mexico 892-9920

Seems to match: 1930 Census, Kings County, Brooklyn Burough, Dist 265, page 3A - AKA page 127, 204 Huron Street: Robert Franklin, rents @\$24.00, 28m, married age 26, chaeffer for construction company, born NY, Fa: NY, Mo: NY; Mary Franklin, 22f, married at 20, born NY, Fa: Irish Free State, Mo: Irish Free State; Robert Franklin, 6/12m, born NY, Fa: NY, Mo: NY.

Queries

I am looking to confirm the parentage of William John Franklin, born 17 Feb 1858; died 18 Feb 1931 Ontario, Canada. He married 8 Nov 1876 to Annie Lavina Doughty, born 18 Dec 1863; died 21 Feb 1914 Ontario, Canada. They had 20 children: Frederick, William, James, Hannah, Daniel, Annie, George, Martha, Charles, Susanna, Albert, Percy, Hattie, Lillie, Stanley, Herbert, Laura, Ethel, Ernest and Ralph. His parents may have been Benjamin Franklin and Mary Ann Turner. Any information would be appreciated.

Willow Brown <munch@telus.net>

I am looking for the parents of Col. Edward L. Franklin, who served in World War I. He was born in Albany, Albany County, New York in 1884. The death certificate only gives his mother's maiden name as Rogers, there is no first name. His father's name is John Franklin. I believe he had a sister named Marjorie Franklin. Other relatives include a Rev. Roger G. Franklin and an Alice Franklin, but I'm not sure how they are related. It is my understanding that the family was there for quite awhile. Any help would be appreciated.
Kathy Morley <k.a.morley@worldnet.att.net>

Editor's Response: I've looked at all of the past issues of FFRU, and my databases, and I don't see a match.

I did a few other fruitless searches. Assuming that Marjorie was at least 6 years older than Edward, and therefore would appear on the 1880 census, I looked for a Marjorie with a Head of Household of John. There is only one, and they are in KY... Looking for John Franklin in Albany County in 1880, there are three:

John A. Franklin age 22, born NY, living in his father's house, father born England. Occupation: Printer.

John C. Franklin age 38, born NY, head of household. Wife is 34 years old. This is a possibility. Wife's name: Margaret W. Franklin. Occupation: Salesman In Clothing Store.

and finally:

John Franklin, age 25 single Occupation: Gents Furnishing Goods. If I had to guess, this would be the most likely in my book...

No match for John Franklin in Albany County in 1900, nor 1910. No Edward that matches in 1910 (age 26)

Nothing in Franklin Fireplace.

Rev. Roger not found.

*The state of New York is unusual in the fact that they were began keeping birth certificates in 1881. Have you asked for this yet? If you don't know how, instructions are found at:
<http://www.vitalrec.com/ny.html>*

William Henry Franklin, born about 1876 to mixed race parents in Montana (probably Helena) . Mother Harriet, born about 1845 in Missouri, brother Alexander Franklin, sister Annie Franklin, father from Virginia. William Henry Franklin was a miner in 1910. He died about 1912 at Anaconda, Montana. Believed to be married to Catherine Daly, at least two children: Harriet Franklin and Thomas Alexander Franklin after 1900. Gravesite caved into one of the old mines.

J. C. Shepard <jcshepard@yahoo.com>

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