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Benjamin Franklin (1812–1878)

Cover Photo: Benjamin Franklin (1812–1878)

Benjamin Franklin,¹ preacher of the “Restoration Movement”² was born 1 Feb 1812, in what is now Belmont County, Ohio, which is near Wheeling, West Virginia, the oldest son of Joseph and Isabelle Franklin. In about 1833 when he was nearly twenty-one years of age, he moved to Henry County, Indiana with his parents, and settled about three miles south of Middletown and there Benjamin acquired 80 acres of land for himself. Here he met, soon after, and married, on 15 Dec 1833, Miss Mary Personet. They had eleven children, nine of whom lived to adulthood.

Early, unresearched biographies claim that he was “descended in the fourth generation from a brother of the philosopher, Dr. Benjamin Franklin.” This is incorrect.

His parents were members of the Protestant Methodist church. But in their new home there was no Protestant Methodist church. In 1834 Samuel Rogers, from Kentucky, moved into the community and became a neighbor of the Franklins. Mr. Rogers at once began to preach to the people in a schoolhouse. There was such strong prejudice against what they called “Campbellism” as to cause the closing of the school house against him. Mr. Franklin had this prejudice also; but he felt that his neighbor had been unjustly treated, and so Mr. Franklin gave Samuel Rogers sympathy and support. The result was that he soon became convinced that Mr. Rogers was preaching true gospel, and became a member of the new church which was organized that same year. Altogether there were about forty, who joined this new church. Among these were Benjamin, Josiah, Daniel and Joseph Franklin, Jr., and John I. Rogers, son of Samuel Rogers. All of these became preachers. Josiah and Joseph Franklin died quite early. The others all lived to give thirty-five years or more to the ministry. There was a younger brother, David Franklin, who became a Christian half a dozen years later and devoted his life to preaching.

While with his father, Benjamin became a skilled cabinet maker and followed this until he stopped all manual labor and gave himself to preaching. In 1836, when Benjamin was about twenty-four years of age, he was baptized, near Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, by Samuel Rogers. Soon after his baptism, Benjamin began to preach and continued for the rest of his life.

During the first twelve years of his ministry, his labors were chiefly confined to Eastern Indiana, where he was instrumental in establishing many churches. He next preached extensively in Ohio and Kentucky; and, ultimately in more than half the States of the Union, as well as portions of Canada. About seven thousand persons joined to the various churches which he supported.

On the 1 Jan 1843, he began his editorial career, taking charge of the *Reformer*, a monthly of sixteen pages, published from Centreville, Indiana. This he continued to publish for about seven years; the last three from Milton, Indiana.

In 1856 he started the *American Christian Review*, for which he was the editor until his death, in 1878... In the 1859, George W. Rice became a full and equal partner, and was thereafter the general business manager.

Benjamin Franklin died somewhat suddenly on 22 Oct 1878. His last words were to his wife: “Mother, I am sorry to have to leave you,” and leaning back in the chair in which he had been sitting he fixed his eyes on his life’s partner, and in a little while had passed.

At the time of his death it was said that “no preacher among the Disciples was more generally known. ...the name of Benjamin Franklin is as familiar as household gods.”

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1. See also FFRU Volume 8, article entitled: Anderson, Indiana Biographies: Benjamin Franklin and Mary Personett.
 2. This nineteenth-century unity and restitution effort by Barton W. Stone and Thomas and Alexander Campbell spawned several distinct religious groups: the Churches of Christ, the Christian Churches, and the Disciples of Christ.

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Letter from the Editor

This is the fourth and final volume of the year. You will note that I have included six PERSI abstracts, with notes and cross references to a number of Franklin references. There is also an unusually large number of queries. These are mostly from recent postings to the Rootsweb Franklin surname list.

As usual, there have been a number of developments in the genealogical world since I last wrote. Many libraries have announced projects to digitize their collections. These include the Google Library Project, the Library of Congress and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The FHL is the only one which has a significant number of genealogy-specific material so far. If and when these projects come to fruition, this will have a wonderful effect to make more information directly on research and indirectly on researchers ability add historical accuracy to their conclusions.

In January, your local Family History Centers will begin charging a base rate of \$5.50 as opposed to the former amount of \$3.25. This is the first increase in 8 years.

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Famous Franklins: Christine (Ladd) Franklin



Christine Ladd was born on 1 Dec 1847 in Windsor, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Eliphalet and Augusta (Niles) Ladd, granddaughter of Henry and Hannah (Hard) Ladd of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and of Richard and Christiana (Griswold) Niles of Windsor, Connecticut, and great-granddaughter of Colonel Eliphalet Ladd, who served on the staff of his cousin, Governor Gilman. Christine's father was a merchant; her mother died when she was thirteen years old.

In her childhood, Christine dreamed of education. From the ages of twelve to sixteen, she attended school in Portsmouth. Then she was a student at Wesleyan Academy in Massachusetts for two years. Her studies included two years of Greek, a subject in which she was the only female student (Green, 122). She graduated from Vassar college in 1869, and for some years she taught mathematics and science in different schools, in the meantime continuing her studies in mathematics and contributing to mathematical journals. In 1878 she was invited to study at Johns Hopkins university, and from 1879 to 1882 she remained as a fellow, being the first woman to receive this honor. In 1882 she married Professor Fabian Franklin of Johns Hopkins. The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon her by Vassar in 1887. From 1891 to 92 she continued her studies in the Universities of Göttingen and Berlin, where she studied the theories of Helmholtz and Hering.

Although she held a fellowship, and fulfilled all the requirements for the Ph.D., she was not awarded the degree until 1926, at the age of seventy-eight, forty-four years after the completion of her dissertation, because at the time of her graduate work the university did not officially recognize women candidates. She taught logic and philosophy at Johns Hopkins from 1904 to 1909 and lectured at Columbia University in New York City from 1910 to 1930.

At a time when few women were involved in science, her career was remarkably brilliant. Her theory of color vision combined the most important known facts of the day, using elements of psychology, physiology and photochemistry, along with an evolutionary conception of the development of the color sense. Her studies in Germany of the theories of Helmholtz and Hering enabled her to identify the defects in each of these rival theories and to combine the merits of each into a single theory. Perhaps even more brilliant than that in solar theory was her work in symbolic logic, during her early days at the Johns Hopkins.

Another remarkable feature of her career was her vitality to the last. Her output of publications, which declined from the time when she was about fifty-five, increased again when she was seventy-five. Her keen interest in all the new developments in her chosen lines research continued until her death. Her intellect was remained sharp as did her zeal for knowledge.

She contributed articles on psychology, mathematics and logic to the *American Journal of Mathematics*, the *American Journal of Psychology*, the *Psychological Review and Mind* (London). Her theory of the sensation of color was published in the *Zeitschrift Für Psychologie* in 1892 and also in *Mind* in 1893. She also wrote reviews and editorials for various journals, including *The Nation*, and is the author of *Woman's Education in the South*, a contribution to *Woman's Work in America*. Her principal works are *The Algebra of Logic* (1883), *The Nature of Color Sensation* (1925), and *Colour and Colour Theories* (1929).

She was also an early feminist. At the time, special private arrangements had to be made in order to allow her the privilege of a university fellowship, and she was proud of having been a pioneer in this area. She was very interested in every fresh advance made by women in the scientific realm. She spent much time, and some of her own money, helping women obtain a graduate education.

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She died of pneumonia on 5 Mar 1930, at the age of eighty-two years.

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Queries

I'm looking for anything to do with Benjamin S. Franklin of Tuscola County, Michigan. He married Susan Pearslee/Peasley. Both died in Kingston, Michigan; Benjamin in 1930 and Susan in 1935.

Plus, my cousin Dan Rash, whose mother was Nina Franklin, brother of Melvin, sent me the three attachments, I am forwarding them to you - pretty cool info. Thanks,

Darlene J. (Franklin) Dowling

Editors' Response:

Refer to the article later in this volume: "Descendants of Benjamin S. Franklin and Susanna Presley".

Here are a few census records:

1930 Michigan, Tuscola County, Kingston Township ED27, page 1A, HH 12/12:

Susan Franklin, head, 83f, widow, 23 years old at first marriage, born Canada, Fa: Canada, Mo: NY, immigrated 1855³, no occupation; Kenneth Franklin, 22m, "son", (actually, grandson), born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: "Canada" (actually MI), farmer, farming.

1930 Michigan, Shiawassee County, Durand Village, ED 31, page 15B, HH 393/411:

Garfield Franklin, head, 43m, first married at age 22, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: MI, locomotive engineer, stream railroad; Mabel Franklin, wife, 40f, first married at age 19, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Gerald Franklin, son, 17m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Geraldine Franklin, daughter, 15f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Thelma Franklin, daughter, 13f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Clifford Franklin, son, 12m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI. Address 307 Kent Street.

1930 Michigan, Oakland County, Rochester, ED 3, page 14B, HH 367/378:

Melvin B. Franklin, head, 27m, first married at age 24, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI, trimmer, body plant; Oneita M. Franklin, wife, 20f, first married at age 17, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Jimmy E. Franklin, son, 1 9/12m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI. Address: 1108 Terry.

1920 Michigan, Shiawassee County, Vernon Township, Durand Village, ED 257, page 11B, HH 275/279:

Garfield Franklin, head, 32m, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, fireman, locomotive; Mabel Franklin, wife, 31f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Gerold Franklin, son, 7m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Geraldine Franklin, daughter, 6f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Thelma Franklin, daughter, 3 3/12f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Clifford Franklin, son, 2 10/12m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; William Hughes, father, 72m, born MI, Fa: Ireland, Mo: England; Lydia Hughes, mother, 66f, born MI, Fa: NY, Mo: NY. Address: 107 Gentist[?] Street.

1920 Michigan, Oakland County, Avon Township, ED 159, page 11A, HH 217/239:

3. Difficult to read. Appears more like "1885", but the 1920 makes this clearer - Ed.

George H. Franklin, head, 44m, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, motorman, electric railroad; May H. Franklin, wife, 38f, born MI, Fa: PA, Mo: NJ; Howard S. Franklin, son, 19m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Melvin B. Franklin, son, 16m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI, laborer, ice; Murl M. Franklin, daughter, 14f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Garfield J. Franklin, son, 13m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Nina B. Franklin, daughter, 10f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI. Address: Sugar Avenue.

1920 Michigan, Tuscola County, Kingston Township, ED# 192, page 3B, HH 77/81:

Benjamin Franklin, head, 72m, born OH, Fa: NY, Mo: NY, farmer, general farm; Susan Franklin, wife, 73f, born Canada, Fa: Canada, Mo: NY, immigrated 1855, naturalized in 1898[?]; Kenneth Franklin, grandson, 12m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI.

1910 Michigan, Tuscola County, Kingston Township, page 295A, HH 7/7:

Benjamin Franklin, head, 63m, married one time, married 40 years, born OH, Fa: NY, Mo: NY, mail courier, RFD; Susan Franklin, wife, 63f, married one time, married 40 years, 8 children/5 living, born Canada, Fa: Canada, Mo: NY; Hattie Franklin, daughter, 21f, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada.

1910 Michigan, Genesee County, Flint Ward 3, District 24, page 189A, HH 113/111:

Frank W. Parker, head, 36m, married 1 time, married 11 years, born OH, Fa: Unknown, Mo: Unknown, machinist, auto factory; Irene A. Parker, wife, 37f, married 1 time, married 11 years, 0 children/0 living, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada - English; Garfield J. Franklin, brother-in-law, 24m, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada - English, machinist, auto factory. Address: 1029 Grand Traverse Street.

1910 Michigan, Oakland County, Avon Township, ED177, page36B, HH 321/328:

George Franklin, head, 33m, married once, married 12 years, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI, laborer, wood yard; May Franklin, wife, 29f, married once, married 12 years, 6 children/6 living, born MI, Fa: PA, Mo: NJ; Clare Franklin, son, 11m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Howard Franklin, son, 9m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Melvin Franklin, son, 7m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Muriel Franklin, daughter, 5f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Garfield Franklin, son, 3m, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI; Nina Franklin, daughter, 10[?]/12f, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI. Winford[?] Silverton, father-in-law, 65m, divorced, born PA, Fa: PA, Mo: PA, hired[?] hand, railroad.

1900 Michigan, Tuscola County, Kingston Township, page 263, HH 198/205:

Benjamin L. Franklin, head, 53m, born Jan 1847, married 30 years, born OH, Fa: NY, Mo: MA, farmer; Susan Franklin, wife, 53f, born Oct 1846, married 30 years, 8 children/6 living, born Canada, Fa: Canada, Mo: NY; George Franklin, son, 25m, born Mar 1875, married 2 years, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, farm laborer; May Franklin, daughter-in-law, 18f, born Jul 1881, married 2 year, 1 child/1 living, born MI, Fa: NJ, Mo: NJ; Garfield Franklin, son, 14m, born Apr 1886, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, at school; Hattie Franklin, daughter, 11f, born Aug 1888, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, at school; Clare Franklin, grandson, 1m, born Aug 1898, born MI, Fa: MI, Mo: MI. Minnie Clark, daughter, 18f, born Mar 1882, married 1 year, 0 children/0 living, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, weaver[?].

1880 Michigan, Tuscola County, Koylton Township, ED409, page222A, HH 186/188:

Benjamin Franklin, head, 33m, born OH, Fa: NY, Mo: NY, laborer; Susan Franklin, wife, 33f, born Canada, Fa: Canada, Mo: NY, keeping house; Mary Franklin, daughter, 10f, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, at school; Irene Franklin, daughter, 7f, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, at school; George H. Franklin, son, 5m, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada, at school; Rutherford B. Franklin, son, 3m, born MI, Fa: OH, Mo: Canada.

1870 Michigan, Tuscola County, Wells Township, page 285 HH 19/19:

Benjamin Franklin, 23m, farmer, RE\$480, born OH; Susan Franklin, 23f, keeping house, born Canada.

Looking for Franklins from NY living in OH in 1850, we find about 60 of them, so that doesn't narrow things down very well. However there is only one family that has a 3-year-old Benjamin, born in OH:

1850 Ohio, Cuyahoga County, Bedford Township, page 92 HH 1354/1477:

Alonzo Franklin, 48m, farmer, RE\$2,375, born MA; Dinuthe Franklin, 39f, born NY; Daniel Franklin, 19m, farmer, born NY; Irene Franklin, 17f, born NY; May Franklin, 13f, born OH; Electa Franklin, 6f, born OH; Benjamin Franklin, 3m, born OH; George Franklin, 1m, born OH; Harriet Britten, 4/12f, born OH; Amanda Franklin, 14f, born OH.

...which obviously says that the father was born in Massachusetts...

The next (actually the first !) step is to track down Benjamin's death certificate. It appears from the census that he died between 1920 and 1930.

The FHLC doesn't list any good references for cemeteries in Tuscola County. I suggest taking a closer look at the county death records to determine the death date, and then order the death certificate.

My earliest Franklin ancestor is James R. Franklin, born about 1822 in North Carolina, according to the census. He married Margaret Ann Morris, born about 1826 in Tennessee.

Assuming that they may have married in her birthplace, the only county in Tennessee with both Franklins and Morris is Sumner County. There is a young James living next to a William on the 1840 Sumner County, Tennessee census. Don't know if this is the same as James R. Franklin.

Their first child, a boy, was named William Franklin. Their next sons were named James Marion Franklin, Sherrod Franklin, and Nathaniel Franklin. Their daughters were named Mary Franklin, Nancy Franklin and Martha Franklin. I descend through their son James Marion Franklin. William was killed in the Civil War and was not married.

The Franklin trail seems to be from North Carolina to Tennessee in the 1840's, through Georgia to Mississippi by 1853. James R. and Margaret were last found on the Winston County, Mississippi census in 1860, but not on the 1870 census. James Marion Franklin, their son, lived in Mississippi, Texas and died in Oklahoma. Thanks,

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Editor's Response:

This is the "Getting Beyond The Generation Living in 1850" challenge that is so very common in US research.

This line is shown in the Pedigree volume, page 56, submitted by Nina M. Martin, but provides no further illumination. The lineage of James Marion Franklin is also featured in an article in FFRU Volume 9 entitled "James Marion Franklin and Elizabeth (Dollar) Franklin", also submitted by Nina M. Martin, about which she says; "The following is an article of my Great-grandfather, his wife and their only son; written by James Marion" [Franklin].

So, one of the records that is mentioned is the 1860, Mississippi, Winston County, Louisville, page 699 HH 674/674:

James Franklin, 38m, farmer, RE\$1,000/PP\$500, born NC; Margaret Franklin, 34f, born TN; William Franklin, 14m, born GA; James Franklin, 13m, born GA; Sherrod Franklin, 12m, born GA; Nancy Franklin, 10f, born MS; Nathaniel Franklin, 2m, born MS; Martha Franklin, 1f, born MS.

Martin Franklin, born about 1830 in County Tipperary, or County Limerick, Ireland; died 1906, Minnesota. He married Bridget Kirby, born about 1835, Ireland, location unknown.

Children:

- 1) John Franklin, born 1862 Pennsylvania; died 1943 Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Annie Maher, daughter of Pat and Ann (O'Rourke) Maher.
- 2) George Franklin, born 1865, Pennsylvania, died 1906, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 3) Ellen Franklin, born 1867, Goodhue County, Minnesota. She married Edward O'Connor.

- 4) [female infant], born 1870, died during childbirth with mother, Goodhue County, Minnesota

Patrick Maher, born about 1836 in Ireland. He married Ann O'Rourke (born about 1838 in Ireland.)
Children:

- 1) Ann "Annie" P. Maher, born 1868, Goodhue County, Minnesota; died 1949, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married John Franklin (see above)
 - 2) Katherine Maher, born 1858 Wisconsin, married David W. Franklin, Goodhue County, Minnesota
 - 3) William Maher
 - 4) John Maher
 - 5) Lizzie [Elizabeth?] Maher
- [Possibly other children.]

I believe that the Franklins, Kirbys, Mahers, and O'Rourkes named above originated in the Doon area of Counties Limerick/Tipperary.

A cousin of mine was in Minneapolis, doing some lookups for Martin, when she just happened to see an entry for a Mrs. Martin Franklin! Further research into this developed that she was Margaret (take your pick of several surnames), previously married to a Bryan/Bernard Mullaney. After doing some detective work, and with help from my cousin looking for obituaries, I was able to determine that this Patrick in the 1880 census was in fact Margaret's son by way of Bryan. In the same census, the John mentioned is also Margaret's son by way of Bryan! My grandfather John was living with another family at that time, I believe. I was able to make the connection to Mullaneys from an obituary for George Franklin which listed him as a step-brother to Patrick and John. Margaret died at the Little Sisters Of The Poor home in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on 16 Sep 1913. Her previous husband, Bryan, died in Red Wing, Minnesota in 1870 I believe, and that is the year Martin's wife Bridget died. As you my know, Red Wing is only about 10 miles from where Martin lived. How he met Margaret, I have no idea.

I also found out that Martin's son George, actually preceded Martin in death, dying 11 Apr 1906 in Minneapolis. His surname was spelled Franklyn. The informant on his death certificate is John Franklin. Father's name listed as Martin. No mother's name given. No spouse name mentioned in obituary, so I don't know if George ever married. His death certificate lists Red Wing as place of birth, but I think that may be in error.

Any and all help is appreciated.

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Editor's Response:

The "normal" interpretation of these census records is a reminder that using only the census can easily lead you to the wrong conclusions.

1900 Minnesota, Goodhue County, Belle Creek, page 5B HH 76/76:

Martin Franklin, head, 70m, born May 1830, married 45 years, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, farmer, immigrated in 1865, 35 years in the US, PA⁴ (naturalized status); Margaret Franklin, wife, 72f, born Apr 1828, married 45 years, 4 children/2 living, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, immigrated in 1864, 36 years in the US.

1880 Minnesota, Goodhue County, Belle Creek, ED158, page 288A, HH 19/20:

David Franklin, head, 49m, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, farmer; Mary Franklin, wife, 55f, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, keeps house; George Franklin, son, 23m, born NY, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ire-

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4. I had never seen this designation before, so I looked at the 1900 Enumerator Instructions, which state: "If he has declared his intention to become an American citizen and taken out his "first" papers, write "Pa" (for papers)." - Ed.

land, farmer; Mary Franklin, daughter, 24f, born NY, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, at home; David Franklin, son, 18m, born WI, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, at home; John Franklin, cousin, 16m, born PA, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland; Johanna Fitzgerald, 21f, servant, born OH, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland.

1880 Minnesota, Goodhue County, Belle Creek, ED158, page 288A, HH 169/175:

Martin Franklin, head, 50m, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, farmer; Margaret Franklin, wife, 35f, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, keeps house; Patrick Franklin, son, 14m, born OH, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, at home; John Franklin, son, 11m, born MN, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, at school; George Franklin, son, 15m, born PA, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, at home.

1880 Minnesota, Goodhue County, Belle Creek, ED158, page 288B, HH 172/178:

Thomas Lolley, head, 20m, born MN, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, farmer, household... Ellen Franklin, [no relationship listed], born PA, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, domestic servant.

1870 Minnesota, Goodhue County, Belle Creek, page 30, HH 90/93:

Martin Franklin, 44m, farmer, RE\$500/PP\$250 born Ireland; John Franklin, 6m, at home, born PA; George Franklin, 5m, at home, born PA.

My Franklins are around Chelsea, London, England from 1800 onwards. Prior to that they are from Wiltshire. I also have a Luke Franklin who emigrated to US in 1850/1 and settled in Whiteside County, Illinois. His son James W. Franklin and family ended up in Clinton County, Iowa.

On the Whiteside County website I have found the burial indexes for Luke and family (but not James W.) at Cottonwood Community Cemetery. From the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index online I have found that James M (W!) Franklin married Elizabeth Rudman and, Martha C. Franklin married Ernest H. Husman, in Whiteside County.

Pete Franklin, in Surrey, England <pete.franklin@tinyonline.co.uk>

Editor's Response:

1900 Illinois, Whiteside County, Fulton Township, Fulton City, ED144, page21B, HH ?/?[illegible]:

Luke Franklin, head, 76m, born June 1823, married 10? years, born England, Fa: England, Mo: England, immigrated 1850, 50 years in the US, naturalized, no occupation; Ann Franklin, wife, 75f, born July 1824, married 10? years, 10 children/3 living, born England, Fa: England, Mo: England, immigrated 1850, 50 years in the US, no occupation.

1880 Illinois, Whiteside County, Ustick Township, ED215, page 325C, HH 20/21:

Luke Franklin, head, 58m, born England, Fa: England, Mo: England, cannot read, cannot write, farmer; Ann Franklin, wife, 55f, born England, Fa: England, Mo: England, cannot read, cannot write, keeping house; Martha Franklin, daughter, 25f, born PA, Fa: England, Mo: England; George Franklin, son, 21m, born PA, Fa: England, Mo: England.

1870 Illinois, Whiteside County, Ustick Township, page 352, HH 7/7:

Luke Franklin, 45m, farmer, RE\$2,100/PP\$650, born England; Ann Franklin, 45f, keeping house, born England; James Franklin, 19m, at home, born PA; Martha Franklin, 14f, at home, born PA; George Franklin, 9m, at home, born PA, attended school within the year; Barnabas Franklin, 3m, born IL.

1860 Pennsylvania, Delaware County, Chester Borough, page 131, HH 436/417:

Luke Franklin, 34m, carter, RE\$400, PP\$200, born England; Ann Franklin, 33f, born England; James W. Franklin, 9m, born PA; [accidentally?, marked "married within the year"...] attended school within the year.

Cottonwood/Franklin Methodist Cemetery

Ustick Township Whiteside County, Illinois

<http://www.iltrails.org/whiteside/cemcottonwood.html>

Name	Born	Died	Notes
Ann Franklin	1826	21 Mar 1902	
Barnabas Franklin	16 May 1867	16 Nov 1874	
George Franklin	1859	1939	
Luke Franklin	1823	3 Oct 1907	Spouse: Ann
William Franklin	1856	12 Nov 1864 ^a	

- a. Not sure exactly who this William Franklin is. If he were in the above family, he should have been enumerated in the 1860 Census. There is no other Franklin family in the immediate area in 1860, although the Franklins we are following were actually in Pennsylvania in 1860.

I am looking for any information on my family from Pontotoc County, Mississippi. William Oscar Franklin married Augusta V. Tutor. His parents are Ben and Sarah Franklin. They are all buried in the Herndon Cemetery in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. I do not know anything at all about Ben and Sarah.

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Editor's Response:

The various Franklins families that settled in Pontotoc County were from South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. They were (obviously) not all related to one another. If I have found the correct 1880 census, yours were the ones from Virginia, who first settled in Lafayette County, Mississippi. However, I'm getting very far ahead of myself. Begin at the beginning by getting the death certificate. By 1934, Mississippi had been keeping death certificates for 22 years. By law he was required to have one, although of course just because there was a law, doesn't mean there was one, odds are very good there was one issued.

I am familiar with the lineage of Benjamin Curtis Franklin and Sarah Emma Brown who lived in Pontotoc County. I do not have any documentation that includes a child or relative named William Oscar Franklin, or anything similar. The Franklin and Allbritton family bibles pertaining to these lineages were published in *The Northeast Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume VIII Number 1 Sep 1987, pages 14-17. There is also an article in FFRU, Volume 1.

However, looking for records of William Oscar's lineage, we find:

Oscar Franklin married Gusta Tutor on 12 Jan 1895 at Pontotoc County, Mississippi (LDS Vital US Records CD, FFRU, Vol 27: Mississippi Marriages)

Name: Augustia T. Franklin; SSN: 587-10-7285; Last Residence: 38863 Pontotoc, Pontotoc, Mississippi, United States of America; Born: 12 Aug 1873; Died: 15 Jul 1970; State (Year) SSN issued: Mississippi (1965) - SSDI

1900, Mississippi, Pontotoc County, Randolph and Robbs Precinct, page 90, HH 156/156:

Richard Tutor, head, 49m, born July 1850, married 36 years, born MS, Fa: NC, Mo: NC, farmer; Allie H. Tutor, wife, 53f, born Nov 1846, married 36 years, 7 children/7 living, born MS, Fa: AL, Mo: AL; William O. Franklin, son-in-law, 26m, born Sep 1875, married 5 years, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS, farmer; Augusta V. Franklin, daughter, 21f, born Aug 1878, married 5 years, 2 children/2 living, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS; Ollie M. Franklin, granddaughter, 4f, born Oct 1895, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS; Nollie J. Franklin, granddaughter, 2f, born Feb 1898, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS.

When the 1880 is examined there is no good match for your information. The closest match to your William Oscar is: 1880 Mississippi, Pontotoc County, page 58A, HH 207/213:

James Franklin, head, 38m, born MS, Fa: VA, Mo: VA, farmer; Augusta Franklin, wife, 27f, born MS, Fa: AL, Mo: AL, keeping house; Virginia Franklin, daughter, 11f, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS, at home; Frances Franklin, daughter, 8f, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS, at home; Oskar Franklin, son, 4m, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS, at home; Mary Austin, orphan, 1f, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS, at home; John Dale, [no relationship listed], 23m, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS, farming; Jin/Jen? Dale, [no relationship listed], 20f, born MS, Fa: MS, Mo: MS, keep house.

Earnest Franklin married Iona Middleton. I do not have any dates on them. Their daughter, Grace Franklin, married William Andy Mitchell. No dates on this either. Their daughter was Effie Mildred Mitchell. She married Harry Walter Cleveland.

Irene Treihart <tolepainter1936@msn.com>

Editors Response:

Here are a few dates:

Looking first on AWT, we find enough information to look in the 1900 Census for an Earnest Franklin, born in 1868 in Illinois, which leads to more information.

1920 Kansas, Crawford County, Lincoln Township, page 6A, HH 126/137:

William A. Mitchell, head, 33m, born MO, Fa: TN, Mo: MO, laborer, general farm; Grace Mitchell, wife, 26f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: MO; Mildred E. Mitchell, daughter, 11f, born MO, Fa: MO, Mo: IL; Ethel O. Mitchell, daughter, 8f, born MO, Fa: MO, Mo: IL; Bernie? E. Mitchell, son, 6f, born KS, Fa: MO, Mo: IL; June A. Mitchell, daughter, 2 7/12f, born KS, Fa: MO, Mo: IL.

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1920 Kansas, Crawford County, Lincoln Township, page 6A, HH 132/143:

[Living on the Charles Claypool Farm] Onie Franklin, head, 35f, widow, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, no occupation; Cecil O. Franklin, son, 20m, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, no occupation.

1910 Missouri, Dallas County, Wilson Township, page 273, HH 115/115:

Ona Franklin, head, 47f, widow, 3 children/ 3 living, born MO, Fa: MO, Mo: KY, farmer, general farm; Mary Franklin, daughter, 15f, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, farm laborer, general farm; Secil Franklin, son, 9m, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO, farm laborer, general farm.

1910 Missouri, Dallas County, Wilson Township, page 273B, HH 116/116:

Andrew Mitchell, head, 23m, married one time, married 2 years, born IL, Fa: US, Mo: MO, farmer, general farm; Grace Mitchell, wife, 18f, married one time, married 2 years, 1 child/1 living, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO; Mildred Mitchell, daughter, 1 6/12f, born MO, Fa: IL, Mo: MO.

1900, Missouri, Polk County, Benton Township, ED 122, page 1B, HH 21/21:

Earnest Franklin, head, 31m, born Jan 1869, married 11 years, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, farmer; Iona Franklin, wife, 35f, born Mar 1865, married 11 years, 2 children/2 living, born MO, Fa: MO, Mo: MO; [page turn - some data was incorrectly entered because of this] Mary Franklin, daughter, Mar 1864[wrong] married 11 years[wrong] 2 children/2 living[wrong] born MO, Fa: KY[wrong], Mo: KY[wrong]; Grace Franklin, daughter, 8f, born July 1891, born IL, Fa: KY[wrong], Mo: MO.

1880 Illinois, Brown County, Pea Ridge Township, ED 37, page 530B, HH 125/125:

John Franklin, head, 52m, born IL, Fa: NH, Mo: VT, farmer; Mary J. Franklin, wife, 38f, born IL, Fa: TN, Mo: KY, keeping house; Benjamine Franklin, son, 16m, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, farming; Walter Franklin, son, 13m, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, farming; Earnest Franklin, son, 12m, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL; Ida Franklin, daughter, 10f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL; John Franklin, son, 8m, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, at home; Mary Franklin, daughter, 6f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL, at home; Perl D. Franklin, daughter, 3f, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL; Charles Franklin, son, 7/12m, born Oct, born IL, Fa: IL, Mo: IL.

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1880 Illinois, Brown County, Pea Ridge Township, ED 37, page 530B, HH 121/121:

Seborn Mayfield, 68m, head, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN, farmer; Sarah Mayfield, 65f, wife, born KY, Fa: VA, Mo: NC, keeping house; Seborn Mayfield, son, 18m, born IL, Fa: TN, Mo: KY, farming.

1870, Illinois, Brown County, Pea Ridge Township, page 129, HH 156/156:

John Franklin, 41m, farmer, RE\$800/PP\$400, born IL; Mary J. Franklin, 27f, keeping house, born IL; Benjamin Franklin, 7m, at home, born IL; Walter Franklin, 5m, at home, born IL; Earnest Franklin, 3f, at home, born IL; Idea Franklin, 1f, at home, born IL.

1860, Iowa, Monroe County, Franklin Township, page 171, HH 1240/1166:

John Franklin, 30m, farmer, RE\$800/PP\$350, born IL; Mary J. Franklin, 16f, domestic work, born IL.

Therefore, your Earnest Franklin was born Jan 1869, in Illinois, possibly Brown County; died after 1900 and before 1910. He married Iona/Onie/Ona Middleton in about 1889. She was born Mar 1865, in Missouri. It appears that he is the son of John Franklin and Mary J. Mayfield.

My earliest known Franklin ancestor is Elisha Franklin who was born 11 Jul 1809 in New York and died 9 Feb 1885 Old Mission, Grand Traverse County, Michigan. He married Lucy Noyes and they had 12 children.

His son, William H. Franklin, was born 7 Sep 1835 and died 12 Feb 1906 in Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan. He married Belinda Catherine Swaney.

His son, William Ellsworth Franklin, was born 11 Jan 1863 and died 24 Jan 1941 in Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan. He married to Lillian Baldwin. He lived in Chicago and was a captain on the Great Lakes.

His son, William Baldwin Franklin, was born 4 Nov 1896, died 16 Apr 1932 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois and was buried Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan. He married Florence M. Cuny.

I have a few questions. My first is: Everything I have found and read about any of these Franklins says that Elisha Franklin is the son of Billa Franklin and the grandson of Colonel John Franklin. I have been unable to find any documentation that verifies that he is the son of Billa Franklin.

My other question concerns the descendants of Elisha and Lucy Franklin.

I have documented all the descendants except for:

- Electra M. Franklin (born 6 Apr 1837) married Charles W. Bross in Hill County, Michigan.
- Oliver E. Franklin (born 20 Nov 1839; died 13 Mar 1899) was married to Elizabeth Welch in Michigan.
- Oren S. Franklin (born 19 Jul 1848) First marriage in Michigan was to Jennette Hall on 15 Jan 1876

I would like to find out what happened to them. Names of their children, who they were married to and where they died or are buried. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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Editor's Response:

As you seem to already know, the most commonly-referred to document for this line is the *Sketch of Col. John Franklin and Genealogy of His Family* As collected by his great-grandson Elbridge Franklin, R. D. No. 6, Ithaca, Michigan, 1909. This material does not contain any source references.

From *Franklin Fireplace*, page 223:

Children of Electa M. Franklin and Charles W. Bross:

- Willard F. Bross, born 19 Sep 1855; married 1) Ella P. Pitts, 1876, she died 1897; married 2) May Rollins, 1903.
- Charles M. Bross, born 27 Aug 1859; married 1) Lillie A. Jackson, 1832; she died in 1892; married 2) Miriam Wilson, 1897.
- Cora L. Bross, born 2 Jul 1861; married Watson Hall, 1883.
- Alice Ermina Bross, born 9 Mar 1864; died 21 Dec 1905; married John Hollister, 1903.
- Frank M. Bross, born 18 Jan 1866; married Etta Moore, 1891.
- Myrle B. Bross, born 13 Dec 1870; married C. H. Manzer, 1891.
- Mattie A. Bross, born 10 Jul 1872, died 16 Feb 1896; married Herbert Frazier, 1894.
- Lulu M. Bross, born 6 Aug 1877; married Herbert Wells, 1897.

Daughter of Oliver E. and Elizabeth Franklin:

- Ida Franklin, born 1871; married Charles Pearson.

Franklin Fireplace page 221:

Oren S. Franklin, born 19 Jul 1848; married 1) Jennette Hall, 1876; married 2) May E. Dewey, 1888; married 3) Louisa Atwood, 1904.

Franklin Fireplace page 224:

Children of Oren S. and Jennette Franklin.

- Bernard Franklin, born 9 Aug 1877; married Marguretta Gouler.
- Maude Franklin, born 24 Nov 1879, died Jan 1899; married Gilford Williams.

Daughter of Oren S. and Mary E. Franklin.

- Hazel Franklin, born 1889.

My end-of-line individual is John Franklin, born 25 Dec 1835, Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York; died 15 Dec 1921 at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington. My earliest record of him is the 1860 census where he is listed living in Watkins Post Office, Dix Township, Schuyler County, New York, with the Josiah D. Payne family where his profession was listed as machinist (page 822, HH 70/71). The 1865 New York State census shows John Franklin to be an owner of a foundry in Watkins, Schuyler County, New York at the foot of Decatur Street. Family papers indicate that he was operating the foundry as early as 1861. The census of 1850 from Fayette, Seneca County, New York, lists a John Franklin age 16 living with the Samuel and Triphina Wagoner family. The family included John Franklin, 4 children with the surname Jolly (ages 7-14), and 1 Wagoner, age 1. Only John was listed as going to school. I am not sure, of course, that this is my John Franklin.

John Franklin married Sarah Jane Smith of Caroline, Tompkins County, New York, in 1861. Her grandfather, Benjamin T. Leggett, and grandmother, Elizabeth DeWitt, were early settlers in Tompkins County. John was in business in Watkins (now Watkins Glen) until late in 1870, when he sold the business and moved to Dubuque, Iowa. He lived in Iowa and then bought a farm in Grant County, Wisconsin, working also as a machinist in local industry. In 1889, he moved to Tacoma, Washington, where he became a lumber mill superintendent.

John Franklin's death certificate in Tacoma, Washington, lists his parents as David Franklin and Sarah. However, this information was submitted by his second wife, and as she gave an incorrect birth year and some errors in regard to children of the first marriage, I feel I cannot rely on her information on parents. There is a David Franklin listed on 1840 New York census in Tompkins County, town of Groton with a son and 3 daughters, and again on the 1850 census with 2 sons (Levi and Morgan) and 3 daughters. However, his wife was Olivia and there is no record of a son John. This David is a descendant of the David Franklin and Mary Hubbard line.

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Editor's Response:

It appears that you have done all of the normal things to get you this far, which is good. This is yet another example of the "Getting Beyond The Generation Living in 1850" question.

As you have found, the death certificate is well-known as a poor source of information about the birth and things other than the death itself, however, it is frequently still the best that we have... In evaluating the accuracy of data and the veracity of documents, remember that information that is recorded by the principals themselves at the time of the event is usually the most reliable. As we get further from those concepts, then information tends to be less reliable.

I'm looking for information about John Franklin born, early 1800's in Tennessee or Alabama. Married Sarah Caroline Manly/Manely in Marshall County, Alabama They had one known son, John W. Franklin, born 1858 to 1860 in Alabama. John, Sarah, and infant son, John, are listed in 1860 Marshall County, Alabama census. In 1870 there is a 10-year-old John W. Franklin listed in the house of Nancy Click in Jackson County, Alabama. I believe Nancy and Sarah are sisters. I have a little more information but can't confirm any of it.

Betty Pigg <bettypigg@yahoo.com>

Editor's Response:

From FFRU Volume 24:

John Franklin married Sarah Caroline Manley 20 Sep 1857, in Marshall County, Alabama

...so, there's yet a third spelling variation of the last name, that doesn't match the two that you sent.

I have little on the Franklins of Marshall County, Alabama.

I am seeking information on the following Alabama Franklin families which I feel may be related in some way:

1) Willson and Temperance "Tempy" (Straughn) Franklin of Covington County, Alabama. Willson born about 1780 South Carolina or Georgia, died about 1836 Loango, Alabama, wife Tempy born about 1788 North Carolina or South Carolina, died about 1868 Loango, Alabama. Children, all born in Loango, Covington County, Alabama: William H. Franklin, born 1823, died 1896; James Wilson Franklin, born Oct 1825, died between 1900 and 1910; John A. Franklin, born 1827, died 1909; Serena T. Franklin, born 1830, died after 1910; and Green T. Franklin, born 1832, died 1901.

2) Josiah L. and Mary (Farmer) Franklin of Butler and Covington counties, Alabama. Josiah born about 1794, Georgia, wife Mary born about 1796, Georgia. Children: Josiah Franklin, born about 1825; Unity Ann Franklin, born about 1827; Sarah Ann Franklin, born about 1829; Thomas Jefferson Franklin, born Mar 1832, died 1904; Martha Ann Franklin, born 1833, died 1914; and Mary Farmer Franklin, born 1839, died 1914.

Lisa R. Franklin <webmaster@trackingyourroots.com>

Editor's Response:

I first encountered Lisa's work 11 years ago. She has written an excellent, well-researched book on her Franklin ancestry, entitled: *The Franklins of Covington County, Alabama*, by Lisa R. Franklin Carmichael, 69 pages, copyright, 1991. In the FHLC, it is described thus: "Family history and genealogical information about the descendants of Wilson Franklin who was born about 1780 in Georgia. He married Temperance (surname unknown) sometime prior to the year 1819. They lived in Alabama and were the parents of three known children. Descendants lived in primarily in Alabama, Florida and Maryland." Comparing that to the information above, she has obviously continued to make progress in her research in the intervening years.

She has authored a number of other books related to the history and genealogy of various Alabama counties and maintains a great website at: <http://www.trackingyourroots.com/>

As she is the expert in this area, I don't have any generic or specific advice for her...

William Brawner Franklin, my 5th great-grandfather, was born about 1760 in Durham Parish, Charles County, Maryland. He married about 1779 to unknown first wife and they had at least 5 children:

- Asa Franklin
- Katherine Franklin married Eli Bowie (my line)
- James Franklin
- Sarah Franklin
- Anna Jane Franklin

His first wife died between 1798 and about 1806. After her death, William and five children migrated to Stony Point in Abbeville District, South Carolina. Here he married 2) Sarah White. There were at least three children of this marriage:

- George Franklin
- Drucilla Franklin
- Louisa Franklin

I believe William B. Franklin had at least three more children: Elizabeth Franklin, Mary Franklin and _____ but I don't have birth dates for them.

William B. Franklin died in Dec 1815 in Abbeville District, South Carolina, where his estate was probated in 1816.

William B. Franklin's parents are said to be William Franklin and Elizabeth Brawner. I would appreciate any evidence to confirm or refute this and would also like to find the name of his first wife.

I subscribed to the FFRU for years and have all issues up through Vol 43 but don't recall seeing anything on this Charles County, Maryland line.

Several years ago, Cecil D. Franklin and his brother George W. Franklin published a book *Tracing Our Roots: A Franklin Genealogy* on this line. They devoted eight pages to the line prior to the arrival of William B. Franklin in South Carolina. Most of the book relates to the family's migration to Alabama and back to Georgia.

A Mr. Ted Olmstead has provided me with a good deal of research from primary sources.

A Dr. Ben Franklin shared with me the results of some professional research which he had commissioned. This relates to the Charles County, Maryland Franklins but not directly to William B. Franklin.

A 1791 list of subscribers to repair the Durham Parish Church, Charles County, Maryland lists the following Franklins: Francis B., Zephaniah, Sr., Zeph, Jr., Priscilla, Hezekiah, James, John, William R., Edward, William and John D.

I have copies of William B. Franklin's estate settlement documents from the Abbeville County, South Carolina courthouse.

In *Tracing Our Roots*, Cecil Franklin notes that William B. Franklin was a veteran of the American Revolution, having served with the Maryland Troops in Continental Service. He also links William B. back to a John Franklin who emigrated to the Maryland Colony prior to 1700 and died there at the age of 105 years. This John Franklin left a will which was probated on 24 Dec 1760 in Charles County.

Cecil Franklin provided some source citations but I have found some errors in the book and do not know how much weight can be given to his conclusions. I believe Cecil was in his 80s when the book was printed and almost certain that he is now deceased. The index to the book lists more than 700 names, mostly related to families that moved on to Alabama and Georgia, and I always check the index when a query is posted on the Franklin List. So far there has not been a hit.

My Franklin link is via Katherine Franklin (born about 1774, Charles County, Maryland; died 24 Jun 1844, Abbeville County, South Carolina) daughter of William B. Franklin (born about 1760 Charles County, Maryland; died Dec 1815, Abbeville County, South Carolina) and his unknown first wife.

Bowies, Brawners and Franklins were members of Durham Parish Church. Ted Olmstead questions whether William B. Franklin's mother was a Brawner as Cecil Franklin states in his book.

I would be glad to share with you any of the material which has come to me. For several years I have thought of compiling an article on William B. Franklin for publication in FFRU but simply don't feel that I have done the necessary research in the Maryland archives to even properly analyze what I already have. And I am concerned about the accuracy of what I have seen so far.

I think that you have probably corresponded with cousin Jim Scruggs in Florida who, like so many Franklin descendants, is convinced that he descends from Benjamin Franklin, the Statesman.

Thanks for asking and please let me know if this line is of interest to you.

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Editor's Response:

You appear to have touched on all of the main points. Have you acquired copies of the originals of the various records? Once you do this, you should be able to draw your own conclusions about the preponderance of the evidence.

No, I haven't previously published anything in FFRU on this Charles County lineage, and yes, I have corresponded with Jim Scruggs.

In AWT Norma Lundgren has submitted a few fragmentary notes about some of these early relationships, wherein she posits there was another William Franklin, father of your William Brawner Franklin, and that this first William was the son, William, named in the deed of gift of John Franklin, thus:

page 120, Charles County Land Record Book Z No. 2

page 326. At the request of William Franklin, the following deed of gift was recorded on 5 Apr 1749:

I, John Franklin of CC, planter, for the natural fatherly love I have for my son, William, and for 1000 lbs tobacco and for divers other good causes, I give William and his male heirs, and in case William should die without male heirs, then I give to my son, Joseph Franklin and his heirs, a tract of land in CC called Franklins Addition, lying between Nanjemy Glebe called Hoochnorton, the land of Thomas Milstead, and the land of

Joseph Thomas. Also, 33 acres, being part of a tract of land called Moless Venture, lying on the north side of the Main __, containing in all and laid out for about 103 acres. Signed Mar 15, 1748 [/9] - John Francklin. Wit - Thos Stone, Allen Davies. Mary, wife of the said John Franklin, released her dower.

There is also a note which reads:

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Charles County Depositions By Robert W. Barnes

Franklin, William, age 43, 13 April 1761; CHLR K#3 54:298. Age 63, 5 May 1778; CHLR X#3 66:706. Age 64, 24 Sept. 1778; CHLR Y#3 67:15

I assume that the precise meanings of the abbreviations is more fully explained in the book, and perhaps in the *Bulletin*.

There are two persons recently listed on Genealogy.com's Franklin forum seeking Franklins in early Charles County, Maryland: Wanda Simmons <www.cbs6395@comcast.net>, and Nancy Thompson <nlt658@earthlink.net>

PERSI: *Families of Yancey County, North Carolina*

From *Families of Yancey County, North Carolina*; Volume 2 Issue 2, (no dates on cover or TOC), page 45. Although I was unable to find a publishing date, since Volume 1 was published in 1983 (according to FHLC), this seems to have been published in 1984. This article was extensively edited to make it legible - BJB - Editor.

Submitted by Sherry Shaw, 53 Kitchell Road, Denville, NJ 07834.

Death Certificate of Sarah Elizabeth Franklin

In Burke County, North Carolina at Morganton #2 Sarah Elizabeth Franklin died 3 Dec 1935 of cancer of the nose. She was a white female, widow of William Delbart Franklin, aged 82 yrs 1 mo 6 days. She was born 7 Oct 1853 in Tennessee to John Williams born Tennessee and Margaret Shinn born Mississippi. Informant was Donald Franklin of Rt. 1, Morganton, NC.

Franklin Family

William Delbart Franklin, born 28 Feb 1851; died 14 Dec 1922; married Sarah Elizabeth Williams, born 7 Oct 1853; died 3 Dec 1935. Their children were:

1. Eliza "Lise" Franklin, married Bob Williams.
Their children were:
 - A. Bertha Williams;
 - B. James Williams married Margaret Smith;
 - C. Ruby Williams married Arthur Erwing;
 - D. Orale Williams married James Rafferty.
2. Margaret "Nettie" Franklin, married Frank Clontz.
Their children were:
 - A. Glenn Clontz;
 - B. Gracie Clontz;
 - C. Bessie Clontz married Vance Thompson.
3. Doctor "Dock" Franklin, born 8 Mar 1896; died 10 Aug 1981; married Annie Mae Pless born 3 Jul 1898; died 19 Jan 1970.
Their children were:
 - A. Winfred Franklin married Monnie Smith;
 - B. Mary Franklin married Charles Wilson;
 - C. Benjamin Franklin married Ruby Duckworth;
 - D. Russell Franklin married Adele Garrison;

- E. Mary Franklin;⁵
- F. "Jink" Franklin married Dorothy A. Long.
- 4. Aide Franklin, married Lillie Orders.
Their children were:
 - A. Elwood Franklin married Lillian Reed;
 - B. Herbert Franklin married Melva Jenkins;
 - C. Azalee Franklin married May Davis.
- 5. Ninevah "Nin" Franklin, married 1) Manda Garrison born 4 May 1876; died 30 Nov 1913; married 2) Nora _____.
Children were:
 - A. Eva Franklin married William Reynolds;
 - B. Sara Franklin married Daniel Dewberry;
 - C. Sudie Franklin married Henry Tatum;
 - D. Louis Franklin married Mana Hollar;
 - E. Thomas Franklin married Jay Tee "Roxie" Wilson;
 - F. Gilbert Franklin.
- 6. Hettie Franklin, born 11 Dec 1877; died 10 Sep 1963; married Abe Franklin.
Their children were:
 - A. Della Franklin;
 - B. [son] Franklin;
 - C. [son] Franklin.
- 7. Ann Franklin, married Marshall Franklin. They had a son and a daughter.
- 8. Will Franklin, married Odie Farr.
Their children were:
 - A. Ray Franklin married Mary Dollinger;
 - B. Carl Franklin married Dorothy Ramsey;
 - C. Estelle Franklin married Jerry Ball.
- 9. Obe Delaphate Franklin, born 30 Oct 1879; died 29 Nov 1961; married about 1904 to Minnie Callaway Pearson born 27 Dec 1883; died 1 Feb 1963.
Their children were:
 - A. Mary Lou Franklin married John Egan;
 - B. Preston Arrowood Franklin married Eula Orders;
 - C. Hattie Elizabeth Franklin married Conley R. Dale;
 - D. Ralph Edward Franklin married Louise Propst;
 - E. Iverson Delaphate Franklin married Helen Mull;
 - F. Obe Alexander Franklin married Victress Hollar;
 - G. William Howard Franklin married Martha McGalliard;
 - H. Conley Eugene Franklin married Barbara Benfield;
 - I. Minnie Gail Franklin married Lester Skuping;
 - J. Velsie Lee Franklin died young.
- 10. Thomas Herbert "Hub" Franklin, born 18 Aug 1890; died 15 Mar 1951. He never married.
- 11. Donald McKinley Franklin, born 16 Apr 1888; died 24 Aug 1949; married 15 Jul 1914 to Mullie Elizabeth Duckworth born 6 May 1893; died 6 Jan 1982.
Their children were:
 - A. Sarah Inez Franklin married Lawrence Fortune;
 - B. Dorothea Eloise Franklin married Kenneth Fortune;
 - C. James Jackson Franklin married Phyllis Rajotte;

5. Two children named Mary. Same person mentioned twice? - BJB

- D. William Vernon Franklin married Minnie Lou Byrd;
- E. Thomas Doyle Franklin married Mabel Smith.

Editor's Notes

See FFRU Volume 6 for the ancestry of this line, starting with William Delbert Franklin. You will note that in Volume 6, his father was listed as "Levi Franklin," and in the 1880 census he was listed as "David Franklin" This line is also mention in *The Franklin genealogy* edited by "The Franklin clan" as compiled by Gurney J. Franklin, Volume 1, 2nd Edition, 1976, pages 2, 4, 20-22, where William's father is listed as "Levi C. Franklin." Several AWT submissions list him as "Levi Chandler Franklin"

1880 North Carolina, Burke County, Morganton, page 260D, HH 350/351:

David Franklin, head, 79m, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC, at home; Barbara Franklin, wife, 73f, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC, keeps house; William D. Franklin, son, 28m, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC, farmer; Sarah E. Franklin, daughter-in-law, 26f, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC, at home; Ninevah Franklin, grandson, 7m, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Barbara Franklin, granddaughter, 5f, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Hettie V. Franklin, granddaughter, 3f, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC; Abey D. Franklin, grandson, 7/12m, born NC, Fa: NC, Mo: NC.

1870, North Carolina, Burke County, Lovelady, page 323A, HH 96/96:

Levi Franklin, 68m, retired farmer, RE\$400/PP\$308, born NC; Barbara Franklin, 64f, keeping house, born NC; William D. Franklin, 19m, works on farm, born NC.

1860 North Carolina, Burke County, Morganton Post Office, page 414A, HH 731/731:

Levi Franklin, 57m, farmer, RE\$500/PP\$122, born NC; Barbara Franklin, 52f, born NC; Levi Franklin, 25m, farmer, born NC; Henry Franklin, 20m, farmer, born NC; Isaac Franklin, 16m, farmer, born NC; Sidney C. Franklin, 12m, born NC; William Franklin, 9m, born NC.

PERSI: *Fayette Facts*

From *Fayette Facts; Fayette County Genealogical Society*, Vol III, No II, June 1974, Fayette County, Illinois.

Franklin Family

Contributed by Mrs. Louie M. Franklin

Martin Franklin born 1830 died 1920 married 1) Johanna Coady or Cody born 1837 died 1877.

Their children:

- John Franklin - no children, dates unknown
- Eddie Franklin - no children, dates unknown
- Kate Franklin
- Mary Franklin
- Annie Franklin

Martin Franklin married 2) Hannora Fogarty died 1901.

Their child:

James Edward Franklin born 1881; died 1968; married Caroline A. Strobel born 1881; died 1962.

Generation II

Children of James Edward Franklin and Caroline Strobel

- Jacob J. Franklin, physician, born 1908; died 1960; married Mary Edith Duck
- Howard Martin Franklin married Lucille Caldwell
- Louie Minor Franklin married Josephine Ann Shemoskie
- Peggy Lou Franklin

Generation III

Children of Jacob J. Franklin and Mary Edith Duck:

Daniel Martin Franklin

Children of Howard Martin Franklin and Lucille Caldwell:

Sherwood James Franklin

Children of Louie Minor Franklin and Josephine Ann Shemoskie:

JoAnn Lee Franklin married _____ Klinkler

James Louie Franklin married Karen Ray. Son James Timothy Franklin

Louie Martin Franklin married Ann Barbee

FFRU Editor's Notes:

1900 Illinois, Fayette County, Ramsey, ED 22, page 12B, HH 234/236:

Martin Franklin, Sr., head, 51m, born unknown month, 1849, married 22 years, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, immigrated 1873, 27 years in the US, naturalized, farmer; Hannora Franklin, wife, 51f, born Oct 1848, married 22 years, 2 children/1 living, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, immigrated 1878, 22 years in the US; James Franklin, son, 19m, born Jan 1881, born IL, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, farm laborer.

1880 Illinois, Fayette County, Ramsey, ED 93, page 41D, HH 340/340:

Martin Franklin, head, 50m, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, farmer; Hannorah Franklin, wife, 41f, born Ireland, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland, keeping house; John Franklin, son, 18m, born Illinois, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland; Katy Franklin, daughter, 14f, born Illinois, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland; Mary Franklin, daughter, 11f, born Illinois, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland; Anette/Annie Franklin, daughter, 8f, born Illinois, Fa: Ireland, Mo: Ireland.

PERSI: *Kentucky Ancestors*

From: *Kentucky Ancestors; Quarterly of The Kentucky Historical Society*; Volume 30, 1994-1995, Number 3, pages 152 and 153

Submitter: Jerry Long, 1701 Alexander Ave., Owensboro, KY 42303

...the great-great-great-great-grandson of Stephen and Elizabeth Franklin, and the great-great-great-grandson of Francis and Sarah Franklin Long

Roster of "First Kentucky Ancestors"

Franklin/Long Family

Stephen Franklin

Born about 1761, in Orange County, Virginia, Stephen Franklin was possibly a grandson of Lawrence or Edward Franklin, early settlers of Spotsylvania and Orange Counties, Virginia.

Stephen, who served in the Revolutionary War and was present at the Battle of King's Mountain, was also a spy in the Indian War and was granted a pension for his service. About 1788, he moved to Fayette County, Kentucky, settling about eight miles east of Lexington where he owned 25 acres on David's Fork Creek. (His family were members of the David's Fork Baptist Church.) In 1826-27, Stephen moved to Anderson County, Kentucky, where he died in 1835. Stephen Franklin was married between 1780 and 1790 to:

Elizabeth _____

Elizabeth (maiden name not known) Franklin was living when her husband applied for his Revolutionary War pension in 1833. Stephen and Elizabeth Franklin were the parents of:

Sarah (Franklin) Long

Born about 1784-1794. Where?

Sarah Franklin Long was married on 18 Mar 1809, in Fayette County, Kentucky, to Francis Long (born about 1783, in Virginia). Francis is believed to have been the son of William and Polly Long who operated a tavern near Lexington in the early 1800s. About 1827, Sarah and Francis Long moved from Fayette County to Shelby County, Kentucky, where they located near the Anderson County line. Sarah had died by 1830, and in 1834 Francis moved their family to Anderson County, where he died between 1838 and 1840.

PERSI: *The Genealogical Advertiser*

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Answer To Query

115. Elizabeth, the wife of David Franklin, was the daughter of Moses Ayers and wife Elizabeth. She was born in Dorchester 29 Sep 1693, and married 18 Jun 1713 in Boston, David Franklin. Captain Franklin died before 11 Sep 1739, as on that day she was appointed administratrix of his estate. She intended marriage in Boston with Solomon Lincoln 1 Apr 1742. Moses Ayers had only two children, Elizabeth as above, and Moses born in Boston 30 Aug 1697.

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PERSI: Busbee, Franklin, Kneece Cemetery

From *Aiken - Barnwell Genealogical Society of South Carolina News and Journal*; Volume XIII Number 1 First Quarter 1997, page 16.

Busbee, Franklin, Kneece Cemetery

Inventoried by Cyril Johnson and Wallis Byars, 8 Nov 1996

Jack Franklin	10 Aug 1879	28 Mar 1944	
Jack Franklin, Jr.	27 Oct 1921	8 Feb 1928	Son of Jack and Tempie Franklin
Woodrow Franklin	1918	1935	
Jack Franklin	1879	1944	
Tempie Franklin	1886	1954	Wife of Jack Franklin
Joe Franklin	1906	1959	
Liela B. Franklin ^a	1912	1961	

a. More likely "Lelia Belle Franklin." Compare to the census records below. - Ed.

1930 South Carolina, Edgefield County, Shaw, ED 15, page 3B, HH 58/60:

Jack Franklin, head, 52m, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC, farmer; Tempie Franklin, wife, 44f, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC, house worker; Lela B. Franklin, daughter, 20f, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC; Walter Franklin, son, 14m, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC, farm laborer; Woodrow Franklin, son, 12m, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC. Address: Settlement Road.

1920 South Carolina, Edgefield County, Shaw, ED 95, page 12A, HH 140/143:

Jack Franklin, head, 39m, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC, farmer; Tempie Franklin, wife, 35f, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC; Hastings Franklin, son, 16m, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC, farm laborer; Jerome Franklin, son, 12m, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC; Lelia Belle Franklin, daughter, 9f, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC; Woodrow Franklin, son, 1 8/12m, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC; Doris South?, niece, 2 10/12f, born SC, Fa: SC, Mo: SC.

PERSI: Mary Puett Franklin Obituary

Ancestors-- Yours and Mine Lexington Genealogical And Historical Society, Inc.; 304 North Elm Street; Lexington, Illinois 61753. Volume II, Number 3, August 1976, page 75-76. Note the family bible was included in the original article, but this was already published in FFRU Volume 8.

Sleeps In Peace

The Death of Mrs. Mary Franklin Removes One of the Pioneer Settlers of the Great West

Mrs. Mary Franklin passed peacefully away 26 Jan 1894 at the home of her son, J. N. Franklin,⁶ just west of Lexington about a mile and a half. Her death was not unexpected but was nevertheless sorrowful news to her great number of acquaintances. She had been entirely helpless for the past four years and was unable to feed or turn herself in bed. During her last hours she went to sleep and passed quietly away.

Mrs. Mary Franklin was born 21 Aug 1795; her maiden name was Puett. She intermarried with John Franklin in North Carolina in 1814. They moved to Indiana in 1816, coming all the way, nearly a thousand miles, on horseback and she carrying a babe in her arms. They settled among the Indians in Owen County, where they remained until 1850, when they removed to near Lexington in McLean County, Illinois. The husband died 6 May 1857.

They had eleven children, six boys and five girls, seven of whom are still living; Mrs. Nancy Butler, Mrs. S. M. Payne of this city, Judge W. M. Franklin of Spencer, Indiana, John of Watseka, Noah and J. N. of Lexington and W. P. of Melville, Montana. They were forty-seven grand-children, sixty-eight great-grand-children and nine great-great-grand children.

The old folks united with the Methodist church shortly after moving to Indiana, of which they remained faithful and consistent members until about the year 1845, when they united with the Christian church, of which they both remained members until their death. Their children have all tried to follow their example and all who arrived at the age of maturity became members of some one of the Christian denominations, and all, reside in Illinois except the oldest who resides in Indiana and the youngest who resides in Montana.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:00 p.m., conducted by Rev. J. N. Hughes, pastor of the Baptist church, after which the remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Scrogin cemetery.

Editor's Notes:

This line has been mentioned in FFRU as listed above.

This lie was featured several times in Betty Williams' *Franklin Fireplace* page 207, 931-940, and also in *McNaught - Franklin - Bartholomew families* by Virginia Eliza Hodge McNaught, 1952, pages 9, 37, 58-72.

Here are a few census records that refer to the above article. Note that these three brothers seem to be very prosperous, and are enumerated side-by-side:

1870 Illinois, McLean County, Money Creek, page 529, HH 171/169:

Wesly P. Franklin, 33m, farmer, RE\$21,000/PP\$10,000, born IN; Hannah Franklin, 34f, keeps house, born IN; Estella Franklin, 11f, born IL, attended school within the year; Herschel Franklin, 9m, born IL, attended school within the year; Lillian Franklin, 7f, born IL, attended school within the year; Preston Lindsey, 23m, farm hand, born OH.

1870 Illinois, McLean County, Money Creek, page 529, HH 172/170:

James N. Franklin, 31m, farmer, RE\$19,700/PP\$8,850, born IN; Sarah Franklin, 28f, keeps house, born IL; Maud Franklin, 5f, born IL; Herbert Franklin, 1m, born IL; Mary Franklin, 65f, born NC; Susan Fincham, 16f, housekeeper, born VA.

6. James Nelson Franklin. See articles in FFRU Vol 2: "David Franklin and Elizabeth (Ayres) Franklin," Vol 8: "Illinois Bible Records", Vol 10: "*Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, Vol VI, Virginia"

1870 Illinois, McLean County, Money Creek, page 529, HH 173/171:

General H. Franklin, 40m, farmer, RE\$10,00/PP\$35,000, born IN; Carrie Franklin, 30f, keeps house, born IL; Kate Franklin, 14f, born IL, attended school within the year; Grace Franklin, 8f, born IL, attended school within the year; Walter Franklin, 1m, born IL.

Descendants of Esom Franklin and Louvenia Forrester

Submitted by Richard Heyduck <rheyduck@ev1.net> He says, "Here are the first three generations of my family. I've made a few guesses on the oldest Esom's sons."

First Generation

1. Esom Franklin was born on 26 Oct 1772. He died on 17 May 1848 in Perry County, Illinois. He married Louvenia Forrester (daughter of Robert Forrester) on 3 Feb 1802 in Blount County, Tennessee. Louvenia Forrester was born on 27 Dec 1787 in Virginia. She died in 1868 in Perry County, Illinois. Esom Franklin and Louvenia Forrester had the following children:

- + 2 i. Elizabeth Franklin.
- + 3 ii. John S. Franklin.
- + 4 iii. William Franklin.
- 5 iv. Robert Franklin was born in 1814 in Kentucky.
- + 6 v. Esom Franklin.
- + 7 vi. Edward Franklin.
- + 8 vii. Ann Franklin.
- + 9 viii. Luvenia Franklin.
- 10 ix. George W. Franklin was born about 1829 in Tennessee. He died after 1880.

Second Generation

2. Elizabeth Franklin was born on 4 Aug 1803 in Kentucky. She died in 1873 in Walker County, Georgia. She married Daniel Taylor Stout on 9 Nov 1826 in McMinn County, Tennessee. Daniel Taylor Stout was born in 1797 in Washington County, Tennessee. He died on 24 Feb 1877 in Walker County, Georgia. Elizabeth Franklin and Daniel Taylor Stout had the following children:

- + 11 i. James Franklin Stout.
- + 12 ii. Josiah Whitfield Stout.
- + 13 iii. Alfred Carrol Stout.
- + 14 iv. John Esom Stout.
- + 15 v. Nancy Eglintine Stout.
- + 16 vi. Mary Lovina Stout.
- + 17 vii. Parthenia Emeline Stout.
- + 18 viii. Thursa Ann Stout.
- + 19 ix. Robert Crossier Stout.
- + 20 x. Stephen Taylor Stout.

- + 21 xi. Henry Clay Stout.
- + 22 xii. Doctor Lee Stout.

3. John S. Franklin was born in 1809 in Tennessee. He died on 25 Apr 1866 in Perry County, Illinois. He married 1) Martha Amelia Britton on 19 Sep 1838 in McMinn County, Tennessee. Martha Amelia Britton was born in 1820 in Tennessee. She died in 1860 in Illinois.

John S. Franklin and Martha Amelia Britton had the following children:

- 23 i. William Esom Franklin was born on 1 Jul 1839 in McMinn County, Tennessee.
- + 24 ii. Martha Franklin.
- 25 iii. Thomas H. Franklin was born in 1846 in Tennessee. He appeared on the census in 1870 in Jackson County, Illinois.
- + 26 iv. Lovena E. Franklin.
- 27 v. Benjamin Franklin was born in 1853 in Tennessee.
- + 28 vi. Robert Britton Franklin.
- + 29 vii. Mary Permelia Frances Cordelia Franklin.

John S. Franklin married 2) Ann Asberry on 3 Jul 1865 in Perry County, Illinois.

4. William Franklin was born in 1811 in Bradley County, Tennessee. He died on 4 Mar 1861 in Jackson or Perry County, Illinois. He married 1) Margaret Gollieher (daughter of Isaac Gollieher and Mary) about 1844 in Tennessee. Margaret Gollieher was born in 1823 in Athens, Tennessee. She died in Dec 1852 in Perry County, Illinois.

William Franklin and Margaret Gollieher had the following children:

- + 30 i. Esom Franklin.
- 31 ii. Isaac Franklin was born in 1846 in Tennessee.
- 32 iii. Mary Franklin was born in 1848 in Tennessee.
- 33 iv. John Franklin was born in 1849 in Tennessee.
- 34 v. Thomas Franklin was born in 1851 in Illinois. He appeared on the census in 1880 in Jackson County, Illinois.

William Franklin married 2) Caroline Wright on 3 Jun 1855 in Perry County, Illinois. Caroline Wright was born in 1826 in Tennessee.

William Franklin and Caroline Wright had the following children:

- + 35 i. James Edward Franklin.
- 36 ii. Samuel Newton Franklin was born on 8 Jul 1858 in Perry County, Illinois.

6. Esom Franklin was born in 1817 in Tennessee. He died in 1860 in Illinois. He appeared on the census in 1860 in Jackson County, Illinois. He married Susan Collier on 16 Nov 1838 in McMinn County, Tennessee. Susan Collier was born in 1824 in Tennessee.

Esom Franklin and Susan Collier had the following children:

- + 37 i. Timothy S. Franklin.
- + 38 ii. Francis M. Franklin.

- 39 iii. Mary J. Franklin was born about 1847 in Perry County, Illinois.
- 40 iv. Lavina A. Franklin was born about 1849 in Perry County, Illinois.
- + 41 v. Maria Franklin.
- + 42 vi. William Rufus Franklin.
- 43 vii. Christopher Franklin was born about 1854 in Perry County, Illinois.

7. Edward Franklin was born in 1819 in Tennessee. He appeared on the census in 1850 in Perry County, Illinois. He married Margaret C. Blackburn in 1840 in Tennessee. Margaret C. Blackburn was born in 1820 in Tennessee.

Edward Franklin and Margaret C. Blackburn had the following children:

- + 44 i. Samuel B. Franklin.
- 45 ii. Amanda J. Franklin was born in 1844 in Tennessee.
- 46 iii. Robert Franklin was born in 1846 in Illinois.
- 47 iv. Jonathan P. Franklin was born in 1847 in Perry County, Illinois.
- 48 v. George W. Franklin was born about 1849 in Illinois. He died on 31 Dec 1880 in Perry County, Illinois.

8. Ann Franklin was born in 1821 in Tennessee. She appeared on the census in 1900 in Perry County, Illinois. She married Ephraim Timothy Rees on 22 Dec 1870 in Perry County, Illinois. She was divorced from Ephraim Timothy Rees before 1874. Ephraim Timothy Rees was born on 23 Jul 1811 in Christian County, Kentucky. He died on 30 Sep 1876 in Perry County, Illinois.

9. Luvenia Franklin was born in 1825 in Tennessee. She died in 1850 in Perry County, Illinois. She married Enoch Collier on 16 Feb 1848 in Perry County, Illinois. Enoch Collier was born in 1825 in Tennessee. He appeared on the census in 1850 in Perry County, Illinois.

Third Generation

11. James Franklin Stout was born on 9 Jan 1828 in McMinn County, Tennessee. He died on 2 Feb 1906. He married Easter J. Clovinger/ Haralson on 7 Jan 1869 in Pope County, Arkansas. Easter J. Clovinger/ Haralson was born about 1844 in Tennessee.

James Franklin Stout and Easter J. Clovinger/ Haralson had the following children:

- + 49 i. Charles Franklin Stout.
- + 50 ii. Laura I. Stout.
- 51 iii. Samuel A. Stout was born about 1873 in Arkansas.
- 52 iv. Emma S. Stout was born about 1873 in Arkansas.
- + 53 v. Thirsa A. Stout.
- 54 vi. Henry Lee Stout was born about 1878 in Arkansas.
- 55 vii. Willie Stout was born about 1879 in Arkansas.

James Franklin Stout married Sarah Jane Newton in 1859 in McMinn County, Tennessee.

James Franklin Stout and Sarah Jane Newton had the following children:

- 56 i. Elbert W. Stout was born about 1858 in Walker County, Georgia.
- 57 ii. Cordelia E. Stout was born about 1860 in Walker County, Georgia.

+ 58 iii. James Franklin Stout.

12. Josiah Whitfield Stout was born on 17 May 1829 in McMinn County, Tennessee. He died on 28 Jul 1898 in Saint Francis County, Arkansas. He was buried in New Castle Cemetery, Saint Francis County, Arkansas. He married Elizabeth Hardin Brooks. Elizabeth Hardin Brooks was born in Dec 1836 in Walker County, Georgia. She was born in 1838 in Georgia. She died in 1900 in Bay Village, Cross County, Arkansas.

Josiah Whitfield Stout and Elizabeth Hardin Brooks had the following children:

- 59 i. James Franklin Stout was born on 9 Oct 1855 in Walker County, Georgia. He died on 29 Jul 1858 in Walker County, Georgia.
- 60 ii. Samuel Farris Stout was born on 28 Apr 1857. He died on 26 Sep 1857 in Walker County, Georgia.
- 61 iii. John Wellington Stout was born on 7 Aug 1858 in Walker County, Georgia. He died on 24 May 1864 in Walker County, Georgia.
- 62 iv. Parthenia Elizabeth Stout was born on 5 May 1861 in Walker County, Georgia. She was born on 5 May 1861 in Pope, Arkansas. She died on 3 Oct 1866 in Cross County, Arkansas.
- + 63 v. Minnie Cordelia Stout.
- + 64 vi. Hollace Whitfield Stout.
- + 65 vii. Flora Maude Stout.
- + 66 viii. Thomas Jefferson Stout.
- + 67 ix. America Ophelia Stout.
- 68 x. Alfred Stout was born in Walker County, Georgia.

13. Alfred Carrol Stout died in 1901. He was born 26 Mar 1832 in McMinn County, Tennessee. Rachal Reid was born on 6 Jun 1825 in Tennessee. She died on 17 Aug 1882 in Pope County, Arkansas.

Alfred Carrol Stout and Rachal Reid had the following children:

- + 69 i. Sarah Melita Stout.
- 70 ii. George Christopher Stout was born about 1857 in Walker County, Georgia.
- + 71 iii. Daniel Taylor Stout.
- + 72 iv. Mary Leona Stout.
- 73 v. Victoria Isabel Stout was born about 1862 in Arkansas. She died on 3 Jul 1881 in Pope County, Arkansas.

14. John Esom Stout was born on 6 Apr 1833 in McMinn County, Tennessee. He died on 22 Oct 1902 in Walker County, Georgia. He married 1) Arianah Loyd, who was born on 20 Jun 1838 in North Carolina. She died on 14 May 1893 in Walker County, Georgia.

John Esom Stout and Arianah Loyd had the following children:

- + 74 i. Mary Emeline Stout.
- + 75 ii. Dora Lee Stout.
- + 76 iii. Anna Dovie Stout.

John Esom Stout He married 2) C. E. Loveless on 29 Sep 1895 in Walker County, Georgia.

15. Nancy Eglintine Stout was born on 28 Jul 1835 in McMinn County, Tennessee. She died on 6 Dec 1918 in Stephens County, Oklahoma. She married Sam R. Carreathers on 20 Dec 1855 in Walker County, Georgia. Sam R. Carreathers was born on 24 Dec 1821 in North Carolina. He died on 7 May 1911 in Marlow, Stephens County, Oklahoma.

Nancy Eglintine Stout and Sam R. Carreathers had the following children:

- 77 i. Mary Ann Carreathers was born in 1856 in Walker County, Georgia.
- + 78 ii. Sarah E. Carreathers.
- 79 iii. John Alfred Carreathers was born on 30 Apr 1861 in Walker County, Georgia. He resided in 1896 in Union ?, Oklahoma.
- + 80 iv. Amos Bird Carreathers.
- + 81 v. Henry Atlas Carreathers.
- 82 vi. Laura Belle Carreathers was born on 4 Jun 1869 in Walker County, Georgia. She resided in 1896 in Salem ?, Georgia.
- + 83 vii. William D. Carreathers.

16. Mary Lovina Stout was born on 31 Dec 1837 in McMinn County, Tennessee. She died about 1874 in Walker, Georgia. She appeared on the census. She married Andrew Hawkins Campbell about 1860 in Walker, Georgia. Andrew Hawkins Campbell was born about 1834 in Tennessee. He was born on 4 Jan 1834. He died on 17 Oct 1919 in Terral, Stephens County, Oklahoma.

Mary Lovina Stout and Andrew Hawkins Campbell had the following children:

- + 84 i. Robert Ervin Campbell.
- 85 ii. Corvis Campbell was born on 21 Mar 1861 in Walker County, Georgia.
- + 86 iii. George Franklin Campbell.
- + 87 iv. Daniel Whitfield Campbell.
- + 88 v. Landon Addison Campbell.
- + 89 vi. Minnie Lee Campbell.

17. Parthenia Emeline Stout was born on 17 Apr 1840 in McMinn County, Tennessee. She appeared on the census in 1880 in Tarrant County, Texas. She died on 20 Mar 1924 in Everman, Texas. She married James Osgood Andrew Mann in Jun 1866 in Hamilton County, Tennessee. James Osgood Andrew Mann was born on 13 Dec 1845 in Walker County, Georgia. He died in 1922 in Everman, Texas.

Parthenia Emeline Stout and James Osgood Andrew Mann had the following children:

- + 90 i. Lewis T. Mann.
- 91 ii. William Luther Mann was born in Nov 1870 in Texas.
- + 92 iii. Lula E. Mann.
- 93 iv. Jessie P. Mann was born about 1878 in Texas.
- + 94 v. Horace Bishop Mann.
- 95 vi. James C. Mann was born in Dec 1885.

18. Thursa Ann Stout was born 26 Mar 1842 in McMinn County, Tennessee. She married Secretary A. Carter about 1867 in Walker County, Georgia. Secretary A. Carter was born in 1840 in Walker County, Georgia. He died in 1890 in Walker County, Georgia.

Thursa Ann Stout and Secretary A. Carter had the following children:

- 96 i. John W. Carter was born in 1868 in Walker County, Georgia.
- 97 ii. Elbert M. Carter was born about 1870 in Walker County, Georgia.
- 98 iii. Lucinda Carter was born about 1873 in Ellis County, Texas.
- 99 iv. Mary Carter was born about 1877 in Ellis County, Texas.
- 100 v. Parthenia Carter was born about 1878.

19. Robert Crossier Stout appeared on the census in 1880 in Tarrant County, Texas. He died on 7 Jun 1910 in Montague County, Texas. He was born 24 Feb 1844 in McMinn County, Tennessee. He was buried in Saloma Cemetery. He married 1) Ara Belle Mann on 10 May 1866 in Walker County, Georgia. Ara Belle Mann died in 1881 in Kennedale, Tarrant County, Texas.

Robert Crossier Stout and Ara Belle Mann had the following children:

- + 101 i. Lura Della Stout.
- 102 ii. Eugene Clifford Stout was born on 11 Jan 1869 in Walker County, Georgia. He died in 1873 in Ellis County, Texas.
- 103 iii. Walter Esom Silas Lee Stout was born on 15 Jan 1871 in Ellis County, Texas.
- + 104 iv. Georgia Elizabeth Stout.
- + 105 v. Alice Parmalia Stout.
- + 106 vi. Zona Decatur Stout.

Robert Crossier Stout married 2) Mattie Zachary on 9 Oct 1889 in Tarrant County, Texas. Mattie Zachary died in 1895.

Robert Crossier Stout and Mattie Zachary had the following children:

- + 107 i. Joseph Henry Bell "Harry" Stout.
- + 108 ii. Robert Elton "Robie" Stout.
- + 109 iii. Grace Viola Stout.

Robert Crossier Stout married 3) Flora Boyd on 1 Oct 1899 in Montague County, Texas.

20. Stephen Taylor Stout was born on 13 May 1846 in McMinn County, Tennessee. He died after 1920 in Van Alstine, Grayson County, Texas. He married Frances Rebecca Lavina Smith.

Stephen Taylor Stout and Frances Rebecca Lavina Smith had the following children:

- 110 i. Maud Lee Stout was born about 1875 in Walker County, Georgia.
- 111 ii. Milton D. Stout was born about 1876 in Walker County, Georgia.
- + 112 iii. Hollis Thomas Stout.
- 113 iv. Austin Stout was born in Feb 1884 in Walker County, Georgia.

21. Henry Clay Stout was born on 22 Jun 1849 in McMinn County, Tennessee. He died on 17 May 1935. He married Sarah Alice McCarley on 6 Sep 1903.

Henry Clay Stout and Sarah Alice McCarley had the following children:

- 114 i. Onna L. Stout was born about 1907 in Oklahoma.
- 115 ii. Herman C. Stout was born about 1909 in Oklahoma.
- 116 iii. Loda M. Stout was born about 1911 in Oklahoma.

22. Doctor Lee Stout was born on 7 Feb 1852 in Georgia. He died on 2 Sep 1945. He married 1) Ida Elizabeth Price on 4 Oct 1888 in Montague County, Texas.

Doctor Lee Stout and Ida Elizabeth Price had the following children:

- 117 i. Allen Harvey? Stout was born in Oct 1889 in Texas.
- 118 ii. Clyde E. Stout was born about 1890.
- 119 iii. Roy / Ray Stout was born in Apr 1893 in Texas.
- 120 iv. Ola / Ida L. Stout was born in May 1895 in Texas.
- 121 v. Floyd A. Stout was born in May 1891 in Texas.

Doctor Lee Stout He married 2) Nellie Chowling on 23 Dec 1880 in Tarrant County, Texas.

Doctor Lee Stout and Nellie Chowling had the following children:

- 122 i. Harry Stout was born in Sep 1881 in Texas. He appeared on the census in 1910 in Ellis County, Oklahoma.
- 123 ii. Nellie L. Stout was born in Dec 1882 in Texas.

24. Martha Franklin was born in 1841 in McMinn County, Tennessee. She married 1) William Downs on 19 Jun 1862 in Jackson County, Illinois. She married 2) Richard Vanover on 8 May 1865 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Martha Franklin and Richard Vanover had the following children:

- 124 i. Henry Vanover was born about 1863 in Illinois.
- 125 ii. John Vanover was born about 1867 in Jackson County, Illinois.
- + 126 iii. Noah Vanover.

26. Lovena E. Franklin was born in 1849 in Tennessee. She married John Curless on 6 Apr 1866 in Perry County, Illinois.

28. Robert Britton Franklin was born on 3 Sep 1855 in Raddle, Illinois. He died on 15 Mar 1922 in Vergennes, Illinois. He married Henrietta Reynolds on 14 Jul 1881 in Perry County, Illinois. Henrietta Reynolds was born on 12 Jul 1864 in Perry County, Illinois.

Robert Britton Franklin and Henrietta Reynolds had the following children:

- + 127 i. Alva Franklin.
- + 128 ii. Elzy Franklin.
- + 129 iii. Ora Franklin.
- + 130 iv. Bessie Franklin.
- + 131 v. Earl Roy Franklin.
- + 132 vi. Ray Franklin.
- + 133 vii. Jesse Anthony Franklin.

29. Mary Permelia Frances Cordelia Franklin was born in 1858 in Illinois. She married 1) Hezekiah C. Vanover on 14 Oct 1876 in Jackson County, Illinois.

Mary Permelia Frances Cordelia Franklin and Hezekiah C. Vanover had the following children:

- 134 i. Richard Vanover was born in Jun 1878 in Jackson County, Illinois.
- 135 ii. Henry Vanover was born in Sep 1882.
- 136 iii. Dellie Vanover was born in Jan 1885.

Mary Permelia Frances Cordelia Franklin married 2) Jesse Henson on 15 Dec 1887 in Jackson County, Illinois. Jesse Henson was born in Dec 1858.

Mary Permelia Frances Cordelia Franklin and Jesse Henson had the following children:

- 137 i. Benjamin Ross Henson was born in Dec 1889. He died on 28 Apr 1960 in Riverside, California.
- 138 ii. Claude Henson was born in Dec 1891.
- 139 iii. Rosa Henson was born in Jan 1894.
- 140 iv. Jesse Henson was born in Oct 1898.

30. Esom Franklin was born on 6 May 1845 in McMinn, County, Tennessee. He died in 1899 in Jackson County, Illinois. He was buried in Pate's Chapel Cemetery. He married Virinda Catherine Herring (daughter of Anthony Shelby Herring and Julia Ann Crisler) on 17 Nov 1864 in Jackson County, Illinois.

Virinda Catherine Herring was born on 8 Nov 1849 in Jackson County, Illinois. She died on 26 Oct 1915 in Jackson County, Illinois.

Esom Franklin and Virinda Catherine Herring had the following children:

- + 141 i. Mary Ann Franklin.
- + 142 ii. Liander U. Franklin.
- + 143 iii. William Eason Franklin.
- + 144 iv. Anthony Shelby "Bud" Franklin.
- 145 v. Sarah Franklin was born in 1879 in Jackson County, Illinois.
- + 146 vi. Elbert Franklin.
- + 147 vii. Walter Scott Franklin.

35. James Edward Franklin was born on 30 Apr 1856 in Perry County, Illinois. He died in 1924. He married Mary Matilda Glodo on 9 Jun 1889 in Jackson County, Illinois. Mary Matilda Glodo was born in 1852. She died in 1927 in Perry County, Illinois.

37. Timothy S. Franklin was born about 1841 in Tennessee. He married Lucinda Rause on 14 Jul 1869 in Jackson County, Illinois.

Timothy S. Franklin and Lucinda Rause had the following children:

- 148 i. Mary E. Franklin was born in 1870.
- 149 ii. Nora O. Franklin was born in 1873.
- 150 iii. Dora Belle Franklin was born in 1873.
- 151 iv. Maggie Franklin was born in 1874.

- 152 v. Laura C. Franklin was born in 1876.
- 153 vi. Rufus Franklin was born on 4 Jul 1878 in Jackson County, Illinois.

38. Francis M. Franklin was born about 1845 in Perry County, Illinois. He married 1) Mary A. Casteel on 12 Jul 1869 in Jackson County, Illinois.

Francis M. Franklin and Mary A. Casteel had the following children:

- + 154 i. William Harvey Franklin.

Francis M. Franklin married 2) Leucinda A. Bays on 6 Sep 1875 in Jackson County, Illinois. Leucinda A. Bays was born in Nov 1856 in Illinois.

Francis M. Franklin and Leucinda A. Bays had the following children:

- 155 i. Laura Alice Franklin was born about 1875.
- + 156 ii. Christopher Lafayette Franklin.
- + 157 iii. Jesse E. Franklin.

41. Maria Franklin was born about 1850 in Perry County, Illinois. She married 1) John H. Vanover on 6 Aug 1868 in Randolph County, Illinois. John H. Vanover was born in 1847 in Jackson County, Illinois. He died in 1873.

Maria Franklin and John H. Vanover had the following children:

- + 158 i. Sidney Vanover.

Maria Franklin married 2) John Dorway on 29 Jan 1874 in Jackson County, Illinois.

Maria Franklin and John Dorway had the following children:

- + 159 i. Nercius Dorway.

42. William Rufus Franklin was born in Jun 1853 in Perry County, Illinois. He died in 1906 in Perry County, Illinois. He married 1) Mary Hileman on 15 Apr 1900 in Jackson County, Illinois. He married 2) Louisa Sicklin on 10 Oct 1878 in Perry County, Illinois. Louisa Sicklin was born in 1858. She was born about 1859 in Illinois. She died in 1893.

William Rufus Franklin and Louisa Sicklin had the following children:

- 160 i. Lucinda Annie Franklin was born in 1878. She was born on 26 Jul 1879 in Vergennes, Jackson County, Illinois. She died in 1898.
- + 161 ii. Marry Franklin.
- + 162 iii. Timothy Edgar Franklin.
- + 163 iv. Eliza Franklin.
- + 164 v. Dellie A. Franklin.

44. Samuel B. Franklin was born in 1840 in Tennessee. He was married to Sarah E. _____ on 2 Jul 1868 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Samuel B. Franklin and Sarah E. _____ had the following children:

- 165 i. Elora C. Franklin was born about 1869 in Illinois.
- 166 ii. Emmett W. Franklin was born in Sep 1871 in Illinois.
- + 167 iii. Albert L. Franklin.
- 168 iv. Claudie M. Franklin was born about 1879 in Texas.

Descendants of Benjamin S. Franklin and Susanna Presley

Submitted by Darlene Joan (Franklin) Dowling, Dan Rash and Ben Franklin, Editor. The following builds on the Register format information that Darlene sent, and adds the information that is found in the census and in cemetery records found on www.interment.net:

First Generation

1. Benjamin S. Franklin born in 1847 in Ohio, probably Cuyahoga County; died 28 Feb 1930; buried East Dayton Cemetery, Tuscola County, Michigan: "GAR 1861-1865" on marker. From census records it appears that he is the son of Alonzo and Diantha. This also matches data posted in AWT by Phil Dascola, which says that Benjamin is the son of Alonzo Franklin born 25 Nov 1802 in Washington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts and Diantha Torrence born 5 Sep 1811 in Jay, Essex County, New York. No source references. He married Susan/Susanna Pearslee/Peasley/Presley on 12 Aug 1869 in Tuscola County, Michigan. She was born Oct 1846; died 23 Apr 1935; buried East Dayton Cemetery, Tuscola County, Michigan
Children of Benjamin and Susan Franklin:

- i. Mary Franklin, born 1870, Michigan, probably Tuscola County.
- ii. Irene Franklin, born 1873, Michigan, probably Tuscola County. She married Frank W. Parker in 1899.
- + 2. iii. George H. Franklin born Mar 1875, Michigan, probably Tuscola County.
- iv. Rutherford B. H. Franklin, born 29 Nov 1876, Michigan, probably Tuscola County; died 4 Oct 1880; buried East Dayton Cemetery, Tuscola County, Michigan.
- v. Bertha M. Franklin, born 19 Apr 1879; died 12 Jun 1891; buried East Dayton Cemetery, Tuscola County, Michigan.
- + 3. vi. Garfield J. Franklin, born Apr 1886, Michigan, probably Tuscola County.
- vii. Hattie Franklin, born Aug 1888, Michigan, probably Tuscola County.
- viii. Minnie Franklin, born 1 Mar 1882, Michigan, probably Tuscola County; died 22 Dec 1907; buried East Dayton Cemetery, Tuscola County, Michigan. She married _____ Clark in 1899. Her tombstone lists her maiden name.

Second Generation

2. George H. Franklin (Benjamin S. Franklin) born Mar 1875, Michigan, probably Tuscola County. He married May Hazel Silverthorn/Silverton. She was born Jul 1881 in Michigan. Although George and May were living with his parents in 1900, by 1910 they moved to Oakland County, Michigan.
Children of George Franklin and Hazel May Silverthorn are:

- i. Clarence "Clare" Franklin, born Aug 1898. He married Rose Theobald.
- ii. Howard S. Franklin, born 14 Nov 1900; died 27 Feb 1973, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan. He married Mabel A. _____.
- + 4. iii. Melvin Banes Franklin, born 6 Mar 1903; died 21 May 1963, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan.
- iv. Muriel M. Franklin born 1905, married 1) Harry Blane; married 2) Frank Peters; married 3) Earl McCool.

- v. Garfield J. Franklin, born 24 Dec 1906; died Feb 1982, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan.
- vi. Nina Franklin, born 1909, died 26 Nov 1956, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan.

3. Garfield J. Franklin (George H. Franklin, Benjamin S. Franklin) was born 24 Dec 1906; died Feb 1982, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan. He married Mabel Hughes in about 1909. She was born in 1890. In 1910 he was living with his married sister, Irene. In 1920 and 1930 this family was living in Shiawassee County.

Children of Garfield J. Franklin and Mabel _____ are:

- i. Gerald Franklin, born 1913 in Michigan.
- ii. Geraldine Franklin, born 1915 in Michigan.
- iii. Thelma Franklin, born 1917 in Michigan.
- iv. Clifford Franklin, born 1918 in Michigan.

Third Generation

4. Melvin Banes Franklin (George H. Franklin, Benjamin S. Franklin) was born 6 Mar 1903; died 21 May 1963 in Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan; buried Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan. He married Oneita Marie Peterson. She was born 17 Sep 1909 in Michigan; died in Oct 1985 at Troy, Oakland County, Michigan.

Child of Melvin Franklin and Oneita Marie Peterson is:

- 5. i. James Earl Franklin.

Fourth Generation

5. James Earl Franklin. (Melvin Banes Franklin, George H. Franklin, Benjamin S. Franklin) married Barbara Joan Woodworth.

They had two children:

- i. James Lincoln Franklin.
- ii. Darlene Joan Franklin.

Will of Josiah Franklin of McNairy County, Tennessee

Submitted by Ben Franklin, Editor. I have corresponded with Fred Norton <frednorton@tenforward.com> and Dwight Franklin <dwrightf@academicplanet.com> about this line.

McNairy County, Tennessee Wills, written 26 Jul 1877, page 94

In the name of God Amen. I Josiah Franklin of the County of McNairy, and State of Tennessee being of Sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish, and declare, this to be my last will and testament. That is to say, first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit, My farm known as the Franklin farm, lying in the County of McNairy and State of Tennessee, shall be rented out for the next fifteen years, my wife and Daughter Catherine to receive the benefits. At the end of that fifteen years I bequeath to my son John D. Franklin, One hundred acres of land in the South East corner of said farm, the balance of the farm, one hundred and Twenty two acres at the end of that time, fifteen years, be sold and out of the money it may bring, I bequeath as follows to my son W^m Franklin

of Arkansas, five dollars, to my daughter, Martha Browder,⁷ five Dollars, to my Daughter Bettie Davis,⁸ five Dollars, to my son Jo. Franklin five Dollars, to the heirs of my Daughter Harriett Heardy [Hardy] deceased, five Dollars, to the heirs of my son, James Franklin deceased, five Dollars, to my wife and Daughter Catherine the remainder each to have an equal part. I also bequeath to my wife and daughter Catherine, two milk cows of their own choice, two heads of hogs, of their own choice, six head of sheep of their own choice, all the house and kitchen furniture, and farming implement shall remain on the farm in order that the same may be carried on successfully, during the fifteen years, it is to be rented, all my live stock not bequeathed shall be sold and the money put out on interest which interest shall go toward supporting my wife and Daughter Catherine.

Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my son John D. Franklin and Brother David J. Franklin to be executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 26th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

his

Josiah X Franklin (seal)

mark

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Josiah Franklin in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament, and we as the testators agree and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence

H. D. Woodward McNairy CoTenn

P. Plunck “ “ “

G. C. Savage “ “ “

There is a brief, undocumented article in the backissues of FFRU, Volume 11, pages 35-37 on this line.

Query in FFRU Volume 24:

Seeking the parents of Joseph Franklin born 1775 in Chesterfield County, Virginia; died 1855 in Halifax County, Virginia; married Betsy Nelson

Children:

Josiah Franklin 1803-1877

John Franklin

David J. Franklin born 1818 married Sarah B. Browder 1826-1883

Mark F. Franklin married Nancy Phillips

From FFRU Volume 8: Virginia Marriages Early to 1800:

Joseph Franklin married Betsy Nelson on 27 Jan 1795 in Halifax County, Virginia.

From *Franklin Fireplace*, page 212: Joseph Franklin married Betsey Nelson on 19 Feb. 1795. From Halifax County Marriage Records.

1880 Tennessee, McNairy County, District 16, page 184A, HH 228/228:

J. D. Franklin, head, 33m, born VA, Fa: VA, Mo: VA, farmer; E. A. Franklin, wife, 31f, born KY Fa: VA

7. Married 29 Oct 1860 to William T. Browder, son of John J. and Susannah Browder

8. Elizabeth Francis Franklin married Henry C. Davis.

Mo: IL, keeping house; J. H. Franklin, son, 9m, born TN, Fa: VA, Mo: KY; Y. T. Franklin, son, 7m, born TN, Fa: VA, Mo: KY; L. L. Franklin, son, 5m, born TN, Fa: VA, Mo: KY; E. Franklin, daughter, 3f, born TN, Fa: VA, Mo: KY; _____ Franklin, son, 1m, born TN, Fa: VA, Mo: KY; Mary Ivy, other, 13f, born TN, Fa: TN, Mo: TN, housework.

Next door:

1880 Tennessee, McNairy County, District 16, page 184A, HH 229/229:

F. Franklin, head, 75f, born VA, Fa: VA. Mo; VA, keeping house; Catherine Franklin, daughter, 29f, born VA. Fa: VA. Mo: VA, housework.

1880 Tennessee, McNairy County, District 17, page 27A, HH 67/67:

D. J. Franklin, head, 54m, born VA, Fa: VA, Mo: VA, merchant; Sallie B. Franklin, wife, 64f, born VA, Fa: VA Mo: VA, keeps house.

1870 Tennessee, Madison County, Jackson P.O. page 105A, HH 112/126:

J. Franklin 65m, farmer, RE\$4,000/PP\$600, born VA; F. Franklin 60f, born VA; K. Franklin 25f born TN (possibly daughter Katherine/Catherine, or the wife of John, with H. and E. as sons?); Jo. Franklin 26m, farmhand, born TN (probably John); H. Franklin 6m, born TN; E. Franklin 4m, born TN.

1860 Tennessee, Madison County, Mount Pison, District 1, page 49, HH 295/322

B. J. Franklin, 34m, farmer, RE\$900/PP\$500, born VA; Sarah Franklin, 36f, born VA; Bettie Franklin, 17f, born VA; Henry Franklin, 13m, born VA; John Franklin, 10m, born TN; Frances Franklin. 7f, born TN; Farmer Franklin, 2m, born TN.

1860 Tennessee, Madison County, Mount Pison, District 1, page 49, HH 298/323:

John Franklin, 61m, born VA; Nancy Franklin, 51f, born VA.

1860 Tennessee, Madison County, Mount Pison, District 1, page 49, HH 301/328:

Josiah Franklin, 51m, farmer, PP\$700 born VA; Frances Franklin, 49f, born VA; Martha Franklin, 29f, born VA; Josiah Franklin, 19m, born VA; John Franklin, 15m, born VA; Catherine Franklin, 13f, born NC; Ben Franklin 10m born TN.

1860 Tennessee, Madison County, District 1, page 319 Slave schedule:

Josiah Franklin: 2 slave houses, 1 - 38f, 1 - 18f, 1 - 16f, 1 - 18m, 1 - 12m, 1 - 3m, 1 - 1m.

1860 Tennessee, McNairy County, District 8, page: 302 Slave schedule:

James Franklin: 1 slave house, 1 - 37f.

1850 Tennessee, Madison County, District 1, page 370, HH 125/125:

David J. Franklin, 25m, minister Missionary Baptist, RE\$600, born VA; Sarah B. Franklin, 30f, born VA; Susanah E. Franklin, 6f, born VA; Henry D. Franklin, 3m, born NC; John J. B. Franklin, 1/12m, born TN.

1850 Tennessee, Madison County, District 1, page 341 HH 129/129:

Josiah Franklin, 47m, farmer, born VA; Frances Franklin, 46f, born VA; Martha A. Franklin 18f, born VA; Elizabeth Franklin, 16f, born VA; Harriet J. Franklin, 13f, born VA; James F. Franklin, 12m, born VA; William Franklin, 10m, born VA; Josiah Franklin, 9m, born VA; John Franklin, 6m, born VA; Benjamin Franklin, 1/12m, born TN; Catherine Franklin,⁹ 3f, born NC.

Only one Josiah in Virginia in 1840: Virginia, Halifax County, Southern District:

Josiah Franklin 1m -5; 1m 5-10; 1m 30-40; 1f -5; 2f 5-10; 1f 10-15; 1f 30-40; slaves: 1f -10; 1f 10-24, engaged in agriculture.

1820 Virginia, Halifax County, page 74:

Joseph Franklin: 2m -10, 3m 10/16, 1m 16/18, 1m 16/26, 1m 45+; 2f -10, 1f 16/26, 1f 26/45. Agric. 5

9. Note that Catherine is not in age order, and was born in North Carolina.

Descendants of Josiah Franklin of McNairy County, Tennessee

The following Register Format presentation of this line is based on some Family Group Sheets submitted by Charline Jones Franklin of Pittsburg, Texas. She passed away in 2001. The information that she sent was presented in Henry Format in FFRU Volume 31. I have pulled together additional information here. BJJ - Editor

First Generation

1. Josiah Franklin, born 1803 in Virginia; married Frances Phillips; died about 1877 in McNairy County, Tennessee.

According to FFRU, Volume 11, Josiah was son of Joseph Franklin (born 1775, Chesterfield County, Virginia; died 1855 Halifax County, Virginia) married Betsy Nelson 27 Jan 1795, Halifax County, Virginia.

From the various census records, it appears that this Franklin family moved from Halifax County, Virginia to Tennessee in the Madison County/McNairy County area between 1847 and 1850. This should be confirmed with land records.

Frances Phillips was born in 1801 Halifax County, Virginia, daughter of John Phillips.

Children:

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| | 2 | i. | Martha A. Franklin, born 1832 in Virginia; married 29 Oct 1860 to William T. Browder, son of John J. and Susannah Browder |
| | 3 | ii. | Elizabeth Francis Franklin, born 1834 in Virginia; married Henry C. Davis. |
| + | 4 | iii. | Harriet J. Franklin, born 1836 in Virginia; died before 1877 when Josiah's Will was written. |
| + | 5 | iv. | William Coleman Franklin, born 1 Apr 1837 in Halifax County, Virginia; married Amanda Thomas Deramus. |
| + | 6 | v. | James Francis Franklin, born 1837 in Virginia; married Eliza Anderson; died before 1877 when Josiah's Will was written. |
| | 7 | vi. | Josiah Franklin, born 1841 in Virginia. Unable to find after the 1860 Census. |
| + | 8 | vi. | John David Franklin born 12 Oct 1844 in Virginia, married Emily Alice _____ about 1865; died 28 Dec 1903 in Park Springs, Wise County, Texas. |
| | 9 | vii. | Benjamin Franklin, born 1850 in North Carolina. |
| | 10 | viii. | Catherine Franklin, born 1853 in North Carolina. |

Second Generation

4. Harriet J. Franklin, born 1836 in Virginia; married William Hardy; died before 1877 when Josiah's Will was written.

Children:

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| | 11 | i. | Betty Hardy born in 1854 in Arkansas. |
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- 12 ii. Henry Hardy born in 1856 in Arkansas.
- 13 iii. Martha Hardy born in 1858 in Arkansas.
- 14 iv. Margeret Jo Ann Hardy born in 1866 in Arkansas.

5. William Coleman Franklin, born 1 Apr 1837 in Halifax County, Virginia; married Amanda Thomas Deramus on 28 Dec 1859 in Clark County, Arkansas; died 16 Jul 1915 in Slocum, Anderson County, Texas; buried 18 Jul 1915, Shady Grove Cemetery, Redland, Nevada County, Arkansas. He served in the Confederacy during the War Between the States from the state of Arkansas.

Amanda Thomas Deramus was born 8 Dec 1840 in Vernon Beat, Autauga County, Alabama.
Children:

- 15 i. Vallie Thomas Franklin, born 2 Jul 1862 in Beech Creek, Clark County, Arkansas
- 16 ii. James William Franklin, born 1 Jun 1864 in Beech Creek Clark County, Arkansas
- 17 iii. Mary Francis Franklin, born 28 Mar 1866 in Beech Creek, Clark County, Arkansas
- 18 iv. Eugenie Lola Franklin, born 27 May 1867 in Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas
- 19 v. Benjamin Wesley Franklin, born 24 Mar 1869 in Beech Creek, Clark County, Arkansas
- 20 vi. Fredonia Susan Franklin, born 16 Oct 1870 in Beech Creek, Clark County, Arkansas
- 21 vii. Evaline Franklin, born 24 Apr 1881 in Redland, Nevada County, Arkansas

6. James Francis Franklin, born 1837 in Virginia; married Eliza Anderson; died before 1877 when Josiah's Will was written. He served in the Confederacy during the War Between the States from the state of Tennessee. His wife remarried to William Newell in 1875. In 1880 she is found in William Newell's household in Lincoln, Sioux County, Iowa.

Children:

- + 22 i. William T. Franklin, born Tennessee 1860; married Agnes Heurth, widow of Edmund A. Lapora, about 1890.
- 23 ii. Laura Franklin, born 1862 in Tennessee.

8. John David Franklin, born 12 Oct 1844, Virginia; married Emily Alice _____ about 1865; died 28 Dec 1903 in Park Springs, Wise County, Texas. More details about the descendants of John David Franklin are found in FFRU Volume 31.

Emily Alice _____, born 30 Aug 1849 in Kentucky; died 9 Nov 1913 in Park Springs, Wise County, Texas.
Children:

- + 24 i. James Henry Franklin, born Aug 1871 in Tennessee; married Addie Hurdt in 1894.
- + 25 ii. John Thomas Franklin, born Sep 1872 in Tennessee; married Talula May Amonett.
- + 26 iii. Lawrence Lee Franklin, born 7 Oct 1872; married Laura Ola Miller on 29 Oct 1899 in Park Springs, Wise County, Texas; died 26 Jan 1935 in Tem-

ple, Bell County, Texas.

- + 27 iv. Ella Nora Franklin, born 1877 in Tennessee; married Robert D. Billingsley; died 14 Feb 1929 in Childress, Childress County, Texas.
- 28 v. Earle B. Franklin, born Mar 1879 in Tennessee.
- + 29 vi. Algie B. Franklin [male] born Jun 1881; married Maggie _____ in 1904.
- + 30 vii. Ina M. Franklin, born Aug 1882 in Tennessee; married _____ Morris.

Third Generation

22. William T. Franklin, born Tennessee 1860; married Agnes Heurth Lapora, widow of Edmund A. Lapora, about 1890; died 1940 in Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

In 1900 Agnes, the Lapora children and the Franklin children were living in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa. Her marital status is hard to read, but appears to be "D" for divorced. The Franklin children's father (William T. Franklin) is shown to be born in Mississippi. In 1910, in Sioux City, her marital status is clearly "Wd" (Widowed), and the father's birthplace for the Franklin children was again listed as Mississippi.

Agnes Heurth was born Jul 1858 at Grafton, Wisconsin; died at Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, in 1940. Prior to her children by William T. Franklin, she had children by Edmund Lapora: Edward Lapora, Charles Lapora, Louise Lapora, Laura Lapora, and Anne Lapora. In 1910, her mother, Sophia is living with her.

Children:

- 31 Robert James Franklin, born Dec 1891 in Garland, South Dakota.
- 32 Benjamin Franklin, born Mar 1893 in South Dakota.
- 33 William T. Franklin, born July 1894 in South Dakota

24. James Henry Franklin, born Aug 1871 in Tennessee; married Addie Hurdt in 1894.

Addie Hurdt, born Dec 1871 in Tennessee

Children:

- 34 i. Essie E. Franklin, born Nov 1898.
- 35 ii. John Wesley Franklin, born 1903.

25. John Thomas Franklin, born Sep 1872 in Tennessee; married Talula May Amonett.

Talula May Amonett was born Jan 1876 in Texas.

Children:

- 36 i. Ella M. Franklin, born Sep 1896.
- 37 ii. Alice Irene Franklin, born Jul 1898; married T. F. Lindley.
- 38 iii. Perle Lillian Franklin, born 15 Jan 1900; married Harold Peeler.
- 39 iv. Curtis Franklin, born 1903 in Texas.
- 40 v. Wilber Franklin, born 1904.

26. Lawrence Lee Franklin, born 7 Oct 1872; married Laura Ola Miller on 29 Oct 1899 in Park Springs, Wise County, Texas; died 26 Jan 1935 in Temple, Bell County, Texas.

Laura Ola Miller, born 17 Oct 1874 in Texas; died 13 Jan 1947 in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of J. H. Miller.

Children:

- + 41 i. Leola Franklin, born 27 Sep 1901 in Rio Vista, Johnson County, Texas; married Herman Isaac Day; died 3 May 1956 in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.
- + 42 ii. Edith Franklin, born 5 Aug 1903 in McGregor, McClellan County, Texas; married Samuel Henderson Halcomb on 1 Nov 1930 in "Farm House", Grant County, Oklahoma; died 6 Jun 1993 in Pond Creek, Grant County, Oklahoma.
- + 43 iii. Joseph Elmer Franklin, born 5 Aug 1905 in Tyrone, Beaver County, Oklahoma; married Decie Fay Lane on 3 Nov 1928 in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas; died 17 Feb 1972 in Center, Shelby County, Texas.
- 44 iv. Ruby Franklin, born 13 Nov 1906 in Dobby, Beaver County, Oklahoma; died 16 Mar 1994 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

27. Ella Nora Franklin, born 1877 in Tennessee; died 14 Feb 1929 in Childress, Childress County, Texas; married Robert D. Billingsley.

Children:

- 45 i. Eula Billingsley, born 20 Feb 1899

29. Algie B. Franklin, born Jun 1881; married Maggie _____ in 1904.

Maggie _____, born 1882 in Texas; died 7 Dec 1915 in Park Springs, Wise County, Texas.

Children:

- 46 i. J. D. Franklin, born 1905.
- 47 ii. Linnie Franklin, born 1907.
- 48 iii. Louie Franklin, born Nov 1909.

30. Ina M. Franklin, born Aug 1882 in Tennessee; married _____ Morris.

Children:

- 49 i. Euel ?Morris

Fourth Generation

41. Leola Franklin, born 27 Sep 1901 in Rio Vista, Johnson County, Texas; married Herman Isaac Day; died 3 May 1956 in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

Herman Isaac Day, born 19 Aug 1903 in Bowie County, Texas; died 25 Jun 1980 in Gene Autry, Carter County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Porter Day and Laura Presley.

Children:

- 50 i. Kathryn Wanell Day, born 15 Jan 1927; married 1) James Chevess 2) John Moore.
- 51 ii. Kenneth Eugene Day, born 13 Oct 1928 in Berwyn, Carter County, Oklahoma; married Marilyn _____ .
- 52 iii. Laura Helen Day, born 1930 in Gene Autry, Carter County, Oklahoma;

died 1931 in Gene Autry, Carter County, Oklahoma.

- 53 iv. Nelda Mae Day, married Howard Haney Conway.
- 54 v. Lynn Kern Day, married Ruby Geraldine Nuttall.
- 55 vi. Narshella Day, married Cooper Eugene Dillon.

42. Edith Franklin, born 5 Aug 1903 in McGregor, McClellan County, Texas; married Samuel Henderson Halcomb on 1 Nov 1930 in "Farm House," Grant County, Oklahoma; died 6 Jun 1993 in Pond Creek, Grant County, Oklahoma.

Samuel Henderson Halcomb, born 3 Aug 1883 in Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky; died 7 Sep 1974 in Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Sidney Halcomb and Marthenia Jepson.

Children:

- 56 i. Billy Joe Halcomb married Sandra Arlene Caldwell.

43. Joseph Elmer Franklin, born 5 Aug 1905 in Tyrone, Beaver County, Oklahoma; married Decie Fay Lane on 3 Nov 1928 in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas; died 17 Feb 1972 in Center, Shelby County, Texas.

Children:

- + 57 i. Bobbie Lee Franklin, born 1 Jul 1929 in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma; married Mary Charline Jones.
- + 58 ii. Jo Evelyn Franklin, born in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma; married Otha A. Strong and Calvin Travis Barton.

Fifth Generation

57. Bobbie Lee Franklin, born 1 Jul 1929 in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma; married Mary Charline Jones.

Mary Charline Jones, born 17 Jun 1929 in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

Children:

- 59 i. Pamela Lea Franklin, married Robert Steven Van Nest.
- 60 ii. Bobbette Franklin.

58. Jo Evelyn Franklin, born 6 Jun 1925 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Texas. She married Otha A. Strong and Calvin Travis Barton.

Calvin Travis Barton was the son of Joseph Green Barton and Nancy Myrtle Haley.

Children:

- 61 i. Joyce Faye Barton, married Aubrey Lamar Norton
- 62 ii. Norva Sue Barton.

Will of John Franklin of Suffolk County, Massachusetts

By Ben Franklin, Editor. This John Franklin is the brother of the famous Statesman. Note that many, many persons who claim to be related to the statesman make the claim through this John Franklin. Unfortunately for such claims, he leaves his estate to his nephews, nieces, stepsons, sisters, etc., with no mention of children or grandchildren, and thus it seems that there were none, or at least none who were alive when his will was written.

Note also that just two days after the original will was written, he added a codicil.

One of the most common false connections through John Franklin is the Surry County, North Carolina line, described and debunked in FFRU Volume 6.

John Franklin was born 7 Dec 1690 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, son of Josiah Franklin and Abiah Folger. He was a soapmaker and tallow chandler by trade (as was Josiah Franklin, his father), and was appointed deputy postmaster of Boston by his famous brother. He died 30 Jan 1756 in Boston, Massachusetts.

The *New England Historic and Genealogical Register*, Vol. 11, Jan. 1857, pages 18-19 states: "8. John Franklin, born 7 Dec 1690; died Jan 1756; Married _____ Gooch; had but one son John, lost at sea, a young man grown"

Remember that in the 18th century, the term "son-in-law" was a more literal and generic term than it is now, thus it meant any "son" whose relationship was legal rather than by descendancy, thus what we now call a step-son would be a "son-in-law". This relationship designation was common for those times. The "son-in-law" Thomas Hubbart mentioned in this will, was actually a step-son, the son of John's wife, Elizabeth (Gooch) (Hubbart) Franklin. The daughters-in-law were the wives of his step-sons.

This will was written 22 Jan 1756, probated 6 Feb 1756.

In the Name of God Amen. This twenty second Day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty six, and in the twenty ninth year of His Majesty's Reign I John Franklin of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Tallow Chandler do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner following. First-and principally, I resign and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, and my Body to the Earth, trusting and hoping in the infinite Mercies of God for a Resurrection to Eternal Life thro' the Influence of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As to my Worldly Estate which it has pleased God to bestow on me, I Will and Dispose thereof as follows.

Imprimis, I will that all my just Debts and Funeral Charges be paid in Due Time by my Executor hereafter named.

Item, Whereas I have agreed with the other Proprietors of German Town so called in Braintree in the County of Suffolk aforesaid upon a Partition of the same among our selves; My Will is, that Partition be made thereof, and I do hereby empower Jonathan Williams and Tuthill Hubbart both of Boston aforesaid Merchants to make and Execute proper Deeds of Partition with the other Proprietors, and Will that my Interest in the said German Town shall be as much bound by the Agreements and Covenants and Deeds made by the said Jonathan Williams and Tuthill Hubbart as if they were made and Executed by me in my Life time.

Item, I hereby give and Devise to my well beloved Wife Elizabeth the one third part of my Real and Personal Estate to be to her, her Heirs and Assigns forever, agreeable to my Marriage Contract with her: And Whereas by a Marriage Contract I was also to receive of Joseph Gooch Esqr. Trustee for my said Wife the Sum of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds in Bills of the new Tenor, great Part of which I have received, hereby remit what soever remains unpaid of the aforesaid Sum

Item, I give to my well beloved Wife Elizabeth During her natural Life the use of all the Utensils belonging to my Business (that is to say) the Copper, the Iron Furnace, and other Implements, and also the use of my Negro named Cosar; and after her Decease I give all the same to my Kinsmen Peter Franklin Macom and James Barker equally between them

Item, I give to my said Wife a Suit of Mourning

Item I give to my Kinsman, Peter Franklin Macom a suit of Cloaths, but not of mourning

Item, The Remainder of my Real and Personal Estate, I give to my Brethren and Sisters equally and to the legal Representatives of such of them as are Deceased

Lastly, I Nominate and Appoint Jonathan Williams and Tuthill Hubbard of Boston aforesaid Merchants Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all former Will and Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above written:

Signed, Sealed Published and

Declared by the said John

(Signed) John Franklin

Franklin to be his last Will
and Testament in Presence
of us, who Subscribed our Names
in the Testator's Presence,

John Perkins

Silv. Gardiner

Gillam Tailor

Suffolk SS: The aforewritten Will being presented for Probate by the Executors therein named Silver P. Gardner & Gillam Taylor made oath that they saw John Franklin the Subscriber to this Instrument Sign & Seal & heard him publish & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament and that when he so did he was of sound disposing Mind & Memory according to there Separert of last discearning and that they Set to thear hands as Witnesses thereof in the said Testators presence and John Perkins also made oath to the same purpose Saying that he did not see ye Testator Sign ye same and observed that it was not Signed when he came into ye Room but yet he saw Mr. Franklin a writing & Supposes be Signed it for he saw it was Signed before he left ye room.

T. Hutchinson

A Codicil to the foregoing Will

I John Franklin of Boston in the County of Suffolk Tallow Chandler, this Twenty fourth Day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty six Do Make and publish this my Codicil to my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) I give to Mr Jonathan Williams and Tuthill Hubbard whom I have appointed my Executors, to each of them the Sum of Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and eight pence for their Trouble.

And Whereas I have given to my Wife the use of my negro named Cosar during her natural Life, I now give my Executors Liberty to dispose of him if he behave ill and my said Wife to have the use of the money and at her Decease to be equally divided between my Kinsmen Peter Franklin Macom, James Barker and John Macom

I give to my Sister Jane Macom l pair of Silver Canns with my Arms upon them

I give to my Son in Law Thomas Hubbard one Silver Porringer

I give to my Daughter in Law Susannah Hubbard one Silver Porringer

I give to my Daughter in Law Elizabeth Hubbard my two Volumes of Chambers's Dictionary, and Lord Bri-
ons Works in three Volumes

I give to my Niece Grace Williams the Wife of Mr Jonathan Williams my Silver Salver

I give to my well beloved Wife my large Picture, likewise my Brother Benjamin Franklin's Picture during her natural Life, and after her Decease,

I give my Picture to William Franklin of Philadelphia the Son of my Brother Benjamin Franklin Sigr; and I give my Brother Benjamin Franklin's Picture to James Franklin of Newport the Son of my Brother James Franklin Deceased

I give to my Maid Elizabeth Clements the Sum of Two Pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Declared
by the said John Franklin as a

(Signed) John Franklin

Codicil to his Will & Testament

in presence of Jos. Edwards
 Thos Leverett
 Dudson Kilcup

(the following written on side of codicil)

Suffolk SS: The within written Codicil being presented for Probate Thomas Leverett & Dudson Kilcup made oath that they saw John Franklin the Subscriber to this Instrument Sign & Seal & heard him publish & declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament and that when he do did he was of sound disposing mind & memory according to these Deponents last discerning and that they Set their hands as witnesses thereof in the Testators presence

Boston Suffolk Co 1756

T. Hutchinson

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