

The children of
Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon

November 9, 2023

1. Children of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon, Kirkman - Sarah
2. Children of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon, Hawkins family from Caroline to Felix Albert
3. Children of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon, Hawkins family from Unicy to Lorinda Jane
4. Children of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon, George – NJ

THE MUNICIPAL TOWNSHIPS OF THE COUNTY.

At the first term of the county court, June 6, 1833, Lewis County was divided into two municipal townships—Union and Canton. This was practically a continuation of the political division which existed while the county was attached to Marion, with the same names applied to the divisions. The limits and bounds of the two townships were thus fixed:

Union—Beginning where the south line of the county strikes the Mississippi; then up the main channel to the mouth of the Wyaconda; then up the main channel to Kinney's old ford; thence west with the road leading from the ford to William Hagood's, so as to leave Mr. Hagood in Union Township; then up the main divide between Durgan's Creek and the Wyaconda, passing the head of Durgan Creek; thence with the main divide between North Fabius River and the said Wyaconda, continuing the said divide until it strikes the range line between Ranges 9 and 10, (the present county line) thence south to Marion County, then east to the beginning.

Canton—All the territory belonging to or attached to Lewis County lying north and west of Union Township.

John M. Higgins, James Thomas, James Rankin, and John G. Nunn were the first justices of the peace of Union, and Roswell Durkee the first constable. In Canton the justices were Robert Sinclair, Thompson Conley and Alex. Waggoner; first constable Umbleton Gregory. The first township officers were appointed by the county court (or rather recommended for appointment to the governor) until the first election. In July, to fill a vacancy, Risdon Smith was recommended for appointment as justice of the peace for Union, and Gregory F. Hawkins for Canton.

The poll books of this election are, happily, in existence, and not only are the names of the voters preserved, but it can be ascertained for whom each man voted. At that day (and indeed until during the civil war, in November, 1863,) voting in **Missouri** was by the *viva voce* method. Every voter called out to the judges the name of the candidate for whom he wished to vote, and his choice was duly recorded. At this election **Lewis** was divided into but two townships, Canton and Union. The names of the voters in each are here given:

CANTON TOWNSHIP.

William Hagood.	Joseph Trotter.	James La Fon.
Nathaniel Brown.	Andrew Johnston.	Clement Cannon.
Thompson Conley.	Thomas Johnston.	Inglefield Gregory.
Burt Gregory.	Thomas Gray.	James Bland.
Moses Norris.	Howard Brown.	William Cannon.
Silas Ramsey.	George T. Moore.	John Carnegie.
Robert Brown.	Middleton Smoot.	Thomas P. Wise.
John Brown.	Mitchell Russell.	Newbold Cannon.
Nathaniel Brown.	Thomas La Fon.	Risdon Smith.
Richard La Fon.	Gregory F. Hawkins.	William Pritchard.
Umbleton Gregory.	Presley D. Anderson.	Jacob Brown.
James Armstrong.	Elisha Lefler.	Jesse McPherson.—37.
Isaac L. Harrel.		

The judges were William Pritchard, Jacob Brown and Jesse McPherson; clerks, Lloyd W. Knott and Isaac B. Owsley. For some reason the last two named did not vote. Election was held at the house of Joseph Trotter, in Canton.

1833 First Elections, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO

The first election in Lewis County after its organization, occurred August 5, 1833, the day of the general election throughout the State to choose a representative to Congress. At that time Missouri was entitled to but two congressmen, who were chosen by a majority of all the legal voters of the State; there

was no election by districts until 1846. The candidates in 1833 were Dr. John Bull and James H. Birch, of Howard; Gen. George F. Strother, of St. Louis, who in 1804 had been a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition; Hon. George Shannon and Gen. George C. Sibley, of St. Charles. The election resulted in the choice of Dr. John Bull, a Democrat, or "Jackson man." His colleague was Gen. William H. Ashley, who had been chosen the previous year.

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George Cannon
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

George was born 2/4/1797, Bath County, KY, presumably. I haven't found any other information for him. He is not listed in Newbold's will as an heir, so I presume he died young, before he married. There is an entry for George Cannon in the 1836 Territorial census of Dubuque County, IA. I know that Clement Cannon moved there prior to 1834; I also have an unaccounted for man on Clement's 1820 census in Missouri. Is it possible that George is that person?

On the 1850 census, George Cannon in Dubuque territory say that he was born in CT, his wife in NY, children in OH. Wrong person.

James Cannon
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

He was a twin to Henry. LeMaster Bible page says James was born in the morning, Henry in the evening.

Henry Cannon
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

Henry Cannon b. 9/10/1798, Bath County, KY, presumably; m. Elizabeth Dean Crooks, 1/8/1824, Bath County, KY; d. 9/1/1830, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO; buried in Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.



Elizabeth Dean Crooks Cannon Lefler stone, Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO



Elisha Lefler stone, Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO

Henry was killed by Indians; perhaps realizing he was dying, he wrote his will, dying within a few days. His wife, Elizabeth Dean Crooks Cannon, was pregnant at the time, and in honor of her husband's memory, named their daughter Henry Margaret Cannon. This girl used that name on legal documents all her life.

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It seems that Esther and Henry married siblings, she John Crooks, he Elizabeth Dean Crooks.

Trip to Lewis County, MO genealogy society in 2008

From George Hoffman, a handwritten letter dated Mar. 22, 1983, Sparta, MO

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

...I do have the Crooks-Cannon family Bible. The problem is it gives dates and names, but it never refers to places, when in many cases would be a great help in tracing other family members.

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The Bible does not indicate her maiden name.

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John W. Cannon born 12 Nov. 1829 died 26 Oct. 1850

Henry Margaret Cannon born 22 Nov. 1830 died 13 Dec. 1914

(my great grandmother Crooks. I remember her and attended her funeral)

Henry Cannon died 1 Sept. 1830 (before Henry Margaret was born).

No record of Elizabeth Cannon's death.

Henry Margaret Cannon and Milton Edgar Crooks were married 12 Dec. 1848 in Lewis County and had three children:

Levina Jane Crooks born Sept. 1840 died 3 Mar 185?

John Henry Crooks born Mar 1851 died 26 Feb 186?

James Elisha Crooks born 5 Aug. 1853 died 9 Jan. 1939?

This was my grandfather

Our family Bible mentions no other Cannon names, and therefore any connection with either John B. or Newbold Cannon is impossible.

It seems to me, strictly from memory, that I remember hearing family conversations wherein the Cannon family were originally located in the Elsberry, MO, area. This may give you some sort of lead.

.....Sincerely,

Dallas Crooks

John Cannon of Clark County to Elizabeth Henton of Lewis County

April 22, 1852 (this is on last page, following Dallas' signature. I take this to mean that John W. Cannon married Elizabeth Henton. He died later that year).

SPARTA, MO 65753

Mar 22 1983

Dear Mr Hoffman

Your letter has mystified me. How did you know about our family bible.

anyway you were correct - I do have the Crooks-Cannon family Bible. The problem is it gives dates and names, ^{but} it never refers to places, which in many cases would be a great help in tracing other family members.

as you might suspect - I have spent much more time in tracing the Crooks line as well as my Mother's family and now my wife's. However here is what I have on the Cannon line (I have intended that someday I would pursue this more completely).

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we have been able to get much family info from
Public Libraries which carry census records,
only the larger ones carry such records, but
they are on tapes by County and year of census.
Sometimes we had spent over 2 hours finding a
lead. Knowing locations is a big help.

I know this has given you very little real
information and I am sorry.

we invite you to see our family Bible. We
live on the East edge of Sparta on Mo 14. our name
is on the mail box + if necessary any business in town
can direct you.

Sincerely
Dallas Crooks

SPARTA, MO 65753

Apr 8 1983

Dear Mr Hoffman

First of all I want to thank you with all my heart for the new information you sent me.

It appears to me that you have far outclassed me so far as "effort" expended in research is concerned.

Yes, I am sure we both have the same Great-Great-Great Grandfather, i.e. Newbold Cannon. There seems to be even more connections in that two different Cannons married Crooks.

Esther Cannon, your Great-Great Grandfather John's sister married James C. Crooks and Henry Cannon's daughter married Milton C. Crooks.

From the above, if Milton Crooks was the son of Ester ^{Cannon} & James Crooks then he married his cousin. From conversations I remember as a youngster this was probably true. It was always regarded as a family secret.

Regarding Henry Cannon's will which mentions a negro girl, I am sending you a copy of my Great Grandmother's statement regarding this same girl at a much later date. You will also note her mother is referred to as Mrs Telfer which verifies your findings that Henry's wife remarried. It also proves your assumption that the Miss Elizabeth Cannon listed as a Chester member of the Wyaconda Church was an error and should have been Mrs.

Another of our family stories was that Henry Cannon was killed by Indians on 1 Sept 1830. That is the date of

his death as recorded in our family bible, which is only two days ~~before~~^{after} the date of his will, which you so kindly sent me a copy of.

as a matter of interest - I looked up Greenbrier County and find it is in that part which became West Virginia in June 1863. Lewisburg is the County seat.

again I thank you for the information. The change in County is of particular interest.

Yes, any information is appreciated.

ED Crooks

Marriage to Elizabeth Dean Crooks, 1824

Know all men by these presents that we —
Henry Cannon and John Crooks — are held
and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth
of Kentucky in the just and full sum of
Fifty Pounds which payment well and truly
to be made we bind Ourselves and heirs &c
Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed
and dated this 7th day of January 1824 The
condition of the above obligation is such that
whereas there is a marriage shortly intended
to be had and solemnized between the above
bound Henry Cannon and Elizabeth D. Crooks
nor should there be no lawful cause to
obtain said intended marriage then this
obligation to be void else to remain in full
force and virtue Henry Cannon Seal
John Crooks Seal

Henry Cannon, marr bond, Bath County, KY

Andrew Lyman p.g.

C. H. This is to certify that on the eighth day of January 1824 I married Henry Cannon & Elizabeth D. Crooks according to Law. Given under my hand this 8th day of November 1824
John Evans -

Henry Cannon, marr record, 11.8.1824

Land Patent #1681
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Below is a copy of this land patent, but the date I see is after Henry's death.

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Certificate No. 1681

The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, Henry Cannon, of Marion county, Missouri, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Palmyra, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Henry Cannon, according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty eight, in Township sixty two of Range six, West in the district of lands subject to sale at Palmyra Missouri, containing eighty acres, according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Henry Cannon.

NOW KNOW YE, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said Henry Cannon, and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said Henry Cannon, and to his heirs and assigns forever

In testimony whereof, I, Andrew Jackson,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 21st day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-first.

By the President,

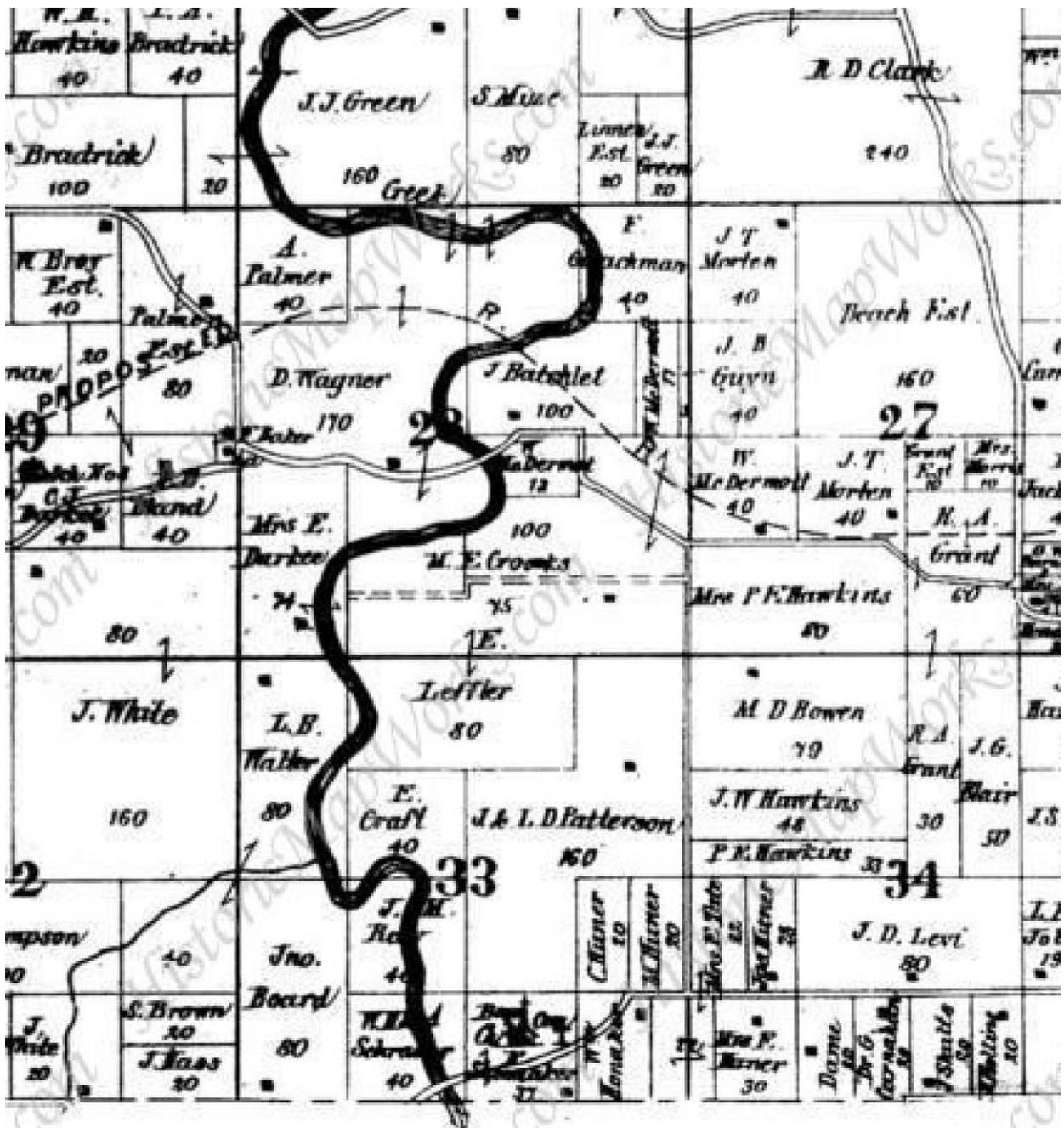
PATENT NO. 1210510
JAN 19 1837

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

PATENT NO. 1210510. New patent authorized by Act of March 3, 1837, 5 Stat. 551. See new Patent No. 1

Henry Cannon, land patent #1681

This map represents that land in 1878:



1830 census, Marion County, MO

Henry Cannon

2 free white males under 5 (*William, John*)

1 free white male 30-40 (*Henry*)

1 free white female 20-30 (*Elizabeth*)

1 free white female slave under 10 (*Barbary Allen?*)

5 total in household

On same census page are John Crooks, Newbold Cannon, Sr., Gregory F. Hawkins, Jesse McPherson and Clement Cannon

Henry was killed by Indians, as the story goes, wrote a will before he passed away

Henry Cannon's
Will

August the 30-1830. In the name of God Amen
I Henry Cannon being perfectly in my senses
and of a sound mind, I do ordain this to be
my last will and testament first of all I
recommend my soul unto Almighty God who
gave it and my body to be buried in good
decent burial, as it respects my goods & chattels
first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Elizabeth Cannon all my goods and chattels
and household furniture the 80 acres of land
on which I now live also a negroe girl
one horse and mare and one cow during her
life time, then to be divided equally amongst
my three children one yet not being born
William H Cannon and John H Cannon
my two sons for which purpose I do
appoint Gregory S Hawkins Newton Cannon
my executors in witness whereof I have set
my hand and affixed my seal the date above
written.

attest,

Henry Cannon

Thomas L Beckner

James C Crooks

State of Missouri

County of Marion, Sept 3 This day personally
appear Thomas L Beckner and James C Crooks
before me Theodore Jones Clerk of the County
Court within and for the County aforesaid
and make oath that Henry Cannon signed
published and declared the within and foregoing
writing as and for his last will and testament,
that the said Henry Cannon was of sound and
disposing mind and that they the said

Thomas L Beckner and James C Crooks
 subscribed their names thereto as Witnesses
 in the presence of the said Henry Cannon
 and in the presence of each other.

Thomas L Beckner
 James C Crooks

Sworn and subscribed to before me Theodore
 Jones Clerk of the County Court in and for
 the County aforesaid this second day of
 December 1830.

Theodore Jones Clerk

Recorded 2nd December 1830.

Theodore Jones Clerk

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Henry Cannon, will, 8.30.1830.2

Will of

Hy. Cannon

August the 30th 1830. In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Cannon being perfectly in my senses and of a sound mind, I do ordain this to be my last will and testament. First of all I recommend my soul unto Almighty God who gave it, and my body to be buried in good decent burial as it respects my goods and chattels first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **Elizabeth Cannon** all my goods and chattels and household furniture the 80 acres of land on which I now live **also a negro girl** one horse and mare and one cow during her life time then to be divided equally amongst my three children one yet not being born **William K? R? Cannon** and **John W. Cannon** my two sons for which purpose I do appoint **Gregory F. Hawkins Newbold Cannon** my executors in witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal the date above written.

Henry Cannon seal

Attest

Thomas L. Beckner

James C. Crooks

State of Missouri

County of Marion Sct? This day personally appear Thomas L. Beckner and James C Crooks before me Theodore Jones Clerk of the County Court within and for the county aforesaid.

Final Filed No. 350

According to George Hoffman, descendant of John B. Cannon, **Henry Cannon was killed by Indians**. Our assumption is that he was aware that he was dying and wrote a will; he died two days after the will was

written. **Notice he mentions an unborn child.** Two months after his death, his widow had a daughter, who she named **Henry Margaret Cannon.** (The girl uses this name on legal documents throughout her life.) Henry Margaret Cannon married Milton E. Crooks, who is a step-cousin. Milton E. Crooks is mentioned in the estate papers of Newbold Sr., and is executor of John W. Cannon's will. John W. Cannon purchased Newbold Sr.'s land at his estate sale, and later Milton E. Crooks, as executor of John W. Cannon's will, contests an issue with Newbold's estate. (Milton E and H. Margaret Cannon Crooks are buried in Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.)

This was part of information we received from George Hoffman. It's a copy of a handwritten paper, and refers to the Negro girl mentioned in Henry's will:

Henry Cannon

My Father bought a **Barbery Alen colord** when about 10 years old at his Death willed her to My Mother Mrs. Lefler and at her Death to his heirs of whom I am the only one living **She had 5 boys up to the time they were set free.**

Frank was born May 13, 1841

Jim was born March 2, 1843

Jo was born January 21, 1846

George was born October 18, 1851

Charley was born October 1855

Henry Margaret Crook Nee Cannon

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 her to my mother Mrs Lefler
 and at her Death to his heirs
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 Jo. was born January 21 1846
 Georg was born October 18 1851
 Charley was born October 12 1855

Henry Margaret
 Crooks Cannon

Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks stmt about slaves owned by her father, Henry Cannon

Also worth noting about Henry's will:

Gregory F. Hawkins is Henry's brother-in-law (married to Sarah Cannon Hawkins), Newbold is Henry's brother, Thomas L. Beckner is a brother-in-law (married to Malinda Cannon Beckner), and James C. Crooks is either a brother-in-law or father-in-law (I haven't looked into it). Henry's sister Esther also married a Crook.

Elizabeth married Elisha Lefler

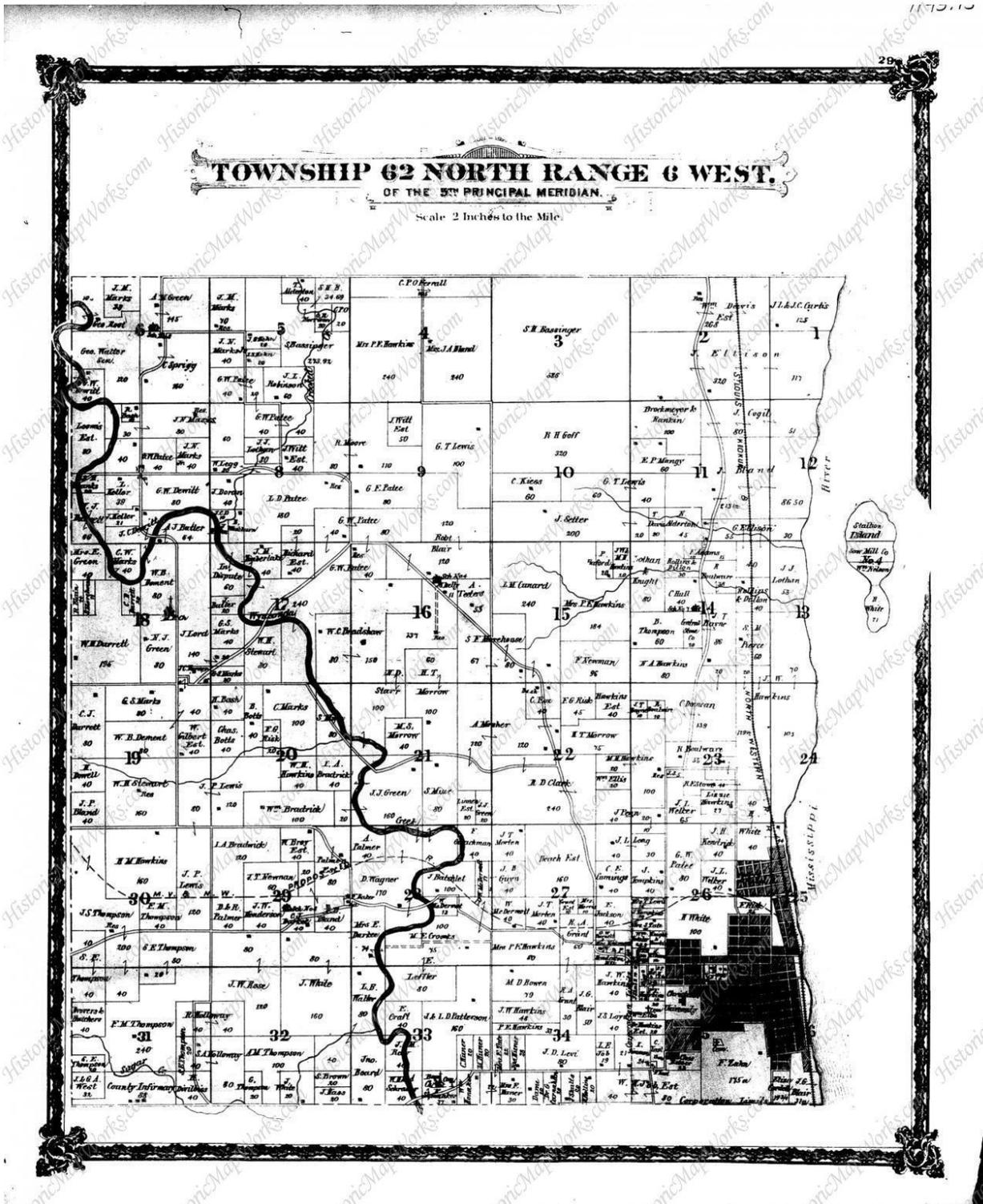
Died.

In this county, Feb. 11th, 1872. Mrs. Elizabeth Leffler, aged 68 years and 10 days.

Deceased had been from early life a faithful and devoted follower of Christ, exhibiting in her walk and conversation, the power of godliness; and during her last illness, though severe and protracted, her mind was calm and peaceful, waiting patiently for the summons that would release her from the trials and afflictions of this life and would take her into the presence of her precious Saviour. She was the last of the number in the constitution of the Wyaconda Church. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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Elizabeth Dean Crooks Cannon Leffler, obit, TheCantonPress, 2.29.1872



Twp 62 R6W, Lewis County, MO, 1878. Lefler's land is in section 33. Adjoins Milton Edgar and Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks' land.

Elisha d. 12/30/1878

E. Lefler, an old citizen of this vicinity, died at his residence near Canton on Monday and was buried at the Wyaconda Cemetery on Tuesday.

Elisha Lefler, obit, TheCantonPress, 1.3.1879

I Elisha Sefler of the County of Lewis and
State of Missouri, being of sound mind and
Memory and considering the uncertainty of this
frail and Transitory life, I 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: - to my Granddaughter
Rena Anna Ellis, I give and bequeath all my Land
Estate consisting of one hundred and fifty five
Acres more or less described as follows, 18. acres S pt. S.E.
Sec 28 Town 62 R 6 - 57 acres S pt. S.E.
Sec 28 Town 62 - R 6 - 40 acres N.W. N.E. Sec 33. Town
- 62 Range 6. 40 acres N.E. N.W. - Sec. 33 - T62 - R 6
also my house hold furniture Beds bed clothing &c.
if it so happens, This Sister Rena Anna Ellis should die,
before reaching years of Maternity, or even after, without
Children or bodily Heirs; I wish this Land to be
divided as follows, one half to Henry M Crooks,
Wife of M. C. Crooks; the other half to be divided
in equal portions; between Stacy Pool and
John Pools two Children, named Ellen and William
Pool. My Buggy, one Looking Glass, also
my trunk, I give to H. M. Crooks wife M. E. Crooks
My double barrel shot gun to her son Jas E Crooks
After My death, I wish Milton C. Crooks to attend
to My Funeral expenses, and any or all Money

and any or all Money that I had on hand, after all
Funeral expenses be paid out of same, to go to his wife &
M. Crooks I hereby appoint Geo O. Merrill's Execu-
tor of this my last will and Testament.
Attest
Elisha Lefler
L. W. Hawkins
in the year of Our Lord - Aug 2nd - 1874

Will of
Elisha Lefler dec'd

Filed this 27th day of
January 1879
J. H. Jones Judge

Recorded in Vol 4.
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Elisha Lefler, will.2

Elisha Lefler Will

I Elisha Lefler of the County of Lewis and State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life. I 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. To my granddaughter Rena Anna Ellis I give and bequeath all my land Estate consisting of One hundred and fifty five acres more or less described as follows, 18 acres Sp^r. S. to S. W. Sec 28 Town 62 R 6-57 acres S. pt Sp^r. S. to Sec 28 Town 62 R 6-40 (11 acres N. W. N. E. Sec 33 Town 62 Range 6-40 acres N. E. N. W. Sec 33 T 62 R 6 also my house hold furniture Beds bedclothing & if it so hapen this heir Rena Anna Ellis should die before reaching years of maturity or ever after without children or bodily heirs I wish this land to be divided as follows one half to Henry Mc Crocks wife of W. C. Crocks the other half to be divided in equal portions between Stacy Pool and John Pool two children married Ellen and William Pool. My Buggy and Looking Glass, also my trunk. I give to the Mc Crocks wife of W. C. Crocks my double barrel shot gun to her son Jas. C. Crocks after my death I wish Milton C. Crocks to attend to my funeral expenses and any or all money that I had on hand after all funeral expenses be paid out of same to go to his wife the Mc Crocks. I hereby appoint Geo. C. Revillbiss Executor of this my last will and Testament

Attest
S. H. Stuart
J. W. Hawkins

Elisha Lefler

In the year of Lord - Aug^t. 3^o - 1874

State of Missouri
County of Lewis } B. S. H. remembered that at a Probate
court continued and held at the Court house in the Town
of Monticello on the 27 day of January 1879

The following among other proceedings were had
to wit:

In the Matter of the Proof of a will
of Elisha Lefler - deceased }

At this day comes Samuel H. Stuart and
J. W. Hawkins who being duly sworn upon their Oaths say they were
present and saw Elisha Lefler sign the instrument purporting to be
his last Will and Testament of him the said Elisha Lefler and
heard him publish and declare the same to his last will

and Testament and that at the time of his signing the same
 the said Elisha Leffler was of sound and disposing mind and
 that the deponents Samuel Westcott and S M Hawkins attorney
 at law subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in
 the presence of the testator and of each other and at the request
 of the said Elisha Leffler. The Court therefore declares and ad-
 judges said instrument of the said Elisha Leffler to be and
 therefore is admitted to Probate

Filed for Record January 27th 1879
 J. W. Hawkins

Elisha Leffler, will, 1.27.1879

Children of Henry and Elizabeth Dean Crooks Cannon
Grandchildren of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon

1. Albert F. Cannon, b. 11/28/1824, KY, presumably; d. 9/5/1826, KY, presumably;
2. William K. Cannon, b. 1/15/1827, KY, presumably; d. 1/23/1842;
3. John Wallace Cannon, b. 11/12/1829, KY, or MO; d. 10/26/1850, possibly in CA;
4. Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks, b. 11/22/1830, Lewis County, MO; m. Milton Edgar Crooks, 12/12/1848, Lewis County, MO; d. 12/13/1914, Gregory, Lewis, MO; buried in Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.

John Wallace Cannon
Son of Henry and Elizabeth Dean Cannon
Grandson of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon

Hawkins history says that John Cannon and Gregory Farmer Hawkins went to Nevada City, CA, in the Gold Rush, and John Cannon died there, along with a man named Davis. Several of Esther Cannon Crook's children went to Nevada City, also.

Seal

of said Court have hereto signed my name
and affixed the seal of said Court
at office this 20th day of January 1851

Witness my hand and seal
this 20th day of January 1851
M. G. Macomber

State of Missouri
County of Lewis
Know all to whom these presents shall come that
I John W Cannon late of the County
of Lewis and in state as it is said having at the time
of his death property in the state which may be lost
destroyed or diminished in value if speedily care be
not taken of the same to the end therefore that said prop-
erty may be collected preserved and disposed of
according to law in do hereby appoint Milton C
Crooks Administrator of all and singular the goods
and Chatter rights and credits which were of the said
John W Cannon at the time of his death with full
power and authority to secure and dispose of said
property according to law and collect all money
due said decedent and in general to do and perform
all other acts or things which are or hereafter may be
required of him by law

Seal

In testimony whereof I M G Macomber
of the County Court in & for said County
of Lewis have hereto signed my name
and affixed the seal of said Court
at office this 25th day of February 1851
M. G. Macomber

John Wallace Cannon, probate

Lewis County Probate Court March 24th 1853

On motion the annual settlement of accounts of Milton C Crooks
administrator of the estate of John W Cannon deceased is continued generally

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 Filed for Record July 27 1854
 M J Watson

John Wallace Cannon, final estate settlement, 7.27.1854

Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks
Daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Dean Crooks Cannon
Granddaughter of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon



Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks stone, Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO

Henry Margaret was named for her father, who was killed by Indians, so we are told, before she was born.

According to George Hoffman, descendant of John B. Cannon, **Henry Cannon was killed by Indians**. Our assumption is that he was aware that he was dying and wrote a will; he died two days after the will was written. **Notice he mentions an unborn child**. Two months after his death, his widow had a daughter, who she named **Henry Margaret Cannon**. (The girl uses this name on legal documents throughout her life.) Henry Margaret Cannon married Milton Edgar Crooks, who is a step-cousin. Milton E. Crooks is mentioned in the estate papers of Newbold Sr., and is executor of John W. Cannon's will. John W. Cannon purchased Newbold Sr.'s land at his estate sale, and later Milton E. Crooks, as executor of John W. Cannon's will, contests an issue with Newbold's estate. (Milton E. and Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks are buried in Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.)

1840 census, Lewis County, MO

Elisha Lefler

2 males 10-15 (*could be William K and John W. Cannon*)

1 male 20-30

1 male 30-40 (*Elisha*)
1 female 5-10 (*Henry Margaret*)
1 female 30-40 (*Elizabeth*)
1 male slave under 10
1 female slave 10-24 (*Barbery Allen*)
8 total in household
4 engaged in agriculture

This was part of information we received from George Hoffman. It's a copy of a handwritten paper, and refers to the Negro girl mentioned in Henry's will:

Henry Cannon

*My Father bought a **Barbery Alen colord** when about 10 years old at his Death willed her to My Mother Mrs. Lefler and at her Death to his heirs of whom I am the only one living **She had 5 boys up to the time they were set free.***

Frank was born May 13, 1841

Jim was born March 2, 1843

Jo was born January 21, 1846

George was born October 18, 1851

Charley was born October 1855

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Henry Margaret
 Crooks nee Cannon

Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks stmt about slaves owned by her father, Henry Cannon

Marriage to Milton Edgar Crooks

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 T. & C. State of Missouri
 Crooks County of Lewis p 3 I do certify that I did
 to on the 12th day of December A.D. 1848
 M. H. Solemnize the Vites of Matrimony between
 Cannon Milton E. Crooks and Margaret Henry
 Cannon both of lawful age - Given under
 my hand February 26th 1849
 C. A. Seaman
 Minister M. E. Church South
 Filed for Record February 26th A.D. 1849
 J. H. Blair Recorder

Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks, marr record, Lewis County, MO, 2.26.1849

Milton was often named as an executor or administrator on probates and wills in the area, including many members of our Cannon families. For instance, Milton was the executor of his brother-in-law's estate in 1853:

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 Lewis County Probate Court March Adj^d Term 1853
 On motion the annual settlement of accounts of Milton E Crooks
 administrator of the estate of John W Cannon deceased is continued generally

John Wallace Cannon, est continued, Milton E Crooks, admin, 3.1853

Milton was also involved with his Newbold J. NJ Cannon's estate. He was involved in his father-in-law's estate (Elisha Lefler).

1860 census, Jackson Twp., Clark County, MO

M.E. Crooks, 37, farmer, personal property \$1,000, b. in KY

H.E. Crooks, 30, b. in MO

Jno H., 9, b. in MO

Jas E., 7, b. in MO

WOOL CARDING.

THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully announce to the citizens of Lewis and adjoining counties that he is preparing to commence Wool Carding in Canton and will be ready for business by the 20th of May, 1863. Having the best Machinery and obtained the services of an experienced Carder, (M. E. Crooks,) he hopes by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage. Persons coming from a distance will be served with promptness.

TERMS.

Seven cents per pound for plain Wool;
 Ten " " " Mixtures
 One pound of Oil or Grease for 8 lbs. of Wool.

Wool taken in payment for Carding at Cash price, or CASH required on delivery of the Rolls.
 May 7, '63.-5m F. C. TURPIN.

Milton Edgar Crooks, CantonWeeklyPress, 8.6.1863

Son John d. in 1866

Near Canton on Monday, Feb. 26, John H. Crooks oldest son of MILTON E. and H. MARGARET CROOKS aged 14 years, 11 months and 25 days.
 Fulton, *Telegraph* please copy.

John Henry Crooks, obit, TheCantonPress, 3.1.1866

WOOL CARDING.—The Wool Carding machine in Canton, recently owned by D. B. Dixon, has been purchased by M. C. Hawkins, and has been placed under the control and management of M. E. Crooks, whose well known skill and long experience in the business afford a sufficient guarantee of satisfaction to every patron. With two full sets of carding machines and other appliances, he will be able to turn off work with promptness and dispatch, and in all probability those who come from a distance with their wool will have the same transmuted into rolls in the time they usually devote to purchases among our various stores, and thus take all back with them on the same trip.

Milton Edgar Crooks, Madison C Hawkins, TheCantonPress, 4.25.1867

CANTON WOOLEN MILLS.—

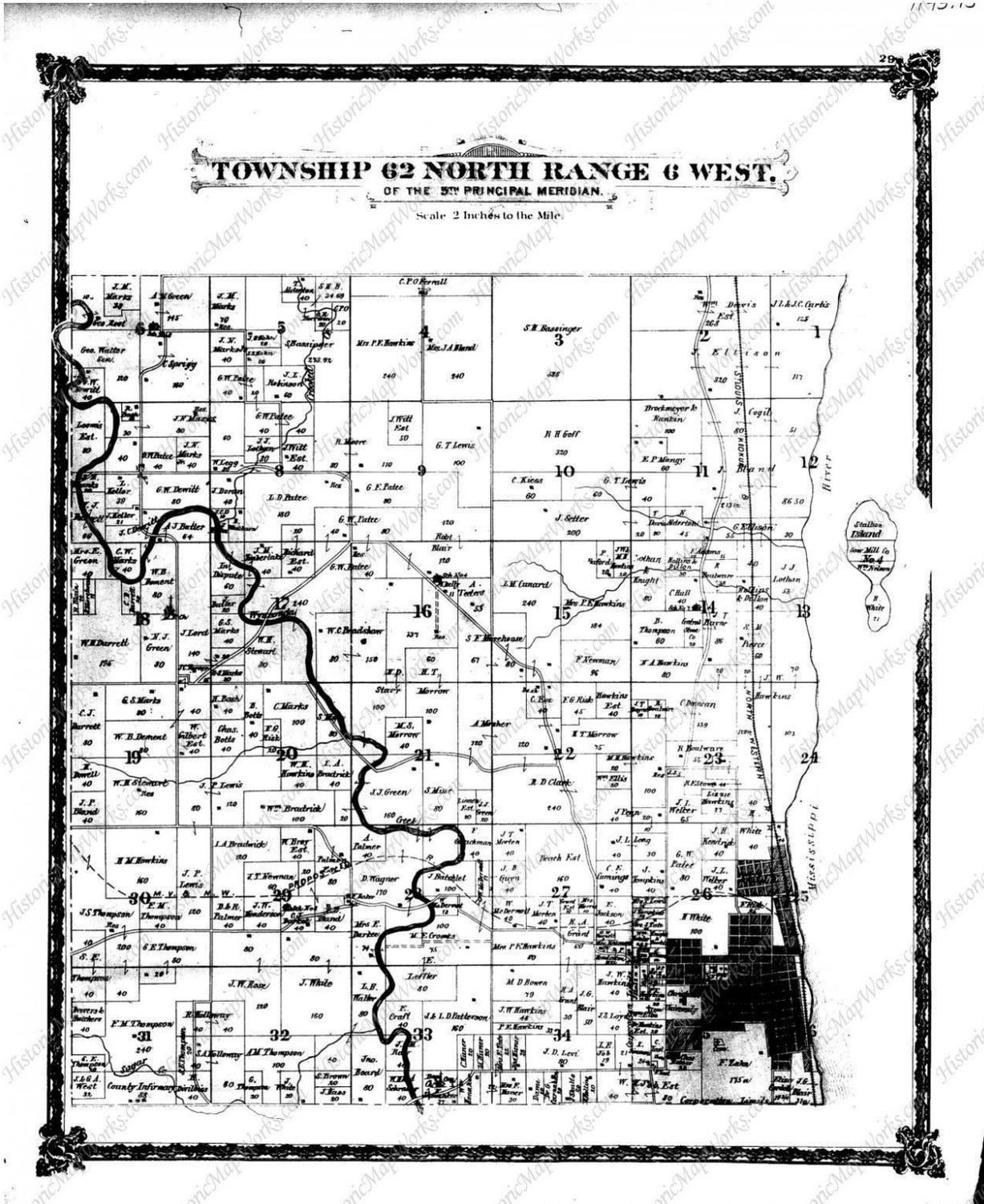
We recently announced the purchase of the Carding Machine at the lower end of town by M. C. Hawkins, Esq., but were not aware of the preparations intended for converting the establishment into a first-class Woolen Factory. But a visit to the premises on yesterday disclosed to us extensive improvements and arrangements for introducing all the machinery requisite for manufacturing various fabrics from the fleece. A large building 24x50 feet and two stories high has been added to the mill, thus providing ample room for storage, machinery, &c., and we hope, ere long, to chronicle the fact that a Woolen Factory is in successful operation among us. At present the wool is being rapidly transmuted into superior rolls under the direction of that master carder, M. E. Crooks, and the two machines furnish ample facilities for carding 300 pounds every 12 hours, so that patrons from a distance are subject to very little inconvenience or delay and the article furnished is of such superior quality that spinning, instead of being considered an irksome task, becomes a positive pleasure.

Milton Edgar Crooks, Madison C Hawkins, TheCantonPress, 5.30.1867

1870: I think the census taker checked the wrong boxes showing inability to read, bc there are too many people on this page checked as 'cannot read and write,' to be believable.

1870 census, Twp. 62, R 6, Lewis County, MO

Milton E. Crooks, 47, real estate \$2,000, personal property \$250, b. in KY, **cannot read and write**
 Henry M. Crooks, 39, keeps house, b. in MO, **cannot read and write**
 James E., 17, works on farm, b. in MO, **cannot read and write**



Twp 62 R6W, Lewis County, MO, 1878. Leffer's land is in section 33. Adjoins Milton Edgar and Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks' land.

1880 census, LaGrange, Lewis, MO Main St.
 Milton E. Crooks, 57, miller, b. in KY, parents b. in KY

Henry M. Crooks, female, 49, keeping house wife, b. in MO; parents b. in KY
Nancy Cannon, 73, widow, boarder, unemployed, b. in VA, parents b. in VA

Nancy Cannon was Nancy Iler Cannon, widow of Henry Margaret's uncle, John B. Cannon.

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LA GRANGE, MO.,
M. E. Crooks & Son,
PROPRIETORS.

HAVING PURCHASED the above Mills and
put them in thorough repair, we are now
prepared to do all kinds of

CUSTOM WORK!
On short notice and at reasonable rates.

FLOUR, CORN MEAL & FEED
On hand and for sale.

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Are our REGULAR days for grinding.

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Milton Edgar Crooks, son, TheLaGrangeDemocrat, 4.2.1880

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Milton Edgar Crooks, TheLaGrangeDemocrat, 6.15.1882

Gregory, Clark county, Mo., boasts of having two couples who have been married fifty years—E. P. Smith and wife and Milton Crooks and wife. Mr. Smith was in the city Thursday and stated to a Gate City representative that he was married fifty years the 5th of last October. He was born in Butler county, Ohio, and was married to Miss Eliza Denmire at Middletown, Ohio, October 5th, 1848. The venerable couple are well known in Keokuk and have many friends who wish them many more happy years together. Mr. Smith is a merchant and also postmaster at that place. also one of the Gate City's oldest subscribers. The other couple is Milton Crooks and wife, who were married fifty years December 5th last.—Gate City.

Milton Edgar and Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks, marr ann, ClarkCountyCourier, 12.30.1898

Milton Crooks, for many years an esteemed citizen of this county, died at his home in Gregory Monday night, of infirmities incident to old age. While he had been feeble for some time, he was confined to his bed only three hours before death overtook him. He was about 70 years old and leaves a wife and one son, Jas. Crooks, who is engaged in the hotel business at Gregory.

Milton Edgar Crooks, obit, TheCantonPress, 4.14.1899

1900 census, Clay Twp., Clark County, MO

James E. Crooks, 46, b. 8/1853, m. 24 yrs, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in MO, farmer, rents farm
Josephine Crooks, 44, b. 1/1856, m. 24 yrs, 2 children b., 2 living, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in VA,

Edgar D., 19, son, b. 6/1880, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, telegraph operator

Mary B., 14, daughter, b. 8/1885, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Henrietta M. Crooks, 69, mother, 1 child b., 1 living, b. 11/1830, b. in MO, parents b. in KY

Martha Jones, 70, mother-in-law, b. 6/1829, 1 child b., 1 living, b. in VA, parents b. in VA

Steve E. Sanders, 37, boarder, b. 9/1862, b. in MO, father b. in England, mother b. in OH, farmer, rents farm

Oskar J. Klusmeier, 23, boarder, b. 8/1876, b. in MO, parents b. in Germany, telegraph operator

Matthew G. Birk, 70, boarder, b. 10/1829, b. in VA, parents b. in VA, farmer, rents farm

Frank Bingham, 20, boarder, b. 7/1879, b. in IL, father b. in ME, mother b. in IL, day laborer, 3 months not employed

Dan Sangson, 88, boarder, b. 2/1872, b. in IL, parents b. unknown

Onta Bates, 49, boarder, b. 1/1851, b. in Germany, parents b. in Germany

Everet W. Bingham, 53, boarder, b. 6/1846, b. in ME, father b. in England, mother b. in Scotland

Theodore Cole, 50, servant, b. 4/1850, b. in MO, parents b. unknown

Leaving Flooded Gregory

By Our Hazel Grove Correspondent

Mrs. Margaret Crooks, of Gregory, who is 82 years old, is spending a few weeks with her niece, Mrs. Rena Lillard. She tells a thrilling story of the threatening danger they were in when the huge ice gorge, the worst ever known there, threatened destruction on both sides of the river, as it extended six miles, and the ice was piled up from ten to fifty feet high. Sunday evening the water and ice began moving in on Gregory, tearing up or washing away some 300 feet of railroad track and moving one house over on the track. Monday morning the train made two trips as far as that place and brought the people down to Canton. A buggy was used to convey the people to the depot, two men in front and two at the back of the buggy and taking two persons at a time. The depot platform was washed away. "Aunt Mag" as she is familiarly called, says she was almost unnerved, and she hurried away in her every-day clothes and a shawl over her head. She says they were not so alarmed at the water being around them for they were used to that, but the large cakes of ice dashing against their houses was more than they could endure.

John H. Lillard, Hazel Grove, Sunday

Thompson are busy making maple syrup.

The Wyaconda Baptist Sabbath school will be organized Sunday, April 6.

Mrs. Lillian Schlager, of Hannibal, is helping to care for Mrs. Roy Batchlett.

Fred Kitzmiller is helping Mr. Geo. Batchlett with farm work, beginning April 1.

Mrs. Marion Clark and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wood, were calling on Mrs. Chas. Stewart Friday evening.

A gentle rain fell here Sunday night which will be an advantage in drawing the frost out of the ground and settling the mud.

We heard that a young man caught 6 young wolves near Santuzza last week, in the prairie grass; they were the size of half grown cats.

The many friends of Mrs. Roy Batchlett will no doubt be glad to know that she is improving nicely, being able to sit up in bed part of the time.

A telephone message received by Mrs. Roy Batchlett Monday brought the news that her sister, Mrs. Ola Burgess, of Chicago, has a little daughter since 5 a. m. Monday.

the services very impressive.

Margaret Cannon was born Nov. 22, 1830, in Lewis county. At the age of 13 years she was baptized and received into the Wyaconda church by Uncle Jimmy Lillard and has since been a devoted follower of Christ, exhibiting in her daily walk and conversation, the power of godliness.

She was married Dec. 12th, 1848 to Milton E. Crooks. Three children came to bless their home; a daughter, who died in infancy, and a son John H., in young manhood. James E. of Gregory, Mo., with whom she made her home since the death of her husband, April 10, 1899, survives her as do her two grand-children Edgar D. Crooks of Montrose, Iowa, and Mrs. O. J. Klusmeier of Gregory, and 2 great-grand-children.

On Dec. 13, 1914, at Gregory. at the age of 84 years, 21 days she entered into rest and secured the great reward.

For several years she had been

"Only waiting, till the shadows
Are a little longer grown;
Only waiting, till the glimmer
Of the last day's work is done."

The funeral was held at Wyaconda on Tuesday morning, the services were conducted by Rev. G. C. Kell.

Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks, obit, TheCantonPress, 12.18.1914

Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks obit

CROOKS

From Canton Press.

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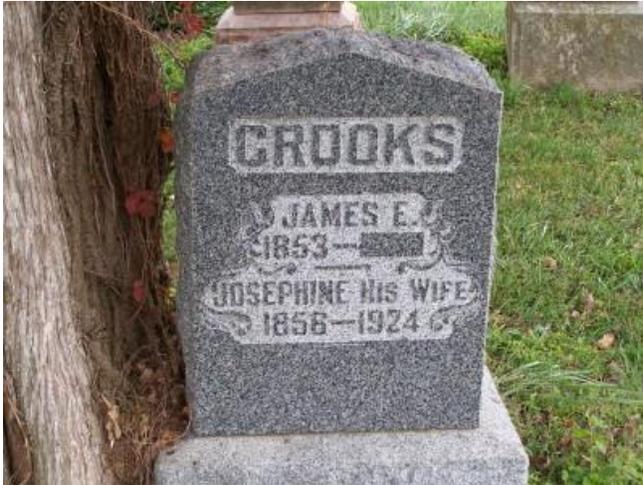
Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks, obit, ClarkCountyCourier, 12.25.1914

Children of Milton Edgar and Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks

Grandchildren of Henry and Elizabeth Dean Crooks

Great Grandchildren of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon

1. Lavina Jane Crooks, b. 9/20/1849; d. 3/3/1850; buried in Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.
2. John Henry Crooks, b. 3/2/1851, MO; d. 2/26/1866, Lewis County, MO; buried in Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.
3. James Elisha Crooks, b. 8/5/1853, Canton, Lewis, MO; m. Josephine Ellen Dallas, 12/23/1875, Lewis County, MO; d. 1/9/1939, Shelbina, Shelby, MO; buried in Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.



James Elisha Crooks stone, Wyaconda Baptist Church cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO

J.
 Crooks
 to
 Dallas

State of Missouri
 County of De Witt
 I do all whom it may concern this
 certify that Mr James E Crooks and Miss Jessie Dallas
 were joined together in the holy state of matrimony on
 the 27th day of December 1890 both of the County of De Witt
 James M Lillard a minister
 of the Gospel
 Taken for Record April 1st 1891
 Sam R. Walker Recorder

James Elisha Crooks, marr cert

REC'D FEB 28 1939

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 (a) County Shelby Registration District No. 830
 (b) Township East River Primary Registration District No. 4503 Registered No. 3
 (c) City Shelbina (d) Street No. _____ St. _____
 (e) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. (f) How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

2. PRINT FULL NAME James Elisha Crooks

(a) Residence, No. _____ St. _____
 (Usual place of abode, if no street address, write county or city) (If nonresident, give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED widowed

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, HUSBAND OF Josephine Ellen Crooks (or) WIFE OF _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Aug. 5, 1859

7. AGE YEARS 85 MONTHS 5 DAYS 4 If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Retired

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as saw mill, bank, etc. _____

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Canton Missouri (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

13. NAME Milton Edgar Crooks

14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Kentucky (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

15. MAIDEN NAME Margaret Cannon

16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Kentucky (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

17. INFORMANT Mrs. O. J. Blumstein (ADDRESS) _____

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Shelbina, Mo. PLACE Wynona Baptist Cemetery DATE Jan. 11, 1939

19. FUNERAL DIRECTOR E. Hayes (ADDRESS) Shelbina, Mo.

20. FILED Jan 10, 1939 Ruth Joerner Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Jan 9, 1939

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan. 4, 1939 to Jan. 9, 1939
 I last saw him alive on Jan. 9, 1939. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 1:30 A.M.
 The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
Influenza Date of onset 1-4-39

Other contributory causes of importance: Myocarditis

Name of operation None Date of _____
 What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical Was there an autopsy? No

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:
 Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19____
 Where did injury occur? _____
 Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury _____
 Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No
 If so, specify _____
 (Signed) J. L. Joerner M. D.
 (Address) Shelbina, Mo.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

James Elisha Crooks, death cert

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Division of Vital Statistics		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE OF IOWA		560-105	
Birth No. <u>07696</u>		State File No.			
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. County <u>Lee</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission.) a. State <u>Missouri</u> County <u>Revere</u>			
b. City (if outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) or Town <u>Leicester</u>		c. Length of Stay or (in this place)		c. City (if outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) or Town <u>Le Grange</u>	
d. Full Name of (if not in hospital or institution, give street address or location) <u>Shawnee</u>		d. Street Address (if rural, give location)			
3. NAME OF (Type or Print) <u>MAYME</u>		a. (First)	b. (Middle)	c. (Last)	4. Date of Death (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>April 6 1949</u>
5. Sex <u>Female</u>	6. Color or Race <u>White</u>	7. Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced (Specify) <u>MARRIED</u>		8. Date of Birth <u>Aug 20, 1885</u>	9. Age (in years last birthday) <u>63</u> If Under 1 Yr. <u>0</u> Days <u>0</u> If Under 24 Hr. <u>0</u> Hours <u>0</u> Min.
10a. Usual Occupation (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>HOUSEWIFE</u>		10b. Kind of Business or Industry <u>X</u>		11. Birthplace (State or foreign country) <u>La Grange, MO</u>	
13. Father's Name <u>JAMES F. CROOKS</u>		14. Mother's Maiden Name <u>Josephine DALLAS</u>			
15. Was Deceased Ever in U.S. Armed Forces? (Yes? No? or unknown?) <u>No</u>		16. Social Security No. (If yes, give year or dates of service) <u>NONE</u>		17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <u>Mrs. Mills</u>	
18. Cause of Death Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c). *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. Disease or Condition Directly Leading to Death* (a) <u>Chronic Anemia</u>			Interval Between Onset and Death <u>Unknown</u>
		Antecedent Causes			
		Morbid conditions, if any, Due to (b) _____			
		Cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. Due to (c) _____			
		II. Other Significant Conditions			
		Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. <u>Anemia</u>			<u>4 days</u>
19a. Date of Operation		19b. Major Findings of Operation			20. Autopsy? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
21a. Accident (Specify) _____		21b. Place of Injury (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) _____		21c. (City, Town, or Township) _____ (County) _____ (State) _____	
21d. Time of Injury (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (Min.) _____		21e. Injury Occurred While at work <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input type="checkbox"/>		21f. How Did Injury Occur? _____	
22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>17:30</u> on <u>1949</u> , to <u>4-6</u> , 19 <u>49</u> , that I last saw the deceased alive on <u>4-6</u> , 19 <u>49</u> , and that death occurred at <u>7:30</u> p.m., from the causes and on the date stated above.					
23a. ATTENDANT'S SIGNATURE <u>John W. Anderson</u>		23b. Address <u>Le Grange, Mo.</u>		23c. Date Signed <u>4-10-49</u>	
24a. Burial, Cremation, or Removal (Specify) <u>Buried</u>		24b. Date <u>April 6, 1949</u>		24c. Name of Cemetery or Crematory <u>Revere</u>	
24d. Location (City, town, or county) <u>La Grange, MO.</u>		24e. Address <u>Le Grange, MO.</u>		24f. License Number <u>3416</u>	
25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>W. F. Ireland</u>		25a. Address <u>Le Grange</u>		25b. License Number <u>3416</u>	
26. Date Rec'd by Local Registrar <u>Apr 13, 1949</u>		REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Catherine M. Dunn</u>		File Number <u>115</u>	

Mayme Crooks Kusmeier Mills, death cert

James Cannon
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

James Cannon was b. 9/10/1798. Lemaster bible says James was born in the morning, Henry in the evening. James is not mentioned as an heir in Newbold's will; therefore, I assume he died before marrying.

Clement Cannon
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

Clement Cannon, b. 2/23/1800, presumably Bath County, KY; m. Sarah Sally Freeman, 2/28/1822, Bath County, KY; d. 5/1855, per online trees.

He doesn't appear on the 1856 census with his family.



Sarah Sally Freeman Cannon stone, Union Cemetery, Calamine, Lafayette, WI

Clement moved his family to Dubuque County, IA, prior to the 1834 census; James was born in Iowa. There is a George Cannon listed in the 1836 Territorial Census for Dubuque County; don't know who this might be, but George Cannon's 1850 census says he was born in CT, his wife in NY and children in OH. Wrong man.

Marriage to Sarah Sally Freeman

The bonds below are dated 2/25/1822, and are between Clement Cannon and **Benjamin Lamaster**. This is significant b/c we have been trying to determine what the relationship was between the Cannon and Lamaster families (vis a vis the Bible in which both families important dates are recorded). This bond puts the two families in the same place and the same time, and familiar with each other. Furthermore, Benjamin Lamaster will marry Elizabeth Betsy Freeman in the same county a few years later, and will also move to Missouri (Andrew County).

Know all men by these presents
That the said Clement Cannon & Sally Freeman
are held and firmly bound unto the
Commonwealth of Kentucky in the
Just & full sum of Fifty Dollars
which payment well and truly to
be made we bind ourselves our
heirs & assigns & severally jointly
by these presents sealed & dated
this 25th day of February 1822

The condition of the above oblig-
ation is such that whereas there is
a marriage shortly intended to be
had & solemnized between the
above bound Clement Cannon &
Sally Freeman Now if there shall turn
Lawful cause to obstruct said
intended marriage then this oblig-
ation this obligation to be void
else to remain in full force &

Witness
our hands

Clement Cannon *(Signature)*
Sally Freeman *(Signature)*

The above named Sally Freeman was
24 years old sworn by the oath
of Sally Freeman 25th Febry 1822
for & marriage bet paid A.H. 1822

Clement and Sally Freeman Cannon, marr bonds, Bath County, KY, 2.25.1822

Warr bounty by
C. C. This is to certify that on the 28th day of Febru
ary 1822 I married Clement Cannon and Sally Frier
man according to Law then under my hand this
11th day of November 1822 John Evans M D

Clement Cannon, marr rec, 2.28.1822, Bath County, KY

1830 census, Marion County, MO

Clemment or Cemment Cannon

1 free white male under 5 (*Albert*)
1 free white male 5-10 (*James*)
1 male 20-30 (*Clement*) or he could be 30-40
1 free white male 30-40
1 free white female under 5 (*Emaline*)
1 free white female 5-10 (*Elizabeth Ann*)
1 free white female 20-30 (*Sarah*)
No slaves on this census

Note: a few entries earlier on this census are John Crooks, Newbould Cannon, Sr., Henry Cannon, Jesse McPherson, husband of Nancy Cannon McPherson, and Gregory F. Hawkins, husband of Sarah Cannon Hawkins. This is page 30; on page 29 is Newbold Cannon, Jr.

Missouri Census, 1830-70

Clemt Cannon

County: Lewis

Twp: Canton Township-First Election

Year: 1833

Database: MO 1830-1839 Census Index

The poll books of this election are, happily, in existence, and not only are the names of the voters preserved, but it can be ascertained for whom each man voted. At that day (and indeed until during the civil war, in November, 1863,) voting in Missouri was by the *viva voce* method. Every voter called out to the judges the name of the candidate for whom he wished to vote, and his choice was duly recorded. At this election Lewis was divided into but two townships, Canton and Union. The names of the voters in each are here given:

CANTON TOWNSHIP.

William Hagood.
Nathaniel Brown.
Thompson Conley.
Burt Gregory.
Moses Norris.
Silas Ramsey.
Robert Brown.
John Brown.
Nathaniel Brown.
Richard La Fon.
Umbleton Gregory.
James Armstrong.
Isaac L. Harrel.

Joseph Trotter.
Andrew Johnston.
Thomas Johnston.
Thomas Gray.
Howard Brown.
George T. Moore.
Middleton Smoot.
Mitchell Russell.
Thomas La Fon.
Gregory F. Hawkins.
Presley D. Anderson.
Elisha Lefler.

James La Fon.
Clement Cannon.
Inglesfield Gregory.
James Bland.
William Cannon.
John Carnegie.
Thomas P. Wise.
Newbold Cannon.
Rislon Smith.
William Pritchard.
Jacob Brown.
Jesse McPherson.—87.

The judges were William Pritchard, Jacob Brown and Jesse McPherson; clerks, Lloyd W. Knott and Isaac B. Owsley. For some reason the last two named did not vote. Election was held at the house of Joseph Trotter, in Canton.

1833 First elections in Lewis County, MO.

Clement obviously moved to Iowa sometime after 1833, and prior to 1836, where I have him on a census. Son James was born in Iowa, apparently in 1834.

1836 IA census, Woolstock Twp., Dubuque County, IA

Clement Canon

- 1 male over 21 (*Clement*)
- 2 males under 21 (*Albert, James*)
- 1 female over 21 (*Sarah*)
- 2 females under 21 (*Elizabeth Ann, Emaline*)
- 6 Total in household

Census of 1836.

HEADS OF FAMILIES	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
	OVER 21	UNDER 21	OVER 21	UNDER 21	
Amount Brt Over	617	220	188	231	1256
S. W Beard	3	1	1	.	5
Mr. Snodgrass	2	.	.	.	2
Michael Moralee	1	1	1	1	4
Mark Leekly	2	2	1	1	6
John Wilde	1	6	1	3	11
George Brown	4	2	1	.	7
James H Gillam	1	3	1	1	6
Bandolph Sandling	2	4	1	4	11
Seth Basey	1	1	1	.	3
John Jones	1	1	1	1	4
Henry Collins	1	1	.	.	3
W Berry	1	.	.	.	1
John Bow	3	.	.	.	3
H Bristoe	1	.	.	.	1
P Tobin	2	.	.	.	2
John Watson	2	.	.	.	2
Lyman Dillon	2	.	.	.	2
W R Evans	1	1	1	2	5
Clemont Canon	1	2	1	.	4
P Malady	1	2	1	.	4
John Lang	2	.	1	2	5
Alvin Winshell	2	6	2	6	16
L Hiselnore	1	1	1	.	3
Charles McDonal	1	1	1	2	5
E Wooton	3	.	.	.	3
	<u>650</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>1376</u>

Jefferson Township (township 90, range 1 east, and part of township 91 north, range 1 east) was settled at an early date. The settlers first went to **Durango** and **Peru** to poll their votes. In 1840 it was made a part of Durango precinct and so remained until 1843, when it was created and named Jefferson, but at first embraced all of the present Peru and parts of Jefferson, Center and Dubuque townships. No other changes were made until 1849, when it was given its present limits.

Among the first settlers were **Adam Sherrill**, **M. W. Power**, **S. M. Barrington**, **John Parker**, **Clement Cannon**, **Albert Baker**, **C. T. Barber**, **William Hale**, **Isaac Sherill**, **Garry White**, **Milton C. McCraney** and others. In 1856 a large steam grist and saw mill was put in operation at **Plumbeola**. **Rickardsville** is a smart little place, with stores, school, mechanics, etc. **Palltown** is a discontinued postoffice. Oak Grove creamery is in this township. **Waupeton**, **Sherill** and **Balltown** are small villages.

If the above is supposed to read Isaac Sheriff, it could be one of the Sheriffs from Lewis, MO.

1840 census, Dubuque County, IA Iowa Territory

Clemont Cannon

1 male 5-10 (James)

1 male 10-15 (Albert)

1 male 40-50 (Clement)

- 1 female 10-15 (*Emaline*)
- 1 female 30-40 (*Sally*)

1850 Census, District 7, Dubuque County, IA

- Clement Cannon, 50, farmer, b. in KY
- Sarah Cannon, 50, b. in VA
- James Cannon, 16, farmer, b. in IA
- Mary Cannon, 12, b. in MO
- Emaline Campton, 21, b. in KY (daughter. Apparently married to Abraham VC Campton – see below)
- Charlie Campton, 4/12, b. in WI

This is about Emaline's husband, Abraham Van Campton, from an online story at ancestry:

"Abraham was born August 9, 1827, and went to Wisconsin at an early age. He went to Dubuque to learn the blacksmith trade, and it was there he married Emaline Canon. Abraham and Emaline were the parents of my mother, Ida Lillian Campton Van Matre, their youngest daughter. After he had learned blacksmithing, Abraham built a stone house and a stone blacksmith shop on a small stream in the town of Fayette, in La Fayette County, Wisconsin, one quarter mile south of the Iowa County line. It was during the gold rush in 1848 that he walked to California. He must have been a good marksman because he had a contract to furnish wild meat for the entire caravan. It was when they were crossing Colorado that he was attacked by a grizzly bear that left him with a badly crippled arm. He was the first man to sharpen a plow share that would scour."
Joseph M Van Matre, A Story of a Van Matre Family,

**1850 census, District 7, Dubuque County, IA, Agricultural schedule
 Clement Cannon**

SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in *District 7* **in the** *17th* **enumerated by me, on the** *30th* **day of** *Oct.* **1850.**

Name of Owner, Agent, or Manager of the Farm.	Acres of Land.		Cash value of Farm.	Value of Farming Implements and Machinery.	Live Stock, June 1st, 1850.								Produce during the						
	Improved.	Unimproved.			Horses.	Asses and Mules.	Milch Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Value of Live Stock.	Wheat, bushels of.	Rye, bushels of.	Indian Corn, bushels of.	Oats, bushels of.	Rice, lbs. of.	Tobacco, lbs. of.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
<i>Albert Cannon</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>300</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>8</i>		<i>70</i>			<i>72</i>	<i>150</i>			<i>9</i>
<i>Clement Cannon</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>				<i>5</i>	<i>233</i>			<i>200</i>	<i>300</i>			<i>10</i>

1461-1477	Jas Canon	25	23	Va		
	Jas Canon	22	23	Pa	Hamilton	
	Mary Canon	23		Pa		
	C Canon	0		Pa		

Sarah Canon, 55, widowed, 23 yrs in IA, b. in VA

Jas Canon, 22, 23 yrs in IA, b. in IA, teamster, native voter, eligible for militia

Mary Canon, 23, b. in PA

C Canon, 0 yrs, b. in IA

1860 census, Dubuque, Dubuque, IA

James Carmen, 26, teamster, personal estate \$200, b. in IA

Mary Carmen, 27, b. in PA

Clement, 5, b. in IA

Elizabeth, 2, b. in IA

Sarah Carmen, 66, b. in VA

I have found Sara's children in 1870, but no record for her.

Children of Clement and Sarah Freeman Cannon

Grandchildren of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon

1. Elizabeth Ann Cannon Dewey, b. 7/31/1824, Lexington, Fayette, KY; m. John Jay Dewey, 1852; d. 1/13/1901, Saint Paul, Ramsey, MN; buried in Oakland Cemetery, Saint Paul, Ramsey, MN.
2. Albert Newball Cannon, b. 11/3/1826, KY; m. Eusebia Jane Ford, 1/24/1849, Dubuque County, IA; d. 12/13/1898, West Union, Fayette, IA; buried in Union Cemetery, West Union, Fayette, IA.
3. Emaline Cannon Campton, b. 2/2/1828, KY; m. Abraham Van Campton, 10/24/1848, Dubuque County, IA; d. 3/3/1898, Fayette, Lafayette, IA; buried in Union Cemetery, Calamine, Lafayette, IA.
4. James C. Cannon, b. about 1834, IA; m. Mary Almira Oaks, before 1854; d.
5. Mary Cannon, b. about 1838, MO; I found nothing after the 1860 census.



Abraham Van and Emaline Cannon Campton, Los Alamos, Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA

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Abraham V. Campton was born October 9, 1827 in Clinton County, Ohio. When a lad of ten years he came to Fayette, but soon returned to Ohio, where he attended school for three years. In 1840 he came to Dubuque, Iowa where he learned the blacksmith trade, with an older brother, James, who had preceded him to the West. In 1847 Abe was married to Emiline Cannon of Dubuque, Iowa. They moved to Fayette Township. He bought fifty acres of tillable land and a log cabin (believed to be the first in the town) from Thomas A. Price. He operated a blacksmith shop for nearly seventy years except for two years in the early fifties; he went to California to dig gold. Abe was a trail scout for the caravan and it was his job to get meat - deer, bear or buffalo for the group. While crossing the Rockies he encountered a grizzly bear and received very deep scars from the teeth and claws of the beast. Abe or "Daddy" or Uncle Abe as he was known by the younger generation has thrilled many people with his stories, the bear one being a favorite. In his blacksmith trade Abe had learned the useful art of plow making. He was master of his profession. Plows were brought from miles around, to his shop. He made the first double shovel corn plow used in Southern Wisconsin which would scour. A shovel plow, that would slip dirt was very much a novelty at that time. Abe was an accommodating neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand or a cheerful word when someone had sorrow or misfortune. He was highly respected in the community.

Abrahan Van Campton, bio

Abraham Van Matre

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ANOTHER OLD LAND MARK GONE

Abraham V. Campton

was born at Snow Hill, Clinton county, Ohio, in 1827; and died in Fayette on May 7, 1915; being 87 years, 7 months and 22 days old. He came to Dubuque, Iowa, in an early day and learned the trade of plow making with his brother James. A few years later he came to Wisconsin and purchased a shop and he and his brother William carried on plow making and general blacksmithing until 1850, when they both went to California; and William died there about 1852. Abe, as he was usually called, returned to his old home in the town of Fayette, where he resided continually until he passed away.

In 1848 he was united in marriage with Emaline Canon of Dubuque, Iowa; and to this union nine children were born,—six daughters and three sons, all living except one daughter who died in infancy; and all are living in this vicinity except two—Charles Campton of Newell, Iowa, and Mrs. Cora Ooley of North Dakota.

Mr. Campton was a man of strong convictions, and his word was as good as his bond. He attended strictly to his own business. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn the loss of a kind friend.

Abraham Van Campton, obit, IowaCountyDemocrat, 5.13.1915

Obituary—A. V. Campton.

Died, in Fayette, Wis. May 7, 1915, A. V. Campton, familiarly known by the younger generation as "Daddy" or "Uncle Abe." He was a splendid type of the Wisconsin pioneer of the early forties, of whom so few remain. He was born in Clinton Co., Ohio, in 1827. When a lad of ten years he came to Fayette but soon returned to Ohio, where he attended school for three years. In 1840 he came to Dubuque, Iowa, where he learned the blacksmith trade with an older brother James, who had preceded him to the west. In 1847 he was married to Miss Emeline Cannon of Dubuque, moved to Fayette and settled on his present place. For almost seventy years he operated a shop on the same identical spot, except one or two years spent in California in the early fifties.

Abe was one of nature's noblemen who loved his gun and rod. He carried to his grave substantial marks of a grizzly bear's teeth and claws, received in an encounter with one of those ferocious beasts when crossing the Rockies. He has thrilled hundreds of people with his graphic description of this encounter; how the monster, weighing half a ton, stood over his prostrate form as if contemplating how to dispose of him, when a shot from a comrade's rifle placed a well directed ball through bruin's brain.

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His family consisted of eight children, three sons and five daughters, all of whom were present at the funeral except one, Mrs. Cora Ooley, who lives in North Dakota and who visited her father but recently, but was obliged to return to her home before the dissolution came.

The family consists of Charles of Newell, Iowa; Frank and George and Mrs. Denio, of Waldwick; Mrs. John Van Matre, Mrs. E. Van Matre of Fayette, and Mrs. W. Van Matre of Darlington.

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Abraham Van Campton, obit from FAG

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In early days he was just as essential to the farmers as their lands were. He had learned with his brother the very useful art of plow-making, and was master of his profession; no one seemed to know quite so much about a breaking plow as he did. After others had failed, the obstinate tool would be brought to Abe, and he never failed to send the owner away rejoicing. Plows were brought to his shop for scores of miles. He made the first double-shovel corn plow used in Southern Wisconsin which would scour. Before his time the farmers had used a single-shovel with which to cultivate their corn and potatoes that would no more scour than a wheelbarrow. A shovel plow that would slip the dirt was as much of a novelty at that time as a flying machine is now, and was more discussed among the farmers, because of its greater utility.

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Abraham Van Campton, obit, DarlingtonDemocratDarlington, WI, 5.13.1915

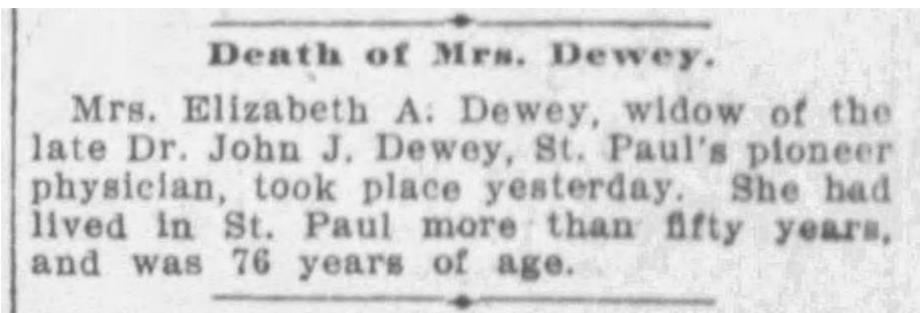
3235.

JOHN JAY DEWEY (see portrait), son of Ebenezer, b. Sept. 9, 1822, at Butternut (now Morris), N. Y.; d. April 1, 1891, ag. 69, of pneumonia, at St. Paul, Minn., where he had settled July 15, 1847, as the first regular practicing physician in the city; was graduated at Hamilton Academy and Albany Medical College, in New York; was a member of the first territorial legislature of Minnesota, in 1847, and established the first drug store in the State; on the organization of the 9th regiment of Minn. infantry, he was appointed surgeon, but his health obliged him to resign; he retired over fifteen years before his death; was scholarly, quiet and an undemonstrative gentleman, with many warm friends; m. —, 1852, ELIZABETH ANN CANNON, dau. of Clement and Sarah (Freamon), b. July 31, 1824, at Lexington, Ky.

NINTH GENERATION — BORN AT ST. PAUL.

4675. Orin, b. March 6, 1853; d. Oct. 12, 1879, ag. 26.
4676. James Jay (see portrait), b. Aug. 15, 1855; was educated in St. Paul schools; graduated in 1875 from the high school, completing the four years' course in three years, by hard study; entered the office of Dr. J. H. Murphy, where he studied medicine until the fall of 1876, then entered Rush Medical College, at Chicago, Ill., and was graduated in 1878, with degree of M. D.; after studying and practicing in Chicago for about two years he located at St. Paul, Minn.; m. May 9, 1883, at St. Paul, Mary White McGroarty, dau. of Wm. B. and Belle White (Kean), b. May —, 1855, at St. Paul; no children.
4677. Emma Lucy, b. Feb. 19, 1860; m. —, George Bell, son of John and Jane (Merryweather), b. Nov. 25, 1854, at West Hartlepool, Eng-

John Jay and Elizabeth Ann Cannon Dewey history



Elizabeth Ann Cannon Dewey, obit, The Minneapolis Times, 1.14.1901

HAS FOLLOWED HER HUSBAND.

Widow of St. Paul's First Physician Dies at Advanced Age.

The death occurred yesterday at 311 Somerset street of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Dewey, widow of the late Dr. John J. Dewey, St. Paul's pioneer physician. She was seventy-six years of age and had lived in this city more than fifty years.

The late Dr. Dewey came to St. Paul in 1847 with Mrs. Dewey and in 1848 established the first drug store not only in St. Paul but in the state. He built up a large practice and for over two decades was not only the pioneer doctor but the most prominent as well.

In 1886 he retired from active practice, after having been a very busy man for over thirty-eight years. For a long time subsequent to his retirement, his was a familiar figure on the streets, as he took his daily walks. His death occurred some years ago, the widow continuing to live in the family residence on Somerset street.

The date of the funeral has not yet been settled.

Elizabeth Ann Cannon Dewey, obit, TheSaintPaulGlobe, 1.14.1901

OBITUARY.

Albert Knewble Cannon was born in Kentucky, Nov. 3rd, 1828, and died at West Union, Iowa, Dec. 13, 1898.

When three years of age he moved with his parents to Dubuque, Iowa, where he grew to manhood and engaged in business. In 1849 he was married to Eusebia Ford and to them were born three children. The youngest died when two years old, the other two, Emma D. Cannon of this place and Lycurgus Cannon, of Waucoma, remain to mourn their father's death. Mrs. Cannon preceded him to the great beyond by about six years. He was well known in this city, having lived here for many years. He was a quiet man, good neighbor and a friend to all.

The funeral services were held in the U. B. church last Wednesday Rev. O. P. Harnish officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery on the hill.

Albert Knewble Cannon, TheArgo, West Union, IA, 12.28.1898

Nancy Cannon McPherson
Daughter of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

Nancy Cannon McPherson, b. 9/10/1801, presumably Bath County, KY; m. Jesse McPherson, 12/27/1824, Bath County, KY; d. before 7/27/1859, TX, presumably. (Her widower Jesse McPherson married her sister, Malinda Cannon Beckner, 7/27/1859.)



Jesse McPherson stone, Bethlehem Bap. Cem., Pettis County, MO





Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson stone, Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery, Pettis County, MO



Jesse and Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson stone, Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, Pettis County, MO

She apparently died between 1850 and 1859, b/c she's listed as heir of her father's, so we know she was alive at his death (Note: she is mentioned in Newbold Cannon estate papers in Oct. 1850), and her widow, Jesse McPherson, remarried Nancy's SISTER, Malinda Cannon Beckner, July 27, 1859, in Lewis County, MO. Please see Thomas L. Beckner in the Beckner notebook for more on this.

318. Jesse McPherson (see p. 211) was born about 1803 in Montgomery (now Bath) County, Kentucky, and on December 27, 1824, married Nancy Cannon. They moved to Indiana, then to Marion (now Lewis) County, Missouri, where on December 28, 1833, he bought 40 acres, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Sec. 19, Twp. 62 North, Range 6 West, from William J. Norris for \$325.00 and an adjacent 40 acres, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Sec. 19, from Aaron B. Norris for \$75.00. On February 12, 1835, he bought 80 acres, the west half of the northeast quarter of Sec. 20, Twp. 62, Range 6, from Thomas A. Beckner for \$110.00. He moved to Cooke County, Texas, where on October 15, 1857, he received a land grant of 320 acres. He married (2) Malinda _____, born about 1807, and moved to Pettis County, Missouri, where he made his will on February 22, 1873; the estate was probated on May 26, 1873. His children, all by his first marriage, were as follows:³⁷⁵
- a. James Washington McPherson, born c1826; married November 15, 1848, Nancy Taylor Hardgrove, born c1829; lived in Adair County, Missouri, in 1850, in Cooke County, Texas, in 1860, and in Clay County, Texas, in 1880; children:
 - (1) William F. A. McPherson, born c1850; probably died young.
 - (2) Sarah L. C. McPherson, born c1856; married c1875 _____ Hicks; child:
 - (a) William Hicks, born c1876.
 - (3) Susan McPherson, born c1865.
 - b. William McPherson, born c1828; lived in Adair County, Missouri, in 1850.
 - c. (daughter), born c1830.
 - d. Selinda Elizabeth McPherson, born c1833; died c1875 in Cooke County, Texas; married (1) May 15, 1848, Jesse St. Clair Jones, born c1824; died c1868; (2) January 26, 1869, Edward Brothers; children:
 - (by first marriage):
 - (1) James M. Jones, born c1851; married December 7, 1876, Callie Gorham.
320. (2) John Wesley Jones, born February, 1853. See p. 214.
 (3) Jesse Washington Jones, born c1857.
 (4) Nancy J. Jones, born c1859; married January 18, 1881, Ed H. Payton.
 (5) Mary J. Jones, born c1860; married November 31, 1878, James M. Kennedy.

Know all men by these presents that we Jesse
McPherson and Stephen McPherson are held
and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth
of Kentucky in the just and full sum of
£ 50. which payment well and truly to be
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Stephen McPherson
attest
M. M. Suddeths Secy

Nancy Cannon McPherson, Bath County, KY, 12.27.1824, marr bond

Bath County Cl Ky
 this is to certify that on the thirty day of December
 1824 I Married Jesse McPherson and Nancy Cannon a
 Cording to law given under my hand this twenty sixth
 day of August 1825 John Evans

this is also to certify that on the twenty seventh
 day of April 1825 I Married Robert Russell and Luende
 Mansion a Cording to Law given under my hand this
 twenty sixth day of August 1825 John Evans

this is also to certify that on the fourth of July 1825
 I Married Ulrich Burkling and Elizabeth McBlair
 according to law given under my hand this twenty sixth
 day of August 1825 John Evans

Nancy Cannon McPherson, Bath County, KY, 12.31.1824, marr

The 1830 census is illegible at ancestry. I found a copy online, which I've attached to their tree. The link on ancestry may not actually be to the correct page; almost no way of knowing. The page Jesse and Nancy are on, includes John and Esther Crooks, Newbold and Unicy Cannon, Henry Cannon, Gregory Farmer and Sarah Cannon Hawkins, and Clement Cannon. Newbold J NJ Cannon is on the previous page.

1830 Census, Marion County, MO

Jesse McPherson

2 free white males under 5 (James Washington, William Henry)
 2 free white males 20-30 (Jesse and ???)
 1 free white female under 5 (infant daughter, from McPherson book)
 2 free white females 20-30 (Nancy and ??)
 No slaves on census

First Election in Lewis County, 1833

was no election by districts until 1846. The candidates in 1833 were Dr. John Bull and James H. Birch, of Howard; Gen. George F. Strother, of St. Louis, who in 1804 had been a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition; Hon. George Shannon and Gen. George C. Sibley, of St. Charles. The election resulted in the choice of Dr. John Bull, a Democrat, or "Jackson man." His colleague was Gen. William H. Ashley, who had been chosen the previous year.

The poll books of this election are, happily, in existence, and not only are the names of the voters preserved, but it can be ascertained for whom each man voted. At that day (and indeed until during the civil war, in November, 1863,) voting in Missouri was by the *viva voce* method. Every voter called out to the judges the name of the candidate for whom he wished to vote, and his choice was duly recorded. At this election Lewis was divided into but two townships, Canton and Union. The names of the voters in each are here given:

CANTON TOWNSHIP.

William Hagood.	Joseph Trotter.	James La Fon.
Nathaniel Brown.	Andrew Johnston.	Clement Cannon.
Thompson Conley.	Thomas Johnston.	Ingfield Gregory.
Burt Gregory.	Thomas Gray.	James Blund.
Moses Norris.	Howard Brown.	William Cannon.
Silas Ramsey.	George T. Moore.	John Carnegy.
Robert Brown.	Middleton Smoot.	Thomas P. Wise.
John Brown.	Mitchell Russell.	Newbold Cannon.
Nathaniel Brown.	Thomas La Fon.	Riston Smith.
Richard La Fon.	Gregory F. Hawkins.	William Pritchard.
Umbleton Gregory.	Presley D. Anderson.	Jacob Brown.
James Armstrong.	Elisha Lefler.	Jesse McPherson.—37.
Isaac L. Harrel.		

The judges were William Pritchard, Jacob Brown and Jesse McPherson; clerks, Lloyd W. Knott and Isaac B. Owsley. For some reason the last two named did not vote. Election was held at the house of Joseph Trotter, in Canton.

1887 Lewis County, MO, history

Land in Lewis County

Section 11—Willard Hall, Daniel Kellogg, R. L. F. Smoot, 1836; Middleton Smoot, 1835.

TOWNSHIP 62, RANGE 6.

Section 1—John E. Thomas, Chris. Schroeder, 1835.

Section 5—Ransom Jones, 1836; Ephraim Beach, 1835; William H. Clay, 1834.

Section 4—Hulsey White, 1835.

Section 6—John Clay, 1834; James Davis, Margaret Davis, 1835; Inglefield Gregory, 1836; Able Gregory, 1837.

Section 7—Thomas L. Bickner, John A. Sutherland, Charles Tuley, 1836; Granberry Story, 1838; William G. Spear, 1839.

Section 8—Edward Springer, James R. Crooks, John N. Marks, Andrew N. Sutherland, 1835.

Section 9—James White, James R. Crooks, 1835.

Section 10—James I. Bland, 1831; Robert S. Goff, 1836.

Section 11—David L. Dodge, 1836.

Section 13—Isaac B. Ousley, William P. Ousley, 1835.

Section 15—Chris. Catron, 1832; John White, 1835.

Section 17—N. J. Cannon, 1833; George S. Marks, Timothy Brown, Thomas Lizenby, Joseph Welker, 1835; John Carnegie, 1836.

Section 18—Jesse McPherson, 1833; Andrew Bickner, 1834; William H. Durrett, F. H. Duncan, 1835; Martin E. Green, 1836.

Section 19—Mitchell Russell, William Norris, 1832; A. B. Norris, 1833; Chilton B. Tate, Timothy Brown, 1835.

Section 20—Roswell Durkee, A. J. Lewis, 1833; Daniel Ledford, 1836.

Section 21—Isaac Roberts, 1835; John Bland, 1832; James Glass, William A. Mendenhall, 1836.

Section 27—George Combs, 1832; James N. Gunnell, Agnes F. Watts, 1835.

Section 28—William F. Northcraft, 1834; Alex. Hunsicker, 1835; S. W. B. Carnegie, 1836.

Section 29—Henry Durkee, Gregory F. Hawkins, R. B. Morgan, Madison C. Hawkins, 1834; L. C. Cordell, 1836; George Cordell.

Section 30—William Wigel, 1833.

Thomas L Beckner, J McPherson, NJ Cannon, A Beckner, GF Hawkins, MC Hawkins, land, 1887 Lewis County, MO, history

Land Patent

Jesse McPherson of Lewis County, MO

40 acres

Issue date: 10/21/1833

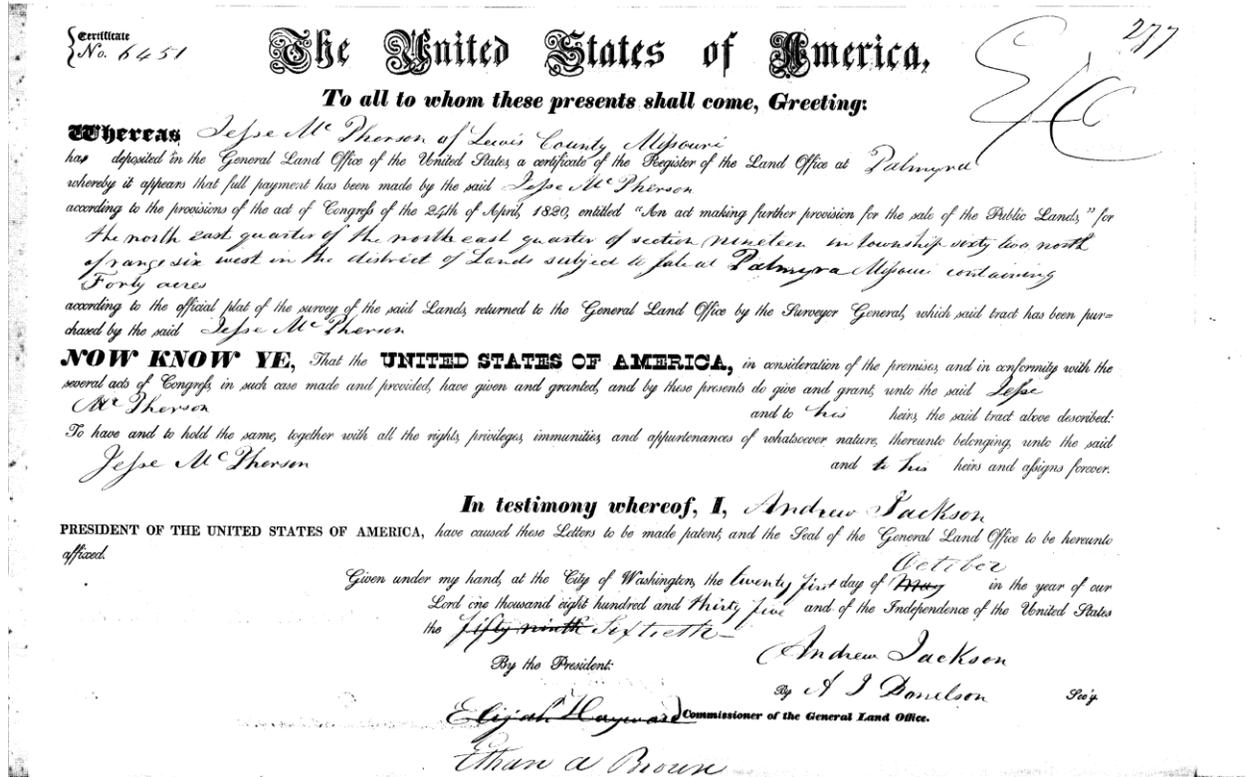
Land office: Palmyra, document number 6251

NENE, Section 19, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Land Patent #6451

NE ¼ NE ¼ Sec 19, Twp. 62N R6W

10/21/1835



Jesse McPherson of Lewis County, MO

40 acres

Issue date: 10/21/1835

Land office: Palmyra, document number 6452

SESE, Section 18, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

178 Certificate
No. 1652

The United States of America.

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To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas Jesse McPherson of Lewis County Missouri has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Palmyra whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Jesse McPherson according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the south east quarter of the south east quarter of section eighteen in township forty two north of range six west in the district of lands subject to sale at Palmyra Missouri containing forty acres according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Jesse McPherson

NOW KNOW YE, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** in consideration of the premises and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said Jesse McPherson and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, therunto belonging, unto the said Jesse McPherson and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Andrew Jackson

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty first day of ^{October} ~~May~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five and of the Independence of the United States the fifty ninth ~~sixth~~

Andrew Jackson
By the President
Edmund Livingston Commissioner of the General Land Office.
By *J. J. Donlon* Sec'y
Thomas W. Brown

Jesse McPherson of Lewis County, MO
80 acres
Issue date: 11/2/1837
Land office: Palmyra, document number 10240
W 1/2 NE, Section 18, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CERTIFICATE
No. 10340

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Pepe McPherson, of Lewis County, Missouri*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Palmyra* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Pepe McPherson,*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the West half of the North East quarter, of Section eighteen, in Township fifty two, of Range six West, in the District of Lands subject to Sale at Palmyra, Missouri, containing eight and one half acres.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Pepe McPherson,*

NOW KNOW YE, That the

United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Pepe McPherson,*

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Pepe McPherson,* and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, *Martin Van Buren*
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT,** and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *second* day of *November* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty seven*, and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty *second*



BY THE PRESIDENT: *Martin Van Buren*
By *M. Van Buren* Sec'y.

W. S. Wilson acting **RECORDER of the General Land Office.**
Edw. Winter

There is one to a Jesse McPherson 3/1/1860, in Dent County, MO, and 10/1/1852, in Adair County, MO.

1840 census, Lewis County, MO

Jesse McFearson

- 1 free white male under 5 (*Stephen Irenus*)
- 2 free white males 10-15 (*James Washington and William Henry*)
- 1 free white male 30-40 (*Jesse*)
- 1 free white female 5-10 (*Selinda Elizabeth*)
- 1 free white female 30-40 (*Nancy*)
- No slaves on census
- 2 people engaged in agriculture

On same census page are Andrew Beckner, and Thos. L. Becker, husband of Malinda Cannon Beckner.

Father Newbold Cannon's will

There is considerable contention between the various siblings following their father's death. All of that is in Newbold's report.

I'm now trying to figure out when Nancy died.

I think this is Nancy purchasing a Negro girl from her father's estate sale. I think it says 'Mrs. McPherson' but I can't say for sure. Also, there could be more than one Mrs. McPherson to attend the sale.

50	A Hawkins 5-14 lbs Bacon,	23,08
5.91	John W Cannon Negro Boy	215-00
.20	D Hunter Lumber 1/2 Bushel M. Lifter &c	25-
.62	Wm McPherson Negro Girl	176,00
<u>.00 1/4</u>		<u>5-60.88 1/4</u>

Sale Bill Newbold Sr. estate, 3.8.1850.3.2

This is from the settlement papers filed in Newbold's estate:

*The yellow Boy George is in the possession of New Cannon
 The yellow girl Harriet is in possession of " Do
 The Black girl Mary Ann is in possession of John Blannon
 The Boy William in possession of Do - Do
 The yellow Boy Henry Clay is in possession of sold at sale to Geo Forest
 The yellow child of Nancy sold by Mr. McPherson
 " for the sum of \$176 which I state his note*

So Nancy bought the 'yellow child of Nancy' for the sum of \$176.

Apparently Jesse and Nancy moved to Adair County prior to the 1850 census

I found that Jesse and Nancy had a daughter, Salinda, who married a Jones. Finding that girl took me to this census. Looks straightforward as I type it, but this is this image at ancestry:

18	18	Jesse McPherson	44	m
		Nancy "	48	f
		Stephen "	12	m
19	19	Jesse St. Clair Jones	26	m
		Salinda & "	17	f

Ancestry's transcription gives the McPhersons the last name of the prior entry, which was Gaylen. I'm guessing that Jesse and his son-in-law Jesse went into business together.

The entire family is in District 1 in 1850. Selinda lives close to her parents, brothers James Washington and John Wesley live in the same household, a few 'pages' away.

1850 census, District 1, Adair County, MO Aug. 1850

Jesse McPherson, 44, merchant, b. in KY

Nancy, 48, b. in KY

Stephen, 12, b. in MO

1850 slave census, District 1, Adair County, MO

Jesse McPherson	F	18	B
Benjamin McPherson	M	12	B

I presume the slave census shows an 18 year old girl, who would be the 'daughter of Nancy,' as stated above.

1850 census, District 1, Adair County, MO, page 3

Jesse St. Clair Jones, 26, merchant, personal property \$3000, b. in KY
Salinda E. Jones, 17, b. in MO

1850 census, District 1, Adair County, MO, page 13

James McPherson, 24, farmer, value of real estate \$1,000, b. in IN
Nancy F.A. McPherson, 21, b. in KY
William F A, 8/12m b. in MO
William McPherson, 22, laborer, b. in IN

This newspaper article says that in 1851, when the City of Kirksville was platted, Jesse was a city commissioner, and along with another commissioner was selling city lots.

Mayor Patton Calls for Greater Civic Interest

Interesting sidelights on Kirksville's history and some plans for the future were outlined yesterday by Mayor Lee Patton in an address before the Kirksville Rotary club, in which he asked for greater civic interest and stressed the point that a man's local government is of far greater importance to his daily life than is the national government.

The future of Kirksville depends, the mayor said, upon the vision of its citizens of today and their willingness to work for the betterment of the community. Mayor Patton produced some new figures of real estate records which usually are not printed in county histories, in bringing home some of his points.

His speech, in part, was as follows:

"On December 25, 1846, Jonathan Floyd as trustee for Adair county entered the NW quarter of Section 9, Township 62, Range 15, containing 160 acres of land, from the United States of America for a 'Seat of Justice'. On the 17th day of November, 1851, five years later, the original town of Kirksville was laid out, platted and marked into blocks, streets, lots and alleys, by W. F. G. Landsdale, and Jesse McPherson, as commissioner, began to sell these lots.

"Today, just 92 years later, I

stand before you in the same position as Jonathan Floyd stood before his people in 1846, as your trustee and commissioner.

"As I look back a century ago and go through their record of progress, I wonder what was the 'vision' of Jonathan Floyd and his council. And how well I have learned in my few years experience in city affairs just how we today, 92 years later, are handicapped by what I may say was the lack of vision of those men. However, I am sure that the man who stands in my place in another century will also be handicapped by my lack of vision. * * * *

"These men of 1846 were men of some vision, but little did they plan that the 160 acres of land would expand and grow to the 1600 acres within our city limits today. They could not envision the possibilities of our two railroads, our two great colleges, our hospitals, our churches, our factories and industries that we now have and enjoy. Little did they realize that Kirksville would grow until it had within its boundaries 63 miles of streets, with three state highways and become, may I say, the "hub of Northeast Missouri" trading center. Had these men's vision conceived this picture of Kirks-

(Continued to Page 7)

Jesse McPherson, KirksvilleDailyExpressandKirksvilleDailyNews, 6.2.1938

Land Patent #1121, 10/1/1852, Adair County, MO

Jesse bought just shy of 80 acres.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE

No. 1121

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Jesse McPherson, of Adair County, Missouri,*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Milam,* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

Jesse McPherson,

according to the provisions of the

Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820 entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

the South half of Section numbered One and two of the South West quarter of Section thirty one, in Township sixty three, of Range fourteen, in the district of lands subject to sale at Milam, Missouri, containing seventy five acres, and three hundredths of an acre,

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Jesse McPherson,*

NOW KNOW YE, That the

United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Jesse McPherson,*

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Jesse McPherson,*

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, *Millard Fillmore,*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT,** and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *first* day of *October,* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty-two,* and of the Independence of the United States the *Seventy seventh,*

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BY THE PRESIDENT: *Millard Fillmore,*

By *Alex. W. Morris,* Sec'y.
E. Perry, RECORDER of the General Land Office.

By 1852, Salinda and her husband are in Cooke County, TX.

Jesse on the tax rolls in Cooke County, Texas by 1854

Detail	Source
Name:	Jesse McPherson
Event Year:	1854
Event Place:	Cooke County, Texas, United States
FHL Film Number:	002282159

Taxes: 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864.

Stephen, James and Jesse are listed as original land owners in Cooke County, TX.

Jesse purchased 320 acres in Fannin District, Cooke County, TX, in 1857

Detail	Source
Grantee:	Jesse McPherson
Patentee:	Jesse McPherson
Patent Date:	14 Oct 1857
Acres:	320
District:	Fannin
County:	Cooke
File:	2534
Patent #:	896
Patent Volume:	15
Class:	Fan. 3rd.

Son-in-law Jesse St. Clair Jones (husband of daughter Selinda) is on the Cooke County, TX, tax rolls in 1857.

By 1860, Jesse and his second wife, Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson, are also in Cooke County, TX.

The earliest settlers brought slaves with them, but not in the numbers that accompanied migrants from the Deep South to East Texas. The slave population of Cooke County in 1860 was 369, 10.9 percent of the total. Although in 1861 the county's citizens voted more than 61 percent against [secession](#), sentiment for the Confederate cause was so potent during the [Civil War](#) that in October 1862 an estimated forty-two men were executed because they were believed to have participated in a pro-Union conspiracy (see [GREAT HANGING AT GAINESVILLE](#)).

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/cooke-county>

Jesse married his sister-in-law, Malinda Cannon Beckner in 1859

Thomas Locke Beckner died in 1859. He was Malinda Cannon Beckner's husband, and together they had several children.

This is what I have on Malinda from the Beckner document:

Thomas Locke Beckner, b. 1804, d. 1854.

He married Malinda Cannon 1/19/1826 in Bath County, KY. She was born 7/28/1807, d. 4/6/1884.

Malinda is NJ Cannon's sister. Please see the Cannon notebook for more information on Malinda. She remarried after Thomas's death to Jesse McPherson, widower of her sister, Nancy Cannon McPherson. (1859, Lewis County, MO).

Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson, b. July 28, 1807, presumably Bath County, KY; m. 1st Thomas Locke Beckner, 1/19/1826 in KY; m. 2nd Jesse McPherson, 7/27/1859, husband of sister Nancy Cannon McPherson; d. 4/6/1884, Pettis County, MO; buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, Pettis County, MO.

Beckner researcher:

Thomas Locke Beckner's will was probated in Lewis county, Missouri, on 7 February 1854. Note: The Beckners of Fleming County, KY, shows two additional children, Shelton and William in this family. Thomas and family appear on the 1840 and 1850 Lewis County, Missouri, Census. Melinda and her second husband Jesse McPherson appear on the 1860 Cooke, Texas, 1870 Pettis, and the 1880 Moniteau, Missouri, Census.

I checked the Moniteau census; it may be her children, but it doesn't include her.

Malinda was mentioned in her father, Newbold, Sr.'s, will, with regards to inheriting a servant girl named Nancy. Also, there are many documents concerning Thomas L. Beckner vis a vis Newbold Cannon Sr estate.

1. [Allen M. BECKNER](#) b: 1835 in Missouri
2. [Nancy Eunice BECKNER](#) b: 1827 in Kentucky
3. [Mary M. BECKNER](#) b: 5 SEP 1830 in Missouri
4. [Martha BECKNER](#) b: 1838 in Missouri
5. [William BECKNER](#) b: 1840
6. [Thomas Shelton BECKNER](#) b: in Missouri

1840 census, Lewis County, MO

Thomas L. Bickner

2 free white males under 5 (*Allen, William?*)

1 free white male 30-40 (*Thomas*)

1 free white female under 5 (*Martha*)

1 free white female 5-10 (*Mary*)

1 free white female 10-15 (*Nancy*)

1 free white female 30-40 (*Malinda*)

No slaves on census

3 people engaged in agriculture

1850 census, District 48, Lewis County, MO

Thos. L. Beckner, 46, real estate value \$1,100, b. in KY
 Malind Beckner, 33, b. in KY
 Allen M., 14, b. in MO, attended school in last year
 Martha E., 12, b. in MO, attended school in last year
 Thos. C?, 10, b. in MO, attended school in last year

This is an obit for Malinda's grandson, Thomas Henry Diffendaffer, son of her daughter with Thomas Locke Beckner (Nancy Unice Beckner Diffendaffer).

Thomas Henry Diffendaffer, died at his home 1609 South Stewart Avenue, Saturday morning, after a month's illness following a stroke of paralysis. Mr Diffendaffer was born in Lewis County, Missouri, April 15, 1851, but has spent practically his entire life in and around Sedalia, Missouri. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Clara Crawford, one son, Charles T. Diffendaffer, and two brothers, Ira Diffendaffer of Pueblo, Colorado, and Allen Diffendaffer, of Rocky, Oklahoma. [Sedalia Democrat, Friday, March 21, 1924, Sedalia, Missouri]

1854 tax list, Cooke County, TX. Jesse lists 3 Negroes.

MADE for the year 1854, by *J. E. Hughes*, Assessor and Collector of

BY WHOM RENDERED.	No. of Tax Payer.	REAL PROPERTY.						PERSONAL PROPERTY.				
		Acres.	Value.	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	FROM WHAT TAKEN	CLASS OF CLAIM.	NO. OF SURVEY	On what Stream.	NO. OF LOT.	NO. OF BLOCK.	Where situated	Value.
<i>Mr Pherson Jesse</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Jesse Mc Pherson</i>			<i>Apprentice North Creek</i>					
<i>Mr Pherson William</i>												
<i>Mr Pherson Stephen</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Stephen Mc Pherson</i>			<i>Do</i>					
<i>Mr Pherson James</i>												

Cooke County, of Property rendered by Citizens thereof, and situated therein.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.											TOTAL VALUE.	Poll Tax.	STATE TAX.		COUNTY TAX.	
NEGROES.		HORSES.		CATTLE.		Money at Interest.	Merchandise on hand 1st January.	MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY.					DOLLARS.	CENTS.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
NUMBER.	VALUE.	NUMBER.	VALUE.	NUMBER.	VALUE.	AMOUNT.	AMOUNT.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	VALUE.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.	
<i>3</i>	<i>870</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>90</i>			<i>House & kitchen furniture 135</i>	<i>1275</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>91</i>		<i>95</i>	
												<i>1</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>25</i>	
										<i>100</i>			<i>24</i>		<i>12</i>	
												<i>1</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>35</i>	

Jesse McPherson and sons, 1854 tax list, Cooke County, TX. Jesse lists 3 Negroes.

Jesse has 3 Negroes on the 1855, 1857 lists.

1858

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ASSESS

MADE for the year 1858, by *James O. Hill*, Assessor and Collector of

BY WHOM RENDERED.	No. of Tax Payer.	REAL PROPERTY.										
		LAND.						TOWN LOTS.				
		Acres.	Value.	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	FROM WHAT TRACT TAKEN.	CLASS OF CLAIM.	NO. OF SURVEY	On what Stream.	NO. OF LOT.	NO. OF BLOCK.	Where Situated.	Value.
<i>McPherson Jesse</i>	199	<i>320</i>	<i>610</i>	<i>Jesse McPherson</i>		<i>Co.</i>		<i>Sarvis Cr.</i>				
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>80</i>									
<i>Chas. C. No. 11. Wilson</i>	200	<i>640</i>	<i>1260</i>	<i>Henry Wilson</i>		<i>Co.</i>		<i>x Tomb. Cr.</i>				
<i>McPherson S. J.</i>	201	<i>320</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>Stephen J. McPherson</i>		<i>Co.</i>		<i>Sarvis Cr.</i>				
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>80</i>					<i>Elm</i>				

ASSESSMENT

of *Cooke* County, of Property rendered by Citizens thereof, and situated therein.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.										TOTAL VALUE	Poll Tax	STATE TAX.		COUNTY TAX.			
NEGROES.		HORSES		CATTLE.		Money at Interest.	Merchandise on hand 1st January.	MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY.				DOLLARS.	CENTS.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
NUMBER.	VALUE.	NUMBER.	VALUE.	NUMBER.	VALUE.	AMOUNT.	AMOUNT.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	VALUE.								
<i>4</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>185</i>					<i>3215</i>		<i>108</i>		<i>108</i>			
										<i>1280</i>		<i>160</i>		<i>160</i>			
		<i>2</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>60</i>					<i>541</i>		<i>64</i>		<i>64</i>			

Jesse McPherson, Stephen I McPherson, 1858 tax list, Cooke County, TX

Thomas d. in 1854

Daughter Martha and son William are not listed as heirs. I presume Martha died between the 1850 census, and 1854. The last record I have for William is the 1840 census, and of that I can't be sure b/c names are listed other than household heads.

Missouri, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1766-1988
Lewis & Clark > General Index to Probate Records, 1833-1971

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INDEX TO PROBATE RECORDS AND ESTATES

ESTATE NAME ADMN., EXEC., GUARD. OR CURATOR.	ESTATE No.	Date of Letters			Letters Rec.		Will Rec.		Inv. & Appr.		1st Settlement		
		Mo.	Day	Yr.	Book	Page	Book	Page	Book	Page	Mo.	Day	Yr.
<i>Bell. A. T.</i>													

Beckner, Thomas L.									
Beckner, Melinda, Admr.	437	Feb. 7 1854	2	210					Apr. 23 1855

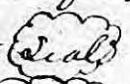
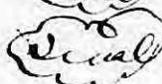
LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Final Settlement			Fin. Sett. Rec.		RECORDED ENTRIES	REMARKS
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May		1857			(B.4-P.74-91,98,165,167,251,351)	

Know all men by these presents that we Malinda
Breckner as principal and Joseph H. Duffnaffer
& Archbold J. Cannon as Sureties are held and
firmly bound unto the State of Wisconsin in the sum
of One thousand dollars the payment whereof we
and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors
and administrators jointly and severally firmly
by these presents given under our hands and seals
this 7th day of February A.D. 1854.

The Condition of the above bond is ^{such} that
if the said Malinda Breckner Administratrix of
the Estate of Thomas S. Breckner deceased

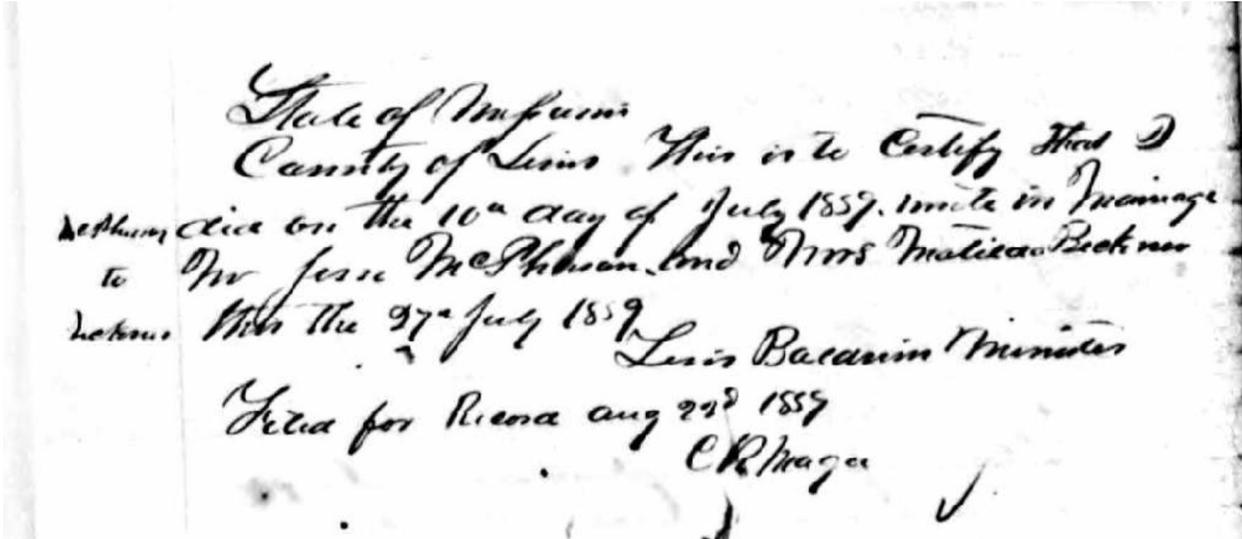
faithfully administer said Estate
account for pay and deliver all money
and property of said Estate and perform
all other things touching said adminis-
tration required by law or the order of any
Court having jurisdiction there the above
bond to be void otherwise to remain full
force

Malinda Breckner 
J. H. Duffnaffer 
A. Cannon 

State of Missouri
County of Lewis
This day came before me
W. G. Matman Clerk of the County Court in & for said
County Malinda Prentiss Administratrix of
the Estate of Thomas Prentiss deceased
and makes oath that said deceased died
leaving as his heirs at law to wit Nancy C.
who married Joseph Diffendaffer Mary
Margaret who married William Field
Allen Prentiss and Thomas Shellen Prentiss
Children of said deceased all of whom reside
in Lewis County Except Mary Margaret
Field who resides in Clark County all in the
State of Missouri that said deceased died
without a will that she will make a perfect
inventory of and faithfully settle the Estate of
said deceased and pay the debts as far
as the assets will extend and the law direct
and account for and pay all assets which
shall come to her possession or knowledge
Malinda Prentiss
Subscribed & sworn to before me this 7th day of
February A.D. 1854 W. G. Matman
Clerk for Record February 7th 1854
W. G. Matman

Thomas' estate was settled in 1857.

Jesse married his sister-in-law, Malinda Cannon Beckner



Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson, marr cert, Lewis County, MO, 7.27.1859

On the same census page on the 1860 census, in Texas, right above Malinda, is Eunice Diffendaffer, Malinda's daughter with Thomas Locke Beckner. Eunice married Joseph Diffendaffer in MO. Right below Malinda's entry is Allen Beckner, Malinda's son with Thomas. Allen is married, has his wife and children with him.

Baby Ireztha's age suggests the Diffendaffers left Missouri after Jesse and Malinda's marriage in 1859.

1860 census, Cooke County, TX

Joseph Diffendaffer, 40, b. in KY,
Ennis Diffendaffer, 33, b. in MO, (Malinda's daughter)
Mary A., 11, b. in MO,
Thomas H., 9, b. in MO,
Luthella, 6, b. in MO,
Ira, 3, b. in MO,
Ireztha, 1, b. in MO,

1860 census, Cooke County, TX

J. McPherson, 56, farmer, value of real estate \$1,000, value of personal property, \$4054, b. in KY
Malinda McPherson, 53, b. in KY
Perry Wilson, 12, b. in TX
Lafayette Wilson, 10, b. in TX

1860 census, Cooke County, TX

Allen Beckner, 25, farmer, real estate \$400, personal property \$450, b. in MO (Malinda's son)
Catherine Beckner, 23, b. in MO

Thomas A., 1, b. in MO
 Lafayette Tripolet, 16, b. in MO

1860 slave census, Cooke County, TX

	1	4	$\frac{4}{1}$	M	✓		
J McPherson	1	40	$\frac{4}{1}$	M	✓		1
	1	12	$\frac{4}{1}$	M	✓		
	1	9	$\frac{4}{1}$	B			
	1	3	$\frac{4}{1}$	B			
	1	$\frac{10}{12}$	$\frac{4}{1}$	M	B		

1860 tax list

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Assessment of Pro

OWNER.	REAL PROPERTY.			
	LAND.			
	No. ON ABSTRACT	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	Acres.	Value.
McPherson Jesse	279	McPherson Jesse	160	800
" "		Martin Daniel	40	80

ated in the County, for 1860.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.										TOTAL VALUE.	POLL TAX.	STATE TAX.		COUNTY TAX.	
NEGROES.		HORSES.		CATTLE.		SHEEP.		Mis. Prop'y.	Dolls.			Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.
No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	Value.							
3	3000	2	90	12	300				4270		5	34	2	34	

Jesse McPherson, 1860 tax list, Cooke County, TX

1861 tax list

Cooke

Assessment of Property, situated in the County

OWNER	REAL PROPERTY.								PERSONAL PROPERTY.						
	LAND			TOWN LOTS					NEGROES	HORSES		CATTLE		SHEEP	
	No. of ACRES	ORIGINAL GRANTEE	Acres	Value	Lot	Block	Where Situated	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.
<i>Loring M. A.</i>		<i>Woolenshaw</i>	<i>1100</i>	<i>3300</i>											
"		<i>G. Billingham</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>900</i>					<i>11</i>	<i>6000</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>5500</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Loring A.</i>		<i>University</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>Gamuda</i>	<i>300</i>			<i>5</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>90</i>	
<i>Landers Harrison</i>		<i>West Me. Fed</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>240</i>											
"		<i>H. Lamers</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>240</i>											
"	<i>320</i>	<i>Thos Jenkins</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>320</i>											
"	<i>579</i>	<i>Thos Ryplensal</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>120</i>					<i>1</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>130</i>	
<i>Lindsay W. J.</i>			<i>160</i>	<i>300</i>							<i>1</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>112</i>	
<i>McPherson J. W.</i>		<i>Grand McPherson</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>800</i>											
"		<i>Martin</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>80</i>					<i>5</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>250</i>	

y, for 186

DEP	Mis. Prop'r	TOTAL VALUE	POLL TAX	STATE TAX		COUNTY TAX	
	Value	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
	120	16920		27	91	21	15
	35	1475	50	2	93	2	09
	205	2464	50	4	56	3	33
		162	50		76		45
		3310		5	56	4	13

Jesse McPherson, 1861 tax list, Cooke County, TX

1862 Tax List

Cook

No 14

Assessment of Property, Situa

NEB.	REAL PROPERTY.						
	LAND.				TOWN LOTS.		
	OR. OF ABSTRACT	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	Acres.	Value.	Lot.	Block.	Where Situated.
							Value.

883

✓

McPherson, James W.
Co. H, 22 Texas Cavalry.

This organization was known at various times as 1 Indian Reg't, Merrick's, Taylor's, and Stevens' Reg't, Stone's, and Merrick's Batt'n.
(Confederate.)

<i>Private</i>	<i>Private</i>
CARD NUMBERS.	
1	20
2	21
3	22
4	23
5	24
6	25
7	26
8	27
9	28
10	29
11	30
12	31
13	32
14	33
15	34
16	35
17	36
18	37
19	38

Number of medical cards herein 0
 Number of personal papers herein 0

BOOK MARK: _____

See also _____

(Confederate.)

Mc | **22 Cav. | Texas.**

James W. McPherson
 _____, Co. *H*, { Taylor's Reg't Texas Mounted Rifles.

Appears on
Muster-in and Descriptive Roll
 of the organization named above.

Roll dated *Fort Washita Chickasaw Nation Jan 15, 1862.*
 Muster-in to date *Not Stated*, 186 .

Height 6 ft. 1 in.; age 36 years.
 Occupation Farmer
 Where born Indiana
 Where enlisted Whitesboro Tex
 When enlisted Dec 15, 1861.
 Where mustered Fort Washita
 When mustered Jan 15, 1862
 Hair Black eyes Blue
 Complexion Dark
 Value of horse 140
 Value of rigging 30

Remarks: _____

The 22d Regiment Texas Cavalry was organized January 16, 1862, and re-organized June 30, 1862, with ten companies, A to K. It appears to have been reduced to a battalion of six companies, A to F, some time after February 29, 1864. The organization was known at various times as the 1st Indian Regiment Texas Cavalry, Merrick's Regiment Texas Dismounted Cavalry, Taylor's Regiment Texas Cavalry, Taylor's Regiment Texas Mounted Rifles, Stevens' Regiment Texas Cavalry, Stone's Battalion Texas Cavalry and Merrick's Battalion Texas Infantry or Dismounted Cavalry.

Book mark: _____

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 (649) Copyist.

(Confederate.)

Mc | **22 Cav. Texas.**

James W. McPherson
Co. H, { Stevens' Regiment
 Texas Dismounted Cavalry.

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *June 30 to Dec. 31*, 1862.
Dated Mar. 1. 1863

Enlisted:
 When *Dec. 13*, 1861.
 Where *Whitestown Tex*
 By whom *John Wallis*
 Period _____

Last paid:
 By whom _____
 To what time _____, 186 .

Present or absent _____

Remarks: *Discharged under
 act of Congress approved
 Apr 16. 1862. by order of
 Gen. P. K. July 16 1862*

The 22d Regiment Texas Cavalry was organized January 12, 1862, and re-organized June 30, 1862, with ten companies, A to K. It appears to have been reduced to a battalion of six companies, A to F, some time after February 29, 1864. The organization was known at various times as the 1st Indian Regiment Texas Cavalry, Merrick's Regiment Texas Dismounted Cavalry, Taylor's Regiment Texas Cavalry, Taylor's Regiment Texas Mounted Rifles, Stevens' Regiment Texas Cavalry, Stone's Battalion Texas Cavalry and Merrick's Battalion Texas Infantry or Dismounted Cavalry.

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R. W. Fish

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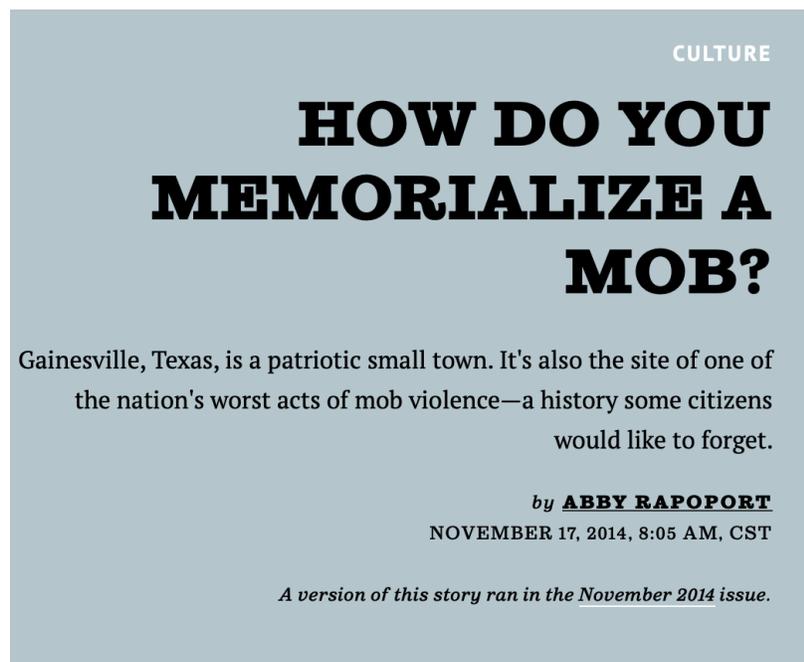
James W McPherson, Civil War record, Confederate, TX.3

W.H. McPherson
 Side: Confederacy
 Location: Texas
 Battle Unit: 34th Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Alexander's) (2nd Texas Partisan Rangers)
 Function: Cavalry

The Great Hanging in Gainesville

This first link is essential reading.

https://www.texasobserver.org/great-hanging-gainesville/?fbclid=IwAR3cRJNyxTJfwZbJYcAOIDsHnrU37hdzt7_oigBteEzoKUG3pRjwDCT7Vw



This article speaks to the tensions in Texas during the Civil War. The assassination of 42 men in Cooke County thought to be Union sympathizers occurred in October 1862. The article says that out of fear that there was a potential Union militia being formed, State Trooped Bourland ordered all able bodied men to report to duty, or be arrested.

Bourland had 150 men arrested.

Bourland was the largest slaveholder in the county, and as such he stacked the jury against these men, and ordered their executions.

The article also says that Jefferson Davis was embarrassed by the episode, and dropped what was his inquiry into the same but opposite scenario that had occurred in Palmyra, MO.

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Great Hanging At Gainesville

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GREAT HANGING AT GAINESVILLE. Forty suspected Unionists in Confederate Texas were hanged at Gainesville in October 1862. Two others were shot as they tried to escape. Although the affair reached its climax in Cooke County, men were killed in neighboring Grayson, Wise, and Denton counties. Most were accused of treason or insurrection, but evidently few had actually conspired against the Confederacy, and many were innocent of the abolitionist sentiments for which they were tried.

The Great Hanging was the result of several years of building tension. The completion of the **Butterfield Overland Mail (/handbook/online/articles/egbo1)** route from St. Louis through Gainesville brought many new people from the upper South and Midwest into Cooke County. By 1860 fewer than 10 percent of the heads of households owned slaves. The slaveholders increasingly feared the influence of Kansas abolitionists in every unrest. In the summer of 1860 several slaves and a northern Methodist minister were lynched in North Texas. Cooke and the surrounding counties voted against **secession (/handbook/online/articles/mgs02)** and thus focused the fears of planters on the nonslaveholders in the region. Rumors of Unionist alliances with Kansas Jayhawkers and Indians along the Red River, together with the petition of E. Junius Foster, editor of the Sherman *Patriot*, to separate North Texas as a new free state, brought emotions to a fever pitch.

Actual opposition to the Confederacy in Cooke County began with the Conscription Acts of April 1862. Thirty men signed a petition protesting the exemption of large slaveholders from the draft and sent it to the Congress at Richmond. Brig. Gen. William Hudson, commander of the militia district around Gainesville, exiled their leader, but others who remained used the petition to enlist a nucleus for a **Union League (/handbook/online/articles/wau01)** in Cooke and nearby counties. The members were not highly unified, and their purposes differed with each clique. Most joined to resist the draft and provide common defense against roving Indians and renegades. Rumors began to circulate, however, of a membership of over 1,700 and of plans for an assault when the group had recruited enough men. Fearing that the stories of Unionist plots to storm the militia arsenals at Gainesville and Sherman might prove to be true, Hudson activated the state troops in North Texas in late September 1862 and ordered the arrest of all able-bodied men who did not report for duty.

Texas state troops led by Col. **James G. Bourland (/handbook/online/articles/fbo38)** arrested more than 150 men on the morning of October 1. In Gainesville he and Col. **William C. Young (/handbook/online/articles/fyo14)** of the **Eleventh Texas Cavalry (/handbook/online/articles/qke11)**, home on sick leave, supervised the collection of a "citizen's court" of

twelve jurors. Bourland and Young together owned nearly a fourth of the slaves in Cooke County, and seven of the jurors chosen were slaveholders. Their decision to convict on a majority vote was a bad omen for the prisoners, all of whom were accused of insurrection or treason and none of whom owned slaves. The military achieved its goal of eliminating the leadership of the Union League in Cooke County when the jury condemned seven influential Unionists, but an angry mob took matters into its own hands and lynched fourteen more before the jurors recessed. Violence in Gainesville peaked the next week when unknown assassins killed Young and James Dickson. The decision already made to release the rest of the prisoners was reversed, and many were tried again. Nineteen more men were convicted and hanged. Their execution was supervised by Capt. Jim Young, Colonel Young's son. Brig. Gen. **James W. Throckmorton** ([/handbook/online/articles/fth36](#)) prevented the execution of all but five men in Sherman, but in Decatur, Capt. John Hale supervised a committee that hanged five suspects. A Southern partisan shot a prisoner in Denton.

Texas newspapers generally applauded the hangings, disparaged the Unionists as traitors and common thieves, and insisted they had material support from Kansas abolitionists and the Lincoln administration. The state government condoned the affair. Gov. **Francis Richard Lubbock** ([/handbook/online/articles/flu01](#)), an ardent Confederate, praised Hudson for his actions, and the legislature paid the expenses of the troops in Gainesville. Articles from the Texas press were reprinted across the South. President **Jefferson Davis** ([/handbook/online/articles/fda42](#)), embarrassed, abandoned his demand for an inquiry into a similar incident involving northern troops in Palmyra, Missouri, and dismissed Gen. **Paul Octave Hébert** ([/handbook/online/articles/fhe09](#)) as military commander of Texas for his improper use of martial law in several instances, including the hangings. The northern press heralded the story as another example of Rebel barbarism. **Andrew Jackson Hamilton** ([/handbook/online/articles/fha33](#)), a former congressman from Texas and a Unionist, had been speaking in the North warning of the danger to loyal citizens in Texas. Reports of the Great Hanging and other incidents lent support to his campaign and led to his appointment as military governor of Texas and the disastrous **Red River campaign** ([/handbook/online/articles/qdro1](#)) of 1864.

The unrest did not end with the hangings in North Texas. **Albert Pike** ([/handbook/online/articles/fpi18](#)), Confederate brigadier general in charge of Indian Territory, was implicated in testimony and arrested. Although later released, Pike continued to be regarded with suspicion and served the rest of the war in civilian offices. Capt. Jim Young killed E. Junius Foster for applauding the death of his father. He also tracked down Dan Welch, the man he believed to be his father's assassin, then returned with him to Cooke County and had him lynched by some of the family slaves. The Union League was powerless to exact revenge; many members fled along with the families of the slain prisoners, leaving bodies unclaimed for burial in a mass grave. A North Texas company of Confederate soldiers in Arkansas learned of the executions and almost mutinied, but tempers were defused by Brig. Gen. Joseph O. Shelby, their commander. Several men later deserted to return home, but Shelby prevented a mass assault on Gainesville. The half-hearted prosecution of those responsible for the hangings after the war, resulting in the conviction of only one man in Denton, increased resentment among the remaining Unionists in North Texas, but the failure of a Union League march on Decatur indicated the futility of further attempts at retaliation.

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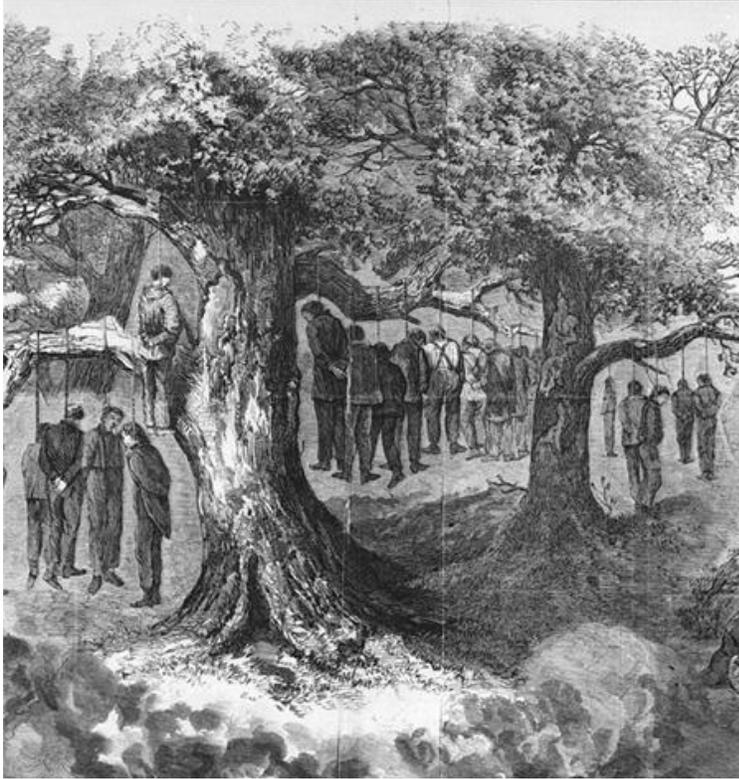
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Bourland:

in a mercantile enterprise and founded a plantation on land now in Cooke County. During the late 1850s he again led a volunteer company against Indians. When the [Civil War](#) began, he served as provost marshal for the region in which he resided and in that role directed the investigation that climaxed with the [Great Hanging at Gainesville](#) in 1862. Afterward, he was authorized to organize and lead the "Border Regiment," which remained in North Texas although it was in Confederate service, and was later given control of all troops on the northwestern frontier. He was accused of atrocities, in addition to the Great Hanging, but Confederate officials ignored the accusations. After the war ended he received a presidential pardon and was acquitted by a civil court. He subsequently lived in seclusion until his death, on August 20, 1879.

https://legacyoftexas.com/product/the-great-hanging-at-gainesville-1862-the-accounts-of-thomas-barrett-and-george-washington-diamond?pk_vid=deee5a1780589e81165156415168caff

In what may have been the single largest outbreak of vigilante violence in American history, forty suspected Unionists were hanged at Gainesville, Texas, in October 1862. Civil War tensions had been running high. The Cooke County community located just across the Red River from Indian Territory was

split between natives of the Deep South who often supported the Confederacy and natives of the Upper South and Midwest who were sometimes indifferent or hostile to it. When active resistance to conscription into the Confederate army combined with long-running rumors of an invasion of North Texas by Kansas Jayhawkers and their Indian allies, many of the former decided action must be taken. More than 150 suspected Unionists were arrested and put before a "citizen's court" of twelve jurors. The trial was marked by acrimony and violence, which included the lynching of fourteen men by an angry mob. Minister Thomas C. Barrett served on that jury and attempted to mitigate the vengeful rage of his neighbors. He had some success in the matter, but after two high-profile assassinations, the hangings continued. His 1885 memoir of the trial and the hangings is collected in this volume. Also collected here is the account based on records of the citizen's court completed in 1876 by George Washington Diamond, whose brother, James J. Diamond, helped organize the trial. Placed together in one volume, these writings offer important insight into the tensions that tore apart American communities during the Civil War era. Renowned Civil War historian Richard B. McCaslin provides an introduction, while L. D. Clark, a descendant of one of the men hanged, reveals the extent to which tensions remain in Gainesville even generations later.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Hanging_at_Gainesville

Site of the Great Hanging, 2016

On the morning of October 1, 1862, state troops led by the local provost, Colonel James G. Bourland, began arresting suspected Unionists in the area. Some 150 men were arrested in 13 days. Nearly 200 were ultimately arrested.

Bourland appointed Col. William Young, also a major slaveholder, to appoint a jury. He formed a "Citizens Court" of 12 jurors (seven were slaveholders) in Gainesville, the county seat. This "court" had no legal status in Texas law. Bourland and Young together had reason to want to suppress dissent, as they owned more than one-quarter of all slaves in the county.

The jury began trying the suspects for insurrection and treason, with conviction by a simple majority vote.[19] After eight convictions, the jury decided to require a two-thirds majority vote for conviction. This resulted in reversal of the last conviction. Those convicted were sentenced to be hanged within two days. Some were executed within hours.

After the jury acquitted several men, a mob threatened to lynch all of the remaining prisoners. The head of the jury gave them 14 names. These men were taken from jail and, without benefit of any trial, were lynched on October 12 and 13. The court adjourned.

On October 16, Colonel William C. Young, who some say had attempted to moderate the proceedings, was killed while pursuing a group who had killed another man along a creek. Young's death resulted in public outrage, as some feared abolitionists had killed him. Two jurors who had left were replaced on the jury by hard-line Confederates. The jury reversed the acquittals of 19 prisoners, although hearing no new evidence. They convicted the men and sentenced them to death. These 19 were hanged, with their executions supervised by Capt. Jim Young, the son of the colonel. The court released 50 to 60 men before Confederate and state courts finally halted its activities altogether. A total of 41 men had been hanged in Gainesville in October 1862, and at least three others were shot to death. They left "42 widows and about 300 children."

Reaction

Texas newspapers and Governor Francis Richard Lubbock praised the hangings. Pressure increased on dissenters in the state and the military was responsible for more deaths. Northern newspapers treated the events at Gainesville as an outrage when they learned of them later.

President Jefferson Davis remained silent, having already dismissed General Paul Octave Hébert on October 10 as military commander of Texas for his imposition of martial law and harsh measures in enforcing conscription. Confederate law had no punishment for men who failed to report for the draft. Davis felt Hébert did not sufficiently control local commanders and provosts, and had allowed military atrocities to take place. He appointed General John Bankhead Magruder to try to bring the state under control.

Troubles continued for a time in North Texas, though, with hundreds of families fleeing the state to escape the violence and chaos. "Military commanders alternately helped lynch mobs or tried to quell them." In Decatur, Capt. John Hill supervised the hanging of five men. A group of men was arrested in Sherman, Texas, but Brig. Gen. James W. Throckmorton intervened and was able to save all but five who had already been lynched. Separately in Sherman, E. Junius Foster, the editor of the Sherman Patriot, was murdered by Capt. Jim Young, the son of the late Col. Young, for publicly "applauding the death of his father." In Denton, another partisan shot a prisoner dead.

Daughter Selinda stayed in TX

Selinda has children b. in Cooke County, from 1857 until 1874.

Return to Missouri

Malinda and Jesse returned to MO prior to 1870. He was running the county farm, and her son Allen from her first marriage to Thomas Locke Beckner was living there, also. Apparently Allen was a widower.

1870 census, Flat Creek Twp., Pettis County, MO

Jesse McPherson, 65, Keeper County farm, value of personal property \$300, b. in KY

Melinda McPherson, 63, keeps house, b. in KY

Allen M. Bukner, 35, farming, m. in MO (*Thomas and Malinda's son*)

Thomas Bukner, 18, unknown occupation, b. in MO (*Thomas and Malinda's grandson*)

William Bukner, 8, b. in MO (*Thomas and Malinda's grandson*)

And the following, listed as paupers: Nancy Saxe, Tennenped Ford, David Saddler (black), Susan Hainline (black), Jane Huddleson, James Huddleson, Polly A. Huddleson, Anna Huddleson, John Huddleson, Saml. H. Bird, Mary Smith, Orlando Smith, William Bottems, Mary Bottems, Margaret Bottoems, Dora Bottems, John Bottems

Note: there is a Thomas Benton, colored, on the following page, about the age Thomas H. Benton of Newbold Cannon's will would be.

ship.

Jesse McPherson was awarded the contract for keeping the county poor, for the year commencing March, 1873, at \$2.20 per week.

Jesse McPherson, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 12.3.1872

Jesse d. in 1873

State of Missouri
County of Bell

The last will and Testament of
Jesse McPherson of State and County aforesaid
In the name of God Amen

I, Jesse McPherson considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life, and being of sound mind
and memory do make and publish this my
last Will and Testament, in manner and
form following (that is to say)

First, I want all my just debts and funeral
expenses paid. Second, I will that all my
personal property, Money, Notes, & Bonds if any
be given to my wife, Malinda McPherson
together with the following described land
to wit: The South East Quarter of South West Quarter
Sec 31 Town 47 Range 20, containing forty
acres more or less. Also a tract or parcel of
land in lot no 2 of the North West Quarter
of Sec 6 Town 46 Range 20, described as follows
(to wit) beginning at the N.E. corner of sd lot
thence running South one hundred and
forty yards, thence west one hundred and forty
yards, thence north one hundred and forty
yards, thence east one hundred and forty yards
to the place of beginning, containing four
acres more or less. Also the west half of the
South West quarter of the South East quarter
of Sec 31 Town 47 Range no 20 containing Twenty
acres. To have and to hold the aforesaid property
to her the said Malinda McPherson her heirs
and assigns forever. My Sons James W McPherson
Wm H McPherson, Stephen B McPherson and my
Daughter Selinda & Brothers, late McPherson.
I have hitherto given what I consider
their full portion of my Estate, and I hereby
appoint my beloved wife Malinda McPherson
the Sole Excutrix of this my last Will and
Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills
by me made in writing, whereof I have to set my hand and seal the
1 day of February 1873 Jesse McPherson

The above and foregoing instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by Jesse McPherson the Testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will & Testament. and we at his request sign our names here as attesting witnesses

W. V. Fisher *Witness*
Chas. C. Crawford *Witness*

State of Missouri, ss.
County of Pettis, ss.

Be it remembered that on this 26th day of May 1873 personally appeared before me Wm. H. Hill Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Pettis aforesaid, W. V. Fisher and Chas. C. Crawford the undersigned witnesses to the assumed will of Jesse McPherson and being by me first duly sworn and say that the said will was signed in their presence by John C. Crawford for the Testator and at his request and by his direction in their presence and in the presence of the Testator and that said Jesse McPherson published the said instrument of writing so signed as his last Will and Testament, that he the said Testator, was at the time publishing his said last will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that they the said deponents attested said will as witnesses therunto by subscribing their names in the presence of the said Testator

Chas. C. Crawford
W. V. Fisher

But witnesses whereof I Wm. H. Hill Judge of the Probate Court of Pettis County and State of Missouri have hereunto set my name and affixed the Seal of my said Court at office in the County aforesaid this 26th day of May 1873,

Wm. H. Hill Judge
ex officio

Jesse McPherson will, Pettis County, MO, 1873

Jesse left his land and estate to his wife, Malinda, and to her children from her marriage to Thomas Locke Beckner. Jesse said that he had four heirs, namely the 4 children he had with Nancy Cannon McPherson (James W., William H., Stephen I. and Selinda McPherson Jones Brothers), and that he had already given them what he considered their full portion of his estate. Wonder if that went over well with his natural children.

1880 census, Heaths Creek Twp., Pettis County, MO

William Fields, 56, farmer, b. in KY, father b. in England, mother b. in VA

Mary M. Fields, 49, keeping house, b. in MO, parents b. in KY

Isaac M., 23, farm laborer, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in MO

Martin G., 19, farm laborer, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in MO

Mary Ann, 14, at home, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in MO

Sarah F., 12, at home, sick, yes, chills b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in MO

John S., 10, at school, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in MO

Nettia A., 7, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in MO

Melinda McPherson, 72, mother-in-law b. in KY, parents b. in DE

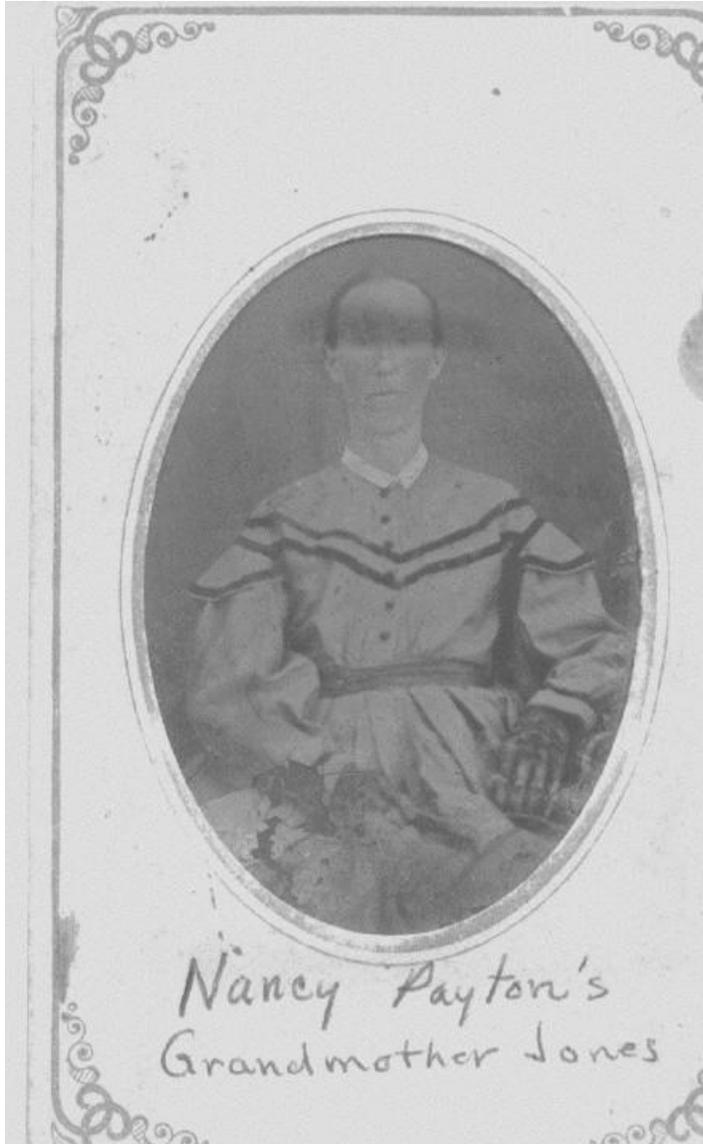
Malinda d. 4/1/1884, in Pettis County, MO. She's buried in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, in Pettis County, along with her husband, Jesse.

Children of Jesse and Nancy Cannon McPherson

Grandchildren of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon

1. James Washington McPherson, b. 9/1825, MO; m. 1st Nancy Hardgrove Taylor, 11/15/1848, Macon County, MO; m. 2nd Nancy J. McGehee, 12/21/1890, Whitefield, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory; d. before 1908.
2. William Henry McPherson, b. 9/22/1828, MO; m. Mary Ann Elizabeth London, 10/11/1851, Schuyler County, MO; d. 6/9/1901, Palo Pinto County, TX; buried in McAdams Cemetery, Graford, Palo Pinto, TX.
3. Selinda Elizabeth McPherson Jones Brothers, b. 1833, MO; m. 1st Jesse St. Clair Jones, 5/15/1848, Adair County, MO; m. 2nd Edward Brothers, 1/26/1869, Cooke County, TX; buried in Brothers Cemetery, Cooke County, TX.
4. Stephen Irenus McPherson, b. 1838, MO; m. 1st Hannah E. Michael, 1858, Grayson County, TX; m. 2nd Minnie Jane Piatt, 1875; d. before 1910, ID.

Selinda:



Info provided by David Saney:

Joined the 21st Brigade of Mounted Minutemen (TST)

Texas Rangers

The frontier troops were paid by Texas and provided protection from Indians, enforced Confederate conscription, rounded up deserters and gave protection from renegades and bandits. Texas Rangers are known as -- Rangers, Ranger Companies, Minute Men, Mounted Volunteers, Mounted Gunmen, Mounted Riflemen, Spies, Frontier Men, Texas State Troops, Special Force, Frontier Battalion and State Rangers.

According to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Museum:

"During the Civil War, Frontier Defense Troops were generally called Texas State Troops, (TST), Texas Militia or Texas Mounted. We consider these men Texas Rangers because the service they performed was that of the Texas Frontier Defense against Indians, not fighting with the Confederacy against Union Soldiers. These Texas State Troops were not part of the Confederate States Army (CSA) but served under the command and control of officers in the employ of the State of Texas, although the organization of the troops was along military lines. The first of these groups was the Frontier Regiment which existed from mid-1861 until December 1863 when the group was mustered into the CSA. This Frontier Regiment was the backbone of home security, operating under the 'legal authority' of the pistols they carried or the rifle swinging in their saddle boot and whose motto was THEY WERE THE MEN WHO COULD NOT BE STAMPEDED."

Jesse St. Clair Jones, member of Texas Rangers

Selinda:

She married 1. Jesse St Clair Jones 15 May 1848, Kirksville, Adair Co, MO.

Children of Jesse St. Clair Jones and Selinda McPherson:

Born Adair County, Missouri
James M. Jones born c1850
John Wesley Jones born 23 Feb 1852
Born Cooke County, Texas
Jesse Washington Jones born c1857
Nancy Ellen Jones born 15 Apr 1859
Mary J. Jones born Oct 1861
Cora E. Jones born c1866
She married 2. Edward Brothers 25 Jan 1869 Cooke Co, TX.

Name: Jesse St Clair Jones
Enlistment Age: 39
Birth Date: 1824
Birth Place: Mercer County, Kentucky
Enlistment: 1 Jul 1863
Enlistment: Cooke County, Texas
Enlistment Rank: Private
Muster Date: 1 Jul 1863
Muster Place: Texas
Muster Company: A
Muster Regiment: Bourland's Cavalry
Muster Regiment Type: Cavalry
Muster Information: Enlisted
Side of War: Confederacy
Survived War?: Yes
Residence Place: Cooke County, Texas
Last Known Residence Place: Cooke County, Texas
Death Date: 1868
Death Place: Cooke County, Texas
Burial Place: Cooke County, Texas
Cemetery: Ratliff-Witt Cemetery

Title: Index to Compiled Confederate Military Service Records; Research by Patricia Adkins-Rochette
prochette@juno.comwww.bourlandcivilwar.com
http://frontierfolk.net/ramsha_research/Jones2/RR01/RR01_009.HTML

31. Jesse St. Clair JONES. *Born on February 10, 1824 in Mercer County, Kentucky. Jesse St. Clair died in Cooke County, Texas on November 7, 1868; he was 44.*

On May 15, 1848 when Jesse St. Clair was 24, he married Salinda Elizabeth McPHERSON, daughter of Jesse McPHERSON & Nancy CANNON, in Adair County, Missouri. Born about 1833 in Missouri. Salinda Elizabeth died in Cooke County, Texas in 1875; she was 42.

They had the following children:

James M.. Born about 1850 in Missouri.

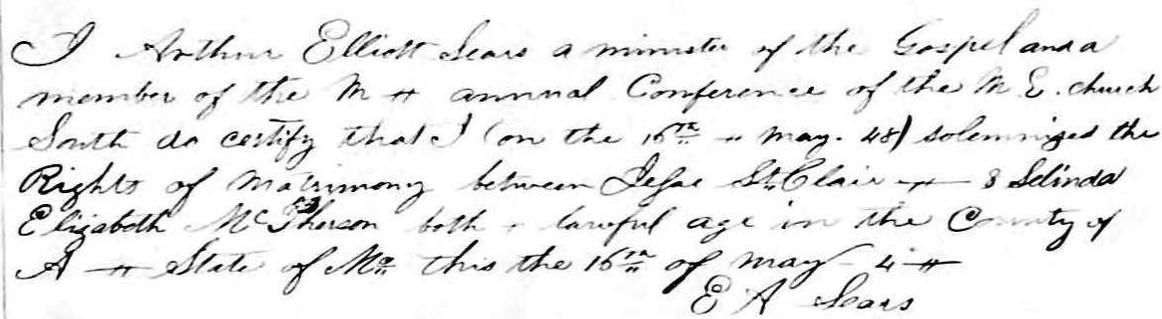
John Wesley. Born in February 1853 in Adair County, Missouri. John Wesley died in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Ark. on February 11, 1936; he was 83.

Jesse Washington. Born about 1857 in Texas. Jesse Washington died in Lone, New Mexico on June 22, 1924; he was 67.

Nancy Ellen. Born on September 15, 1859 in Gainesville, Cooke County, Tex. Nancy Ellen died in Cordelle, Washita County, Indian Territory on October 26, 1901; she was 42.

Mary J.. Born in October 1861 in Cooke County, Texas.

Cora E.. Born about 1865 in Cooke County, Texas. Cora E. died in Cooke County, Texas on October 9, 1882; she was 17.



I Arthur Elliott Sears a minister of the Gospel and a member of the M. E. Church South do certify that I (on the 15th of May 48) solemnized the Rights of Matrimony between Jesse St. Clair & Selinda Elizabeth McPherson both of lawful age in the County of A. State of Mo. this the 15th of May 48
E. A. Sears

Selinda Elizabeth McPherson St. John, marr

Selinda's second husband was Edward Brothers:

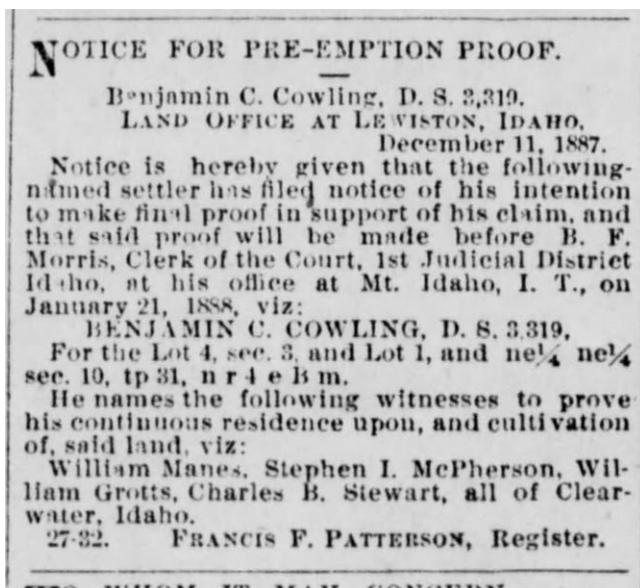
Texas Confederate Soldier C.S.A.

Side: Confederate, Company A, 16th Texas Cavalry.

Fitzhugh's Regiment. 3 Reg't, Johnson's Brigade.

Rank in: entered as) Private

Rank out: discharged as) Private



NOTICE FOR PRE-EMPTION PROOF.
Benjamin C. Cowling, D. S. 3,319.
LAND OFFICE AT LEWISTON, IDAHO.
December 11, 1887.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before B. F. Morris, Clerk of the Court, 1st Judicial District Idaho, at his office at Mt. Idaho, I. T., on January 21, 1888, viz:
BENJAMIN C. COWLING, D. S. 3,319.
For the Lot 4, sec. 3, and Lot 1, and ne $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 10, tp 31, n r 4 e B m.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
William Manes, Stephen I. McPherson, William Grotts, Charles B. Stewart, all of Clearwater, Idaho.
27-32. FRANCIS F. PATTERSON, Register.

Stephen I McPherson, land claim, IdahoCountyFreePress, 12.23.1887

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

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

In the Circuit Court of Pettis county, January term, 1891. The state of Missouri at the relation and to the use of John McGinley, collector of the revenue within and for Pettis county in the state of Missouri, plaintiff, vs. Stephen I. McPherson, defendant. Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by its attorney, Gilmer Gilbreath, and files its petition, alleging among other things, that defendant, Stephen I. McPherson, is not a resident of the state of Missouri: Whereupon it is ordered by the court that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the state of Missouri for taxes for the years 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888, on the following described real estate situated in the county of Pettis and state of Missouri, to-wit: Forty-two and one-half acres, being the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-seven [27], township forty-seven [47], range twenty [20] and unless the said Stephen I. McPherson

do and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and helden at the court house in the city of Sedalia, in said county, on the first Monday of January next, and on or before the third day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgement will be rendered accordingly. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Sedalia WEEKLY BAZOO, a newspaper printed and published in Sedalia, Pettis county, Missouri—for four weeks successively, the last insertion whereof shall be at least fifteen days before the commencement of the said January term of this court. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 29th day of October, 1890.

T. A. FOWLER, Circuit Clerk.

By E. R. MARVIN, D. C. 11-18w4t
Gilmer Gilbreath, plaintiff's attorney.

Stephen I McPherson, TheSedaliaWeeklyBazoo, 12.9.1890

Good Progress on South Fork Bridge and Trail.

Forest Ranger S. I. McPherson, who is so successfully filling the position of engineer on the South Fork trail work, was in the city last Saturday with Burt, Dick and Gene Moses, purchasing braces and rods for the bridge across the Clearwater, and reports work progressing nicely. They began work on the bridge on the 14th ult., and at the close of the month had the structure all up, stringers on and butments graded up. The braces and flooring is all the bridge lacks now to be in readiness for travel. Mat Gilbert has proffered the free use of his saw mill at his placer mine for getting out the flooring. It is understood that the Moses brothers will most likely secure a four mile contract on the trail from the liberal bid which they have made. Engineer McPherson says they are the best trail builders he ever worked with.

Shelton I McPherson, TheGrangevilleGlobe, 4.7.1909

Survey West Boundary of Reserve.

Forest Ranger S. I. McPherson was in town Saturday from the Clearwater. He has been engaged for the past two weeks with a force of men in running the west boundary of the reserve. There are three crews working on this line, one from Weiser and another farther along this way. Mr. McPherson and crew had established 25 miles of the boundary up to Saturday, which is going some in the country he has had to work over.

Shelton I McPherson, TheGrangevilleGlobe, 7.7.1909

S. I. McPherson, the Clearwater forest ranger, was in the city this week from the South Fork country, laying in supplies.

Shelton I McPherson, TheGrangevilleGlobe, 12.9.1909

William Cannon
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

William Cannon was born 3/8/1803, presumably Bath County, KY; d. after the 1833 First Census in Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.

William is NOT mentioned in Newbold's will. Did he die prior to 1835 when the first will was written? Newbold also doesn't mention any heirs for William, which makes me think William died without having children.

There's a William Cannon, married to Sarah, living in Fabius, Marion, MO, in 1791, and he also has a slave census. He says he was born in NY in 1860. I don't think this is us.

1830 census, Marion County, MO – page 26 of census. Won't print a readable copy from ancestry.com William Cannon (transcription at ancestry.com says Wm. Carman)

- 2 free white males under 5
- 1 free white male 15-20
- 1 free white male 30-40
- 3 free white females under 5
- 2 free white females 5-10
- 2 free white females 10-15
- 1 free white female 30-40
- No slaves on census

This is page 28 of the 1830 census, found at familysearch.org. Does this say William Cannon?

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SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to

NAME	FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES)																				
	MALES							FEMALES													
Color of Hair Color of Eyes Color of Complexion Profession, Occupation, or Business District	Under 5 years of age	Of 5 and under 10	Of 10 and under 15	Of 15 and under 20	Of 20 and under 25	Of 25 and under 30	Of 30 and under 35	Of 35 and under 40	Of 40 and under 45	Of 45 and under 50	Of 50 and under 55	Of 55 and under 60	Of 60 and under 65	Of 65 and under 70	Of 70 and under 75	Of 75 and under 80	Of 80 and under 85	Of 85 and under 90	Of 90 and under 95	Of 95 and under 100	
William Cannon																					
Henry Lane																					
John Brunson																					

Missouri Census, 1830-70

William Cannon

County: Lewis

Township: Canton Township – First Election

Year: 1833

Database: MO 1830-1839 Census Index

The poll books of this election are, happily, in existence, and not only are the names of the voters preserved, but it can be ascertained for whom each man voted. At that day (and indeed until during the civil war, in November, 1863,) voting in **Missouri** was by the *viva voce* method. Every voter called out to the judges the name of the candidate for whom he wished to vote, and his choice was duly recorded. At this election **Lewis** was divided into but two townships, Canton and Union. The names of the voters in each are here given:

CANTON TOWNSHIP.

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| William Hagood. | Joseph Trotter. | James La Fon. |
| Nathaniel Brown. | Andrew Johnston. | Clement Cannon. |
| Thompson Conley. | Thomas Johnston. | Inglefield Gregory. |
| Burt Gregory. | Thomas Gray. | James Bland. |
| Moses Norris. | Howard Brown. | William Cannon. |
| Silas Ramsey. | George T. Moore. | John Carnegy. |
| Robert Brown. | Middleton Smoot. | Thomas P. Wise. |
| John Brown. | Mitchell Russell. | Newbold Cannon. |
| Nathaniel Brown. | Thomas La Fon. | Ridson Smith. |
| Richard La Fon. | Gregory F. Hawkins. | William Pritchard. |
| Umbleton Gregory. | Presley D. Anderson. | Jacob Brown. |
| James Armstrong. | Elisba Lefler. | Jesse McPherson.—37. |
| Isaac L. Harrel. | | |

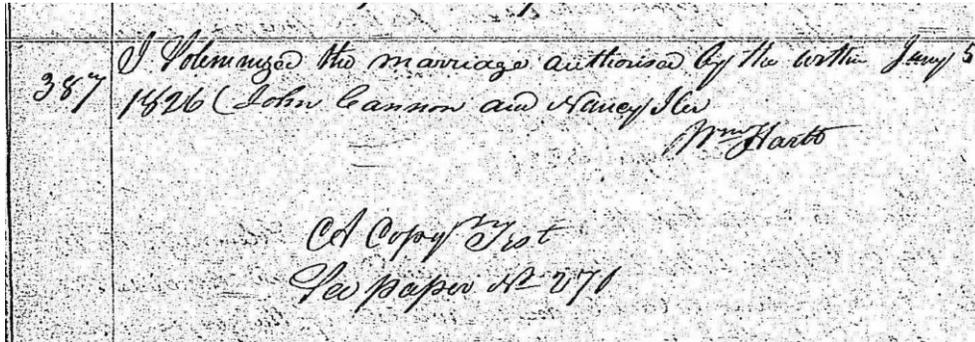
The judges were William Pritchard, Jacob Brown and Jesse McPherson; clerks, Lloyd W. Knott and Isaac B. Owsley. For some reason the last two named did not vote. Election was held at the house of Joseph Trotter, in Canton.

1833 First Elections, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO

This is the last definitive paper proof I have for William. In as much as he wasn't mentioned in his father's wills beginning in 1835, I think he must have died prior to 1835, without heirs.

John B. Cannon
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

John B. Cannon, b. 10/29/1804, presumably Bath County, KY; m. Nancy Iler, 1/5/1826, Ohio County, KY; d. 4/1852, presumably Canton Twp., Lewis County MO (date when estate papers were filed).



John B Cannon, marr cert, Ohio County, KY

1830 census, Marion County, KY

The 1830 census has Clement, Henry, William, Newbold, and NJ, but is so faded it can't be read.

There is a website that has transcribed and posted this census. They also had trouble reading names, so not sure if any of these are our John Cannon:

Carman	John	26
Carney	John B.	25
Carson	John	33
Camper	Clemment	30
Cannon	Henry	30
Cannon	Newbould	30
Cannon	Newland	29

Newbold is on page

founder of what came to be known as Cooper's settlement, which included lands in both counties. In March, 1834, he was joined by James and Willis Hicks, who located in what is now Scotland. Willis Hicks states that Cooper and John B. Cannon came to Knox County in the fall of 1833, and that Cannon settled in the northeastern corner of Benton Township (southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 63, Range 11), on what is now known as the Elijah Longfellow place, and that Cooper's location was on a tract adjoining. In a few years, say in about 1839, Cooper and Redding Roberts began the erection of a mill at Millport which was completed the same year.

Stephen Cooper was probably a native of Kentucky. He was a son of Capt. Sarshel Cooper, who, with Col. Benjamin Cooper and others, came to Howard County, Mo., prior to the war of 1812, and was killed in 1815 by the Indians. Stephen Cooper was unrelenting in his hatred of the redskins. He assisted in running the Iowa boundary line, and while engaged on the Des Moines River he met some Sac Indians whom he had fought in Howard County during the war. Cooper and the Indians were crossing the river in a canoe, and Cooper related an incident of the war on the Missouri River in which he had figured as the slayer of an Indian brave. When he informed the savages that he had shot the warrior, and had explained the circumstances, they jumped out of the canoe into the water and waded ashore, with many "ughs" and "wahs" and other ejaculations of surprise and alarm. They had been in the fight and had witnessed the shooting described by Cooper. A careful examination of the records shows that Cooper never entered any land in Knox County. He lived in the vicinity of Millport for ten years or more, and finally removed to California, where he was living a few years since. It is said that during the civil war he held an office under the Government. Neither John B. Cannon nor Redding Roberts entered land in this county prior to 1840, although both lived here at different periods. Roberts was a bachelor, and brought to the county with him about \$4,000 in gold. He lost the greater portion of this amount in mill-building and other investments. He married a Miss Tate, a sister of Chilton Tate, the old sheriff of Lewis County, and died by suicide in this county a few years since.

John B Cannon, 1887 History of Lewis County, MO, p. 568

1840 census, Lewis County, MO

John Cannon

1 free white male 30-40 (*John*)

2 free white females under 5 (Mary and Sarah Ellen)
1 free white female 5-10 (Julia Ann)
1 free white female 15-20
No slaves on census

Why is John a guardian for his own daughters, and only the eldest two at that?

Now at this day Comes John B Cannon and who
petitioner is appointed Guardian of the persons & estate
of the Estates of his Children Julia Ann Cannon & Mary
Cannon Minors under the age of sixteen years. Wherein
the said John B Cannon sets forth that he and
Nehemiah Cannon his co executor entered into and
acknowledged a Bond to the State of Missouri in the sum
of Three Hundred Dollars for the use & benefit of said Minors
Conditioned according to Law which said Bond is
by the Court approved & ordered to be filed

John B Cannon, guardian for Julia Ann and Mary Cannon, 2.1846, B.2, p. 281

Now at this day Comes John B Cannon Guardian
of the persons & estate of Julia Ann Cannon and Mary Cannon and presents
his petition verified by affidavit praying for an order of sale of the
their Real Estate for the purpose of educating said Minors
And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Court that the
personal Estate of said Minors is insufficient for that purpose
It is therefore ordered that said Guardian purchase
of the one undivided eighth part of the North West fractional quarter
of Section one Township Sixty three Range eleven West situated lying
and being in the County of St Louis & State of Missouri and being
the Land said Minors inherited from their Mother Mary
Cannon deceased And it is further ordered that said
Land be sold on a credit of Six Months and upon payment
of the purchase Money the said Cannon as Guardian and
Executor a special shall execute to the purchaser a deed of good
Warranty and that he make report of sale to this Court

Court adjourned until morning 10 o'clock

Martin C Green J. P. Sec. Pro Tem

John B Cannon, guardian for Juli Ann and Mary Cannon, 8.1846, B. 2, p. 319

It is ordered by the Court here that a citation issue against John B Cannon Guardian of his Children Commanding him to appear in this Court at the next August term to shew cause why he should not be attached and imprisoned for failing to make settlement of his accounts as such Guardian at the last February term of this Court

John B Cannon, guardian for Julia Ann and Mary Cannon, 6.1847, B. 2, p. 426

There's an entry in B. 3, p. 26, where the case is continued.

Another continuation 3.1848, B. 3, p. 117.

29 Do John Cannon of Julia Ann & Mary Ann

This account charges himself with the amt charged in inventory	54	54
To amt received from sale of land	34	00
One year interest on Bal. of 1 st item	2	00
	80	54

27 De John Cannon of Julia Ann & Mary Ann		Cannon Infant heirs of said Cannon Cr	
The accountants charge himself with the		The accountants lends himself -	
amt charged in inventory	54 54	By attending Court one day	1 50
To amt received from sale of land	34 00	" " " " get order to sell realty	1 50
One year interest on Ball of 1 st item	2 00	- trip to Knox to appraise land	5 00
		" " " " to see	5 00
		" paid Ellison for fee	5 00
		attending Court 1 day	1 50
		" " " " 1 day	1 00
		amt paid appraisers	3 00
		" " Printers	4 50
	80 54	Ball due ward	49 54
			<u>\$ 80 54</u>

Filed for record March 28th 1848
M. W. Matson Clerk

John Cannon, est settlement, heirs Julia Ann, Mary Ann, 3.28.1848

Cannon Infant heirs of said Cannon Cr	
The accountants lends himself -	
By attending Court one day	1 50
" " " " " " get order to sell realty	1 50
- trip to Knox to appraise land	5 00
" " " " " " to see	5 00
" paid Ellison for fee	5 00
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" " " " " " 1 day	1 00
amt paid appraisers	3 00
" " Printers	4 50
Ball due ward	49 54
	<u>\$ 80 54</u>

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1850 census, District 48, Lewis County, MO

- John C. Cannon, 36, Constable, b. in KY
- Nancy Cannon, 43, b. in VA
- Julian, 18, b. in MO
- Mary, 14, b. in MO
- Sarah, 12, b. in MO
- Mildred, 9, b. in MO

1850 District 48, Lewis County, MO slave census

John C. Cannon

1 11 year old male black

John was involved in settling Newbold Cannon's estate. When Esther sued her brother NJ concerning the sale of a Negro boy, John was called to testify:

A subpoena was issued to GF and "Susan" Hawkins concerning a controversy between Esther Crooks, plaintiff against Newbold J Cannon executor of Newbold Cannon deceased estate. The subpoena was dated February 28, 1853.

A subpoena was issued to Newbold J Cannon for him to appear in Monticello to present his accounts of the Justices, dated July 26, 1853.

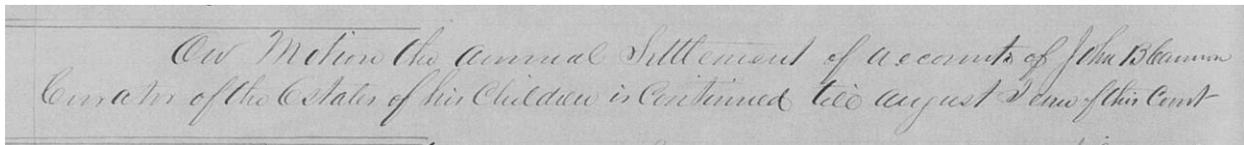
John B. Cannon, Thomas L. Beckner and Malinda Beckner were subpoenaed to appear in the matter concerning Esther Crooks and NJ Cannon.

More continuations for John's children's estates:

2/1850, B. 3, p. 293

Book 4, p. 169, another continuation, 4/1855. Another continuation: Book 4, p. 256, 4/1856.

The continuation in 1858 states that John is curator of the estates of his children. I don't know exactly what that estate is, perhaps his wife's? And the other children were too young to leave land to??



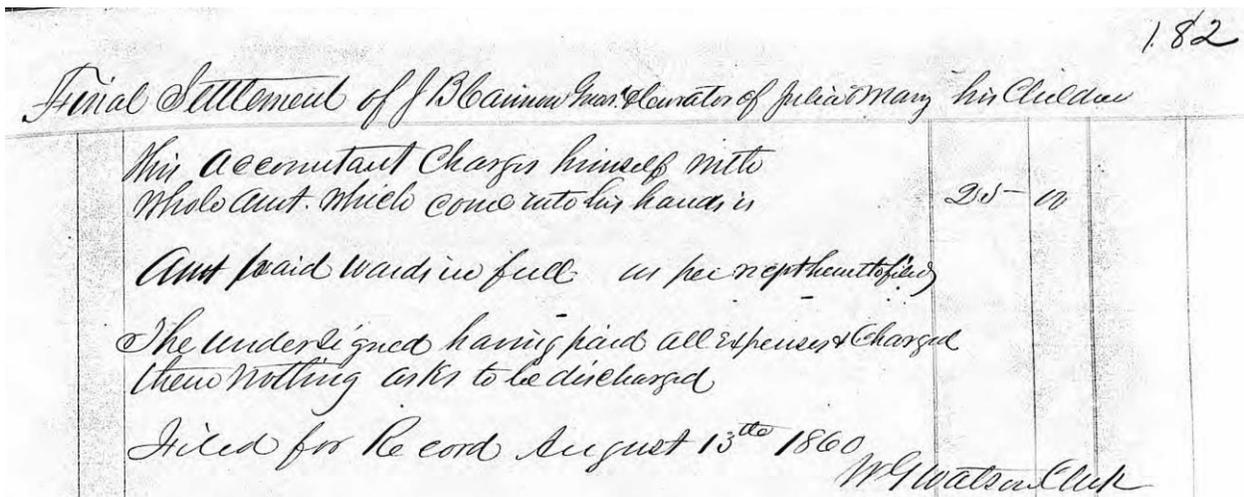
John B Cannon, 5.1858, B. 5, p. 30

1860 census, Canton, Lewis, MO

John B. Cannon, 56, farmer, real estate valued at \$1,500, property valued at \$300, b. in KY

Nancy Cannon, 55, b. in VA

Mildred Cannon, 19, b. in MO



John B Cannon, final est settlement, 8.13.1860

At this day was presented to Court the final Settlement of accounts of John B Cannon Curator of the Estate of his Children which being examined by the Court approved and ordered to be filed & recorded, And it appearing to the Court that said Curator fully paid over to said heirs all the money that came into his hands as Curator of their Estate, It is therefore ordered that said Curator be discharged from his Curatorship & that he have his Certificate thereof

John B Cannon, 8.1860, B. 5, p. 261

John d. probably April 1862

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To John W. Hawkins as principal and Asher B. Murby New
 - Assen, Davis & Thomas New as Securities as shied and
 bound to the State of Missouri in the sum of Three thousand
 dollars for the payment of which said heirs, executors
 and administrators

The Condition of the above bond is that if John
 W. Hawkins Administrator of the Estate of John B
 Cannon deceased shall faithfully administer
 said ~~Estate~~ account for pay and deliver all
 money and property of said Estate and perform
 all other things touching said administration re-
 - quired by law or the order or decree of any Court
 having jurisdiction then the above bond to be void other-
 - wise to remain in full force

In Witness Whereof We have hereunto subscribed our
 names and affixed our seals this 28th day of April 1862

John W. Hawkins
 Asher B. Murby
 H. Davis
 Tho^s O. Reese

(Seal)
 (Seal)
 (Seal)
 (Seal)

State of Missouri

John B Cannon, estate, 4.28.1862, filed 5.2.1862, p. 331

State of Missouri
 County of Lewis
 To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting
 Know ye that whereas John B Cannon late of the County of Lewis
 did intestate as it is said having at the time of his death
 property in this State which may be lost destroyed or diminished
 in value if speedy care be not taken of the same to the end
 therefore that said property may be collected preserved and
 disposed of according to law We do hereby appoint John N. Shaw
 Administrator of all and singular the goods, & Chattels
 rights and credits which were of the said John B Cannon at the time
 of his death with full power and authority to receive and dispose
 of said property according to law and to collect all moneys
 due said deceased and in general to do and perform all other
 acts and things which are or hereafter may be required of him
 by law

Seal

In testimony whereof I N. G. Watson Clerk of the
 County Court in and for the County of Lewis aforesaid
 have hereunto signed my name and affixed
 the Seal of said Court at office this 2nd day of May
 A D 1862 N. G. Watson Clerk

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N. G. Watson Clerk

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Lewis > Probate Record, Vol 5, 1858-1864

On Motion the annual Settlement of accounts of John N. Shaw's
 Administrator of the Estate of John B. Cannon deceased is continued
 until the 4th Monday in August 1863

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Lewis > Settlements, Vol E-G, 1857-1878

(281)

John B. Hawkins admr
 Op. In ac with the of John B. Cannon's dec'd. W.
 1863-1863 In ac of intestate
 Sub. bill

	1238 06	
	148 16	
	<u>1389 90</u>	
1863 May 18 &		
Articles		
By cash paid H. Millan Auctioneer	1	2 00
Auctioneering Sale	2	2 75
Advertising Adm. Notice	3	1 70
Retaining a patch	4	8 90
paid Richardson one 400	5	32 72
Road 1/2 Iron boiler	6	2 30
Michael Shuffman	7	3 26
Printing Exp. & Publishing Sale	8	70 00
Printing 1st Bank	9	22 23
Exp. Currier on Judgment	10	5 25
Stat. & County Tax 1861.	11	200 00
Mrs. Nancy Cannon		
Agitation Corporation 1/2	12	5 10
for the year 1861	13	5 60
Eastern Corporation Tax	14	26 18
General Expense	15	102 50
Treasurer Debris County	16	7 50
Dr. Currier	17	2 40
Walter Billard	18	144 87
H. B. Hawkins	19	3 72
Exp. in counting vouchers on papers of James Greenacre	20	617 77
Exp. of Administrative Detail		9 50
Check for \$950 plus per cent		50 53
Commission on \$606.72 = \$30.53		657 60
part of General Exp. of \$105 counted in		11 65
M. C. Hawkins etc deducted from \$617.77 loan		646 25
to Walter Administrated \$606.75		

Filed for Record July 28-1863
 W. G. Matson Clk.

John B Cannon, estate, 7.28.1863, p. 281

Who is Mrs. Nancy Cannon, who gets \$200? Is she John's wife?

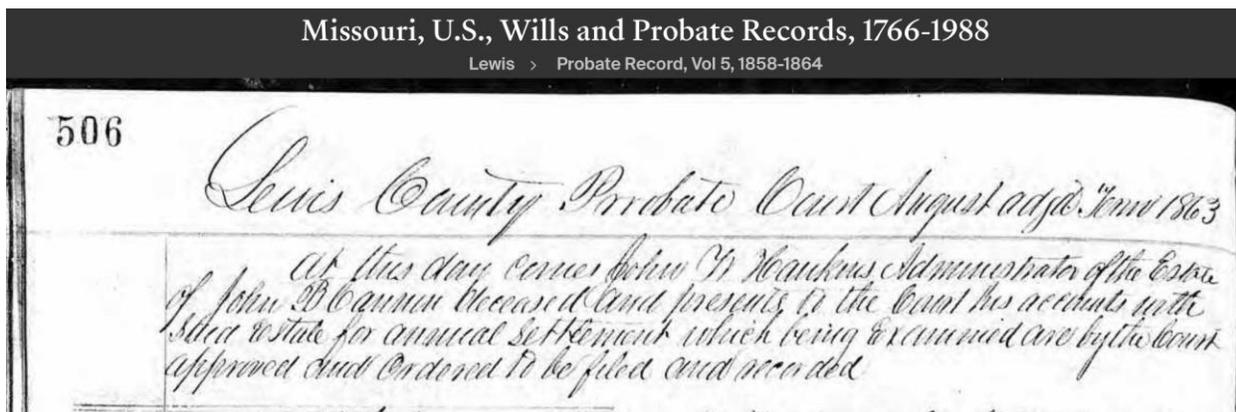
The confusion about John's wife

Online trees say that he was married to Nancy West, and that she is the mother of his children. But the only marriage cert I have for him is with Nancy Iler. Could Nancy Iler be Nancy West? And there is a tree that says his wife was Mary Tate.

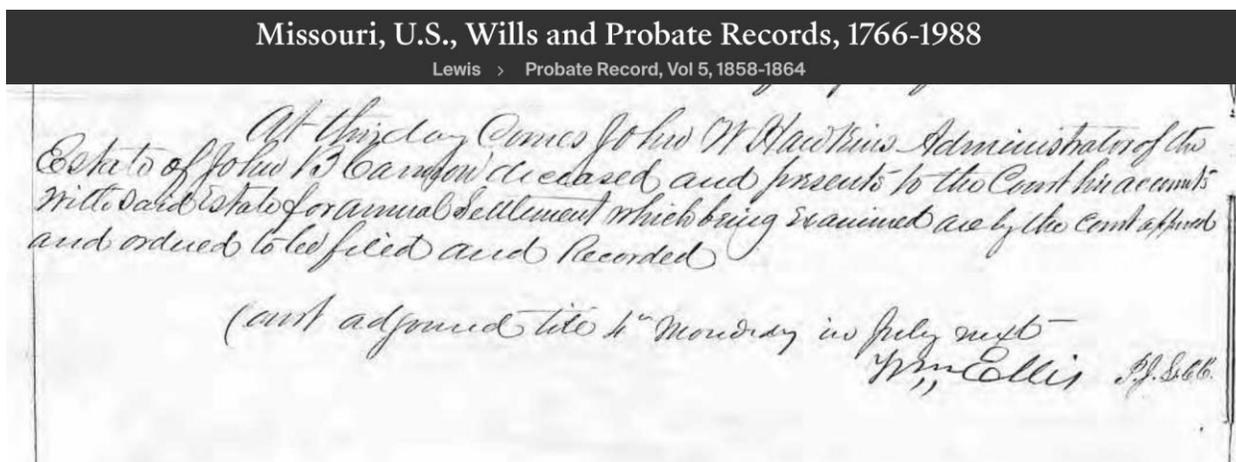
I found a John Camran (Cameron) marrying Mary Tate in 1830, in Marion County, MO. I also found some census records in Marion County for them, so I believe our John B. Cannon didn't marry Mary Tate.

On top of that, there is a guardianship for John B. Cannon, which had a final settlement date in 1860. He is acting as guardian for his two oldest daughters, Julia Ann and Mary. The other two were already born. Were they living with someone else? Their mother, maybe? Why would he have a guardianship for his own daughters???

I've spent hours trying to find obits for his children that would say who their mother was. No luck so far.



John B Cannon, 8.1863, p. 506



John B Cannon, estate, 6.1864 p. 584

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1/2	2 nd Annual Settlement for the Missouri Admrs of the Estate of John Cannon deceased	61
1/2	1864 May	
5	In Balance on first annual Settlement	739 91
	Vouchers	
	By Voucher No 1	14 40
	" " " 2	36 33
	" " " 3	43 45
	" " " 4	3 10
	" " " 5	83 00
	" " " 6	75 10
	" " " 7	88 5
	" " " 8	66 5
	" " " 9	6 10
	" " " 10	7 40
	" " " 11	5 90
	" " " 12	43 45
	" " " 13	10 90
	" " " 14	17 70
	" " " 15	31 83
	Comd of Admrs for Administrative Voucher No 26	20 28
	Comd of Admrs No 17	9 10
	" " " 18	2 56
		426 20
	Reduct for Error	7 30
		418 90
	Balance of Credits	418 91
	Due Estate	321 00
	Filed for Record June 28 th 1864	
	W. G. Watson Adm	

John B Cannon, annual settlement, 6.28.1864, p. 319

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
County of Lewis. } ss

Lewis County Court, April adj'd term 1865.
Among other proceedings the following
were had, to wit :

John W. Hawkins, Adminis- }
trator of the estate of } Order
John B. Cannon, deceas- } of
ed. } Publication.

At this day comes the Administrator as
aforesaid and files his petition in this Court
for an order for the sale of the following
described real estate to-wit: Lots six and
seven, in block twenty-two in the town of
Canton in Lewis county and the State of Mis-
souri, to pay the debts due and remaining un-
paid for want of personal assets, accompanied
by the lists, accounts and inventories required
by law in such case all verified by the affi-
davit of said Administrator. On an examina-
tion whereof it is ordered that all persons
interested in said estate be notified that ap-
plication as aforesaid has been made and
that unless the contrary be shown on or be-
fore the first day of the next term of this Court,
to be begun and held at the Court House in
the town of Monticello on the fourth Monday
in May next an order will be made for the
sale of the above described real estate or so
much thereof as will be sufficient to pay
said debt. And it is further ordered that
said Administrator cause a copy of this or-
der to be published in the CANTON PRESS, a
weekly newspaper printed in the State of
Missouri, for four weeks successively be-
fore the said first day of the next term of this
Court, until which time this cause is con-
tinued.

A copy of the order—attest,
Apr 27, '65-4w. W. G. WATSON, Clerk

FINAL SETTLEMENT All Creditors
John B Cannon, estate, TheCantonPress, 5.11.1865

Real Estate Sales.

Mr. Hallick sold to Capt. J. Halley, 160 acres 5 miles south-west of Monticello for \$3,000.

J. T. Throckmorton sold to David Roder for 160 acres 6 miles west of Monticello for \$3,200.

H. M. Durkee sold to N. Wolfen, lot on Clark street above 7th, for \$250.

J. W. Hawkins, Adm'r. of Estate of J. B. Cannon, deceased, sold to M. K. Fowler house and 2 lots corner of 4th and Montgomery streets, subject to widow's dower, for \$550.

S. M. Lloyd sold to L. R. Sherwood, west part of lot 15, 24 by 150 feet, near corner of 5th and Clark streets for \$300.

M. C. Hawkins sold to John C. Carman 40 acres 8 miles north-west of Canton for \$750. Also to James Kasor adjoining 40 acres with improvements for \$350.

John B Cannon, TheCantonPress, 12.7.1865.

The M.K. Fowler who bought John's land was his son-in-law. And the fact that this says a portion of the sale goes to the dower shows that either John's first wife died, leaving the need for him to be the guardian for his two daughters, or she didn't die (Nancy Iler Cannon), and is collecting her dower from the sale of this real estate.

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Filed for Record Aug 28 1866

Third Annual Settlement of J W Hawkins Adm of J B Cannon
Deed This account Charges himself with
amt due the Estate on 2nd annual Settlement 321 00
Proceeds of sale of Bonds and Lot 515 00
and credits himself with V No 1

V No	2	5 50
"	3	3 00
"	4	4 20
"	5	2 50
"	6	13 50
"	7	3 50
"	8	4 60
"	9	10 00
"	10	100 00
"	11	156 00
"	12	30 00
"	13	100 00
"	14	55 60
"	15	10 00
"	16	6 32
"	17	1 00
"	18	25 00
"	19	4 00
"	20	6 42
"	21	8 00
"	22	46 66
		27 49
		<u>436 00</u>
		<u>568 29</u>
		267 71

Put in my hand
Filed for Record Aug 25 1866
J W Hawkins

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John B Cannon, annual settlement, 8.28.1866, p. 420

FINAL SETTLEMENT.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Ad-
 m'r of the estate of J. B. Cannon, deceased, in-
 tends to make final settlement of said estate at the ad-
 journed May term of the Lewis County Court, to be
 held at Monticello, on the 4th Monday in June next,
 9may674w J. W. HAWKINS, Adm'r.

John B Cannon, estate, TheCantonPress, 5.16.1867

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Final Settlement of John B. Cannon's Account of J.B. Cannon's Estate

		\$	\$
<i>This account was charged with balance on last settlement</i>		267	71
<i>Out credit himself with Voucher No.</i>	23		86 12
" " "	24		9 25
" " " "	25		9 60
" " " "	26		10 00
" " " "	27		28 00
" " " "	28		30 00
" " " "	29		27 62
" " " "	30		5 00
" " " "	31		8 20
" " " "	32		4 00
" " " "	33		5 95
" " " "	34		12 18
<i>Balance in my hands</i>			11 79
		267	71
		267	71

Taken for Bond July 22 1867 J.B. Cannon Clerk

John B Cannon, final settlement, 7.22.1867, p. 15

1870 census, Twp. 62, Range 6, Lewis County, MO

Washington Bray, 55, Farmer, b. in VA, cannot read, cannot write

Mary Bray, 56, at home, b. in VA, blind

Thomas Stevenson?, 28, farmer, b. in MO, cannot read, cannot write

Anna Stevenson, 28, keeps house, b. in MO, cannot read, cannot write

Nancy Connon, 65, without occupation, b. in VA, cannot read

1880 census, LaGrange, Lewis, MO

Milton E. Crooks, 57, miller, b. in KY, parents b. in KY

Henry M. Crooks, female, 49, keeping house, b. in MO; parents b. in KY

Nancy Cannon, 73, widow, boarder, unemployed, b. in VA, parents b. in VA

Henry M. Crooks, is Henry Margaret Cannon Crooks, daughter of Henry Cannon, so Nancy is living with her niece by marriage.

Children of John B. and Nancy Iler Cannon

Grandchildren of Newbold and Unicy Bounds Cannon

1. Julia Ann Cannon Blackburn, b. 7/28/1832, MO; m. John M. Blackburn, 12/27/1850, Lewis County, MO; d. 7/28/1877; buried in Dover Cemetery, La Grange, Lewis, MO.

2. Mary Cannon Kennedy, b. about 1836, MO; m. Joseph E. Kennedy, 12/1/1859, Lewis County, MO; d.
3. Sarah Ellen Cannon Ellis, b. 11/8/1838, MO; m. Robert Payne Ellis, 11/4/1858, Lewis County, MO; d. 8/4/1909, Ewing, Lewis, MO; buried in Riverview Cemetery, La Grange, Lewis, MO.
4. Mildred Malvina Cannon Fowler, b. 4/12/1842, MO; m. Milford Kendall Fowler, 5/18/1864, Lewis County, MO; d. 12/1/1920, Bolivar, Henderson TN; buried in Forest Grove Cemetery, Canton, Lewis, MO.

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J. by the undersigned a Justice of the
 Blackburn peace within & for said county of Lewis
 Mo. that on the 27th day of December 1850 I did
 according to Law join in Marriage at
 the county aforesaid John Blackburn
 with Julia Ann Cannon daughter of
 John B Cannon Esq. Given under my
 hand and seal at the county aforesaid
 this 30th day of Dec^r 1850
 Henry S. Miller J. P. L. Co.
 Filed for Record March 20th 1851
 J. P. Blair Recorder
 State of Missouri

Julia Ann Cannon Blackburn, marr cert, Lewis County, MO

VISIT.
 Mrs. Robert Ellis a former resi-
 dent of Sunny Side died at Ewing
 on Wednesday Aug. 4th and was
 buried at LaGrange next day.

Sarah Ellen Cannon Ellis, obit, LewisCountyJournal, 8.13.1909

Mrs. Robert Ellis who had a stroke of paralasys last week passed away Wednesday morning Aug. 4th. The funeral will be at La-Grange preached by Rev. Hower-ton.

Sarah Ellen Cannon Ellis, obit, LewisCountyJournal, 8.13.1909.2

Mildred Malvina Fowler died in St. Louis Dec. 1st, 1920, aged 78 years and 8 months.

She was married to Milford K. Fowler March 18, 1864, to which union three children were born, viz; Mesdames Robert Critchfield of St. Louis, John Graham and Thomas Quigley of Chicago. Deceased spent the greater portion of her long and useful life in Canton, but with the infirmities of age coming upon her, she and her husband were permitted to make their home in St. Louis with her daughter where they could be better cared for. At an early age she united with the M. E. Church south, and during all these years she maintained an abiding faith in her master.

Her remains were brought to Canton and her funeral was conducted by Rev. Showmaker at McKendree church where she retained her membership until death, Sunday morning and funeral was in Forest Grove. Her three sorrowing daughters saw that she was laid tenderly away to await the resurrection morn.

Mildred Malvina Cannon Fowler, obit, TheCantonPress, 12.20.1920

Malinda Cannon Beckner
Daughter of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson, b. 7/28/1807, presumably Bath County, KY; m. 1st Thomas Locke Beckner, 1/19/1826 in Bath County, KY; m. 2nd Jesse McPherson, 7/27/1859, Lewis County, MO (husband of her sister, Nancy Cannon McPherson); d. 4/6/1884, Pettis County, MO; buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, Pettis County, MO.



Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson stone, Bethlehem Bap. Cem., Pettis County, MO.2



Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson stone, Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery



Jesse and Malinda Cannon Beckner McPherson stone, Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, Pettis County, MO

She married Thomas Locke Beckner, brother of Elizabeth Anne Beckner Cannon (her sister-in-law) Elizabeth married Newbold NJ in January, 1829, in Fleming County, KY.

After Thomas' death, she married the widower of her sister, Nancy Cannon McPherson.

Thomas was born 1804, d. 1854. They married 1/19/1826 in Bath County, KY.

Beckner researcher:

Thomas Locke Beckner's will was probated in Lewis county, Missouri, on 7 February 1854. Note: The Beckners of Fleming County, KY, shows two additional children, Shelton and William in this family. Thomas and family appear on the 1840 and 1850 Lewis County, Missouri, Census. Melinda and her second husband Jesse McPherson appear on the 1860 Cooke, Texas, 1870 Pettis, and the 1880 Moniteau, Missouri, Census.

I checked the Moniteau census; it may be her children, but it doesn't include her.

Malinda was mentioned in her father, Newbold, Sr.,'s, will, with regards to inheriting a servant girl named Nancy. Also, there are many documents concerning Thomas L. Beckner vis a vis Newbold Cannon Sr estate.

If the dates for the birth of the children is correct, they were in MO by 1830, which makes sense. It seems the families arrived in MO in 1829.

7. [Allen M. BECKNER](#) b: 1835 in Lewis Co., Virginia ??
8. [Nancy Eunice BECKNER](#) b: 1827 in Kentucky
9. [Mary M. BECKNER](#) b: 5 SEP 1830 in Missouri
10. [Martha BECKNER](#) b: 1838 in Missouri
11. [William BECKNER](#) b: 1840
12. [Thomas Shelton BECKNER](#) b: in Missouri

Land Patent

Thomas Beckner of Marion County, MO 80 acres

Issue date: 4/24/1833

Land Office: Palmyra, document number 2615

E ½ SE, Section 33, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Thomas L. Beckner of Lewis County, MO

40 acres

Issue date: 10/21/1835

Land Office: Palmyra, document number 6449

NWSW, Section 20, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Thomas L. Beckner of Lewis County, MO

40 acres

Issue date; 10/21/1835

Land Office: Palmyra, document number 6450

SWNW, Section 29, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Thomas L. Beckner of Lewis County, MO

80 acres

Issue date: 10/21/1835

Land office: Palmyra, document number 6453
W ½ NE, Section 20, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Thomas L. Beckner of Lewis County, MO
80 acres

Issue date: 4/10/1837

Land office: Palmyra, document number 7225
W ½ SE, Section 12, Township 62-N, Range 7-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Thomas L. Beckner of Lewis County, MO
80 acres

Issue date: 4/10/1837

Land office: Palmyra, document number 7865
W ½ SW, Section 7, Township 62-N, Range 6-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Thomas L. Beckner of Lewis County, MO
80 acres

Issue date: 11/21/1837

Land office: Palmyra, document number 9552
E ½ SE, Section 12, Township 62-N, Range 7-W, 5th PM, Lewis County

Thomas and his wife apparently immigrated to MO with the Cannons. Of all the people I've been researching, Thomas is initially the biggest land purchaser. Later, he will default on a deed on which his father-in-law, Newbold Cannon, was security. Newbold will change his will, specifically stating that if his son-in-law doesn't repay to the estate the money Thomas owed it, that daughter Malinda Cannon Beckner will receive nothing. Also, Thomas, who had been a co-administrator on the first will Newbold filed, was removed, and NJ Cannon and John B. Cannon were made co-administrators. There was quite a bit of contentiousness between the Cannons during the settlement of Newbold's will. For all that information, please see Newbold Cannon's notebook.

I haven't found an 1830 census; they were very likely in MO at this time, as the Cannons were, and they seemed to be immigrating at the same time. It may be that Thomas and Malinda were living with one of the other families, and don't have their own record.

1840 census, Lewis County, MO

Thomas L. Bickner

2 free white males under 5 (*Allen, William?*)

1 free white male 30-40 (*Thomas*)

1 free white female under 5 (*Martha*)

1 free white female 5-10 (*Mary*)

1 free white female 10-15 (*Nancy*)

1 free white female 30-40 (*Malinda*)

No slaves on census

3 people engaged in agriculture

1850 census, District 48, Lewis County, MO

Thos. L. Beckner, 46, real estate value \$1,100, born in KY

Malind Beckner, 33, born in KY
Allen M., 14, born in MO, attended school in last year
Martha E., 12, born in MO, attended school in last year
Thos. C?, 10, born in MO, attended school in last year

See **1850 slave schedule with Peter L. Beckner; lists slaves belonging to a Thomas Beckner.**
Thomas apparently died in 1854; his will was probated in Lewis County, MO, 2/7/1854.

His widow, Malinda Cannon Beckner, married again in Lewis County, MO, to Jesse McPherson, widowed husband of her late sister, Nancy Cannon McPherson.

1860 census, Gainesville, Cooke, TX

J. McPherson, 56, farmer, value of real estate \$1,000, value of personal property, \$4054, b. in KY
Malinda McPherson, 53, b. in KY
Perry Wilson McPherson, 12, b. in TX
Lafayette McPherson, 10, b. in TX

On the same census page, right above Malinda, is Eunice Diffendaffer. There is confusion between the sources concerning Eunice's parents. Malinda's brother, Andrew, had a daughter Eunice, and some sources say she married Diffendaffer. Thomas L. and Malinda had a daughter named Nancy Eunice, and some sources say this is the girl who married Diffendaffer. It makes more sense to me that the daughter in TX with Malinda and Jesse McPherson is Malinda's daughter.

Eunice married Joseph Diffendaffer in MO. Right below Malinda's entry is Allen Beckner, a son of Thomas L. and Malinda. Allen is married, has his wife and children with him.

Concerning Eunice:

According to rootsweb:

Joseph Henry Diffendaffer, b. 5/25/1820, Warren, OH, d. 12/10/1863, Lubbock TX

Married Eunice Emaline Beckner (*which may not be the name of Malinda's daughter, thought her name was Nancy Eunice*) 4/6/1849.

Eunice Beckner Diffendaffer was born 3/6/1827, d. 5/31/1867. So whoever this girl is, she moved back to Lewis, MO, after the death of her husband.

There are several McPhersons buried in Lubbock, TX.

1870 census, Flat Creek, Pettis, MO

Jesse McPherson, 65, **Keeper County farm**, value of personal property \$300, b. in KY

Melinda McPherson, 63, keeps house, b. in KY

Allen M. Bukner, 35, farming, m. in MO

Thomas Bukner, 18, unknown occupation, b. in MO

William Bukner, 8, b. in MO

And the following, listed as paupers: Nancy Saxe, Tennenped Ford, David Saddler (black), Susan Hainline (black), Jane Huddleson, James Huddleson, Polly A. Huddleson, Anna Huddleson, John Huddleson, Saml. H. Bird, Mary Smith, Orlando Smith, William Bottems, Mary Bottems, Margaret Bottoems, Dora Bottems, John Bottems

Note: there is a Thomas Benton, colored, on same page, about the age Thomas H. Benton, the slave boy who was to be given by deed to Priscilla, slave of Newbold Cannon. I have no way of knowing if this is the same person.

Newbold J (NJ) Cannon, Jr.
Son of Newbold, Sr., and Unicy Bounds Cannon

He has his own section.