

The children of
Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner
Parents of Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon

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Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner had a dozen children. Of those, some stayed in Kentucky, others moved to Missouri when their parents did. The names below in blue died in Kentucky; the names in black died in Missouri. Life in Kentucky during the Civil War would have been trying. Mary Beckner Overly sent three sons to the war; two for the North, one for the South!

This excerpt describes how challenging times could be for civilians during the war. It sounds like what was experienced in NE Kentucky was in ways similar to the stresses in NE Missouri, where those of the family that left Kentucky settled.

The writer of this sketch, who was himself a Confederate soldier could give the names of some of the cowardly skulks who imposed upon the Southern sympathizers of this section by professing to be employed in the secret service of the South, but who were either deserters or bummers from the rebel army. The "captains," "majors," and "colonels," were the heroes of many battles. They told miraculous stories of bloody encounters with home-guards and bush-whackers in passing through the enemy's lines; were sometimes compelled to eat their "dispatches," to prevent them from falling into the hands of the foe; and they generally succeeded in impressing the too credulous sympathizer with the vast importance of themselves and their mission. They were fat, sleek-looking fellows, wore citizen soldier clothes and were usually armed with revolvers and bridles, the latter being the more effective weapon in their hands. Though they were not familiar with the "biz" of bullets, and knew little of Hardee's Tactics, yet they were thoroughly drilled in the art of horse stealing and practiced it indiscriminately upon the farmers of North Eastern Kentucky. Their booty was generally taken to the neutral territory, that lying between the hostile armies in Virginia, where it was disposed of and the proceeds spent in riotous living.

The names in blue remained in KY.

Children of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

1. John Beckner, b. 1793; m. Mary Polly Parker, 2/15/1815, Greenup County, KY; d. 1829, presumably Fleming County, KY.
2. Jacob Locke Beckner, b. 4/23/1795 Fleming County, KY; m. Nancy West Lancaster, 1/23/1820, Bath County, KY; d. 10/20/1846, Letcher County, KY.
3. Peter L. Beckner, b. 9/13/1797, Fleming County, KY; m. Mary "Polly" Arnett Ledford, 5/28/1821, Bath County, KY; d. 2/3/1859, Nicholas County, KY; buried in Mr. Zion Church Graveyard, Nicholas County, KY
4. Abraham L. Beckner, b. 1799, Fleming County, KY; m. Elizabeth Kincaid, 3/26/1823, Bath County, KY; d. 9/1854, Lewis County, MO. **Elizabeth is buried in Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL.**
5. Esther Hester Hetty Beckner Silvy, b. 1800, Fleming County, KY; m. Lewis Silvy, 2/11/1819, Fleming County, KY; d. after 1840, before 12/28/1844, Dearborn County, IN (presumable place of death). Lewis remarried 1844.
6. Hannah Beckner Sweet, b. 1802, Fleming County, KY; m. Joshua Sweet, 3/6/1822, Fleming County, KY; d. between 1845 and 1850, Fleming County, KY.

7. Thomas Locke Beckner, b. 1804, Fleming County, KY; m. Malinda Cannon, 1/19/1826, Bath County, KY; d. 2/1854, Lewis County, MO. Probate was recorded 2/7/1854, in Lewis County, MO. (Malinda was sister of Newbold J NJ Cannon).
8. William Andrew Beckner, b. 3/13/1806, Fleming County, KY; m. 1st Malinda Ledford, 3/3/1825, Bath County, KY; m. 2nd Sophia Brown, 2/18/1842, Marion County, MO; d. 3/3/1880, Knox County, MO; buried Colony Cemetery, Colony, Knox, MO.
9. [Mary Polly Beckner Overly, b. 1808, Fleming County, KY; m. Jacob Overly, 1824, Fleming County, KY; d. about 1872, Fleming County, KY; buried Log Union Cemetery, Fleming County, KY.](#)
10. **Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**, b. 1811, Fleming County, KY; m. Newbold (NJ) Cannon 1/15/1829, Fleming County, KY; d. 9/17/1870, Clark County or Lewis County, MO; buried Wyaconda Baptist Church Cemetery, Canton Twp., Lewis County, MO.
11. Ruamy/Rheuamy Beckner Kell, b. 1/22/1813, Fleming County, KY; m. Benjamin Kell, 9/13/1832, Dearborn County, IN; d. 10/20/1848, Lewis County, MO; buried Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Canton, Lewis, MO.
12. Margaret Beckner Welker, b. 1816, Fleming County, KY; m. Joseph Welker, 6/24/1834, Dearborn County, IN; d. after 1857, MO?

It looks as if the first child married in 1815; therefore, I think they would have all been on the 1800 census.

**1800 Second Census of Kentucky Tax Lists
Buckner Frederick Fleming 8/11/1800 page 38**

The oldest son had probably left home by 1810; Margaret and Ruamy weren't born yet.

**1810 census, Flemingsburg, Fleming, KY
Frederick Bakner (I think it reads Beckner)**

2 males under 10 (*Thomas, Andrew*)
 3 males 10-15 (*Jacob, Peter, Abraham*)
 1 male 26-44 (*Frederick*)
 2 females under 10 (*Hannah, Elizabeth*)
 1 female 10-15 (*Esther*)
 1 female 26-44 (*Mary*)

1820 census, Fleming County, KY

Frederick Beckner

1 male 10-16 (*Andrew*)
 1 male 16-18 (*Thomas*)
 2 males 16-26 (*Abraham, Peter*)
 1 male 45+ (*Frederick*)
 3 females under 10 (*Mary, Ruamy, Margaret*)
 1 female 10-16 (*Elizabeth*)
 1 female 16-26 (*Hannah*)
 1 female 26-44 (*don't know*)
 1 female 45+ (*Mary*)

I don't think there is a mark under slave columns

Also on this 1820 census page are Lewis Silvey, son-in-law of Frederick Beckner and

Gregory Hawkins, possibly husband of Sarah Cannon Hawkins (sister-in-law of Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon)
Several pages prior is Jacob Beckner, Frederick's son
Frederick's nephew? another brother? Jacob Beckner and Frederick's brother Henry's entries are several census pages later, next to each other

John died in KY in 1829

Jacob died in KY in 1846

Peter died in KY in 1859

Hannah Beckner Sweet died in KY in 1845

Mary Beckner Overly died in KY in 1872

Ruamy Beckner Kell moved to IN, moved to MO, died in **MO** in 1848

Esther Beckner Silvy moved to IN

Abraham L didn't move to **MO** until **1851**, and died there in 1854

Thomas L., died in MO in 1854

Andrew died in MO in 1880

Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon died in MO in 1870

Margaret Beckner Welker died in MO? after 1850

Thomas, Andrew, Elizabeth and Margaret all moved to MO in the late 1820's/early 1830's.

Several Beckners were slaveholders. Jacob, Peter, Hanna, Thomas (although not in MO, if at all) and NJ/Elizabeth (in MO) show slaves on their census records.

This also from internet; haven't confirmed information <http://genealinks.com/records/records079.htm>

Peter Beckner Elizabeth Caska 1823 Flemings Kentucky

Jacob Beckner Jane Gordon 2 Nov 1813 Flemings Kentucky

William Collins Elizabeth Beckner 25 Jan 1818 Fleming Kentucky

Henry Beckner Sally Medlan 4 Dec 1821 Nicholas Kentucky

<http://genealinks.com/records/records079.htm>

I purchased a CD of 'Lewis County, Mo, History of 1887.' In it are the following land entries:

Twp 61, Range 6 Sec. 3 **John Crooks 1835** (page 156)

Twp 62, Range 6 Sec. 7 **Thomas L. Bickner, 1836**

Twp 62, Range 6, Sec. 1 **NJ Cannon, 1833**

Joseph Welker (possible husband of Margaret Beckner)

Twp 62, Range 6, Sec. 18 **Jesse McPherson, 1833; Andrew Bickner, 1834**

Twp 62, Range 6, Sec. 29 **Gregory F. Hawkins, Madison C. Hawkins, 1834**

The Cannons and the Beckners

Note: there is quite a bit of overlap between the Beckner and Cannon families, due to two of the Beckner children marrying Cannon children, and the families immigrating to Missouri together, etc. Make sure to read the Cannon notebooks, also.

This is copied from Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner's narrative. It speaks to their heirs:

Sheriff Deed, 9/15/1857, page 454

I don't entirely understand what is happening here; perhaps I don't have all the pertinent documents.

There is a sale by Sheriff J.A. Richardson for real estate previously owned by Frederick. The date of the Sheriff's sale was 9/15/1857.

BUT: In 1850, some of Frederick's heirs asked the court to force a sale of the land, and Andrew Beckner purchased it.

...witnesseth that whereas at the May term AD 1850 of Lewis Circuit Court the petition for partition wherein' the plaintiffs petitioned the court for partition and were granted their 'prayers,' and the sheriff was ordered to sell the land on '22nd day of October AD 1850'

Between the Aug. 1845 filing date, and the above Nov. 15, 1845 document, Mary Beckner died. Her will was probated Oct. 4, 1845.

I have a sheriff's deed dated 1857, where Andrew Beckner bought at sheriff's sale two pieces of land, one being the land mentioned above that Frederick purchased in Frederick purchased land in Sec. 18 in 1838 (E½ NE¼ Sec 18, Twp 62, R6W), and an original land patent in Sec. 17 in 1839 (SW¼ NW¼ Sec 17, Twp 62, R6W).

The plaintiffs in the case are:

Andrew Beckner, Peter Beckner, Thomas L. Beckner, Newbold J. Cannon and Elizabeth A. Cannon, Benjamin Kell, Sanford Kell, Samuel Kell, Luis Kell, Emily Kell, William Kell, Benjamin Kell and Ruamy Elizabeth Kell minor heirs, by their guardian Benjamin Kell.

The defendants are:

Abraham Beckner, Jacob Overly and Mary Overly, Joseph Walker and Margaret Walker, and the unknown heirs of Jacob Beckner deceased, the unknown heirs of John and Hannah Sweet, Deceased, and the unknown heirs of Luis and Hester Sylvia, deceased.

You can see that the Silvys, the Sweets, and Ruamy Kell have died between the 1840 will of Frederick and 1850, or 1857, depending on when the list of heirs was made. From what I've learned at rootsweb, John Sweet was killed in 1857, so this list may be current as of 1857, not 1850.

HOWEVER, Abram is listed as an heir, but he died in 1854, so I am confused about dates of death for the Sweets, especially. Did they die prior to 1850? If so, then the story online about Joshua Sweet being murdered in 1857 is inaccurate. Of course, notice that the will mentions John Sweet, not Joshua. Confusing.

This Sheriff deed made this the 15 day of September AD 1857 between James A. Richardson late Sheriff of the County of Lewis and State of Missouri of the first part and Andrew Beckner of the County of said State opposed of the second part witnesseth that Whereas at the May term AD 1850 of the Lewis Circuit Court on the petition for partition wherein Andrew Beckner Peter Beckner Thomas L. Beckner Newbold J. Cannon and Elizabeth A. Cannon Benjamin Kell Sanford Kell Samuel Kell Luis Kell Emily Kell William Kell Benjamin Kell and Ruamy Elizabeth Kell

Kell Samuel Kell Lewis Kell Emily Kell William Kell
 Benjamin Kell and Nancy Elizabeth Kell Minors heirs
 Benjamin Howard Kell by their Guardian Benjamin
 Kell are plaintiffs And Abraham Becken Jacob
 Conly and May Conly Joseph Walker and Margaret
 Walker and the unknown heirs of Jacob Becken dead
 the unknown heirs of Julia and Hannah Lewis
 deceased and the unknown heirs of Lewis and Hester Gil-
 bid deceased are defendants by which said judgment
 the said Circuit Court in accordance with the prayer
 of said petition ordered the Sheriff of the County
 of Lewis to sell the real estate in said petition men-
 tioned And whereas the said party of the first part
 in pursuance of said order did on the 22nd day
 of October AD 1852 at the Court House door in the
 Town of Monticello in said County of Lewis where
 said Court was in Session expose said real estate in
 said order mentioned publicly at auction for ready
 money as in said order mentioned having previously
 given notice by advertisement the same by ten hand
 bills signed by the said James A Richardson Sheriff of
 Lewis County set up in the most public places
 in said County stating the time place and terms of
 said sale and what real estate was to be sold and
 when situate between the hands of mine in the fore
 noon and five in the afternoon of said day
 when and where the said Andrew Becken being
 then and there the highest and best bidder became
 the purchaser of the east half of the north east
 quarter of Section Eighteen (18) and the south west
 quarter of the north west quarter of Section No Seven-
 teen (17) all in Township No Sixty Two (62) of Range
 No Six (6) West Containing 120 acres of land more or
 less situate in the County of Lewis and State of Miss-
 sippi for the sum of one thousand dollars and
 whereas said party of the first part made a report
 of said sale and the proceedings thereon to
 the said Circuit Court at the September term 1857 thereof
 which said report was seen by said Court and said
 sale approved Now there fore in consideration
 of the premises and the said sum of one thousand
 dollars to the said James A Richardson in hand
 paid by the said Andrew Becken the receipt whereof
 is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and
 sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and
 sell unto the said Andrew Becken his heirs
 and assigns forever all the right title and interest
 the said parties in said partition had in and to said

4/2022

I found Mary's probate at ancestry.com. She died without a will, and Newbold J. Cannon was made her administrator.

State of Missouri }
County of Lewis } This day personally
-ally appeared before me S. H. Blair
Clerk of the County Court within
& for said County Newbold J. Cannon
Administrator of Mary Beckner deceased
and makes oath that said deceased
decedent leaving as her heirs the following
named persons to wit, Jacob Beckner
whose residence is not known the heirs
of Betty Silby who married Lewis
Silby & resided in the State of Indiana
Dearborn County Peter Beckner
who resides in Bath County Ky
Abraham Beckner and Polly Corley
who married Jacob Corley who resides
in Fleming County & State of Ky
Hannah Sweet who married Joshua
Sweet & resides in Fleming County Ky
Margaret Wilke who married Joseph

Helhu & Meads in the State of Illinois
 And Thomas Beckner Andrew Beckner
 Ruany Steel who married Benjamin
 Beck and Elizabeth Ann Cannon
 who married Newbold Cannon
 all of whom reside in Lewis County
 And State of Missouri that said
 deceased died without will, that
 I will make a perfect inventory
 of and faithfully administer all the
 estate of said deceased and pay
 the debts as far as the assets will
 extend and the law direct and account
 for & pay all assets which shall come
 to his possession or knowledge
 Subscribed & Sworn to before
 (This the 4th day of Octr 1845)
 J. M. Blain Clerk } N. J. Cannon
 By J. M. Blain Dep }

Newbold J NJ Cannon was her administrator (husband of Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon).

Of the 12 children Mary and Frederick Beckner had, 11 are mentioned here. The only one not mentioned is John, who died in 1829, supposedly from a farm injury. I believe John had at least 7 children, but they aren't mentioned in the will.

Esther (Hetty) is the only other child who had died prior to Mary's probate in 1845.

Jacob L. Beckner, residence not known

*the heirs of Hetty Silvy, who married Lewis Silvy and resided in the state of Indiana and county of Dearborn
Peter Beckner, who resides in Bath County, KY
Abraham Beckner and
Polly Overly who married Jacob Overly who resides in Fleming County, KY
Hannah Sweet who married Joshua Sweet and resides in Fleming County, KY
Margaret Welker who married Joseph Welker and resides in the state of Illinois
Thomas Beckner
Andrew Beckner
Ruamy Keels who married Benjamin Keels
Elizabeth Ann Cannon who married Newbold J Cannon, all of whom live in Lewis County, MO*

John Beckner
Son of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

John Beckner was born about 1793, and **died about 1829**. He married Mary "Polly" Parker, 2/5/1815, in Greenup County, KY.

I found a website that included this information about John:

*John purchased 100 acres of land on the 16th of February 1811, in Fleming county, KY (Deed Book D, p. 329). He is listed on the 1812 Tax List for Fleming County. John and family appear on the 1820 Fleming, Kentucky, Census. In 1823, a paternity suit was filed against John, by John Smith – for daughter Keziah – under age 21. John lost the suit. **He died from a farm injury in 1829. Frederick and Jacob Locke were appointed administrators of his estate in January 1830 (Fleming county).** The estate inventory sale was held May 2, 1831, in Fleming County.*

Wife Polly appears on the 1830 and 1840 Fleming Census records.

If the list that follows is correct, his wife was pregnant when he died, and had a baby after his death.

Children of John Beckner:

1. [James W. Beckner](#) b: ABT 1815; d. 1891
2. [Perry Beckner](#) b: ABT 1819 in Fleming County, KY; d. 1890
3. [Alfred G. Beckner](#) b: 13 JAN 1821 in Fleming County, KY (m. Evelyn Mers 3/3/1844); d. 1904
4. [Edward Beckner](#) b: ABT 1824; d. 1880
5. [John A. Beckner](#) b: ABT 1826; d. 1880
6. [Henry Beckner](#) b: ABT 1828
7. [Ambrose Beckner](#) b: 2 JAN 1830 in Kentucky; d. 1904

If the list of children (rootsweb) is accurate, James, Perry, Alfred and Henry had children.

John may have been a soldier in War of 1812; there are records for a John Beckner private, 5 REG'T (MCDONALD'S) VIRGINIA MILITIA. There are also records for several John Bucknors/Buckners, in KY and VA. No way to know. John was possibly living away from the family home in 1810; apprenticed somewhere, perhaps?

Land purchased in 1811 from James Rickart

Kentucky uses means and measures, not townships, to describe property, which makes it very difficult to place. All I know is that John purchased 100 acres in Fleming County.

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Richard
to
Beckner
Delivered

This Indenture made this 16th day of February in the year
of our lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven between James
Richard of the County of Montgomery and State of Kentucky of
the one part and John Beckner of the County of Fleming and
State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said James
Richard for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred
and five pounds current money to him in hand paid by the
said John Beckner the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknow-
ledge hath granted bargained and sold, and by these presents
doth grant bargain sell unto the said John Beckner his heirs
and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying
and being in the County of Fleming and bounded as follows
to-wit, Beginning at the south east corner thereof two white
oaks and a black ^o and running thence west one hundred and
twenty six and an half poles to a black walnut and elm thence
North one hundred twenty six and an half poles to a hickory
and small dogwood thence East one hundred twenty six
and an half poles to a poplar and red oak thence south
one hundred twenty six and an half poles to the Beginning
Containing one hundred acres. Together with all and singular
the premises therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining To
have and To hold the land and premises hereby conveyed
with the appurtenances unto the said John Beckner his heirs &
assigns forever. And it is agreed and understood by the parties
to this presents that if the said land and premises or any
part thereof should be lost that the said John Beckner is to
have the same recourse on Jacob Arnold that the said Richard
has but no recourse to the said James Richard for the purchase money
thereof and the said Richard doth warrant and defend
the claim of himself and his heirs but against the claim
of no other person or persons whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof the said James Richard has hereunto
set his hand and seal the day and date first above written.

James Richard, L.S.

330.
 Fleming County, Ky. State of Kentucky
 I Thomas Anderson Deputy clerk of
 the Court for the County aforesaid. do certify that the foregoing
 Indenture of Bargain and sale was this day Acknowledged
 by the said James Richard according to Law. and is together
 with this Certificate duly recorded in said Office
 Given under my hand the 16th day of February 1811
 Thomas Anderson D.C.

John Beckner, deed bk D, p. 329, Fleming County, KY, 2.16.1811.1

Bechner, John
 Parker, Polly
 February, 5, 1815
 Jacob Parker, bondsman
 consent of Jacob Parker,
 father of Polly.

John and Mary Polly Parker Beckner, marr, Greenup County, KY, 2.5.1815

Name Polly Parker
 Marriage Date 5 Feb 1815
 Marriage Place Greenup, Kentucky, USA
 Spouse John Beckner

1820 census, Fleming County, KY

John Beckner
 3 free white males under 10 (James W., Perry, ?)
 1 free white male 26-45 (John)
 1 free white female 16-26 (Mary Polly)
 1 number of persons engaged in agriculture

On the 1820 census, the two households following John Beckner were David Finley and John Finley.

John becomes Charles Beckner's guardian

Question: who is Charles Beckner, and why does he need a guardian?

July Court 1828

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cap. 2
ordered that Dr. Yeats, be appointed overseer
of the road from Lane, Kelmells to ^{the} intersection
of the Sand Lick road in the room of Moses
Starkey deceased, & that he have the same
hands to work thereon under him

cap. 5
On motion of J. McCann, ordered David
Kyneman John Kyneman, Wiggleson, Henry
Metster or any three of them being first
sworn view & mark out the nearest best way
for a road from McCann's gate on the
road on the road leading to the P. Plains, to the
road leading from the Blue Licks to the Sandy
at J. Kyneman's report to the court the convenience
& inconvenience attending the same

Charles Beckner over the age of 14 came into
Court by writs the consent thereof choose
Jm Beckner as his Guardian who thereupon
entered into bond in the penalty of \$125 with
Jonathan Cleverer his security conditions according

John Beckner, Charles Beckner guardianship, Fleming County, KY, court 7.1828

Who is Joseph Beckner? He is apprenticed as a blacksmith

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July Court 1829

An Indenture binding Joseph Beckner an
apprentice to Saml. men for the term of six
years from the day of January next to
learn the trade art mystery of a Blacksmith
was produced in Court acknowledged by the
parties & ordered to be recorded.

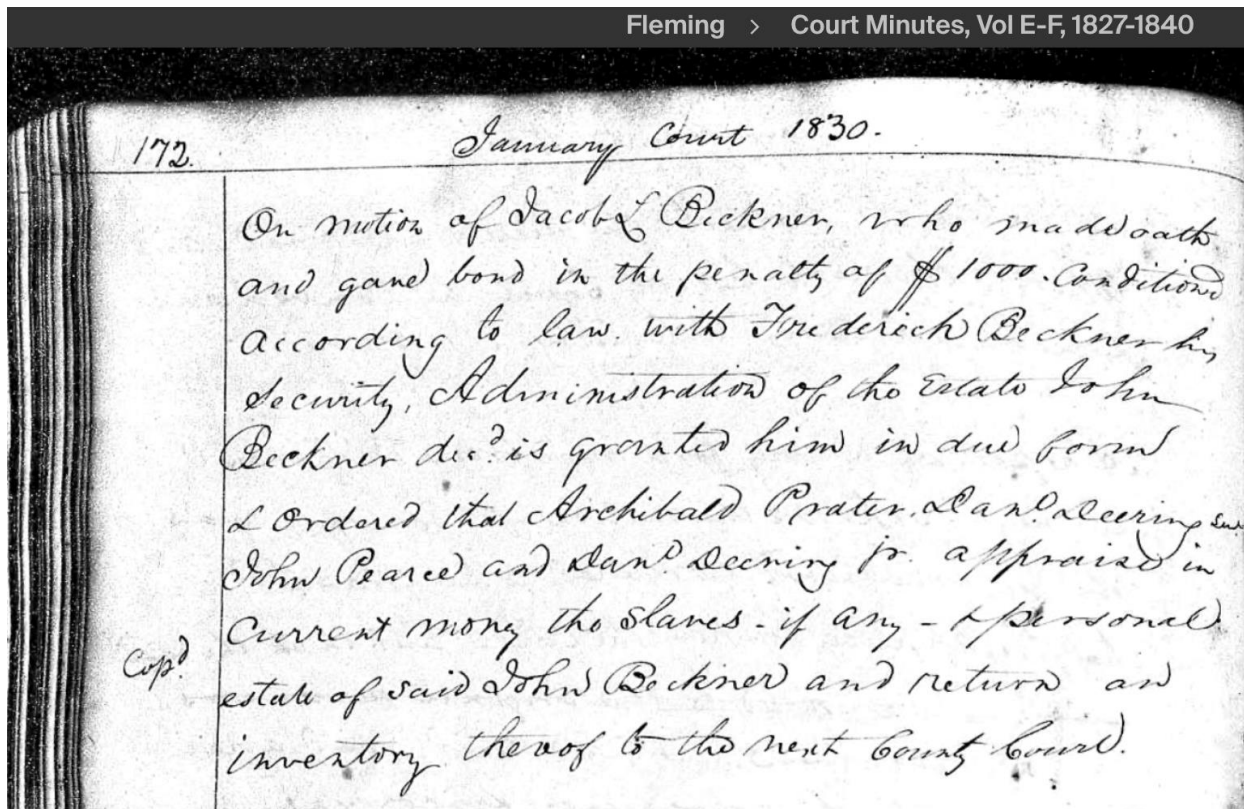
Joseph Beckner, apprenticed, Fleming County, KY court 7.1829

John d. in 1829

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 Brownie long & R. 102.
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Brother Jacob made administrator, Frederick the security



John Beckner, estate, Jacob L., Frederick Beckner, Fleming County, KY, 1.1830

Appraisement of Inventory, 1/1830, filed 2/7/1831

No slaves are mentioned. There were slaves on the 1820 census.

A Bill of Sale of ^{25th} John Beckner dec'd January 20th 1831-

Beckner	1 Chair	Michael Clark	1. 01
John Beckner	1 Plow	Jacob D Beckner	2. 25
	1 Kettle	Polly Beckner	25
	1 Pot	Jacob L Beckner	50
	1 Sa	Do	39 ³ / ₄
	1 Chest	Polly Beckner	50
	1 Cupboard	Do	9. 00
	2 old Tables	Do	29
	3 do Chairs	Do	53
	1 Bed old & Coza	Do	38
	1 Bedsted Bed & Bedspread	Do	3. 25
	4 Sheep	Do	2. 50
			\$ 25. 85 ³ / ₄

I certify that the foregoing is a true Bill of all the property of the estate of John Beckner dec'd that came into my hands as administrator

May 2^d 1831 Jacob L. Beckner

At a court held for Fleming County on the 2^d of May 1831

This Bill of Sale of the Estate of John Beckner dec'd was produced in Court examined & ordered to be recorded which is done

Joshua Clouston C

John Beckner, estate, bill of sale, Fleming County, KY, 1.20.1831. p. 181

People who purchased items from his sale:

Polly Parker Beckner, his widow
 Jacob D. Beckner ?
 Jacob L. Beckner, his brother

Notice that Jacob L is the administrator.

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John Beckner, estate, inventory, Fleming County, KY, Bk D, 1829

John's property is sold, and recorded in Feb. 1831.

1830 census, Western Division, Fleming County, KY

Polly Beckner (widow of John Beckner)

2 free white males under 5 (Henry, Edward)

2 free white males 5-10 (Alfred, John)

1 free white male 30-40 (???) **perhaps John was alive at the time of the census**

1 free white female 20-30 (Polly)

No slaves on census

Alfred's obit says that he was orphaned at the age of 9, and was raised by James Trimble.

Polly Parker Beckner and family are living very close to Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner.

		under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100
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	Katherine Beckner		1													1				1						
	Polly Beckner	2	2			1													1							
	David King	3	1			1	1									1			1							
	Robt. Viced	2	3	1	1	1		1								1	1	1	1							
	Drapes Chapman	1		2						1						1						1	1			
	Frederick Beckner									1						1	1									

February Court 1831 (271.)
Ordered that James Stuart, Wm Blair & Jas P. McTear

Grinand dec^d was returned
An Inventory and appraisment of the Estate of John Beckner dec^d was returned examined & ordered to be recorded

John Beckner, estate, inventory and appraisement, Fleming County, KY, 2.1831

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Cp^d Ordered that Willis & Lee Esq^s allot to Daniel Peck Overseer of a road his precinct and hands to work under him
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A List of sales of the Estate of John Beckner dec^d was returned examined & ordered to be recorded.

John Beckner, estate, lot of sale recorded, Fleming County, KY, 5.1831

1840, Division 2, Fleming County, KY

Mary Beckner (widow of John Beckner, I presume)
1 male 5-10 (Ambrose)
1 male 10-15 (Edward)
2 males 15-20 (Henry, Alfred, John A?)
1 female 40-50 (Mary Polly)
No slaves on census

3 people engaged in agriculture

There is a death index for Mary Beckner, age 86, died in Bath County, Nov. 29, 1876, of old age. Says her parents were Thomas and Martha Beckner, yet she's a widow (her parents would have her maiden name). Could this be John's wife? Could this be Peter's wife?

Children of John and Mary Polly Parker Beckner
Grandchildren of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

I've put a lot of time into this list, hoping to find obits or death certificates or something that will help solidify the names and dates, but I can't be terribly sure of these people. Because the census records prior to 1850 don't list names, I don't have anything for them prior to 1850 that shows them as a family. Because there are so many Beckners in Kentucky, and because they all use the same first names for their children, it is really difficult to be sure that this list, which I got from other researchers, is accurate.

Ambrose, who is named on lists as John and Polly's youngest child, could NOT have been born in 1834, as John died in 1829. So, was Ambrose in error about his own age?? Seems unlikely. And, just to be obvious, he would have been aware that his father died in 1829, so hard to be unclear as to when you were conceived. His tombstone says he was born in 1834.

In 1850, he lists his age as 17, making him born about 1833.

In 1860, he lists his age as 35, making him born about 1825.

In 1870, he lists his age as 35, making him born about 1835.

In 1880, he lists his age as 44, making him born about 1836.

I found an obit for Alfred G., and in it it's stated that he was orphaned in 1829, and lived with the James Trimble family. His mother didn't die in 1829, but it is very possible that he was given to live with another family and thought of himself as orphaned.

The only piece of evidence linking any of these people to John and Polly Parker Beckner is Alfred's death cert, which lists them as his parents.

1850

James	Boone County, IN
Perry	Platte County, MO
Alfred	Fleming County, KY
John	DeKalb County, MO
Henry	DeKalb County, MO. (since at least 1848)
Edward	Platte County, MO
Ambrose	Platte County, MO

1860

James	Montgomery County, IN
Perry	Buchanan County, MO
Alfred	Fleming County, KY
John	Leavenworth County, MO
Henry	DeKalb County, MO
Edward	Platte County, MO
Ambrose	Pike County, MO

1870

James	Montgomery County, IN
Perry	Nodaway County, MO
Alfred	Rush County, IN
John	Leavenworth County, MO
Henry	d. 1862
Edward	Atchison County, KS
Ambrose	Pike County, MO

1880

James	Montgomery County, IN
Perry	Andrew County, MO
Alfred	Rush County, IN
John	Leavenworth County, MO
Henry	d. 1862
Edward	Atchison County, KS
Ambrose	Pike County, MO

1900

James	d. 1891, Montgomery County, IN
Perry	d. 1891, MO, possibly Buchanan County
Alfred	Rush County, IN
John	Blaine County, OK (dau. Martha Ann married in Blaine County in 1896)
Henry	d. 1862
Edward	d. 1880, probably Atchison County, KS
Ambrose	Pike County, MO

1910

James	d. 1891, Montgomery County, IN
Perry	d. 1891, MO, possibly Buchanan County
Alfred	d. 1904, Rush County, IN
John	d. before 1910 census, possibly OK
Henry	d. 1862
Edward	d. 1880, probably Atchison County, KS
Ambrose	d. 1904, Pike County, IN

Of interest: James W. is said to be born in 1813, but his parents married in 1815. Either he isn't their son, or his date of birth at FAG is wrong.

1. James W. Beckner, b. 5/15/1813, KY (birth yr per FAG, probably 1815); m. Elizabeth Chrisman, 7/15/1840, Fleming County, KY; d. 11/26/1891, Montgomery County, IN; buried in Darlington Odd Fellows Cemetery, Darlington, Montgomery, IN.
2. Perry S. Beckner, b. 1819, Fleming County, KY; m. 1st Lucinda Sapp, 10/15/1844, Platte County, MO; m. 2nd Jemima, before 1858; d. 1890-1891, MO, per pension record; filing; buried in
3. Alfred G. Beckner, b. 1/13/1821, Fleming County, KY; m. Evaline F. Mers, 3/3/1844, Fleming County, KY; d. 3/6/1904, Posey Twp., Rush County, IN; buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery, Arlington, Rush, IN.
4. John A. Beckner, b. 6/1824, Fleming County, KY; m. 1st Elizabeth Parks, 12/5/1847, Shelby County, IN; m. 2nd Sarah L. Holliday, 1873, possibly Leavenworth County, KS; d. after 1901, possibly Blaine County, OK;

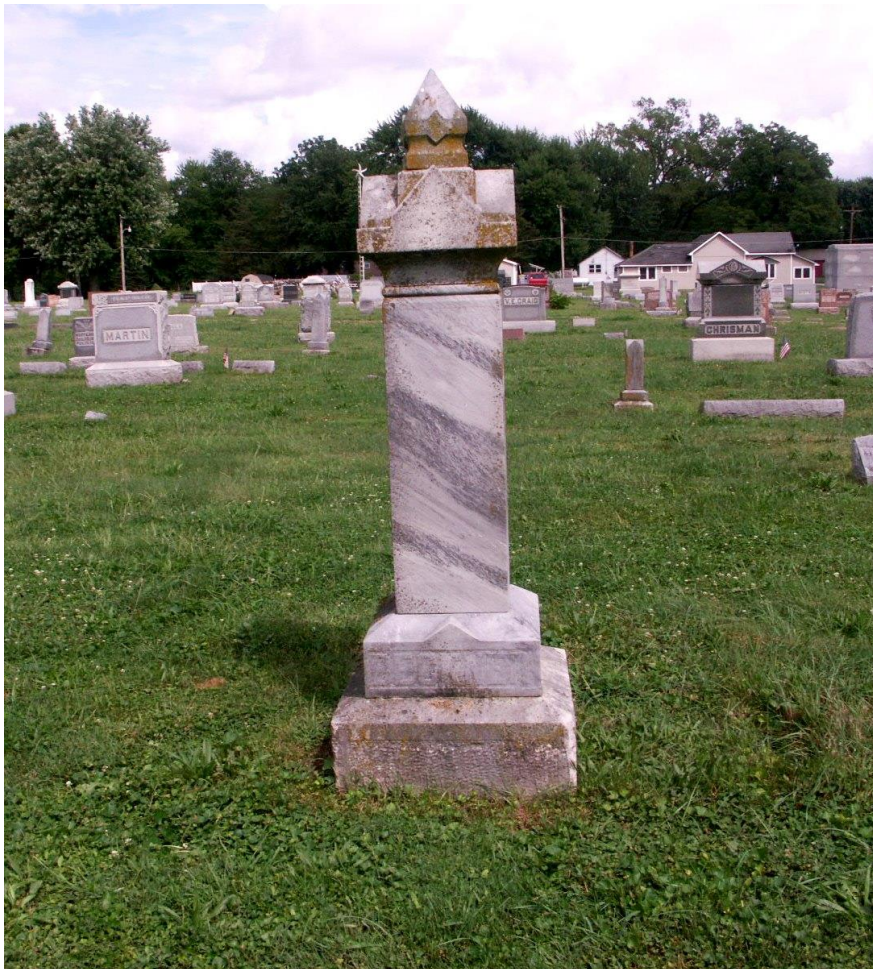
5. Henry Beckner, b. 1825, Fleming County, KY; m. 1st Lydia Parks, 11/30/1848, DeKalb County, MO; m. 2nd Mary Polly Bradford, 2/10/1855, DeKalb County, MO; d. 1862 (walking home from Civil War); buried possibly in DeKalb County, MO.
6. Edward Beckner, b. 1827, Fleming County, KY; m. Sarah Sally Overly, 8/5/1849, Platte County, MO; d. after 1880 census, probably Atchison County, KS
7. Ambrose Beckner, b. 1/2/1834 or 1829, Fleming County, KY; m. Lucretia Sapp, about 1855; d. 11/23/1904, Pike County, MO; buried in Bethany Cemetery, Buffalo Twp., Pike County, MO.

There is a fair amount online for a James W. (William?) Beckner, who may very well be our family. I hesitate on all the potential children of John and Mary Polly Parker Beckner, b/c there were several family groups that migrated from VA to Fleming County, KY at the same time. With the same first names.

James W. Beckner

Son of John and Mary Polly Parker Beckner

Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner



James W Beckner, stone, Darlington Odd Fellows Cemetery, Darlington, Montgomery, IN

Name James Beckner

Gender Male
Marriage Date 15 Jul 1840
Marriage Place Fleming, Kentucky, USA
Spouse Eliz Chrisman

1850 census, District 7, Boone County, IN

James Beckner, 32, farmer, b. in KY
Isabella Beckner, 30, b. in KY
Marion, 9, b. in KY, attended school
Pannel, 7, b. in KY
Mary J., 5, b. in KY
Samuel, 4, b. in IN,
Baby, 1/12, b. in IN

Civil War Service:

Name James Beckner
Birth Year abt 1814
Age 49
Enrollment Date 11 Jul 1863
Discharge Date 23 Jul 1863
Place Darlington, Indiana
Regiment 104

Type:	Military
Sub-Type:	Civil War
Agency:	Adjutant General
Last Name:	BECKNER
First Name:	JAMES
Age:	49
Date Enrolled:	1863/07/11
Where Enrolled:	DARLINGTON, INDIANA
Regiment:	104
Final Date:	1863/07/23
Accession Number:	1938001
Description:	The muster rolls of Indiana's infantry, cavalry, and battery units were originally indexed from 1913 to 1917 to assist soldiers and sailors in obtaining their pensions. Volunteers have transcribed a portion of the cards for this searchable index. There may be additional details on the card, such as height, weight, complexion. Family names are not included. For a complete description of other Civil War related holdings, please visit https://www.in.gov/iara/2521.htm .

James W Beckner, Civil War service

1860 census, Union Twp., Montgomery County, IN

James W. Beckner, 44, farmer, real estate \$2,000, personal property \$1,000, b. in KY, cannot read
Elizabeth Beckner, 40, b. in KY
Francis M., 19, farmer, b. in KY, attended school
Parmel, 17, farmer, b. in KY, attended school

Mary J, 15, b. in KY
Samuel, 13, b. in IN, attended school
Sarah C, b. in IN, attended school
Ellen, b. in IN, attended school
Matthias Christman, 20, personal property \$100, b. in KY

1870 census, Union Twp., Montgomery County, IN

James Beckner, 56, farmer, real estate \$5200, personal property \$2,000, b. in KY
Elizabeth Beckner, 53, housekeeper, b. in KY
Pavel, 25, at home, b. in KY
Mary, 24, at home, b. in KY, says can, but I think it means can't read or write, INSANE
Samuel, 22, farm laborer, b. in IN
Sarah, 18, at home, b. in IN
Ellen, 16, at home, b. in IN
Miranda, 6, at home, b. in IN
Worth, 4, at home, b. in IN

1880 census, Franklin Twp., Montgomery County, IN

James Beckner, 66, farmer, b. in KY, parents b. in VA
Elizabeth Beckner, 63, keeping house, b. in KY, parents b. in KY
Ellen, 33, divorced, at home, b. in IN, parents b. in KY
Mattie, 15, at home, b. in IN, parents b. in KY
Ettie Knox, 7, granddaughter, at home, b. in IN, father b. in KY, mother in KY

A BROTHER MURDERED

Mrs. H. H. Sinnet Receives Word of Fact.

Panel Beckner, Ninety Years Old, Dead at Darlington---News Received Today.

Mrs. H. H. Sinnet, living five miles southwest of the city, this morning received word that her brother, Panel Beckner of Darlington, was brutally murdered in a woods near the Montgomery-Boone county line Thursday afternoon. The first knowledge anyone had of the murder was when the two men who committed the crime called in a drunken stupor at the home of the owner of the woods where the tragedy took place.

With a gaping gunshot wound in the breast and the pockets of his clothing turned out, the body of Beckner, was found in the woods on the farm of Al Cox, in Montgomery county. John James, thirty-two years old, and Chas. D. Derickson, a negro, ninety years old, have been arrested.

Considerable mystery attaches to the death of Beckner as both James and Derickson had been drinking and neither told a coherent story. According to the report, Derickson and Beckner left Darlington in a buggy about 4 o'clock. A short distance out of Darlington, it is said, they were accosted by James, who requested permission to ride. The trio drove into the woods on the farm of Al Cox. A few minutes later two reports from a shot gun were heard. Later James and Derickson, the latter bleeding from buckshot wounds in the neck and head, appeared at the Cox home, where they told the owner of the farm that Beckner had committed suicide and that his body was lying in the woods. Cox found the body of Beckner lying in a pool of blood which was pouring from a gunshot wound in the breast. His pockets had been turned out and the small amount of money Beckner was known to have had was missing. After caring for the body Cox caused James and the negro to be arrested.

NEW PICNIC GROUND

Panel Beckner, murdered, DailyNewsDemocrat, 8.11.1905

GUNSHOTS HEARD; MAN IS FOUND DEAD

Negro Aged 90, Badly Wounded, and Another Man Are Under Arrest.

MUCH MYSTERY IN MURDER

Suspects Say That Victim, Panel Beckner, Committed Suicide--- His Pockets Were Rifled.

[By Star Special Service.]

Thorntown, Ind., Aug. 19.—With a gaping gunshot wound in the breast and the pockets of his clothing turned out, the body of Panel Beckner, aged 55, was found in the woods on the farm of Al Cox, just across the line in Montgomery county, this afternoon. John James, 22, and Charles Derickson, a negro, 90, have been arrested. Derickson is at home in a serious condition from a gunshot wound in the neck. James was lodged in jail at Crawfordsville.

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Panel Beckner, murdered, TheStarPress, 8.11.1905

MAN IS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN WOODS

Panel Beckner's Body, With Wound Over Heart, Discovered Near Darlington.

AGED NEGRO ALSO WOUNDED

One Companion of Victim Arrested and the Other Is Dangerously Hurt.

[By Star Special Service.]

DARLINGTON, Ind., Aug. 10.—With his pockets turned inside out and a roll of bills supposed to have been upon his person missing, the dead body of Panel Beckner, a widower, 63 years old, who lives six and one-half miles east of here with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Barker, was found dead in the woods one and one-half miles East of Darlington at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon. John James, a young man 25 years old, known in police circles, who has been working near Colfax, is in jail here charged with causing his death. Charles Derrickson, 87 years old, an old ex-slave, is dangerously wounded in the neck and head.

Beckner, who is a fence builder, drove to this city this morning with the old colored man. He took with him a double-barreled shotgun and told his daughter he was going to his old home west of Darlington to fish and hunt. When he left home he had \$40, which he had collected for a piece of fence work he had just completed for W. C. Van Ansdal of Indianapolis. Beckner also drew \$28 from the People's Banking Company this morning.

SEEN DRIVING TOGETHER.

At 2:30 this afternoon Beckner and the old negro and young James were seen driving east on the Thorntown road. Half an hour later a telephone message from the vicinity in which the shooting occurred came to this city stating that Beckner and the old negro had fought, and that each had killed the other. The authorities hurried to the scene and the dead body of Beckner was found in a pool of blood with a gaping wound just over the heart and a cut three-quarters of an inch long in the right cheek.

The pockets of the clothing had been turned inside out. Fifty feet away lay Beckner's empty purse.

Two shots fired in rapid succession were heard by some men working a quarter of a mile from the scene of the tragedy and a few moments later young James and Derrickson drove Beckner's buggy along the highway to where Frank Rich was burning brush. James told Rich that Beckner had undertaken to kill the old negro, and had killed himself. Seeing that the negro was wounded and bleeding profusely Rich tendered his buggy, which was nearby, to take the wounded negro home.

GIVES MONEY TO SISTER.

In passing the home of Albert Barker, some distance away, James stopped the buggy and, running into the house, handed his sister \$35. He said nothing further than that he would explain later. Just as the trio started on their way again they

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Man Is Found Shot to Death in Woods

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were overtaken by the marshal, who took James back to the spot where Beckner's body was found. Derrickson was then taken to his home by Rich.

James said he was sitting on a stump some distance away while Beckner and Derrickson were trying to get a squirrel which they had treed. Beckner sent the old negro around on the other side of the tree to chase the animal out, he said. At this moment he said he heard two shots and saw Beckner lying on the ground and the negro bleeding from several buckshot wounds.

James was then brought to this city and placed in jail.

Derrickson is better tonight, although his breast and side are badly lacerated and full of buckshot. His extreme age operates against his chances for recovery. When asked concerning the shooting he said he was fifty yards away from Beckner and heard only one shot fired.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1905

DRUNKEN MEN FIGHT QUEL TO DEATH

Body of Man Riddled With
Bullets and Pockets Rif-
led of Contents

TWO OTHER MEN WERE WOUNDED AND ONE IS ARRESTED

Aged Negro Was Wounded
and Stories Told Very
Conflicting

THORNTON, Ind., Aug. 10.—Following a quarrel in the woods the dead body of Panel Beckner, 55 years old, with a shotgun wound in the breast, was found on the farm of Al Cox, just over the line of Montgomery county, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The pockets of the clothing were turned inside out, indicating murder for the purpose of robbery.

John James, 32 years old, a Police Court character, well known in Thorntown, is under arrest on suspicion of causing the death of Beckner. Charles Derickson, 90 years old, colored and an ex-slave who was found with James, is dangerously wounded in the neck and head and lies at his home, three and one-half miles from Thorntown in a critical condition.

Considerable mystery surrounds the tragedy, as both James and Derickson were under the influence of liquor when they were arrested and neither was able to tell a coherent story of the tragedy. Early this afternoon Derickson and Beckner were drinking heavily at Darlington, in Montgomery county. Shortly before 4 o'clock they left Darlington in a buggy considerably the worse for liquor.

When a short distance out of Dar-

lington they met James, who was also intoxicated. It is declared that the latter carried a shotgun, but this can not be substantiated late tonight.

James stopped Beckner and Derickson and asked them to let him ride with them. They complied, and the three drove into the woods on the Al Cox farm. Just what happened when they entered the woods has not become known, but at 4:30 o'clock the report of two shots fired in rapid succession was heard, coming from the direction of the woods.

A few minutes afterward James and Derickson, the latter bleeding profusely from a number of buckshot wounds in the neck and head, appeared in the buggy at the home of Cox. James told Cox that Beckner had committed suicide and that the body was lying in the woods on his place.

Cox hastened to the spot. He discovered the body of Beckner lying in a pool of blood and with a gaping wound just over the heart. The pockets of the clothing has been turned inside out and had evidently been rifled, as a small amount of money which Beckner is supposed to have carried was missing.

Cox directed that the body be carried for and immediately returned to his home and took James and the negro into custody. It was discovered that Derickson was badly wounded, and he was sent to his home for surgical treatment.

James was arrested and sent to the Montgomery county jail at Crawfordsville. Late tonight he was still too intoxicated to talk coherently of the tragedy.

Derickson is in a serious condition. His age makes his recovery doubtful. He is an inoffensive old negro, and has always been regarded as religiously inclined. He is well and favorably known in this community, having come here from the South when the old underground railroad was in operation.

Beckner was a prominent and respected farmer, his tendency to occasional sprees having been his chief weakness.

Panel Beckner, murdered, AndersonMorningHerald, 8.11.1905

Murder and Robbery.
Darlington, Ind., Aug. 11.—With his pockets turned inside out and a roll of bills supposed to have been upon his person missing, the dead body of Panel Beckner, a widower sixty-three years old, who lives six and one-half miles east of here, was found in the woods. John James, a young man twenty-five years old, known in police circles, is in jail here charged with causing his death.

Panel Beckner, murdered, TheEnterprise, 8.18.1905

ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND ROBBING OLD MAN

JOHN JAMES ON TRIAL FOR KILLING
PANEL BECKNER.

YELL SAVES A NEGRO'S LIFE

(Special to The Indianapolis News.)

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., November 22.—The case against John James, accused of killing Panel Beckner last August, was called to trial in the Montgomery Circuit Court to-day. It is the first indictment in this court for murder in the first degree since the Rev. Fred Pettit was tried and convicted of wife poisoning about fourteen years ago.

The man whose life is now at stake is a young farm employe, who, during the spring and summer, worked for Carlton Bush, near Colfax. Early in August he left his employer to visit his sister, Mrs. Albert Barker, near Darlington. James visited that town nearly every day, and on August 10 he met Panel Beckner, an eccentric character of that community, and "Uncle Charlie" Derrickson, an old colored preacher, who had been fishing together. They took a few drinks and on Beckner's invitation James got into the buggy to ride home with them.

A short distance east of Darlington they turned into a woods pasture to hunt squirrels, Beckner having his shotgun in the buggy. The old colored man was sent in one direction and Beckner and James started in another. A few minutes later Derrickson heard a shot fired. As he turned in the direction of the sound there was a second report and some scattering shot struck him, without inflicting serious injuries, however.

Saved Himself by Yelling.

The negro says that James came running toward him brandishing a gun, and he thought his own time had come.

"I had clean given myself up as a goner," said the old man, relating the circumstance to the grand jury, "when the good Lord peared 'fore me and I heard him say, 'Yell, Charlie, yell,' and the good Lord knows I obeyed his injunction."

It was an accepted theory at the time that James intended to kill Derrickson, but refrained through fear when the old man began yelling. Instead, James helped the injured negro and told him he wanted him for a witness, insisting that Beckner fired the first shot at Derrickson and then turned the gun on himself.

Some credence might have been given to this story but for the fact that when Beckner's body was found later on the pockets were turned inside out. He was known to have had \$5. Shortly after the tragedy James went to his sister's home and gave her \$5 in bills, asking her to keep it for him. When confronted by this incriminating circumstance James said his late employer, Mr. Bush, had paid him the money for his summer's wages. Later shooting craps in a saloon at Colfax, but both of these stories were proved to be false.

Can Not Read or Write.

The accused man can neither read nor write. He shows no concern in what is going on and does not realize the enormity of the crime with which he is charged. During the late harvest season he remarked to the sheriff that it looked like a shame to keep an able-bodied man cooped up when he could be out making his \$ a day cutting corn. He went so far in fact, as to ask for a furlough, promising to return to the jail whenever he was wanted.

He is being defended by I. G. Dwiggin, county attorney, and Charles Johnston, Prosecutor R. W. Caldwell, F. P. Mount and Charles Hymer are appearing for the State, and the jury is being selected from a special venire.

STATE WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVE PREMEDITATION

JURY FINALLY OBTAINED TO TRY JOHN JAMES.

COLORED MAN'S TESTIMONY

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., November 25.—After nearly three days had been spent in culling jury material, twelve men acceptable to either side were obtained yesterday afternoon to try John James on the charge of killing Panel Beckner.

The jury is composed of D. T. Thompson, W. T. Glenn, John P. Bible, George Largent, Aquilla Groves, Gilbert Blake, James Galloway, Rice Kline, Thomas Nicely, Millard Buxton, William Mullen and John Swearengen, the majority of them farmers by occupation, and all living in parts of the county away from the scene of the murder.

In his opening statement to the jury, Prosecutor Caldwell said the State expected to prove premeditation on the part of the defendant.

Testimony of Two Men.

Two witnesses were examined yesterday. Charles Harris, who was working at the time in a field adjoining the woods wherein the tragedy took place, and Charles Derrickson, the old colored preacher who accompanied the murdered man and his accused murderer on their last ride.

Harris heard the two shots fired, but paid no attention to them, thinking it was some one shooting squirrels. Later he was apprised of what had happened, and was one of the first to reach the scene. He described the conditions and the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the body.

The colored preacher, who will be eighty-nine years old in February, was some distance away when Panel Beckner was killed and, as he turned, received a charge of shot himself. He was too badly frightened to know much about what had taken place, and his evidence was largely circumstantial.

JAMES TELLS HIS STORY

DEFENDANT ON THE STAND

Charges Beckner With Shooting Colored Preacher and Then Killing Himself in Woods Near Darlington.

[By Star Special Service.]

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 3.—Before an audience which packed the courtroom Saturday afternoon, John James, the young man accused of the murder of Panel Beckner and the attempted murder of Charles Derrickson, an aged colored preacher, last August, while the three were in the woods near Darlington, told his own story of the affair.

His testimony was that Beckner and Derrickson asked him to ride with them and that he did not know there was a gun in the buggy. He said that when they alighted from the wagon Beckner took the gun and shot Derrickson, and then turned the gun and shot himself (Beckner). He said that Beckner accused Derrickson of robbing his traps.

James testified that the money he gave his sister he had won in a dice game. A like amount was missing from the dead man's pocket. The case will probably go to the jury the middle of this week.

Panel Beckner, murdered, TheStarPress, 12.4.1905

LIFE IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED ON JOHN JAMES

GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF
PANEL BECKNER.

INDIFFERENT TO HIS FATE

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., December 7.

"We, the jury, find the defendant, John James, guilty of murder in the first degree as charged, and fix the penalty at life imprisonment." These were the words falling upon the ears of the accused murderer of Panel Beckner at 10 o'clock last night, when James was taken into court to hear the verdict. The jury retired at 5 p. m., but a ballot was not taken till after supper. The second stood unanimously for murder in the first degree. When it came to the question of punishment there was a division of opinion, two of the jurors voting for the death penalty four different times. James listened to the verdict without a tremor, and as the jurors passed out a shadow of a smile swept over his countenance, indicating relief, if anything. Throughout the long trial he manifested an air of stolid indifference. Only once did he show signs of emotion, and that was when the bloody garments belonging to his victim were introduced. While the testimony was wholly circumstantial, it was positive and, according to the jurymen, he owes his life to his youth (twenty-two years) and his dense ignorance.

The murder took place last August, near Darlington. James and Beckner, with a colored man named Derrickson, were riding in a buggy, and stopped in the woods to kill a squirrel. After they separated to surround the tree, James used his revolver, severely wounding Derrickson and killing Beckner. It was the claim of the defense that Beckner shot Derrickson and then committed suicide. After the murder James robbed the pockets of his victim of \$22. This money was given to his sister with the explanation that he won it in a craps game at Colfax.

Panel Beckner, murdered, The Indianapolis News, 12.7.1905

JAMES SENTENCED FOR LIFE

Motion for New Trial of Murderer of Panel Beckner Overruled.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., December 20.—Attorneys for John James, the convicted murderer of Panel Beckner, argued a motion for a new trial in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. Judge West overruled the motion and sentenced James to prison for life.

The sheriff received a letter to-day from James's old mother, who lives at Thorn-town, inclosing 30 cents in stamps and requesting him to expend it for tobacco and "give it to Johnny as a Christmas remembrance."

James will be taken to the penitentiary at Michigan City to-morrow.

Panel Beckner, murdered, TheIndianapolisNews, 12.20.1905

DARLINGTON—Mrs. Ellen B. Knox, who was born near here December 16, 1851, died Wednesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Samuel Allen, near Crawfordsville.

Ellen Beckner Knox, obit, JournalandCourier, 12.23.1927

Perry S. Beckner

Son of John and Mary Polly Parker Beckner

Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

1820 census, Fleming County, KY

John Beckner

3 free white males under 10 (*James W., Perry, ?*)

1 free white male 26-45 (*John*)

1 free white female 16-26 (*Mary Polly*)

1 number of persons engaged in agriculture

1830 census, Western Division, Fleming County, KY

Polly Beckner (*widow of John Beckner*)

2 free white males under 5 (*Henry, Edward*)

2 free white males 5-10 (*Alfred, John*)

1 free white male 30-40 (*???*) *perhaps John was alive at the time of the census*

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

No slaves on census

1840, Division 2, Fleming County, KY

Mary Beckner (*widow of John Beckner, I presume*)

1 male 5-10 (*Ambrose*)

1 male 10-15 (*Edward*)

2 males 15-20 (*Alfred?*)

1 female 40-50 (*Mary Polly*)

No slaves on census
3 people engaged in agriculture

Beckner
to
Sapp

State of Missouri
County of Platte

For it Verminance that on the 16th of
October 1844 a Marriage was solemnized before the
undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for
the County of Platte and State of Missouri between
Mr Perry S. Beckner and Miss Lucinda Sapp
both of the County and State aforesaid and both
of full age. Given under my hand this 28th
of December 1844. St Louis Justice
Filed and Recorded the 14th of January
1845. John M. Recorder

Perry S Beckner, marr cert, Platte County, MO, 10.15.1844

1850 census, Marshall Twp., Platte County, MO

Perry Beckner, 30, farmer, b. in KY
Lucintia Beckner, 21, b. in IN
John, 6, b. in MO
Margaret Sapp, 13, b. in IN,
Nancy, 10, b. in MO
Barbara, 7, b. in MO

Lucinda d. before 1860. I presume that James was her son.

1860 census, Bloomington Twp., Buchanan County, MO

Perry Beckner, 39, farmer, personal property \$125, b. in KY
Jemima Beckner, 31, b. in TN,
John T., 13, b. in MO
James H., 1, b. in MO

1870 census, Grant Twp., Nodaway County, MO

Perry Beckner, 50, laborer, personal property \$500, b. in KY, cannot write
Jemima Beckner, 44, keeping house, b. in TN,
James H., 12, at home, b. in MO
Elizabeth, 9, at home, b. in MO
Lucinda, 7, b. in MO
Talitaha, 5, b. in MO

1876 MO census, Holt County, MO

Perry Beckner, over 45, can read and write
Jemima Beckner, over 45, can read and write

James, 10-18,
Lizzie, 10-18,
Tabitha, 10-18

Mortgage's Sale.

WHEREAS, Perry T. Beckner and Jemima Beckner, his wife, on the 31st day of October, 1876, executed and delivered to Abraham Johnson their certain mortgage deed, conveying to him a certain piece of land described in said mortgage deed, as follows:

All of (not two), fractional quarter of section twenty-four, in township fifty-nine, of range thirty-seven, in Holt county, in the State of Missouri;

Said conveyance was made to secure the payment of a promissory note, in said deed mentioned. It is provided in said deed that in case of failure to pay said note and interest when the same shall become due and payable, the said Abraham Johnson, or his legal representatives, or at the request of the legal holder of said note, the Sheriff of Holt county, may sell the land in said mortgage deed mentioned, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash, giving thirty days notice of the time, terms and place of sale, and a description of the land to be sold, by advertisement in a newspaper printed in said county and State, and upon such sale, execute and deliver a deed to the land sold to the purchaser thereof; and, whereas, said note and interest is due and unpaid, now, therefore I. S. T. Lucas, Sheriff of Holt county, Missouri, at the request of the legal holder of said note, by virtue of the power in me vested, will, on

Saturday, October 13th, 1877

Perry T Beckner, HoltCountyPress, 9.13.1877

1880 census, Lincoln Twp., Andrew County, MO

Perry Beckner, 58, rail road work, cannot write, b. in KY, father b. in PA, mother b. in NJ
Jemimah Beckner, 54, housekeeping, b. in TN, parents b. in TN
James, 22, farming, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in TN
Elizabeth, 18, housework, father b. in KY, mother b. in TN
Telitha, 14, housework, father b. in KY, mother b. in TN

1888 directory, St. Joseph, Buchanan, MO

Beckman & Stohl (L. Beckman, K.K. Stohl),
Beckner James H. eng. r. 2104 s. 6th
Beckner Jemima, wid. Perry, r. 2104 s. 6th

1890 directory, St. Joseph, Buchanan, MO

Name	Jemima Beckner
Residence Date	1890
Residence Place	St Joseph, Missouri, USA

Business Address R 842 S. 19th
 Comments widow Perry

Perry d. late in 1890, I presume, as he had a pension record filed in 1/3/1891.

NAME OF SOLDIER: Beckner, Perry (3-2-9)				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow: Beckner, Jemima Minor,				
SERVICE: K 81 en. Mo Mil + K 25 en Mo Mil				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1891 Jan 3	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	494 539		Mo
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS: <i>file</i>				

Perry Beckner, Civil War pension, 1.3.1891

PATENTS lately issued to Missouri inventors: Axle box extension, Beagle & Clark, Shelbina; traction engine, James Beckner, St. Joseph; roll paper holder and cutter, J. H. Corneilson, St. Louis;

James H Beckner, patent, HarrisonCountyDemocrat, 6.4.1891

1893 directory, St. Joseph, Buchanan, MO

Beckner James H. engr. r 2508 s. 10th
 Beckner Jemima, Wid. Perry, r 2508 s. 10th

1895 directory, St. Joseph, Buchanan, MO

Beckner James H. wks Burlington Route shops r 1015 Locust
 Beckner Jemima E. (wid Perry) r 1015 Locust

Miss Jemima Beckner, 812 Penn street, entertained a few friends Friday evening in honor of her birthday. The feature of the evening was high five. Luncheon followed cards. Miss Beckner received many beautiful presents.

Jemima Beckner, StJosephNewsPressGazette, 3.4.1899

They are apparently running a boarding house in 1900. Why is James listed as John? Who is Ollie? Jemima says she had 4 children, only 1 living. There was a daughter, Elizabeth, b. at the same time as Ollie. Is Ollie Elizabeth?

1900 census, St. Joseph, Buchanan, MO. 812 Penn St.

John Beckner, 44, b. 12/1858, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in TN, engineer, rents home

Jennie Beckner, 73, b. 4/1827, widowed, 4 children b., 1 living, b. in TN, parents b. in TN

Ollie Beckner, 39, sister, b. 1/1861, b. in MO, father b. in KY, mother b. in TN

Mary Parish, 27, b. 12/1872, divorced, b. in IA, father b. in IL, mother b. in IN, servant

Edward L. Jaster, 16, nephew, b. 7/1883, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, machinist

Martha Lyon, 35, boarder, b. 3/1865, divorced, b.in IA, parents b. in IA, seamstress

Nolan Birks, 32, boarder, b. 2/1868, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, fireman

Ed Birks, 30, boarder, b. 4/1870, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, fireman

Dan Long, boarder

Paul Burns, boarder,

Fred Larkin, boarder,

Paul Brown, boarder,

Carl Brown, boarder,

Henry Rents, boarder,

James is living at 812 Penn in the 1900 directory, but Jemima isn't listed.



Jemima Beckner, insane, StJosephNewsPressGazette, 6.21.1900

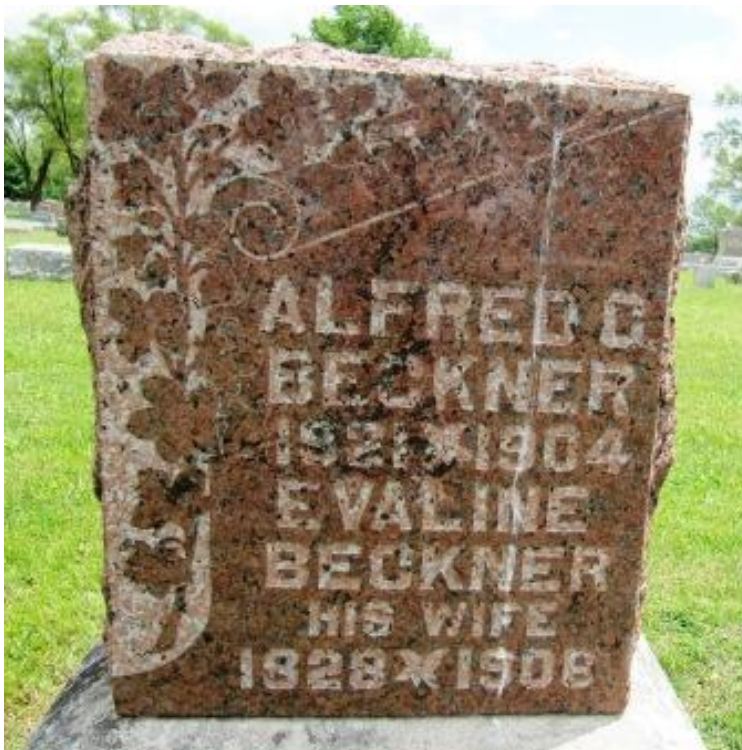
greater need of the money
Jemina Beckner was yesterday found
insane by the county court, and was or-
dered committed to State Hospital
No. 2.
Jesse S. Helsley yesterday received

Jemima Beckner, insane, TheStJosephHerald, 6.22.1900

Alfred G. Beckner

Son of John and Mary Polly Parker Beckner

Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner



Alfred G Beckner, stone, Arlington East Hill Cemetery, Arlington, Rush, IN



Alfred G and Evaline Mers Beckner

Alfred's obit says that he was orphaned at the age of 9, and that he was raised by James Trimble. It also says that his parents died when he was 9; actually, his father died then, but not his mother. She has an 1840 census.

1830 census, Western Division, Fleming County, KY

Polly Beckner (widow of John Beckner)
2 free white males under 5 (Henry, Edward)
2 free white males 5-10 (Alfred, John)
1 free white male 30-40 (???) *perhaps John was alive at the time of the census*
1 free white female 20-30 (Polly)
No slaves on census

1840, Division 2, Fleming County, KY

Mary Beckner (widow of John Beckner, I presume)
1 male 5-10 (Ambrose)
1 male 10-15 (Edward)
2 males 15-20 (Alfred, Henry?)
1 female 40-50 (Mary Polly)
No slaves on census
3 people engaged in agriculture

1850 census, District 1, Fleming County, KY

Alfred G. Beckner, 25, farmer, real estate \$500, b. in KY
Evaline Beckner, 21, b. in KY
Harriet, 5, b. in KY
John C., 1, b. in KY

1860 census, Lewis County, KY

A. G. Beckner, 34, farmer, personal property \$200, b. in KY
Evaline Beckner, 30, b. in KY
Harriet C., 15, b. in KY
John C., 11, b. in KY
Missouri, 8, b. in KY, attended school
Andrew, 4, b. in KY
Sarah J., 4, b. in IN

Laurence, 2, b. in IN

1870 census, Posey Twp., Rush County, IN

A G Beckner, 50, farmer, value of personal property, \$350, b. in KY

Eveline Beckner, 41, keeping house, b. in KY

M B, 18, female, house keeper, b. in KY

Andrew, 16, at home, b. in KY

Laurena S., 11, b. in IN

Ann, 8, b. in IN

Martha, 6, b. in IN

Grace, 2, b. in IN

James W. Tribby, 34, com laborer, b. in KY

Harriett Tribby, 24, keeping house, b. in KY

1880 census, Posey Twp., Rush County, IN

Alfred Beckner, 58, farmer, b. in KY, parents b. in KY

Eveline Beckner, 52, keeping house, cannot write, b. in KY, parents b. in KY

Lawrence, 22, labor, b. in IN, parents b. in KY

Ann E., 19, house keeper, b. in IN, parents b. in KY

Martha, 17, house keeper, b. in IN, parents b. in KY

Grace, 13, attended school, b. in IN, parents b. in KY

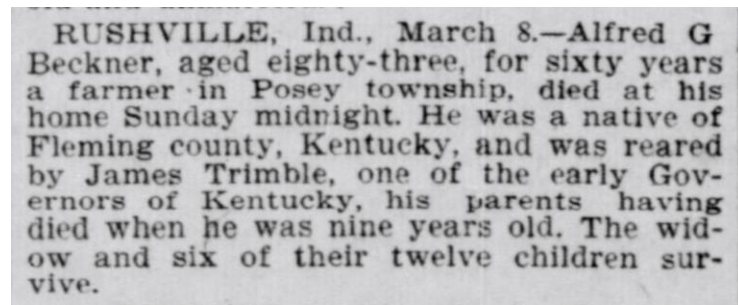
Alpha, 7, attended school, b. in IN, parents b. in KY

Terry Mers, 84, mother-in-law, widow, b. in KY

1900 census, Posey Twp., Rush County, IN

Alfred G. Beckner, 79, b. 1/1821, m. 56 yrs, b. in KY, parents b. in KY, farmer

Evaline Beckner, 72, b. 4/1828, m. 56 yrs, b. in KY, parents b. in KY, can read, not write



RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 8.—Alfred G Beckner, aged eighty-three, for sixty years a farmer in Posey township, died at his home Sunday midnight. He was a native of Fleming county, Kentucky, and was reared by James Trimble, one of the early Governors of Kentucky, his parents having died when he was nine years old. The widow and six of their twelve children survive.

Alfred G Beckner, obit, TheIndianapolisJournal, 3.9.1904

CLOCK COLLAPSES, AGED OWNER DIES

RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 23.—A peculiar coincidence in connection with the death of Alfred G. Beckner, aged 83, of Arlington, is reported. Beckner died as the clock finished striking the midnight hour.

As the last stroke was finished one of the hands of the clock fell off. The clock had been in Beckner's possession for 50 years.

Alfred G Beckner, obit, Buffalo, NY, The Buffalo Times, 3.23.1904

PLACE OF DEATH.		Indiana State Board of Health.		Record Number
County of <u>Rush</u>	Township of <u>Posey</u>		15	
Town of _____ or	City of _____			
No. _____ St.	Ward _____		Full Name <u>Alfred G Beckner</u>	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.		
Sex <u>Male</u>	Color <u>White</u>	Date of Death <u>March 6</u> 190 <u>4</u>	Month. Day. Year.	
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced, } <u>Married</u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Feb. 28</u> 190 <u>4</u> , to <u>March 6</u> 190 <u>4</u>		
Name of Husband or Wife, <u>Eveline Beckner</u>		that I last saw <u>him</u> alive on <u>March 6</u> 190 <u>4</u> , and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>12</u> o'clock <u>P.M.</u>		
Date of Birth <u>1 13</u> 18 <u>21</u>	Month. Day. Year.	To the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as follows:		
Age <u>83</u> years, <u>1</u> months, <u>23</u> days.		Chief Cause <u>Pneumonia</u>		
Occupation <u>Farmer</u>		Duration <u>six days</u>		
Birthplace <u>Indy</u> (State or Country.)		Immediate Cause <u>Paralysis</u>		
Place of Death <u>Posey Co Rush Ind</u>		Duration <u>two days</u>		
Name of Father <u>John Beckner</u>		(Signed) <u>J. H. Smith</u> M. D.		
Birthplace of Father <u>Indy</u> (State or Country.)		<u>March 7</u> 190 <u>4</u> (Address) <u>Arlington Ind.</u>		
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Mary Parker</u>		SPECIAL INFORMATION ONLY FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS.		
Birthplace of Mother <u>Indy</u> (State or Country.)		Former or usual residence _____		
The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.		How long at Place of death _____ days.		
(INFORMANT) <u>Grace Jenkins</u>		Where was disease contracted if not at place of death _____		
(Address) <u>Arlington Ind.</u>		Place of Burial or Removal <u>Rest Hill</u>	Proposed date of Burial <u>Mar 8</u> 190 <u>4</u>	
		Undertaker <u>Baldwell & Co</u>	Address <u>Rushville Ind.</u>	
		Filed <u>Mar 7</u> 190 <u>4</u>		
		<u>Lot Jones</u>	Health Officer or Deputy.	
		(Address) <u>Rushville Ind.</u>		
(IF UNABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, WRITE "UNKNOWN.")				

Alfred G Beckner, son of John and Mary Polly Parker Beckner