



# Jessee Family Newsletter

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## Dear Cousin,

Nelda and I are looking forward to the Family Reunion in August, and expect to be there, although, I am afraid, Nelda's work may not allow. Many thanks to **Rev. Vernon Cecil Jessee, Mike and Joy Malone, and Norma McHone** for putting all this together.

One of the most exciting developments out of the the first reunion was the decision to form a **Jessee Historical Foundation**. I am even more pleased that the Foundation is now a reality. We owe thanks to the efforts of **Joe Jessee and Hank Davis**, with a little help from family and friends. The Foundation's first annual meeting will be held during the reunion. Those who join this year will be charter members of the foundation. I am signing up my whole family! **Irene Jessee Perry** has donated an oil painting of Jessee's Mill, to be auctioned as a fund raiser. See more inside.

I am a bit at a low ebb. There is so much to do, and so little time to do it. I do work at this genealogy business most everyday for an hour or more, sometimes, much more. Just the daily email and requests for information can fill an evening.

There is much more data entry that needs to be done for the family database, but I can only key for about an hour at a time until the pain sets in. I peck away at the little bits and dabs, entering sometimes dozens of individuals in an evening, but I need help with the big projects if the database is to grow. I sure do welcome those GEDCOM files.

Still, I am excited and gratified everytime I extend the recorded descendants for John and Frankey and meet a new cousin. I am astounded as I see increasing evidence of the amazing interrelatedness of all these Southwest Virginia families. We are indeed all cousins.

We have another interesting newsletter thanks to so many of you who help support the effort through generous contributions of information, photographs, documentation, and money. My spirits are uplifted by your letters, email, and calls.

**Jim Jessee**

## Featured This Edition

**The 2nd National Jessee Family Reunion** is previewed. Join us on **August 4, 2001**, at the **Russell Co. Fairgrounds, Castlewood, VA.**

**The Jessee Historical Foundation** has been established. Read all about it and see a photo of the board's first meeting. Learn more about proposed **Historical Marker Project** inside. **Irene Jessee Perry** has donated an **oil painting of Jessee's Mill** to be auctioned at the reunion as a fund raiser for the Jessee Historical Foundation.

**Jesse(e) Family Origins** has several new contributions. **Mike Bedford** provides information on our possible common **English Jesse** origins. See several bits on **German Jesse** origins, and a new **Canadian Jesse** family is heard from. More information comes from **Virginia Bennett**.

Many **Historic Southwest Virginia Families** are intermarried with the Jesse(e) family. This time we are featuring articles about the **Astrop, Browning, Boring, Gibson, Johnson, Epley, Arrington, Owens, Mangum, and Campbell** families. Some with important corrections.

**Many contributors have provided new information** regarding the ancestors and descendants of Philip and Rachel Jessee and each of John and Frankey Lea Jessee's fifteen children. You will find new stories and extensions of our family genealogy database inside.

**Several contributors have sent photographs** which I am happy to feature, although the quality of printing is somewhat uneven. These photos speak a thousand words and are most welcome additions to the newsletter.

**Correspondence and Missing Links** is rich with news, inquiries, and information, as well as some genealogy humor we hope you will enjoy.

**Jessee Resources on the World Wide Web** has a few more clues for us computer geeks and the latest information regarding the development of the **Jessee Family Database**.

## The 2nd National Jessee Family Reunion and Research Day

**Jessee Family Reunion**  
**Saturday, August 4th, 2001--10AM to 4PM**  
**at the Russell County Fairgrounds**  
**Highway Alt. 58 near Castlewood, VA.**

**Family Research Day**  
**Friday, August 3, 2001--9AM to 4PM**  
**at the Russell County Library**  
**203 NW Main St., Lebanon, VA**

**Russell County Genealogy Society**  
**Meets Thursday, August 2, at 5:30**  
**at the Russell County Library, Lebanon, VA**

All Jessee descendants and related families are invited to attend the Jessee Research Day (refreshments will be served) and Family Reunion. Those attending the reunion are asked to bring a covered dish to share, and folding chairs. A potluck lunch will be served at noon, drinks and service provided. If you plan to attend or need further information phone or email one of the following: for the Research Day, email Joy Malone [DrJoy@boone.net]; for the Family Reunion and Picnic call 540-362-9385, or 540-889-4199 in Lebanon, or email Rev. Vernon Cecil Jessee [vernon@cross.net]. Volunteers are needed.

Many activities are planned, including family group pictures, adult and children's games, contests, musical entertainment by family members, a silent auction (please bring items to auction) and an auction for Irene Jessee Perry's oil painting of Jessee's Mill.

## Jessee Historical Foundation

By unanimous vote of those present at the 1st National Jessee Family Reunion, a committee was formed to create a **Jessee Historical Foundation**. Joseph Harold "Joe" Jessee, Jr. was elected the acting chair, Norma McHone, acting treasurer, Gary and Elizabeth (Jessee) Taylor, publicists, and Jim Jessee and Arlene Jessee, family genealogists. Henry "Hank" Davis, Esq., volunteered to assist the committee in forming a non-profit corporation, and handle the legal aspects. Nearly \$1000 was raised.

**In Spring 2001, the Jessee Historical Foundation was officially formed.** The following family members accepted founding board membership and the offices or supportive roles indicated. We thank them.

<b>Joseph H. "Joe" Jessee, Jr.</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Laura Jessee Thomas</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
<b>Mary Akers</b>	<b>Membership Secretary</b>
<b>Carolyn Sue Jessee</b>	<b>Assistant Membership Secretary</b>
<b>J. D. Jessee</b>	<b>Recording Secretary &amp; Publicist</b>
<b>Henry "Hank" Davis</b>	<b>Legal Advisor</b>
<b>Norma McHone</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Taulbee "Toby" Jessee</b>	<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>
<b>James W. "Jim" Jessee</b>	<b>Newsletter/Web Page Editor</b>

Peggy Jessee Adams, Carl B. Jessee, Rev. Vernon Cecil Jessee, Elizabeth Jessee Taylor, J. C. Jessee, J. Harold "Doodle" Jessee, Sr., John D. Jessee, Robert T. Jessee, Jr., W. D. "Tip" Jessee, Joy A. Malone, Helen R. Reedy, Irene Jessee Perry, Janice Jessee Tiller, and Sherman Wallace, Others TBA, all members at large.

**There will be a business meeting of the Jessee Historical Foundation during the Jessee Family Reunion August 4, 2001, at 1:30PM** where, among business items, the winners of the silent auction and high bidder for Irene Jessee Perry's oil painting will be announced. **Go to [www.jessee.org](http://www.jessee.org) for more information and foundation news and events.**



Members of the Board of the Jessee Historical Foundation, Inc., founded 2001, photo taken at first board meeting, May 5, 2001, Lebanon, VA. Seated L to R: J.D. Jessee, Recording Secretary & Publicist; Henry "Hank" Davis, Esq., Legal Counsel; Carolyn Sue Jessee, Assistant to Membership Secretary; Mary Akers, Membership Secretary; Laura J. Thomas, Vice President; & Joseph H. Jessee, Jr. President. Standing L to R: Irene Jessee Perry; Janice S. Tiller; Betty Jessee; Peggy J. Adams; J. C. Jessee; Joy A. Malone; & Robert T. Jessee. Not pictured: Taulbee "Toby" Jessee, Assistant Treasurer.

## Membership Information

The Jessee Historical Foundation extends an invitation and warm welcome to new members. We appreciate your support and hope you will be involved with the many projects and activities planned. We welcome and need your ideas and input.

**Join the Jessee Historical Foundation this year and receive a Charter Member Certificate.** Enroll your whole family. This offer is good through 12/31/2001. There are three categories of membership and the annual fee is \$10 per person for all categories:

- 1. Regular Member:** If you have a Jessee, Jesse, Jessey or Jessie surname, or are an adult Jessee descendant you are eligible to be a regular member with full voting privileges. Please provide information to verify your Jesse(e) lineage.
- 2. Associate Member:** Spouses, related family, or friends of a regular member, who are non-voting.
- 3. Junior Member:** Family members under age 18, who are non-voting.

**Send an application (available on the Web at [www.jessee.org](http://www.jessee.org)) or provide the following information for each member to be enrolled:** Name, Street or PO box address, City, State, ZIP, phone, and email address. Please send your check for \$10 per person to the membership secretary at the following address. You may call or email the membership secretary if you have questions.

Jessee Historical Foundation, Inc.  
Membership Secretary  
PO Box 1617  
Lebanon, VA 24266-1617  
540-628-9239  
[phoenix@naxs.com](mailto:phoenix@naxs.com)

## Projects and Activities

The following projects, activities, and undertakings have been discussed, and will be on the agenda of future foundation meetings. Whether you are a board member or not, these projects and activities will need volunteers and other help. Please consider what you can do to help.

**1. Public access to, fenced protection and restoration of the John and Frankey Lea Jessee Cemetery,** as well as other Jessee family cemeteries. This will also involve land owner cooperation. This land is owned by Jimmy Herndon, currently of Texas, but it is leased and farmed by Sherman Wallace, Jr., who indicates Mr. Herndon is willing to cooperate.

**2. Preservation of Jessee's Mill, Russell Co., VA.** This will need historical study and documentation, requests for appropriate historical designation, and fundraising/grant development. This may involve the land owner, Sherman Wallace, Jr., who has agreed to work with the association and participate on its board.

**3. The establishment of Virginia Historical Markers at Jessee's Mill and appropriate Jessee Family sites.** [See the following article.]

**4. Creating a Jessee Family History Book.**

**5. Planning for the next and future National Jessee Family Reunions, Research Days, and Annual Meetings.**

**6. Clean up other Jessee Cemeteries and historical sites.**

**7. Establish a Jessee Family Band.**

**8. More ideas to come.**



Irene Jessee Perry (standing on the right), a noted Virginia artist, has donated the above oil painting of Jessee's Mill to be auctioned at the Jessee Family Reunion as a fundraiser for the Jessee Historical Foundation. Also seen here, Joe Jessee and Laura J. Thomas.

# Graveyard and Historical Marker Projects

**Mike and Joy Malone** (drjoym@bellsouth.net)

sent 6/3/2000, this request for help regarding providing historical markers for **Jessee's Mill** and other sites.

Joy and I were in Virginia the other day and went by the Dept. of Transportation to check on putting up a historical marker on the side of the road [by Jessee's Mill]. Met a very nice man by the name of Jim Kiser, said his dad was brought up in Reeds Valley and he was some kind of Jessee himself. He helped me find out the information.

In a nutshell the person or group requesting the marker must submit a 100-word (more or less) documentation that will support the request. Second, the group or person must verify that they have the funds to purchase the marker (\$1,300.00) no charge for tax or shipping. The marker must be placed on public land or a highway right-of-way. The group can suggest a location and the DOT will work with the group to approve a safe location. The group can suggest the location and write the inscription on the marker; however, the DOT has the right to edit. They will work with the group to have the proper text on the marker.

Once the marker is cast it is shipped to the DOT facility near the location where it is to be installed. The DOT will install the marker and maintain it free of charge once it is placed on the site. They will also help with coordination if the group wants to hold a ceremony at the unveiling.

I mentioned the Mill and Jim said he didn't think that would be a problem. He said he had only installed one other marker and that was in Elk Garden requested by Dr. Gilmer. It could also be at the road near the grave of John Jessee the Rev. soldier or some other site the Jessees select. You can request as many as you want only requirement is the documentation and the money. Sounds feasible and something that could be accomplished by the Jessee Family. I have the print out of the DOT requirements and will bring them to the reunion.

**MIKE AND JOY MALONE** [drjoym@bellsouth.net] sent, 2/18/01, important information and an opportunity to properly recognize and record **the grave site of our John Jessee Revolutionary War Soldier**. Mike and Joy may need help in providing the evidence and making a proper filing.

Below is a copy of an e-mail I sent to the Russell County e-mail site. The way I read this report is you must have some type of proof of the Veteran's gravesite, statements, tombstone, story etc. You also must have proof of his service (we have that). You must also have the location of the site and the global positioning location of the site. I think if you do have any of the required proof we will at least have him listed in the report. There may not be any money for maintenance or restoration, but possibly the county could apply for a funds for a monument for all the veterans in Russell County.

The State of Virginia has published a Interim Special Report: Revolutionary War Veteran Gravesites in Virginia. (House Document NO. 91) The State of Virginia is trying to locate all gravesites of Revolutionary War Veterans in the state. The purpose is to provide maintenance and restoration of the gravesites. As I read the report it seems they will provide grants to organizations i.e., DAR, SAR, or other organizations to maintain and restore the gravesites. This report only listed 10 Veterans in Russell County. They are; Charles Bickley, John Coolbaugh, Henry Dickenson, William Dorton, Jr., Burton Caleb Litton Sr, John Richard Litton Sr, Solomon Caleb Litton Sr, Thomas Litton, Benjamin Ray, and Bernard Reynolds. I am sure there many more names that need to be added to this list.

You can order a copy of the report free on line at <http://jlarc.state.va.us> Click on publications, then click on online orders, fill in your mailing information then click on report #264 Interim Special Report: Revolutionary War Veteran Gravesites in Virginia.

This may be a good project for the Russell County Genealogy Group. A copy of the Report is located in the Library of the Historical Society of Washington County Virginia, in Abingdon. The Russell County Library has also ordered a copy.

## Jesse(e) Family Origins

There are many "Jessee," "Jesse," even "Jessie" families in the United States and Canada that we know are descended from families whose American origins are in Virginia. There are many Jesse, Jessee, Jessie, Jessey and, perhaps, Jeshy, Jaci, Jacy, and Jacie families in the world whose kinship is unknown. I believe we are all cousins. As "Jesse" and "Jessee" are the two most frequent spellings of this family name, I shall adopt the convention of using "Jesse(e)" in reference to the larger family.

Please see Newsletter #10 for an extensive discussion and summary of what we know so far about the origins of the Jesse(e) families in America. The many clues there lead us to several new avenues of research on the origins of the Jesse(e) families in, at least, Amelia Co., Cumberland Co., Essex Co., Isle of Wight Co., King and Queen Co., King William Co., Lancaster Co., Nansemond, Co., Middlesex Co., and Spotsylvania Co., VA. Here are more clues.

**MIKE BEDFORD** [mjmbedford@lineone.net], sent, 3/25/2001, this very interesting report on his **English Jesse origins**, which give us very important clues for the origins of the several American Jesse(e) families.

Here are the details of my "Jesse" research that I contacted you about recently. I note that there are many variations of the spelling over the last 300 odd years, I have come accross Jessy, Jessee, Jessey, Jeshy and Jesse to name a few. However the most common spelling in England is Jesse. This last name is on my Great-Grandmothers birth certificate.

My Jesse research is still ongoing but I am back to 1753, it starts with a marriage in a little village called Cheselbourne in the county of Dorset, England on the 11th June 1753 when Joseph Jesse married Mary Arnold.

Their son also named Joseph was born about 1757 he went on to be an apprentice shipwright at a shipbuilders at Poole in the same county, the owner of the shipyard was Richard Reeks. Joseph junior then turns up at Fawley in Hampshire (a village a few miles south of Southampton) Where on the 27th December 1779 he married Anne Langer.

Joseph and Anne had several children over the next 20 years.

Joseph Langer Jesse	bap.17th August 1780	at Fawley
Mary Anne Jesse	bap. 21st March 1782	at South Stoneham
Thomas Jesse	bap. 1st February 1784	at South Stoneham
William Arnold Jesse	bap. 24th February 1793	at Gosport
John Jesse	bap. 29th May 1798	at Gosport
Francis Jesse	bap 10 October 1799	at Gosport

(All in the county of Hampshire)

I believe that there are one or two more children but I have not yet traced their baptisms. As you see Joseph and Anne moved from

Fawley to South Stoneham, this parish no longer exists as such and as been swallowed up by the City of Southampton.

After South Stoneham the family turn up in Gosport (just across the harbour from the Royal Navy dockyard of Portsmouth. Since Joseph was a shipwright he must have gone to the Portsmouth area for more work, at that time it was a boom town with lots of work in shipbuilding prior to the Napoleonic wars with France

Joseph died in Portsmouth and was buried in St. Marys Portsea (part of Portsmouth) on 7th September 1828

Francis Jesse is the next of my line he also was a shipwright, he married Rachel Lowrie at St. Thomas church Portsmouth (now a cathedral) on 25th January 1824 they only had one son Francis Edward Jesse baptised 28th March 1828.

Francis senior lived to the ripe old age of 83. Francis Edward Jesse married Jane Elizabeth Semming in a civil ceremony in Portsmouth on 25th February 1848. Their children are as follows:

William George Jesse	born 1849
Jane Elizabeth Jesse	born 1851
Rachel Jesse	born 1853
Emma Jesse	born 1858
Francis Jesse	born 1860
Kate Jesse	born 1864
Mary Jane Jesse	born 17th May 1868

As I have said Mary Jane Jesse was my Great-Grandmother.

Francis Edward Jesse died only a few weeks after she was born. He died on 9th July 1868, cause of death was recorded as "softening of the spine."

Mary Jane married my Great-Grandfather John Nancarrow on 28th June 1885 again at Portsmouth. That is my Jesse line so far, I hope to get further back in time later this year.

In the meantime here is a bit more information about the name. The earliest Jesse's I have found in various books in the archives are as follows:

Ralf Jesse is recorded on the "Rotuli Hundredorum" for Devon in 1275.

William Jesse is on the Subsidy Rolls for Wiltshire in 1576.

Phillip Jesse is on the Prodestation returns for Devon in 1642. Devon and Wiltshire are in the South West of England.

It seems that the Jesse name in England originates from the South Western counties.

A further point that may interest you is that if a number of Jesse's may have been involved in the "Monmouth Rebellion" of 1685 which started in the South West. I have five names taken from the constables presentments. These are men missing from their parishes at the time and believed to be involved.

Edward Jesse  
George Jesse  
John Jesse  
Marmaduke Jesse  
Robert Jesse

If they were involved they may have been hung, or even transported to the West Indies. I do not know which parishes they came from or if any of them are part of my line, as I said my research is ongoing.

I do hope that this information is of interest to you. The Jesse name is not very common in England.

The name also occurs in parts of what is now Germany, so anyone in the U.S. could have ancestors in either country.

**ANNETTE HAMPTON** [ahamp@primenet.com] posted on the Jessee List, 3/12 & 3/17/2001, the following regarding her **German Jesse** family origins

Greetings from a new member. We (several cousins) have been searching for the background of my g-g-grandparents for several years now. **Caroline Jesse** (also known as Anna Caroline Jaske) came from "Germany," (according to her death certificate) with her husband, John Daniel Doerr (who we think was born in the

Province of Posen, Prussia) in 1867 (the same year they married), and settled Atchinson and later Barnes, Kansas. They were Lutheran. They were very secretive about the old country and wouldn't talk to their children about it at all. Any help here would be greatly appreciated!

I have seen that Jesse from other notes on the web that, in this case, Jesse was an Americanization of Jaske and Jasche (German), which was, in some cases, changed from Dasche and Daschova (Russian).

**THOMAS JACK AND IRENE H. JESSEE**, wrote, 4/2/2001, and provided copies of correspondence Irene has had with a **Fritz Jesse**, a **German Jesse** family member who is a native of Germany, lives near his ancestral home in Kulmbach, Germany and wrote to her in German, of course. Fortunately my wife speaks German and was able to translate the letter. Irene, who is also German, had found his name in her home town phone book and wrote to him about his Jesse surname. Basically he provides information on his German Jesse family origins, sharing information about his parents and grandparents all born and raised in Germany.

**GARY JESSE** [gjesse@aol.com], sent, 6/3/2000, this inquiry about the **Otto Jesse** family history. This family is also of **German origin**.

I recently ran across information on the WorldConnect Project site that quote you as sources for information regarding Otto Jesse. I am also seeking information regarding my great grandfather who is also named Otto Jesse(e) and from the information posted I think we could be a match. I'll tell you everything that I know and let's see if there are any connections here. I would love this to be the case as I've really struggled trying to figure out the next step after my great grandfather.

My great grandfather Otto Jesse was born somewhere in Germany in 1863. He died March 6, 1911 in Bryan, Williams County, OH. He is buried in Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan, OH. The most complete information that I've found is also posted on the WorldConnect Project site at the following URL: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=gravatt&id=I0525> As you'll see, it mentions that Otto came over here in 1880 by stowing away on a ship bound for America to escape the "war". It also mentions he had a brother named Adolf as well. My guess is that when he came over here that may have been when that last "e" was dropped and the last name became "Jesse". Anyway, Otto's son Ernest Otto Jesse was my grandfather and his son Edwin Jesse was my father. All were from the North West Ohio area so given the information cited on your webpage there are several of the following connections:

- 1) Year of birth matches (1863)
- 2) Place of birth matches (Germany)
- 3) Year of death matches (1911)
- 4) Otto settled in North West Ohio (Bryan, OH)
- 5) Both had a brother named Adolf

I also have a vague memory as a child of hearing about a great aunt Rose... I'm really excited to hear from you to get your thoughts on this and whether or not you think this is the same Otto Jesse. [I do, ED]

**RITA JESSIE** [baitntkl@northnet.org] posted this inquiry, 3/17/2001, on Jessee-L@RootsWeb.com regarding **Canadian Jesse, Jessie, and Jessey** surnames, and asks if there are any connections.

I am inclined to think we have common origins, and now we just need to discover them.

Hi, I just recently joined this list & have been reading everything with interest. My husband's great-grandfather came from Canada and his name was Jesse. We have always believed he was of French and Scotch descent. The spelling has been changed to Jessie and Jessey, and there are a lot of them in the northern New York State region - (Plattsburgh and Tupper Lake in the Adirondacks). So far, I haven't seen any postings from this area. Just wanted to let you know, we are out here. Don't know if there is a connection.

**GAIL GARTIN GILBERT** [gailgilbert@earthlink.net] sent this clue to our common Russell County **German Heritage**.

I was just exploring a couple sites on the "Germana Settlements" of Culpeper Co., VA (1714-1717) and I noticed among the list of early settlers the names KOONTZ (various spellings given) and HERNDON. Have you ever looked at that area as a possible source for these allied family surnames connected to the JESSEs? These German people came down into VA from PA, I believe, when Gov. Spotswood opened up that area for settlement, and could easily have continued on southward. I hadn't thought of the name HERNDON as being German, but a number of English sounding names are given for these "German" immigrants. This might also indicate a German origin for our Jessees. I believe the NC area, where the JESSEs and LEAs, were originally was primarily a German settlement also. My Graves (GRAFFs) and SHARPs settled there from PA and passed back through VA enroute to TN. There are LEAs and HERNDONs connected to the GRAVES also. Is there anything more which has come up to indicate Franky Lea's parentage? Anyway, take a look at these sites and let me know what you think:

<http://www.Germanna.org>

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~george/hebron.html>

Also, I have corresponded again with Iris Hall and she has indicated that the Wm. Jesse & Mary Vermillion records are somewhere among the Sutherland material at LDS. I haven't had a chance to check that out as I have been struggling with a bug for 3 months. I can't take any medication and have had to just rest it out. By the way, could the name Vermillion also be German, ie. Vermeullen? I have seen that name here in Orange Co., CA. Let me know what you think, - and I hope you are now in better health too. Gail

**VIRGINIA BENNETT** of North Carolina, an ever faithful family researcher, sent along this spring these bits and pieces, clues and tantalizers, to our common Jesse(e) origins.

From *The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1700-1750*, Peter Wilson Coldham, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. January-13 March, 1706. Shippers by the Ann, Mr. John Jones, bound from Bristol for Virginia: William Perks, William Blunden, John Horsington, Henry Parker, Jeremiah Peares, William Clarke, James Lloyd, **John Jesse**, John Webly, Laurence Hollister, Joseph Gotley, Richard Bond, ..... Pg. 70  
19 November 1725. **Francis Lea** of Ellesmere, Shropshire, tailor aged 23, bound for John Cooke to serve 5 years in Virginia. Pg. 351.

From *Barbados Records-Wills and Administrations Volume II 1701-1725*, compiled and edited by Joanne McRee Sanders. Crossthwayt, George of the town of St. Michaels, St. Michaels Parish, 3 Aug 11716, RB6/4, pg. 42  
My bro Charles Crossthwayt: son in law **Thos: Jesses**; cousin Dan:beack; gr daus **Sarah Jesses** and **Mary Jesses**; gr son **Tho:**

**Jesses, Jr.** Friend John Paine-Xtr. Signed George Crossthwayte Wit: William Maxwell, George Maddey  
Proved 17 Oct 1716.

From *The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 16, British Mercantile Claims*.

On pge 114 we find

**William Jessie**, A Virginia, about 23.

On, pg 282 we find these two entires.

**John Jessee** (taylor). L29.9.3. Never was able.

**Lewis Archer**. L4.14.3. Never was able.

We also find references to **John and Joel Chandler**.

## Other Jesse(e) Families

**JULIE BALL** [JulieAnnB53@aol.co] sent, 2/5/2001, the following note regarding **Phoebe Elizabeth Jesse**, a descendant of **John and Clia Smith Jesse**.

Hi! I found your website while looking for my grandmother, Lizzie Jesse, and just want to let you know how grateful my family is that you did all this hard work! It has been a tremendous relief for us to find our grandma after searching daily for 2-1/2 in libraries and especially on the web to find information on her. I won't go into details here, but you have her listed as Phoebe Elizabeth Jesse. She actually lived until 1968 in Comal County, Texas! We can guess why her family reported her death in 1915 and would love to hear their story on her whereabouts.

I order the Shuptrine's book and can't wait to receive it. You have helped fill a huge void in our family tree, not to mention our hearts. I have documentation that Lizzie was in fact the daughter of Benton Flood and Mary Phoebe "Mollie" Harrison Jesse and will be happy to forward anything you wish as well as information on her descendants. Again, thanks for your wonderful information!

**ANISA ZIMMERMAN** [anisaz@renaoe.com] sent, 3/19/2001 this inquiry regarding another line of the **John and Clia Smith Jesse** family.

I have been searching for the "Jesse" side of my tree for quite some time now and within 24 hours of looking at your research I can locate my family back for at least 4 generations. My name is Anisa Rhea Zimmerman. My mother is Monica Jesse, her father Bennie Jesse, his father Mack Vernon Jesse, his father William Henry Jesse, his father Benton Flood Jesse and so on.

Benton Flood Jesse is my 3x Great Grandfather, His son William Henry Jesse is my 2x Great Grandfather, his son Mack Vernon Jesse is my Great grandfather who married Elzie Rhea Taliaferro and their son was Bennie Jesse. He married Ramona Monta who had Michael and Monica. Monica is my mother.

## Southwest Virginia Families

Here I will feature articles, documents, and other information about other Southwest Virginia families who have intermarried with the Jesse(e) Family over many generations. Your contributions and comments are welcome.

**WILLIAM PLATO CLIFFORD** [plato@nmol.com] sent, 1/6/01 and subsequently, the following important information pertaining to the **BROWNING** family of SW VA, with whom several Jesse families have intermarried. **He has provided several important corrections to my database and references of value to Browning researchers.**

Jim, I have taken some info from your database on Worldconnect. So I thought it only fair to send you the following.

Your Clara Browning m. to Johnathan Haralson & Clara Browning Culbertson are the same person. [I had them recorded as separate individuals] I have the following information. She was the daughter of John Browning and Elizabeth Demarest.

Clara Browning b. March 01, 1765 Caswell Co., NC. or Culpeper Co., VA (internet files) d. March 01, 1841 La Grange, Troup, Georgia, USA. Tombstone in the LaGrange Cemetery: In memory of Mrs. Clara Haralson, widow of Jonathan Haralson, late of Greene County, Ga, deceased, who departed this 1st day of March, A.D. 1841 in the 76th year of her age. In the War of the Revolution she laboured in the field's to support her father's family while her brothers were engaged in the service of their country."

Troup county Cemetery database  
Cemetery Database:  
ID 10862  
Code 00100-01  
Last Name Haralson  
First Name Clara  
Death Date 1 Mar 1841  
Location 38

m. 1st David Culbertson February 22, 1782 Caswell Co., NC. From: Caswell County North Carolina Marriage Bonds 1778 - 1868 Compiled By: Katharine Kerr Kendall Pub. Clearfield Co. Baltimore 1990 Groom Bride Date Bondsman or Witness  
Culbertson David Clary Browning 22 February 1782 Isac Boran Children. (from estate records)

1. Jeremiah Culbertson b: DEC 1783 in North Carolina.
2. Isaac Culbertson b: 30 OCT 1784 in North Carolina.
3. Elizabeth Browning Culbertson b: 20 NOV 1786 in North Carolina.

4. James P. Culbertson b: 25 MAY 1789 in North Carolina.

5. John Culbertson b: 30 MAY 1792 in Greene County, Georgia.

6. David Browning Culbertson b: 23 DEC 1794 in Georgia David husband of Clara died Bef. Mar.19, 1796 in Green Co., Georgia, USA (from estate records).

m. 2nd Johnathan Anderson Haralson Abt 1798 Greene Co., Georgia. Johnathans first wife was Jane Huston. (From Haralson Lineage book by Danny Haralson)

Children. With Clara. (From Haralson Lineage book by Danny Haralson)

1. William Browning Haralson b: June 10, 1799 in Greene Co., Georgia.
2. Eunice Haralson b: Abt 1802 in Greene Co., Georgia.
3. Kinchen Lea Haralson b: Abt 1804 in Greene Co., Georgia.

4. Hugh Anderson Haralson b: September 13, 1805 in Greene Co., Georgia.

Also I have that John Browning married Susanna Teague Aft. 1775 the widow of Joseph Boring (his will proven May 1775) after Elizabeth Demarest died Bef 1777. But that John and Susannah although having large families did not have any children together.

I have found alot of conflicting info on the Browning Family. Most of it seems to have come from Edward F. Browning's book. So sometimes you have to go with what you have until you find better. The information I have on John Browning is:

From: <http://users.aol.com/LeahChris/LeahsHome.html>

Descendants of John Browning (1733 - 1803) and Elizabeth Demarest (1728 -1776). The descendants listed in Edward F. Browning's book and widely circulated are incorrect. If you are a descendant, please e-mail me at LeahChris@aol.com. I have loads of documentation on this line and am trying to compile a book on

this line from John to around 1900. I am always looking for more info. (I have Johns birth as Abt 1728)

John and Elizabeth's children, according to his will, deeds, etc. are as follows:

Francis m. Elizabeth Vermillion  
John Jr. married 1) Elizabeth Culbertson, 2) Nancy Peeples  
Joshua m. Margaret Rankin (my ancestor)  
William m. Elizabeth Atkinson  
Anna m. Thomas Bird  
Phoebe m. Isaac Boring  
Clara m. 1) David Culbertson, 2) Jonathan Haralson  
Asenith (Sincy) m. Elijah Fuller  
Millicent m. Basil Wright

#### WILL OF JOHN BROWNING

Dated: 7 Oct. 1803

Recorded: 29 Jan. 1804

Greene Co., Georgia

In the name of God Amen - I John Browning of the county of Greene & state of Georgia - Being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory & calling to mind the transtory things of this life do make, constitute, and ordain this to be my last will and testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

First - I give and bequeath (after paying all my just debts) unto my beloved wife Susannah Browning both real and personal during the life of her widowhood and after her decease or marriage it is my will that the plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred & Eighty seven and a half acres with all its improvements shall belong to my son William Browning - it is also my will that all the balance of my property including all my negroes, horses, cattle, hogs and stock of ever kinds, also money, \_\_\_\_\_, notes or debts with all my household furniture, working tools, with all & everthing that may belong to me at my decease should be equally divided between my children as hereafter named, to wit, Francis Browning, John Browning, William Browning, Anna Bird, Phebe Boring, Sincy Fuller, Clara Harrelson & Millicent Wright, except a negro man named Jack and a bay mare called bony and one feather Bed & furniture which I give unto beloved wife Susannah Browning to keep during her life & to be at her disposal at her death - I also give unto my son Joshua Browning one Dollar and desire my Executors to pay him that sum &c - witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7th day of Octr 1803.

/s/ John Browning (seal)

Test: Davis Gresham

Phil Clements

Saml. Baldwin

Greene Court of Ordinary Jany. Term 1804

The within Will & testament of John Browning decd. Proven in open Court, by the oaths of Phillip Clements & Saml. Baldwin who was subscribing witness's to the same.

Recorded the 29 Jany. 1804.

/s/ Tho. Carleton C.C.V.

So these two lists of children match. And that is what I am using as his children with Elizabeth Demarest. As you can see the children you have listed as with Susannah Teague Boring are his by Elizabeth Demarest. Like I said the info I have is a that he had no children with Susannah Teague Boring. Here is her will.

#### From the Boring page on genforum: Suzannah Teague Boring Browning's Will: - Green Co., Records

<http://genforum.familytreemaker.com/boring/>

"It being appointed that all the human family shall die and being far advanced in years and considerably affected in body, though sound of mind and memory; and being possessed of small property, do make this my last will and testament, viz:

1st My will that my faithful and trusty servant Jack shall have freedom at my death.

2nd My three horses beasts, to-wit, Polly, Bonny, and Snip, three head cattle, that is one, cow and one three year old steer and young heifer, feather beds, bedsteads, sheets, counterpanes, blankets, bed quilts, pillows, coulster, one woman's saddle, bridle, large jugs, plates, cups, saucers, pitchers, copper coffee pot, skillets, pots, knives and forks, etc. with all the rest of my property shall be divided between my children, Susanna Hart, Isaac Boring, and David Boring. I also constitute my sons Isaac and David Boring my executors. In testimony whereof I set my hand and affix my seal the 18th day of February 1812."

Susanna X Browning

Testors: John Browning Jr., Elizabeth Daniel, Abner Veazey  
Recorded Sept. term 1812 Green Co. GA

Susannah Teague birth family:

From <http://www.teagueonline.freemove.co.uk/default1.html>  
Descendants of Edward TEAGUE of Maryland

1 Edward TEAGUE (c1660-1697) + Susan (1660)

2 William TEAGUE (1693 - 1775) + Isabella PENNINGTON (1693)

3 Edward TEAGUE (1716 - c.1810) + Lurannah VAN SWEARINGEN

Edward's Descent Tree

3 Moses TEAGUE (1718 - 1799) + Elizabeth LOFTIN

Moses' Descent Tree

3 Abraham TEAGUE (1720 - 1771) + Anna Permelia

BROWN

Abraham's Descent Tree

3 Charity TEAGUE (1722) + John SWAIM

3 Elijah TEAGUE (1726 - c.1780) + Ailsey DAVIS

Elijah's Descent Tree

3 Susannah TEAGUE (1730) + Joseph BORING <<<<<<<

3 Joshua TEAGUE (1732 - Aft 1804) + Dorothy GAUNT

Joshua's Descent Tree

3 William TEAGUE (1733 - 1803) + Eleanor SIMONTON

William's Descent Tree

3 Rachel TEAGUE (1735 - c.1798) + David SHEPARD

2 Catherine TEAGUE (1695 - 1717) + Mark WHITEAKER

2 Ann TEAGUE (1695) + Thomas MITCHELL

((has much other information some of the page links are broken))

#### **I also have the Will of Joseph Boring:**

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/2952/wills/willjb9.html> TJ's Genealogy | Boring Family Database Contributed by Rhoda Taylor Fone.

Will of Joseph Boring, dated Jan. 11, 1775, Proved May, 1775 Orange Co., North Carolina January the Eleventh day One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy five. Then Joseph Borrin made the following Will and ordered it to stand as his last Will and Testament. Susannah Borrin to have her living of the Plantation and widdowhood, her bed and furniture, negore Hannah to weight on her as long as they live,

Horse Jolley, saddle and Bridle. John Borrin to have Nergoe Jack, James Borrin to have Negroe Geab(?), William Borrin to have waggon and gears and four horses, Rain, Boss, Buck & Jack, Isaac Borrin to have gristmill, Joseph Borrin Jr. to have milk cow Idam, David Borrin to have twenty pounds paid to him by his eldest brother John when the said David shall come of age. Susan Borrin to have equally divided among them Beck Boring all the remainder Feby Borrin of my worldly estate. Sere Borrin, Cousin Patty Clarke. David Borrin to have this plantation whereon I now live when he comes of age and I do order Charles Stephens and James Currie to see to the performance of this my last Will.

Joseph Borrin, Senior (Seal)

Test.

James Culbertson

James Currie

North Carolina Orange County

May Inferior Court 1775 The Execution of the within Will was duly proven in open Court by the Oath of James Culbertson one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded  
Test. T. (?) Nash

#### **Now one thing I found about Enos Browning is:**

<http://www.swcp.com/~dhickman/gedcom/rcd/d0001/g0000079.htm#I418> See Johns page)

Notes: "EFB says that Enos was a son of this John, however he is proven to be a son of John's brother, Nicholas, by Nicholas' will. " There are a lot of Browning notes on this site.

I think that the other children not proved out by Johns will might have also been the children of one of his brothers or some such. But I think they are listed by EFB and that is where the problem started. The other supposed children of John I have seen listed are:

James b. Abt 1745

Joshua b. Abt 1746, m. Ann Scott

Enos b. Abt 1751

George b. Abt 1761

Eunice b. Abt 1762

Daniel b. Abt 1764

But they are not proved out by his Will. And then there is the statment above about Enos. I think that John mentions all his children in his will, as he gives only a Dollar to Joshua b. January 29, 1758. Guess they did not get along. Too bad as Joshua died in 1807 a few years after his father.

Here is a list of John and Elizabeth children with birth dates. That I found. From:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/d/a/n/Robert-C-Daniel/GENE3-0008.html>

248. John Browning, born Abt 1728 in Sptsylvania Co (later Orange & Culpeper) VA; died November 18, 1803 in Greene Co GA. He was the son of 496. Frances Browning and 497. Elizabeth Lloyd. He married 249. Elizabeth Demarest.

249. Elizabeth Demarest, born 1725 in New Castle Co DE; died Bef June 1777 in Caswell Co NC. She was the daughter of 498. Jan Demarest and 499. Elsie Simons.

Children of John Browning and Elizabeth Demarest are:

i. Francis A. Browning, born November 24, 1753 in Culpeper Co VA; died November 18, 1803 in Greene Co GA; married Elizabeth Vermillion.

ii. Joshua Browning, born January 29, 1758 in Culpeper Co VA; died January 10, 1807 in Clarke Co Georgia; married Margaret Rankin b.Dec.15,1754 Caswell Co NC d.Aft 1850 Georgia? Abt1773 in NC?.

iii. Senah? Browning, born 1760. (is this Asenith Sincy? Married to Elijah Fuller)

iv. Phoebe Browning, born September 19, 1762 in Culpeper Co VA; died July 30, 1857 in Jackson Co GA; married Isaac Boren Sr March 07, 1780 in Caswell Co NC.

v. Clarissa Browning, born March 01, 1765 in Culpeper Co VA; died March 01, 1841 in LaGrange, Troup Co GA; married (1) David Culbertson; married (2) Jonathan Anderson Haralson February 22, 1782 in Caswell Co NC.

vi. John Radford Browning, born May 17, 1767 in Culpeper Co VA; died May 03, 1844 in Walnut Grove, Clark Co AR; married (1) Nancy Peebles; married (2) S. Elizabeth Culbertson September 27, 1790 in NC?.

vii. Anna Browning, born Abt 1769 in Culpeper Co VA; died Bef 1824 in Orange Co VA (later Culpeper) VA; married Thomas Byrd.

viii. William F. Browning, born Abt 1770 in Culpeper Co VA; died January 25, 1832 in Lowndes Co AL; married Elizabeth Atkinson 1805 in Thomas Co GA.

ix. Millicent Browning, born Abt 1773 in Culpeper Co VA; died 1840-1850 in Warren Co GA?; married Basil Wright Abt 1790 in GA.

By the way there is the will of John Browning on the Greene Co. Page. at <http://cgi.rootsweb.com/~genbbs/genbbs.cgi/USA/Ga/GreeneWill/24> Just in case you want a source. As for the other listed children that you have for John I do not know what to tell you as to what to do with them. Other than tag them with a note as being in dispute I run them as "supposed" then their name. I really quit looking to place them. Due to the conflicting info I have seen on the internet files. There was this post on the Genforum page about a new book on the Brownings but did not mention the complete info on the book. plus it is from 1998.

Posted by: Kelly Parks, Date: December 03, 1998 at 08:38:08

In Reply to: Re: John Browning and ELizabeth Demarest by Nancy Hutson Baxter 313 of 913 You will be happy to know that Hurley's new book does ID the John and Elizabeth "D" family. This is how he list Joshua that married Margaret Rankin. He was the son of John Browning (1728) that married Twice first to Elizabeth Demarest and second to Susannah Teague. John born ~1728 was the son of Francis Browning and Elizabeth Lloyd. Son of Francis Browning and Rachel Marriot. S/o of John & Elizabeth, Son of Thomas Browning & Hester of Cecil MD. These Brownings' do NOT connect to those of Jamestown VA.

**PAULA PIERI** [xtex@home.com] wrote, 5/9/2001, regarding the **Gibson and Johnson** family information I have in the database, reminding me of my probable source of that data (an embarrassing reflection on my sometimes poor source documentation).

I believe this [the Gibson and Johnson family of SW VA] information was from **Robert Gibson** of Virginia who wrote a book on the Gibson family. Both Bonnie [**Bonnie Chambless**, who I have cited as the source] and I got our information from him several years ago. Bonnie and I provided the information for the Gibson/Johnson family after they reached Texas in 1894, since the Virginia relatives lost us about that time. Crazy Uncle Joseph and Aunt Catherine and all those kids taking a wagon train to the wilds of Texas, was too much for them.

I did visit Lebanon, in Russell County, Va. and found the grave of my Gr.Gr.Gr. Grandfather **Thomas Gibson**. I also found some Gibson relatives still living there. All this information I got from Robert so I imagine he is your source.

I agree, you always think you will remember who provided the information, but when the family gets so large (and we get older?) we forget those things. I was trying to find **Bonnie Chambless** since I haven't heard from her for several years...we were both researching other families and lost touch. I wrote her snail mail yesterday, and hope she is still in the same location.

I have been in contact with Sara (we share **Joseph Johnson/Mary Catherine Gibson Johnson** grandparents) and providing her with pictures and information of the family. [This is **Sara (Johnson) Mattice**, with whom I was also corresponding at the same time and put Paula and Sara in touch with each other.]

**BOBBIE JEAN "B.J." EPLEY BENNETT** [bjb10320@aolcom] provided, 1/9/2000, extensive information regarding the **Epley, Curtis, Cooper, Gibson, Mangum, Walker, Owens, and Arrington** families of SW VA. I have provided her sources here.

I have enclosed a descending print out for the Arringtons. Also included is a fold out chart of other branches of my family, but only parents are listed. If you are interested in any of these just let me know.

This has been an exciting adventure and we [those who are involved in the research] plan to continue. My Great Aunt Russell Owens did the first research, also her youngest sister, Great Aunt Sibyl Owens Beals [who knows a lot more than I do about the family].

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Mrs. L. Gertrude Fryburg

Mrs. William B. Pence

**LINDA ROY** [LDRoy516@aol.com] posted on the **Campbell-L@rootsweb.com** list the following information. It is my speculation that Nancy Ellen Jessee, who is recorded in the material below as the wife of Andrew Wilson Campbell, is the same as Nancy E. Jessee, da. of Elihu Kiser Jessee, son of George Lea Jessee originally recorded in my database with no marriage information. This marriage needs to be proven or disputed. I have decided to include this posting for the **Campbell** information provided.

#### **DESCENDANTS OF DUNCAN (JOHN) CAMPBELL Generation No. 1**

1. DUNCAN (JOHN)1 CAMPBELL He married MARY MCCOY OR RAMSEY 1612.

Child of DUNCAN CAMPBELL and MARY RAMSEY is:

2. i. ROBERT2 CAMPBELL, b. 1677, Coleraine Townland, North Ireland; d. 1768, Augusta County, VA.

#### **Generation No. 2**

2. ROBERT2 CAMPBELL (DUNCAN (JOHN)1) was born 1677 in Coleraine Townland, North Ireland, and died 1768 in Augusta County, VA. He married MARGARET 1696.

Children of ROBERT CAMPBELL and MARGARET are:

i. HUGH3 CAMPBELL, b. Coleraine Townland, North Ireland; d. 1775; m. ESTHER UNKNOWN.

3. ii. JOHN CAMPBELL, b. 1700, Coleraine Townland, North Ireland (near Ulster); d. Near Staunton, VA, Beverly Mill Pl.

iii. CHARLES CAMPBELL, b. 1703, Coleraine Townland, North Ireland; d. November 1778; m. MARY TROTTER.

#### **Generation No. 3**

3. JOHN3 CAMPBELL (ROBERT2, DUNCAN (JOHN)1) was born 1700 in Coleraine Townland, North Ireland (near Ulster), and died in Near Staunton, VA, Beverly Mill Pl.. He married ELIZABETH WALKER April 1721, daughter of JOHN WALKER and KATHERINE RUTHERFORD. She was born April 1703 in Newry, County Down, Ulster, North Ireland, and died 1787 in Near Staunton, VA.

Children of JOHN CAMPBELL and ELIZABETH WALKER are:

i. JOHN4 CAMPBELL, d. Died on passage to America..

ii. ESTER CAMPBELL, m. ALEXANDER MCKINNEY, 1750.

iii. HENRY CAMPBELL, b. 1730.

4. iv. ABRAHAM CAMPBELL, b. Bet. 1735 - 1740; d. 1805, Pittsylvania County, VA.

- v. MARY CAMPBELL, m. DAVID CHAMBERS.
- vi. RACHEL CAMPBELL, m. THOMAS DOBBINS.
- vii. ELIZABETH CAMPBELL.
- viii. JOHN WALKER CAMPBELL, m. MARTHA SPEARS.

ix. JANE CAMPBELL, d. 21 September 1816; m. ALEXANDER MCPHEETERS; d. 1798.

x. ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, b. 1746; m. JAMES WALLACE, 21 May 1765.

xi. ROBERT (M.D.) CAMPBELL, m. REBECCA WALLACE, 13 June 1766; d. 1780.

#### Generation No. 4

4. ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup> CAMPBELL (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ROBERT<sup>2</sup>, DUNCAN (JOHN)<sup>1</sup>) was born Bet. 1735 - 1740, and died 1805 in Pittsylvania County, VA. He married DARCUS.

Children of ABRAHAM CAMPBELL and DARCUS are:

5. i. HENRY<sup>5</sup> CAMPBELL, b. Abt. 1761; d. Bef. 1850.

ii. MILLY CAMPBELL, b. 1769; m. BOLING KIRBY, 13 December 1789.

iii. AGNES CAMPBELL, b. 1770; m. NATHAN ADAMS, 19 July 1790.

iv. FRANCES CAMPBELL, b. 1771; m. THOMAS WATSON, 21 November 1791.

v. ANNE CAMPBELL, b. 1775; m. WILLIAM THOMAS, 30 November 1795.

vi. SALLY CAMPBELL, b. 1776; m. JESSE RICHARDS, 07 November 1796.

vii. LUCY CAMPBELL, b. 1777; m. PUTRAM WORSHAM, 16 October 1797.

viii. RICHARD CAMPBELL, b. 1778; m. SUSANNAH ELLIOTT; b. 11 September 1802.

ix. MOLLY CAMPBELL, b. 1779; m. FRANCIS WORSHAM, 16 October 1797.

x. ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, b. 1785; m. BARNETT BURNETT, 17 October 1908.

#### Generation No. 5

5. HENRY<sup>5</sup> CAMPBELL (ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ROBERT<sup>2</sup>, DUNCAN (JOHN)<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1761, and died Bef. 1850. He married (1) ELIZABETH BURGESS March 1784. She died Abt. 1789. He married (2) JANE (GREENWOOD?) Abt. 1791. She was born Bet. 1770 - 1780, and died Abt. 1840.

Children of HENRY CAMPBELL and ELIZABETH BURGESS are:

i. LUCY<sup>6</sup> CAMPBELL.

ii. MARTHA CAMPBELL.

iii. ELIZABETH CAMPBELL.

Children of HENRY CAMPBELL and JANE (GREENWOOD?) are:

iv. MARGARET<sup>6</sup> CAMPBELL, b. 1795.

6. v. ABRAHAM (ABRAM)<sup>6</sup> CAMPBELL, b. 1796, Russell County, VA; d. 28 December 1858, Johnson City, Washington, TN.

vi. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, b. 1803.

vii. RICHARD CAMPBELL, b. 1805.

viii. JOEL CAMPBELL, b. 1810; d. 1847.

ix. JANE CAMPBELL, b. 1812.

x. HENRY CAMPBELL, b. 1814; d. 1868.

#### Generation No. 6

6. ABRAHAM (ABRAM)<sup>6</sup> CAMPBELL (HENRY<sup>5</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ROBERT<sup>2</sup>, DUNCAN (JOHN)<sup>1</sup>) was born 1796 in Russell County, VA, and died 28 December 1858 in Johnson City, Washington, TN. He married WINIFRED ALICE SEVIER 1818 in Russell County, VA, daughter of JOHN SEVIER. She was born 1795 in Halifax County, NC, and died 30 August 1885 in Mendota, Russell, VA.

Children of ABRAHAM CAMPBELL and WINIFRED SEVIER are:

i. WILLIAM HARVEY<sup>7</sup> CAMPBELL, b. 1820, Russell County, VA.

ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON CAMPBELL, b. 1823, Russell County, VA.

7. iii. RICHARD HENRY CAMPBELL, b. Abt. 1824, Powell Valley, Campbell, TN; d. 14 September 1888, Mt Erie, Wayne, IL.

iv. ABRAHAM S. CAMPBELL, b. 1828, TN.

v. JOHN WESLEY CRAIG CAMPBELL, b. 1831, Clairborne County, TN; d. 1899; m. MARY E. COUNTESS, July 1859; b. 1831; d. 1902.

vi. DAVID P. CAMPBELL, b. 29 November 1833, Russell County, VA.

8. vii. JAMES CHARLES CAMPBELL, b. 19 August 1834, Lebanon, Russell, VA; d. 22 January 1916, Ironton, OH.

viii. NANCY ELLEN CAMPBELL, b. 24 April 1838, Russell County, VA; d. 18 October 1922; m. DANIEL ALEXANDER, 05 October 1859; b. 1833; d. 1909.

#### Generation No. 7

7. RICHARD HENRY<sup>7</sup> CAMPBELL (ABRAHAM (ABRAM)<sup>6</sup>, HENRY<sup>5</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ROBERT<sup>2</sup>, DUNCAN (JOHN)<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1824 in Powell Valley, Campbell, TN, and died 14 September 1888 in Mt Erie, Wayne, IL. He married (1) MARTHA ANN PARROTT 21 September 1848 in Hawkins County, TN, daughter of JOHAN PARROTT and ELIZABETH UNKNOWN. She was born Abt. 1832 in Hawkins Co, TN, and died 04 December 1876. He married (2) SARAH KIRK 22 February 1877 in Olney, Richland, IL. She was born Abt. 1834, and died 11 January 1888 in Wayne County, IL.

Children of RICHARD CAMPBELL and MARTHA PARROTT are:

i. ELIZA ANN<sup>8</sup> CAMPBELL, b. 12 November 1849.

ii. MINNIE E. CAMPBELL, b. 22 November 1851.

iii. ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, b. 22 November 1852.

iv. JOHN WESLEY CAMPBELL, b. 30 August 1853, Hamilton County, IL; d. 19 August 1924, Nekoma, Rush, KS; m. (1) MARY ESTELLA LOHNES, 12 May 1880, Olney, Richland, IL; b. 23 December 1858, Amro, WI; d. 11 July 1892, Great Bend, Barton, KS; m. (2) ROSETTA HAMPTON, September 1899; m. (3) MARY CARPENTER, September 1915.

v. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, b. August 1856.

vi. SAMUEL M. CAMPBELL, b. 15 September 1859.

vii. MARY E. CAMPBELL, b. 15 July 1862.

viii. LEVI CAMPBELL, b. Aft. 1863.

ix. RUEBEN L. CAMPBELL, b. 01 October 1867.

x. CHARLES ROBERT CAMPBELL, b. 03 August 1870, Richland County, IL; d. 07 August 1956, Milpitas, Santa Clara, CA; m. (1) ADA ARABELLA BETHELL, 08 May 1895, Ripley County, MO; b. 12 February 1874, Bonneville, Warrick, IN; d. 26 November 1924, Spokane, Spokane, WA; m. (2) LULU ROOT STANKE, 1925, Couer'd Alene, ID; m. (3) MINNIE LOVELL, 1941; m. (4) MARY STREIKMEYER, Abt. 1943.

xi. SARAH ALICE CAMPBELL, b. 06 December 1875, Richland County, IL.

8. JAMES CHARLES<sup>7</sup> CAMPBELL (ABRAHAM (ABRAM)<sup>6</sup>, HENRY<sup>5</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ROBERT<sup>2</sup>, DUNCAN (JOHN)<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 August 1834 in Lebanon, Russell, VA, and died 22 January 1916 in Ironton, OH. He married ELIZA ANN FIELD 29 May 1855. She was born 10 February 1837 in Russell County, VA, and died 12 September 1911 in Winesboro, TX.

Children of JAMES CAMPBELL and ELIZA FIELD are:

i. DAVID W.<sup>8</sup> CAMPBELL, b. 08 March 1856; d. 1917; m. (1) JOSEPHINE WELLMAN; m. (2) RACHEL UNKNOWN.

ii. ANDREW WILSON CAMPBELL, b. 26 November 1857; d. 23 November 1921; m. NANCY ELLEN JESSEE, 28 October 1883, Lebanon, Russell, VA.

iii. ELIZA A. CAMPBELL, b. 1859.

iv. MARY ELLEN CAMPBELL, b. 12 September 1860; d. September 1937; m. T. A. JONES.

v. JAMES RICHARD CAMPBELL, b. 16 August 1861, Lebanon, Russell, VA; m. FANNIE ANN CROCKETT, Tazwell, VA; b. 1867; d. 1908, Concord, IL..

vi. WINNIE ALICE CAMPBELL, b. 26 April 1863, Lebanon, Russell, VA; d.

Aft. 1940, Cedar City, Iron, UT; m. (1) UNKNOWN LAMBERT; m. (2) CHARLIE WELLMAN.

vii. SARAH JANE CAMPBELL, b. 11 April 1865, Lebanon, Russell, VA; d. Johnson County, KY; m. T.J. COLLINS.

viii. VIRGINIA ANN CAMPBELL, b. 07 April 1867, Lebanon, Russell, VA; m. W.E. SLOAN.

ix. THOMAS EDWARD CAMPBELL, b. 23 February 1869, Lebanon, Russell, VA; d. 1899; m. MARIAH DATSON.

x. ROBERT SHEELER CAMPBELL, b. 27 February 1876, Lebanon, Russell, VA; d. 01 September 1969; m. MARY ROBERTS, 19 April 1903.

xi. ELIZA EMMA CAMPBELL, b. 19 February 1874; d. 17 August 1955,

Milledgeville, OH; m. JAMES ALBERT BOGGS, 03 August 1892.

xii. SUSAN MARTHA LUVINIA CAMPBELL, b. 02 March 1875, Lebanon,

Russell, VA; d. 15 April 1969, Sacramento, CA; m. WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSON, 25 December 1894; b. 12 February 1868, Portsmouth, OH; d. 14 June 1945, Hanford, CA.

xiii. FRANCES CAMPBELL, b. 08 January 1880; m. WARD BEACHER HALSTEAD; b. 31 August 1877; d. 1939.

xiv. RHODA CAMPBELL, b. 06 April 1881; d. 1897.

**SHIRLEY LEONARD** [SAAistrop@cs.com] sent, 11/5/2001 and 2/3/2001, pedigree information regarding the **Astrop (Aistrop) and Campbell** families, and Bertha Jessee, a **John Jessee, Jr., Jefferson and Stanford Lea Jessee** descendant, which has been included in the family database. Shirley provided the following commentary.

I may have emailed you about Bertie or Bertha Jessee, who died in 1918. Bertie or Bertha Jesse married my grandfather, Grover Astrop. She was my father's mother. She died young, about 27 yrs of age in Russell County, Va. during the flu epidemic. It appears that she was born in December 1893 in Russell co. Va., which would make her about 25 when she died in 1918. Parents were Noah D. K. Jessee and Elizabeth Ann Davis. Bertha had three boys, including Grady, my father who was born in 1/11/10. The other two died in early manhood. Grover remarried and had more children (four).

Apparently, Bertha Jessee was a decendant of John Jessee and Frances Frankey Lea. As I was looking over the list of names I found a Vermillion, Jessee. He is connected to Ellen Henderson Aistrop, born 1/2/1846 as his father was Jesse Vermillion and mother Bidy. I wonder if this is the Bidy Jessee listed under one of the 15 children by John and Frances Jessee.

## Phillip and Rachel Jessee

**Phillip Jessee (1742-1858)**, wife **Rachel**, and his son **Gabriel Jessee (1804-1886)**, of still unknown relationship to John Jessee (1750-1816), are among the early Russell County, VA families. Phillip, who is reported to have lived to be 116, is sometimes referred to reverently as "Old Phillip" by researchers.

**J.C. AND NELLIE JESSEE** wrote, 12/26/2000, to inquire if we have any proof that Phillip and John Jessee were brothers, as she thought she heard that at the Jessee family reunion. I do not believe we have any more proof of that than previously, but determining their relationship is, I believe, the key to finding their common origins. All your help is welcome.

**PATRICIA THOMAS PEGRAM** [Timothypat@aol.com], sent 12/29/2000, information from the Smith Family Bible regarding the descendants of **John Burl Smith**, son of **Gillespie "Uncle Glass" Smith and Lethia Ann Jessee**, daughter of Gabriel Jessee.

I visited Lethia Whited, daughter of John Burl Smith. She let me copy the Bible and gave me permission to distribute it to others to help with their research. It has a wealth of information although I have found a couple of errors. I have a copy of the original in my possession. The original is beginning to fall apart.

### Family Bible Record of John Burl Smith

Submitted by:

Patricia Thomas Pegram

John Burl Smith Family Bible

Currently in the possession of his daughter, Lethia Whited, Honaker, Va.

### Page 1

Jno. B. Smith was Born Oct 7th 1870

G. B. Smith was Born June 7th 1873

A. G. Smith, son of Mary Smith was born July 12th 1890

Lola F. Smith, daughter of B. F. Smith was born Jan 14th 1897

Hannah C. Smith was born March the 10 1874

### Page 2

J. T. Stinson (Minister) Marriages and Family

T. C. Smith and Eveline Lester was married August the 1st 1878

N. R. B. Smith was born Nov 30 day 1879

Wm. T. E. Smith was Born Dec 26 day 1880

W. G. Smith was born 1881

Lucy L. Smith was born May 10 day 1882

Evert F. Smith was born 188\_ (Blank)

J. T. Stinson (Minister)

T. C. Smith and Bettie Whitt was married April the 21st 1898

Bessie E. Smith was born Jan 20th 1899

Samson S. Smith was born July 26th 1900

### Page 3

Deaths

Leetha L. Smith wife of G.J. Smith died January the 26th 1893

C. A. Smith daugter (sic) of G. J. Smith died Jan the 3rd 1864

Eveline Smith wife of T. C. Smith Died Sept the 12th 1895

Martha E. Smith wife of E. F. Smith died August the 1st 1889

Cay W. Lester son of D. R. Lester and Martha Lester died August 1st 1898

G. J. Smith died Sept 1st 1906 age 75 years 1 month and 29 days

Furnel(sic) preach by J. T. Stinson and J. L. Boyd Sept 3- 1906

Stinson Text was Rev. 6 Chap. & 1 Verse Boyd Text was 1 Cor- 15 Chap & 49 Verse.

Stinson Text ( Came and set)

W. T. E. Smith son of T. C. and Eveline Smith died Nov 22, 1900  
Mazie Dell Smith Daughter of G. B. Smith and H. C. Smith Died  
March 25, 1911 age 5 years 10 months and 6 days

#### Page 4

James Hess (Minister) Marriages and Family  
E. F. Smith and M. E. Smith was married Nov 22, 1887  
Edna May Smith was born Oct 10th 1888  
E. F. Smith and Julia E. Williams was married Dec the (Blank)  
1896 James Dye (Minister)  
J. A. Smith was born Nov the (Blank) 1895  
R. E. Smith was born May the 8th 1897  
Luther Smith was born Oct 11th 1898  
Robertie Smith was born 1900 May 24th.  
Emry Smith was born Dec 1st 1901  
Pearl Smith was born (Blank)  
Theadore (Sic) Roosevelt Smith was born (Blank)  
Charlie Smith was born (Blank)  
Robert J. Smith was born Feb 10th, 1910

#### Page 5

T. T. Tabor (Minister) Married  
Carl J. Whited and Lethia M. Smith  
(age 25) (age 17)  
Sept. 26, 1928 - Born to them  
Carl William Whited born August 22, 1929  
(Thur. 12:30 eveing) (sic)  
Laroy Quentine Whited born May 1, 1932  
(Sunday 6:10 morning)  
Gloria Charlotte Whited born Nov. 11, 1936  
(Wed. 3:15 eveing) (sic)

#### Page 6

Deaths of Family  
C. A. Smith Daughter of G. J. and L.L. Smith died Jan 3, 1864  
D. Little New Born  
Martha E. Smith wife of E. F. Smith died August 1st 1889 - D.  
Compsumpsian (Sic)  
Leetha L. Smith wife of G. J. Smith died Jan 26 1893 - D. asthma  
Eveline Smith wife of T. C. Smith died Sept the 12th 1895 - D.  
Dropsy and Liver  
Cay W. Lester son of R. D. and Martha Lester died Aug the 1st  
1898  
D. Calera Infantums (Sic)  
W. T. E. Smith son of T. C. Smith Died Nov 22nd, 1900 - D. G\_1  
Kill By a Duncy  
Flora Marie Smith Died Dec 24, 1921 - 8:10 in morning  
John B. Smith Died March 16, 1938 - 1:03 morning

#### Page 7

John B. Smith Flora Dendinger was married January 3, 1910 by  
G. W. Smith  
Lethia M. Smith was born March 17, 1911  
Jewell B. Smith was born April 17, 1913  
Irene B. Smith was born April 22, 1915

#### Page 8

Marriages and Family  
(Corner edge of page missing)  
\_\_\_\_\_ B. Lester and Martha Smith married Sept 30th, 1892  
\_\_\_\_\_ W. Lester was born Dec 19th 1892  
\_\_\_\_\_ llie Lester was born Nov 2nd 1895  
\_\_\_\_\_ W. Lester was born May 3rd 1897  
\_\_\_\_\_ H. Lester was born Dec 17th, 1898  
\_\_\_\_\_ ins Lester was born July 31st 1900  
\_\_\_\_\_ ly L. Lester was born May 6th 1902  
\_\_\_\_\_ red B. Lester was born Oct 25th 1904  
Harry B. Lester was born Oct 25th 1904  
Pantry A. Lester was born July 26th, 1906  
\_\_\_\_\_ n an Sundy(Sic) morning at 3 o'clock  
Born to A. G. Smith a Son W. G. Smith  
Dec 11, 1920 Died Dec 13, 1920 age 2 days

## John and Frankey Lea Jessee

Many Jessees in America are descended from **John (1750-1815)** and **Frankey Lea Jessee (1752/61-1836)** of Cobb's Creek, Caswell County, North Carolina and Carr's Creek (today Mill Creek) in Reed's Valley, Russell County, Virginia. They had fifteen children. There are many "Jessee," "Jesse," even "Jessie" families in the United States and Canada who are known descendants of those fifteen children. All of us living descendants are about fifth or sixth cousins, or even closer kin.

I will report here new information with respect to John and Frankey and each of the fifteen (I-XV) children in the newsletter, and rely upon special requests and the new Jessee Family Website to provide the detailed genealogy information to those specifically interested in any particular branch.

**GAIL GILBERT** [gailgilbert@earthlink.net] sent, 1/26/01, this inquiry and request for documentation regarding the William Jessee Bible. I have seen this Bible in LDS films indexed by the name William Jessee (see IGI), but have lost my specific reference. I will bet our readers can help Gail and respond to her questions.

Hi Jim, I do want the abstracted copy of Willam and Mary (Vermillion) Jessee's Bible, as that would really document my Robert Jessee connection. I know Iris Lambert Hall said E.J. Sutherland was responsible for this and submitted records to LDS, but I found in he past that you can't look up records at LDS using the name of the submitter. Although we have the list of children by birthdate, it would be nice to have an authenticated copy. [Gail asked me to contact Mrs. Sutherland, who is in her 90s, but I prefer to not bother the dear lady-Ed.]

Which brings another question to mind. How were the birthdates of John & Frankey's children arrived at, or perhaps I should say birth order? [I always assumed by their birthdates-Ed.]

The new clue from Cyndi Valencia from the "1704 Rent Rolls of Nansemond County" has me wondering. It sounds very promising to find Capt. James Jessey, Jno Lee and Stephen Archer there together. But the traditional English naming procedure does not seem to fit our Jessees. Usually the first son is named after the father's father, 2nd son after mother's father, 3rd son after father and 4th son after father's eldest brother. But then, maybe our Jessees weren't English, ha, ha. The German and Dutch followed the first two the same, but the 3rd son was named for the father's paternal grandfather, the 4th for the mother's paternal grandfather, the 5th for the father's maternal grandfather and the 6th for the mother's maternal grandfather. Any thoughts on this? [Cindy is proposing that Capt. James Jessey may be our common Jesse(e) ancestor, not John's father.]

**DEE HARDING** [deeharding@earthlink.net] sent, 1/29/01, this tidbit of information to consider. While I believe the Robert E. Lee information is popular family mythology, I am intrigued by the specific reference to Ruthin, N. Wales.

I am so excited - I wanted to e-mail you the information I just found. In November, my daughter and I went to Ft. Wayne, IN as Bill (Wm. J. Harding) had gone into a nursing home and we closed up his apartment. I sent back all pictures, papers and anything

'family'. I am finally sorting through all of it. I came across a paper that my former husband had written down. I believe the source was Mamie Clay (the youngest of Ephraim/Molly Jessee family). I'll write it as it is written:

**JOHN JESSEE born in Ruthin, N. Wales.** Had 30 slaves. In Revolutionary War. Old Jessee home built 1791. Worked for Robert E. Lee's father; married Francis, sister to R.E. Lee. 15 children.

**HOPE DAVIS** [iambored1@juno.com] sent, 2/17/01, these important clues about the relationship of **John and Frankey Lea Jessee to the William Lea and William Warren families of Cobbs Creek, Caswell Co., NC.** It also accounts for and explains to whom John and Frankey Lea Jessee sold their land when they moved from Caswell Co., to Russell Co., VA.

While searching the Net last night looking for some of my Warren ancestors I found the following entries on a page listing all the Warren deeds, etc. in Caswell County NC. Didn't know if you had this or not. Do you think this George Lea could be the namesake for George Lea Jessee? Frankey's father, maybe? By the way, William Warren was one of my ever how many great uncles. Will give you the web address if that will help.

**Caswell County North Carolina Deed Books 1777-1817**

[pg 098][Deed Book E]

208 John Jesse of CC to William Warren of Halifax Co., VA, for 100 lbs, 75 A on Cobb Cr adj Thomas Carver, William Johnston, Richd Lea. 14 Oct 1787. Wit: George Lea, Daniel Sargent. Acknd.

[pg 098][Deed Book E]

209 John Jesse of CC to William Warren of Halifax Co., VA, for 100 lbs, 276 A on S Hico & Cobb Cr adj Thomas Carver, Richard Lea, Barnett Lea.

As chance would have it, most of my father's family was from this part of Caswell County. I have been doing some exploring in the area recently and know a little bit about the area. I believe that some of this Jessee land was in that part of Caswell which became Person County in 1791. I feel fairly sure that the land bought by the Warren is very close to the Virginia line. Perhaps if we do some looking in the Person County records there might be some answers.

My 4th great grandfather John Williams owned thousands of acres on and near Hico Creek and I'm so excited thinking that maybe he and John Jessee were neighbors or even friends! They may even have served during the Revolution together.

Hank and I are going to get to Raleigh to do some research one of these days. With his knowledge of land records we might get somewhere with this thing. The Daniel Sargent on the deed was probably the grandson of William Sargent and Sarah Lea.

We attended the 100th birthday celebration today for Hank's great aunt-in-law, Jane Gibson Jessee. She is the widow of Norris Taft Jessee. She looks every day of 70 and is as sharp as they come. She is a wealth of "current" Jessee history and knows Russell County like the back of her hand. Says she has walked over most of it!

It has been my conjecture that this **George Lea** is Frankey Lea's brother. I think Hope has provided us some very important information here. Look at all those Lea names for clues. I believe that George, Richard, Barnett, and Frankey are all children of William Lea of Cobbs Creek, although by possible two different mothers, both named Mary. See the information I have on William "of Cobbs Creek" Lea in my database available via [www.jessee.org](http://www.jessee.org). We need you Jesse(e) researchers to prove or debunk this. Ed.

**MIKE AND JOY MALONE** [drjoym@bellsouth.net] followed up with this discussion, 2/18-19/2001, and provided a complete **Abstract of Caswell County Records** that further our knowledge and documentation of John and Frankey Lea Jessee.

I made certified copies of the two deeds she speaks of in 1999. I also made a certified copy of Book E # 200, a deed from John Jessee to Barnett Lea for 100 lbs for land adjoining William Warren. The deed is signed John Jesse(sic) witness George Lea and John McFarland. I have numerous other deeds and records from Caswell some of them had to be photographed because they would not allow them to be copied.

Did you have a chance to review the John Blaylock family records while you were in Caswell Co? John Blaylock was the Register of Deeds of Caswell County. In his papers page # 286 & 287 he cites a family history provided by Mrs. Maud Florence Harrelson of Yanceyville, NC. She lists on page two William Lea married Unk. sons William Lea, John Lea, and James Lea. John Lea b. \_\_\_ d. 1803 married Winnefred \_\_\_. Children James Lea, John Lea, Benjamin Lea, Jeremiah Lea, Nancy Lea, Sally Lea, Franky Lea, and Betsy Lea. The intention of this info was to help, but it seems like it confuses the issue[We have attempted to disprove that this Franky Lea is our Frankey in previous newsletters and this is discussed on the notes for Frankey Lea-Ed.]. Just a note Blaylock is regarded as the foremost historian of Caswell County by the courthouse staff. He has written volumes on Caswell County History.

It could be that George Lea was an Attorney and that is why he is on the deeds, note on the deed # 106 George Lea signs for Isaac Brown as Atty. in (can't make out the word could be fact). Here are the records I have reorded.

Caswell County, NC Will Books 1777-1814, (Abstracts by Katharine Kerr Kendall, Index by Mary Frances Kerr Donaldson 1979) The 1784 Tax list - St Lawrence District lists John Jesse 631 Hico 1-0 & Moravian land.

Caswell County, NC., DB "A" p. 496 # 184, Dec 20, 1779 John Jessee purchased 450 acres of land for the sum of fifty Shillings for every Hundred acres. Signed by Richard Caswell Esq. our Governor Captain General and Commander in Chief At Kingston. The twentieth day of December in this fourth year of our Independence and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine.( Certified copy on file)

Caswell County, NC., DB "B" p. 31 John Jessee sold land for 50lbs of proclamation money, 450 acres to John Hodge of Caswell Co. March 4, 1783. (copy on file)

Caswell County NC., DB "B" p. 468, State of NC #721 to Hearndon Harrelson 66 acres...adjacent to John Jessee's land. November 10, 1784. (copy on file)

Caswell County NC., DB "C" p. 106, Isaac Brown sold 526 acres to John Jessee for 100 lbs. S. Hico Cr, adj. Richard Lea .... The deed is signed Isaac Brown by George Lea, Atty.in \_\_\_\_\_. July 19, 1785. (Certified copy on file)

Caswell County NC., DB "E" p. 200, John Jessee of Caswell County to Barnett Lea for 100 lbs., 277 acres on S. Hico .....Witness George Lea, John McFarland, October 13, 1787. (Certified copy on file)

Caswell County NC., DB "E" p. 208, John Jessee of Caswell County to William Warren of Halifax Co., VA for 100 Lbs., 75

acres.....Witness George Lea October 14, 1787. (Certified copy on file)

Caswell County NC., DB "E" p. 209, John Jessee of Caswell County to William Warren of Halifax Co., VA for 100 Lbs., 276 acres.....Witness George Lea October 15, 1787. (Certified copy on file)

**KIM JESSEE** [jesseepileggi@videotron.ca] and her niece **KAREN THOMAS** [thomask@ucalgary.ca] both sent notes on 4/6/2001 regarding the **Canadian Jessee** family, who are descendants of John and Frankey Jessee via their son Archer Jessee, and migrated to Canada at the time of the Civil War. Kim wrote:

Hello there, I was having fun on the computer today, and my nephew (computer guy that he is!!!) had emailed everyone in the family information about your website. What fun to look through! I am Kim Jessee, granddaughter to Fred Fairmont Jessee and daughter of Wilse Jessee. You even have my kids on there, won't they think that's neat! As far as we know, we are the only Jessee's in Canada, if the phone book is any indication, we are scattered all over. I'm in Montreal, there are some in Calgary, Kamloops, Winnipeg, Trois Rivieres, Ottawa. Thanks for the great diversion.

**IRIS LAMBERT HALL** [2819 5th Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81003] a very faithful newsletter contributor responded, 4/17/2001, to various items in Newsletter 18 with additional notes, information, comments, and lore that provide tidbits of information for her own **James Jessee and Jane Burk/Robert Stinson and Amy Kelly** lines of her family and many other branches of the Jessee family.

Received your January issue of the newsletter and enjoyed it even more than usual. I had saved it for a little trip my husband and I were going to take to Grand Junction. Coming back over Monarch Pass and the Eisenhower Tunnel highway, for about two hours we found ourselves in a blizzard with high winds, snow and icy roads. I buried myself in the newsletter and read it from beginning to end so that I would not have to watch what was going on outside. Lots of cars off sides of the road .. mostly, no doubt, drivers who somehow have, the- idea for Icy Roads" signs do not pertain to them. Also, from time to time we found ourselves in the midst of long "caravans" of slow-moving cars and if I concentrated on reading the newsletter, I had less time to think about the possibility of one of those cars behind spinning out on the ice and crashing into us. With four tanks of my oxygen in the trunk, I had visions of us going up like a rocket!

Lately I have been trying to piece together a box of documentation I received on another of my direct lines. At one time one of my gggrandfathers moved to Bland Co., Va. where he owned and farmed large areas of land and raised and sold fine horses. In 1843 he sold his land and livestock and disappeared, leaving a wife and several children still at home .. no death or estate records, no census .. nothing. Years later in Hardesty, one of his grandsons told that he had served in the Mexican War and, indeed, a man with the exact same name (but 10 years younger) did serve in that war. He returned from Mexico very ill, received an honorable discharge and eventually died thereafter in Texas.. no way to determine if he was "ours".

Recently one of my cousins spent several weeks researching at the courthouse in Bland and happened upon some old, dusty boxes of records in the basement (standard in old courthouses). He went through them, box by box, and found old Chancery records, including those for 1843, where he found records pertaining to our ancestor. He was evidently having some financial difficulties and

so did a little counter-feiting of bank notes on the side .. was found out and taken to court. He sold his property and the funds were used to pay off old debts and bail bonds so that he could "go look for witnesses and presumably he just kept going .. and going

Well, we can stop wondering why he disappeared from the Virginia records. Unlike the lady who was worrying about finding a "horse thief" in her family, I consider finds such.. as this regarding my family to be "interesting" rather than "embarrassing". I have always felt that come Judgment Day, I am going to have enough problems of my own to answer for without concerning myself too much with what one of my ancestors did or didn't do.

One of my grandfathers was a pillar of the community in the little Oklahoma town he settled .. rancher, farmer, sheriff, undertaker, mill owner, justice of peace, etc. etc. He built and owned half the buildings on main street. However, when we visited there years ago .. 20-25 years after he moved away to Texas where he died, he was not remembered by any of his "accomplishments" .. rather his "Legacy" .. what the old-timers remembered about him, was that he was the one who had married four times.

Well .. so much for all that .. have a few thoughts regarding the newsletter for your consideration . .

Page 16. Elder "Little David" Jessee, son of Archer, was first married to another of my lines .. Martha STINSON, daughter of Robert and Amy (Kelly) Stinson. Their son, Archibald Columbus Jessee, born ca. 1830, married first Mary Ann S.E. Purcell. After her death he married Mary Ann Blankenbeckler. I have been told that Archer Columbus moved to California when he was old. I only have ca. 1830 as his date of death and nothing else on him, other than his marriage to Mary Ann Blankenbeckler in Scott Co. in 1874.

I understand that Archer Catron Jessee, son of Lea Jessee, went to California too.. both Archer "C" .

Page 18. William Gilmer Alexander married first Elizabeth Gose, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Jessee) Gose. They had a son, George Gose Alexander in 1842 while in Tennessee. A son, David Brawley Alexander was born in Linn Co., Mo. ca. 1846.. his twin died at birth. I do not have any other information about David B. Alexander .. he was a resident of Elgen, Oregon in 1925 when his brother, George Gose Alexander died in Linn Co. Mo. and is buried in a cemetery just outside Browning, Mo. with his wife, Belle.

Elizabeth Gose Alexander died before 1847 when William G. married a second time to Mary Jane Seaman.. they had six children. I do not know when or where Elizabeth died and is buried .. or her husband William G. and his second wife .. probably in Linn Co., Mo.

Was glad to see all the correspondence, queries and information from Jennifer Jessee! She sounds very enthusiastic .. just what some of us who have been researching so long need .. someone to keep the pot stirred up! I, too, feel that Daniel E.P. Jessee is the son of Martin and Jane (Price) Jessee. Jennifer writes on Page 27 that Nancy Count(?) Jessee's tombstone reads that her first husband was Jefferson Jessee. I will pass on a bit of information she may or may not have. On Page 174 of Van Landingham's Lee and Adjacent Counties - - is a listing of the children of Martin and Jane Jessee. One of the sons listed is Daniel E.P. Jessee, born ca. 1829 and the next child was a Jefferson, born ca. 1830. I wonder if perhaps Nancy's first husband, Jefferson Jessee, died and she then married his brother, Daniel E.P. Jessee? Just a thought. I have not found anything regarding this particular Jefferson Jessee in Russell County .. possibly he went to Kentucky?

Eleanore Smythe was married first to Archer Jessee, son of John & Polly (Armstrong) Jessee, and their children were Margaret, George, Andrew, John and Mary. After Archer died, she married Daniel E.P. Jessee, 20 years her junior, and they had no children.

"Circular Logic" .. a good name for it. has happened to me 3 or 4 times thru the years. I've received information regarding a family that confirmed my own research "to a T"! Then, when I

inquired about the sources of the information I found it had come from a person who had shared what I had sent them years before no wonder it was identical to my own.

Page 24. An obituary I found, and the stone at Mt. Hebron Cemetery give Elija Vermillion's death as Nov. 11, 1888.

Well .. so much for all that .. have a few thoughts regarding the newsletter for your consideration . .

Back to Page 23 .. Frances Jessee married William Stone. The information at Page 23 mentions a son "Lewis" and that Frances and William had 10 children and moved to Missouri.

In an old Missouri newsletter, I found this Stone family in Sullivan County, Missouri thru the Will of William Stone... Sullivan Co. Will Bk. A, p. 7 - WILLIAM STONE. 11 . . . to my son, John Stone; to my daughter, Elizabeth Hamilton, the wife of R.P. Hamilton; to my daughter Dicy I. McCarney, wife of Wm. McCarney; to my daughter, Mary C. Reynolds, wife of Noah Reynolds; to my son, Stephen I. Stone, to my son, Martin G. Stone, to my son, Harvey G. Stone, to Frances Stone, she being the wife of William Stone. . . to

The Will was dated May 3, 1850 and recorded April 3, 1853. There were only seven children listed in the Will .. there was no Lewis. I have only sketchy information on this family .. they seem to have scattered all over .. some may have gone back to Virginia and West Virginia. Mary went to Kentucky; Elizabeth (Hamilton) and Dicy (McCarney) .. I was never able to find them for sure anywhere .. the sons mostly remained in Sullivan Co., but their children left.

I see queries and names of several contributors I would like to correspond with but, alas, there are no mailing addresses given and I do not use a computer. it would certainly be helpful if those who write in would not only give their email addresses, but also their mailing addresses- . David M. Jessee .. Barbara Stinson Burge .. Elmer Daniel Jessee; Paula Wayland, etc.

[Those who wish, please correspond with Iris Lambert Hall at her address above by mail]

Oh yes, on Page 24, I am pretty sure that Bodacia (Dicy) Jessee and Stephen Gose settled in Indiana .. tho perhaps touched down in Iowa at some time. They are buried at the Porter Cemetery outside Jamestown in Boone Co., Indiana. A son, John, married in Marion Co., Iowa.

Have been writing off and on for several days now . . . had best close and get into mail before it is all past history! Guess it is anyway, isn't it? Iris Lambert Hall.

## I. John Jessee, Jr.

John Jessee, Jr. (1775-1834) married **Mary "Polly" Armstrong** (1780-1840) and they had six children. This is the editor's line.

**DEE HARDING** [deeharding@earthlink.net] sent, 1/29/01, this information regarding the **Ephraim Jessee** family. Ephraim is the son of **Joseph Jessee**, son of John Jr.

EPHRAIM JESSEE moved in [to his father, Joseph Jessee, formerly John Jessee, Jr.'s home] 1867, his mother lived there then. [Epharim had] 13 children. (Ethel and Charley died when 2 years old.)

EPHRAIM/MOLLY JESSEE children:

Carrie married (1) Walter Chandler and (2) Noah Dickenson  
Lizzie m. John Gibson  
John Tivus m. Kate Dickenson (Pea D. daughter)  
Ada m. John Tate  
Dacey m. Silas Counts  
Windom m. Orpie Bo(o?) her

Ninnie Belle m. Wm. A. Harding; named by her father after visiting Tive in Champaign, IL. Name on East side of street after meeting with men of this name.

Pearl m. John Dickenson

Gilmer died at age 22

Ruth m. Bob Jessee

Mamie m. Clarence Clay

**DOROTHY BACHMAN** [DOKB@earthlink.net] sent, 2/19/01 and again 3/6/2001, descendants information for **Joseph Bishop Jessee**, son of **Jefferson Jessee**, son of John Jessee, Jr. She tells us how her grandfather was known as "**Black Joe**" **Jessee**, and how "**Red Joe**" **Jessee** and "**Blue Joe**" **Jessee** all got their names. She gave me a clue about the parents of **Martha "Mattie" Boyd Jessee**, whom I now believe to be the daughter of **Archer Samuel Jessee**, son of Vincent Jessee, son of Archer, who married **Christine Jessee**, daughter of Martin Jessee. If so, Dorothy is descended from three of John and Frankey's children, John Jr., Archer, and Martin.

My grandfather was Joseph B. Jessee, b.8 Oct 1861, d. 6 Sept 1936, m. Mattie Boyd Jessee 6 Jan 1889. His father was Joseph Bishop (?) Jessee b. 22 Sept 1828, d. 26 Dec 1904, m. Amy Browning. I also have brothers & sisters of Joseph J., b. 1861. So far I don't have much about Mattie. She gives credit to her Aunt Nannie Cook and her father Hobart Jessee as the primary source of her information. She quotes her father as follows.

"My father had a black beard so he was known as Black Joe. Joseph S. Jessee was a redhead so he was known as Red Joe, and Uncle Jefferson's son Joseph had a face that always looked blue after shaving so he was Blue Joe. We all lived within one mile of each other."

Jessee Family Newsletter 13, Fall 1998, asked who is **Daniel E. Jessee**, famous coach and author. Subsequent correspondence with **Tom Rudder** (Oct 1998) speculated that Daniel E. Jessee has the pedigree provided at the conclusion of the material below. It appears from the following that Tom was right.

**JANE BYERS HILL** [jhill@cablespeed.com] sent information, 4/29/2001, regarding the question, **who is Daniel E. Jessee** and I discovered another branch of the Jessee family which has settled in the Washington and Oregon area. Anyone who has done any library search for Jesse(e)s who may be authors may have run across Daniel E. Jessee (1903-1970), a famous coach and sports author. A complete article on him appeared in the *Jessee Family Newsletter* 13, Fall 1998. Jane Byers Hill wrote as follows.

My grandmother's maiden name was Jessee, Ruby and she was born in Rainier, OR in 1905. But her brother Dan, was born in Olive Hill, Kentucky, but I do not have the date. Their father was James J. Jesse and I do not have his date of birth, but he died in the 1950's. He later became a sheriff in Rainier, Oregon. Dan Jessee, my great-uncle, went on to be a famous baseball coach at Trinity College in New England. James J. Jesse married Virginia Meade (or Mead) and it has been said she was a descendant of General George Meade. I do know my family had roots in Kentucky and Virginia. So I was excited when I found and read your web page. Now, I am just on day one, so I am really, really a beginner. James

J. Jesse had 8 children, but I only know the names Ruby, Dan, Ethel, Grace, Hobart, George (Sonny). I certainly hope you can be of some help to me. I do have a newspaper article about my uncle Dan Jessee from Grayson, Kentucky, the Journal Inquirer.

I live in a seaport town a ferry ride from Seattle, where I grew up. There is a little town a few miles from me called Chimacum, WA. Dan Jessee actually was a coach here before going back East, so I am going to join the historical society here to see what I can learn. My father was actually born here, too, and my brother and his son are both also named Daniel. I also have pictures of him in my archives.

**James J. Jessee** is the son of **Davy Jessee**, son of **John Jessee III**, son of **John Jessee, Jr.** **Virginia Meade** is the daughter of **William Henry Meade** and **Verbidia Kiser**, daughter of **Noah Kiser**, son of **Abednego Kiser** and **Mary "Polly" Jessee**.

## II. Archer Jessee

Archer Jessee (1776-1862) married three times: Nancy Browning (1781-1826); Rachel Herndon (1790-1833); and Mary Jane "Polly" Owens (1803-1884) and had fifteen children.

**MIKE AND JOY MALONE** [drjoym@bellsouth.net] provided this extraction of information from *Old Time Tazewell* by Mary A. Hansard. *A Sketch Of The History Of John Jessee, Sr. And Family* (pp. 203-204) regarding **John T. Jessee**, son of **Vincent Jessee**, son of Archer.

"Mr. Jessee was a native of Virginia. He came to this county many years ago and purchased a farm on Straight Creek, the same that is owned at present by his widow. He was twice married. His former wife was Miss Mary Burk of Virginia. They raised a family of five sons and five daughters: Isaac, Ballard, Wilborne, Trigg, and Lee; the daughters were Rebecca, Louisa, Sarah, Susan and Mary. his wife was a fine looking lady and much respected. She died in 186\_\_, leaving him in care of ten children, the youngest an infant a few days old. He in a few months was married to Miss Louisa Kelley. she proved to be a very kind stepmother and raised the babe and cared for her as if she had been her own child. They raised a family of two sons and two daughters;

John and Charlie; the daughters were Alice and Nervesta.

Isaac, oldest son of John Jessee, Sr., was a very respectable young man. He married Miss Martha Ousley near 1870, a daughter of John Ousley, Sr. He lived several years and died, leaving her in care of several children.

Ballard P. Jessee, second son of the said John Jessee, is a very pleasant gentleman, he owns and lives on a farm 4 ½ miles west of Tazewell on the main road leading from Tazewell to Knoxville. This farm was formerly owned by Rev. P. F. Mountain. He has been twice married. his former wife was Miss Orlena Mountain, daughter of Rev. P. F. Mountain. she was a very pleasant lady. She lived perhaps twenty years and died, leaving no family. His second wife was Miss Hattie Hill of Lost Creek. She was the daughter of Parlen Hill. Ballard P. Jessee is a good citizen and very prosperous. They are both consistent members of the Missionary Baptist Church at Head of Barren and are truly standards of the same. He contributed largely to the building of the new church and is always ready to do his part in paying for the support of the gospel.

Wilborne Jessee, third son of the said John Jessee, Sr., was a fine looking young man. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Walker, a daughter of Jacob Walker, Sr. of Straight Creek. She died not far from 1880. He then married Miss Sarah Lynch, a very industrious lady. She was a daughter of Jephtha Lunch of this

county. They settled in Union County. He lived several years and died, leaving her in care of four children.

Trigg Jessee, the younger brother, I know but little. I only remember his name. I think that he emigrated to Texas. (all above on page 203).

Lee Jessee married Miss Grubb and lives on Bear Creek.

Rebecca, oldest daughter of John Jessee, Sr., was a nice looking young lady and very pleasant in her manners and conversation. She was married to Mr. David Butcher in the year 186\_\_. They own and live on a farm on Clinch River in Union County about 1 ½ miles below Walker's Ford. They have raised a large family of children and grandchildren. Rev. David Butcher and wife are good, pious Christians. They belong to the Missionary Baptist Church at Hickory Valley. He is a preacher of the gospel.

Louisa, second daughter of John Jessee, Sr. was a nice young lady, also. She was married in the year 186\_\_ to Mr. William Loop. They have raised several children. They own and live on a farm in the neighborhood of Straight Creek. He is a good citizen. They are both consistent members of the Baptist Church of Straight Creek.

Sarah, third daughter of John Jessee, Sr. was a fine girl. She was married to Paris Ballard in the year 18\_\_\_. He was a son of Isaac Ballard, Sr. of Walker's Ford. They live on Clinch River in Union County.

The second wife's children of John Jessee, Sr. were John who married Jennie Snodgrass, a daughter of James Snodgrass. They live near Walker's Ford on Clinch River. He is engaged in merchandising at present. They are members of the Baptist Church. They are good citizens and much respected.

Charlie Jessee, youngest son, was a nice looking young man. He emigrated to Texas.

Alice and Nervesta, the two youngest daughters, still live at home with their widowed mother. They are nice, educated young ladies and follow teaching school.

Mr. John Jessee, Sr. was numbered among our best citizens. He was a fine, intelligent looking man. He passed away a few years ago. In his death the church lost one of her best members. His place cannot be easily supplied. His widow is also a great help in the church." (all above on page 204).

**DON AND BJ CLOUSTON** [dfbjclouston@earthlink.net] on FamilyTreeMaker.Com have posted the "**Descendants of Marjorie Clouston**," which includes in the 6th generation **Orley Lee Clouston**, who married **Ola Belle Jessee**, daughter of **John Wesley Jessee**, son of **David Hanson Jessee**, son of **John Jessee**, son of **Archer Jessee**. This site provides extensive pedigree and descendants information for Orley Lee Clouston and Ola Belle Jessee.

**CHARLIE DOUGLAS THOMPSON** [268 1st St. N., Carrington, ND 58492] wrote, 3/14/2001, with this inquiry. Charlie is the son of **Woodrow Russell Thompson**, son of **Ballard/Balfred Henry Thompson** and **Louisa Lucinda Jessee**, daughter of **Vincent Jessee, Jr.**, son of **Vincent Jessee**, son of **Archer Jessee**.

I have run into a couple of snags concerning my paternal grandfather. One concern his given name. Some records show his first name as Ballard and his middle name as Henry. Certified copies of two of his marriage licenses show his first name to be Balfred. A newspaper account of his death gives his middle name as Harvey. Have you any documentation that may clarify this situation. [Ballard is the son of **Charles Thompson** of Honaker

who married **Emily Fuller**]. I have a source note for the family of Charles Thompson as follows: Obituary of **Lucy Thompson McCarty**, 1-20-1991, names her parents, Charles and Emily Fuller Thompson, and brothers and sisters, as well as her descendants. Ed]

I am also looking for information about Ballard Henry's first wife **Carrie T. Boyd**. I have her father to be **John Lewis Boyd** and her mother to be John's second wife, **Martha Grizzle**. I have names of four sibling but no other information. Do you have any information or know someone I may contact.

I also need an address to order Marriage Licenses from the State of Kentucky. Can you help?

**MICHAEL DYE** [madye@fuse.net] posted, 3/18/2001, on VARussel-L@RootsWeb.com the following response to Charlie's inquiry above.

John Lewis Boyd, s/o Jonathan Boyd & Mary Burnett, b. 19 May 1842, d. 20 Jun 1919. m. 1) Jennie C. Remines abt. 1862., b. 10 Nov 1842, d. 13 Jun 1885 m. 2) Martha Alice Grizzle, 24 Oct 1885, d/o Jesse Grizzle & Nancy Franklin, b. 16 Jul 1856, d. 18 Jul 1931.

John Lewis Boyd and his second wife, Martha Alice "Grizzle" Boyd are buried in the John L. Boyd Cem. in Wysor Valley near Honaker. John L. Boyd's first wife, Jennie C. "Remines" Boyd is buried in the Jonathan Boyd Cem. near the Putnam area of Honaker.

Reference Emily Eveline Fuller. She was the d/o James Harvey Fuller & Julia Malissa McFarlane, b. 06 Jan 1856, d. 21 Oct 1932. She m. abt 1875 to Charles Henry Thompson, s/o Emory Thompson & Phoebe Gibson Fuller, b. 18 Jul 1854, d. 19 Jan 1894. Charles Henry is buried in the Thompson Cem. on Big A Mtn.

James Harvey Fuller was the s/o Isaac Fuller & Susannah Wallis, b. 27 May 1822, d. 21 Jul 1909. He m. 1) abt 1843, Mary Wysor, d/o Adam Wysor & Mary Lockhart, b. abt 1823, d. bef. 05 Dec 1854, and 2) 05 Dec 1854, Julia Malissa McFarlane, d/o Augustus McFarlane & Nancy Kendrick, b. 11 Nov 1836, d. 04 May 1913. You have James Harvey Fuller and his parents in the Jessee Family database

Mary Wysor, d/o Adam Wysor & Mary Lockhart: Adam Wysor, b. abt 1795, was the s/o George & Mary Wysor. Mary Lockhart b. abt 1797, was the d/o William Mitchell Lockhart & Catherine Scott. William Mitchell Lockhart & Catherine Scott are the ancestors to most of the Russell County Lockharts.

You have Mary Lockhart's brother, William Mitchell Lockhart, Jr. (Shown as William "Bill" Lockhart) in the Jessee database. William Mitchell Lockhart, Jr. was b. 16 Apr 1819 & d. 02 Apr 1902 and his wife, Sarah "Sallie" Stinson Lockhart was b. 12 Jun 1812 & d. 25 Mar 1883. Sallie was the d/o Robert Stinson & Amy Kelly. After the death of Sarah, William Mithcell Lockhart, Jr. married Elizabeth Thompson, d/o Emory Thompson & Phoebe Gibson Fuller and sister of Charles Henry Thompson above. William M. Lockhart, Jr. & his first wife are buried in the William M. Lockhart, Jr. family cem. on the New Garden Rd. near Honaker.

Whew, I think that's enough confusion for now, but I think you can probably tie these all into your database now. [It sure did!]

**JOHN H. JESSEE** [PO Box 102, Sugar Grove, VA 24375] wrote, 3/25/2001, with this very important information both correcting and providing additional information for the descendants of **William Vincent Jessee, Jr.** son of **William Vincent Jessee**, son of **Archer Jessee**. William Vincent Jessee, Jr. married **Rebecca Stinson**, daughter of **Edward Stinson** and **Jennie Burk**, daughter of **William Burk** and **Rebecca Jessee**. This is also a delightful letter full of family stories.

This letter is in part a response to an article by Frederick Alan Jessee in the July 2000 issue of the Jessee Newsletter. On page sixteen of the newsletter is an article that refers to William Vincent Jessee Jr. and his relationship to Frederick Alan Jessee and other family members. Several errors were made in this article with references to dates and relationships. I would like to provide corrections to this article to the best of my ability. Organizing an informative and correct genealogy record of numerous family members can be difficult. I believe we have many serious researchers that have spent innumerable hours researching to satisfy their own interest, and to provide information to others if requested. Therefore, I presume, when apparent errors have been made and published, that anyone having access to the correct information should make an effort to provide the corrections. In doing so I hope my actions will not be offensive to anyone.

Beginning with the first sentence of the article, the relationship of William Vincent Jessee Jr to Frederick Alan Jessee would be great great grandfather rather than great grandfather- Frederick Alan great grandfather would have been Edward Thomas Jessee. Edward Thomas Jessee, (b. 1878 d. 1955) was one of three children resulting from the marriage of William Vincent Jessee Jr. to Rebecca Stinson. William Vincent Jessee Jr. was born in Russell County in 1848 and died in Russell County in 1936. His first marriage was to Rebecca Stinson (b. 1846 d. 1903). William Vincent Jessee's second marriage was to Maragerine Mullins in 1905. Maragerine Mullins was born in 1905 and died in 1931. She was the daughter of John Mullins of Dickenson County, Virginia.

I believe I can speak with certainty regarding the references made to Kemper Jessee. Kemper Jessee was my father and his name was Kemper Gilmer Jessee rather than Kemper John Jessee, He was the son of Edward Thomas Jessee and Harriet Virginia Rasnake Jessee (b. 1876 d. 1964). My Father was born in Russell County in 1904 and died in Tazewell County in 1987. He married my mother, Laura Belle Buckles Jessee in 1925. My mother was born in Russell County in 1907 and is the daughter of John Buckles (1875-1954) and Alpha Jessee Buckles (1884-1953).

My mother was ninety-four years of age on the sixteenth of March two thousand and one. I was able to talk with her on that date and during our conversation I ask her about her Grandmother Buckles. She, without any hesitation in the conversation, proceeded to tell me about my great grandmother and several other family members. My mother informed me that My great grandmother's name was Mary Taze Cowan prior to her marriage to my great grandfather Charles Buckles and that Charles Buckles father's name was Abraham Buckles. Mother said that her father's full name was John Taze Buckles and that he had been given his mother's middle name. Without the slightest hesitation that some of a lesser age, including myself, would find necessary to remember a name, she told me that my great grandmother's father's name was Charles Cowan. Several other Cowan names were mentioned, but I was unable, due to the excitement of the birthday event, to make the other Cowan family connections. Some of Cowan names mentioned were Sally, Sally Wool and Mary Elizabeth.

After all the incredible name remembering my mother hesitated, laughed almost silently and said she would never forget the story grandpa had told her when she was a child about grandpa's elopement with Grandpa Buckles. Mom remembered that her grandma told her that she and grandpa had been pledged when they were children by their respective families to be married when they reached a suitable age. According to great grandma's story as told by my mom, when the time drew near for them to be married, rather than waiting for the traditional marriage ceremony to take place they decided to take matters into their own hands and secretly steal away and be married.

The plans to elope were made, but one slight but significant problem stood in their way. That problem was a bulldog owned by great grandma's father Charles Cowan. Evidently this bulldog had gained some notoriety for his dedication to the Cowan family. He

had built some reputation, especially for his nighttime vigilance guarding the family and their possessions. The bulldog had one weakness that my great grandmother was aware of that might cause him to become distracted from his guard duties. This dog had developed a fondness for biscuits, and great grandma realized if she kept him occupied by feeding him biscuits during the course of the evening of the planned arrival of great grandpa that great grandpa might arrive without being detected. On the date the elopement was to take place; great grandma had hidden away a sufficient quantity of biscuits that she hoped would serve the purpose of her intent.

As planned, on the eve of great grandpa's arrival to steal her away and after the family had gone to bed, great grandma began the task of feeding the bulldog biscuits. By the time great grandpa arrived the bulldog was so stuffed with biscuits that he had forgotten his primary responsibility to warn the family of intruders. Without regard to his reputation he had fallen asleep and failed to awaken the family when great grandpa stole my great grandma away.

This story somewhat provides a brief glimpse into the past and into the activities of the lives of our ancestors. I can in one way personally relate to a part of the story. I have just like the bulldog developed a fondness for biscuits. I have wonderful memories of my mother's biscuits, those that she seemed to prepare as if by magic and with little effort. Biscuits that were baked in an oven of a wood fired cook stove. Biscuits that always made one of the first activities of the day a delightful event. I can still hear mom say "breakfast is ready."

My mom tells this story along with many others about her grandmother, Mary Taze Cowan Buckles. The stories are told with vivid recollection as if she were still a child and her grandmother had told her these things only yesterday I have no doubt that my mom, Laura Belle Buckles Jessee, had a very close relationship with her grandmother. This had been a relationship that has undoubtedly been cherished by my mother through the years, and one that has provided, after all these many years, the ability to recollect and pass along the wonderful stories that were told to her.

I would be forever grateful if you would share with me any information you might have regarding the Buckles and /or the Cowan families of Russell County. I have been negligent in my efforts to gain documented information pertaining to this branch of my family.

### III. William Jessee

William Jessee (1779-1841) married **Mary "Polly" Vermillion** (1785-1879), and they had fourteen children. This family moved to Lee Co., VA.

No new contributions to report.

### IV. Lea Jessee

Lea Jessee (1781-1852) married Barbara Gose (1788-1862), da. of Stephen Gose and Barbara Catron (Ketron) Gose, and they had ten children. This family moved to Missouri, and includes among descendants, Archer Catron Jessee, the first Jessee to migrate to California before the gold rush.

No new contributions to report.

## V. David Jessee

Reverend David Jessee (1783-1856) married Catherine "Katie" Banner (1788-1860) and had thirteen children. See also the discussion under Rebecca Jessee Burk below.

**JULIA JESSEE YOUNCE** wrote, 1/23/2001, with the following information regarding the family of David Martin Jessee, son of George Lea Jessee, son of David Jessee.

[In Newsletter #18] Jennifer Jesse who had visited a cemetery in Carter Co. KY, on the land of Doc Lewis' place, identified a Lark Ray grave that is there. It could be my grandmother's brother. My grandmother, Arvilla Ray Jessee, married David Martin Jessee, 4/14/1886. I did not know until two years ago that Lark Ray lived in Carter Co., KY. IO thought all of Arvill's family lived in Minnesota. So much for living right in the middle of history and knowing nothing.

## VI. Elizabeth Jessee Gose

Elizabeth Jessee Gose (1785-1827) married George Gose (1786-1861), son of Stephen Gose and Barbara Catron Gose, and they had twelve children. See the Gose Family discussion under Lea Jessee above, as well as additional information under Rebecca Jessee Burk below.

**DOROTHY REID**, 229 PR 1119, Decatur, TX 76234 [tdreid@compuwis.net] sent, 3/29/2001, the following descendants information for **Benjamin Franklin Habern Jr.**, son of **Benjamin Franklin Habern, Sr.** and **Barbara Gose**, daughter of George Gose and Elizabeth Jessee.

1. Benjamin Franklin Habern

2 Dorthula Elizabeth Habern born 5 Feb 1874 d. 22 June 1971 Buried in Decatur Tx, city ceme.

sp-Charley Cocanougher b.1 Dec 1871 in Sanger md.16 Jan 1896 d.18 Aug 1963 Buried in Decatur City Ceme.,Tx

3.Glenn Howell Cocanougher b 27 Dec 1897 md.5 April1925 in Justin by uncle Rev. Lee Habern (Meth Church) d. 12- 1985

sp- Gertrude Mecaskey b. 8 Nov 1899 d.28 July 1991

4. Allen Howell Cocanougher b 1928

sp Sue Jean Roberts

4 Bonnie Glenn Cocanougher 1934

sp Regina Cook

4 Dorothy Cocanougher Reid 1933

sp Tommie Lee Reid

4 Sue Marie Cocanougher 1940

sp Bill Murray

3. Mary Fay Cocanougher b 18 April 1902 d 29 April 1993

3. Ben Marion Cocanougher b. 1902 d 23 Aug

sp Lucille Stallings

4.Charles Marion Cocanougher 1932

sp JoAnn Gary

3 Vera Mae Cocanougher b 8 May 1916

## VII. Mary "Polly" Jesse Kiser

Mary "Polly" Jesse (1787-1836) married Abednego Kiser (1784-1814), who died in the War of 1812. They had four children and are the ancestors of many a Kiser from Russell Co. She later married James Chafin, whose abuse may have caused her death.

VIVIAN BALES (Marion, IN), Polly Jesse Kiser's gggg-granddaughter, is a faithful contributor to this newsletter. She constantly works at ferreting out little bits and pieces of information she gathered over a lifetime, and sends them my way. I attempt to keep up with her by keying her information into the database. Here she provides some good advice, memories, stories, and insight into Vivian's colorful life, but not this issue. Vivian we hope you are well.

### POSTED ON RUSSELL VAGENWEB

[www.rootsweb.com/~varussel/, 3/16/200.

**War of 1812 Pension Application of Polly Kiser, widow of Abednego Kiser-Russell County Law Order Book 5, Page 354, 08 November 1816.**

On the application of Polly Kiser widow of Abednego Kiser deceased in order to make the necessary proof to entitle her and the children of the said Abednego to the pension allowed by law: John Hamon this day personally appeared in court and being duly sworn deposed & saith that he was in the United States service at Norfolk in this state with a detachment of militia from the county of Russell as a Capt. That the said Abednego Kiser was under his command as a private soldier and served as a private soldier at the time of his death in the 6th Regt. commanded by Lieut Col Henry E. Coleman, that the said Abednego Kiser died of sickness on the 4th of October 1814 and that the said Polly Kiser his widow together with the said children resides in the said county of Russell & is yet unmarried. The said Polly Kiser being duly sworn deposed & saith that the following are the names & age of the children of them the said Abednego & Polly: Frances 12 years old next February - Martha 10 years old next Feby, Noah 8 years old next Feby and Elihu six years old next Feby. A register of the marriages kept by the clerk of this court pursuant to law shows that the said Abednego & Polly were lawfully joined in marriage the 8th day of Sepr 1803.

ANN MELISSA "LISSA" KISER [Kiser75@aol.com] posted this to the Kiser-L@Rootsweb.com list, 1/25/2001.

My line is as follows:

CHARLES KISER of Wurtemberg, Germany (b. 1702) m. ELIZABETH SHELLEY of Philadelphia

JOSEPH KISER (d. 1816) m. SUSANNAH STACY (they moved from Shenandoah Valley to Russell Co., VA, about 1783)

ABEDNIGO KISER (1784-1814) m. MARY "POLLY" JESSEE

ELIHU KISER, SR. (1810-1900) m. JANE "JENNIE" SKEEN (1812-1900)

GEORGE LEE KISER (8/14/1840 - 3/22/1937) m. ELIZA BROWNING (12/2/1837 - 8/6/1932)

JOHN ARCH KISER (8/8/1879 - 9/26/1955) m. MARETHA "RETHA" GRIGSBY (3/13/1886 - 12/26/1944)

KENT LEE KISER (5/26/1915 - 1/15/1993) m. HOWIE BINGHAM (still living and wouldn't take kindly my posting her birthdate!)

ANN MELISSA "LISSA" KISER

I'd love to compare notes with anyone else researching these branches of the family. --Lissa

ANNE MOORE [Treyle@aol.com] sent, 2/8/01, information regarding **James Candler** who married **Nancy Kiser**, daughter of **Elihu Kiser**, son of **Abednego Kiser and Mary "Polly" Jesse**.

Jim, this is the first thing I have EVER found on my great-grandfather [James Candler]. From what I understand, Nancy died giving birth to my grandfather, Jake William Candler. He grew up with a family in Missouri.

Nancy Kiser is a real mystery. We know that she died during my grandfather, Jake William Candler's, birth, or shortly thereafter, and that he was brought up by either two sister's in Missouri (family?) or I have also heard that he was given to a husband and wife to raise that were possibly related. Somewhere the name "Maude Knobeldorf" keeps coming up and my oldest Aunt remembered family members gathering and all speaking in "German."

James Candler is a mystery. My grandfather, Jake, remembered that he was a "circuit judge." Not much was heard from him and we wonder if he didn't remarry. [Anne and I would like to connect him to the Candler family of Russell Co, too.]

At the age of 18, my grandfather, Jake, was given a horse and saddle by whoever raised him, and he went on his own. There the trail gets muddy again until he married my grandmother, possibly in Missouri. Her name was Virgie "Jewel" Elijah Green and she was only 13 when they got married. He was 23. Her first baby was born when she was almost 15 years old. Grandpa Jake made her a swing so she could swing on the tree in their front yard with her new baby and her doll.

They moved, with her family, to Oktaha, Oklahoma and then went on to Lyndon, Colorado where Jake was quite prosperous as a wheat farmer. They had their first 3 children there. Pauline Victoria, Lorene Lenora, and Evoline Eudora (my mother). Pauline developed a heart condition and my grandfather had to sell his farm and move back to Oklahoma because Pauline would not have lived long. They said she would lay with her head on the floor and try to gasp for air from the draft that came from outside. The altitude of Colorado was killing her. They moved to Oktaha. The following children were all theirs:

Pauline Victoria

Lorene Lenora

Evoline Eudora

Mabel Clora

Molly Ellen

C.C. (died at the age of 3, of measles and pneumonia, a boy)

Julia Joyce

Jay (born with the given name of J.J. (a boy)

Billye Jean

James Bruce

Charlotte Sue (died in infancy)

The only family that is still living is Molly, Jay, Mabel and Billye. Billye is the youngest of those and she is 70. Mabel is in a nursing home and has had a stroke. I was young when my grandparents died. They had migrated, with the rest of the family, to California after the war. Julia and Mabel were the only two that stayed in Oklahoma and now I live here. Grandpa Jake was never given a lot of information about his family and I am very curious as to what happened to Nancy and if there were other children or if my grandfather was the only one.

## VIII. Frances Jessee Stone

Frances Jessee (1789-1860) married **William Stone** (1789-1860), son of **Jeremiah Stone**. They had ten children. This family is believed to have moved to Missouri, and we know so little about these descendants that any tidbit is big news.

**RON & NANCY MCDANIEL** [ronan@compworldnet.com] sent, 3/18/2001, the following information regarding **George Bastival "Bass" Reger** who married **Mary S. Stone**, daughter of **Martin G. Stone**, son of **William and Frances Jessee Stone**.

Do you know if your George B. Reger could be George Bastival "Bass" Reger, born Feb 2, 1846 and married a Mary Stone abt 1869? He married second time to Lydia Ross in 1877. [I confirmed that I believe this to be true-Ed]

I am from The Reger Side. My gggreat grand Father Saul P Reger was a brother to Jacob W Reger, father of George Bastival Reger. I do know family from that side. I will forward your Email to him. His name is Harold Coffman. George and Mary had a Daughter Susan Reger. She Married Saul P's son Lorenzo Dow Reger, who is a Brother to my Grandfather Charles Ira Reger. A mess Hun? That makes Susan a cousin or second cousin to her husband. So I guess in a way we are kin. I do have a list of Susan and Lorenzo's children. [Nancy provided extensive descendant information for George B. and Mary S. Stone Reger which is now recorded in the Jessee Family Database -Ed]

**MARILYN STONE REEVES** (markyivan@webtv.net) provided, 11/29/1999, descendants information for **John Jessee Stone**, son of William and Frances Jessee Stone, and **Rebecca Sergeant**.

Your Francis Jessee that ma. William Stone (Russell then Scott co Va) had son John ma. Rebecca Sergeant. This John and Rebecca had William H. Martin G. John M. George W. Stephen J. James B. and Rudy, Martha, Mary and Hanna (Stone).

John's and Rebecca's son Martin G ma Sarah Pendleton in Scott Co. VA. They had children Ira T(rigg) Helen Samuel James B. and Martin G. Ira T. was my ggrandfather and I can supply their info: Ira moved to Johnson Co., KY sometime in the late 1800's, Ma. Araminta(Susan) Meade. He ran a sawmill and post office. The 1910 Johnson Co census

shows Ira-52, wife Susan-45, Everett 21, Laura 18, Earl T 16, Victoria 14, Armentie 10, Ollie 9, Junie 6, Jervie 3.

If of interest these men served in the 64th infantry of Scott and Russell Co. VA:

Stone  
Martin G Co I  
Stephen J Co C  
William H 2nd Sgt. Co I  
Henry Co I  
George Washington Co C  
James B Musician 3rd Lt Co C

The 1860 census of Scott Co Va index shows Ira T, Elizabeth, John J, John M, Martin, Mary J, William H (don't know how related or how many separate households)

I'm familiar with the Stone cemetery of Johnson Co Ky and know Ira and Araminta are buried there along with Everett (who had married a Eula Adams but died at an early age of which I'm still trying to get details) Also buried there are son Earl T and though the cemetery has about 10 others, I can't name them. The cemetery is on 825S.

Most of this info came from census records, genweb posted records, Ruth Stone's records, SSDI, Ky Death index and family traditional genealogy. There were slight discrepancies in the 1880

and 1900 census but I don't think it causes any gross distortions and again, I hope it at least supplies some help to you and other researchers.

**CONNIE HOSKINS WILLAMS** [contim@klh.net] sent, 6/8/2001, the following information regarding the descendants of **John Jessee Stone**, son of William and Frances Jessee Stone.

Debbie, a descendant of John Jessee Stone and Rebecca Sergeant's son William Henry Stone, told me that you have done quite a bit of research on the family. I am descended from John Jessee Stone and Rebecca Sergeant's son, Martin G. Stone. Debbie has in her records that that John Jessee Stone was married three times and that one wife was Sarah "Sally" Pendleton. I'm not sure whether or not she got this info. from you, but I wanted to touch base with you in case she had! Sarah "Sally" Pendleton was married to John Jessee Stone's son, Martin G. Stone. Martin G. Stone and Sarah "Sally" Pendleton are my direct ancestors. Sally Pendleton Stone lived to a ripe old age. My great-grandfather knew her well and spoke of her to his children.

\*Children of Martin G. Stone and Sarah "Sally" Pendleton:

Ira Trigg Stone, b. Apr 26, 1856

Helen Rose Stone, b. June 15, 1858, m. Wm. W. Stanley

\*Samuel Stephen "Bad Sam" Stone, b. Apr 6, 1861, m. Nancy E.

Horton, d. Jul 2, 1901 after being shot

James B. Stone, b. Nov 13, 1864, d. Nov 7, 1938

Martin G. Stone, b. June 24, 1868, d. 1890.

Nancy M. Stone, b. Apr 24, 1872, m. Hiram J. Nelson, d. Oct 22, 1922

Lillian Victoria Stone, b. Oct 1875, m. John P. Nickels, d. 1955

Mary Esther "Easter" Stone, b. Nov 7, 1877, m. Wm. Henry Jessee, d. May 26, 1960

Martha, b. 1869, d. Feb 18, 1891

\*Children of Samuel Stephen Stone and Nancy E. Horton:

Rosa Stone, b. 1880, m. Robt. Matthews

William James Stone, b. Apr 16, 1883, m. Bessie Mae Parsons of Wise, d. Jan 4, 1968 \*(My line).

Armentia, "Mintie" Stone, b. Apr 1886, m. Frank Sturgill of Wise  
Guy Edward Stone, b. Mar 7, 1889, m. Ida Pearl Taylor, d. Nov 13, 1970

Emmett Alphonso Stone, b. Jul 1891, m. Eulola Catron in Bell co, KY, d. Jan 15, 1950

Martin G. Stone, b. Aug 1894, institutionalized as an adult in Marton, VA, d. Nov 15, 1950

Mollie Ellen Stone, b. Jun 9, 1896, m. Robert Roscoe Howard in Wallins, Harlan Co, KY, d. Mar 13, 1976

Pebble Stone, b. May 1, 1900, m. James Letcher Robinette, d. Nov 9, 1967

Samuel Stephen Stone and Nancy E. Horton raised their family in Appalachia, Scott Co, VA and in Letcher Co, KY. My g-grandfather, W.J. Stone attended school intermittently and got his first job at age ten. He said that his mother, Nancy E. Horton about "worried herself to death" after Samuel Stephen Stone was killed. She didn't live much longer than Sam did. After W.J. Stone married some of his siblings immediately moved in with him and his new wife. Most of his siblings lived with them at one time or another. The Stone family cabin and land was donated by W.J. Stone and his siblings to the Assemblies of God church and is still in existence in Scott Co. My grandmother remembers being related to the Jesses in VA, but didn't realize how closely connected we are! She remembers Aunt Easter Stone Jessee from her visits to VA as a child and young adult. I don't know if you are closely connected to her?

## IX. Sarah Jessee Vermillion

Sarah "Sallie" Jessee (1790-1851) married **Wilson Vermillion**, son of **Jessee Vermillion, Sr.** and **Mary "Polly" Scott**. They had three children.

**JACK HOCKETT**, of St. David's Place, PA is a descendant and the main contributor to research on this branch of the family. His work has appeared in previous issues of this newsletter, and in several significant genealogy publications. He has been collaborating for a number of years with **Kathryn Burke Greever** and **Imogene Burke Verbal** on genealogy research, which has greatly benefitted the Jessee family. Please see the discussion under Rebecca Jessee Burk below.

## X. Boedicia Jessee Gose

Boedicia "Dicey/Dicy" Jessee married **Stephen Gose Jr.** (1792-bef. 1842), son of **Stephen Gose** and **Barbara Catron (Ketron) Gose**. They had eight children. This family moved to Iowa.

See the Gose Family discussion under Lea Jessee, who married Barbara Gose, and Rebecca Jessee Gose above, as well as additional information under Rebecca Jessee Burk below.

**DEANNE MARTIN** [martin6@etex.net] sent, 2/14/2001, this information about **William Larkin Jordan** who married **Johanna Gose** daughter of **Stephen Yancey Gose**, son of **Stephen Gose, Jr.** and **Boedicia Jessee**.

I have been trying to find information about my great-grandmother, Maude Mae Jordan, for quite some time. Finally, someone responded to one of my queries with information on her parents, William Larkin Jordan and Joanna Gose. While trying to verify this information, I have come across quite a bit of information on Joanna (Johanna) Gose, including your files posted on RootsWeb, and others posted on the LDS site (familysearch.org). I was rather confused, when I found the Joanna listed with two different mothers and birthdates. However, I downloaded the files with Margaret Cart listed as her mother, because it contained more information. Then I found your files at RootsWeb, and downloaded them. I must say, you have quite a lot of information -- sources and notes. I found them very helpful.

However, I do not believe that Joanna could be the daughter of Margaret Cart, or born in 1876. This is because -- if she WAS married to William Jordan -- and the mother of all his children -- she would have married at age 1, and had her first child at age 3. I noticed that there is a span of eight years between the 2nd and 3rd children of Martha Miller, as listed in your files. One of the LDS files I found for Joanna listed her as the child of Martha Miller, with a birthdate of abt. 1861. This is much more likely. This fits into the eight year gap between the 2nd and 3rd children you have listed, and puts her at an appropriate age for marriage and childbearing with William Jordan.

I would appreciate anything you might have to offer to help me determine the true mother of Joanna Gose -- or if, maybe, MY Joanna is not actually the child of Stephen Yancy Gose. Any help would be greatly appreciated, and if we do find that we are connected, I would enjoy corresponding with a "new" cousin.

DeAnne Martin

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<http://ezwebcreations.virtualave.net>

**DEANNE MARTIN** [deanne@martin6.com] posted this note on the Jessee Database, 4/21/2001.

William Larkin Jordan - b. May 11, 1854 d. July 28, 1941 in Rainier, Alberta, Canada married Joanna Gose September 4, 1877

Joanna Gose - b. about 1861 d. November 19, 1932 in Rainier, Alberta, Canada  
Children:

Edmond Stanton Jordan - b. May 5, 1879 in Marion Co, IA d. Feb 13, 1945 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Married Amy Leah Barnes, August 22, 1918

Maud Mae Jordan - b. May 1881, d. Feb 1930 in Cochrane, Alberta, Canada married Amandus Robert Braucht abt. 1905

Riley Jordan - b. November 1884 m. Grace ?

Vance Jordan - b. March 1888

## XI. James Jessee

James Jessee (1794-aft 1846) married **Jane Burk** (1795-aft.1846), d. of **Fleming Burk, Sr.** and **Rebecca Miller**. See also discussion under Rebecca Jessee Burk below. They had four children.

**IRIS LAMBERT HALL**, a descendant of James Jessee, is a regular contributor. Please see her contribution to this newsletter up front. She shares a lifetime of research, and more than a bit of wisdom.

**MICHAEL DYE** [m.a.d.man@worldnet.att.net] communicated with me, 2/20/2001, regarding an error I had introduced into the family database regarding **Mary "Polly" Jessee**, daughter of **James Jessee and Jane Burk** and other information regarding the **Burk, Browning, and Williams families**. Michael also weighed in on a controversy regarding marriage and descendants information submitted to me by **Sandra Norwood**. He also enlisted the aid of **Jack Hockett** on the matter. I am honored that both would take the time to help us out on this matter.

I'm writing to you this time about the Mary "Polly" Jessee that you have listed on your website as a d/o Vincent Jessee & Elizabeth Candle [Now corrected] based upon info that you had received from Sandra Norwood [SEE NOTE BELOW]. This is the Mary that you thought belonged to James Jessee & Jane Burk. One of the messages that you show you received from Sandra is as follows. You said you were stumped from it and that from this evidence it would appear that Mary Polly dau. of James Jessee was not the same person as her Mary Jessee that she claimed was a d/o Vincent Jessee & Elizabeth Candler. Here's her quoted message:

"I was checking my 1850 census I found James Jessee in 1850 Russell co Va. with his daughter Polly (Mary)? he was 56 yrs old and she was 35. that made her born about 1815 in 1850 my Mary (Polly) was with Daniel Williams as their first daughter was born Nov. 1842"

No wonder you were confused. The problem with Sandra's statement is that the Mary Jessee listed in James Jessee's household was not his daughter, but rather, Mary "Polly" Browning, d/o Francis Browning, Jr. & Jeanette Alexander and wife of James' son

Fleming Burke Jessee. Here's the entry from the census with annotations that I've made:

100 Jessee James 56 Russ. s/John Jessee & Frances "Franky" Lea  
100 Jessee (Jane) (BURK) (Dec'd) w/James Jessee, d/o Fleming  
Burk, Sr. & Nancy ?  
100 Jessee Flemming B. 36 Russ. s/James Jessee & Jane Burk  
100 Jessee Polly BROWNING 35 Russ. d/Francis Browning Jr. &  
Jeanette Alexander  
100 Jessee Nancy 7 Russ.  
100 Jessee Christopher 5 Russ.  
100 Jessee James 3 Russ.  
100 Jessee Rebecca 1 Russ.

Now, getting back to Mary Jesse that married Daniel Williams. Here's their entry from the 1850 census:

187 Williams Daniel 35 Russ. s/Samuel Williams & Elizabeth Crump  
187 Williams Mary JESSEE 25 Russ. d/James Jessee & Jane Burk  
187 Williams Rebecca 10 Russ.  
187 Williams Elizabeth 8 Russ.  
187 Williams Charles 5 Russ.  
187 Williams Flemming 2 Russ.  
187 Williams Nancy 9 m Russ.

Note that their second to last child's name is Flemming. As I'm sure you know, Jane Burk's father's name was Fleming Burk. Fleming was a name that was carried down a great deal in the Burk family. Also, I suspect that Mary was probably a little older than is shown on the census based upon the fact that she was probably married about 1839. She's shown as age 38 in the 1860 census.

Based upon the above info, I'm reasonably sure that Sandra is incorrect and that Mary Jessee was a d/o James Jessee and Jane Burk like you thought all along. A check of the Burk book by Jack Hockett also backs this up.

**NOTE: Sandra Norwood** has greatly helped us with new descendants information for **Daniel Williams** and her Mary "Polly" Jessee and challenged "the boys," Mike, Jack, and me, pretty well on this one. In response to the above information, Sandra responded that since her information came from a family Bible, she is not entirely sure she can dismiss it. She is, however, glad that her Mary "Polly" Jessee who married Daniel William is still in the John and Franky Lea Jessee family, and appreciated the help.

To be fair and give credence to the William's Bible information in the possession of Sandra, I am providing her original submission. She had me convinced for awhile, but Michael and Jack pulled me back.

**SANDRA NORWOOD** [SCHA11549@aol.com] sent, 8/22/2000, the following information regarding Mary "Polly" Jessee.

I have Mary Jessee born in 1824, Lebanon, Russell co. Va. Married to Daniel Williams her parents are Vincent Jessee born 1800 Lebanon Russell co Va. which was married to Elizabeth Candler she was born in 1803 same place...this was in a bible on my Williams side...I noticed that you did not have her listed as a child to Vincent Jessee and Elizabeth....I have been looking for this family for awhile and now I think I found it...please let me know if you know anything else...thank you Sandra Norwood.

Sandra also cites, in another message, the brothers and sisters of Mary Polly Jessee, and they are the family of Vincent and Elizabeth Candler

[NOTE: This is a speculation that this Mary Jessee is the same person as described above. The problem to be resolved is that I

showed her originally as a daughter of James Jessee, not Vincent Jessee, who has a son, John Taz Jessee born in 1824. Further evidence from Sandra would further indicate that Mary Polly da. of James Jessee is not the same person described here.]

I was checking my 1850 census I found James Jessee in 1850 Russell co Va. with his daughter Polly (Mary)? he was 56 yrs old and she was 35. that made her born about 1815 in 1850 my Mary (Polly) was with Daniel Williams. as their first daughter was born Nov. 1842.....so now I'm stumped...

**RICHARD E. WILLIAMS** [whiskers42@hotmail.com] sent, 2/23/2001, the following commentary on this.

Well James, I am not a Jessee descendant and was going to stay out of the research. I will try to get the info from Glenna Beck who is a descendant of Daniel Williams & Mary Jesse from dau. Eliza Ella Williams, Brookshire, or I can give you her address if you wish to write her direct which is what I prefer. Glenna had Mary as the d/o George Lea Jessee & Elizabeth Counts when she wrote to Mother 20 years ago. So it is anybody's guess for now. She doesn't use computer. She doesn't know Sandi Norwood and had the same info. She sent a letter from a Madeline L. Dyer that mentions Vincent Jessee's will and has info on Francis Brownings line. F.B. Jessee's wife Lucinda was d/o George Calhoun Williams & Elizabeth Davenport, so was Daniel Williams' niece.

Friends, the debate did not stop here, the above dialogue continued and expanded to include additional information and comment from Sandra's cousin **Richard Williams** (featured above), with some suggestions at times that some folks did not know what they were talking about. Once again Michael Dye weighed in with the following commentary and summary of known facts and his opinion on the matter. Thank you Michael.

**MICHAEL DYE** [m.a.d.man@worldnet.att.net] sent, 2/23/2001, the following with respect to this controversy and provided information regarding the **Jessee, Burk, Browning, and Williams** families.

Hello everyone,

First, for those who may not know me, I am Michael Dye, coordinator of the Russell County VAGenWeb Project. I would like to start this off by saying that I am not a Jessee, Burk, Browning or Williams family descendant, so I am not emotionally tied to any one opinion in regards to this research. But as the coordinator of the site, I try to put up as accurate info as possible for everyone's benefit and I do often research families that I am not descended from. It disturbs me that someone would say that there is information that is incorrect but that they don't try to get it corrected. The purpose of the site is to have as accurate information as possible for everyone's benefit. I have always welcomed people's input. And if someone feels that something is incorrect I encourage them to let me know and give me their reasons why. I have corrected a many a thing on the website based upon information supplied by others. Now that I'm done with that speech, on to the information I have concerning these families.

First I'd like to address Sandra. Sorry I hadn't had a chance to get back with you right away on your message. With the web page sometimes it takes a few days. You asked about the 1850 census info that I have online and where the parents info came from and mentioned that it was not on the census that you saw. It is correct that the information is not on the original census. I have a transcription of the original census online on the web page that does not have that information. I also have an annotated version of the

census with additional information that has been taken from other sources. This annotated census is to be used as a research tool and I don't guarantee that everything on it is 100% accurate, though I do believe most to be and I try to make it as accurate as humanly possible. You also mentioned that I did not list Samuel William & Elizabeth Crump on the census. Actually they are on the census, along with every other family in Russell Co. They are shown in HH #110, next door to their son Shadrack Williams.

Next, concerning Mary "Polly" Jessee that is listed in the James Jessee household HH #100 on the 1850 census. Sandra, you state that your research shows that James Jessee & Jane Burks daughter Mary was born abt 1812/1815, meaning that the Polly in James Jessee's household in 1850 was his daughter. The only problem with this is that that information is completely and totally incorrect. The Mary "Polly" Jessee that is listed in James Jessee's household in 1850 was not his daughter, but rather the wife of his son Fleming Burk Jessee. There is overwhelming evidence to support this. First there are two deeds, one from Deed Book 10, pg 135 and another from Deed Book 12, pg. 217 that identifies Mary, wife of Fleming B. Jessee, as a daughter of Francis Browning. Next there is the will of Mary's uncle William Browning, Sr. written 14 Oct 1851 and proven 04 Nov 1851 where he wills to her as follows: "12. I give to my niece Polly Jessee, wife of Fleming B. Jessee the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid equally to her by my devisees Frances A. Browning, Melissa E. Browning, Polly Munsey and John Browning, which will be twenty five dollars to be paid by each of them." And lastly, a comparison of the households of Fleming B. Jessee in 1850 & 1860 will clearly show that Mary is his wife. Here they are:

1850 Census entry:

30 100 100 Jessee James 56 M  
31 100 100 Jessee Flemming B. 36 M  
32 100 100 Jessee Polly 35 F  
33 100 100 Jessee Nancy 7 F  
34 100 100 Jessee Christopher A. 5 M  
35 100 100 Jessee James 3 M  
36 100 100 Jessee Rebecca 1 F

1860 Census entry:

7 1085 1085 Jessee Flemming B. 45 M W  
8 1085 1085 Jessee Polly 42 F W  
9 1085 1085 Jessee Nancy C. 16 F W  
10 1085 1085 Jessee Christopher 14 M W  
11 1085 1085 Jessee James 13 M W  
12 1085 1085 Jessee Rebecca 11 F W  
13 1085 1085 Jessee Martha 9 F W  
14 1085 1085 Jessee Margaret 7 F W  
15 1085 1085 Jessee Lucinda 6 F W  
16 1085 1085 Jessee Ellan M. 4 F W  
17 1085 1085 Jessee John 2 M W

As you can see Fleming & Polly have the same children on both censuses with additional ones added on the 1860 census. As an additional piece of evidence, I will cite two sources by Jack Hockett who has done extensive research on the Browning & Burk families and is one of the best researchers I have seen. The first is "Ancestors and Descendants of Benjamin Snead and Felicia Oliver", published 1995, pg. 205, where Mary "Polly" is identified as a Browning. The second is "Some Descendants of John Burk (1656-1699), Middlesex County, VA", published 1999, pg. 63, where Mary "Polly" is identified as a daughter of Francis Browning and most likely his first wife Jeanette Alexander. This book was actually done by the concerted efforts of Kathryn Burke Greever, Jack Hockett, Imogene Burke Verbal and Rue Burke Stevenson. They use much the same sources that I mentioned above. Sandra, I don't know what research you have that this Mary was the daughter of James Jessee, but whatever it is, I'm sure you will agree from the info above that it must be incorrect.

Now, as to who your Mary Jessee was a daughter of. I personally don't have any definitive documentation as to this. You claim she is a daughter of Vincent Jessee and Elizabeth Candler based upon a bible record you have. You state your Mary Jessee was born abt 1821-1822 and I have seen as early as 1819. She was listed as age 25 on the 1850 Russell census and age 38 on the 1860 census which places her birth between 1822 & 1825 by those sources. Anyway, Vincent Jessee and Elizabeth Candler were married 20 Jun 1822 and their first child, Archer Samuel Jessee was born almost exactly 9 months later on 11 Mar 1823. Their next child, John Trigg Jessee was born 13 months later on 22 Jun 1824 and their 3rd child Francis Browning Jessee was born 17 months later on 17 Nov 1825. The first opportunity for Mary to fit into Vincent Jessee's family after his marriage would be between Francis B. and their next child, George W. Jessee who was born 18 Aug 1827. This would place Mary's birth then in mid to late 1826 which I think we can all agree would be to late for her. So, to assume that your Mary was a daughter of Vincent Jessee means that you must also assume that she was born out of wedlock prior to his marriage to Elizabeth Candler because there is just no room for her to have been born after their marriage. There has been several mentions of a bible record that shows Mary as a daughter of Vincent Jessee. I have not seen the bible record, but my experience has been that when people recorded their bible records they usually included exact dates of birth, marriage, death etc. So far I haven't seen anywhere an exact date of birth for Mary. I would like to see the bible record.

Now I don't have direct proof that Mary was a daughter of James Jesse and Jane Burk. However, she doesn't seem to fit anywhere else and the naming of her son Fleming Jessee Williams (see the Burk book, pg. 118) is a strong indication that she was a Burk descendant (Jane was the only Burk daughter to marry a Jessee) as the Fleming name was carried down a great deal among their descendants. As evidence, Jane Burk was a daughter of Fleming Burk, Sr. Fleming Sr. named one of his sons Fleming, Jr. Jane named one of her children Fleming Burk Jessee. Fleming Burk Jessee named one of his sons Fleming Burk Jessee also. It would only make sense that Mary Burk, if she were a daughter of James Jessee & Jane Burk, would name one of her children Fleming after grandfather and brother.

I am open to any possibility, but from the evidence I have seen, I am more inclined to believe that Mary was a daughter of James Jessee & Jane Burk. And remember, I am looking at this as an unbiased observer who has no personal stake in the matter. If anyone has other evidence that points otherwise I would be more than interested in seeing it.

Now, as to the Williams family. Dick says that I have several things wrong on the website but hasn't contacted me to let me know about it and doesn't mention what he has that supports his position. I would like for you to contact me so we could get everything straightened out. The evidence that I have that Andrew Williams was a son of Samuel Williams & Elizabeth Crump is as follows:

First I cite Heritage of Russell Co., Vol.2, pg's 513 & 514 in an article submitted by Frances Banner where she states that Andrew Williams was a son of Samuel Williams who married Elizabeth Crump. she also goes on to name Andrew's brothers George Calhoun, Shadrack, Samuel and Daniel. Also included is a photo of Andrew Williams. Both Shadrack & George Williams can be documented as sons of Samuel & Elizabeth from their death records. If Andrew was their brother, then he too was a son of Samuel & Elizabeth. A sixth son, William Williams, who is not named in the article, can also be documented as a son of Samuel & Elizabeth from his death record. I also believe there was a possibility of a seventh son, Wesley Williams. Wesley's widow is living in the household of her daughter Mary "Williams" Garrett in the 1850 census. Their household was in the same general area as several others of this Williams family. Note that Andrew Williams was living in HH #28, William in #58, Wesley's widow in #68,

Shadrick in #109 and Samuel & Elizabeth Crump Williams in #110. It is well documented on the annotated version of the 1850 census how family members usually live near each other. Additionally, though there are several Williams households on the census, so far it appears that most descend from either one of two lines, one being Samuel & Elizabeth and the other being James Williams who is listed in HH #1144. James also had a son named Andrew, but he is living in HH #818. The last piece of evidence that Andrew Williams was a son of Samuel comes from the naming patterns in the several Williams households. They consistently named their children after members of each others family. George named his first son Andrew and named two others Samuel and Shadrack. Andrew named one of his sons George and as additional evidence of Wesley being another brother, Andrews son James Lemuel Williams named one of his sons James Wesley Williams, most likely after his uncle. William named two of his sons Samuel and George. Shadrick/Shadrack named his son Samuel. Daniel named two of his sons Thomas & Charles, so did Andrew. This doesnt even touch on their daughters but it is similar there also.

Dick, this is the information as I have it. If you have other documentation, I wish you would contact me. Like I said at the beginning, my goal is to have to most accurate information on the website as possible and that can best occur through the sharing of information and documentation. I would like to hear everyones comments and opinions on this, so please, when replying, set your mail to reply to all so I as well as eveyone else can benefit from the discussion.



Nancy E. Jessee Monk

**ANITA SINGLETON** [anita3@mindspring.com] with the help of **Michael Dye** sent, 4/19/2001, a photo of **Nancy E. Jessee** who married **James M. Monk**. Nancy is the daughter of **Fleming Burk Jessee**, son of **James Jessee**.

Here's a copy of the Nancy Jessee photo as well as the back of the photo. When I received it from Anita it was quite dark, so I lightened it up. As I think I mentioned before, she was a d/o Fleming Burk Jessee & Mary Browning. They are in HH #100 on the 1850 RCV census. She can be further identified with additional info from Jack etals Burk book, page 63. She married 08 Aug 1869 in Scott Co., VA to James M. Monk, age 18 at time of marriage, s/o James B. & Elizabeth Monk. James B. & Elizabeth Monk are in HH #90 of the 1850 Scott Co. census. James M. & Nancy "Jessee" Monk are listed on the 1880 Caiborne Co., TN census. If there's anything additional info I can help with let me know. Mike

## XII. Rebecca Jessee Burk

Rebecca Jessee (1796-1860) married **William Burk** (1797-1850), son of **Fleming Burk, Sr.** and **Rebecca Miller**. They had ten children.

**KATHRYN BURKE GREEVER, JACK HOCKETT, IMOGENE BURKE VERBAL,** and **RUE BURKE STEVENSON** have published their book, *Some Descendants of John Burk, 1656-1699, Middlesex Co., Virginia*. It is available from the Iberian Publishing Co., 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, GA 30605-3408, for a price of \$34.95 softback, \$44.95 hardback, plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. It can be ordered on-line at [www.iberian.com](http://www.iberian.com). All royalties go to the Russell Co. Historical Society and Russell Co. Library Family History Room for preservation of archival family history materials.

This book is 502 pages and details, among many others, the descendants of **Fleming Burk, Sr.** Four of his children married Jessees, two children and two grandchildren of John and Frankey Lea Jessee. **Jane Burk** married **James Jessee**, **William Burk** married **Rebecca Jessee**, **Fleming Burk, Jr.** married **Nancy Ann Jessee**, daughter of **David Jessee**, and **Robert Burk** married **Anna Gose**, daughter of **Elizabeth Jessee** and **George Gose**. They have added much important information for each of these Jessee lines. Their notations and documentation of sources are tremendous. A simply great effort.

This book alone includes well over 1000 descendants of Rebecca Jessee and William Burk. None of this material has been keyed into a genealogy database program of any kind. It is a daunting chore and we need help! I would like to work with any volunteers who would be willing to help key in this information into an appropriate genealogy database.

## XIII. Jane Jessee Fuller

Jane Jessee (1797-1869) married **Henry Fuller** (1792-1872), son of **Abraham Fuller** and **Mary Sargent**. They had ten children. This family moved to Illinois.

While I have a scant amount of descendants information, I do not correspond with any descendant of Jane Jessee Fuller. This is a family that needs much research.

## XIV. George Lea Jessee

George Lea Jessee (1798-1882) married **Elizabeth "Betsy" Counts** (1799-1880), da. of John Counts, Jr. "of Glade Hollow" and Margaret "Peggy" Kelly. They had fourteen children.

Many George Lea Jessee descendants are subscribers and have contributed very much information to the database. It is one of our best researched and recorded branches of the family.

## XV. Martin Jessee

Martin Jessee (1801-1879) married first **Virginia Jane Price** (1801-1853), da. of David and June Price and they had eleven children. He married second **Mary Jane Darnold** (1834-1907), and they had seven children.

### WILLIAM LEON "BILL" JESSEE

[jessee11@email.msn.com] wrote, 5/10/2001, with this inquiry. This proved to be the William Leon Jessee that Col. Howard Jessee, now deceased, had referred me to many times, but I could not find him. I have now.

I am interested in information from our cousins concerning Martin Jessee, the youngest son of John and Frankey Lea Jessee. In particular, proof of birth such as Bible record, county document etc.

I am a G. Grandson of Martin and his second wife Mary Jane Darnold/Darnell. The grandson of William "Will" Astin and Rachel Bradley Jessee My Dad was William Fletcher "Billy" Jessee. All born in Russell County.

I went to the Jessee reunions in the 1930,s held at the old Martin Jessee homeplace, lived in at the time by his son Samuel Gibson Jessee family. I am in contact with three members of that family who remember the reunions.

I would be happy hear from any of the Martin Jessee descendants from either his 1st or 2nd marriages.

William Leon "Bill" Jessee

## Missing Links, Problems and other Conundrums

Please help us find these missing links.

**MIKE AND JOY MALONE** [drjoym@bellsouth.net] provided these missing links. Please help us identify their families.

The other day I located a tombstone in a cemetery in Newland, NC the inscription is:

**C. Lee Jessee** b. 1866 d. 1941

**Ritta M. Jessee** b.1873 d. 1955

I could not match them up with any databases. Possibly someone can use this info.

Sent, 4/1/2001, another unlinked Jessee.

Last month while in Johnson City TN. we visited the Mountain Home National Cemetery (Veterans Cemetery). We located a tombstone for **Charlie T. Jessee** b. September 3, 1925 d. July 22, 1983 Pvt. U.S. Army WW II. I did find his name in "The Heritage of Russell County Virginia Vol. 1 page 366 World War II service men from Russell County. That was the only Jessee name on the Mountain Home roster.

**ROBERT TUCKER** [georjarex@mindspring.com] an adoptee with an unknown Jessee mother] sent, 4/5/2001, the following request for help.

I want to throw my name in the hat as a Jessee also. I was adopted in 1957 and found out in recent years that my birth name is Robert Ensley Jessee. I was born in Charlottesville, VA on 1-19-49. Because of records being sealed in Virginia, I have never been able to find out any other information except that my mother was a 16 year old unwed mother.

I am drawn to find out information about the Jessee family and feel that my mother must have been part of the Jessee family in Virginia born around 1933.

Robert Tucker  
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Kennesaw, GA 30144 (suburb of Atlanta)  
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**EMANUEL JESSIE** [e.jessie@worldnet.att.net] sent, 4/5/2001, the following information. I am unable to make the connection of any of these names to the larger Jessee family. Can someone help?

My father was born Emanuel R. Jessie/ from his mother Effie Mae Buckler, Jessee/ Jessie/ His father was George Bernie Jessee/ My family's remains are above the Dairy Queen in Olive Hill, KY at the intersection of US Rt 60 and the other main thoroughfare through Olive Hill. My grandmother changed the spelling on the birth certificate of my father from Jessee To Jessie because the family did not help her when my grandfather died while an employee of The Gulf Oil Co.

Riley Jessee/ie/e, the reverend is either my second or third cousin I'm not sure. My grandmother Effie Mae Jessie/ee is buried at Mt Zion in South Shore KY, as is my aunts Eunice Molly Jessie/ee.

**LAURA LYNNE SHEPPARD FUNDS**, wrote, 6/4/2001, with this inquiry. I was unable to determine her connection to the Jessee family of SW VA.

My name is Laura Lynne Sheppard Funds. My mother was Mary Josephine Jessee. These are the names of the Jessees in our family, hailing from southwest Virginia....

Henry Jessee and Clara Estep had 2 sons; Jerry Jessee and James Carlton Jessee. (When Clara died, Henry married a second time and had other children but I don't have information about them.)

James Carlton Jessee b. 1894 and Annie Laura Pippin Jessee b. 1902 had 3 children:

Mary Josephine Jessee married Harold Kendall Sheppard; one child Laura Lynne Sheppard

Jewell Marie Jessee married Paul Allen Routh; one son Paul Allen Routh, Jr.

Jimmie Aaron Jessee married Emily Smith; 4 children Janice Wenona Jessee, Jimmie Aaron Jessee, Jr. , David Allen Jessee, Judy Ann Jessee

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## Correspondence

The following are only a few of the many communications I am fortunate to receive. These, in particular, give color to our work, address problems, provide new information, corrections, or updates, and both answer and ask new "missing links" questions.

**GLENDA OSBORNE**, President of the Russell county Genealogy Group wrote:

The Russell County Genealogy Group is ready to print their book entitled "Temple Hill Memorial Park". At this point we are taking orders in advance and we were wondering if you could post it on the Russell County Genealogy page. If you can or can't, let me know. This book is a result of a group of people working together who love doing genealogy. Therefore all money made from the sales of this book whether it be several years down the road, tomorrow or whenever, will always be used to benefit the public by purchasing genealogical research materials for learning, sharing and perpetuating family history. Our goal now for the use of monies made is to buy needed genealogical research materials for the local history room at the Russell County Public Library.

Below is the information concerning cost, and how to order. Thanks! God Bless you!!

Glenda Osborne

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<http://www.russell.lib.va.us/>

My favorite genealogy group

<http://www.russell.lib.va.us/genealogy/index.htm>

### TEMPLE HILL MEMORIAL PARK

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Some Dates On The Grave Markers Go Back To The Mid 1800's. Also included are epitaphs and a brief history of the cemetery. The Russell County Genealogy Group is taking orders to see if there is enough interest to warrant the printing of 50 books. Completed books may either be mailed or picked up at the Russell County Public Library.

Send Check Or Money Order For The Amount Of \$26.95 (Add \$5.00 For Shipping And Handling Per Book) along with your return shipping address. Make Checks Payable To Russell County Genealogy Group, C/O Janice Busic, Treasurer, P.O. Box 356 Honaker, Va 24260.

## Resources On The Internet

The Internet is a revolutionary and remarkable resource for genealogists. From time to time I will provide here pertinent information regarding Web resources and other links of interest to the Jesse(e) family. I invite you to provide me with addresses for Web pages developed by family members and other resources of interest, too.

**MICHAEL A. DYE** has created The Russell County Page of the VAGenWeb division of the USGenWeb Project. This is an award winning site, and a terrific resource for all families whose sojourn in America included time in Russell Co., VA. Michael has been instrumental in assembling a vital on-line depository of Russell Co. records, indexes and abstracts, genealogical

data, historical maps, local history, and lore. We thank you. You can join the Russell Co. List Server. This is a must see site for Jessee researchers at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~varussel/>.

**Michael A.Dye** [madye@fuse.net], in cooperation with many other volunteers, has posted on the Russell Co. List Server the following very important resources for Russell Co. researchers, **Russell County Law Order Books from 1786-1799**.

I've just added Russell County Law Order Books #1 (1786-1791) and #2 (1792-1799) [and subsequently Law Order books 3, 4, and well as the first County Deed Books] to the Russell County VAGenWeb Page. These are a huge addition to the website as they are filled with much interesting information as well as lots of genealogical data. Thanks to Rhonda Robertson for abstracting them & submitting them for placement on the website. These are pretty large files, especially book 2, which is 358 kb. So, if anyone has problems accessing the whole file let me know and I will break it up into smaller parts. There are no indexes to the books so it's best to use your find function of your browser. Be aware though that name spellings can vary, so you should use more than one possible spelling, or even better yet, just read through the document to see if there's anything of interest to you.

**Michael A.Dye** [madye@fuse.net] provides another invaluable resource for Russell Co. researchers, the complete and annotated **1850 Russell Co., VA Census**.

I've just loaded the latest edition of the annotated 1850 Russell County, VA census onto the Russell County VAGenWeb Page. There are a whole bunch of additions and several corrections since the last edition, so check it out for those missing relatives. Here's the link, enjoy:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~varussel/census/1850A.html>

**FOR THE LATEST DOCUMENTS ON RUSSELL CO.:**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~varussel/additions/index.html>

For some previously unknown family history on the **Counts, Kisers, Skeens and other related families** that definitely isn't boring, check out the *Memoirs of Daniel W. Cunningham*. Go to:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~varussel/families/cunningham.html>

**THE 1860 RUSSELL COUNTY CENSUS SLAVE SCHEDULE** provides a glimpse into the issue of slave ownership in our family on the eve of the Civil War. Go to: <http://rhobard.com/census/slaves.html>

**HAMRICK SOFTWARE - U.S. SURNAME DISTRIBUTION** [<http://hamrick.com/names/>] is a very interesting site. Here is its introduction.

Enter a surname (last name) into the form below and you'll get a map of the United States showing the distribution of people with this surname within the 50 United States. This map is often helpful when trying to determine a starting point for genealogy projects. The source of this data is the 1850 Census, 1880 Census, 1920 Census, and 1990's phone books. Note that the Census data is a sampling of 1 in 100 names, so the 1990 data is the most accurate.

**THE OBITUARY DAILY TIMES** provides an interactive search for submitted obituaries. Go to: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~obituary/>

## Our Purpose

I believe that we are, indeed, all cousins, and that we can be colleagues and friends, too, sharing information and helping each other know what it means to be part of an extended family and to appreciate our common heritage. To these aims I dedicate this newsletter.

I research my own JESSEE ancestors, including the ARMSTRONG, SMYTH/SMITH, PORTER, DUNCAN, BICKLEY, RICHMOND/RICHMAN, BARTEE and BARRICK families; and many other SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA FAMILIES who have intermarried with the Jessees, including the BANNER, BROWNING, BURK(E), COUNTS, FULLER, GOSE, KISER, STONE, and VERMILLION families. I have an abiding interest in family history.

I would like to discover all of the descendants of the fifteen children of JOHN AND FRANKEY LEA JESSEE, and assist other Jesse(e) family members with their research. This is admittedly a monumental chore. I am giving myself the rest of my life to accomplish it, and may he live so long! The fun is in the learning and the friendships I develop along the way. I am rewarded all the time by the e-mail, calls, visits, conversations, and correspondence I have with you.

The purpose of this newsletter is to facilitate the exchange of information and documents relative to the genealogy of the Jessee and related families whose roots may be found in Southwest Virginia. I wish to enter all data provided me into the JESSEE FAMILY DATABASE discussed on page two. In return for information shared, I will share charts or GEDCOM data files with you on request.

I am afraid I am now accumulating more information than I can key in to the database on my own. After 25 years of working intensively at a keyboard, I have developed a permanent disability, a slipped disk, which makes any prolonged time typing very painful. My computer time has been significantly limited and, in particular, my regular data entry routine has all but stopped. While I continue to plink at it, I am not denting the perhaps 3000-4000 records piled high and waiting to be keyed in. I will need help with data entry into the database in the future if it is to grow.

I am asking you to respond to this newsletter with answers to questions, documentation, your own materials, and, of course, current information about your branch of the family, preferably in the form of a GEDCOM file you will allow me to integrate into the database. I will filter out living individuals in the version of the database that is made public. Please feel free to correct any errors found. I wish to have a correct and trustworthy database as a resource for the family.

While limited in my ability to type, I intend to continue the newsletter, although I would welcome help. I am finding new ways to capture materials and avoid typing. I welcome the submission of pedigree and descendants charts, letters, manuscripts, electronic or scanned images of source documents and photos in JPG or TIF formats (600 dpi TIF files are best), as well as any word-processor or text files.

## How To Help

I am operating on subscriptions and donations and barely break even on out of pocket costs. The labor is all volunteer. I provide this newsletter free to anyone who has asked for it, provided me information, or has expressed interest and cannot afford to subscribe. I am providing the newsletter free to several historical and genealogical organizations and libraries. You are welcome to provide addresses of others that may be interested in our effort. I am looking for those willing to exchange information or represent their branch of the family or area of the country.

I am sometimes disappointed to find that less than 25% of readers actually subscribe or donate anything. *I do need help, even if it is simply informing me to stop sending you the newsletter if it has become junk mail.* I am steadily reducing my mailing to include those who have subscribed, provided donations, helped in some other way, are sponsored by someone else, or are a family treasure. If you are getting this newsletter, you are at least a family treasure. If I drop you in error, just let me know. Please inform me of address changes as well, as returned and reposted mail costs me, too.

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## Newsletter Reprints

At the request of many, I have now collected Jessee Family Newsletters into separate sets of reprints: #1-7, #8-9, #10-11, #12-13, #14-15, #16-17, #18-19 (without some attachments that have become obsolete). You may request these for \$10 a set, or **\$50 for all back issues and a subscription to the current year.** Your additional donations to help me defray the costs of research, printing, copying, and postage are very much welcome.

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