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GENEALOGY

CHAPTER I

ELY

The surname of ELY is one of the oldest in England. The Cathedral Town and the Isle of Ely in which it is situated antedate the Norman Conquest and are derived from the Ancient name Helie the last of a line of Kings, or Chiefs who ruled the southern portion of the Anglon Isle centuries before the Christian Era.

Arms: Argent, a fesse engrailed between six fleurs de lis gules.

Crest: (Older) A pheon gules, point up.

(Later) An arm erect couped below the elbow, habited argent, grasping in the hand proper a fleur de lis, sable.

EXPLANATION OF THE ELY COAT OF ARMS

In heraldry silver denotes purity, eloquence, virginity and innocence; red is the color of war, danger, love of combat and adventure, while black signifies sorrow, sin, mourning and dignity.

The fesse or broad horizontal band across the middle of the shield is called an honorable ordinary, which simply means one of the honorable charges most ordinarily used. It is a mark of noble blood and knighthood and takes its shape from the sword belt of the knight.

The fleur de lis, badge of France, has reference to the French wars in which the family participated.

The pheon which is a broad arrow head. It means belonging personally to the King. All English Government property is stamped with the pheon.

The arm holding the fleur de lis in the newer crest has no significance. It is merely a base for the fleur de lis.

The fleur de lis was a conventional heraldic portrayal of the lily. The name, coming from the Old French signified "flower of the lily." It symbolizes beauty and grace.

There is no motto with the Ely family coat of arms. This is on account of the antiquity of the heraldic grant. The British did not use the motto prior to the Norman Invasion (1066). Its use in Britain came with the Norman Conquerors, who were, needless to say, extremely unpopular at first. As their popularity waxed so did the use of the mottoes among the British. Thus most arms of Anglo-Saxon families which were granted prior to 1200-1250 do not bear mottoes.

Burke's General Armory
Debrett's General Armory

Boutell's Manuel of Heraldry
Crozier's American Armory

Bolton's American Armory

E. Baring-Gould's Family Names and Their Story

Bardsley's English and Welsh Surnames

In the early Virginia records the name ELY is variously spelled, appearing as Eally, Eley, Ealey, Elly, Ally, and Ely.

I. Thomas Ely, the ancestor of the branch of the Ely family in Southwestern Virginia, was among the early emigrants of the name to the American Colonies and came about the middle of the eighteenth century. According to tradition, Thomas was a young man about twenty-four years of age when he left England for America, and on shipboard met an Irish girl by the name of Jane Smith who was born in Dublin, Ireland, whom he fell in love with and they were either married aboard ship or shortly after they arrived at the port of entry.

There is some evidence that they remained in Pennsylvania for a few years after their marriage, until after the birth of their two oldest sons, before coming to Virginia. After moving to Virginia they settled in Stafford County where they remained for a few years. The loss of the Stafford County records eliminates forever the evidence that would establish more accurately Thomas Ely's place or places of residence during these early years.

Thomas Ely was a soldier in the war between Great Britain and France and received a Land Office Warrant for fifty acres of land to be surveyed in any county within the Commonwealth for his Military service. The place of his residence when he was engaged in this war is not definitely known, but most probably in Stafford County. He was under the command of Colonel Byrd.

The first established place of residence of Thomas Ely in Virginia was not confirmed with documentary proof until 1772. November 23, 1772 Thomas Ely (Eally) of Bedford County purchased land in Bedford County from John Caffery and wife Elizabeth of Bedford County.

Deed Book D-4, page 415, Bedford County, Virginia

"This Indenture made this Twenty third day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy two between John Caffery of the County of Bedford of the one part and Thomas Eally of the County aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth the said Caffery for Diver's Good Causes and Considerations; but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty pounds current money of Virginia...one certain tract piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County aforesaid on the South fork of Beaver Creek containing one hundred acres...With all wood, swamps, meadows, low and high ground, orchards, gardens, houses and all appurtenances....

(John Caffery (I S))

Signed by(

(Elizabeth Caffery (LS))

Deed of Mortgage, June 23, 1773

Thomas Ealie of Bedford County...to Daniel L. Hylton of Henrico County...100 acres lying on Beaver Creek...18 pounds, 12 shillings, 10 pence... (DBK 5-E, P 114)

Thomas Ely and family were residents of Bedford County, Virginia during the Revolutionary war, and Thomas and three of his sons were soldiers in this war. Thomas Ely Sr. served as private in the 5th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line under various Captains under the command of Colonel Josiah Parker and Colonel Abraham Buford. (List of Rev. Soldiers-Eckenrode: Thomas Ealey (5 VR) W.D. 118, 5) Thomas Ely Jr., presumably the eldest son, was killed in this war.

Disbursements to Jane Ealy (Ely)

At a Court Held for Bedford County the 27th March 1780. Present,
Samuel Hairston, William Mead, James Callaway, John Hunter, John Talbot, Francis Thorp, William Leftwich, John Fitzpatrick, & William Henderson, Gent:

Jane Ealy Wife of Thomas Ealy a Soldier in the Service of the United States alld. two hundred weight of pork in the hands of Jonathan Rosser which is Ordd. to be certd.
County Order Book 6, Page 276.

At a Court Held for Bedford County July 25th 1780. Pre.
James Callaway, Charles Lynch, John Talbot, John Ward & Harry Buford Gente.
William Callaway, Wm. Leftwich Gent.
Jno. Callaway Gente

Jane Ealy wife of Thos. Ealy alld. 4 Barrels of Corn to be Purchased by Jonathan Rosser for her Use in the absence of her Husband in the Service of the United States (8 in Family)
County Order Book 6, Page 290

Tradition — Thomas Ely

"Wounded at Buford's Defeat, feigned death...British soldier said, "This old man is not dead" and ran a bayonet through him...asked, "Why are you fighting against the King?" Thomas replied, I married here, my family is here, my home is here and I think I have a right to fight for my country."

A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay Agreeable to an act of Assembly passed November Session 1781.

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Ealey Thomas Sold Cav	Colo J Talbert	Nov 10 1782	33 17 3
Ealey William sold Cav	Colo J Talbert	Nov 10 1782	33 17 3

Memorandum

"The records of this office show that one Thomas Ealy, name also borne as Thomas Eley, served in the Revolutionary War as private in Captain Harry Terrell's Company, also designated Captain Samuel Colston's and Captain William Fowler's Company, 5th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker. He enlisted March 10, 1777, to serve until March 8, 1778, and was discharged March 15, 1778. Other records show that he enlisted February 25, 1776, for two years. Nothing further relative to this soldier has been found of record."

Lutz Wahl
Brigadier General
Acting The Adjutant General

Thomas and Jane Ely had twelve children:

1. Thomas Ely Jr., most likely the eldest son, was killed in the war of the Revolution, according to tradition.
2. William Ely was born March 25, 1753 in Pa., according to his declaration, for a pension and the 1850 U.S. census.
3. John Ely, b. about 1755, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, Continental Line.
4. Isaac Ely. No record has been found to show that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

5. Rachel Ely, m. Edward Napier, son of Patrick Senior.
6. Jane Ely, m. Renne Napier, son of Patrick Senior.
7. David Ely, m. in Lee County, Virginia, Sarah Claypool.
8. Robert Ely, b. March 9, 1773 in Bedford County, Virginia.
9. Joseph Ely, b. Nov. 12, 1775 in Bedford County, Virginia.
- *10. George Ely, b. 1777-80 in Bedford County.
11. Sarah Ely was married August 1, 1793 in Montgomery County, Virginia, to John Webb, son of William.
12. Margaret Ely was married September 27, 1798 in Montgomery County, Virginia to Alexander Suter of Montgomery County. Margaret was most likely the youngest child, and the only one of the children that did not move to Lee County with the other members of the family.

In the absence of recorded facts, tradition is the next best source of information: Thomas Ely died two years later from the wound he received, 1780, at Buford's Defeat. Apparently sometime after the death of Thomas, Jane Ely with her large family of children left Bedford County, Virginia and settled in Montgomery County where they received small land grants, and where they lived for several years, until they sold their holdings and made the move to Lee County, Virginia, 1796-98.

Montgomery County, Virginia-Plott Book D, Page 355

Surveyed for Jane Ely 100 acres of land from Commissioners for the District of Washington and Montgomery for 50 acres and dated September 9, 1782 ap a to her by Abram Morgan and one other entry of 50 acres to her by James Adair on the East side of New River above the mouth of Spruce Run, adjoining her right of settlement. Plott delivered and fee paid by James Adair-March 30, 1789.

Deed Book C, Page 27-October 1, 1796

Jane Ely of the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia sold 100 acres in Montgomery County, lying on the North east side of New River above the mouth of Spruce Run, to Ralph Bogle for fifty pounds...

her
In presence of us
John Stafford)
Adam Johnston)
Edward Stafford)
Jane X Ely (SEAL)
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At a Montgomery County Court April 1797 proven by the oaths of the witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Charles Taylor Clerk

After the sale of her land in Montgomery County, Virginia, October 1, 1796, Jane Ely moved with her children to Lee County, Virginia, where they settled and established homes. Presumably Jane Ely lived with her children after coming to Lee County since no records have been found showing that Jane was a land owner in the county. The date of Jane's death is not known nor the place of burial. She was most likely buried on Sugar Run in the old John Ely graveyard, in an unmarked grave. There are a number of unmarked graves in the Robert Ely family graveyard near his old home where Robert and Anne Ely are buried but no records have been found showing that Jane Ely was buried in this family plot.

WILLIAM ELY

2. William Ely, 2nd son of Thomas and Jane, was born March 25, 1753, according to his statement made when making application for a pension. His declaration for a pension, File No. S 39 493, is preserved in the Revolutionary War Section, Pension Bureau, Interior Department, Washington, D.C., together with other papers relating to his claim. This declaration bears date of March 31, 1819, at which time his age is declared to be 66 years, and his residence Lee County, Virginia. In his second declaration, dated June 27, 1820, Lee County, Virginia, he gives his age as 67 years on "the 25th of March last" and following his first declaration he received a pension certificate dated July 3, 1819, and numbered 12 561. He stated that he enlisted under Captain Thomas Helms on February 15, 1779, and served 18 months or 2 years as Private with the Virginia Troops under Captains Hughes Woodson and Lawson and Colonel Abraham Buford. He was in the battle, May 29, 1780, when Buford was defeated at a place called Hanging Rock (South Carolina), in which battle he was severely wounded in the head and shoulder by a sabre. He was taken prisoner by the British but since he was badly wounded he was paroled in a few days and was permitted to return home. He was pensioned for two years' service. (It is said that he had a silver plate in his head.)

William Ely was married, October 23, 1780, in Bedford County, Virginia, to Mary Rallings (Rawlings, Rollings), daughter of Anthony and Mary Rawlings. This marriage is recorded in the Quaker records, also in the Bedford County Court records; William Thomas, Surety. Anthony Rawlings died in Bedford County, Virginia in 1774. An Inventory of his estate is recorded in Bedford County. The name appears as Rallings, Rawlings, Rollins and Rawlins. One Anthony Rawlings' will is recorded, 1716, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and the name would indicate that there was a relationship with the Bedford County family, probably a grandfather of Anthony who died in 1774.

Benjamin Rawlings' will is recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, dated Dec. 20, 1776, and proved May 26, 1777. He named his mother: Ann, sister Ann and brother John; Executor: Vincent Glass; witnesses: Archibald Campbell, Jacob Starr and Nathaniel Tanner. (WBK A-1-256) Benjamin was most likely a grandson of Anthony and Mary. See the Memorandum following later.

William Ely moved from Bedford County, Virginia with his mother and brothers to Montgomery County, where he purchased land adjoining his mother's land, lying at the mouth of Bear Springs, a branch of New River. He sold his land in Montgomery County later and moved with the family to Lee County Virginia, 1796-98, and settled on Sugar Run.

William Ely with others became the owners of thousands of acres of land by survey and entry, lying in Kentucky on the Cumberland River, on Sandy Ridge in the Cumberland Mountains, North Fork of Clinch River, and in Lee County as evidenced by the Entry and Survey Books. Much of this land, if not all, later sold for delinquent taxes.

September 8, 1801, Peter Fisher of Laycock Township in Lancaster County, Penn., conveyed 112 acres of land, lying on Cane Creek, parcel out of 18,553 acre-survey, to William Ely of Lee County, Virginia, on a line with Daniel Dickenson's line, for \$80. (DBK 1-271) and

Sept. 5, 1804 William Ely of Knox Co., Ky. sold the above land to Patrick Napper of Lee Co., Va. (DBK 2-197)

At this date, William Ely was a resident of then Knox Co., Ky., later Harlan County. William Ely, Sr., William Ely, Jr. and Anthony Ely are recorded in the 1810 Knox County census. Later William Ely returned to Lee County, Virginia, where he again became a land owner, bought and sold land, and spent the remainder of his life in the county. (The deeds are all of record.)

After the Elys came to Lee County they became members of the Thompson Settlement Baptist Church. The Minutes of the Church show: Second Saturday in July A.D. 1801. According to appointment the church met and after divine service proceeded to business. First, received brother and sister William and Mary Ely, and Susannah Byars under our watchcare; second, received sister Katherine Ely by letter. (Katherine Ely was the wife of Isaac Ely; Susannah Byars was the wife of William, and a dau. of George Fry, Sr., sister of Barbara (Fry) Ely (wife of John) and Catherine (Katherine), dau. of George Fry, Sr.)

Memorandum

"Know all men by these presents that William Ely and Mary my wife of the County of Lee and State of Virginia have ordained...by these presents do constitute and appoint Benjamin Hall of the County of Montgomery and State of Virginia our true and lawful attorney for the purpose of conveying all our right...that we or either of us have or may have as heirs of Benjamin Rollins, deceased, who was heir of Anthony Rawlins, deceased...a tract or parcel of land, lying in Campbell County and State of Virginia on Manly Creek...adjoining the lands of Joseph Dinwiddie, Bartholomew Seiy, Charles Glass, and John Jones, to Joseph Dinwiddie...

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, this 26th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

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Signed: Wm. X Ely (Seal)
mark
her
Signed: Mary X Ely (Seal)
mark

According to the 1850 census, William Ely was 102, born in Pa., and Mary Ely was 103, born in Virginia; Mary Ely, age 53. Mary may have been a granddaughter or her age may have been recorded inaccurately, then she might have been a daughter. William Ely died after 1850, in the year 1853 or before. He is buried somewhere near what is now Hagan in Lee County, and it is said that a headstone marks his grave.

William and Mary Ely had seven children:

- (1) William Ely, Jr.
- (2) Anthony Ely, m. Elizabeth _____. Anthony Ely died in 1844.
- (3) John Ely. This John Ely is most likely the "John M. Ely" who sold land in 1853.
- (4) Catherine Ely, m. William Harris.
- (5) Joseph Ely. His wife may have been Rebecca.
- (6) Mary Ely.
- (7)

(1) William Ely, Jr. (son of William, Sr.) was married, August 18, 1809 in Knox Co., Ky., to Mary Rebecca Saylor. He settled in what became Harlan County after his marriage. In 1840 he conveyed fifty acres of land, lying on Martins Fork of Cumberland River, to Benjamin Harris, land that had been entered and patented in the name of William Ely, Jr. (DBK C-268) William Ely, Jr. and Rebecca had children:

1. William Ely, m. July 24, 1834, Elizabeth Daniel.
2. Rebecca Ely, m. May 11, 1832, by Samuel Howard, J.P., James Blanton.
3. Sally Ely (probably the oldest child), m. Dec. 11, 1828, by Luke Noe, J.P., John Pace.
4. Nancy Ely, m. April 15, 1847, by Solomon Pope, M.M.G., John Daniel.
5. Jane Ely. No record.
6. Catherine Ely, m. Feb. 9, 1843, by George Spurlock, Elisha Howard.
7. John Ely, m. March 22, 1846, Nancy Wilder.
8. Elizabeth Ely. No record.
9. Martha Ann Ely. No record.

May 6, 1836 William Ely deeded a brown mare with increase to Jane Ely, Catherine Ely, John Ely, Elizabeth Ely and Martha Ann Ely, infant children of William Ely, Jr. for the natural love and affection he had for his grandchildren.

7. John Ely (son of William, Jr.), b. in Harlan Co., Ky.; d. before 1871; m. March 22, 1846, by Henry Lewis in Harlan Co., Ky., Nancy Wilder, b. 1827 Their children were:

- (1) Anthony Ely, m. Sadie Howard; witnesses: William Shackelford and William Ely.
- (2) William Ely, b. May 6, 1850; d. Dec. 11, 1910.
- (3) Caroline Ely, m. Scott Shackelford of Harlan Co., Ky.
- (4) Elizabeth Ely, m. Dec. 24, 1864, Pleasant Green, son of Andrew. They were married by John M. Farmer; witnesses: James Wilder and William Ely.
- (5) Isom Ely, m. July 21, 1873 in Harlan Co., Ky., Elizabeth Green, dau. of Jackson Green; m. at her father's home.
- (2) William Ely (son of John and Nancy), b. May 6, 1850; m. about 1870. Lavina Green, b. Oct. 6, 1845, dau. of Andrew Jackson Green, who married Katie Burkhart, daughter of Isaac and Minerva Burkhart. According to tradition the Burkhart family lived in the hollow of a "Sycamore Tree" on Cranks Creek when they first moved to Harlan County, Kentucky. William and Lavina (Green) Ely had nine children.

1. Jackson Ely, m. Elizabeth Lefford in Harlan Co., Ky.
2. Margaret Ely, m. Michael (Mick) Rogers.
3. John Ely, m. Elizabeth Rogers. John Ely was born 1876.
4. Anthony Ely, b. 1879; m. Polly Middleton; resided in Lee Co., Va.
5. Isom Ely, b. 1883; m., 1st, May 14, 1898, Amanda Kirk, b. 1880, dau. of Jasper and L_____ Kirk; m. 2nd, Martha Napier.
6. Rilda Ely, b. 1883; m. Edward Kirk
7. Creed Ely, b. 1886; m. Polly Noe of Harlan Co., Ky.
8. Charles Ely, b. Jan. 9, 1887; m. Lillie Mae Ledford, dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth (Hedrick) Ledford, Harlan Co., Ky.
9. Dora Ely, b. 1889; m. Harvey Woodyard or Woodard.
8. Charles Ely (son of William, b. May 10, 1850; , b. Jan. 9, 1887; m. Lillie Mae Ledford, and they had seven children:

- (1) Oscar Ely, a local Methodist preacher; m. Rosa Montgomery.
- (2) Mossie Ely, d. unm.
- (3) William Ely, d. unm.
- (4) Alonzo Ely, m. Lenora Marcum.
- (5) Byrd Ely, m. Glessie Alsup.
- (6) Marion Ely, m. Lucille Sargent.
- (7) Mary Jane Ely, m. Ernest Daniels.

October 19, 1843 Nancy Berry of Scott Co., Va. sold all her right...in the land, lying on Cumberland Mountain about twenty miles northeast of Jonesville, in the name of William Ely sold for nonpayment of taxes and purchased by William C. Thompson and John Berry, the latter being the husband of said Nancy Berry, who is now deceased, which tract of land contained 32.761 acres...to Dickenson & Couk for \$40. (DBK 9-249)

July 29, 1822 William Ely of Lee County, Virginia sold fifty acres, lying on Martins Fork of Cumberland River in Harlan County, Kentucky to Anthony Ely of Harlan County for the sum of one dollar, and same date, Anthony Ely conveyed the same land to William Spurlock for \$100. (DBK A-39, 40)

By 1834 Anthony Ely had moved to Lee Co., Va., and Jan. 3, 1834 conveyed 100 acres, lying on Martins Creek in Lee Co., Va. to Josiah Martin for \$100, and July 17, 1838 Anthony Ely purchased 50 acres from Fielding Seale, Sr. (DBKS 6 & c, pp. 495, 31)

March 10, 1842 Anthony Ely and Elizabeth his wife and William Harris and Catherine his wife sold 49 acres, lying on Martins Creek in Lee County, to Archibald Grubb, and later sold 100 acres, place where Anthony lived, to Edmond Pace for \$500. (DBK 9-46, 244)

August 22, 1853 Elizabeth King sold all her interest in the Estate of William Ely, deceased, who was her grandfather, both personal and real, to Joseph Ely for the sum of six dollars...in the tract known by the name of the old William Ely farm, lying on the western fork of Trading Creek. (DBK 13, 45) Joseph and Rebecca Ely sold the undivided interest in land he purchased of Elizabeth King to Jacob Grabeel for \$22.50. (DBK 13-276)

Sept. 22, 1853 John M. Ely of Gilmore County, Georgia sold one-seventh part of an undivided tract, known as the old William Ely, dec'd, farm, to Robert Napier of Harlan Co., Ky. (DBK 12-537)

At a Court held for Lee County 21 October 1844:

Elizabeth Ely widow of Anthony Ely deceased appeared in court and relinquished her right to the administration of the said decedent's estate in favor of Nathan Morgan who made oath as administrator and together with George F. Ely and George Scott his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$500, conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted the said Nathan Morgan for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Anthony Ely deceased in due form. (DBK 5-347)

JOHN ELY

3. John Ely (son of Thomas and Jane) was born 1755 in Stafford County, Virginia, died 1839, in February, in Lee County, Virginia. The probate date of his will confirms the year of his death, also other documentary evidence.

John Ely was a soldier in the Revolution, served in the 5th, 11th, and 15th Virginia Regiments, Continental Line. (*Eckenrode's Roster of Rev. Soldiers*, page 99, and *Gwathmey's List*, page 252) His home was in Bedford County, Virginia during the war, and immediately after the close or before, John Ely moved to Montgomery County where he purchased land, married and established a home and remained for several years. John Ely married about 1783, Barbara Jane Fry, daughter of George Fry Senior and his first wife, name unknown. The 1840 U.S. Census: Barbary Ely, over 80 and under 90. This gives the approximate date of her birth. Barbara Ely died on Sugar Run in Lee County in 1849. The following document confirms the year, and most likely the month:

At a Court begun and held for Lee County at the Courthouse, thereof, on Monday the 16th day of April 1849.

On the motion of John T. Ely and George F. Ely who made oath as administrators and together with Archelous H. Fulkerson and Loring K. Tyler, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000, conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted the said John T. Ely and George F. Ely for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Barbary Ely, deceased, in due form.

Ordered that Charles Dougherty, Elias Harbour and Benjamin Dickenson being first sworn before a justice of the peace, do truly and justly appraise in current money the personal estate of Barbary Ely, deceased, and return the appraisement under their hands to the Court. (DBK 6, p. 176)

Jones, born 1798, but her parents are not definitely known. Margaret died after 1861. Children:

1. Orpah Ely, b. 1821
2. Rebecca Ely, b. 1825
3. Margaret Ely, b. 1829
4. David Ely, b. 1833
5. Caleb, b. 1835
6. Ruth, b. 1837

(5) George Fry Ely (son of John) was born 1792 in Montgomery County, Virginia, according to the 1860 census. He married in Lee County about 1830. Martha (Patsy) Hamblen, born 1811. The names of Martha's parents are not known. March 23, 1830, the Court appointed George F. Ely overseer of the road from William Dougherty's to David Pennington's and Daniel Dickenson was to give him a list of tithables.

September 8, 1831 George F. Ely purchased 105 acres of land from Thomas J. Brown and Susannah his wife for \$400 (DBK 6-305).

George F. Ely and Martha Hamblen had eleven children:

1. Eliza Ely, b. 1831; m. Nov. 11, 1858, James M. Sullivan, b. 1826 in Hawkins Co., Tenn., son of Thomas and M. Sullivan.
2. Oliver Ely, b. 1833.
3. John Ely, b. 1836.
4. Elizabeth Ely, b. 1838; m. July 31, 1873, Nathaniel W. Scott, b. 1824, son of George and Nancy (Ely) Scott.
5. Joab Ely, b. July 17, 1842; d. Dec. 19, 1862, Wise, Va.) soldier.
6. George W. Ely, b. 1843.
7. Frances H. Ely, b. 1845.
8. William C. Ely, b. 1848.
9. Charles L.C. Ely, b. 1851.
10. David S. Ely, b. June 28, 1853.
11. James A.G. Ely, b. Jan. 3, 1857.

(6) Barbara Ely (dau. of John and Barbara) was born about 1794 in Montgomery County, Virginia. She was married twice, 1st, about 1812 in Lee County to Joseph Dougherty Jr., son of Joseph Sr. and his second wife. July 28, 1812 Joseph Dougherty Sr. deeded 190 acres of land lying in the Station Creek area, for the natural love and affection he had for his son Joseph Jr., and February 22, 1814 Joseph Dougherty Jr. and his wife Barbara conveyed this land to Charles Noe for \$300. (See the Dougherty Family.) Presumably Joseph Dougherty Jr. and Barbara Ely separated and Joseph left Lee County, Virginia. Barbara Dougherty had a second marriage, February 25, 1822 in Roane County, Tennessee to Jesse McPherson. Jesse and Barbara settled on Sugar Run where they were land owners.

March 28, 1837 Jesse McPherson and Barbara his wife of Lee County, Virginia sold 117 acres of land lying on the waters of Sugar Run to Moses Taylor for \$500 (DBK 7-297).

After the sale of their land in Lee County Jesse and Barbara moved to Illinois, DeWitt County, where they died.

Children of Barbara Ely and Joseph Dougherty Jr.:

1. John Ely Dougherty, b. about 1812.
2. Susannah W. Dougherty, b. 1814; m. Jan. 15, 1835 in Lee County, Va., Ervin Burgin (by Henry Thompson). They moved to DeWitt County, Illinois. where they were living in 1841.

Children of Barbara and Jesse McPherson:

3. Jane McPherson
4. Henry McPherson
5. Jesse McPherson
6. Polly (Mary) McPherson

(7) Susannah S. Ely (dau. of John and Barbara) was born 1796 either in Montgomery County or Lee County, Virginia. She was married in Lee County, Nov. 18, 1818, to Matthew Warren, b. Nov. 24, 1797 in Stafford County, Va., son of Thomas and Clarke (Hyden) Warren. The only known children (but there were probably others) were:

1. Matthew J. Warren, b. 1832; m. Aug. 2, 1852, Susannah Dougherty, b. 1833, dau. of Henry and Abigail (Jayne) Dougherty.

Issue:

- (1) Barbara Jane Warren, b. May 12, 1853.
- (2) Rhoda Warren, b. Feb. 24, 1856.
2. David S.E. Warren, b. 1835.
3. Fanna P. Warren, b. 1839. (See the Warren Family.)

(9) David S. Ely (youngest son of John) was born in Lee County, Virginia. He was married in Lee County to Lucy Woodward, daughter of

James and Jane (Jenny) (Hyden) Woodward. They moved to Illinois sometime prior to 1841

March 20, 1841 David S. Ely and Lucy his wife and Ervin Burgin and Susannah W. his wife of the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois sold all their undivided interest and shares of the real estate of John Ely, deceased, which undivided interest of said real estate was divided to said David S. Ely and Susannah W. Burgin by the father and grandfather, John Ely, deceased, whose will is on record in Lee County, Virginia, to David Orr of Lee County for the sum of \$280-Solomon Ely and F.G. Paine. Justices in DeWitt County, Illinois.

July 22, 1844, David S. Ely of DeWitt County and State of Illinois conveyed all his interest to the slaves and other personal estate of "my father, John Ely" deceased which is in the possession of the widow of the said John Ely, deceased, to John T. Ely of Lee County, Virginia for the sum of \$100 (DBK 9-160; DBK 10-29).

(10) Rhoda Ely (youngest dau. of John) was born in Lee County, Va., Nov. 18, 1802; d. Sept. 29, 1858 of typhoid; m. about 1821, David Orr, b. April 3, 1801; d. April 2, 1891, son of Alexander and Margaret (Ramsey) Orr. David Orr left a will. Children:

1. Alexander F. Orr, b. Jan. 11, 1822
2. George E. Orr, b. Dec. 11, 1823.
3. John P. Orr, b. Nov. 13, 1825.
4. David M. Orr, b. Jan. 16, 1828.
5. Polly F. Orr, b. Feb. 26, 1830, d. Feb. 14, 1917; m. Arthur Campbell Ely (See the Arthur Ely Family).
6. Elizabeth W. Orr, b. Aug. 7, 1832
7. Simpson B. Orr, b. Nov. 1, 1834
8. Sallie R. Orr, b. March 1, 1837
9. Lavina C. Orr, b. June 7, 1839
10. James W. Orr, b. July 19, 1841
11. Patton Orr, b. Feb. 28, 1843
12. Henry W. Orr, b. April 14, 1845
13. Robert W. Orr, b. Oct. 16, 1847

(Copied from the Bible in the possession of Miss Lillie Orr, Sugar Run, Lee County, Virginia)

October 15, 1832 David Orr and Rhoda his wife sold 275 acres of land lying on Sugar Run in Lee County to George R. Ely (DBK 6-374), and

February 15, 1840, David Orr and Rhoda his wife, Henry Woodward and Elizabeth his wife sold all their undivided interest and shares in the estate of John Ely Senior, their father, to Matthew Warren for \$500 (DBK 8-256).

John Ely left the following will recorded in Will Book No. 2, Page 79:

1. John Ely of Sugar Run in the County of Lee and State of Virginia being of sound mind and body, do make, ordain, and declare this to be my last will and I estament hereby revoking all former wills to wit:

1st. To my wife Barbara I will and bequeath the one fourth part of all my estate both real and personal, for and during her natural life, and at her death do order and direct that the same shall be divided in manner and form as herein after mentioned.

2nd. To my son Thomas I give and bequeath the sum of Ten dollars as his full and entire portion of all my estate both real personal and mixed to be paid by my executors herein after named in six months after my decease.

3rd. To my daughter Nancy Nappier the wife of Robert Nappier I also give and bequeath the like sum of ten dollars as her full and entire portion of all my estate, both personal and mixed to be paid by my executors herein after named in six months after my decease.

4th. To the children of my daughter Polly Russell I leave and bequeath the one tenth part of all the balance of my estate, both real and personal to be equally divided among them, and to be paid to them in six months after they respectively arrive at legal age.

6th. To my daughter Susanna Warren, I give and bequeath one other tenth part of all my estate both real and personal to be paid to her in six months after my decease.

8th. To my son George F. Ely, I also give and bequeath one other tenth part of all my estate both real and personal to be paid to him in six months after my decease.

9th. To my daughter Betsey Woodard the wife of Henry Woodard I also leave and bequeath one other tenth part of all my estate both real and per-

sonal to be paid to her in six months after my decease.

10th. To my daughter Rhoda Orr, the wife of David Orr, I give and bequeath the like one tenth part of all my estate both real and personal, to be paid to her in six months after my decease.

11th. To my son David Ely I give and bequeath the like one tenth part of all my estate both real and personal, to be paid to him in six months after my decease.

12th. At the death of my wife Barbara it is my will and request that such portion of my estate as is herein before bequeathed to her be equally divided among my children to wit Susanna, Rhoda, Betsey, John, George and David and the children of my daughters Barbara and Polly.

13th. Should I survive my wife it is then my will and intention the whole of my estate be divided as herein before mentioned to wit: to my son Thomas ten dollars, to my daughter Nancy Nappica the like sum of ten dollars, to my daughters Susannah, Rhoda and Betsey and my sons John, George and David the one tenth part of the balance of my estate both real and personal and to the children of my daughter Barbara one other tenth part of such balance of my estate to be equally divided among them and to the children of my Daughter Polly alike one tenth part of all the balance of my estate to be equally divided among them.

I do hereby constitute my sons John and George the executors of this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord 1832.

his
John X Ely Snr. (Seal)
mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of

Wm. Heiskell)

John Overton

At a Court held for Lee County the 18th day of February 1839. (OBK 4-384)

The last will and testament of John Ely deceased was proven by the oath of John Overton, one of the witnesses thereto and continued for further proof. And it appearing to the Court, that William Heiskell the other witness attesting the same resides in the State of Tennessee. On the motion of John Ely and George Ely the Executors therein named, a commission is awarded, to be directed to William B.A. Ramsey, Mayor of the Town of Knoxville in the State of Tennessee, authorizing him to take and certify the attestation of said witness.

J.W.S. Morrison, clerk of Lee County, on February 19th sent a commission from the County Court of Lee County, with the will annexed, to the Mayor of the town of Knoxville, William B.A. Ramsey, to obtain an affidavit to prove the validity of the will.

State of Tenn.
Knox County

I William B.A. Ramsey, Mayor of the town of Knoxville in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that William Heiskell who is subscribing witness to the last will and testament of John Ely deceased, and hereto with a commission from the County Court of Lee County in the State of Virginia annexed, this day personally appeared before me at my office in the said town of Knoxville, and made oath the testator (John Ely) signed and published the writing annexed to said Commission as his last will and testament; that the said testator was of disposing mind and memory and that he the said William Heiskell subscribed his name thereto as a witness in the presence of the said testator and at the testators request. Given under my hand and private seal having no public seal at my office in Knoxville this 21st day of February 1839.

W.B.A. Ramsey
Mayor of Knoxville

At a Court held for Lee County the 19th day of March 1839 (OBK 4-387).

The writing, purporting the will of John Ely, late of this County deceased, was returned into Court, together with the commission thereto annexed for taking attestation of William Heiskell one of the witnesses thereto, and the certificate under the hand and seal of William B.A. Ramsey, Mayor of the Town of Knoxville, of the execution of the said Certificate

and thereupon the said Certificate being seen and inspected by the Court, the said writing having been proven at the last term of this court by the oath of John Overton the other witness thereto, it is ordered that the said writing be recorded as the true last will and Testament of the said John Ely deceased. An on the motion of John T. Ely and George F. Ely the executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and together with Cornelius Fitts, Nathan Hobbs, David Orr, Charles Daugherty, and Elijah Bishop their securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Twenty thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of said will in due form.

Ordered that John Hamblen, Charles Daugherty, William Ewing, Arthur Blankenship, and John Fulkerson or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace, do truly and justly appraise in current money, the personal estate of John Ely, deceased, and return the appraisement under their hands to the court.

ISAAC ELY

4. Isaac Ely (son of Thomas and Jane) was married in Montgomery County, Virginia, August 17, 1787 to Catherine (Fry) Lucas, widow of Charles Lucas Jr., and daughter of George Fry Sr. and his first wife (surname unknown). (Marriage Book A, p. 19-Consent: George Fry; Witness: Militan Atkins.)

Isaac Ely moved to Lee County, Virginia, 1796-98, with his mother and brothers.

September 10, 1798 Isaac Ely purchased ninety-six acres of land lying on both sides of Sugar Run in Lee County from Lewis Tackett by his power of Attorney, John Lewis (DBK 2-143).

In 1809, Isaac and Catherine Ely conveyed this tract of land to Jesse Woodward (DBK 2-282). Jesse Woodward resided on this tract of land until his death in 1820 and after his death was sold by his heirs.

After the sale of their land in Lee County, Virginia, Isaac and Catherine Ely moved to Claiborne County, Tennessee, where they purchased 100 acres of land from Elias and Sally Lunsford of Claiborne County, October 1, 1810, for \$800, and settled near Powell Station. They remained in Tennessee for several years, but later returned to Lee County, Virginia where Isaac died. Isaac and his wife both may have died prior to 1828.

September 26, 1826, the court ordered that Isaac Ely be exempted from paying county levy and poor rates until his disability is removed (OBK 3-57).

January 8, 1828, Barton Ely, Solomon Ely, Isaac Ely, Mary S. Ely, Oliver Dodson and John Burgin, said Barton Ely, Solomon Ely, Isaac Ely, and Mary S. Ely, all of Claiborne County, Tenn., and Oliver Dodson of McMinn County, Tenn., said John Burgin of the County of Lee and State of Virginia, conveyed "all our rights of the Real Estate, in the way of land, it being the land deeded to Isaac and Catherine Ely by Elias Lunsford...100 acres more or less, being an undivided tract, all our parts of said tract," to William Ely of Claiborne County, Tenn. for \$320 (DBK 1-35).

Children:

- (1) Barton Ely, m. Nancy McCreary of Claiborne County, Tenn.
- (2) Susan Ely, b. July 18, 1791; d. Sept. 9, 1874; m. 1707, John Burgin, b. 1784; d. 1850. (See the Burgin Family.)
- (3) Isaac Ely. No record.
- (4) Mark Ely (this must be William Mark). The name Mark is not found in the Tennessee records.
- (5) Elizabeth Ely (Betsy), m. Oliver Dodson.
- (6) Solomon Ely, b. May 13, 1798; m. 1st, Aug. 27, 1818, Rachel Turner, b. July 14, 1800. They had issue. After the death of Rachel, Solomon married, 2nd, August 13, 1848, Debora C. (Harris) Munsey, widow of Skidmore Munsey, son of John and Maomi (Munsey) Munsey. They had issue. (See the Munsey (Muncy) Family.)

- (7) Mary S. Ely. No record.
- (8) George Ely. It is said Isaac Ely only had seven children, but George Ely is placed as a son of Isaac and Catherine on the basis of the evidence found: Deed Book E, Page 187, December 4, 1816—George Ely of the County of Overton and State of Tennessee sold land to William Ely of Claiborne County...land deeded to Isaac Ely by Elias and and Sally Lunsford.

March 26, 1818 Edward Turner of Knox County, Tenn. conveyed fifty acres of land lying on Cap Creek in Powell Valley (Tenn.) to William Ely of Claiborne County for \$200 (DBK F-114), October 11, 1819 Barton Ely, Solomon Ely and Oliver Dodson of Claiborne County, Tennessee conveyed 100 acres, lying in Claiborne County for \$227, to William Ely of Claiborne County. (DBK F-98)

(6) Solomon Ely (son of Isaac), b. May 13, 1798, m. 1st, Aug. 27, 1818, Rachel Turner of Harlan County, Kentucky, b. July 14, 1800; d. June 14, 1847. They had eleven children:

1. Gideon Ely, b. June 9, 1819; m. Dec. 1843, Eliza Ann Dorcas Sims. Children: John, George, Thomas, Benjamin.
2. Acksah Ely, b. Sept. 17, 1820; m. Nov. 19, 1840, Greenberry Hall
3. Boanerges Ely, b. Dec. 21, 1821; m. Nov. 3, 1850, Mary Duval.
4. Abigail Ely, b. Sept. 10, 1823; m. Feb. 14, 1843, George W. Mills.
5. Philologus Ely b. Aug. 19, 1826; m. Jan. 23, 1851, Amanda Mansfield. Children: James Franklin, Charles, Susanna, George, Mary, Alice, Rozella Lavina.
6. Oliver D. Ely, b. Jan. 5, 1828; m. Aug. 9, 1854, Nancy C. Smith.
7. Minerva B. Ely, b. July 11, 1829. No further record.
8. Augustus W. Ely, b. Nov. 19, 1830. No further record.
9. Darius F. Ely, b. May 16, 1832. No further record.
11. Susan T. Ely, b. Nov. 16, 1841; m. Oct. 29, 1868, James Stewart.

Solomon Ely, after the death of his first wife, married, 2nd, Aug. 13, 1848, Deborah Cornwall (Harris) Munsey, the young widow of Skidmore of Lee County, Virginia, born in Harlan County, Kentucky, July 24, 1816, daughter of Nathan and Judith Harris. (See the Harris and Munsey (Muncy) Families.) Solomon and Deborah C. (Harris, Munsey) Ely had four children: Simpson Ely, b. June 6, 1849; d. July 5, 1908; m. March 3, 1871, Elizabeth Miller; Jefferson D.F. Ely, b. Jan. 23, 1852; d. July 11, 1887; Paulina and Salina Ely, Twins, b. Dec. 31, 1857. Salina Ely married James W. Templeton, May 5, 1878; Paulina Ely, married Johnson G. Hull, Sept. 2, 1890.

Additional Records

contributed by Louise Ely (Mrs. L.K.) Johnson, 611 Valle Vista, Vallejo, Calif. 94590:

1. Gideon Ely, oldest son of Solomon and Rachel (Turner) Ely, and Eliza A.D. Sims had four children. Previously named
3. Boanerges Ely and Mary Duval had one son, William
5. Philologus Ely and Amanda Mansfield had six children, previously named.
6. Oliver D. Ely, b. Jan. 5, 1828; m. Nancy C. Smith, Aug. 9, 1854. Two Children: Wilbert and Oliver Jr.

Children of Charles Mortimer Ely, son of Philologus and Amanda Mansfield, and wife Flora Reeder: Stella, Manley, Simpson, m. — Blanton.

1. Stella Ely m. Nathan W. Churchill. Dau. Evelyn; m. Bruce Barber

1. Simpson Ely, oldest son of Solomon and Deborah Ely, b. June 6, 1849; d. July 5, 1908; m. March 3, 1871, Elizabeth Miller. Children:
 - (1) Mary Deborah, b. Nov. 25, 1873
 - (2) Charlie Dills, b. Jan. 24, 1876.
 - (3) Marcellus Randall, b. March 16, 1872; d. Nov. 22, 1941.
 - (4) Lois Anna, b. Dec. 29, 1888; d. Aug. 24, 1872.

(1) Mary Deborah Ely, m. Frederick Earl Whittlesey had dau. Lois Elizabeth, b. 1907; m. Ed Barnes; m. 2nd. Jno. Dryer. 3 sons: John Jr., Edmund, Donald.

(2) Marcellus Randall Ely, m. Dec. 24, 1905, Bessie Edna Dorsett, Sept. 30, 1883; d. Jan. 5, 1966. Children: 1. Paul Marcellus, b. Sept. 18, 1907; m. Jan. 1, 1935, Anna Brandt, b. March 9, 1915; Children: James Paul, b. July 30, 1936; Mary Anne, b. June 4, 1938; Kathleen, b. April 3, 1946.

2. Louise Elizabeth Ely, dau. of Marcellus Randall, b. April 11, 1909; m. Lyston K. Johnson. One dau: Elizabeth Kay, b. Dec. 26, 1946.
3. Mark Ely, son of Marcellus Randall, b. May 28, 1913; m. Helen Harper, June 26, 1939. Four children: Joan Kathleen, b. June 6, 1942; Mark Richard, b. May 22, 1944; Robert Alex. b. June 8, 1956; Roberta Estelle, b. Jan. 17, 1958.

Marcellus Ely was a local church minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in New Orleans, Charleston, S.C., Puyallup, Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, Vancouver, B.C., Fortuna, Porterville and Vallejo, California.

Paul Marcellus Ely, son of Marcellus I, is a restaurateur, retired.

Mark Ely, son of Marcellus I, is owner and proprietor of a fountain lunch and ice cream store.

Simpson Ely, son of Solomon and Deborah (Harris) Ely, was a traveling evangelist in the middle west.

5. Rachel Ely (eldest dau. of Thomas and Jane) was married in Montgomery County, Virginia to Edward Napier, son of Patrick, Sr. The marriage bond was dated December 28, 1786; Jiney Eley, mother (Book A, 14). Edward and Rachel Napier migrated to Lee County, Virginia 1796-98, however, no records have been found to show that they were land owners in Lee County. Subsequently they moved to Kentucky where they settled on Poor Fork of Cumberland River and became land owners in the present county of Harlan.

September 14, 1833, Edward Napier placed a mortgage on seven hundred acres of land lying on Poor Fork of Cumberland River in Harlan County to secure an indebtedness to Hiram Jones...\$340 was due June 4, 1834...the place where said Napier lived (D. BK. A. 390). Children:

- (1) Robert Napier, b. 1787 in Montgomery County, Virginia and died Jan. 14, 1860 in Lee County; married in Lee County, Nancy Ely, b. 1788 in Montgomery County, dau. of John and Barbara (Fry) Ely. (See the John Ely Family)
- (2) William Napier, b. 1794, m. before 1821, Sarah Daugherty, b. about 1800, dau. of Joseph and Mary Daugherty. (See the Daugherty Family).
- (3) Thomas Napier, b. about 1796; m. Eleanor (surname unknown), b. 1803.
- (4) Sarah Napier, b. 1798; d. March 31, 1882 in Lee Co., Va.; m. Philip Daniel
- (5) Joseph Napier, b. 1808; m. Sarah (surname unknown), b. 1830.
- (6) Rachel Napier, b. 1813 in Kentucky; d. in Lee County, Va.; m. Fielding Seale, Jr., son of Fielding, Sr. and Jane (Bales) Seale of Lee County, Virginia. (See the Seale and Bales Families)

6. Jane Ely (dau. of Thomas and Jane), b. in Bedford County, Virginia, was married in Montgomery County to Rene Napier, son of Patrick Napier Sr., and brother of Edward who married Rachel, Jane's sister.

Date of Bond, Feb. 21, 1787, Jane Ealey, mother; William Cromwell, witness.

They moved to Lee County, Virginia with the Ely family, and on June 2, 1798 Rency Napper (Napier) purchased a tract of land, lying on Cane Creek in Lee County, from Edmund Smith, part of a grant to said Smith. (DBK 1, p. 94)

Then on March 7, 1801, Rene Napper and wife Jane conveyed a portion of the above grant, lying on Cane Creek and on Poor Valley Ridge, to Joseph Ely for \$160. (DBK 1, p. 236)

September 24, 1805, Rene and Jane Napier sold 198 acres, lying on Cane Creek, the remaining portion of the Smith grant purchased by Napier, to David Yeary. (DBK 2, p. 232)

Shortly thereafter Rene and Jane Napier moved to Knox County, Kentucky, where they became land owners in what is now Harlan County and

where they resided for several years, later, sometime before 1832, they moved to Perry County, Kentucky. No further records of the family.

7. David Ely (son of Thomas and Jane), b. in Bedford County, Virginia moved to Montgomery County with his mother, then later to Lee County with the family, where he was married to Sarah Claypole most likely the daughter of David and Ann, who were also residents of Sugar Run in Lee

County.

February 10, 1810, David Ely purchased land, lying on Martins Creek from John and Sarah Robinson. (DBK 2-319)

He was taxed for 150 Acres on Martins Creek in 1814. (Land Tax)

He resided at this location for several years, but September 13, 1833 sold two tracts. (DBK 6-440)

The 1830 U.S. Census: David Ely 50 to 60; wife: 40 to 50; 8 children.

CHAPTER II

ROBERT ELY FAMILY

8. Robert Ely (son of Thomas) was born March 9, 1773 in Bedford County, Virginia and died August 27, 1843 in Lee County, Virginia. He was married February 14, 1793 in Montgomery County, Virginia by Alexander Ross to Anne McPherson, born November 27, 1774, most likely in Fincastle County, daughter of Alexander McPherson and, according to tradition, Nancy Mortland Bell. No proof has been found to support this tradition. The Court Records show that Alexander McPherson had a wife named Mary, and unless he had a second marriage, Robert and Anne Ely's children had the name of "Nancy" but their eldest daughter was named "Mary," presumably the name of her grandmother McPherson. Robert Ely remained in Montgomery County for a few years after his marriage, where May 3, 1796 he was granted leave to build a water grist mill on his own land on Sinking Creek. This was the same area of the County where Alexander McPherson lived. On October 3, 1799 Alexander McPherson and his wife Mary conveyed 100 A. of land lying on both sides of Sinking Creek in Montgomery County to John Eckols... Anne (McPherson) Ely died May 13, 1846 in Lee County, Virginia.

Sometime after 1796 Robert Ely left Montgomery County, Virginia, came to Lee County and settled on Sugar Run where his mother and brothers were living, and where he purchased 100 acres of land July 8, 1800 from Samuel and Mary Ann (Dennis) Noe for 100 pounds. Robert Ely was an enterprising, ambitious and aspiring young man, and shortly was well-established, one of the largest land and slave owners in Lee County. Eventually he settled a few miles southwest of Jonesville, the county seat of Lee County. He accumulated hundreds of acres of land bordering Powell River, including five tracts purchased, June 17, 1816, from Benjamin Sharp and Hannah his wife, in all, 884 acres lying on the north side of Powell River, for \$2850.

Tract No. 1, 373 acres by grant to Sharp, July 5, 1785, called the Hickory Grove.

No. 2, 115 acres by deed to Sharp from Henry Hamblen.

No. 3, 87 acres to Sharp, September 20, 1796.

No. 4, 58 acres to Sharp, January 7, 1800.

No. 5, by grant to Sharp, June 7, 1800... (DBK 3-224)

/s/ Benjamin Sharp (SEAL)

/s/ Hannah Sharp (SEAL)

Note: Benjamin Sharp died the following year, 1817.

Robert Ely built a large brick residence overlooking Powell River where he reared his fourteen children who became outstanding citizens of Lee County.

Robert and Anne Ely are buried in a family plot in graves, with limestone covers, lying on a knoll in a grove overlooking the river, where several of their slaves are also buried.

Later the old Robert Ely home was destroyed by fire and a new building was erected. Two of the log cabins, "slave quarters," are still standing. The Ely home was near where what is now the Flanary Bridge crosses Powell River.

Children of Robert and Anne (McPherson) Ely:

- (1) Isaac Ely, b. March 9, 1794.
- (2) Robert M. Ely, b. Aug. 20, 1795.
- (3) George R. Ely, b. Aug. 19, 1797.
- (4) Mary Ely, b. July 27, 1799.
- (5) Elizabeth Ely, b. September 15, 1801.
- (6) Hiram R. Ely, b. April 3, 1803.
- (7) Alexander McPherson Ely, b. Feb. 15, 1805.
- (8) Thomas S. Ely, b. June 22, 1807.
- (9) James A.G. Ely, b. July 29, 1809.
- (10) Precious Ely, b. August 1, 1811.
- (11) Sarah A. Ely, b. June 17, 1813.
- (12) Phoebe Ely, b. November 11, 1814.
- (13) Belinda Ely, b. June 11, 1818.
- (14) John Wesley M. Ely, b. April 8, 1820.

(1) Isaac Ely (eldest son of Robert) was born in Montgomery County, Virginia, and died 1846-7 in Lee County, Virginia. He married Martha (surname unknown) before 1820. Martha was born 1803 and survived Isaac several years. Sometime before 1831 Isaac and Martha removed to Morgan County, Kentucky where they lived for a few years, and where some of their children were born. Later returned to Lee County, Virginia where they resided on a tract of land deeded to Isaac by his father in 1826, and where Isaac died, September 8, 1847. "Martha Ely, late wife of Isaac Ely, deceased," of Lee County, Virginia sold her lifetime dower in two tracts of land, one where Isaac Ely died and the other where Robert Ely died, to John W.M. Ely. After this sale Martha returned to Morgan County, Kentucky where her children were living.

Children of Isaac and Martha Ely:

1. Anne, b. before 1821; m. before 1847, Elisha Lundy. In 1847, they sold their interest in the estate of Isaac Ely, deceased, to John W.M. Ely of Lee County, Virginia.
2. James F. Ely, b. about 1823; m. about 1844, Elizabeth, b. in Lee County. In 1847, James F. Ely and wife Elizabeth of Morgan County, Ky. sold all his right... being one undivided seventh part of the tract of land upon which "my father, Isaac Ely, lived and died, and on which my mother, Patsy Ely, now lives," to John W.M. Ely of Lee County....
They had three children:
 - (1) Margaret, b. 1845 in Va.
 - (2) Werden, b. 1847 in Morgan Co., Ky.
 - (3) Jane, b. 1849 in Morgan Co., Ky.
3. Werden B. Ely (son of Isaac and Martha), in 1849, sold his undivided interest in the Estate of his father, Isaac, and his grandfather, Robert Ely, to John W.M. Ely.
4. Isaac Ely, b. 1831 in Morgan County, Ky.
5. William, b. 1836
6. Alfred, b. 1840
7. Francis, b. 1843

At a court begun and held for Lee County at the Courthouse thereof on the 16th day of October 1843.

A writing purporting the last will and testament of Robert Ely deceased bearing date the 10th day of July, 1841, was this day produced in Court by James A.G. Ely and John W.M. Ely, the executors therein named, in order to be proved; and Charles H. Havelly by his attorney appeared and opposed the proof of the said Will, whereupon divers witnesses were sworn and examined and the arguments of Counsel on both sides fully heard, on consideration whereby it is the opinion of the court that the said Robert Ely, was not at the time of writing the said will, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and therefore refuse to establish the said writing as the last will and testament of the said Robert Ely deceased. (OBK 5-282)

A writing under the hand and seal of Anna Ely Senr. by which she relinquishes her right to the administration of the said decedent's estate in favor of Robert M. Ely, James A.G. Ely and John W.M. Ely, was proved by the oath of Pleasant Tankersley a witness thereto and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Robert M. Ely, James A.G. Ely and John W.M. Ely who made oath thereto according to law and together with Valentine A. Woodard, John T. Ely, John S. Willis, William Adams, David Orr and Hiram R. Ely their securities, entered into and acknowledged a

bond in the penalty of \$8000, conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted the said R.M. Ely, James A.G. Ely and John W.M. Ely for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Robert Ely Senr. in due form. (OBK 5-283)

Ordered that John Clark, Cornelius Fitts, Wilson Vermillion, Robert Sims and Andrew M. Fitts or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace, do hereby and justly appraise in current money the personal estate of Robert Ely Senr. deceased and return the appraisement under their hands to the court. (OBK 5-284)

(2) Robert M. Ely (son of Robert Sr.) was born August 20, 1795 in Montgomery County, Virginia, and died in Lee County, 1866. He was married in Lee County about 1820 to Margaret (Peggy) Sayers, born 1799, probably in Wythe County, daughter of William and Sarah (Smith) Sayers. After his marriage Robert M. Ely settled in Powell Valley in lower Lee County, where he became well established, a man of considerable wealth for that day, consisting of land and slaves. He took a leading part in community and county affairs, served as justice of the peace over a period of several years. He kept a house of private entertainment.

"This is to certify that Robert M. Ely has been assessed with five dollars to the sum imposed on him by law for the privilege of keeping A house of private Entertainment at his Dwelling in Powels from this time until the next April Court.

Given under my hand this the 15 June 1857. Robert P. Spencer Comm of the Revenue for Lee Co."

Robert M. and Margaret Ely had several children but all died in infancy except one son:

1. William S. (probably "Sayers") Ely was born December 29 1826 and died May 13, 1860, of typhoid. William S. Ely was a lawyer and practiced in Lee County until his death. His father, Robert M., was the administrator of his estate, and Alexander H. Brant, G.H. Hoskins and Daniel Littrell made the appraisal. William S. Ely married about 1855 Elizabeth Ball, born June 30, 1831, daughter of William and Elizabeth Smith (Gibson) Ball, who died April 6, 1856, and left an infant son:

- (1) Robert M. Ely (known as "Little Bob" Ely), born March 11, 1856 and died July 13, 1880.

Robert M. Ely left the following undated will, in which he disposed of his personal property:

In the name of God Amen. I Robert M. Ely of the County of Lee and State of Virginia, being weak of body and in bad health but of firm and deposing mind, make this my last will and testament, revoking all others. All my debts are to be settled by my Exrs & then, in the first place I will unto my beloved wife Peggy four negroes to be chosen by herself; also all monies gifts &c by her father bequeathed to her, she is to keep, also I will all my household and kitchen furniture remain with my beloved wife during her natural life also my stock of hogs to be taken care of and kept in the clover fields for her support, that she may not want & my horses for the use of the farm, my cattle also for the use of the farm and her. There is some five or Six hundred dollars in gold in the house. If there be enough moneys without this to pay all debts, then I will one half of it to my wife. To my beloved Grand son Robert I will eight young negroes to be chosen for him by William Ball & Peggy my wife. I also give him my fine mare purchased of Enoch Bush as she is gentle for him to ride. I also will he have one half of the gold on hand should there be enough money besides to pay my debts. My Executors can sell at any time any stock or anything not herein bequeathed. I appoint my wife Peggy, William Ball, M.S. Ball & A.M. Ely my Executors to see things be faithfully done, having full confidence myself the subscribing witnesses. My own signed name

Robert M. Ely

Teste

J.M. Wheeler
James McGauley
Robert N. Ely
H.F. Revercomb

A copy

Teste - James W. Orr, Clerk of Lee County Court.

The above will of Robert M. Ely was duly admitted to record in Lee County Court, at the November term 1866, of said court.

Teste - James W. Orr Clk.

Deed Book 13, Page 258 - 19 December 1856

George S. Ball and wife Lucretia A. conveyed three tracts of land, containing 640 acres, adjoining Robert M. Ely's land and the Beaty land, to William S. Ely for \$5000. Presumably this is the land where Robert Ely, son of William S., built his large brick residence.

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Pursuant to an order of the county court of Lee County, Virginia, dated November 20th 1865.

We the undersigned commissioners proceeded on the 10th day of April 1866, to lay off and assign to Mrs. Margaret Ely, widow of Robert M. Ely, deceased, her dower interest in and to the lands which the said Robert M. Ely, deceased, died seized and possessed and by leave to report, we began at a rock on the State road at or near a corner of Colsons' land and ran thence with lines of the same ... to Indian Creek ... to a corner of William S. Ely's (deceased) land ... Beginning ... containing about 540 acres and including the mansion house and most of the other buildings.

Respectfully submitted April 11th 1866.

Eli Davis

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Nathaniel Ewing

Commissioners

- (1) Robert M. Ely (son of William S.), b. March 11, 1856; d. July 13, 1880. His personal property was sold and the Bill of Sale was recorded Sept. 9, 1880 (WBK 3 - 541).

He married about 1874, Susan M. Gibbs, b. Jan. 12, 1853 in Boone County, Missouri, near Columbia, daughter of Alexander and Mary Jane (Gibson) Gibbs.

Robert and Susan (Gibbs) Ely had three daughters:

1. Margaret R. Ely (Maggie), b. Jan. 3, 1875, Columbia, Mo., d. Dec. 10, 1947 in Lee Co., Va.; m. July 26, 1906, by the Rev. I.S. Anderson, Arthur E. Robertson, a minister of the Christian Church, b. Jan. 10, 1876; d. Jan. 30, 1964, age 88, son of W.H. and Margaret Robertson of West Virginia. Children:

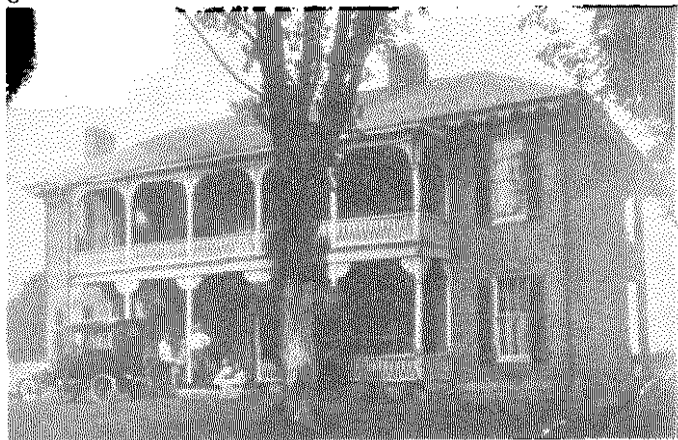
- (1) Robert Ely Robertson, b. July 23, 1910; m. June 25, 1937, Evelyn McClure, b. April 29, 1911, dau. of George S. McClure (b. about 1872, son of John and Sophia J. McClure) and Pattie G. Bacon, (b. about 1872, dau. of Thomas and Pattie Bacon). Children: 1. Frances Ely Robertson, b. June 27, 1945.

2. Mary Eliza Ely (dau. of Robert M. and Susan), b. June 23, 1876; m. March 8, 1899, William Patton Allen, b. July 26, 1873; d. Feb. 1961, in Pennington Gap, Va., son of Dr. Peter H. Allen and Mary Katherine (Lloyd) Allen. Children: (1) Maurine Allen, b. Sept 11, 1901; m. Sept. 26, 1927, Roy Malone, b. Oct. 9, 1889.

3. Annie Ely (youngest dau. of Robert M. and Susan), b. June 19, 1879; m. June 16, 1909, by J.E. Ballou), Alonzo W. Haines, b. 1875 in Knoxville, Iowa; d. 1934 in Lee Co., Va.; buried in the Elydale cemetery in Lee County, Va., son of Aaron and Sarah Haines. Alonzo W. Haines was a resident of Chicago, Illinois at the time of his marriage. Annie (Ely) Haines resides in Johnson City with her daughter: Mary Vivian Haines who married Thomas A. Daniels. After the death of Robert Ely, Susan (Gibbs) Ely married, 2nd, Feb. 24, 1885 by M.L. Jones, Thomas A. Taylor, b. May 29, 1853 in Hawkins Co., Tenn.; d. May 10, 1908 in Lee Co., Va., son of J.C. and M. Taylor. Susan (Gibbs) (Ely) Taylor d. Feb. 14, 1946. Susan and Thomas A. Taylor are buried in the Kincaid Cemetery, near Ewing, Va. Thomas A. Taylor was engaged in the mercantile business. They had one son.

Sometime around 1877-8 Robert M. Ely built a large handsome Colonial style brick residence in Powell Valley on the Ely Estate, where the family resided and where his youngest daughter, Annie, was born. the Taylor family, including the Ely daughters resided here for several years. Eventually, the estate was divided among the Ely daughters, and the youngest daughter, Annie, inherited the home and surrounding land which she later sold. The house has been restored, furnished with antiques. and is now the most out-

standing place in Lee County—including the house and grounds.



Picture # 1

Robert M. Ely Junior and Susan (Gibbs) Ely Home; Built about 1877-8 Virginia—

Know all men by these presents that we S.M. Ely, J.T. Gibbs, James M. Wheeler, Thomas S. Ely, William R. Bales, and A.R. Surgener of Lee County are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of Eight Thousand (\$8000) Dollars ... we bind ourselves jointly and severally and firmly by these presents, and we as to this bond waive our homestead exemptions. Witness our hands and seals this 4th day of September 1882 ...

The condition of the above obligations is such, that whereas the above bound S.M. Ely has been appointed guardian for Margaret, Mary and Annie Ely, minor heirs at law of Robert M. Ely, Jr., deceased, ...

Now if the said Susan M. Ely, shall faithfully perform and discharge the duties of her office of Guardian aforesaid, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

After the second marriage of Susan M. Ely, Thomas A. Taylor was appointed guardian for Margaret Ely, Mary Ely and Annie Ely, minor heirs ... Taylor and others executed a bond in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, 25th day of August 1885.

To the Hon. H.S.K. Morrison, Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County, I do constitute and appoint my mother, Susan M. Taylor to act as my guardian. I am 15 years old. This the 8th day of September, 1890.

(Signed) Maggie Ely

Virginia—

I, D.C. Willis, a Justice of the peace for Lee County in the State of Virginia, do certify that Margaret Ely acknowledged the above writing to be her act and Signature.

The same given under my hand this 8th day of September, 1890.

D.C. Willis J.P.

(3) George R. Ely (son of Robert, Sr. and Anne) was born Aug. 19, 1797 in Montgomery County, Virginia, and died September 2, 1886. He was married in Lee County about 1823 to Mary Blankenship, born April 4, 1807 in Tazewell County, Virginia, and died March 2, 1870. Lee County, daughter of Arthur M. Blankenship and his first wife, Mary Muncy, daughter of Skidmore and Mary (Scott) Muncy (Muncey). Mary Scott was a daughter of Samuel and Ann Scott of Augusta County. She was named in the will of her father. Numerous records are found in the early records of Augusta County relating to the Scott family. After the death of Mary, George R. Ely married 2nd, May 4, 1872, E. Jane Martin, born 1845, daughter of John.

George R. Ely was a local Methodist minister and also engaged in farming. He owned several large tracts of land lying on Sugar Run and in Poor Valley in Lee County at various times, bought and sold land, and was a prosperous farmer. He made his home on Sugar Run. August 19, 1843 he deeded fifteen acres and personal property to his brother James A.G. Ely for the sum of one dollar.

May 17, 1847, George R. Ely made application for a road from his house to Arthur Blankenship's—the Court ordered that Arthur Blankenship, John Taylor and James Redwine view the road and make a report to the

Court (OBK 6, p. 20).

In 1856, George R. Ely and wife Mary deeded one hundred acres lying on Chestnut Ridge in Lee County to their eldest son, Arthur Campbell Ely for five hundred dollars (DBK 13, p. 158).

"Know all men by these presents that I George R. Ely of Lee County and State of Virginia have this day sold and delivered unto Robert M. Ely all my undivided fourteenth part of the land Possessed by my father Robert Ely deceased belonging to me as an air of the said Robert Ely deceased for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to me in hand paid to which land I bind my self to make unto Robert M. Ely awarnt title—and also my intrust in this present years grain crop of corn given under my hand & seal this 6th of November 1843

Test

George R Eley ()

J.W. M. Ely

(The above item is taken from the papers of Robert M. Ely, now in the possession of Robert Robertson, in the handwriting of George R. Ely.)

George R. Ely and Mary Blankenship had eleven children:

1. Arthur Campbell Ely, b. July 4, 1824; d. Nov. 9, 1911.
2. Precious A. Ely, b. May 4, 1827; m. April 28, 1851, John Cornett of Kentucky. It is related that the Cornetts came into Harlan County, Kentucky trailing a band of Indians who had captured a small white girl in Virginia. Precious A. Ely and John Cornett had six children:
 - (1) William Cornett, b. 1852.
 - (2) Arthur Blankenship Cornett, b. 1854; m. Ella Amanda Hurst.
 - (3) Jonathan Cornett, b. 1855.
 - (4) George Cornett, b. 1857.
 - (5) Nancy Cornett, b. 1859.
 - (6) Precious Cornett, b. 1861; m. Dr. William Turner Nolan of Kentucky.

3. Lavina B. Ely, b. May 16, 1830

4. Letitia O. Ely, b. June 15, 1833

5. Mary H. Ely, b. Feb. 2, 1836

6. Robert N. Ely, b. July 29, 1838

7. Malinda B. Ely, b. Jan. 10, 1840; m. June 6, 1859, Nimrod Chrisman Branson, b. Oct. 14, 1834. (See the Branson Family)

8. George H. Ely, b. Oct. 29, 1842

9. Catherine Ely, b. June 14, 1845

10. Lydia A. Ely, b. Dec. 28, 1846; m. Nov. 21, 1867, George Washington Ely, b. Sept. 25, 1847, son of David and Eliza T. (Russell) Ely. (See the George Ely Family)

11. John W. Ely, b. July 31, 1848. He was married twice, 1st, to Elvira (surname unknown), b. Feb. 28, 1848; d. Dec. 31, 1903; 2nd, April 21, 1904, by Arthur C. Ely, to Margaret Dean, b. 1883, dau. of Elijah and Helen Dean. John W. Ely was a local Methodist preacher.

1. Arthur Campbell Ely (oldest son of George R. and Mary) was born July 4, 1824 and died Nov. 9, 1911. He married, June 12, 1856, by J.W. Belt, Mary (Polly) F. Orr, born Feb. 26, 1830 and died Feb. 14, 1917, dau. of David and Rhoda (Ely) Orr. They are buried in the family graveyard on his farm, where they lived near Beech Springs on Chestnut Ridge in Lee County. Arthur Campbell Ely was a local Methodist preacher and a farmer. They had four children:

(1) Letitia O. Ely, b. March 30, 1857; d. Jan. 6, 1928; m. Sept. 24, 1882, Harrison B. Crockett, b. July 3, 1831; d. Dec. 2, 1912, son of Robert and Elizabeth Crockett, as his 2nd wife. They had several children. (See the Crockett Family.)

1. John M. Crockett, the oldest son, b. Nov. 16, 1863; d. March 30, 1936; m. Nov. 16, 1907, Maude K. Misc, b. July 5, 1886; d. Jan. 24, 1960, dau. of Jesse S. Misc and Susan A. Warren, b. April 20, 1855; d. Sept. 25, 1928, dau. of Harrison and Katherine (VanDeventer) Warren. John M. and Maude K. Crockett had three children, Harrison, Patsy and Arthur L. (See the Crockett Family.)

(2) Rhoda Ely, b. Sept. 12, 1858; m., 1st, _____ Morgan (divorced); 2nd, H.C. Lewis of Kentucky, and they had one son: Cam J. Lewis, b. July 2, 1883; d. Oct. 29, 1957; m. May 7, 1910, Clara Belle Nolan, b. March 17, 1889; d. Aug. 4, 1963, dau. of B.F. Nolan and Cora (Kelly, Nolan) Gish.

(3) Mary Ely, b. 1860. No record.

(4) Melvin George Ely (son of Arthur Campbell Ely) was born August

22. 1865 in Lee County, Virginia, near Beech Springs on the Arthur Ely farm, and died 1940 in or near Washington, D.C. He was married twice. His first wife was Henrietta (Etta) Flanary, born March 18, 1869 in Scott County, Virginia, and died June 15, 1939 in Jonesville, Virginia, daughter of Travis and Sarah (Suttle) Flanary, whom he married June 15, 1888. Henrietta's mother died when she was young and after the death of her mother Henrietta was reared by her Aunt Vesta Hamblen of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Melvin George Ely was a lawyer and practiced in Lee County for several years. He was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Lee County and held this office while residing in Jonesville, Virginia. Melvin and Henrietta Ely are buried in the family cemetery on the old Arthur Ely farm.

Melvin George Ely's second wife was Willie McDowell, b. about 1891, daughter of Hillary and Nellie (Flanary) McDowell of Jonesville, Virginia. No children.

By his first wife he had ten children:

1. Price Wesley Ely, b. March 17, 1889 in Jonesville, Virginia; d. unm.
2. S. Corinne Ely, b. April 5, 1891, Jonesville, Virginia.
3. Gustavus Z. Ely, b. Nov. 5, 1892, Sprigg, W. Virginia
4. Arthur C. Ely, b. March 15, 1895, Knoxville, Tennessee
5. Vesta M. Ely, b. June 16, 1898, Jonesville
6. George M. Ely, b. April 10, 1901
7. Mary V. Ely, b. Jan. 8, 1903; d. 1966; m. Howard Collier
8. Arloweine R. Ely, b. April 21, 1905; m. Rolf Tyler, d. 1952
9. Patty Ely, b. Feb. 20, 1907; m. Cardin H. Poteet
10. Audrey M. Ely, b. Feb. 16, 1909; m. Hampton Williams.

2. S. Corinne Ely (dau. of Melvin G.), b. April 5, 1891; d. 1963; m., 1st. Benjamin H. Hines, b. 1888; d. 1926; m., 2nd, James Hines. No issue. Children of 1st marriage:

- (1) Benjamin H. Hines II, M.D., b. Aug. 10, 1920, Jonesville, Virginia; m. Jean Davis; m. 2nd, Betty Jean Horner. Children:
 1. Benjamin H. III, b. 1945; graduate of V.P.I
 2. John Hines, b. 1947

Children of 2nd marriage:

3. Robert Henry, b. Oct. 26, 1961
4. Marsha Marie, b. Oct. 1962
- (2) Anna Price Hines (dau. of Benj. H.), b. Aug. 12, 1922; m. 1938, Thomas Jones, b. 1920 in Spotsylvania Co., Va.; reside in Jonesville, Va. Children:
 1. Thomas, b. 1939. Lieut. in Marines; m. Rebecca Perkins
 2. Sarah Patricia, b. 1941
 3. Benjamin, b. 1942
 4. Marietta, b. 1946
 5. Barbara, b. 1949
 6. Vivian, b. 1955
 7. John Paul, b. 1957
 8. Doris Ann, b. 1958
 9. Howard Daniel, b. 1961

- (3) Virginia Lee Hines (dau. of Benj. H.), b. Sept. 21, 1925 in New Mexico; m. James Allen; reside in Baltimore, Md. Children:
 1. James Allen, Jr.
 2. Sally Ann Allen

3. Gustavus Z. Ely (son of Melvin G.), b. Nov. 5, 1892; m. Spicie Mae McCoy, b. Nov. 1901 in West Virginia, dau. of Robert Lee McCoy (b. Sept. 30, 1880) and Nancy Jane Hatfield (b. May 5, 1888). Spicie Mae (McCoy) Ely d. Feb. 1932, Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia; buried in Jonesville. Children:

- (1) June Ely, b. June 13, 1920; m. Oct. 31, 1947, Patton M. Giles.
- (2) Garland V. Ely, d. Dec. 8, 1921; m. Dec. 31, 1951, Ophelia Bellamy.
- (3) Nanetta Ely, b. Nov. 26, 1925; m. Oct. 17, 1953, Clyde Y. Cridlin, a lawyer, son of George Cridlin. Nanetta Ely Cridlin is deputy Circuit Court Clerk, Lee County. One dau: Nancy Cridlin.
- (4) Robert Melvin Ely (son of Gus. Z.), b. July 16, 1927; m. March 8, 1949, Betty Toole, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- (5) Bonnie Mae Ely, b. March 9, 1930; m. July 29, 1946, Marion Johnson.
5. Vesta M. Ely, b. June 16, 1898; m. March 27, 1920, David C. Sewell, b. Jan. 26, 1897. (See the Sewell Family).
6. George M. Ely, b. April 10, 1901; m. but the name of his wife is unknown. Son: (1) Clarence Everett Ely, b. Sept. 27, 1924.

8. Arloweine R. Ely, b. April 21, 1905; m., 1st, Rolf Tyler, d. 1952, son of Henry L. and Elnora E. (Scott) Tyler; 2nd, Lawrence Cridlin, Jonesville, Virginia.

9. Patty Ely, b. Feb. 20, 1907; m. Cardin Hagan Poteet, b. June 20, 1897, son of Samuel B. and Mary Sue (Ely) Poteet. One son:

- (1) Cardin Hagan Poteet, Jr., b. March 7, 1925; m. Joann Johnson. One dau: Malinda Sue Poteet, b. July 23, 1947, Dayton, Ohio.

(4) Mary Ely (oldest dau. of Robert and Anne), b. July 17, 1799, either Montgomery County or Lee County; d. Sept. 1, 1871 on Sugar Run in Lee County; m. Sept. 24, 1824, Valentine A. Woodward, b. Jan. 25, 1800 in Stafford Co., Va. and came with his parents in 1808 to Lee County, Va.; d. Jan. 29, 1885 on Sugar Run, son of Jesse and Mary (Hyden) Woodward. After his marriage Valentine A. and his wife Mary settled on Sugar Run, where his parents settled after coming to Southwestern Virginia. They had several children all named in the Woodward family records. Valentine A. Woodward was a local Methodist minister.

(5) Elizabeth Ely (dau. of Robert and Anne), b. Sept. 15, 1801 in Lee County, Va.; d. prior to 1854; m. Charles Havelly, and they had several children: Eliza Anne who married William W. Woodward, Sarah, Josephine, Benton, Phoebe, Napoleon and Jacob M. Havelly.

1. Napoleon Havelly, most likely the youngest child, b. Feb. 28, 1845; m. July 7, 1868, Mary J. Beaty, b. 1845, dau. of Robert and Letitia Beaty. (See the Havelly and Beaty Families.)

Deed Book 12, Page 589-8 July 1852:

Jacob M. Havelly of Claiborne County and State of Tennessee and William W. Woodward and wife Eliza Anne conveyed the interest in two tracts of land laid off for the heirs of Charles H. Havelly, in the land of Robert Ely, lying on the North side of Powell River, to John M. Beaty for \$115.

(6) Hiram R. Ely (son of Robert and Anne) was born Aug. 3, 1803 in Lee Co., Va.; d. Sept. 13, 1861; m. about 1823-4, Keziah Ball, b. Sept. 5, 1803; d. June 23, 1902, dau. of Moses and Elizabeth (Yeary) Ball.

Keziah Ely's Estate was appraised Nov. 8, 1862 by Henry G. Morley, A.H. Fulkerson and William P. Bales. (WBK 3, 51).

March 31, 1826, Hiram R. Ely purchased 129 acres lying on the North side of Powell River from his father, Robert Ely, for \$750 (DBK 5, 336), and

Jan. 7, 1836, Moses Ball and Elizabeth his wife deeded 100 acres of land to Hiram Ely, being one half of a tract conveyed to Ball and Ely by Robert Craig. (DBK 7, 152).

Hiram R. and Keziah Ely had eleven children:

1. Moses L. Ely, b. May 23, 1825; d. July 29, 1895.
2. Delitha A. Ely, b. Dec. 25, 1828; d. Nov. 5, 1844.
3. Robert B. Ely, b. March 8, 1831; d. Nov. 1, 1910; m. Aug. 22, 1869, Martha Matilda Woodward, b. Nov. 29, 1851; d. Oct. 20, 1938, dau. of John Devers and Matilda (Morgan) Woodward. Robert Ely was a soldier in Capt. Shelby Gibson's Company in the Civil War.
4. Elizabeth Ely, b. 1833; m. Andrew Susong.
5. Arnessa Catherine Ely, b. May 8, 1836; d. Feb. 5, 1878; m. Harrison B. Crockett, b. July 3, 1831; d. Dec. 2, 1912.
6. Sarah Ely, b. 1837-8; m. Franklin R. Wiley.
7. Margaret A.M. Ely, b. Sept. 7, 1839; d. Nov. 12, 1870, and left the following will:

I, Margaret Ely, of the county of Lee and State of Virginia do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows to wit: First, I give to Moses L. Ely and James Marion Ely all my lands I own in Lee County, Virginia, it being the same land that descended to me from my father, H.R. Ely, deceased, together with all appurtenances forever. Second, I give to the balance of my brothers and sisters each one dollar apiece, and then, I desire, after my funeral expenses are paid to give the balance of my estate to my sister Mary E. Ely forever.

Signed, sealed, and delivered as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills, in the presence of these witnesses this 20th day of May 1870.

Teste: Margaret M. Ely (Seal)
R.M. Bales
John B. McClin, J.

The will was proved November 21, 1870, recorded in Will Book 3, Page 331.

8. James Marion Ely, b. 1841.
9. William A. Ely, b. about 1843; d. Sept. 19, 1864. William A. Ely was 2nd Corporal in Company I, 25th Regiment, Cavalry, "Lee Rangers", Lee County, commanded by Captains Barham, Hamlin Norfleet, E. Spotswood Bishop; enlisted April 18, 1863; killed at Winchester, September 19, 1864.
10. Mary E. Ely, b. about 1845; d. unmarried.
11. Martha Virginia (Jennie) Ely, b. 1847; m. _____ Connor.
 1. Moses L. Ely (oldest son of Hiram R.), b. May 23, 1825. He enlisted April 18, 1863 and served as private in Company I, 25th Regiment, Cavalry, "Lee Rangers", Lee County, commanded by Captains Barham, Hamlin Norfleet, E. Spotswood Bishop. He died July 29, 1895 in Lee County, unmarried. He left a will, dated Dec. 19, 1894, and proved Sept. 16, 1895. He devised his estate which consisted of his interest in his father's old farm on which he lived to his deceased brother James' two sons, William A. and James M. Ely, and his three daughters, Mary Cornelia, Martha V. and Catherine Ann. (WBK 4. 255)
 8. James Marion Ely (son of Hiram R. and Keziah), b. about 1841; d. 1894; m. Jan. 12, 1869, in Claiborne County, Tennessee, Lucy Ella Hansard, dau. of James. They had five children:
 - (1) Cordie M. (Cordelia) Ely, b. June 19, 1871; d. Nov. 19, 1934; m. May 8, 1895, Caleb A. Bales, b. Aug. 21, 1866; d. March 25, 1944, son of Jonathan and Sarah A. (Crockett) Bales. (See the Bales Family)
 - (2) Martha Virginia (Jennie) Ely, b. 1873; d. 1964; m., 1st, Nov. 19, 1895, Whitehill Fulkerson, b. about 1859, son of Lee S. and Rebecca (Bales) Fulkerson; m., 2nd, Zachary Taylor (Bud) Ball, son of Tilgham and Elizabeth (Bales) Ball. No children.
 - (3) William A. Ely, b. June 11, 1878; d. March 12, 1949; m. Harriet Bales, dau. of Jonathan and Sarah A. (Crockett) Bales. No children.
 - (4) James Marion Ely, Jr., b. Feb. 23, 1881; d. June 15, 1908; m. April 16, 1905, Dollie V. Bales, b. March 30, 1885; d. July 7, 1939, dau. of Arch and Martha Bales. One son:
 1. Lester Ely, b. about 1906; m. May McClure, dau. of George.
 - (5) Catherine Ann (Kate) Ely (youngest child of James and Lucy), b. Nov. 16, 1883; d. July 10, 1911; m. 15 Sept. 1904, Alonzo (Lon M.) Campbell, b. 1874 in Claiborne Co., Tenn., son of A. W. and Lucy Campbell
 3. Robert B. Ely (son of Hiram), b. March 8, 1831; m. Aug. 22, 1869, Martha Matilda Woodward, b. Nov. 29, 1851. Children:
 - (1) Florence Ely, b. Nov. 17, 1870; m. Nov. 6, 1890, John Taylor, and had children: Morgan, Biddie, Nannie, Bryan, Mattie, and Rosie.
 - (2) Mollie (Mary) Ely, b. June 16, 1872; d. Sept. 27, 1912; m. Perry Steel. Children: Olin, m. Ellen Osborne. Children: Olin Jr., Betty Jean and William Ray.
 - (3) Rosie Ely, b. Feb. 7, 1874; m. Sept. 24, 1891, H.H. Pope. Children: Maud, m. Lesley Bogard; Olin, m. Pauline West. Children: Dorothy, Jane and Olin Jr.; Burley Pope, m. Jean Wood.
 - (4) John William Ely, b. Sept. 15, 1875.
 - (5) Thomas Marion Ely, b. Jan. 25, 1878; d. Nov. 26, 1925; m. 1st, Feb. 2, 1910, Cleatie Bailey (Divorced); 2nd, Jan. 8, 1922, Mabel (Johnson) Burk, d. Sept. 3, 1927.
 - (6) Archibald (Arch) Ely, b. Sept. 3, 1879.
 - (7) Lizzie (Elizabeth) Ely, b. Nov. 10, 1880; d. Dec. 21, 1915; m. Mellie Thompson.
 - (8) Laura Ely, b. Dec. 24, 1882; d. April 19, 1958; m. Dec. 19, 1922, Judson D. Ellenburg, d. June 10, 1924. No children.
 - (9) Rettie Lee Ely, b. April 21, 1886; d. Feb. 15, 1887.
 - (4) John William Ely (Robert B.), b. Sept. 15, 1875; d. Oct. 30, 1946; m. May 12, 1897, Sallie (Sarah) Brittain Smith, b. March 10, 1879; d. Jan. 31, 1968, Bristol, Tenn., dau. of Creed and Nancy (Brittain) Smith. Children:
 1. Oscar Morgan Ely, b. about 1900; m. Dec. 19, 1931, Golden Hensley, dau. Judy Kaye, m. John Fletcher.
 2. Nancy Martha (Mattie) Ely (oldest dau. of John W.), b. May 24,

just regular places where they could stop at night. He was a resident of Lee County, Virginia for over 30 years. Late in the 1880s he left for the west and settled in Eastern Nebraska, Sarpy County, where he farmed. He was active 1898; d. Nov. 28, 1926; m. Oct. 11, 1916, Robert Saylor, b. May 22, 1894. Children: Lola, Julian, Margie, Bruce Brittain, and Walter Reed Saylor. Robert Saylor, m., 2nd, Lillie Sage, and they have one son: Larry Saylor, m. and lives in Louisville, Ky. Robert Saylor and wife live near Pennington Gap, Va.

3. Otis Ely, b. Jan. 3, 1901; d. Jan. 11, 1941; m. Jan. 3, 1923, Una Mae Russell, dau. of Evan and Cora (Zion) Russell. Children: Kathleen, m. Bill Warner; Lucille, m. Ralph Jones.
4. Thelma Ely, b. about 1903-4; m. Oct. 11, 1947, Charles Rosenbaum, b. July 24, 1886; d. Oct. 23, 1961. No children.
5. Mary Florence Ely, b. Feb. 27, 1904; d. Feb. 15, 1919.
6. James Smith Ely. No record.
7. Minnie Mae Ely, m. Bill Phillips. No children.
8. Gladys Ely, m. Henry Campbell. Dau: Mary Lou Campbell.

John William Ely was a farmer and a local Methodist minister and lived on lower Sugar Run in Lee County, Virginia.

(7) Alexander M. Ely (son of Robert) was born in Lee County, Virginia, February 15, 1805. He was married twice, 1st, to Mary McMillan, born February 17, 1808 in Lee County, and died August 19, 1874, daughter of Andrew and Anne (Corey) McMillan, March 29, 1825; m. 2nd, February 16, 1875, Levina Greever, b. 1847. No children by this wife. By his first wife Alexander M. Ely had five children:

1. Andrew McMillan Ely, b. May 3, 1826 in Lee County, Virginia.
2. Sarah Anne Ely, b. Aug. 5, 1828; d. March 25, 1873.
3. Martha Jane Ely, b. April 28, 1831; d. Jan. 19, 1858—childbirth; m. March 5, 1857, John T. Blakemore, b. 1835, son of Joseph S. and Susannah C. (Hamblen) Blakemore.
4. James Robert Ely, b. June 2, 1834; m. Dec. 21, 1866, Sarah C. Wygal, b. 1838, daughter of Burdine and Margaret (Brown) Wygal.
5. Thomas Smith Ely, b. March 2, 1837; d. Dec. 1, 1907.

1. Andrew McMillan Ely (oldest son of Alex. M.), b. May 3, 1826; d. May 22, 1884; m. 1st, Feb. 27, 1855, Esther Melvina Ball, b. June 30, 1839; d. Dec. 31, 1874, daughter of William and Elizabeth Smith (Gibson) Ball; m. 2nd, Martha Ellen Warren, b. April 30, 1851; d. July 6, 1927, in Lee County, Virginia, daughter of Harrison B. and Katherine (VanDeventer) Warren, November 10, 1875

He had eight children by his first wife:

- (1) Mary Elizabeth Ely, b. Feb. 29, 1856; m. Nov. 6, 1890, Elijah J. Harris. No further records.
- (2) William Smith Ely, b. Oct. 9, 1857 in Lee County, Virginia.
- (3) Alexander McMillan Ely, b. September 11, 1859.
- (4) Charles Robert Ely, b. September 28, 1861.
- (5) Martha Anne Edington Ely, b. Jan. 18, 1864; d. Aug. 1, 1875.
- (6) Senoretta Lavina Ely, b. Jan. 12, 1866.
- (7) John C. Ely (son of Andrew), b. Feb. 6, 1868.
- (8) Minnie Viola Aston Ely, b. Oct. 16, 1872; d. Sept. 22, 1934, m. Jan. 18, 1897, Darling Love Burkhead. No further record.

Andrew McMillan Ely had six children by his 2nd wife all born in Lee County, Virginia:

- (9) Lucy Kate (Katy) Ely, b. Nov. 11, 1876; d. Sept. 3, 1913; m. Richard Sands.
- (10) Ollie Susan Ely, b. Jan. 1, 1878; d. Oct. 25, 1946; m. Oct. 8, 1896, Edwin Robert Goerte.
- (11) Ellen Ely, b. May 19, 1880; m. Marvin Day.
- (12) Clyde Avon Ely, b. Feb. 21, 1882; d. Jan. 26, 1883.
- (13) Ida Grace Ely, b. Dec. 19, 1883; m. John W. Judy.

(2) William Smith Ely (oldest son of Andrew McMillan and Esther), b. October 9, 1857 in Lee County, Virginia; d. November 17, 1936 in Los Angeles, California. After the death of his mother in 1874, he went to live with his grandparents. William and Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith Ball, near Ewing, Virginia. He was married twice, 1st, March 1, 1880 in Lee County to Sarah J. Kincaid, b. 1856, daughter of B. F. and B. Kincaid. Sarah died in less than two years without issue. According to the marriage Register, Sarah J. Kincaid was born in Campbell County, Tennessee. William S. Ely and Sarah J. Kincaid were married in Lee County by John W. Bowman.

William Smith Ely was a stock buyer, driving cattle from Big Stone Gap and Pennington Gap through Cumberland Gap. This would take days with in Community affairs, served several times as County Commissioner, also a number of other elective offices. William Smith Ely was a tall man, 6' 4" - in a crowd he was always easy to find, could see his light stetson hat above all the rest. On November 6, 1890, William Ely was married, second, to Mary Agness Schaal, a school teacher, born, December 30, 1867 at Springfield, Nebraska, daughter of Emanuel Gottliff and Mary Jane (Armstrong) Schaal. In 1918 he moved with his family to a large ranch in Western Nebraska. And in 1929, William Ely and his wife moved to California, where they both died. William S. Ely died Nov. 17, 1936 in Los Angeles at the age of 79 years, and Mary Agness Ely died July 5, 1961, in Los Angeles at the age of 93 years. They are buried in the Inglewood Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. Eight children were born to William S. and Mary Agness Ely:

1. John Jay Ely, b. Aug. 4, 1891, Springfield, Sarpy County, Nebr. He was married twice, first, to Edna Ethel Crouch of Morgan, Utah; 2nd, March 2, 1921 at Providence, Utah, to Carrie Smith Thomas, b. May 25, 1895, Logan, Cache Co., Utah, dau. of Arthur F. Thomas and Ida Carpenter Smith. John Jay and Carrie Ely had four children all born in Los Angeles, California.
 - (1) Ida Carolyn Ely, b. Oct. 11, 1921; m. Harold Alber Robinson.
 - (2) John Thomas Ely, b. April 2, 1923
 - (3) Ruth Ann Ely, b. Jan. 31, 1929
 - (4) Raymond William Ely, b. Feb. 9, 1930.
2. Harold Gray Ely (son of William S.), b. April 20, 1893; m. Lily Hanes, a widow, of Papillion, Nebraska, where they reside.
3. Esther Ely, b. Nov. 6, 1894; d. Nov. 12, 1894.
4. William Jennings Ely, b. March 19, 1897; m. Edna Swanson of Nebraska, and they reside at Grants Pass, Oregon.
5. Verna Mae Ely, b. Feb. 10, 1899; m. July 16, 1920, Don C. Durrant of Morgan, Utah, and they reside at Salt Lake City.
6. Robert McMillen Ely, b. April 23, 1901; m. Lulu Maher (Lola Meher) of Los Angeles, Calif. who died in 1958.
7. Emanuel Schaal Ely, b. Dec. 23, 1902; m. Bernice Moore at North Platte, Nebraska, and they reside in Washington State.
8. Timothy "Pat" Ball Ely, b. March 17, 1905; d. Sept. 28, 1931; m. Hazel Welch at North Platte, Nebraska.

I am indebted

to Mrs. Verna Ely Durrant and Mrs. Madeline Scott (Ely Descendants), Salt Lake City, Utah for some of the records of the Andrew McMillen Ely Family, and all on the William Smith Ely family.

(3) Alexander McMillen Ely (son of Andrew and Esther) was born Sept. 11, 1859. He was a prosperous farmer, active in civic and political affairs of the county, and later elected Treasurer of Lee County. He was married twice, first, about 1881 to Mattie E. Susong, born Jan. 12, 1861 in Washington County, Va., and died Aug. 2, 1886 in Lee County, daughter of Mahlon S. and Ellen M. (Buchanan) Susong. Mahlon S. Susong and Ellen M. Buchanan were married in Washington County by James King, Nov. 2, 1845. Alexander M. Ely married, 2nd, Nov. 19, 1890, Elizabeth Richmond, daughter of M.D. Richmond. Sometime before 1915 Alexander M. Ely sold his holdings in Lee County and removed to Loudoun County, Virginia and settled near Leesburg, where he and his wife died. Their children were:

1. Richmond Ely. No record
2. Mary Ely. No record.
3. Robert B. Ely, a lawyer. After his marriage and the birth of two children Robert Ely returned to Lee County where he was born and settled in Jonesville for a few years. While living here he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Lee County, serving one term. Later he left Lee County and settled in the Washington, D.C. area where he died.

(4) Charles Robert Ely (son of Andrew McMillen and Esther) was born Sept. 28, 1861 in Lee County, Virginia. He married in Lee County, Sept. 8, 1886, Lorinda R. McDowell, b. August 27, 1865; d. May 25, 1903; buried in the McDowell family cemetery, White Shoals, Lee County. Lorinda Rozella McDowell was the daughter of John McDowell (b. Feb. 12, 1833;

d. Feb. 17, 1895) and Susannah Shelby Jones (b. Nov. 18, 1834; d. about 1904), daughter of James Jones (b. Dec. 20, 1805; d. Oct. 27, 1854) and Lorinda Warren, (b. Nov. 4, 1806; d. July 14, 1886). (See the McDowell and Warren-Jones Families). Sometime after their marriage Charles Robert and Lorinda Ely left Lee County, Virginia, and in 1893 they were in Nebraska. He may have gone to Nebraska shortly after his marriage (1886) with his brother William Smith Ely, who settled in Eastern Nebraska, Sarpy County. Later he was in Texas, in 1897, when his youngest daughter was born. Charles Robert and Lorinda Ely had four children:

1. Hubert Ely (eldest child). No record.
2. Loretta (Retta) Ely, m. ____ Brookfield; reside Pecos, Texas.
3. Esther Ely, b. April 3, 1894 in Nebraska; m. Dec. 27, 1916 in Lee County, Va., by I.S. Anderson, Ira Rice, b. 1893, son of Richard and Addie Rice. They reside at Umatilla, Florida where Mr. Rice was a contractor. Children:
 - (1) Margaret Ann Rice.
 - (2) Terry Rice.
4. Rose Edith Ely, b. Sept. 11, 1897, Floyd, Texas; d. Oct. 6, 1967, after a lengthy illness; m. at Cumberland Gap, Tenn. by I.S. Anderson, William Patton Tritt, Nov. 27, 1915. She was P.M. at Woodway, Virginia for 27 years. (See the Tritt Family)

(7) John C. Ely (son of Andrew M. and Esther), b. Feb. 6, 1868; m. Nov. 23, 1904, Mallie Bales, b. 1869, dau. of Jonathan and Sarah A. (Crockett) Bales. The marriage record gives the name, "Melvina O. Bales." John C. Ely was Deputy Treasurer under his brother Alexander M. Ely, Treasurer, at the time of his marriage. John C. Ely built a large home a short distance northeast of Jonesville where he resided after his marriage until 1915 when he sold the home and farm to J. Paris Albert, now owned by Joseph A. Wolf. After the sale of his holdings in Lee County he removed to Loudoun County, Virginia and settled at Leesburg where he engaged in farming, and where his wife died in 1926. After the death of his wife, John married a second time. The name of his second wife is not known nor the date of his death. After the death of her parents Rose Ely, daughter of Charles Robert Ely and Lorinda R. McDowell, lived with the John Ely family until her marriage.

5. Thomas Smith Ely (son of Alexander M. and Mary (McMillen) Ely) was born March 23, 1837 (1839 is also shown) at the old Ely homestead about five miles west of Jonesville in Lee County, Virginia, where he spent most of his life, and where he died December 2, 1907. He clerked in his brother Andrew M. Ely's store at Walnut Hill in Lee County for about six years when a young man, and while here, he met Susan Malinda Willis whom he married March 9, 1858. Susan Malinda Willis was born December 4, 1841 and died July 28, 1901, daughter of John S. and Susan Willis of Walnut Hill. Thomas S. Ely served in the Sixteenth Virginia Regiment in the Confederate Army during the first two years of the war. Later he moved to the old Ely farm where he became a prosperous farmer. He was elected sheriff of Lee County and served two terms (eight years), and executed all the papers in the Absalom Russell murder case. He was married three times. After the death of his first wife in 1901, he married, June 15, 1902, Rebecca E. Hickam, born 1841, daughter of Thomas J. and Catherine (Allen) Larmer. His third wife was C.L. Bartley, born 1867, whom he married February 5, 1905. The Thomas Smith Ely home was near the Wesley Chapel Church, and he and his family were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for many years. Subsequently the North and South Methodist Churches merged.

Thomas Smith and Susan Malinda Ely had ten children:

- (1) Mollie Susan (Mary Sue) Ely, b. April 22, 1861; d. July 23, 1943.
- (2) A. Mack (Andrew McMillen) Ely, b. 1863-5; m. Ollie Gillenwaters, and removed to Texas and settled at Greenville, where he was employed with the Paris Grocery Company for a number of years. Their children were: Mary and Margaret Ely.
- (3) Alice S. Ely (dau. of Thomas S.), b. April 22, 1867; d. May 27, 1950. Alice Ely was a teacher in the public schools of Lee County until her retirement.
- (4) Charles N. Ely, b. Sept. 13, 1868; d. Jan. 27, 1940
- (5) Nannie Barthena Ely, b. May 13, 1869; d. March 16, 1912, unm.
- (6) Lucy Lane Ely, b. July 6, 1871; d. Oct. 26, 1912, unm
- (7) Elizabeth Ely, b. about 1873-4
- (8) Frank R. Ely, b. 1876; m. Sept. 17, 1900, Mary Minter, b. 1876

dau. of William and Lettie Minter. Shortly after their marriage they left for the west and first settled in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for a number of years, later moved with his family to Kansas.

- (9) Thomas B. Ely (Tim), b. April 19, 1878; d. May 6, 1946.
- (10) Margaret Mildred Ely, b. July 5, 1880; d. May 12, 1902 as a young woman of typhoid.
- (1) Mollie Susan (Mary Sue) Ely (oldest dau. of Thomas S. and Susan Malinda (Willis) Ely) was born April 22, 1861 and died July 23, 1943. Mary Sue Ely married Oct. 22, 1890, Samuel B. Poteet, b. July 27, 1861 and d. February 15, 1925, son of Samuel and Sarah (Sally) Poteet. They are buried in the Ely cemetery, near Wesley Chapel, about five miles west of Jonesville in Lee County, Virginia. After his marriage, Samuel Poteet became one of the largest and most prosperous farmers in the county. His estate was appraised, March 19, 1925, by D.C. McClure, E.S. Suttle, and D.C. Sewell, Jr. (WBK 6, 336-37).

A list of his heirs was recorded, March 7, 1925, in Will Book 6, page 272.

Samuel Poteet resided on part of the original Ely land, near Wesley Chapel, where eight children were born to him and Mary Sue Ely:

1. Grace Poteet (dau. of Samuel B.), b. Aug. 12, 1891; d. Jan. 12, 1922; m. Nov. 7, 1917, C.L. Dickenson, b. 1890 in Russell County, Virginia, son of ___ and Pattie C. Dickenson. They had one daughter: Pattie Sue Dickenson, b. about 1920. Grace (Poteet) Dickenson was a teacher before her marriage.
 2. Sally Mae Poteet, b. about 1893-4; m. Nov. 18, 1918, John H. Russell, b. 1884, son of Edward M. and Rebecca (Skaggs) Russell. John H. Russell ranked high in the field of education. One son was born to them.
 3. Josephine Poteet, b. about 1895-6; m. Paul Minter, son of William and Lettie Minter. After their marriage they removed to Oklahoma.
 4. Alma Poteet, b. about 1897-8; m. ___ Cox, a lawyer of Scott County, Virginia. Alma (Poteet) Cox was a teacher before retirement. She resides in Jonesville, Va. Her husband is deceased.
 5. Cardin Hagan Poteet, b. June 20, 1897; m. about 1924, Patty Ely, b. Feb. 20, 1917, dau. of Melvin George and Henrietta (Ett) (Flanary) Ely. (See the Ely Family.)
 6. Samuel B. Poteet. No record.
 7. Margaret Poteet, b. 1904
 8. Mallie Poteet, b. 1906; m. Guy Kauffman, son of Ikey and Hattie Kauffman. Both are deceased. Two children.
- (9) Thomas B. (Tim) Ely, M.D. (son of Thomas Smith and Susan Malinda (Willis) Ely) was born April 19, 1878 and died May 6, 1946. He married December 11, 1911, Jennie (Eliza Jane) Edds, b. Nov. 16, 1874 and died Nov. 16, 1946, daughter of Harrison E. and Lydia Jane (Ely) Edds. They are buried in the Chance Cemetery, near the Edds home. Dr. Ely as a boy attended the country schools near his home, graduated in 1900 from the Jonesville High School, and then was a student at Emory and Henry College until ill health caused him to leave at the beginning of his junior year. After recuperating on the home farm until 1905, he entered the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, and was graduated Doctor of Medicine in 1909. For one year he was intern in the Sarah Leigh Hospital at Norfolk, Virginia. He returned to Lee County, Virginia where he became busy with a general medical and surgical practice at Jonesville, where he resided, and in Lee County. Two children were born to them:

1. Olive Ely, b. March 2, 1913; d. March 3, 1913.
2. Thomas Southgate Ely, born June 8, 1914, M.D. Dr. Ely resides in Jonesville, Virginia where he practices medicine in the town and the county. He is currently serving as Potentate of the Kazim Temple of Roanoke. This office is the highest post a Shriner can attain on the state level. In addition to his Shrine and Masonic activities, Dr. Ely has taken an active part in civic, religious and educational undertakings in the state and on a National basis. Dr. Ely is married to Barbara Dixon, a nurse, and they have two children, a son and a daughter.

Note: Since the above sketch was written, Dr. Ely has died.

(9) James A.G. Ely (son of Robert Sr.) was born July 29, 1809 in Lee County, Virginia and died in 1854. He was married about 1842-3 to Eliza Beaty, born Jan. 3, 1821, presumably in Sumner county, Tenn., daughter of William and Mary (Polly) Beaty. James A.G. Ely's estate was appraised by James J. Gibson, William T. Gibson, Daniel Litrell, William Ball and George H. Hoskins.

At a Court held for Lee County the 19th day of June 1854. At a writing under the hand of Eliza Ely, widow of James A.G. Ely deceased ...she relinquished her right of administration in favor of William S. Ely and Andrew M. Ely (OBK 7, p 87).

...On August 21, 1856 the "Court doth assign Eliza Ely guardian of Mary J. Ely, James M. and Werley P. Ely, orphans of James A.G. Ely, deceased" (OBK 7, p 288).

James A.G. and Eliza Ely only had three children:

1. Mary Jane Ely, b. July 20, 1844; m. Sept. 14, 1865, Charles Franklin Blakemore, b. Jan. 12, 1840 in Lee County, son of Joseph S. Blakemore and Susannah C. (Hamblen) Blakemore. They removed to Lamar County, Texas sometime around 1868. (See the Blakemore Family)
2. James Milton Ely, also went to Texas and settled in Lamar County. James Milton Ely for himself and power of attorney for Charles F. Blakemore and Mary Jane Blakemore his wife of Lamar County and State of Texas, sold on January 17, 1870, the tract of land owned by James A.G. Ely, deceased, being the land James A.G. Ely had purchased from Josiah Dougherty and wife, to Andrew M. Ely (DBK 16 - 184, Lee Co., Va.).
3. Alexander Werley P. Ely. No record.

Eliza (Beaty) Ely (38 years, 1 month) married second, February 3, 1859, David Orr (57 years, 10 months) who had become widowed. Eliza (Beaty) (Ely) Orr died June 20, 1864.

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List of rent received by David Orr as guardian for Mary Jane, Milton and Alexander Ely, infant children of James A.G. Ely, deceased, for the years: 1859 60-61 62 63-64 ... having married the widow of the said James A.G. Ely (dec'd) I am therefore entitled to retain one equal third part of the rent thereof ...

David Orr, Guardian
January 1, 1865

The 1860 U.S. census show : Mary J. Ely (15), James M. Ely (11), and Alexander W. (8) in the home of David and Eliza Orr.

(10) Precious Ely (dau. of Robert) b. Aug. 1, 1811; d. prior to 1846; m. Henry Hamblen, b. Feb. 22, 1801, son of Champ and Lavina (Fisher) Hamblen. (See the Hamblen Family.)

(11) Sarah A. Ely (dau. of Robert), b. June 17 1813; d. Sept. 12, 1882; m. John Hamblen Jr., b. Oct. 1, 1808; d. June 11, 1892, son of Hezekiah and Nancy Hamblen of Hawkins County, Tenn.

(12) Phoebe Ely (dau. of Robert), b. Nov. 11, 1814; m. William L. Turner of Harlan County, Kentucky.

(13) Belinda N. Ely (dau. of Robert), b. June 11, 1818; m. Anderson Campbell of Claiborne County, Tennessee.

(14) John Wesley McPherson Ely (youngest child of Robert and Anne), b. April 8, 1820; d. July 29, 1903, 83 years, 3 mos., 21 days; m. Susannah Hamblen, b. in Hawkins Co., Tenn.; d. 1881 in Lee Co., Va., dau. of Hezekiah and Nancy Hamblen of Hawkins co., Tenn. John W.M. Ely and Robert M. Ely administered the estate of their father, Robert Ely. John W. M. Ely inherited one fourteenth part of his father's estate, and then Thomas Ely and John W.M. Ely purchased jointly the interests of Robert M., George R., Alexander, James A.G., William L. Turner and Phoebe (Ely) Turner, and Belinda and Anderson Campbell in Robert Ely's estate. John W.M. and Susannah had seven children:

1. Thomas James Ely, b. Jan. 22, 1844.
2. Nancy Ely, b. 1846.
3. Sarah A. Ely, b. 1848.
4. Mary E. Ely, b. 1850.
5. William O.L. Ely, b. 1852.
6. Eleanor Jane, b. May 1, 1854.
7. John Wesley M. Ely, b. Jan. 10, 1857.

1. Thomas James Ely (oldest son of John W.M.), b. Jan. 22, 1844; d. May 3, 1907; m. Feb. 5 or 6, 1868, Adaline G. Blakemore, b. Feb. 27, 1846; d. March 26, 1925, dau. of Joseph S. and Susannah Hamblen Blakemore. James Thomas Ely was a farmer and lived near Powell River in the Hurricane area of Lee County. Children:

- (1) John Wesley McPherson, b. Feb. 15, 1869; d. Oct. 8, 1960; m. Dec. 20, 1894, Orlena E. Spencer, b. Dec. 25, 1872; d. Feb. 24, 1960.

- dau. of Washington Spencer. (See the Spencer Family.)
- (2) Sarah Susan Ely, b. about 1871; m. Aug. 1, 1888, W.C. (Bud) Warner, b. 1864, son of John A. and Fannie Warner.
 - (3) Charles William Ely, b. about 1873; m. 1st, Alpha Hopkins of Mulberry Gap, Tenn., and had one daughter, Mary Ely. He married, 2nd, Susan Skidmore. Mary Ely m. ——— Kelso of Kingsport.
 - (4) Malinda (Belinda) C. Ely, b. Feb. 24, 1875; d. Oct. 7, 1917; m. May 19, 1900, James Noe, b. 1875, son of Duncan and Sarah C. Noe.
 - (5) Mattie Eleanor Ely, b. July 27, 1877; d. July 28, 1908; m. Robert L.

- James, b. Dec. 5, 1874; d. Nov. 29, 1903.
- (6) Joseph Blakemore Ely, Methodist Minister, b. Nov. 15, 1882; m. Effie Smith, d. 1968.
 - (7) Mary Ann Ely, b. 1884; m. Samuel Chisenhall.
 - (8) L. Turner Ely, b. July 3, 1890; d. Feb. 11, 1912.
 - (6) The Rev. Joseph B. Ely died October 11, 1975, age 93. He had been at Asbury Acres Retirement Home in Maryville, Tennessee since 1972; burial was in Emory, Virginia. He was the senior member of the Holston Conference, having joined in 1905. He had served as pastor to several area churches including ones in Greenville, Bristol, Athens and Harriman.

CHAPTER III

JOSEPH ELY FAMILY

9. Joseph Ely (son of Thomas and Jane) was born Nov. 12, 1775 in Bedford County, Virginia, and died Nov. 2, 1827 in Lee County, Virginia, leaving a will, dated February 17, 1827. He married, 1799, Frances (Fanny) Hix (Hicks), born Nov. 26, 1778 in Washington County, Virginia and died April 16, 1861 in Lee County, daughter of Nathaniel and Jane (Scott) (Chrisman) Hix. The birth date is recorded in the Russell Family Bible and the death date in the Lee County Death Register. Both are believed to be the correct dates, however, they do not correspond with the tombstone inscriptions.

May 31, 1861 (Will Book 2, Page 427, Lee County): We, Henry Graham, Elkanah Flanary and Tobias Pennington, first being duly sworn, do appraise all the personal estate of Frances Russell, deceased. July 17, 1861-This Bill of Appraisalment of the personal property of Frances Russell, deceased, was this day admitted to record.

Teste: William S. Saul D.C.

Frances Ely was married to John Russell, Senior, by Andrew Hunter, June 5, 1831. (Lee County Marriages.)

"John Russell and Frances Russell (nee widow Ealy (Ely) his second wife was married June 5th day 1831." (Russell Family Bible.)
Tombstone Record: "b. April 7, 1780; d. April 17, 1860; 80 years."

Joseph Ely and Frances (Ely) Russell are buried in the Ely family graveyard on the old Ely homestead, now known as Riverview Cemetery, overlooking North Fork of Powell River, Pennington Gap, Virginia.

Children of Joseph and Frances Ely:

- (1) Jane Ely, b. May 10, 1800; d. Jan. 4, 1870.
- (2) Elizabeth Ely, b. 1802; d. after 1863 in Harlan Co., Ky.; m. about 1822, Hezekiah Branson. (See the Branson Family.)
- (3) Hiram Ely, b. Oct. 23, 1804; d. Feb. 25, 1881.
- (4) Rachel Ely, b. July 2, 1806; d. April 8, 1884; m. before 1827, Hiram Jones of Harlan Co., Ky. (See the Jones Family.)
- (5) Barbara Ely, b. 1808-9; m. 1831-2, Samuel Parsons. Little is known of the family. Barbara Ely is mentioned as having married Samuel Parsons in a chancery suit relating to validity of Joseph Ely's will. Also named in Joseph N. Ely's will, dated January 20, 1863.
- (6) Frances (Fanny) Ely, b. June 16, 1811; d. Aug. 18, 1876; m. 1st, Oct. 13, 1831 by Andrew Hunter, Adam France, son of William and Elizabeth; 2nd, 1839, Judge Carr Bailey.
- (7) Joseph N. Ely, b. May 10, 1813; d. Dec. 11, 1882; m. June 8, 1834, Sarah S. Pennington, daughter of Thomas and Mary
- (8) Nimrod Chrisman Ely, b. Dec. 17, 1816; d. July 10, 1869.
- (9) Rebecca Ely, b. April 22, 1819; m. Jan. 21, 1836, Peter Reasor.
- (10) Mary (Polly) Ely, b. about 1822; d. Sept. 5, 1888, age 65; m. 1842-4, William E. Smyth, b. June 18, 1818, son of James and Nancy (Orr) Smyth. (See the Smyth Family.)
- (11) Andrew Jackson Ely, b. June 6, 1825; d. Feb. 23, 1889.

After his marriage Joseph Ely settled in the Cane Creek area of Lee County where he first purchased a tract of land lying on the Poor Valley Ridge from Rene and Jane Napier, being part of the land they purchased from Edmund Smith in 1798. Subsequently Joseph Ely sold this tract of land and purchased a tract lying on both sides of North Fork of Powell River from Thomas and Sarah Stewart, adjoining Isaac Hisor and Eward Pennington, where he built and

established his home overlooking North Fork of Powell River. Joseph Ely obtained additional land and engaged in farming with slave labor. He reared a large family of children who intermarried with other leading families of Lee County, Virginia and Harlan County, Kentucky.

Joseph Ely was well established and took an active part in the affairs of the County. He was frequently called upon for public service. His home was a landmark in the county. In cutting and building roads and ascertaining locations, Joseph Ely's home was frequently referred to as: passing "Joseph Ely's."

Joseph Ely died November 2, 1827 at the age of 52, leaving a large family.

Pursuant to an order from the County Court of Lee dated the 25th of December 1827 to us directed we have proceeded after being sworn for that purpose to appraise the personal property of Joseph Ely, deceased, and we do appraise said property to the sum of \$2,127.50 given under our hands this 23 of February 1826. (This should be 1827)

(1 negro boy \$250)	Edward X Pennington
(2 negro girls \$700)	Edward Smith
	John Russell, Sen.

Virginia

At a Court held for Lee County 25 December 1827. On the motion of Fanny Ely the Executrix named in the will of Joseph Ely, deceased, ... made oath thereto and together with Benjamin Dickenson, George F. Ely and Robert Ely her securities...acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000 conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted her for obtaining probate of the said will in due form (ORK 3 p. 125)

Will of Joseph Ely

I Joseph Ely of Lee County and State of Virginia do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. First, after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Fanny Ely, the plantation whereon I now live with all my land Estate goods chattles of what nature soever until my youngest child arrives to the age of twenty years then I desire that all my lands be equally divided according to quantity and quality with my four sons, Hiram, Joseph, Nimrod and Andrew J. Ely reserving the third part to my wife for and during the term of her natural widowhood. Also I desire that my wife give to my children that is now living with me as they get married or arrives at the age of twenty years the same quantity of property as to make them equal with those of my children that are already married. It is also my desire that when my youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one as above mentioned That the residue of my property be equally divided with all my children, with reserving one third part to my wife for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease to be equally divided with all my children and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Fanny Ely executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 17th day of February in the year 1827.

His
Joseph X Ely (Seal)
mark

Signed sealed published and declared by
Joseph Ely, as and for his last will and Testament
in the presence and hearing of us who at his
and in his presence have subscribed our names as witness
William Yeary - Gabriel Chrisman

(1) Jane Ely (oldest child of Joseph and Frances), b. May 10, 1800; d. Jan. 4, 1870; m. Jan. 15, 1818, John Smyth, b. April 23, 1795 in Washington Co., Va.; d. Aug. 6, 1890, age 95, son of Edward and Hannah (Crabtree) Smyth.

John Smyth's personal property was appraised, Sept. 13, 1890, by J.P. Myers, Joseph Myers and William Orr. (WBK 4, 101)

At the time of his death he was in the home of his youngest daughter.

Sarah (Smyth) Trent at Zion's Mill in Lee County, Va. Jane and John Smyth had nine children:

1. Frances Smyth, b. 1819; d. young; m. but no children.
2. William Smyth, b. about 1821; d. 1890; m. Mary, surname unknown.
3. Edward McDonald Smyth; b. about 1825; d. Jan. 15, 1864 at Camp Douglas, Illinois, prisoner of war; buried in Oakwoods Cemetery Confederate Mound, Chicago. He served as Private in Company G 64 Virginia Regiment. (The Oak Woods Cemetery Association, Chicago, Ill.) Edward Smyth was married twice, 1st, Minerva Parsons, b. May 6, 1826; d. Feb. 6, 1853, dau. of John and Rebecca (Pennington) Parsons; 2nd, Sarah Travis, dau. of Robert and Elizabeth. (See the Smyth and Travis Families.) (See his Farewell Letter.)
4. David Smyth, m. Mary A. Harris.
5. James P. Smyth. (See the James P. (Smith) Smyth Family.)
6. Rebecca C. Smyth, m. William Russell Orr, son of Alexander H and Faith (Russell) Orr. (See the Orr Family.)
7. John Morrison Smyth, b. June 1, 1838; d. March 10, 1912. (See the Smyth Family.)
8. Elizabeth Jane Smyth, m. May 14, 1866 John B. Pennington, b. Feb. 1, 1837, son of John and Rachel. (See the Pennington Family.)
9. Sarah Smyth, m. Stokely Trent. (See the Smyth Family.)

Note:

I am indebted to Mrs. George J. Tritt (Rebecca Minerva Smyth) now deceased, for the copy of the "Farewell Letter" of Edward M. Smyth written about three days before his death, a prisoner of war at Camp Douglas, Ill., to his wife and children. (See the Smyth, Tritt and Travis Families.)

THE LAST LETTER OF A DYING CONFEDERATE SOLDIER, IN PRISON, TO HIS WIFE

Hospital Ward No. 10, Camp Douglas, Illinois
January 12, 1864

My dear wife and children:

I have often been permitted to write to you since I joined the army, but this is the last you will ever hear from me. I have been sick of typhoid fever about four weeks, my eyes are now swimming in death and I die in a few hours. I am quite sensible of everything and in my proper mind. But I shall soon bid farewell to earth with all its fruits, but while I am bidding the last farewell to earthly friends, angels are beckoning me away. They are around my bed. They are in my room waiting to take my spirit home. All is well and all is well. I was very anxious to live to get home again to advise my children once more, but since it is the will of my Father to take me from here, I am resigned to his will. My dear wife I want you to teach my little children the lessons of the Lord. I want you and them to follow my foot steps and meet me in that sunbright clime, the home of the just whose name is heaven. I will soon be gone to dwell with the Angels of God forever. Oh what a heavenly breeze. Give the children as good education as you can and always instruct them the way of righteousness and you my dear wife take the instructions of your father in regard to your affairs. I am bound to stop writing but I must necessarily close my letter and my eyes in death. My dear companion and children farewell.

Edward Smyth

(3) Hiram Ely (eldest son of Joseph and Fanny), b. Oct. 24, 1804; d. Feb. 25, 1881; m. June 16, 1825, Sarah (Sally) Horton, b. Dec. 25, 1806 in Russell County, Virginia; d. 1891 in Lee County, dau. of Travis and Rebecca (Lester) Horton. Hiram Ely resided on part of the original Joseph Ely land, east of what is now the town of Pennington Gap, known as the Dry Branch Community. He was a well-to-do farmer and a highly respected citizen of the community. He and other members of his family are buried in a family graveyard on the farm. He reared a large family of children who grew to adulthood at this location:

1. Joseph Ely, b. Nov. 26, 1826.
2. Lorinda Ely, b. Oct. 2, 1828; d. Feb. 8, 1899; m. Feb. 10, 1857,

Alexander Smith, b. Dec. 2, 1832; d. March 25, 1886, son of Thomas H. and Nancy Smith. They were married by James T. Lloyd.

3. Nimrod H. Ely, b. Jan. 21, 1833.
4. Isaac Ely, b. about 1835; m. either Caroline or Cornelia (surname unknown), both names appear in the same deed. Isaac and his wife were in Carter County, Kentucky in 1882.
5. Andrew J. Ely, b. about 1838; m. Elizabeth (surname unknown). He removed to Carter County, Kentucky.
6. William H.H. Ely, b. about 1840; d. Dec. 5, 1887; m. Nov. 20, 1866, Martha Jane Dalton, b. about 1846, dau. of Timothy and Susan (Kelly) Dalton.
7. John Ely, b. about 1842; m. March 6, 1871, at the Harlan County Courthouse, Kentucky, by B.M. Setzer, Nancy Jane Wynn, dau. of Josiah and Mary (Kelly) Wynn. Issue: (1) Laura Ely, m. Silas Kelly. (2) Sarah Ely, b. Jan. 28, 1876; m. Isaac Huff.
8. George W. Ely, b. Dec. 4, 1844.
9. Hiram Horton Ely, b. about 1848.
10. Milton H. Ely, b. March 26, 1850.

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July 29, 1882, Andrew J. Ely and Elizabeth his wife, Isaac Ely and Cornelia his wife of Carter County and State of Kentucky, John H. Ely and Nancy his wife of the County of Harlan and State of Kentucky. Hiram H. Ely and Nancy his wife, George W. Ely and Sarah his wife, Milton H. Ely and Susan his wife, William H.H. Ely and Jane his wife of Lee County and State of Virginia, witnesseth that the six first mentioned parties of the first part, have this day sold and hereby conveyed to Andrew J. Ely Senior of Lee County and State of Virginia of the second part...all their right, title...out of the home farm where Hiram Ely resided at the time of his death...to the dower interest of the widow Sarah Ely, widow of the late Hiram Ely, deceased.

(Signed)

his	her
A. J. X Ely (Seal)	Susan X Ely (Seal)
mark	mark
Elizabeth Ely (Seal)	John H. X Ely (Seal)
his	mark
Isaac X Ely (Seal)	her
mark	Nancy X Ely (Seal)
	mark
Carolina Ely (Seal)	Hiram H. Ely (Seal)
his	her
George W. X Ely (Seal)	Nancy Jane X Ely (Seal)
mark	mark
	his
Sarah Ely (Seal)	William H.H. X Ely (Seal)
	mark
Milton H. Ely (Seal)	her
	Martha Jane X Ely (Seal)
	mark

1. Joseph Ely (eldest son of Hiram and Sarah) was born Nov. 26, 1826; died April 19, 1903; m. Nov. 1, 1847, Lucy Ann Stewart, b. July 9, 1832; d. Jan. 17, 1919, daughter of Nancy Stewart.

Copy of Marriage Certificate From the Joseph Ely Bible:

This certifies that Joseph Ely and Lucyan Stewart were united by me in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony at Dryden Branch, Virginia on the 1st day of November in the year of our Lord 1847

In Presence

Signed: Jno. Bishop

Joseph and Lucy Ann Ely had eleven children:

- (1) Louisa Ely, b. Jan. 17, 1849; d. Jan. 2, 1881.
- (2) Nimrod C. Ely, b. June 16, 1851.
- (3) Rebecca H. Ely, b. Nov. 18, 1853; d. Oct. 17, 1856.
- (4) Frances Ely, b. May 4, 1856; d. Dec. 28, 1950; m. March 13, 1871, Francis Marion Parsons, b. Dec. 11, 1842; d. July 19, 1922. (See the Parsons Family)

- (5) Mary Ely, b. Sept. 25, 1858; m., 1st, Nov. 1, 1873, William Quillen, b. 1847 in Sullivan County, Tennessee, son of John and Susan; m., 2nd, Moses Turner.
- (6) James P. Ely, b. Jan. 11, 1861; m. Lorinda Stamper.
- (7) Archibald Henderson Ely, b. June 26, 1863; d. Feb. 13, 1949; m. July 14, 1892, Mattie B. Hughes, b. May 5, 1878; d. Aug. 1, 1956, dau. of John T. Hughes (b. Aug. 1, 1840; d. Feb. 15, 1932) and Amanda J. (Ely) Hughes (b. Jan. 17, 1859; d. March 31, 1918, dau. of Andrew J. and Lavina (Zion) Ely). John T. Hughes was a son of Nancy Hughes (b. Sept. 15, 1829; d. April 19, 1910).
- (8) Hiram Grant Ely (doctor), b. Jan. 26, 1864-5; d. 1954; m. Amanda Belle Tritt, b. Sept. 18, 1871; d. 1960, dau. of Samuel, Jr. and Helen Dorthula (Horton) Tritt.
- (9) Andrew J. Ely (son of Joseph and Lucy Ann), b. May 27, 1869; d. 1959; m., 1st, June 18, 1891, Mary Jane Turner (widow), b. 1859, dau. of William and Betsie Turner. They were married by H.H. Ely. Andrew J. Ely (35), occupation: mining; m. 2nd, Mary J. Turner (48), dau. of William and Elizabeth Turner of Harlan County, Kentucky, Dec. 24, 1906—both divorced. This was their second marriage to each other. They were married the second time by J. T. Laningham.
- (10) Sarah E. Ely (dau. of Joseph), b. Dec. 10, 1871.
- (11) Richard William Ely, b. Feb. 21, 1874; m. March 13, 1896, Alice Kelly, b. 1875, dau. of D. and M. Kelly. They removed from Lee County, Virginia and settled in Washington State. Alice (Kelly) Ely died September 1942, and Richard W. Ely died November 25, 1962 at the age of 88. Their children were: Roy, Earl, Ernest and Claude Ely.
- (2) Nimrod C. Ely (son of Joseph and Lucy Ann), b. June 16, 1851; d. Feb. 18, 1934; m. March 17, 1875, Rebecca Jane Barker, b. Nov. 8, 1849; d. March 25, 1936, dau. of Charles and Nancy (Kate) (Baker), (b. in Washington County, Virginia) Barker.
- Children:
1. Etta Ely, b. Dec. 31, 1875 (this date is also shown: Jan. 1, 1876); d. March 7, 1951; m. Feb. 16, 1913, Emmett H. Lawson, b. Aug. 31, 1880; d. Dec. 16, 1954, son of Thomas and Minerva.
 2. Creed Ely, b. Oct. 15, 1877; m. Oct. 14, 1909, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hughes, b. 1885, dau. of John T. and Amanda J. (Ely) Hughes. Creed F. Ely died Feb. 5, 1968, aged 90 years, 3 months, 20 days.
 3. Hattie C. Ely (dau. of Nimrod C.), b. March 2, 1880; m. Aug. 16, 1913, DeWitt Ewing Hobbs (as his 2nd wife), b. 1884; d. April 25, 1960, son of Joshua E. and Emily (Flanary) Hobbs. His will, dated June 11, 1852, was proved June 2, 1960. (WBK 10 262)
 4. Palestine, b. June 12, 1882; d. March 7, 1968; m. Dewey Fannon.
 5. Charles Hop Ely, b. Jan. 17, 1886; d. Feb. 19, 1960; m. Sept. 20, 1925, Ollie Musick, b. Jan. 30, 1890; d. April 28, 1952. Ollie Ely was a teacher before her marriage.
 6. Birdie Ely, b. April 23, 1889; m. March 12, 1916, Joseph N. Ely, b. Jan. 15, 1881, son of John Z. and Mary (Pennington) Ely.
 7. Ballard Ely, b. Jan. 30, 1894; m. April 26, 1916, Corda Mae Gilbert, b. May 12, 1888; d. June 30, 1963, age 75, dau. of Alfred and Rebecca Gilbert; m. by P.H. Larmer.
- (7) Archibald Henderson Ely (son of Joseph and Lucy), b. June 26, 1868, and Mattie B. Hughes Ely, b. May 5, 1878. Known children:
1. Carrie D. Ely, b. 1893; m. June 20, 1914, Charles E. Harber, a surveyor, b. about 1889; d. April 5, 1966, son of E.S. and Laura. They had several children, names not known.
 2. Estelle Ely, m. Jan. 6, 1919, John Richard Myers, b. Aug. 14, 1898 in the "Old Andrew Milbourne Home" son of James P. and Sarah C. (Fitts) Myers. (See the Myers Family.)
 3. Nimrod H. Ely (son of Hiram and Sarah (Horton) Ely), b. Jan. 21, 1833; d. July 3, 1898; m. Feb. 4, 1853, Lavina Myers, b. Sept. 28, 1836; d. June 23, 1916, dau. of John and Rachel (Harsh) Myers. They had the following children:
 - (1) Mary J. Ely, b. Jan. 8, 1856
 - (2) James Marion Ely, b. Sept. 10, 1857; m. Sarah Stewart.
 - (3) Isaac Putnam Ely, m. Nancy Myers.
 - (4) Amanda Ely, d. unm.
 - (5) W. Sherman Ely, b. 1868; m. Nov. 9, 1896, Rebecca Frances Stewart, b. 1872, dau. of James and Rebecca.
- (6) Hiram Ely, b. Feb. 1, 1872.
- (7) John B. Ely, b. 1875; m. July 2, 1899, Cynthia Ann Reasor, b. 1873, dau. of Daniel Sheffy and Elizabeth P. (Skaggs) Reasor.
- (8) Charles H. Ely, b. Dec. 29, 1878; d. March 25, 1956; m. 1st, Sarah Elizabeth Day, b. May 23, 1887; d. March 26, 1935; m. 2nd, Maude (Cooper) Wilkerson, a widow. Mr. Ely was a minister of the Methodist Church, retired at the time of his death. He attended Lee County public schools, and in 1916 entered Tennessee Wesleyan College to study for the ministry. During his college years he was pastor of a church near Athens, Tenn. In 1919 he was admitted on trial to Holston Conference and served the following charges: Elkmont, Knoxville Circuit, 2 years; Tremont, in the Smokies, 5 years; Lenoir City, 5 years; from there he went to Salem, Virginia, serving 6 years; Villa Heights in Roanoke, 4 years; Mt. Crawford, 4 years. His last ten years were spent in the Virginia Conference. He retired in 1949 and moved back to his old home in Pennington Gap, Va.
8. George W. Ely (son of Hiram and Sarah) was born Dec. 4, 1844 and died June 28, 1910. He was married Nov. 20, 1866 to Sarah Ann Garrison, b. March 6, 1848; d. Jan. 30, 1920, dau. of James and Rebecca Garrison. They had nine children:
- (1) James H. Ely, b. Sept. 5, 1867.
 - (2) Rebecca Ely, b. Jan. 6, 1870.
 - (3) Emma Ely, b. Sept. 12, 1872; m. _____ Wade.
 - (4) Nancy Ely, b. Oct. 18, 1875; d. Oct. 26, 1956; m. Oct. 15, 1907, James P. Myers, b. Oct. 15, 1868; d. March 17, 1934, son of William and Sarah Ann Bolling (Bolin) Myers. This was James P. Myers' second marriage. He was a stonemason.
 - (5) Evangeline Ely, b. Sept. 19, 1878.
 - (6) Charles Ely, b. March 20, 1880; m. Dona C. Tritt, b. April 18, 1880, dau. of Samuel Jr. and Helen Dorthula (Horton) Tritt.
 - (7) Charles Clark (Dock) Ely, b. Nov. 28, 1882; m. 1st, _____ Carter; 2nd, July 13, 1925, Nancy (Gibson) Mullins, b. 1867-8, dau. of Richard and Oma.
 - (8) Minnie Ely, b. Sept. 24, 1886; m., 1st, April 16, 1905, Leonard B. Ely, b. July 20, 1880; d. March 28, 1920, son of James Marion and Sarah E. (Stewart) Ely. Leonard Ely was engaged in the mercantile business. Minnie Ely married, 2nd, June 26, 1925, by H.H. Ely, Andrew Tucker Vaughn, b. 1883 in Scott County, Virginia, son of Henry and Martha Vaughn.
 - (9) John Ely, b. Sept. 22, 1889; m. Cinda (Lucinda) Belle Wynn.
 - (1) James H. Ely (son of George W.) was born Sept. 5, 1867; died Aug. 27, 1945. He was married twice, 1st, Oct. 19, 1886, Minerva Turner, b. 1868 in Harlan Co., Ky., dau. of William and Elizabeth Turner. They were married by J.N. Redwine. This marriage ended in divorce after the birth of two or three children. His second wife was Adeline (Parsons) Carter (divorce), b. Feb. 7, 1871; d. March 13, 1951, dau. of James S. and Sarah (Sally) (Braunson) Parsons, whom he married Dec. 23, 1896. James H. Ely lived and reared his family in the Dry Branch community, near Pennington Gap, Virginia. He was a local methodist preacher and was called "Preacher Jim Ely." By his second wife he had seven children:
 1. Ada Ely, b. Nov. 5, 1897.
 2. Marie Ely, b. March 21, 1899
 3. Paris Bell Ely, b. July 18, 1901 (Twin)
 4. Orie Dell Ely, b. July 18, 1901 (Twin)
 5. Kitty Ely, b. Sept. 20, 1904
 6. Howard Ely, b. Dec. 8, 1908
 7. Venis Ely, b. May 22, 1910
1. Ada Ely (dau. of "Preacher Jim Ely") was born November 5, 1897. She was married October 16, 1922 to Pearl Parsons, born May 1893, and died October 1961, Orlando, Florida. After their marriage, they resided in Detroit, Michigan for a number of years, later, 1951, they moved to Orlando, Florida where they established a new home. Mr. Parsons was employed in Orlando until his retirement. Now Mrs. Parsons lives alone at the same location. They had two children:
- (1) Betty Cecile Parsons, b. Aug. 8, 1923; m. June 7, 1947, Ray Nicholas, b. 1920. They reside in Detroit, Michigan where they are employed.
 - (2) Neal Whitaker Parsons (son of Pearl and Ada) was born October 8, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in World War II. A few years after the close of the war, he married Betty Lindsay in Detroit where

they reside and where he is engaged in Business. they have one son:
1. Jimmie Allen Parsons, b. Nov. 19, 1951.

PARSONS

1. James S. Parsons (son of James and Rebecca (Stewart) Parsons), b. June 19, 1840; m. about 1864, Sarah Branson, b. June 3, 1843, daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Ely) Branson of Harlan County, Kentucky. Their children were:

1. Melissa Parsons, b. July 3, 1865; m. Harvey Bailey.
2. Mary A. Parsons, b. Aug. 30, 1868; m. Henry W. Livingston, b. 1867; d. 1940.
3. Adaline (Addie) Parsons, b. Feb. 7, 1871; d. March 13, 1951; m., 1st, Sept. 21, 1889, Andrew Carter, b. 1871, son of William and Elizabeth Carter. Her name in the marriage record was shown "M. A." and their ages "17"—married by William Cooper. This marriage ended in divorce, and Adaline (Parsons) Carter, m. 2nd, Dec. 23, 1896, James H. Ely, b. Sept. 5, 1867. (See the Ely Family)
4. Caldona (Dona) Parsons, b. Feb. 11, 1873; m. Wright Noell.
5. Aven (Avonia) Parsons, b. Aug. 25, 1875; d. Sept. 17, 1964, aged 89 years; m., 1st, Tony Williamson, b. 1871; d. 1954; 2nd, John J. Collins.
6. Infant, unnamed, b. Nov. 25, 1877.
7. Ella Parsons, b. Nov. 28, 1878; m. George Burchett.
8. Hiram Parsons, b. Feb. 4, 1881; d. April 2, 1936; m. Ollie Kate Blakemore, b. Dec. 5, 1880; d. Dec. 1, 1960, dau. of James Armstrong and Margaret M. (Jayne) Blakemore. They lived near Dryden in Poor Valley where he engaged in farming.
9. Ollie M. Parsons, b. July 14, 1883; d. March 7, 1964; m. April 6, 1906, Harvey (William Harvey) Brown, b. 1882; d. 1958. Two sons:
 - (1) Haze Brown, b. Feb. 24, 1907
 - (2) Clyde Brown, b. April 6, 1915.
10. Ortie Dell Parsons, b. Oct. 28, 1886; m. Dec. 14, 1906, Hays Helton b. 1883 in Knox County, Kentucky, son of Hiram and Rena Helton. They were married in Lee County, Virginia by J.M. Wolf. They reside at Crane's Nest, Kentucky.

The birth records of the James S. Parsons and the James H. Ely families were copied from the Bible of Mrs. Pearl Parsons (Ada Ely) Orlando, Florida. (See the Parsons Family)

9. Hiram Horton Ely (son of Hiram Sr.) was born about 1848 and died testate, 1912. His will, dated Nov. 11, 1912, was proved Dec. 11, 1912 by J.M. Stewart, M.J. Bailey and Harvey Young, witnesses thereto (WBK 5, 386).

Hiram Ely was married twice. 1st. April 8, 1875 to Nancy Jane Stewart, b. about 1847 and died prior to 1912. His second wife was Lucinda Stewart, b. about 1858, younger sister of his first wife, whom he married March 12, 1912. Nancy and Lucinda Stewart were daughters of William S. and Patience (Bailey) Stewart. By his will he devised his estate to his wife Lucinda. Hiram Horton Ely was a local Methodist preacher and resided in the Dry Branch community, near Pennington Gap. No children.

10. Milton H. Ely (son of Hiram Sr.) was born March 26, 1850; died September 20, 1886 (1B). He left a will, dated September 1, 1886, which was proved October 19, 1886, witnessed by W.M.S. Stewart, George W. Ely and James M. Stewart (WBK 3 - 665).

His wife was Susan Stewart, born July 7, 1851; died April 15, 1932, daughter of James and Rebecca. Milton H. Ely and Susan Stewart were married November 20, 1870. They had six children:

- (1) Emmett Ely, b. 1871-2.
- (2) Daniel Richard, b. April 17, 1873.
- (3) Rosa Ely, b. 1876; m. May 24, 1896, John Adams Robbins, b. 1871, son of S. and M.J. Robbins. They had several children, and lived in the Crab Orchard area of Lee County.
- (4) James Marion Ely (son of Milton H.), b. Jan. 25, 1878; d. Nov. 6, 1925; m. Feb. 7, 1907, Maggie Hobbs, b. about 1890.
- (5) Octavia Ely, b. 1880-82; m. Tennessee R. Smith, d. Feb. 12, 1966 at the age of 92; buried in Lee Memorial Park, Woodway, Va.
- (6) Ernestine Ely, b. 1886; m. April 27, 1910 T. Grant Parsons, b. Jan.

22, 1886; d. Feb. 11, 1920, son of Fletcher and Hannah.

(1) Emmett Ely (son of Milton H. and Susan), b. 1871 2; d. Dec. 5, 1956 at the age of 83; m. April 2, 1899, Rebecca Frances Reasor, b. 1872-3; d. 1953 in her 80th year, dau. of W.A.J. (Jack) and Valeria (Skaggs) Reasor. Children:

1. Howard Ely, b. about 1900; m. but the name of wife unknown.
2. Valeria Ely, b. about 1900 (twin to Howard). (See the Slemx Family)
3. Millard T. Ely, b. about 1902-3; m. Estelle Reasor.
4. Reba Ely, b. Oct. 8, 1906; m. Sept. 25, 1921, Thomas A. Reasor, b. March 8, 1898, son of John Hopkins and Josephine (Banks) Reasor. Thomas Reasor is deceased. (See the Reasor Family)
5. Hargis Ely, b. about 1908; m. Thelma Wampler.
6. Curtis Ely, m. Virginia Vandeventer.
7. Paris Ely, m. 1st, Merle Hobbs; 2nd, Virginia Clarkston. Paris Ely died May 4, 1970 in Lee General Hospital, Pennington Gap, aged 56. He was a resident of Dryden, and a former insurance agent. Children:

- (1) Paris D. Ely, U.S. Army
- (2) Dennis Ely, Alexandria, Virginia.
- (3) Thomas (Tommy) Ely, Dryden, Virginia
- (4) Dexter Ely, Dryden, Virginia
- (5) Frances Ely, m. — Ratliff, reside Kingsport, Tenn.
- (6) Brenda Ely, m. — Barney, reside Chesapeake, Va.

(2) Daniel Richard Ely (son of Milton H. and Susan), b. April 17, 1873; d. Sept. 7, 1949; m. April 17, 1892, Emma Right Laningham, b. August 31, 1874; d. July 21, 1960, dau. of A.J. Laningham (b. Jan. 12, 1824; d. July 17, 1890) and Margaret Cullup (b. May 22, 1835; d. Feb. 8, 1920) (See the Laningham Family) Children of Daniel Richard and Emma R. Ely:

1. Margaret (Maggie) Ely, b. 1898; m. Ballard Weatherly.
2. Lola Ely, b. 1901; m. Denver Robbins, b. 1897.
3. Truman (Ernest Truman) Ely, b. Feb. 26, 1903; d. Feb. 9, 1972; m. Edna G. Neeley, b. Dec. 5, 1907. They had four children:
 - (1) Ernest Truman Ely Jr., b. Jan. 6, 1928
 - (2) Robert Arlan Ely, b. Sept. 26, 1930
 - (3) Frederick Larry Ely, b. Sept. 28, 1935
 - (4) Thomas Alexander Ely, b. June 17, 1944All married and have children but the names of the wives and children of the four sons of Truman Ely were not contributed.

4. Anna Mae Ely, b. 1908; m. Rona Moore.
5. Bascom Ely, b. 1911, m. Viola Hilbert.
6. Toy Ely, b. 1913, m. Charles Burfin.
7. Blanche Ely, b. 1916, m. Loran Galloway.
- (6) Frances (Fanny) Ely (dau. of Joseph and Frances), b. June 16, 1811; d. August 18, 1876 at about half after 11 o'clock in the evening at age 65 years, 2 mos., 2 days. (Bible record)

Frances Ely was married twice, 1st, October 13, 1831, by Andrew Hunter, to Adam France, son of William and Elizabeth, who died in Nov. 1837. His estate was appraised Dec. 30, 1837, by John Koger, David Olinger and John C. Olinger. November 20, 1837 Frances France, with her securities, Hiram Ely, John Smith, Peter Razor, Joseph Ely and John deceased. (OBK 4 - 276) The Court, the same date, appointed Frances France guardian to William H. France, Rebecca R. France and Lucinda France, orphans of Adam France, deceased.

1. William Heiskell France, b. Aug. 3, 1832; d. unmarried, Nov. 5, 1865 of smallpox in Camp Douglas, prisoner of war, and buried in Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois. He served as a private in the Confederate Army in Company A, 64th Regiment, William's Brigade, commanded by Captains Campbell Slemx, Alexander Morris and Joshua E. Hobbs.
2. Rebecca Reasor France, b. Jan. 30, 1835; d. June 11, 1909; m. Feb. 4, 1852 at Blue Springs Church by John Baldwin in Lee County, Va., Richard Maloney, b. July 22, 1827; d. Aug. 6, 1899. (See the Maloney Family.)
3. Lucinda France, b. about 1837; m. John M. Parsons, b. Sept. 2, 1832. They had children. (See the Parsons Family.)

Frances (Fanny) (Ely) France, m. 2nd, August 1839, Judge Carr Bailey, b. April 4, 1819, Harlan County, Kentucky; d. Dec. 29, 1895 in Lee Coun-

ty, Va., son of John and Nancy (Tunnell) Bailey, in Lee Co., Va. They had seven children:

1. Peter H. Bailey, b. Aug. 7, 1840; d. March 2, 1863 at 4 o'clock and 40 minutes in the evening, aged 22 years, 6 months, 23 days. (Bible record) He is buried in the old Joseph Ely family plot, now named Riverview Cemetery by George W. Hutton, overlooking North Fork of Powell River in the East end of Pennington Gap.
2. Louise Bailey, b. Aug. 15, 1842; d. Mar. 15, 1871 at about ten o'clock in the morning, 28 years, 7 months. (Bible record) Louise Bailey married David Crockett Flanary, b. May 18, 1842; d. Sept. 13, 1915, son of Thomas. They had three children: Paris C., Mary Lettie and Martha Frances. (See the Flanary Family.)
3. John Marshall Bailey, b. Feb. 21, 1847; m. Aug. 15, 1872, Susan Reasor, b. Aug. 25, 1854 in Turkey Cove, Lee Co., Va. Children:
 - (1) John Reasor Bailey, b. Aug. 20, 1873; m. June 7, 1896, Mattie Lunie Slempp, b. Sept. 18, 1877, dau. of Capt. Henry Clinton and Melissa (Haburn) Slempp.
4. Henry Clay Bailey, b. Sept. 4, 1844; m. Tempy Johnson, and had Fanny, b. 1876; m. David Lawson.
5. Jane S. Bailey, b. April 11, 1849; d. 1908; m. Oct. 17, 1883, Henry Barker. They had three children: Ida, m. James Orr; Sally, m. Elhannon Howard; Benjamin Harrison, b. March 4, 1889; m. Jane Parsons.
6. Sally Bailey, b. July 30, 1851; m. Zachariah Cecil. No children.
7. Charles Daugherty Bailey, b. Oct. 19, 1855; d. April 25, 1939; m. 1st, Sept. 15, 1875, Hannah Dorthula Legg, b. Feb. 9, 1861; d. Nov. 3, 1887, dau. of Thomas N. and Naomi (Reasor) Legg; m. 2nd, Aug. 16, 1897, Flora A. Sword, b. 1870; d. Aug. 10, 1900, dau. of John W. and Nancy Sword; m. 3rd, Jan. 6, 1909, Mary A. Sword, b. Dec. 16, 1877, niece of Flora A. Sword (his 2nd wife), and dau. of James T. and Martha Sword. Children of 1st marriage:
 - (1) Minnie Naomi Bailey, b. Nov. 4, 1876; d. Nov. 15, 1963, m. about 1899, Dr. James Prichard who died 1926. His Estate was settled April 26, 1926. (WBK 6 - 331) They lived at Olinger, Va., where their son was born. Allen Bailey Prichard was born Jan. 17, 1901. He enlisted in World War I, July 17, 1917 at Big Stone Gap, Va. and sailed for France shortly thereafter; discharged May 29, 1919. He married Corrine _____ at Cumberland Gap, and they had several children.
 - (2) Jane Bailey, b. Feb. 19, 1879; no further record.
 - (3) Sallie E. Bailey, b. Aug. 31, 1881; m. Claude Kelly and lived in Kingsport, Tenn.
 - (4) Henry Carr Bailey, b. June 26, 1884; m. Jan. 30, 1911, Corda S. Reasor, b. Oct. 16, 1892, dau. of John Hopkins and Josephine (Banks) Reasor.

Children of 2nd marriage:

- (5) Charles Davey, b. June 10, 1898
- (6) Judge Clay Bailey, b. June 29, 1900.

Charles D. Bailey and his 3rd wife had four children:

- (1) Dean Sword, b. Dec. 8, 1909; d. July 19, 1910.
- (2) Harold Daugherty Bailey, b. Jan. 5, 1911.
- (3) Everett Howard, b. Dec. 20, 1912; d. Dec. 26, 1912.
- (4) Leslie Wilmer, b. March 8, 1914.

(7) Joseph N. Ely (son of Joseph and Fanny (Hix) Ely), b. May 10, 1813; d. Dec. 11, 1882 testate in Lee County, Va.; m. June 8, 1834, Sarah S. Pennington, b. May 16, 1819; d. April 12, 1900, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Smith) Pennington. Joseph N. and Sarah S. Ely are buried in a little family graveyard on the hill above their old home, also Louisa Ely (colored) d. July 11, 1903, age 73 years, is buried alongside Joseph and Sarah Ely. Sarah S. Ely is called "Sally Graham Ely" on the marker. (Charles Harber who lived at the old Joseph Ely homestead copied the tombstone records for the writer.)

On May 22, 1858 Joseph Ely and Sarah S. Ely his wife formerly Sarah S. Pennington sold all their right, title and interest as children and heirs at law of Thomas Pennington, deceased, in and to all the real estate of which Thomas Pennington died seized in the County of Lee, also in a tract of land conveyed by Edward Pennington to Thomas Pennington to take effect at the death of said Edward Pennington which is dated 13 June 1853, to

Tobias S. Pennington and John P. Graham for six hundred Dollars.

(Signed) Joseph Ely (Seal)

(DBK 13, 509, Lee County)

(Signed) Sarah S. Ely (Seal)

The above deed confirms the names of Sarah S. Ely's parents.

Joseph Ely left the following will:

20th Day of January 1865.

I, Joseph N. Ely desire in the first place that all my just Debts be paid and funeral expenses also, in the second place I desire that after my decease William H. France shall have five hundred Dollars if living if not living nothing, and in the Third place I desire and will the remainder of what I am possessed at my decease both real and personal to Sarah S. Ely my wife. I desire that she shall have the sole use and control of it so long as she may live. And after her decease and her just debts and Funeral expenses are paid I then desire one third of all my estate at that time both real and personal to be equally divided between my wife's brothers and sisters if living, I will give their names, Tobias S. Pennington, Virginia Garrison, America Graham, now as Tobias S. Pennington and Virginia Garrison has already deceased I desire that their heirs shall draw their part, now if America Graham shall depart this life before the above distribution of my estate is made I will that her heirs shall draw and equally divide her part I desire and will the other two-thirds of my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters if living if not I desire the heirs of those that may have deceased before this distribution is made of my estate to draw their Father's or Mother's part, and equally divide it between them. I will give the names of my brothers and sisters above referred to Jane Smyth, Elizabeth Branson, Hiram Ely, Rachel Jones, Barbara Parsons, Frances Bailey, Nimrod C. Ely, Rebecca Reasor, Polly Smyth, Andrew J. Ely.

Witnesses:

Joseph N. Ely

John E. Burk

John P. Graham

Henry Graham

The will was proved on Tuesday 19 December 1862 by the witnesses thereto. Will Book 3 Page 553



Picture # 2
Nimrod Chrisman Ely (1816-1869)
Son of Joseph and Fanny (Hix) Ely

(8) Nimrod Chrisman Ely (son of Joseph and Fanny) was born December 17, 1816 and died July 10, 1869. He was named "Nimrod Chrisman" for his mother's half brother, Nimrod Chrisman. He married February 1, 1838, Mary (Polly) Lucy Zion, born, December 15, 1819 and died January 8, 1891, daughter of John Zion, Jr. and Susannah (Davis) Zion. Nimrod C. Ely built his home on part of the original Joseph Ely land overlooking North



Picture # 3

Mary (Polly) Lucy (Zion) Ely (1819-1891), daughter of John Zion Junior and Susannah (Davis) Zion and wife of Nimrod Chrisman Ely.

Fork of Powell River. When the Louisville & Nashville Railroad was constructed it cut the original Ely farm through the middle, and now part of the East end of Pennington Gap stands on the Nimrod C. Ely farm. He was a farmer and active in the affairs of the county and the community. His old home, a log structure, is still standing and has been continuously occupied by Ely descendants, and is now occupied and owned by descendants of



Picture # 4

Nimrod Chrisman Ely Log House
- built about 1837-8 - still standing and occupied.

Hiram Ely and Sarah (Horton) Ely, and Andrew J. Ely. Nimrod Chrisman Ely and his wife had five daughters:

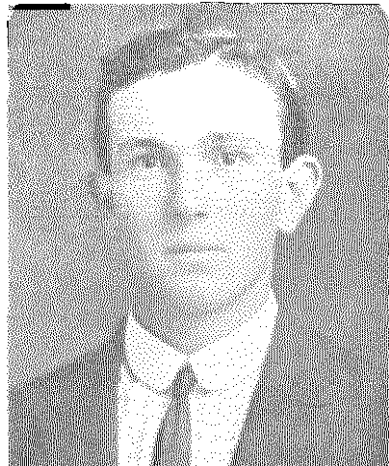
1. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ely, b. Dec. 9, 1838; m. Chadwell B. Howard.
2. Rebecca R. Ely, b. March 22, 1840; d. Nov. 18, 1906; m., 1st, Nov. 12, 1857, John Jayne, Jr., b. Dec. 18, 1831; d. Jan. 30, 1865 of relapse of the smallpox, Camp Douglas, Illinois, prisoner of war; buried in the Confederate Mound, Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois, son of William Jayne, Sr. and Barbara (Fritz) Jayne. (See the Jayne Family) Rebecca R. (Ely) Jayne, m., 2nd, July 30, 1866, Isaac Weston, b. July 13, 1826 in Green County, Tennessee; d. June 3, 1909, son of Thomas and Hannah Weston. No issue by this marriage.



Picture # 5

Rebecca R. (Ely) Jayne (1840-1906) wife of John Jayne Junior, a Confederate soldier who died in prison at Camp Douglas, Illinois; Buried in the Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

3. Evaline (Ava) Ely, b. March 6, 1842; m. July 10, 1865, Garrett H. Fletcher, b. 1842 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, son of George R. and Elizabeth (Betsy) Ann (Hurst) Fletcher. (See the Fletcher Family).
4. Emily Jane Ely (dau. of Nimrod C.), b. April 18, 1845; m. March 29, 1866, William J. Muncy, b. 1836, son of the Rev. Willoughby Muncy and Mary Catherine (Jayne) Muncy. They moved to Texas where they both died. (See the Muncy Family)
5. Susan Zion Ely (youngest dau. of Nimrod C.), b. Oct. 9, 1849; d. Oct. 13, 1904, 55 years, 4 days. Susan Z. Ely married, Jan. 18, 1874, John Young, b. April 30, 1850; d. Jan. 24, 1893 son of George Washington and Elizabeth (Spencer) Young. They had two children:
 - (1) Mary Caldonia Young, b. Feb. 16, 1875.
 - (2) Roscoe Conklin Young, b. Sept. 21, 1885
(See the Young Family)



Picture # 6
Roscoe Conklin Young

Susan (Ely) Young rode horseback to visit the J. Morrison Smyth family, near neighbors, and on her return trip home, the horse became frightened and ran into a barbed wire fence injuring her seriously. The injury proved to be fatal and she died within a few days.

1. Elizabeth (Betsy) P. Ely (eldest dau. of Nimrod C.) was born Dec. 9, 1838 and died Sept. 6, 1892. She was married March 12, 1857 to Chadwell B. Howard, born 1838 and died May 24, 1890 at the age of 52, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Howard. When the Louisville & Nashville Railroad was constructed through Lee County it cut the farm of Chadwell B. Howard through the middle. His home was where the present town of Pennington Gap stands, and later when the town purchased a portion of the farm it was known as the *Howard Addition*. The East End of Joslyn Avenue fell within this area.

The Estate of Elizabeth Howard, Deceased was appraised, September 28, 1892 by George W. Russell, Dillard Graham and James W. Cecil (WBK 4 - 199).



Picture # 7

Elizabeth (Betsy) P. (Ely) Howard (1838-1892), daughter of Nimrod Chrisman Ely and Mary Lucy (Zion) Ely, and wife of Chadwell B. Howard, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Howard.

Children of Elizabeth and Chadwell Howard:

- (1) Mary Elizabeth Howard, b. Jan. 2, 1858; d. Oct. 4, 1887; m. Nov. 27, 1872, William T. Gilley, b. Oct. 2, 1854; d. July 3, 1924, son of John W. and Julia Ann (Duff) Gilley. (See the Gilley Family.)
- (2) Evalyn (Evalina, Ava) Howard, b. 1860; m. John Skaggs as his second wife. (See the Skaggs Family.) (Note: C.B. Howard, Deceased Estate was appraised 18 July 1890; J.F. Skaggs, Administrator (WBK 4 - 99).)
- (3) Mabel S. Howard, b. about 1873; d. Aug. 16, 1893 at the age of 20 years; m. Charles E. Johnson who came to Lee County when the L & N R.R. was being constructed through Lee County. See Mabel's Will.
- (4) Doctie Howard, married Charles E. Johnson after the death of her sister Mabel and they had one daughter: Kyla Johnson.
- (5) John Milton Howard.

Will of Mabel S. Johnson

I Mabel S. Johnson wife of C.E. Johnson in the County of Lee and State of Virginia being of sound mind, memory and understanding but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make this my first and as well as my last will and testament.

I do hereby give all my personal property which I now have and all that I may be entitled to at my decease to my beloved husband C.E. Johnson.

In witness whereof I have signed and published and declared this instrument my will at Pennington Gap in Lee County Virginia on the 15th day of October 1892.

Mabel S. Johnson

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mabel S. Johnson as her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her request have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

Joseph Lawson
Lizzie Lawson

Virginia

At a County Court begun and held for Lee County at the court house thereof on Monday October 16th 1893.

The last will and testament of Mabel S. Johnson deceased was this day produced in Court and said will was proved by the oath of Joseph Lawson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the execution of said will by the testator in his presence and in the presence of Lizzie Lawson the other subscribing witness thereto and that they each signed said Will as attesting witnesses thereto at the request of the testator and in her presence they all three being there present together at the time of the signing of the same. Thereupon the said will is ordered to be recorded. Thereupon on motion of C.E. Johnson who made oath thereto and together with M.R. Gilley, J.K.P. Kelly and E.W. Pennington who qualified as to their sufficiency entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000.00 with condition according to law Certificate is granted the said C.E. Johnson for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of the said Mabel S. Johnson in due form with the will annexed.

A Copy-Teste: S.V.F. Richmond Clerk

(WBK 4, Page 166)

(11) Andrew Jackson Ely (youngest son of Joseph and Fanny), b. June 6, 1825; d. Feb. 23, 1889. He was married twice, 1st, Sept. 18, 1844, to Lavinia Zion, b. Dec. 1, 1827; d. Dec. 8, 1870, dau. of John Zion Jr. and Susannah (Davis) Zion. They were married by Robert W. Wynn at the home of her parents; m. 2nd, Aug. 2, 1871, Nancy (Skaggs) Pennington, b. Feb. 2, 1827; d. Jan. 27, 1894, widow of Tobias S. Pennington, who died in the Civil War, and dau. of John and Cynthia (Horton) Skaggs. Andrew J. Ely lived and reared his family in the Dry Branch Community, near the present town of Pennington Gap. By his first wife he had nine children:

1. Susan Ely, b. Aug. 19, 1845; d. 1847.
2. John Z. Ely, b. Jan. 18, 1847.
3. Rebecca Ely, b. Sept. 20, 1848; m. Dec. 21, 1869, Edward Witten Cecil, b. 1845, son of Mitchell and Mary S. (Pennington) Cecil. They were married by G.B. Wells. (See the Cecil Family.)
4. Unnamed son, b. March 16, 1850; d. at birth.
5. Mary Ely, b. April 29, 1851; d. Dec. 11, 1929; m. Oct. 11, 1867, by James Shelburn, Franklin B. Cox, b. Dec. 8, 1838; d. Jan. 31, 1919, son of Elisha and Mary Virginia (Crabtree) Cox. (See the Cox Family.)
6. Unnamed daughter died at birth, June 26, 1853.
7. Barbara Ely, b. Sept. 22, 1855; d. June 30, 1858.
8. Amanda J. Ely, b. Jan. 17, 1859; d. March 31, 1918; m. John T. Hughes, b. Aug. 1, 1840; d. Feb. 15, 1932, and had three children; Mattie, b. May 5, 1878; d. Aug. 1, 1956; Elizabeth, b. about 1884-5; m. Creed Ely; J. Cleveland Hughes, b. April 14, 1888; d. Nov. 7, 1949.
9. Sarah E. Ely, b. Sept. 24, 1861; m. George H. Myers, son of Joseph.
2. John Zion Ely (son of Andrew Jackson), b. Jan. 18, 1847; d. March 19, 1917; m. Jan. 24, 1867, Mary Pennington, b. May 25, 1851, d. May 7, 1914, dau. of Tobias S. and Nancy (Skaggs) Pennington. John Zion Ely was a farmer and resided just east of the present Pennington Gap in Lee County, Virginia, on part of the original Joseph Ely plantation. Children:
 - (1) Laura Ely, b. Oct. 8, 1867; d. in infancy.
 - (2) Sarah Alice Ely, b. April 19, 1869.
 - (3) Andrew Jackson Ely, b. Feb. 26, 1871; d. Jan. 24, 1950.
 - (4) Tobias Pennington Ely, b. March 30, 1873; d. Oct. 29, 1929; m. Mary Hobbs, b. 1876, dau. of Joshua E. and Emily (Flanary) Hobbs. They had several children, names unknown.
 - (5) Eliza Kelly Ely, b. April 18, 1875.
 - (6) Rebecca Jane Ely, b. Dec. 9, 1876.
 - (7) Martha Ellen Ely, b. Nov. 2, 1878; d. Aug. 24, 1954; m. June 5, 1894, John Garrison, b. Oct. 27, 1866, son of Charles and Susan (Zion) Garrison. Shortly after their marriage they removed from Lee County, Virginia and settled at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

- (8) Joseph N. Ely, b. Jan. 15, 1881; d. April 23, 1955.
- (9) Alonzo Tipton Ely, b. Sept. 20, 1882; d. June 22, 1944; m. Jan. 31, 1907, Erma E. Garrison, b. 1889, dau. of Charles and Susan (Zion) Garrison. They had a large family of children, and lived in Pennington Gap, Virginia.
- (10) Elizabeth Ely, b. June 17, 1884; d. Nov. 24, 1944, m. Sept. 2, 1900, Zachariah E. Hobbs, b. Feb. 3, 1872; d. Jan. 1, 1956, son of Joshua E. and Emily (Flanary) Hobbs. (See the Hobbs Family.)
- (11) Doris Ida Ely (dau. of John Z.), b. Feb. 14, 1886; d. Jan. 16, 1950; m. July 4, 1904, Emmett H. Russell, b. Nov. 18, 1872; d. Nov. 15, 1951, son of George W. and Rebecca Jane (Zion) Russell. (See the Russell Family.)
- (12) Emily Ely, b. Nov. 1, 1887; d. in infancy.
- (13) Maggie Lee Ely, b. Nov. 27, 1888.
- (14) George F. Ely, b. June 20, 1892; d. July 8, 1968. He was married three times, 1st, Daisy Gilly, dau. of William T. Gilley and his 2nd wife; 2nd, name of wife unknown; 3rd, Jennie Newman, a widow, of Pennington Gap, Va. He was a retired Louisville & Nashville Railroad employee.

I am indebted to Mrs. Minnie (Turner) Kilbourne, Pennington Gap, Virginia for the birth and death records of the John Z. Ely family.

(2) Sarah Alice Ely, b. April 19, 1869; d. Sept. 22, 1946; m. March 18, 1884, Ephraim Turner, b. Jan. 12, 1857; d. April 12, 1939, son of James (b. 1891) and Elizabeth (b. May 10, 1835; d. Oct. 1, 1886). They are buried on the Turner farm near Pennington Gap, Lee County. This land lies on the North Fork of Powell River and was originally the land of Thomas Pennington. Children:

- Mary Turner, b. Oct. 9, 1887; m. June 19, 1915, Leonard J. Orr, b. Feb. 19, 1893; d. March 12, 1968 in Harlan, Kentucky, son of Peter H. and Eugenia (Hobbs) Orr. Children:
 - Oscar Paul Orr, resides, Knoxville, Tenn.
 - Clyde L. Orr, lives, Johnson City, Tenn.
 - Ruby R. Orr, m. _____ Lewis, Newport News, Virginia. (See the Orr Family.)
- Minnie Turner (dau. of Ephraim and Alice), b. about 1889; d. about 1973; m. Dec. 22, 1911, Herman F. Kilbourne, b. about 1854, son of Peter and Polly Kilbourne. Mrs. Kilbourne was a teacher for several years, later was employed as a Court stenographer until retirement.
- William P. Turner, b. March 7, 1894; d. Jan. 20, 1965; m. 1st, Pearl E. Orr, b. July 8, 1891; d. Jan. 1, 1934; m. 2nd, Kittie _____. Two children by 1st marriage: Edgar Ralph Turner and
- Beuna Turner, b. about 1897; m. April 23, 1931, Kemp Yeary, b. about 1890, son of J. C. and Nannie Yeary.
- Eliza Kelly Ely, b. April 18, 1875; d. 1956; m. July 15, 1891, Elkanah F. Garrison, b. July 5, 1866, d. Nov. 27, 1937, son of Charles and Susan (Zion) Garrison. The Garrisons were Baptists and Mr. Garrison was a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Pennington Gap, Virginia. Children:

- Lillie May Garrison, b. Oct. 5, 1892; m. 1st, _____ Moore; 2nd, _____ Pennington; 3rd _____ Haubner.
- Roy Garrison, educated at Lee Baptist Institute and University in North Carolina. He had two marriages: children by 1st wife.
- George Garrison, m. no record now.
- Edgar Garrison, m. No record.
- Rebecca Jane Ely, dau. of John Z., b. Dec. 9, 1876; d. Aug. 6, 1935; m. July 23, 1895, Enos B. Spurrier, b. 1863; d. 1945, son of John and Elizabeth Spurrier of Scott County, Virginia. Children:
 - Metta Spurrier, b. about 1896; m. L. B. Phipps, a merchant.
 - Earl Spurrier, deceased. Several sons not known.
 - Osaline Spurrier, m. Jesse Milton Skaggs, b. May 14, 1902.
- Andrew Jackson Ely (son of John Z.), b. Feb. 26, 1871; d. Jan. 24, 1950; m. July 19, 1893, Josephine (Josie) Wade, b. Oct. 6, 1876; d. June 20, 1943, dau. of S. A. and Annie Wade. Andrew Jackson Ely was a farmer and lived in the Hickory Flats Community where he and his wife are buried. Children:
 - Hagen Ely, m. Sada Webb, West Virginia.
 - Paul Ely, d. 1918.

- Thomas Ely, m. Nettie Beth Mosley.
- Golden Ely, m. 1st, Robert R. Myers, b. Jan. 27, 1895; d. Sept. 5, 1952; 2nd, Mack Snodgrass who had a former wife, Maude Catron.
- Ruth Ely, m., 1st Ulyses Myers, brother of Robert; 2nd, Clay Myers; 3rd, _____ Gregg.
- Cornie Ely, m., 1st, _____ Foster, 2nd, Livcay.
- Brownlow Ely, m. Tinsy Doss, a teacher, dau. of Herman Doss.
- Cleo Ely, m. James Collier. Cleo twin to Brownlow Ely.
- Earl Ely, m. Emily Fannon, and reside in Chicago.
- Joseph (Joe) Ely, m. Imogene Baker.
- Josephine Ely (twin to Joseph), m. Jack Fannon, bro. to Emily.

(8) Joseph N. Ely (son of John Z.), b. Jan. 15, 1881; d. April 23, 1955; m. March 12, 1916, Birdie Ely, b. April 13, 1889, dau. of Nimrod C. and Rebecca Jane (Barker) Ely. Mr. Ely was a teacher, farmer, and was a very active member in the First Baptist Church, Pennington Gap, Virginia. He purchased part of the original Joseph Ely farm from Dr. R. C. Young, and resided in the old Nimrod Chrisman Ely home, adjoining the town of Pennington Gap. Children:

- Thelma Ely, b. April 3, 1918. She is engaged in the teaching profession. Thelma Ely was married twice, 1st, to Carl Yates; 2nd, to _____ Stewart. Thelma and Carl Yates had two children:
 - Erman Yates, unm.
 - Carla Sue Yates, a pharmacist, m. James R. King Jr. and they reside at 3304 Pershing Court, Hampton, Virginia.
- Joseph N. Ely Jr., b. Sept. 27, 1919; m. Virginia Fry, b. about 1925-6, dau. of John M. and Sallie (Young) Fry. Joseph N. and wife are employed in the schools of Pennington Gap.
- Govern Ely, b. July 18, 1924, a teacher; m. _____ Goins.
- Maggie Lee Ely (dau. of John Z.), b. Nov. 27, 1888. She was married twice, first, to James C. Stout, b. Nov. 9, 1875; d. Dec. 22, 1920, son of Alexander Smith and Evaline (Young) Stout. They were married March 10, 1907 by J. T. Laningham. (See the Stout and Segraves Families.)

JAMES P. SMYTH FAMILY

5. James P. Smyth (son of John and Jane (Ely) Smyth) was born about 1828-9 near the present town of Pennington Gap. The name is also spelled "Smith" in many of the records. James died July 8, 1862 at the age of 33. The Lee County Death Register shows that he was shot. (Believed by renegades in the Civil War.)

James P. Smith married Martha J. Myers, born about 1833-4 in the Cane Creek community, near the present town of Pennington Gap, daughter of John and Rachel (Harsh) Myers.

Marriage Certificate: "I certify that James P. Smith and Martha Myers were joined together in the holy state of matrimony on the 16th day of October 1851 by me.

Robert W. Wynn"

License issued October 7, 1851. Recorded in Marriage Book A-1, Page 30, Lee County.

After the death of James, Martha J. (Myers) Smith (age 30) was married February 8, 1864 to William Taylor (age 24), born in Patrick County, Virginia, son of Josiah and Ruth Taylor. They were married by James Lloyd.

James P. Smyth's personal property was appraised the 29th day of August 1862 by James T. Lloyd, A. D. Stout and A. J. Wilson (WBK 3, 153). His father, John Smyth, was the administrator and the Bill of Sale was admitted to record, 26th day of December 1865 (WBK 3, 154). Teste

Henry J. Morgan Clerk

Chancery Order Book 1, Page 490

5 August 1867 In Chancery
Andrew Litton Plaintiff
against
John Smith, Administrator of James P. Smith

Defendants

William Smith, Sarah Smith,
Amanda Smith and Joseph Smith

This day came the plaintiff, by his attorney, who suggests that the said William Smith, Sarah Smith, Amanda Smith, and Joseph Smith are infants under the age of 21 years; and on his motion Col. A.L. Pridemore is appointed their guardian ad litem to defend their interests in this cause, and it is ordered that the said Pridemore be served with a copy of this rule, and the cause continued.

On 5 October 1869 Martha Taylor sold her dower interest in the land of James P. Smyth, located on the south side of Elk Knob, to John M. Smyth, all of Lee County, Virginia, for \$400 (DBK 16. 15).

her
/s/ Marthy X Taylor (SEAL)
mark

Children of James P. and Martha J. (Myers) Smyth (Smith) :

- (1) William Smyth, eldest son. No record.
- (2) Sarah Catherine Smyth.
- (3) Amanda Smyth, b. about 1860; d. before 1890; m. — Howard. They had children but their names were unknown in 1890. They were mentioned in a chancery suit as "the unknown infant heirs of Amanda Howard."
- (4) Joseph Smyth, youngest child. No record.

(2) Sarah Catherine Smyth (dau. of James P. and Martha) was born March 16, 1858 in Lee County, according to one record found. She was married in Lee County, December 30, 1871 (age 15) by James Shelburn, to George Cole (age 22), son of D.M. and Jane Cole. This marriage record would place her birth in the year 1856.

Deed Book 34, Page 33

Bond For Deed

Know all men by these presents, that we, George Cole and Sarah Catherine Cole, husband and wife of Madison County, State of Indiana, are held and firmly bound unto Benjamin F. Thompson of Lee County and State of Virginia in the sum of \$100 ... dated 5th day of September 1896 ... following Real Estate, to wit: Their undivided interest in the Estate of James P. Smith dec'd of the Estate of John M. Smith dec'd which was heired by James P. Smith the dec'd and will be more particularly described in the deed of conveyance and with all the appurtenances...

/s/ George Cole (SEAL)
/s/ Sarah C. Cole (SEAL)

George Cole, son of David Mason Cole and Jane Crusenberry, was born in Lee County, Virginia Aug. 21, 1851, died June 9, 1937 in Indiana. Sometime after 1876, George Cole and his wife Sarah Catherine left Lee County, Virginia, and settled near West Liberty, Kentucky for a few years.

Later, before 1886, moved to Indiana and first settled at Hobbs Station. Still later they lived at various other places in Indiana. George and his wife died at Indiana, place not definitely known.

Children of George and Sarah Catherine Cole:

- 1. James David Cole, b. in Lee Co., Va. deceased; m. May Spence
- 2. Martha Jane Cole, b. in Lee Co., Va., Nov. 27, 1874; d. in Indiana; m. Thomas Harris.
- 3. Rebecca Mabel Cole, b. in Lee Co., Va., Feb. 25, 1876; d. in Indiana; m. Oliver Maynard.
- 4. Amanda Elizabeth Cole, b. May 1st, 1881, near West Liberty, Ky.
- 5. Rosa Lee Cole, b. Oct. 5, 1884, West Liberty, Kentucky.
- 6. Laurence Cole, b. Feb. 22, 1886; m. Mary Lee; reside East Gary, Indiana. Laurence Cole was born at Hobbs Station, Ind.
- 7. Cleo Cole, b. May 24, 1888, Hobbs Station, Indiana; m. Ethel Henry (Henery); reside at Gary, Indiana.
- 8. Eugene Cole, b. Winnamac, Ind., Aug. 19, 1894; m. Clara Simpson. Eugene is deceased.
- 9. Herschel Cole, M.D., b. Sept. 1899; m. Hazel Dune; reside 4518 Rosmere Rd., Tampa, Florida.
- 10. Palmer Robert Cole, b. Hobbs Station, Indiana, May 23, 1901; m. Elizabeth Bixler; reside in Alabama.
- 11. Joseph Cole, b. Knox, Indiana; deceased.

1. Amanda Elizabeth Cole (dau. of George), b. May 1, 1881, near West Liberty, Kentucky; m. June 24, 1901, Detroit, Michigan, Frank Monroe Harris, b. July 15, 1880, at Columbus, Ohio; d. Aug. 9, 1945, son of Benjamin Harris and Emma Monroe (d. Aug. 6, 1936) who resided at Xenon, Ohio. Frank Monroe Harris was a Stereotyper for newspaper and resided at various places, viz., Detroit, Knox, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind., and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Children:

- (1) George Harris, b. Knox, Indiana; stillborn.
- (2) Russell Monroe Harris, b. Indianapolis, Indiana, Oct. 5, 1903; d. June 21, —.
- (3) Ruth Catherine Harris, b. March 28, 1906, Indianapolis, Ind.; m. Alvin Simandle (?); reside 3635 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wis.
- (4) Carl Benjamin Harris, M.D., b. Oct. 26, 1908; m. Mavorene Reeve, Dr. Harris is a specialist in Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat. He is now doing eye surgery in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- (5) Cleo Virginia Harris, b. Aug. 27, 1912; m. Dewight Kramer; reside at Hobart, Indiana.
- (6) Paul Pierre Harris, D.D.S., b. Nov. 10, 1918; graduated from Medical School at Indianapolis. He practices dentistry at LaPorte, Indiana. His wife was Maxine McKee.

Note:

I am indebted to Mrs. Frank Harris, 950 Carfield Street, Hobart, Indiana for some of the Cole records and all the Harris family records.

CHAPTER IV

GEORGE – SARAH – MARGARET ELY TROTTER – CHANCE – BRANSON FRANCE – MALONEY – NAPIER

10. George Ely, son of Thomas and Jane, was born 1777-80 in Bedford County, Virginia. The records relating to his birthdate do not agree and the exact birthdate cannot be confirmed. He died April 19, 1855 in Lee County, Virginia. His will, dated August 20, 1846, witnessed by Matthew Warren, V.A. Woodard and David Orr, was proved April 30, 1855. He was married twice, 1st, to Mary (Polly) Trotter, born in Greenbrier County (now West Va.), daughter of James and Mary Trotter, whom he married in Lee County about 1800, and who died prior to August 21, 1821 on Sugar Run in Lee County. The date is confirmed by the will of her father, James Trotter. George Ely acquired considerable land holdings, lying in the Sugar Run area of Lee County adjoining the land holdings of James Trotter, and he was one of the well-established citizens of the community.

March 17, 1834, the Court ordered that George Ely, Sr. be appointed overseer of the road in the room of John Sims and that he keep the same in repair with said Sims' list of hands. (OBK 3 - 532)

George and Mary (Polly) Trotter Ely had nine children: Nancy, James, Thomas, William, Betsy, Isaac, George, Polly and Preston. The children were named in their grandfather Trotter's Will.

(1) Nancy Ely, b. 1801-2; m. George Scott, b. 1800 in present Giles Co., Va., and had seven children:

1. Nathaniel W. Scott, b. 1820-23; m. July 31, 1873, Elizabeth Ely, b. about 1835-7, dau. of George Fry Ely and Matha Hamblen.
2. John W. Scott, b. about 1827
3. Isaac Scott, b. about 1831
4. Martha Scott, b. 1834
5. Jane Scott, b. 1840
6. George Scott, b. 1844
7. Ruth Scott, b. 1848

The birthdates are only approximate – from the 1860 U.S. census

(8) Mary (Polly) Ely, the youngest daughter of George and Polly, was married September 10, 1835 to Hiram Smith, by Henry Thompson, a Methodist minister.

(9) Preston Ely is named as the second youngest child in both James Trotter's will and also in another document, dated May 21, 1832, a suit:

George Ely Sr. plaintiff vs. Isom Hubbard and Nancy Hubbard, Nancy Scott, James Ely, Thomas Ely, William Ely, Betsy Ely, Isaac Ely, George Ely, Preston Ely, Polly Ely and John Trotter. (OBK 3 - 397)

In a will his name is shown as: John M.P. Ely and in the 1860 census, John P. Ely, age 45, Margaret, age 37, b. in Ala., Alex. M., 17, b. Lee Co., Elizabeth, 15, Liddy, 12, Sarah, 4, Jasper A., 2, Eliza J., 2/12.

Will of John M.P. Ely

Dated: October 29, 1878; Proved May 19, 1885. Wife: Margaret; Daughter: Sarah Days. Witnesses: Margaret F. Chance; Peter F. Chance; Elizabeth S. Ely; N.M. Scott. Will Book 3 Page 626

John M.P. Ely was called "Preston" in his grandfather's will, also in later records. See the Bays Family.

After the death of Polly Trotter, his first wife, George Ely married second about 1822, Lydia Housen, born 1793, and died June 12, 1851 at the age of 58, according to the tombstone inscription. George Ely continued to live on Sugar Run for several years after his second marriage, but eventually he sold all his land holdings on Sugar Run and purchased a tract of land con-

taining 224 acres lying on both sides of Cane Creek in 1842 from Ransom Russell and wife, Elizabeth Jones, adjoining the lands of Isaac and John Russell, where he established a new home for his second family, and left to his two sons by his will. He and Lydia are buried in the family graveyard on this farm located about a mile from the present town of Pennington Gap. The graveyard lies on the North side of Cane Creek, also North of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

Two sons were born to George Ely and Lydia Housen Ely:

- (1) Joseph Ely, b. March 2, 1823
- (2) David Ely, b. August 10, 1826

(1) Joseph Ely, older son of George and Lydia, b. March 2, 1823 on Sugar Run in Lee County, and died Jan. 17, 1900 on his farm on Cane Creek, west of the present town of Pennington Gap. He married about 1849, Rebecca Zion, b. Oct. 14, 1831; d. Dec. 3, 1870, dau. of John Zion, Jr. and Susannah (Davis) Zion. (See the Zion Family.) Joseph Ely lived in his father's old home on Cane Creek, and Oct. 13, 1859, Joseph and Rebecca Ely sold four parcels of land... from the heirs of Richard Wells... to David Ely for \$1600...

Joseph and Rebecca Ely had seven children:

1. Mary Ely, b. July 31, 1850; m. Nov. 2, 1871, F. Thomas Slemph, b. 1844, son of J.H. and Mary. They had six children:
 - (1) Rebecca Slemph, d. unm.
 - (2) Alice Slemph, m. — Alsup.
 - (3) Hannah Slemph, m. James A. Sarver as his third wife.
 - (4) Charles (Charlie), m. Victoria Gobble; one son: Will Tom Slemph.
 - (5) Rush Slemph, m. Ida May Poteet.
 - (6) Clinton (Clint) Slemph, d. in a fire; his home burned.
2. Lydia Ely, dau. of Joseph and Rebecca, b. March 31, 1853; m. Peter West.
3. Emily Ely, b. Oct. 27, 1855; m. Marion Stewart.
4. Rebecca Ely, m. Timothy Stewart.
5. Susan Ely, b. June 10, 1857; m. Aug. 7, 1892, W. Minter Stewart. (See the Stewart Family.)
6. Elizabeth Ely, m. James A. Sarver, as his second wife.
7. John G. Ely, b. Nov. 5, 1859; m. Nov. 27, 1890, Jane (Jennie) Hobbs, b. 1871, dau. of Zion and Martha (Grabeel) Hobbs.

(2) David Ely (son of George, Sr.) was born Aug. 10, 1826; m. about 1846, Eliza T. Russell, b. June 16, 1825; d. Jan. 23, 1910, dau. of John Russell II and Margaret (Peggy) Stewart. Three children:

1. George Washington Ely, b. Sept. 25, 1847.
2. Lydia Jane Ely, b. June 30, 1849; d. Dec. 27, 1907; m. Jan. 27, 1869, Harrison E. Edds, b. Jan. 25, 1842; d. Oct. 4, 1920, son of Leftwich and Elizabeth (McMullin) Edds. Children:
 - (1) Joseph David Edds, b. Nov. 16, 1869.
 - (2) George Washington Edds, b. Sept. 6, 1871.
 - (3) James Thomas Edds, b. Nov. 4, 1872.
 - (4) Eliza Jane Edds, b. Nov. 16, 1874.
 - (5) Cora Ellen Edds, b. Sept. 9, 1877.
 - (6) Elizabeth Lettie Edds, b. May 22, 1880.
 - (7) Bertha Bell Edds, b. March 9, 1882.
 - (8) Maude Agnes Edds, b. June 20, 1884.
 - (9) Flora Margaret Edds, b. Nov. 28, 1886.

(Copied from Harrison E. Edds' Family Bible by the writer.)

3. Margaret Frances Ely (dau. of David), b. Aug. 30, 1851; d. Jan. 24, 1930; m. Jan. 14, 1875, Peter Fulkerson Chance, b. Dec. 15, 1841; d. March 16, 1922, son of Levi and Rachel (Bartley) Chance. (See the Chance Family)
 1. George Washington Ely (son of David), b. Sept. 25, 1847; m. Nov. 21, 1867, Lydia A. Ely, b. Dec. 28, 1846, dau. of George R. and Mary (Blankenship) Ely. They had nine children:
 - (1) Mollie Jane Ely, b. Aug. 28, 1868; m. March 3, 1892, J.H. Thomas, b. 1867, son of J.R. and G. Thomas.
 - (2) Eliza C. Ely, b. Oct. 2, 1870; d. unm.
 - (3) Ellen T. Ely, b. Nov. 4, 1872; m. Peter Garrett.
 - (4) James E. Ely (son of George W.), b. Feb. 10, 1875; m. Jan. 23, 1896, Caldonia (Callie) J. Russell, b. about 1877, dau. of Edward

TROTTER

- M. and Rebecca (Skaggs) Russell.
(5) Joseph D. Ely, b. March 26, 1876-7; m. Ida Myers, dau. of Andrew J. and Mary V. Myers. (Martha V. Morgan)
(6) Tinor Ely, b. Nov. 1, 1878; m. _____ Allen.
(7) John A. Ely, b. Sept. 19, 1880
(8) Harriet I. C. Ely, b. Dec. 15, 1885; m. Henry Smart
(9) Elbert Ely (No record)

(Copied from the Bible of Joseph D. Ely by the writer in 1951.)

October 11, 1866 David Ely and Eliza T. Ely his wife deeded four tracts of land, obtained from Joseph Ely and wife, 13 October 1859...from George Scott and Nancy and Elizabeth Trotter...from John Russell...to Lydia J. Ely and Margaret F. Ely, two of their children and heirs...two infant daughters... (DBK 15, 374).

Will of George Ely.

I, George Ely of Lee County, Virginia do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First, I give to my wife Lidia one third part of my estate both real and personal for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood the balance of my estate I give to my two sons Joseph and David to be equally divided between them both real and personally and at the death of my wife, I give what may remain of her part of estate, both real and personally likewise to my sons above named Joseph and David.

I leave to be given to my daughter Betsey one hundred dollars which is for her grandfather Trotter's land also to my son George one hundred dollars for the Trotter land one horse worth about fifty five dollars to be paid at my death to my daughter Nancy one dollar to be paid at my death also to my son Thomas Preston and my daughter Polly one dollar each to be paid them at my death.

I now request my sons Joseph and David to respect their mother and see her well during her lifetime.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 20th day of August 1846.

Attest:

Matthew Warren
V.A. Woodward
David X Orr
mark

his
George X Ely (Seal)
mark

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11. Sarah Ely (dau. of Thomas and Jane) married August 1, 1793 in Montgomery County, Virginia, John Webb, son of William. John Webb and Sarah moved to Lee County and settled on Sugar Run where John purchased a small tract of land lying and being on the waters of Trading Creek, corner to David Claypool, for 40 pounds from George Tackett of the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky, September 23, 1800 (DBK 1 - 191).

John and Sarah Webb lived on this land until February 23, 1808 when John Webb and Sally his wife of Lee county conveyed the land to John Ely for \$140...

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of
Charles Carter
Robert Kyle
Isaac X Ely his mark
George Ely

his
Robert R. Ely
mark

John and Sarah (Sally) Webb moved from Lee County, Virginia and no further records have been found.

12. Margaret Ely (the youngest dau. of Thomas and Jane) married and remained in Montgomery, according to the records found.

(See the names of the children of Thomas and Jane Ely in Chapter I.)

There were several different coats of arms borne by families named Trotter in England. The following description of the coat of arms given here is that of the family of Byers (now Byers Green) Hall, county Durham, which seated there in the 14th Century.

ARMS: Argent, a chief ermine over all a lion rampant azure.

CREST: A lion's head erased argent collared ermine.

MOTTO: Fortis non ferox. (Burke's *General Armory*.)

N.B. - In the Heraldry by Guillim, 1724, the above arms and crest is the only one given for Trotter, which is a Saxon surname, the Winton Domesday Book showing that Robart Trotter was a tenant-in-chief of King Edward the Confessor.

I. William Trotter, the immigrant ancestor of the branch of the family that eventually settled in Southwestern Virginia, according to tradition, came to America with two brothers from England around the middle of the 18th Century. He was living with his family in a fort in Greenbrier County at the close of the Revolutionary War. Greenbrier County was formed in 1778 and Monroe from Greenbrier in 1779. The tax records, 1783, show William Trotter a resident of Greenbrier County with 5 whites and 2 blacks.

According to Eckenrode's roster of Rev. soldiers, William, James, Isaac and _____ Trotter were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

William Trotter migrated to Russell County, Virginia where he entered 100 acres of land assignee of John Frazier in 1790. He served with a detachment of Militia from Powell Valley under Lieut. Matthew Willoughby in 1792.

William Trotter received a grant from Virginia of 96 acres, lying on Trading Creek in Lee County, July 29, 1796, and he died in Lee County, 1797-8, at the age of 90. William Ewing, Samuel Ewing and Samuel Adams appraised the Estate of William Trotter and his son James was appointed administrator of the estate. Presumably his wife had died since she is not mentioned in the settlement of the estate.

1. James Trotter, only known son of William, was in Greenbrier County in 1783 and in Russell County by 1786, in the extreme western portion on the frontier which later became Lee County, 1792. At a Court held for Russell County the 10th day of August 1786, the Court ordered that James Trotter be overseer of the main road from "the foot of powels ridge to the ford of Powels river and that Thomas Carter gent. give him a list of tithables." James Trotter signed the petition in 1792 for the Division of Russell County. After settling in Lee County he acquired considerable land holdings by grant and purchase. He purchased more than 600 acres from Charles and Ellender Cocke. As heir of William Trotter, deceased, he conveyed land, granted to William, to Aquilla Noe and David Claypool. He settled in the Sugar Run area of Lee County and his land lay on the waters of Trading Creek. In 1815 he was taxed for 1353 acres.

After James Trotter settled in Lee County, he sold land in Monroe County. The following deed:

This Indenture was made this ____ day of ____ in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and ____ between James Trotter ____ his wife of Lee County and State of Virginia of the one part and John Daugherty of the County of Monroe and the State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said James Trotter for and in consideration of the sum of ____ Dollars current money of the United States to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, have granted...unto the said John Daugherty...one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the said county of Monroe formerly Greenbrier. It being the land the said James Trotter formerly lived on and the same which the said John Daugherty now lives on adjoining the land of James Simpson containing 300 acres more or less and granted to the said James Trotter from the Commonwealth of Virginia by patent bearing date 10 day of April 1786 and bounded as followeth to wit...

Recorded in Book 2, Page 83 (Signed) James Trotter (Seal)
 Acknowledged at a Court (Signed) Mary Trotter (Seal)
 January 1807

At a Court held for Lee County the 27th day of February 1810. Ordered that James Trotter be exempted from paying poll tax and county levy on account of his age and bodily infirmities. Recorded in Order Book (now) 1, Page 65

The surname of Mary Trotter, wife of James, is unknown, also the exact date of her death is unknown, but she died prior to 1821. James Trotter's will is dated August 21, 1821. He named all his children and his grandchildren, children of his deceased daughter, Polly Ely who married George Ely, Sr. in the will. The probate date of the will has not been found.

James and Mary Trotter had six children:

- (1) Nancy Trotter, b. 1764 in Greenbrier County, Va. (now West Va.); d. in Lee Co., Va., Sept. 10, 1857, age 93; m. Isom Hubbard, who died 1852, in Lee Co., Va. (See the Hubbard Family.)
- (2) Isaac Trotter, m. Rebeckah ____.
- (3) James Trotter, m. Elizabeth ____.
- (4) Mary (Polly) Trotter, m. George Ely, Sr., son of Thomas and Jane Smith Ely.
- (5) John Trotter, m. Nancy Noe.
- (6) Elizabeth Trotter, died unmarried.

(2) Isaac Trotter married Rebeckah ____, and they had children but the name of only one daughter is known, Mary (Polly) Trotter who married Charles Daugherty, a son of Elizabeth Harber, who was born to her before her marriage to William Daugherty, according to a Chancery Suit. Mary Trotter Daugherty died in 1883. (See the William Daugherty Family.) Sometime before 1836 Isaac Trotter with his family removed to Indiana and settled in Hendricks County.

(3) James Trotter, Jr. married Elizabeth ____ Between 1812 and 1818 he went to Indiana. August 11, 1818, Isaac Trotter and Rebeckah, his wife, of Lee County and State of Virginia, and James Trotter, Jr. and Elizabeth, his wife, of Monroe County and State of Indiana, conveyed 300 acres of land, part of a grant to Joshua Butcher by date, September 14, 1792, and conveyed to James Trotter, Sr., and by him to Isaac and James Trotter, Jr. by deed, April 19, 1819, to John Belcher of Tazewell County and State of Virginia. (DBK 3-420)

(4) Mary (Polly) Trotter married in Lee County Virginia about 1800, George Ely, Sr., son of Thomas and Jane Ely. Mary Ely died prior to 1821. They had nine children all named in their grandfather's Trotter's will.

1. Nancy Ely, b. 1801-2; m. George Scott, b. 1800 in present Giles County, Virginia. They had several children.
2. James Ely
3. Thomas Ely
4. William Ely
5. Mary (Polly) Ely, married Sept. 10, 1835, Hiram Smith, by Henry Thompson, a Methodist Minister.
6. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ely
7. Isaac Ely
8. George Ely
9. Preston Ely (John M. Preston), m. Margaret ____ and had several

children. (See the Bays Family.)

(5) John Trotter, son of James, Sr., married Nancy Noe, dau. of Samuel and Mary Ann (Dennis) Noe. (See the Noe Family.) John and Nancy Trotter had one known daughter: Catherine Trotter, b. Jan. 11, 1801; d. March 10, 1855. According to the Lee County Death Register: "Catherine Trotter died March 12, 1854 of typhoid, age 53: born on Trading Creek: parents: John and Nancy Trotter." She married John Sims, son of Robert, b. Feb. 26, 1794; d. Jan. 6, 1877.

John and Nancy Noe Trotter had a son, John Trotter, Jr., b. 1805. October 28, 1835, John Trotter, Sr. deeded a tract of land to his son, "devised to me by my father, James Trotter, Sr.", for \$600, and Nov. 13, 1835, deeded personal property "for the natural love and affection which I have for my son and \$5." (DBK 7-127-8)

(6) Elizabeth (Betsy) Trotter, youngest dau. of James 1, was born in Monroe County and died in Lee County, Virginia after 1860, unmarried. In the 1860 census she was listed with the family of Nancy and George Scott, age 79.

July 10, 1836, Elizabeth Trotter for herself and for Isaac Trotter conveyed 66 acres of land to Benjamin Dickenson for \$200. (DBK 7-312)

September 19, 1836, "I, Issac Trotter of the County of Hendricks and State of Indiana do make and appoint Charles Daugherty, my son-in-law, of Lee County and State of Virginia my power of attorney to convey all the lands, lying on Powell River sold to John Jayne..." (DBK 7-248)

Will of James Trotter:

Dated 21 August 1821 - Recorded in Will Book 1 - now lost. Replaced with photocopies of Wills.

Daughter: Nancy Hubbard; daughter: Betsy Trotter; Sons: Isaac and John Trotter; Grandchildren: children of my daughter Polly Ely, deceased, to have land where George Ely lives, within my old survey, adjoining Hubbard's line: Nancy Scott, James Ely, Thomas Ely, Betsy Ely, Isaac Ely, George Ely, Preston Ely, Polly Ely. Nancy Scott to have the profits of improved land where she now lives. Witnesses: Peter Fulkerson, Joseph Thomas, Jun., James Thomas.

CHANCE

The Chance family descends from a very old English family. The name was Chaunce until the time of William Chance, who was baptized October 4th, 1660. Thereafter the name appears in its present form—Chance. According to Burke, the family of former times was very numerous in and about Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, England. A history of the family has been published, entitled *Chance of Bromsgrove and Birmingham*, by James Frederick Chance, privately printed.

The pedigree begins with Richard Chaunce, of Bromsgrove, died 1558 (will dated 1 September, proved 28 November 1558), leaving three sons: Thomas, Richard and William, the eldest son.

Arms: Gules, a saltire vair between two fleurs-de-lys in pale and as many towers in fess argent.

Crest: A demi lion rampant gules, seme of annulets or, holding between the paws a sword erect, entwined by a wreath of oak all proper.

Motto: Deo non fortuna.

(Burke: "General Armory", 1878 edition, page 184, and Burke: "Peerage And Baronetage.") (Registered In The College Of Arms).

The first records of the branch of the family that eventually migrated to Lee County, Virginia, appear in the federal census of 1790, showing Stephen Chance as a resident of Wayne County, North Carolina, head of a family. Richard and Thomas are recorded as heads of families in N.C. 1790, also Esther Chance (Craven County,

1790) 2 f 18 slaves.

I. Benjamin Chance, the first known ancestor with documentary proof of this branch of the family, was in North Carolina with a wife named Rachel, before the Revolutionary War. He was most likely the brother of Stephen Chance who was shown as head of a family in 1790. "Stephen" appears to be a family name.

1. John Chance, son of Benjamin and Rachel, was born in N.C. and died in Lee Co., Va., Feb. 27, 1857 at the age of eighty-two of old age. (Lee Co. Death Register.) He married in N.C. prior to 1803, Mary Morton, b. 1780. According to the 1830 Lee County census, John Chance, a resident of Lee County, 50-60; wife, 40-50. Mary Chance died after 1860. She is listed in the 1860 census, b. in N.C., age 80, in the home of her daughter, Charity Speak. The Mortons descend from a prominent North Carolina family. John Chance was probably in Grayson Co., Va. before coming to Lee County, and the records also indicate that he was in Greene County, Tenn.

Children of John and Mary:

- (1) Levi Chance, b. April 18, 1803.
- (2) Nancy Chance, b. 1806; d. May 15, 1861, age 55, in Lee Co., Va.; m. — Minton, and they had a dau. named Rebecca who married — Vanhuss.
- (3) Stephen Chance.
- (4) Charity Chance.
- (5) Lavina (Lavinia) Chance, b. about 1820-23; d. March 19, 1857, age 34 years (consumption); m. 1843-4, Andrew M. Speak, b. about 1820-26, and had four children: Edna Jane, b. 1845; Charity C. b. 1847; William M., b. 1850; Edward R., b. 1852.

After coming to Lee County, Virginia John Chance began acquiring land by purchase, Nov. 30, 1833, Robert C. Fulkerson conveyed 200 acres of land, lying on the head waters of Lick Branch, affluent of Martins Creek, corner of Nicholas Speak's land and in a line with William Taylor's land, granted to Fulkerson, to John Chance for \$100. (DBK 6-468)

Jan. 8, 1844 John Chance deeded one half of the 200-acre tract (100 A) to his son Stephen Chance for the natural love and affection which he had for his son Stephen chance and further consideration of \$100. (DBK 10-999)

April 20, 1846 John Chance made a deed to his daughter Charity Chance in consideration of \$100 and for a number of years faithful service rendered to him, the said John Chance, and in consideration of the natural love and affection for his said daughter, 100 acres, southwest one half of 200 acres, lying on Martins Creek and the same whereon John Chance resides...purchased 20 Nov. 1833...signed: John Chance (Seal)

- (3) Stephen Chance (son of John and Mary), m. Mary —, Feb. 11, 1857 Stephen Chance and Mary his wife conveyed 100 acres...one half of 200 acres that was deeded to me by "my father John Chance" to Vincent Lowe for \$800. (DBK 13 - 260)
- (4) Charity Chance (dau. of John and Mary) married Andrew M. Speak after the death of his first wife, Lavina Chance, sister of Charity. They had two children, John Speak, d. Nov. 3, 1859; Martha E. Speak, b. 1859-60.

Andrew M. Speak and his wife Charity moved to Kentucky after the death of her mother and settled in Grant County, and Sept. 9, 1869 Charity Speak and her husband Andrew M. Speak of Grant Co., Ky. sold two tracts of land, lying on Martins Creek in Lee County, Virginia, one tract deeded to her by her father, John Chance, April 20, 1846, and the other deeded by Aldmon Oaks, to Edmund Pace for \$300. (DBK 16-18)

(1) Levi Chance (son of John and Mary) was born in Johnston County, North Carolina, April 18, 1803; died 1889 in Lee County, Virginia. He married about 1828 Rachel Bartley, b. May 3, 1805 in Greene County, Tenn.

Levi Chance purchased, Sept. 15, 1837, 200 acres of land lying on the East Fork of Four-Mile Creek, a branch of Powell River from Leander and

Mary Wilson for \$450 (DBK 7, 337).

January 15, 1847 Levi and Rachel conveyed this land to Charles Noe for \$1000 (DBK 10, 352).

Nathan Morgan and wife Martha (Patsy) sold 278 acres (reserving 2 acres lying around the Camp Ground) lying on Indian Creek in Lee County for \$1100 to Levi Chance, Feb. 16, 1847, (DBK 10, 366).

Children named in the 1850 census:

1. Nancy Chance, b. 1829.
2. John Chance, b. 1830; m. Feb. 24, 1853 in Claiborne County, Tenn., by James Chick, Martha Susong, b. about 1833.
3. Uriah B. Chance, b. 1832; m. about 1859-60, Eliza P. Hobbs, b. 1846; d. March 11, 1861, aged 15 yrs., 2 mos., dau. of Nathan and Emelia Hobbs.
4. Samuel Chance, b. 1835.
5. Stephen S. Chance, b. Aug. 18, 1838; d. Feb. 22, 1903; m. Feb. 13, 1856, Margaret Jones, b. April 20, 1836; d. May 9, 1909. They were married in Claiborne County, Tenn.
6. Charity Chance, b. about 37-39; m. Fielding Combs as his 2nd wife.
7. Peter Fulkerson Chance, b. Dec. 15, 1841.
8. Clementine Chance, b. 1840.
9. Hugh Chance, b. 1843; m. Jan. 23, 1873, Victoria Hutton, b. 1852.
10. Rachel Chance, b. 1848; m. George Washington Edds, b. 1840, son of Leftwich and Elizabeth (McMullen) Edds.
11. Amanda (Mandy) Chance, b. about 1850; m. Meb Combs.

Will of Levi Chance :

In the name of God and in the presence of these witnesses and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of making disposition of such property as it has pleased God to allow me to possess. Being of sound mind and disposing memory I make the following disposition of my property, viz., I will that after my death my wife Rachel shall have full control of all my lands and personal property during her life provided she shall outlive me and after my death and the death of my said wife I will that my sons John, Uriah, Stephen, Samuel, Peter and Hugh, and my daughters Nancy, Mandy, Charity Combs, Rachel Edds shall each have an equal part of my real and personal estate. I will that the part left to my daughter Charity Combs shall be used and controlled by her alone. I will to the children of my daughter Cealina the wife of Elisha Combs an equal share of my said estate with my other heirs my said daughter Cealina nor my Son in law Elisha Combs is to have no control of the part willed to their said children.

I hereby appoint H.C.T. Richmond to present this my last will to the Honorable Court to be recorded

Witness my hand and Seal this the 23rd day of February 1886
Witnesses Levi X Chance (SEAL)
mark

H.C.T. Richmond
John Chance

Virginia

At a Circuit Court begun and held for Lee County at the Courthouse thereof Dec. 2nd 1889.

The last will and Testament of Levi Chance was this day produced in Court and proven by the oath of H.C.T. Richmond one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the execution of said will in his presence and John Chance, they both being present together at the same time in the presence of the said Testator and the said will is ordered to be recorded.

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J.A.G. Hyatt Clerk

7. Peter Fulkerson Chance (son of Levi), b. December 15, 1841; d. March 16, 1922; m. January 14, 1875, Margaret Frances Fly, b. August 30, 1851; d. January 24, 1930, daughter of David and Eliza T. (Russell) Fly Children:

- (1) Rachel Della Chance, b. Aug. 31, 1876; d. Nov. 10, 1885.
- (2) George Washington Chance, b. May 6, 1878; d. June 4, 1948.
- (3) David Preston Chance, b. May 25, 1880.
- (4) Eliza Jane (Jennie) Chance, b. March 1, 1882; m. Elkanah Lewis.
- (5) Joseph Thomas Chance, b. March 1, 1882; d. Nov. 21, 1952.
- (6) Charles Franklin Chance, b. Dec. 1, 1884.

- (7) John Sherman Chance, b. Feb. 15, 1887; d. April 8, 1955, unm.
- (8) Harrison Levi Chance, b. March 16, 1889; m. Ethel Cox, reside Norman, Oklahoma.
- (9) Malinda Victoria Chance, b. Oct. 28, 1891.
- (2) George Washington Chance (son of Peter), b. May 6, 1878; d. June 4, 1948; m. Ella Crouse and had six children:
1. Mabel Chance, m. Moody Smith. Four children.
 2. Ethel Chance, m. Grant Smith. Two children.
 3. Herman Chance, m. Constance Bazzardi. Two children.
 4. Julia Chance, m. Robert Deeph. Three children.
 5. Hugh Chance, m. Dorothy Clouse, dau. of James and Emily (McDaniel) Clouse. Four children.
 6. Herbert Chance, m. Gwendolyn Bogguss. Two children.
- (3) David Preston Chance (son of Peter), b. May 25, 1880; d. June 6, 1960. He was a prominent businessman, farm operator and retired Civil Service employee. He was married twice, 1st, to Bernice Parkey who was born October 27, 1892 and died April 4, 1921. He married, 2nd, January 18, 1923, Lila Russell, daughter of Charles and Sally (King) Russell. Lila Chance is active in the Baptist Church and in various clubs. No children.
By his first wife David Preston Chance had two sons:
1. William K. Chance, married Kathleen Russell. Residents of Gary, Indiana. Two children, Janice and Patricia.
 2. Donald P. Chance, M.D., married Marie Gartly, and they have three children: Elizabeth, Margaret, and Donald P. II. Dr. Chance is a noted physician in Kingsport, Tennessee, where they reside.
- (5) Joseph Thomas Chance (son of Peter), b. March 1, 1882; d. Nov. 21, 1959; m. Jan. 11, 1913, Bertha Mae Flanary, b. Jan. 10, 1894, dau. of Charles and Cornelia (Orr) Flanary and had children:
1. Aubyn Chance, b. Nov. 20, 1913; m. 1939, Calvin S. Powell of Bluefield, W. Va.
 2. Josephine Chance, b. June 23, 1918; m. 1943, Eric Winters, a member of the faculty of the University of Tennessee. Josephine is a graduate of the University.
 3. Roy Chance, b. Jan. 23, 1924; m. July 20, 1953, Glenna Livesay.
 4. Campbell P. Chance, b. Nov. 21, 1925; m. July 21, 1951, Carolyn Gibson, dau. of S. Vance and Bonnie (Wygall) Gibson.
- (6) Charles Franklin Chance (son of Peter), b. Dec. 1, 1884; d. August 6, 1965; he was a retired farmer of the Flatwoods Community; m. Oct. 19, 1913, Dollie Beatrice Kyle, b. Feb. 5, 1885 in Cass County, Missouri; d. Feb. 24, 1966 in Lee County, Virginia, dau. of Henderson S. and Eleanor Caldonia (Jayne) Kyle. They were married in Harrisonville, Missouri but returned to Lee County, Virginia and settled in the Flatwoods Community where they resided until their deaths. Children:
1. Charles J. Chance, b. about 1914; m. Edna Hale, dau. of Murry and Eddie (Newman) Hale. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.
 2. Margaret Chance, d. at age 4 years.
 3. Robert Kyle Chance, b. about 1918; m. Gladys Graham, dau. of George and Myrtle (Radcliff) Graham.
 4. Peter Henderson Chance, b. about 1921; m. March 21, 1942, Faye Foust, b. about 1925, dau. of M.L. and Edith (Watkins) Foust.
 5. Max Chance, b. about 1928; m. Marie Beatty, dau. of Samuel Beatty. (See the Kyle, Jayne, Dougherty and Warren Families.)
- (9) Malinda Victoria Chance (youngest dau. of Peter F.), b. October 20, 1891; d. January 12, 1966; m. in Knoxville, Tenn., Grover C. Sumpster, M.D., b. 1885; d. Oct. 4, 1965 at the age of 80. Dr. Sumpster practiced medicine for more than fifty years. He settled at Rose Hill, Virginia, where they resided after their marriage. Children:

1. Margaret Sumpster, died when a young lady.
2. Janet Sumpster, m. ——— Blackman of Middlesboro, Kentucky.

Additional Records From The Court Records Of Grayson County, Virginia:

DEED BOOK 3, PAGE 126-20 January 1813

...Benjamin Chance of Grayson County, Virginia conveyed a tract of land lying and being on Big Reed Island River in the County of Grayson...running...to a rock, being John Chance's corner...at the mouth of Mill Creek...to his son William Chance for \$69...

John Cotton Benjamin Chance (L S)

John Chance

James Ballard

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DEED BOOK 3, PAGE 127 - 25 January 1813

Benjamin Chance of Grayson County conveyed a tract of land lying on Big Reed Island in Grayson County...mouth of Cotton's Mill Creek...to John Chance for \$148...

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James Ballard

Isaac Cotton

William Chance

Benjamin Chance (L S)

DEED BOOK 2, PAGE 452 - 2 January 1809: John Chance of Grayson County and Commonwealth of Virginia conveyed to Timothy Dalton of the same County for \$115 a tract of land containing by survey 100 acres lying on the waters of big Reed Island on Bobbitts Creek...

(Signed) John Chance (Seal)

John Hays

John Pike

John Nunn

Acknowledged April Court

DEED BOOK 3, PAGE 96-30 September 1809: John Chance of Grayson County conveyed to James Bullard for \$120...by survey 100 acres lying on Big Reed Island and part of John Hay's land...

Wit:

Thomas Chance

Timothy Dalton

Keuben Hodson

Joel Richardson

John Chance (Seal)

Acknowledged February 1810

DEED BOOK 4, PAGE 364-29 December 1816: Benjamin Chance of Grayson County to James Henson for 67 pounds, 10 s a tract of land lying in Grayson County on the "Lynchburg" road and waters of Big Reed Island...by survey 149 acres...

Ralph Bobbitt

William Bobbitt

Randolph Bobbitt

Benjamin Chance (Seal)

Acknowledged August Court 1820

DEED BOOK 3, PAGE 408-21 December 1816. Land in the name of John Chance sold by John Fielder, Sheriff for delinquent Taxes due 26 August 1816.

Lewis Chance and Elizabeth Peasson married December 9, 1806.