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FOREWORD FROM YOUR ELECTRONIC EDITOR

What an amazing body of work accomplished by J. Gilbert Lay. In today's world it's hard to imagine what it took to compile and type 774 pages of data for the Lay family. Yes there are errors. Sometimes he typed (or had typed) whatever was given to him - without verification. And there are plenty of typographical errors.

The pages here I have scanned from his printed book. Once or twice I added some indentations to clarify those endless FAMILY RECORD paragraphs that had no punctuation. And occasionally I did correct a word or two (like Geneology), but for the most part whatever errors appear here were in Gilbert's publication. Please don't ask me to make genealogical corrections to this file. I hope it's an accurate representation of Gilbert's work.

Your Electronic Editor,

Donna Hocking

ARKANSAS

JESSE DUNCAN LAY was born in Kentucky in 1811; married Susannah Douglas and they lived in Scott County, Tennessee, when the 1860 Census was taken. It lists him and his family at that time. He was a son of Jesse and Hannah Baird, nee Lay. She had formerly married Louis Baird and reared three sons. After Baird's death, she married Jesse Lay. He is presumed to be a son of John and Martha Lay, emigrants from Canada into the valley of Virginia at the close of the French and Indian Wars that was settled by the peace of Paris in 1763. These older Lays served in the Revolutionary War and Jesse Lay was an officer under General George Washington. He died before the Pensions were granted to the Veterans of the Revolutionary War, so we do not have a record of his services. Jesse Duncan Lay lost a son Zimmery Lay in the Civil War. He died in or near Barbourville, Kentucky, on or about March 19 1862, of Cholera Morbis.

We have the following record of Jesse Duncan Lay up to the time he removed into Marion County, Arkansas, where he Homesteaded Land (160 A) on Panther and Water Creek. Filed June 18, 1878, Cer. No. 1943; Appl. No. 3221, by Act of Congress of May 20, 1862.

“AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMANT
In Dependence Cases.

Executing this affidavit, the claimant is requested to read carefully the instructions on the back, and conform thereto in every particular so far as the facts will allow.

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STATE OF Arkansas)
)
COUNTY OF Marion Searcy)

In the matter of the Pension Claim of Jesse D. Lay Father, of Zimry Lay, late of Co. G. 7 Reg't, KY. Vols., personally came

before me, a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid County and State, the claimant Jesse D. Lay, who, being duly sworn, declares that he is the claimant in the above-described claim, and his Post Office address in Bruno, County of Marion State of Arkansas; that he was a resident of Scott County Tennessee in March 1862. at the time of his sons death. that the mails were stopped. that Williamsburg, Whitley County, KY. was the nearest Post office regularly suplied by mails. a distance of 2 miles. that he continued to reside in Scott County, Tenn. till about August 1864. Then he resided within 2 miles of Waterloo, P.O. Pulaski County, Ky., until June 1865. then the war being over. he returned to Scott County, Tenn. P.O. Winfield. resided there until August 1867. then he went to Marion County Arkansas ariving there in January 1868. having no settled place during the last named interval. His P.O. the first 2 years in Arkansas from Jan. 1868 to Dec. 1870. Was Rolling Prairie Arkansas. Then Yelville Marion Co Ark. was his P.O. from 70 to 1884. then for three years to 1887. he no settled home since then Bruno Marion County Arkansas heve been his P.O. to the present time 1889.

He also states that at the time of his Sons death March 1862 family consisted of himself (Jesse D. Lay) his wife (Sussan Ann Lay) one son Shelby Lay eleven years old. he also states that no one has been legally found to support him that he was worked for his living as best he could wife being now dead about 19 years.

/S/ J. D. Lay

Signature of Claimant."

After the death of Susanna Lay in 1870, Jesse Duncan Lay married Sally Loggins. She was the widow of Major Loggins who was killed in the Civil War. She was Sally Mullins before marriage; later Jesse Duncan Lay was again married to an Estes. Jesse Duncan Lay, died November 4, 1896, while still living on his "Water Fall" farm in Marion County, Arkansas, where he had owned and operated a grist mill at the falls on Water Creek. He and Susanna are buried on the Homestead near the Water Falls. She had ask that they be buried there.

Jesse Duncan and Susanna Douglas Lay had the following children: was numerated in the 1850 Census) David, age 19; Jesse age 14; Hannah age 12; William M. age 9 Frederick age 7. Two sons Zimmery and Shelby Lay who was born in 1851 are not numerated. (Zimmery and Frederick may have been identical.)

David Lay, recorded as the first born in 1841, married (1) Elizabeth Ann Chitwood, (2) Martha Chitwood and (3) Dollie Thompson. Jesse Lay, a Baptist Minister, called "Fighting Jesse," married Delphie Murphie, whose mother was a Creselleus; Hannah Lay, married Nelson Chitwood and Nancy Lay, another daughter married Burnell Nelson; William Marion Lay, married Jane Ann Parsons, daughter of John Parsons; Frederick Lay, no record; and Zimmery Lay, died in Civil War. David Lay, who was a son of Jesse Duncan Lay, was three times married. Children:

Andrew Lay, called "Boone," born August 24, 18860, married Belle Grantham, born Oct. 6, 1861.

Louis Baird Lay, who married Sarah Keeling.

Jesse Lay, called "Jay," who married Emma Grantham.

Betsey Lay, who married J. T. Thompson.

Sarah Lay, called "Buggs": married Price Patterson.

Mary Lay married Witt Stevens.

Barzilla Lay married James Moore.

James Lay married Susan Garner.

Thomas Lay and

Julie Lay.

Andrew and Belle Grantham Lay's children: Walter, Arizona, Anna, Ritta, Dora, Jack, Doss and Neley Lay.

Walter married Anna Keeling and had these children:

Viva married Forest Davenport

Jane married John Dotson

David married Ina Miller

Stella married Hugh Shipman

Flora married Rufus Coffee

Faye married Omar Grey

Ozella married W. E. Ellis

Arizona married Elwood Keeling.

Ritta married C. P. Grantham.

Neley married Raymond Vialant.

Doss married Cinda Keeling.

Anna married Lindley Keeling.

Dora married Oliver Raines.

Jack married Viola Keeling; children:

- a. Irene married Floyd Henly
- b. Eddyth married Willie Rogers
- c. Jennie married Tom Yarbrough
- d. Phillis, unmarried in 1967
- e. Jackson married Charlie Henley
- f. Billie Joe, unmarried in 1967.

Doss and Cindy Lay had these children:

- a. Jack married Mary Murdicean
- b. Betty married Lou Tillman
- c. Richard married Carol Walker
- d. Barbara married Allen Horton.

Jesse (Jay) Lay (son of David?); married 1881 Emma Grantham;
children: Nobel, Laura, Ada, Maggie, Scott.

- (1) Nobel Lay; m. 23 August 1905, Lottie Keeling; children:
 - A. Elnora Lay, b. 13 Nov. 1906; m. Hugh Morrison; children:
 - (1) Hershel Morrison
 - B. Loy A. Lay, b. 3 April 1910; m. Jewel Homer; children:
 - (1) Donald Lay
 - (2) Rickey Lay
 - (3) Linda Lay
 - (4) Robert Lay married Barbara Holland; children:
 - a. Tracy Lay
 - (5) Ronald Lay
 - C. Mavis Lay, b. 22 Feb. 1908, d. young.
 - D. Kenneth Lay, b. 2 Nov. 1912; m. Arco Jenkins; children:
 - (1) Larry Lay
 - (2) Denny Lay
 - E. Arlie D. Lay, b. 20 Nov. 1914; m. Eura MacElroy; children:
 - (1) Helen Lay, m. Jim Hayse (?)
 - (2) Carolyn Lay
 - F. Ozella D. Lay, b. 26 Jan. 1917; m. Robert Reynolds; children:
 - (1) Lavena Reynolds
 - (2) Ralnurnie (?) Reynolds
 - G. Voncie Lay, b. 9 Oct. 1918; m. Jack Kemp; children:
 - (1) Wanda Joe Kemp.
 - H. Opal Lay, b. 26 May 1921; m. Dee Morrison; children:
 - (1) Sharman Morrison

- (2) Darlene Morrison
- (3) Frankie Morrison
- (4) Sandra Morrison
- I. Vonda Lay b. 31 May 1926; m. Clyde Thomas; children:
 - (1) Darrell Thomas
 - (2) Cherrell Thomas
 - (3) Carroll Thomas
- J. Nobel E. Lay, b. 16 Aug. 1930; m. Shirley Horn; children:
 - (1) Marla Lay
 - (2) Garland Lay
 - (2) Laura Lay, m. William Cooper, 2/ Richard Lay
 - (3) Ada Lay, m. Reuben Taylor
 - (4) Maggie Lay, m. Rafeord Keeling
 - (5) Scott Lay, d. unmarried

James Lay (son of David); m. Susan Garner; children:

- (1) John Lay married Belle Stevens; children:
 - A. Hester (?) Lay; m 1/Floyd Milton, 2/ Frank Burns, 3/
Howard Brightful
 - B. Vertia Lay, m. Ben Davis
 - C. Louise Lay, m. Earl Boatwright
- (2) Mary Lay, m. Frank Parks
- (3) Nancy Lay, m. Harvey Keeling
- (4) Betsey Lay, m. Jonas Thompson
- (5) Sarah Lay, m. Price Pattison (?)
- (6) Zulla Lay m. Jim Moore.

Louis Baird Lay (d. 1938, age 84 years) and Sarah E. Keeling Lay's Children (married in 1881):

- (1) Sanford Lay remained unmarried
- (2) Vena Lay married Dee Baker
- (3) David Lay married Essie Matlock; children:
 - A. Claude Lay
 - B. Sybel Lay
 - C. Gladys Lay
 - D. Alam Lay
- (4) Stanley Lay married Hatty Yarbrough in 1910; both killed in car wreck Nov. 10, 1952; children:
 - A. Willard married Louisa Dewitt; children:
 - (1) Joan, marriage unknown
 - (2) Ruby married George Griffen
 - (3) Joyce married Willard Beckham
 - (4) Jewell married Brownie Dillman.

- B. Gerald married Loraine Combs; children:
 - (1) Harry Lay
 - (2) Jerry Lay
 - (3) Kenne L. Lay
 - (4) Saretta Lay.
- C. Robert married Alma Cannon; children:
 - (1) Cindy Lay
 - (2) Bobbie Lay
 - (3) Patrica Lay
- D. Kenneth married Anna m. Sells; children:
 - (1) Susan Lay
 - (2) Lou Ann Lay
 - (3) Kendra K. Lay
- E. Ruby, marriage unknown.
- F. Joyce, marriage unknown.
- G. Juellian, marriage unknown.
- (5) Elijah Lay married Lila Davis; children:
 - A. Jeffie married Magdeline Butler
 - B. Marvella married Jack Cox
 - C. Deon married Melvia Moore
 - D. Freddie married Wilma Beal.
- (6) Thelia Ann Lay married Elijah Wilson.
- (7) Julie Lay, marriage unknown.
- (8) Thomas Lay, marriage unknown; b. 1842. (See Sharps County, Arkansas Census Records for 1870--this Vol.)

William Marion Lay, son of Jesse Duncan Lay, married Mary Jane Parson, July 28, 1804, in Scott County, Tennessee. and they removed into Searcy County, Arkansas. She was a daughter of John Parsons who taught school near Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. Their children were: Shelby, Jesse R., Dr. James, Richard (Dick), Nancy and Alice Lay.

- (1) Shelby Lay married Nancy Henley; children:
 - A. Chauncy P. Lay married Cordelia C. Chaney; children:
 - (1) Fenton married Loyd Smith
 - (2) Chauncey A. who married Margaret Eagle and Edith Thompson; children:
 - a. James Nobel Lay
 - b. Sylvia Lay
 - (3) Nancy Belle, married Joe Mayes.
- (2) Jesse R. Lay married Dora Payne; children:
 - A. Jesse Lay, Jr. died young
 - B. Howard Lay m. Anna m. Moore
 - C. Jane Lay
 - D. Thelma Lay
 - E. Earl Lay m. Mildred Miller; children
 - (1) Carl E. Lay (Killed in Korea)
 - (2) Vina Lay.

- (3) Dr. James Lay married Cena Baker; children:
 - A. Howard Lay
 - B. Daniel Lay
- (4) Nancy Lay, died unmarried
- (5) Alice Lay married Fate Rainbolt
- (6) Richard Lay (Dick) married Almedia Rainbolt and Laura Cooper; children:
 - A. Homer Lay married Jewell Sanders
 - B. Clyde Lay married Collie McKee and had these children:
 - (1) Clyde J. married Creat Morrison
 - (2) Pauline married Orville Collins
 - (3) Betty Lou married Burt Lewis
 - (4) Bill F. married Sue Wilkerson
 - (5) Jesse R. married Peggy Wallace
 - (6) Ruby Jean married Seth Mitchell
 - (7) Anna Louise married Bailey Shea
 - (8) Margaret Ann, married Jerry Reed
 - (9) Jerry Dean, unmarried
 - (10) James, unmarried.
 - (11) Tommie D., unmarried
 - (12) Donald R. Lay, unmarried.
 - C. Floy Lay married Henry Brown.

Nancy Lay, daughter of Jesse Duncan Lay, married Burnell Wilson; children:

- (1) Matthew Wilson
- (2) Scott Wilson
- (3) John Wilson
- (4) Susie Wilson
- (5) William Wilson
- (6) Marion Wilson

Hannah Lay, daughter of Jesse Duncan Lay, married Nelson Chitwood.

SHELBY LAY, a medicine doctor, son of Jesse Duncan Lay, was born in 1852 and died in 1918; buried in Everton Cemetery near Everton, Arkansas. He m. 1/ Margaret Younger, daughter of Alex Younger and a near kin to the Younger Brothers of Missouri. Shelby Lay m. 2/ Victoria Bishop, April 6, 1915. Children [of Margaret]: William K., Floyd, Baty, Maude, Lucy Ann, Eldred V., and Lawrence Lay.

WILLIAM LAY, was born Sept. 24, 1871; m. Laura Adams, Aug. 17, 1893. Their children: Ambrose, b. May 16, 1894, m. Dexter Keter and Verda Cotton. Ambrose and Dexter Lay had son, William Kelly Lay, b. Mar. 30, 1920, m. Lorene Bell, they had two sons: Robert and William Lay. Ambrose and Verda Lay had one daughter, Doris Lay.

Ezra Lay, son of William, b. Apr. 4, 1897, m. Ruby Wilson on Apr. 25, 1922, one son, William Kelse Lay, b. Mar 29, 1926.

Leona Lay, daughter of William, b. Nov. 9, 1902, d. Apr. 18, 1937, m. Arthur Massey (dates not given).

Clevie Lay, son of William, b. Mar. 4, 1905.

Brisco Lay, son of William, b. Mar(?) 5, 1914, m. Lorene McMurry, one daughter, Frankie Jean, b. July 1, 1938.

LAWRENCE LAY, m. 1/ Lizzie Sasser, 2/ Berta Bailey. No children by first marriage. By second marriage: Margaret m. Robert Young; Ruth m. Ed Slobby (?) [Stabler]; Robert, m. Marjory Kiphart; Mary K m. P. Hollingsworth; Frances, unmarried.

ELDRED V. LAY, b. Feb. 15, 1883, m. 1/ Alfreda Landis on Feb. 21, 1909, children: Madge, b. Feb. 11, 1910; David Shelby, b. Dec. 24, 1912; Madge Lay m. David Rurake; David Shelby Lay m. Katy Carmody, one son, David C. Lay.). Eldred V. Lay m. 2/ Lillian Hensley, two children: Lovie and Shelby Kenneth Lay m. 1/ Patrice Wilson, one daughter: Linda Kay Lay. He married 2/ Irene Wesner, children: Kenneth J., Bonnie M., Judy F., Michael T., and Patrick Lay.

FLOYD LAY, m. Nannie Pyle. Children: Omar, Garrison, Zimmery, Leslie, Ruby, who married Chester Ely; Norvella m. Orbra Williams.

MAUDE LAY, m. Dr. Albert Elton. After operating a hospital in New Hope, Arkansas, they removed to Atlanta, Georgia, where they died.

BATY LAY, married 1/ Lucinda Davis, 2/ Lessie Sasser. Children: Isom, Vincent, Obrey, Effie, Merta, Iula, and Doris Lay. Vincent Lay m. Ola Overturff, children: Lester, m. Maxine Sevilla, children: Larry, Richard, Glen, LouAnn, Louise, Karan, and Kevin Lay. Some of these Lay families removed into Oklahoma where descendants still reside.

LUCY ANN LAY, m. Granville M. Taylor in 1903. Children (some of them live in St. Louis, Mo.): Guy, Chleo, Calvin, Council,

JESSE LAY, son of Jesse Duncan Lay, b. March 21, 1837, d. July 10, 1919. Buried near Winfield, Tennessee. He m. Delpha Murphy, b. April 29, 1839, d. Sept. 30, 1917. His children were:

- Sarah Lay, age 4, in 1860, she later m. William Hamby;
- Lewis Lay, age 3, in 1860;
- Andrew Lay, age 2, in 1860.

They were living in Scott County, Tennessee, where Jesse Lay was locally known as "Fighting Jesse" and although an ordained minister of the Gospel, he was known as a real character to deal with. Many are the stories related about him for his unique actions. He had great fist-fighting ability and undaunted courage. He, being of an honest and upright character, expected everyone else to be likewise. Upon one occasion, while conducting religious services in a country church building, a large crowd had assembled and filled the house to its capacity. During the time of prayer, someone let a little dog in the house and it came up to the front where Jesse was knelt in prayer and he reached out and caught the dog by the throat and being so earnest in his prayer and so long, he choked the dog to death before he was through praying. At another time, he was riding through a small community town enroute to his appointment to preach on a Sunday when some heckler standing on a street corner began to make fun of him. Jesse stopped his horse and tied it to a hitch rack and administered a sound "licking" to the culprit and proceeded onto his services. He was a farmer along with his preaching as he had to support himself and his family. One day while he was working in the field his wife, Delphia, came running down to the field where he was working and told him some man had come to his house claiming to be Jesus Christ Himself. As she was frightened about it and at the man Jesse tied up his team and went back to the house with her. Sure enough there was the man standing in the yard. He was big and burley but Jesse said to him, "So you claim to be Jesus Christ, do you?" The man said he did. "Well," Jesse said, "I am going to give you a good whipping and if you really are Jesus, it won't hurt you because you won't feel it, and if you are not Him you need a good whipping anyway." So he proceeded to give the man a good whipping. This, by no means, exhausts the unique incidents that occurred during his lifetime in the ministry. We do not have a complete record of his family.

ELIJAH LAY, son of Jesse and Hannah Lay and a brother to Jesse Duncan Lay, was b. June 1, 1813, d. Nov. 25, 1885. He married Jane Kitchens b. Oct. 24, 1814, d. Jan. 1, 1901. A personal note in a Deed transaction of land sold in 1858 by Jesse Lay, Sr., and wife, Hannah Lay, says, "on account of Elijah Lay being their beloved son" sold land to Elijah Lay for "the support of each of them" (Deed Book No.5, page 40, Whitley Co., Ky.). We have the record of two sons, Lewis Lay and Jesse W. Lay b. Apr. 12, 1839, d. June 10, 1889. He m. 1/ Elizabeth Perkins and 2/ Jane Silcox, children: Lewis Millard, Peter, and Mary Ann Lay who married Sherman Smith. The record of Peter Lay is unknown.

Lewis Millard Lay m. Margaret Lawson. They had a son: George Flem Lay. m. Nannie Taylor, children:

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| 1. Lewis E. Lay, b. Jan. 8, 1896, | m. 1/ Minnie McFarland and
2/ Ludie Herrell. |
| 2. Clyde Lay | m. Ida Golden. |
| 3. Gertie Lay | m. _____ Golden. |
| 4. Bertie Lay | m. _____ McFarland. |
| 5. Laura Lay | m. _____ Lawson. |
| 6. Minnie Lay | m. _____ Wynatt. |
| 7. Bob Lay | m. _____ Barton. |
| 8. Claude Lay | m. _____ Smith. |

Lewis E. Lay and Ludie Harrell had these children:

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. Howard Lay | m. _____ Richert. |
| 2. Euna Lay | m. Willie Hays. |
| 3. Edna Lay | m. Jesse Dees. |
| 4. Myrtle Lay | m. Arthur McKeenah. |
| 5. Jennie Lay | m. _____ Garrison. |

ARKANSAS

MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS.Land and Court RecordsLand Deed

Verda Cotton Lay and Virginia Cotton Buckner to Denis Barhham August 19th., 1963

Land Patent

Jesse D Lay June 18th., 1878 recieved a Patent for 160 A. of Land Panther Fork of Water Creek from the U.S. Government. Cer.No# 1943; App'l No # 3221. R,B Hayes, President of the United States. "To secure Home Stead to actual settlers of a public domaine" Act of Congress Mar. 20th., 1862.

James E Lay granted Homestead No # 16717; Appl. No# 25289, for 157 A. October 3rd., 1905. T.R Roosevelt, President of United States.

Estate Record

Shelby Lay Adm. for Estate of Alexander Younger, selects J. Lay, N.H. Lay to apprais value of said estate. (This Alexander Younger was Shelby Lays father in Law)

Criminal Court Record.

W.F. Lay, was cleared in Criminal Court on charges he carried a concealed weapon. Wm. Lay was also cleared on charge on sale of a pistol.

Partation or Equity Suit.

February 3rd., 1903. Plaintiffs: B.F. Lay (Baty); B.E Estes; Alexander Younger; J.G. Park and J.R Lay. Defendants; Joe Stark; James Lay; David Lay and Wm. M Lay. Suit filed by Shelby Lay. Verdict returned in favor of defendants, heirs of Jesse D Lay.

Will Record.

W.M. Lay, deceased, Wife Laura (Adams) Lay. Heirs were the children,- Ambrose C Lay, Ezra E Lay, Jewell Brisco; and grand son Wm. Kelly Lay. Oct 30th., 1944.

Deed Record

March 23rd., 1950. Ambrose C Lay, his wife Verda Lay; Ezra B Lay, his wife Ruby Lay; Jewell Brisco Lay, his wife Marian Lay; William Kelly Lay. his wife Lorene Lay; Laura Lay, nee Adams, the mother and wife of William Lay, deceased.

Land Transfer.

Laurence Lay and Berta (Bailey) Lay, H and W.; William Lay and Maude Elton to Albert Elton, 1912; William Lay to L.H. Davenport 1907; Shelby Lay to M.M. Wickersham 1909; Floyd H. lay and Minnie Lay, H and W.; to William M lay 1920; Victoria J Lay, formerly Victoria J Bishop wife of Shelby Lay 1923. (Shelby Lay deceased); Baty F Lay, wideror to William Lay 1920; E. V. Lay and Lillian Lay H .and W., to William Lay 1920; Maude Lay Elton, formely Maude Lay, heir of Shelby Lay 1920 (She was a daughter of Dr Shelby Lay)

Power of Atty.

J.G.S Lay of Chicago, Illinois, a bachelor, appoints James C Lay of Gray Lake, Lake County, Illinois to sell property in Marion County, Ark., Nov. 28th., 1901. Thomas F Lay, died on Feb 19th 19??.

JAMES LAY
son of Bartley Lay

JAMES LAY, b. 27 Oct. 1828, d. 19 Jan. 1888, near Dublen, Ark., son of Bartley Lay, married three times: 1/ Mary Thompson, 2/ Elizabeth Thompson, and 3/ 27 Oct. 1847, Mary Roady. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and Later moved to Ark.; children: William L., Thomas A., John Perry, Flora, Lillie, Charles Robert, Harlow Bartley, Melinda Ann, James S., Emily J., Norman W., Bazlee.

FAMILY RECORD:

William Lorenzo Lay, b. 1 Nov. 1866, d. 1 Dec. 1866.

Thomas A. Lay, b. 8 Dec. 1868, d. 9 Oct. 1954; m. Fannie Dodson;
children:

1. Avie Lay
2. Virgie Lay
3. Coy Lay, m. Ida Lancaster
4. Ruth Lay m. Bill Fox
5. Martha Lay

John Perry Lay, b. 16 July 1867, d. 18 Sept. 1870; unmarried.

Flora Lay, b. 26 Dec. 1870, d. 15 June 1932; m. Davey Horn; children:
1. Cora Horn

Lillie Lay, b. 16 Dec. 1872; m. Henry Fox.

Charles Robert Lay, b. 22 Dec. 1874, d. 10 Oct. 1891; unmarried

Harlow Bartley Lay, b. 3 Jan. 1877, d. 18 June 1897; unmarried

Melinda Ann Lay, b. 27 Nov. 1878, m. Press Cummins; children:

1. Victor Cummins
2. Delilah Cummins

James Sidney Lay, b. 21 Oct. 1881, d. 19 Jan____; Della Denton;
children:

1. Earl Lay, m. Jessie Henderson; children:
 - (1) James Alton Lay m. Wanda Henderson.
 - (2) Ernestine Lay m. Preston Lawson.

2. Marie Lay m. Ray Brooks.
3. Lucille Lay. unknown.

Emily Jewell Lay, b. 12 Mar. 1883; m. Joe Pumphrey; children:

1. Ola Pumphrey
2. Howard Pumphrey
3. Jean Pumphrey
4. Clarence Pumphrey
5. Oliver Pumphrey
6. Mary Pumphrey

Norman Weslev Lay, b. 2 April 1884 (or 1885), d. 1885.

Bazlee Lay, b. 7 Oct 1887; m. Grace Pumphery; children:

1. Wesley Lay, m. Juanita Dell; children:
 - (1) Charles Lay
 - (2) Phil Lay

Earl Lay, m. unknown

ASHLEY COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Charles Lay, age 21, to Lillie Couch, Parkdale, Ark., 31 July 1929.

BENTON COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Evelyn Mae Lay, Nowata, Okla., to Jesse Anderson, 7 March 1953.

Lucius Lay, of Mississippi, to Josephine Slocum, 4 Nov. 1921

L. M. Lay, Locust Grove, Okla., to Minnie Lay, Locust Grove,
20 March 1950.

Orville W. Lay, age 60, of Miss., to Mrs. Sally E. Mitchell,
age 48, 29 Nov. 1916.

Ruby Clara Lay, to Roy E. Wilson of Joplin, Mo., 12 Aug. 1950.

William P. Lay, to Nancy Ann Smith, 24 Nov. 1872.

BOONE COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Claude Lay, Bellfonte, Ark., to Sarah Roberts, 11 Oct. 1913.

Dan Lay, to Milly Chism, both of Harrison, Ark., 22 Jan. 1893.

Edward Lay, to Bonnie Mariea, 6 June 1939.

Harold Lay, to Wanda Plumlee, 28 May 1957.
John Lay, Bruno, Ark., to Belle Stevens, 1 June 1904.
Shelby Lay, (Dr.) to Victoria Bishop, 31 Mar. 1915.
William Lay, Fresno, Calif., to Illa Jean Wages, 28 May, 1946.

CONWAY COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Allen Lay, age 33, to Sarah C. Caudel, 30 Dec. 1866.
Earl Lay, age 19, to Bessie M. Wood, 6 Nov. 1942.
Harrison Lay to Nancy Donelson, 18 June 1865.
Howard Norman Lay, age 20, to Jessie Louise Scroggens, 17(?)
 Oct. 1945.
E. B. Lay, Pope Co., Ark., to Mrs. Lula Reed, 17 Feb. 1909.
J. C. Lay, Little Rock, Ark., to Martha Massey, 13 Feb. 1904.
Lillian Lay, age 16, to Earl Poteet, 11 March 1933.
Lindon M. Lay, age 20, to Lillian Lee Richardson, 14 Sept. 1929.
Thara Lay, Appelton, Pope Co., Ark., to Emma Loveland, 25 June,
 1921.

CLARK COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

A. O. Lay to S. K. Moore, 6 Nov. 1876.
Byron Lay to Lora Hughes, 9 Aug. 1922.
Edward lay to Gracie Taylor, 5 May 1923.
George Lay to Cora Tesdell, 9 Feb. 1899.
Harrison P. Lay to Nancy Haygood, 6 Jan. 1867.
William Lay to Idella Learners, 20 Dec. 1932.

Census:

1870:

ANDREW LAY, 25, b. Ala.
 MARY LAY, 27, b. Ala.
 Wm. LAY, 2, b. ARK.
 ZACHARIAH LAY, (34), Ala.; Eliza, 28 (?), La.; Alice 12 (?), La;
 James, 5, La.; William 6 Mo., Ark.

1880:

ALFORD LAY, 23, Ala.; Susan, 23, Ark.; James H., 2; Thressie, 1 mo.

LAY -- ARKANSAS

Clarke County, ArkansasMarriages

Harrison P. Lay and Nancy W. Haygood, January 6, 1867; A. O. Lay and S. K. Moore, November 6, 1876; George Lay and Cora Tisdell, February 9, 1899; William Lay and Idabelle Lennons, December 20, 1932; Byron Lay and Lora Hughes, March 27, 1923; Ed Lay and Grace Taylor, _____ 5, 1923; Joe Mike Lay -???

Hot Springs County, Arkansas

Court Records & Marriages

Arvin Lay of Garland County, Arkansas to Dortha Jones, April 6, 1932;

Ed Lay was a witness in State of Arkansas Versus George Faulkner, 1932.

Pike County, ArkansasMarriages

Pearl Lay and Jesse Stracener, September 2, 1917; W. J. Lay and Kate Smith, December 3, 1901; L. J. Lay and Della Ward, September 23, 1897; (L. J. Lay was from Clarke County, Ark.)
Mrs. Martha Rella Lay to John T. Echols, November 5, 1905; Matte Lay to J. D. Brewer, March 15, 1903; Ellie Lay to John Howard, August 7, 1905; Montine Lay to Arnet Duggan, October 17, 1946; Stephan Pat Lay to Sharon J. McDonald, April 19, 1969.

Nashville, Howard County, ArkansasMarriages

A. G. Lay, 28, Howard County, to Essie Webb, 18, December 12, 1907; Willard Lay, 23, Pike County, to Jessie Floyd, 18, October 25, 1913; Dewey Lay, 18, Pike County, to Florida Wilson, 16, September 23, 1917; Otis Lay, 21, Pike County, to Willie Gallighy, 18, April 12, 1919; Dewey Lay, 24, Howard County, to Nannie White, 22, October 10, 1923; William Lay, 23, Howard County, to Hazel Reeves, 21, November 11, 1935; Perry G. Lay to Wanda Harrison, April 15, 1949; Jack Lay to Betty Wisdom, May 10, 1944; Garland Webb Lay to Sarah H. Bisswell, August 11, 1946; Bascom M. Lay to Grace L. Williams, April 12, 1942; Jessie Lay to Laraine Clements, December 1, 1953.

Jackson LeRoy Lay, b. May 20th., 1889; d. Aug. 26 1951 and William A. Lay, b. Jan 15th., 1889 both U.S. Soldiers are buried in the National Cemetery in Little Rock, Arkansas.

CHICOT COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

W. H. Lay, age 51, Tyro, Lincoln Co., Ark., to Lillian Hart, age 38, Lake Village, Ark., 13 April 1932.

Legal Records:

19 June 1833, WM. H. LAY was granted P. of A. in interest of John Mitchell & Co., by James Blain, acting J.P.

March 1870. JOHN F. LAY of St. Louis Co., Mo. Deed. Date of note 1875. Sale of land followed.

11 May 1871. JOHN F. LAY of St. Louis Co., Mo. Trustee for Anna M. Dills. Deed to C. W. and Katie Small.

14 May 1877. JOHN F. LAY, St. Louis Co., Mo., and Wife, Lizzie P. (Hornbeck), Deed to Jas. S. Jett.

DESHA COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Adnee Lay to Percy Stevenson, 5 July 1923.

Champ Lay to Martha Evans, 11 Jan. 1887.

Champ Lay to Ida House, 30 Oct. 1896.

Champ Lay to Clay Hawkins, 29 Dec. 1903.

Green Lay to Mary Smith, 29 May 1859.

Hatty Mae Lay to James Fox, 20 Sept. 1937.

Henrietta (Watson) Lay (Mrs.) to T. C. Chandler, 17 Mar. 1892.

Lula Lay to Elez Stubbs, 11 Mar. 1905.

Martha Lay to Jordan Harmon, 12 Apr. 1855.

Mary Lay to George W. Griffeth, 29 Jan. 1868.

Mary Jane Lay to Raymond Deaton, 6 June 1960.

Rosa Lay (Mrs.) to Elzie Spurlock, 27 Feb. 1924.

Rex Lay to Letha Arnold, 5 May 1926.

William Lay to Henrietta Wright, 21 Dec. 1889.

William Lay, Desha Co., Ark., to Virginia Writtenhouse, 21 Jan. 1948.

William T. Lay to Corylee Carrington, 4 May 1946, by Letha Lay.

W. H. Lay to Bessie Burroughs, 5 July 1935.

Zack Lay to Lillian Powell, 3 Oct. 1934.

Zack Lay to Inez Conrad, 21 March 1948.

Desha County, 1850. Green Lay, age 20 living in Collins' family;

Elizabeth Lay, daughter of Wm. and Nancy Lay, . Jordon Hamm.
C. C. Lay m. March 6, 1897, Nancy Lay, daughter of Wm Lay; one
 daughter, Frances Lay m. John T. Morgan.

Nancy Lay m. Tom King; children: Thomas, J. C., Charles, Avis,
 Wm. H., Elna, and Harrott King.

U. S. Census:

1860:

H. H. Lay, age 30, b. Ga.

Mary E. Lay, age 23, b. Tenn. Children: John, 3; C. C., 1;
 b. Ark..

DREW COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

W. H. Lay, age 45, to Hattie Caldwell, Desha Co., Arr.,
 27 Jan. 1934.

W. H. Lay, age 52, to Lillian Hart, Lincoln Co., Ark.,
 29 Aug. 1932.

FAULKNER COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Chester Lay to Genetta Shook, 16 June 1914.

F. S. Lay to Cassie Duncan, 18 Feb. 1932.

Jesse R. Lay to Frances Lavelle Bostic, 7 March 1952.

J. W. Lay to Cleve Jones, 14 Oct. 1896.

Sherman Lay to Audrey Lay, 7 Jan. 1924.

Thara Lay to Emma Loveland, 26 Jan. 1921.

Walter Lay to Bertha Permenter, 6 Nov. 1928.

Wills:

WILLIAM SPENCER LAY. Will written 4 Dec. 1930, executed 18 Jan.
 1933; names Dewey Lay, Peter Lay, Chester Lay, sons; Fannie
 Lay (Durham), Martha Lay (Griffith), Beckie Lay and Audie Lay
 (Bell), daus. Peter Lay, Admsr.

(Dewey Lay married Cordia Brewer.)

Census:

1880:

LOU LAY, age 31; Ida Lay, dau., age 1, born Ala.

FULTON COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Henderson Lay, 18, Viola, Ark., to Edna Castleberry, age 20,
15 July 1896.
Hubert Lay, age 22, Texas Co., Mo., to Julie Nagel, age 21,
29 Sept. 1928.
Ima Lay, age 23, Shannon Co., Mo., to Howard Deathrage,
28 Jan. 1948.
Loyd Lay, age 22, Winonna, Mo., to Bernice Browley, 4 Sept. 1930.
Martha J. Lay (Mrs. David Lay), age 73, Salem Mo., to John R.
Miller, Salem, Mo., 20 Feb. 1950.
Vernon Lay, age 27, St. Louis Co., Mo., to Willa M. Stepp,
17 Nov. 1960.

Census Record:

1880:

JOHN LAY, b. 1836, Tenn.; wife Amanda Chitwood, b. 1844, Tenn.;
children: Beauregard, b. 1863, Mo.; James, b. 1865, Mo.;
Martin, b. 1867, Mo.; William and Jackson (Twins), b. 1871, Mo.;
Aaron, b. 1874, Ark.; Henderson b. 1878, Ark.
(Henderson Lay later moved to Shannon Co., Mo.)

GARLAND COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Orvin Lay, age 57, to Dorothy James, age 55, 11 April 1959.

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

S. J. Lay to Marie Rogers, 11 Jan. 1889.
Una Lay to Russell Brogdon, 7 Mar. 1929.
Vada Lay to Ardel Sutton, 18 Dec. 1928.

IZZARD COUNTY, ARK.

Census:

1870:

JOHN LAY, 59, Tenn.; Beulah, 49, Ohio; Harriett, 19, Ark.;
George, 18, Ark.; James, 16, Ark.; Martha, 13, Ark.; Julianne,
12, Ark.; Pheoby, 8, Ark.

Richard and Sally Jairet, born in Ga.;
Adam Lay, 12, Safrona Lay, 10; Jane Lay, 5; Susan Lay, c;
Mary Lay, 4.

JOHNSON COUNTY, ARK.

Census:

1870:

DAVID H. LAY, 33, b. Tenn., Rachel P. Lay, 27, b. Ark., Laura Lay, 3, b. 4Tk.

1880:

JAMES LAY, b. 1833, Tenn.; wife, Mary Lay, b. 1847, Ky.(?); children: Thomas, b. 1868, Ark.; Florence, b. 1871, Ark.; Lillie, 1873, Ark.; Charles, b. 1875, Ark.; Harlow, b. 1877, Ark.; Melinda, b. 1879, Ark.

MARTHA LAY, widow, b. 1845, Tenn. (husband unrecorded); children: Elizabeth, b. 1868; Young W. Lay, b. 1873, Ark.; William, b. 1879, Ark.

WESLEY LAY, b. 1840, Tenn.; wife, Martha, b. 1852, Ark.; children. James: Lay, b. 1863, Ark.; Hansford, b. 1867, Ark.; William, b. 1869, Ark.; John, b. 1871, Ark.; Belle, b. ,1874, Ark.; Emily, b. 1879, Ark.; Ida, b. 1875, Ark.

CHARLES P. LAY, b. 1854(?), Ark.; wife, Sally Lay, b. 1850, Ark.; children: Lila, b. 1869, Ark.; Hattie, b. 1870, Ark.; Jesse, b. 1878, Ark. (probably Sharp Co.).

JAMES LAY, b. 1860, Ark. (Piney Twns.); wife, Rebecca, b. 1860; son, Robert Lay, b. 1880, 4ik.

SCOTT W. LAY, b. 1847; wife, Nancy Lay, b. 1854, Ark. (White Co.).

LINCOLN COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Beulah A. Lay to William Collins, 9 Sept. 1901.

Beulah A. Lay to William Simpson, 21 Feb. 1909

C. C. (Charles Christopher) Lay to Nancy Lay (sister to Wm. Henry Lay, Jr.), 6 Mar. 1887.

Charles Lay to Beulah Wilkerson, 11 Dec. 1898.

Charley Lay to Virginia Carr, 24 July 1936.

Chris Lay to Creola Carter, 25 Mar. 1909.

Fannie Lay to T. L. Brown, 12 May 1881.

Rex Lay, Jr. to Nora Evelyn Lakin, 4 Oct. 1949.

Rex Lay, Jr. to Carolyn Ann Berry, 3 Dec. 1962.

William Lay (son of , William Henry and Frances Wilkerson Lay) to Adnee Wells, 23 Oct. 1890.

William H. Lay to Hattie Humphreys, 26 April 1916.

William Thomas Lay to Cory Lee Carrington, 6 June 1945.

Cemetery Record, Tyro Cemetery, Lincoln Co., Ark.:

William Henry Lay, C.S.A., b. 11 Mar. 1848, d. 2 Feb. 1882.

His wife, Frances A. (Wilkerson) Lay, b. 11 Dec. 1847, d. 26 Oct. 1925.

Charley M. Lay, b. 3 April 1878, d. 19 Dec. 1900.

Chris C. Lay, b. 1861, d. 1890.

Frances Lay, wife of John Morgan, b. 5 Nov. 1889, d. 8 July 1963.

William H. Lay, Jr., b. 1868, d. 1943.

These brothers from Miss. in unmarked graves:

Jordan Ed Lay)	Sons of H. H. Lay, b. Ga. 1830 and Mary E.
Chris C. Lay)	Lay, b. Tenn. 1833. (C. C. Lay m. Nancy
John Lay)	Lay, (daughter of W. E. Lay, Jr.) Mar. 6,
Billie Lay)	1887.)

LINCOLN COUNTY, ARK.

Census Record:

1880:

WILLIAM H. LAY, age 31, b. Ark., parents b. Tenn.; Frances A. Lay, age 32, b. Ark., parents b. Miss.; Frances A., age 13, William H., 11; Charles, 7; Nancy, 6.

JOHN LAY, age 22, b. Miss., parents b. Miss. In home of James M. Wilkerson.

LOGAN COUNTY, ARK.

Census Record:

1880:

James Lay, ??, B. Tenn. Father b. Va.

Mary Lay, 33; children: Florence, Thomas, Lilly, Charles, Malinda

LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

J. M. (Joshua Michael) Lay to Nannie Knight 11-7-1912

Nannie Maude Lay to Jesse Chauncey 7-9-1924

MARION COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Ambrose Lay to Dexter Keeter, 5 Jan. 1917.
 Baty F. Lay, Tomahawk, Ark., to Lucinda Davis, 6 Mar. 1898.
 Eldred Lay, Bruno, Ark., to Alfretta Landers, 21 Feb. 1909.
 Floyd Lay, Bruno, Ark., to Nannie Pyle, 26 Nov. 1899.
 Hester Lay, to B. L. Burns, 23 Nov. 1929.
 Lawrence Lay, to Malissa Sasser, Bruno, Ark., 9 Aug. 1901.
 Sarah Belle Lay, to N. M. Cheek, 27 Feb. 1934.
 William M. Lay, Bruno, Ark., to Laura Adams, 17 Aug. 1898.

Wills:

WILLIAM M. LAY d. 15 Sept. 1944 at Yellville, Ark., age 70.
 Will names wife, Laura (Adams) Lay; children: Ambrose C. Lay,
 Ezra E. Lay, and Jewel Lay (Brico); grandson, Wm. Kelly Lay;
 Laura Lay, his wife.

NEWTON COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Chauncey Lay, Marshall, Ark., to Margarette Eagle, 21 Dec. 1939.
 Nancy Lay to J. T. Landers, 12 Dec. 1893.

OUACHITA COUNTY, ARK.

Court Notes:

LARKIN ADOLPH LAY, a minor of L. A. LAY. Deed, by Mrs.
 CAMILLA SLABLER LAY, Guardian, 31 Aug. 1947. Other Oil and
 Gas leases held in trust in her husbands interests of L. A. LAY,
 deceased. A dower.

PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Little Rock, Ark., records the following Lays.

Bernice Lay
 Cleo Lay
 Dewey Lay
 Eloise Lay, widow of Jack Lay.
 Jackson O. Lay
 James B. Lay of Jellico, Tenn.
 Lyndal Lay, son of Cecil Lay; g.son of Benjamin Lay; g.gr.son of
 Allen S. Lay, C.S.A. Civil War.
 Vernon Lay

SALINE COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Betty Sue Lay to Gordon. C. Brown, of Little Rock, Ark.,
8 May 1943.

Charles R. Lay to Billie Ellis, 7 Feb. 1954.

Evie Lay to William C. Cason, 31 Jan. 1946.

Jacque LaReah Lay, age 22, Little Rock Ark., to William Baugh,
7 Dec. 1940.

Larry B. Lay to Lila K. Decker, 16 Dec. 1960.

Billie Joe Lay (Mrs.) to Archie F. Crawford, of Little Rock,
Ark., 16 Dec. 1941.

Ruth M. Lay to Doran W. Buchime, 22 Feb. 1963

R. A. Lay, age 45, Little Rock, Ark., to Marion Reardion, 28 Feb.
1928.

Thomas Arthur Lay to Linda Kay Crowley, 12 Dec. 1945.

Calvin Lee Lay to Resie E. Nobler, Mar. 12, 1950;

James H. Lay to Novella McCracken, Jan. 16, 1946.

W. A. Lay to Mrs. Mary Jackson, Marr. 29, 1943.

Census:

1880:

Wiley Wood and Sally Wood, b. Tenn.; ELIZABETH LAY, 41, sister,
b. Tenn.; Columbus Lay 17, nephew, b. Tenn.; William Lay, 13, n
nephew, Tenn.; Edward Lay, 9, nephew, Tenn.

SEARCY COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Alonzo Lay to Lora Manuel, , 22 Nov. 1909, by B. J. Lay.

Anderson Lay to Emma Guillman, 15 Jul 1916.

Andrew Lay to Jewell Suttlefield, 13 Aug. 1908.

Arthur A. Lay to Alice Davis, 15 Jan. 1904.

A. D. Lay to Eura McElroy, 29 Jul 1938.

David Lay to Ruth Guinn (or Quinn), 29 Sep. 1885.

Doss Lay to Cinda Keeling, 24 Dec. 1923.

D. L. Lay to Essie Matlock, 30 June 1908.

Edith Lay to William Rogers.

Ellen Lay to R. C. Cypret, 2 Dec. 1929.

Fenton Lay to Loyd Smith, 23 Dec. 1933.

Garfield Lay to Nettie Kimbell, 19 Dec. 1908.

George Lay to Sarah Cotton, 26 Oct. 1911.

Herman Lay to Oma Woods, 17 July 1920.

H. C. Lay to Mrs. Emma Terrill, 27 July 1915.
I. W. Lay to Rachel E. Kimbell, 18 April 1904.
James A. Lay to Mrs. A.P.A. Fought, 2 Aug. 1898.
James Anderson Lay to Josephine B. Grantham, 31 July 1883,
 by Lewis Lay.
James C. Lay to Lora Daupp, 15 April 1899.
James M. Lay to Winnie Kessner, 27 Sept. 1885.
Jesse Lay, age 20, to Mary E. Grantham, 23 June 1881.
Jesse R. Lay to Dora Payne, 4 Apr. 1896.
John Lay to Anna Patterson, 2 Oct. 1901.
John L. Lay to Elizabeth Kimball, 11 Jan. 1902.
John W. Lay to M. E. Pierce, 29 Sept. 1896, by John R. Lay.
John W. Lay to Nellie Gassoway, 17 April 1912.
John W. Lay to Mrs. J. A. Roberts, 30 May 1916.
J. B. Lay, age 21, to Georgia R. Mays, 14 April 1893.
J. B. Lay to Ida Grantham, 7 Dec. 1906.
J. W. Lay to Mary A. Treat, 24 Nov. 1917.
J.W.N. Lay to Ciandy May, 3 Feb. 1892.
Lewis Lay, age 25, to Sarah E. Keeling, 9 Oct. 1881.
L. M. Lay to Minnie Duncan, 20 May 1908.
Mamie Lay to Virgil Hightower, 19 June 1923.
Monte Lay to Ada Grantham, 28 July 1914, by J. B. Lay.
Monte O. Lay to Bertha Williams, 18 July 1919.
Nancy Belle Lay to Joe W. Mays.
Nora Lay to Albert Ragland, 2 Mar. 1927, by Ellen Lay.
Ora Lay to W. W. McCarsen, 27 June 1923.
Oscar Lay to Mrs. Vana Lay, 20 July 1917.
Ozella Lay to Robert Reynolds.
Perry Lay to Caddie Still, 14 May 1917.
Retta Lay to C. P. Grantham, 14 Apr. 1912.
R. A. Lay to Amanda Rainbolt, 18 Sept. 1899.
R. A. Lay to Lura Cooper, 6 Mar. 1916.
R. C. Lay to Lillie Mays, 7 Aug. 1914.
Sanford Lay to Ura Fergerson, 20 June 1914.
Stanley Lay to Hattie Yarbough, 23 Dec. 1910.
S. F. Lay to Berdie Woods, 10 June 1909.
Thomas Lay, age 27, to Mary E. Rose, 13 Sept. 1886.
T. S. Lay to Mrs. M. E. Rose, 8 July 1891.
Walter Lay to Alice Keeling, 28 Feb. 1903.

Some Lays in Searcy County:

George and Sarah (Jackson) Lay.
 Garfield and Nettie (Kimbell) Lay.
 Herman and Nancy (Ford) Lay.

John W. and Nellie Lay.

J. R. Lay, guardian of Dan Lay.

J. W. and Ellen Lay.

Oscar and Varney (Horton) Lay; one son, Franklin Lay, b.
28 Aug. 1918.

William Marion Lay died in Searcy Co., 11 Sept. 1916.

Census:

1860:

MARY LAY, widow, b. Tenn. (no age).

GEO. W., 9; JESSE or JASPER, age 7.

1870:

REBECCA LAY, age 17; May T. Lay, age 8. Living in Home of
Roan Moore.

JOHN W. LAY, age 30, b. Tenn.; Martha Lay, 28; children:
James M., 7; Luther H. (Hansford), 3; William F., 1;
Sarah A. Lay, 21 (probably a sister).

WILLIAM LAY, 33, b. Tenn. (bro. to John W.); Louisa Lay, 27;
Andrew J., 12; Sarah J., 6; Martha, 2; Thadeus, age 27
(bro. to Wm.); Robert, 21 (bro.).

1880:

WESLEY LAY, 40, b. Tenn., parents b. Ala.; Martha Lay, 38, b. Ark.;
James, 17; Hansford, 14; William, 11; John, 9; Belle, 6; Ida,
5; Emily, 1.

DAVID LAY, 46, b. Ky., parents b. Ky. and Tenn.; Sarah Lay, 15,
dau.; Elizabeth, 9, dau.; Andrew, 6, son; Sam, 4, son.

CHARLES LAY, age 23, b. Tenn., father by N.C., mother b. Tenn.;
Ella Lay, b. Ohio; James A., 3 mo.

SHELBY LAY, 28, Blacksmith, b. Tenn., parents b. Tenn.; Margaret
Lay, 31, b. Tenn.; William M., 8; Betty [*Baty*] F., 7.; Lucy A., 4.;
Florida [*Floyd*] N., 2.

Marshall Cemetery, Marshall, Ark.:

George W. Lay, b. 6-26-1854; d. 4-21-1926.

Arthur Lay, b. 7-1-1882; d. 5-18-1928.

Mary C. Lay, b. 1-9-1858; d. 2-8-1932.

SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARK.

LORAIN (BELL) Lay, school teacher, wife of Kelly Lay, Yellville, Ark. Two sons; Bob and Bill Lay at Ft. Smith, Ark.

SHARP COUNTY, ARK.

Elvie Lay, age 22, Rolla, Mo., to Eldon Appelby, 17 July 1948.

Ira Lay, age 49, Mammoth Springs, Ark., to Myrtle Corder, age 44, 15 Mar ,1951.

Jewell LaVon Lay, age 19, Willow Springs, Mo., to Willie W. Williams, 15 Mar. 1952.

Louis Lay, age 29, Heber Springs, Ark., to Lois Collins, age 17, 12 Jan. 1951.

Census:

1870:

THOMAS LAY, age 28, b. Tenn.; Sarah Lay, 25, b. Tenn.; Lucinda, 11; William, 9; Loyd, 7; Thomas, 5; Henry, 5 mo.

1880:

WILLIAM LAY, age 47, b. Ill., parents b. Ky.; Margie Lay, 37, b. Va., parents b. Va.; Grey P., 16; Thomas E., 14; John P., 12; Nancy J., 8; Hannah, 5.

DAVID LAY, age 43, b. Tenn., parents b. S.C.; Rachel P. Lay, 38, b. Ark.; Effie M., 7; Sidney, 4; Rosa, 2; Daisy, 2.

CHARLES F. LAY, age 35, b. Ark.; parents b. Ark.; Sally Lay, 20; Lula, 11; Hattie, 5; Jesse, 3.

STONE COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

Loy A. Lay, age 25, to Jewell Hines, 21 Dec. 1925.

Raymond Lay, age 24, of Tenn., to Nora Decker, 13 April 1927.

W. H. Lay, age 29, to Pearl Lawrence, age 19, 27

Deed:

12 Sept. 1907, ROBERT E. LAY and wife MARTHA LAY.

VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

A. B. Lay to Ida Bradford, 6 Nov. 1897.
Cecil Lay to Reta Patton, 27 April 1919.
Charles F. Lay to Rose Jones, 9 Oct. 1910.
Charles F. Lay to Sarah E. Garner. 29 Aug. 1867.
C. F. Lay to Edna French, 25 Aug. 1907.
David H. Lay to Rachel P. Billinger, 25 Oct. 1866.
Hardin P. Lay to Bettie Jacobs, 12 Nov. 1908.
Irvin Lay to Della Rainey, 8 Sept. 1907.
John M. Lay to Ella Pearson, 2 Nov. 1865.
J. C. Lay to Lillian Rudisell, 26 Jan. 1898.
R. N. Lay to Ida Vineyard, 21 Oct. 1902.
Sam H. Lay to Anna E. Frazier, 1 Nov. 1899.
Wayne Lay to Ruby Mae Eubanks, 20 May 1940.

Court Records:

IDA LAY appointed Guardian for Cecil, Allen and Frona Lay, heirs of Allen Lay in 1913. Assigned by Harden P. Lay.

SARAH C. LAY, widow of Allen S. Lay, appointed Guardian for Irvin Lay, Jennice Maddox, wife Of W. S. Maddox.

A. B. LAY, wife Ida.

ALICE BRADLEY, wife of S. E. Bradley.

S. H. LAY, E. P. LAY, HORACE LAY and ANNA E. LAY. Signed by Sarah C., R. P., Emma E., S. H. Lay, H. B. Lay, and A. B. Lay, 20 Oct. 1900.

Deed:

FOUNTAIN LAY and PERMELIA J. LAY, his wife, 6 Feb. 1875.
 HORACE LAY and LULA LAY, his wife. to HARDEN P. LAY, Jan. 190.

Census:

1850 -- Cadron Twns.

#395. JESSE LAY, 59, Tenn., farmer; Susan P. Martin Lay, 44, S.C.; Nancy, 15, Tenn.; David Hardin Lay, 13, Tenn.; John M. Lay, 6, Ark.; Charles F. Lay, 5, Ark.

#397. WILLIAM LAY, 43, Tenn.; Mary S. Lay, 37, Tenn. (Mary Bacon); Allen Lay, 17, Tenn.; Elizabeth ____ Tenn.; Emaline, 12, Tenn.; Sarah, 9, Ark.; Martha, 6, Ark.; Winfield Scott Lay, 4, Ark.; Nancy, 2, Ark.

1860 -- 15 Aug. 1860, P.O. Quitman:

#239. WILLIAM H. LAY, 53, Tenn., farmer, Real Estate, \$300.00, Personal Property, \$648.00; Mary S. Bacon Lay, 47, Tenn.; Emeline, 22, Tenn.; Sarah, 19, Ark.; Martha, 16, Ark.; Winfield, 12, Ark.; Nancy, 11, Ark.; William L., 8, Ark.

ALLEN LAY, 27 Ark.; Sarah, 20, Ark.

JESSE LAY; 62, Tenn.; Susan P., 50, S.C.; Nancy, 25; David Hardin, 23; John M., 17; Charles F., 14, Ark.

1870:

WILLIAM H. LAY, 52; Mary S., 57; William L., 18, Ark.

JESSE LAY, 73, Tenn.; Susan P., 70, Tenn.; Charles F., 25; Sally Lay, 20; Lila, 2; Helen Brown, 16; Mary Garner, 14.

JOHN LAY, 28, Ark.; Ellen (Pearson) Lay, 27, Tenn.; Molly, 2; Francis, 1; baby (f) 3 mo.

1880:

JOHN M. LAY, 38, Ark., father b. Tenn., mother b. S.C.; Ellen Lay, 37, Ark., parents b. Va.; Mary, 14; Fannie, 12; Claudia, 10; Bessie, 8; Annie, 5; Leslie, 4; Nellie, 2.

ALLEN S. LAY, 37, Tenn., parents b. Tenn.; Sarah C., wife, 39, Ky.; Benjamin, 18; Mary A., 18; Hardin P., 10; Samuel H., 5; Horace B., 4.

CHARLES F. LAY, 35, Ark.; Sally (Garner), 30 Ark.; Lula, 11; Hattie, 5; Jesse, 3.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARK.

Marriages:

A. P. Lay, Springdale, Ark., to Louere Sharp, 20 July 1930.

James Wm. Lay, Springdale, Ark. to Mae Beth Creech, 8 June 1956.

Kelly Lay, Yellville, Ark., to Lorane Bell, 25 May 1940.

Mary Elinor Lay, Bentonville, Ark., to Martin Johnson, 30 Sept. 1933.

Roy Lay, Corpus Christie, Texas, to Angie Berry, 13 Oct. 1939.

WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

Marriages:

Hetty Mae Lay, age 30, Bald Knob, Ark., to Otto Galloway,
22 Feb. 1934.

Icie Lay, age 19, Heber Springs, Ark., to Sterling Leigh,
6 Feb. 1939.

Inez Lay, age 19, Heber Springs, Ark., to K. C. Love. 7 Dec. 1936.

James F. Lay, age 26, son of John D. and Mary (Scott) Lay, to
Ludy Rea, age 26, 27 May 1920.

Vincie Lay, age 23, Stone Co., Ark., to Thrulow Kemp, age 30,
23 Aug. 1954.

W. S. (Winfield Scott) Lay, age 24, to Nannie R. Stevenson, age
17, 14 Sept. 1870.

Deaths:

NANNIE A. LAY, widow of Winfield Scott Lay, d. 10 June 1947, age
94 years.

JAMES F. LAY left legal Curatorship to Little Rock Bank in favor
of his father John D. Lay.

Washington County, Ark. Land Records

May 18th. 1896- Mrs. Sarah A. Lay to Elwwod Lay, Mortgage with
power to sell to James H. McIvey (?)

March 9th., 1900. Land with Q. C. Deed. Rebecca Lay, Harry B.
Lay, Frank Lay, Peter Lay and wife Emily Lay. sell to Sarah E.
Lay of Brown County, State of Wisconsin.

Cleveland County - in Goodloe Cemetery

John M. Lay, Cap't., b. 2-15-1842; d. 7-13-1930

Nellie Lay, b. 9-22-1878; d. 8-13-1890

Nellie Lay, b. 4-14-1813; d. 1-21-1906

Cleveland County, Ark. - in Quitman Cemetery

William Harden Lay, b. 11-1808; d. 2-15-1881

Mary S. Lay, b. 7-7-1811; d. 9-22-1887.

Nancy E. Lay, b. 3-10-1849; d. 3-15-187 ?

Hellen Lay, b. 4-15-1887.

Faulkner County, Ark., Cemetery record (Heffington)

Martha Lay, b. 1-17-1885; d. 8-12-1952

Fete Lay, b. 1888--d. 1948

John Spencer Lay, b. 4-20-1930; d. 4-22-1952

Tony D. Lay, b. 3-26-1934; d. 9-26-1951

HARRISON P. LAY
Clark County, Ark.

HARRISON P. LAY , a son of Henry Harrison Lay, married Nancy Haygood in Clark Co., Ark., 6 Jan. 1867. He lived and died near Amity. Ark. Their children were Isora and Joseph.

FAMILY RECORD:

Isora Lay, m. John W. Ponder.

Joseph Lay, died Nov. 1903, Clarksville, Texas, buried Coker Cem. near Amity; m. Rilla Ward; children: Byron, Horace and Gertie Alma Lay.

1. Byron Lay, owner of Arkadelphia, Ark., steam laundry; m. 9 Aug. 1922, Lora Hughes; children:
 - (1) Hugh Lay
 - (2) Wanzie Lay
2. Horace Lay, Rural Mail Carrier, El Dorado, Ark.; m. Blanche Brown; children:
 - (1) Joseph Michael Lay, m. Judy Rybiske; children:
 - A. Michael Scott Lay
 - (2) Steven Patrick Lay, unmarried.
3. Gertie Alma Lay, m. Homer Ligon; children:
 - (1) Everette Ligon

WILLIAM LAY

WILLIAM LAY, son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Ingrahm) Lay and grandson of Zachariah Lay of Georgia was born in October 1854; died January 3, 1925. He married Julia A. Kester, who was born October 9, 1864, and died December 24, 1950. Children: Loice, Eva Estella, Dewey B., William Otis, Orven E., Pearl, Winnie L., Roy H., Troy B., and Melvin Lay. William Lay lived near Hot Springs, Arkansas.

FAMILY RECORD:

Loice Lay, died unmarried;
Eva Estella married Willie Boone;
Dewey B. married Florida Wilson (lived in Oklahoma),
Willie Otis married (1) Willie Gilgley, (2) Margaret Fields, children:
William J., Floyd B., Otis Jr., Joyce, Lois, Janice, Verneon,
Dorothy J., and Floy Lay; Their record:

1. James, m. Carmen Reeves, children: Norma and Joe;
 2. Floyd, m. Bay Mitchell, children: James, Vicki, Debbie, and Myra;
 3. Joseph L., m. Ophelia Holt;
 4. Henry J., m. Fern Nace, children: Frank and Bobbie;
 5. Otis Jr., m. Nora St. Johns, children: Dennece and Shirell;
 6. Joyce, m. Odell Bryant;
 7. Lois, m. Harold Carey;
- Vernon, Dorothy J., and Floy Lay all died young and unmarried.

Orven E. Lay m. Bessie Kesterson;
 Pearl Lay m. Jesse Stanchener;
 Minnie L. Lay m. Kelsie Miller;
 Roy H. Lay m. Vergia Kesterson;
 Troy B. Lay, died unmarried;
 Melvin Lay m. Essie Moore, children: Vera Lee m. Robert J. Duncan;
 Shirley F. Lay m. Orval E. Sanders.

PHILIP and JOE LAY were brothers to this William Lay.

ARKANSAS. HOWARD COUNTY MARRIAGES

William Lay, 23, to Hazel Reeves, 21, Nov 10, 1935
 Bascom Lay, 31, to Grace L. Williams, 21, April 12, 1942
 Jack Lay, 26, to Betty Wisdom, 26, May 10, 1944
 Garland Webb Lay, 23, to Sarah Bissell, 18, Aug. 31, 1946
 Perry G. Lay, 27, to Wanda A. Herrison, 22, April 15 1949
 Minnie Lay, 17, to Kelso Miller, Jan 30, 1921 (dau. of W .H. Lay)

ARKANSAS

William Spencer Lay

WILLIAM SPENCER LAY, son of Peter and Rebecca (Crowley) Lay, came into Faulkner County, near Mt. Vernon, Arkansas, from Williamsburg, Kentucky. He married Mary Niles and they had these children: Pete, Chester, Dewey, Louis, Fannie, Rebecca, Martha and Audie Lay.

FAMILY RECORD:

Pete Lay, m. Mary White; children:

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| 1. Lester Lay | 2. Icie Lay |
| 3. Louis Lay | 4. Lorene Lay |

Chester Lay, m. Jenetta Schock; children:

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| 1. Inez Lay | 2. R. B. Lay |
| 3. John Lay | 4. Mac Lay (female) |

Dewey Lay, m. Cordie Brewer, 2/ Minnie Lee Kiethly; children:

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| 1. John S. Lay | 2. Tony Lay |
| 3. Mary Lay | 4. Max Lay |
| 5. Louis Lay, | m. Ruby Henson |

Fannie Lay, m. Alex Durham.

Rebecca Lay, m. Emmett Kiethly.

Martha Lay, m. 1/ Harry Knowles, 2/ Charles Clark.

Audie Lay, m. 1/ Sherman Lay (son of Sterling and Mary Lay, daughter of Peter and Rebecca Crowley Lay), 2/ Eugene Bell.

(Sterling Lay was the son of "Buckey" Spencer and Jane Gibson Lay. Other children of Sterling and Mary Lay were Bart, Lowell, Nannie, and Lizzie who married a Stanfell, Adam and Everett Lay. Nannie m. John Telly at Sweet Water, Tennessee.)

Bunes Lay, son of George Lay, marriage unknown; children: Louis m. 1/ Ruby Henson, 2/ Louie Collens; one daughter, Peggy, Max, John Spencer and Tony Lay.

John Lay

JOHN LAY, son of "Big" Jessie and Connie Lay, was married in Campbell Co., Tennessee, to Mary A. Scott in April 1882. They moved to White Co., Arkansas. Some of the older children were born in Kentucky and others in Arkansas. Children were: Walter, Jesse, Mary, Mattie, Helen, Jimmy F., and Josephine.

FAMILY RECORD:

Walter Lay, m. Bertha Permeter and lived in Beebe, Arkansas; children:

1. Wendell Lay, unmarried.
2. Jesse R. m. Frances Bostic; children:
 - (1) Patricia Lay
 - (2) James Lay
 - (3) Pam Lay
3. James E. Lay, m. Emma Bradley; children:
 - (1) James Lay
 - (2) Kent Lay
 - (3) Rebecca Lay
4. John Lay. m. Claudia Goodman; children:
 - (1) Tim Lay
 - (2) Geraldine Lay, m. Harold Rockley.

Jesse Lay, m. Maggie Pagett.

Mary Lay, m. S. W. Henry.

Mattie Lay, m. 1/ Press Yeary, 2/ George Henry.

Helen Lay, m. James D. Smith.

Jimmie F. Lay, m. Cleve Jones.

Josephine Lay, m. _____

William Henry Lay

WILLIAM HENRY LAY, son of William and Elizabeth (Davay?) Lay of Georgia, was born 11 March 1848 in Arkansas. He was in the C.S.A. during the Civil and received a bullet wound in

combat. He later lived in Lincoln Co., Arkansas. William Henry Lay married Frances Wilkerson and they had these children: Charley, Nancy, Lizzie, Fannie and William H. Jr.

FAMILY RECCRD: (See also chapter on Abraham and Sarah Lay-- this Vol.)

Charley Lay, m. Beulah Wilkerson.

Nancy Lay, m. Thomas King.

Lizzie Lay, m. John Morgan.

Fannie Lay, m. John King.

William Henry Lay Jr., m. 1/ 1890, Adnee Wells, 2/ 1932, Lillian Hart, 3/ 1935, Bessie Burroughs; children:

1. ("Little") William Lay, m. 1/ Hattie Humphrey, 2/ Hattie Caldwell; children:
 - (1) Hatty Mae Lay, m. 1/ James Cox, 2/ Carl Snider.
 - (2) Mollie Lay, m. Carl Newman.
 - (3) Ada Lay, m. 1/ Melvin Pollard, 2/ Carl(?) Finley.
2. Christopher Lay, m. Creola Carter; children:
 - (1) Christopher Lay, Jr., m. Louise Smith; children:
 - A. Nancy Lay
 - B. Gloris J. Lay
 - (2) Marjorie Lay, m. Jean James.
3. Charley Lay, m. 1/ Lillie Couch, 2/ Virginia Carr, 3/ Marjory Bishop; children:
 - (1) Charles Lay, Jr., m. Pauline Wilkerson; children:
 - A. Henry Lay
 - B. Freddie Lay
 - (2) Alvie Lay, m. Rose Humphries; children:
 - A. Alvie Lay, Jr.
 - (3) James Lay, m. Mary Roberts; children:
 - A. James Lay, Jr.
 - B. Lelah Lay
 - (4) Jack Lay, m. 1/ Lillian Powell, 2/ Marie Conrad, 3/ Inez Conrad; no children.
 - (5) Frances Lay, m. John Wilkerson; had five children

- (6) Rex Lay, m. Letha Arnold; children:
 A. William T. Lay. m. 1/ Coy Lee Carrington, 2/ Virginia
 Writtenhouse.
 B. Rex Lay Jr., m. 1/ Nora Evelyn Lakin, 2/ Evon Ernest. 3/
 Carolyn Berry; children:
 a. Betty Lou Lay b. Charlotte Lay
 c. Rex Gaylon Lay d. Ricky Lay
 C. Mary Lay, m. Douglass Mallard.
 D. Alvie Lay, m. Gloria Cunningham.
 E. Thomas S. Lay, d. in infancy.
 F. Cecil Lay, d. in infancy.
 G. Victor Lay, d. in infancy.
 H. Mattie Lay, d. in infancy.
 I. Estell Lay, d. in infancy.

John B. Lay

JOHN B. LAY, a native of Bradley Co., Tennessee, was probably the son of a David Lay. Tradition is that his father left home one morning to find employment and never returned nor was ever heard of again. Thomas O. Lay, also a son of David Lay. John B. Lay lived in Mayse Co., Oklahoma (see Oklahoma Record). John B. Lay was born 25 Jan. 1840. He enlisted in the 1st Tennessee Cav. Vol., Union Army, Civil War, on 1 Mar. 1862, at Boston, Kentucky. He married 1/ in Tennessee in the early 1860's, Rebecca Hicks, born 15 Jan. 1839, died 21 Feb. 1882. Children by 1st marriage were: Joseph W., Sarah E., John A., Charles, Franklin, Mary and George. John B. Lay came into Pope Co., Arkansas, in Feb. 1882, where he married 2/ Emaline Prince (nee Freeman) who died in 1898. Their Children were: Chester, and Elgie Lay. John B. Lay married 3/ on 10 May 1901, in Pope Co., Arkansas, Mrs. Josephine Hardcastle (nee Gentry of Wayne Co., Missouri.) Their children were Robert and Edna Lay. This John B. Lay, Old Soldier, died 1 Sept. 1920, and was buried near Russelville, Arkansas.

FAMILY RECORD

- Joseph W. Lay, b. 7 Feb. 1860, m. Savannah Kendrick; children:
 1. Willie E. Lay m. 1/ Letha Radford; 2/ Hazel Wilshire. 3/ Eva
 Caldwell.
 2. Bennie Lay. (?)
Sarah E. Lay, b. 1862, m. Mr. Manes.

John A. Lay, b. 29 Feb. 1866, m. Cynthie Casey; children:

1. Cecilia May Lay, m. William Hickman.
2. Nora A. Lay, m. Mr. Guinn.
3. Marvin Lay, m. Ethel Pruitt; children:
 - (1) L. B. Lay, m. Betty Sue Love.
 - (2) Virgil D. Lay, m. Evelyn Daisy Wade.

Charles Lay, b. 23 May 1868; m. Nancy Smith-Hardin; children:

1. Emmett Lay, died young.
2. Claude Lay, m. Sarah Roberts; children:
 - (1) Lorene Lay, m. Rex Sitsley.
 - (2) Edward Lay, m. Bonnie Morris.
 - (3) Modene Lay, m. C. C. Cooper.
 - (4) Maxine Lay, m. Eugene Davis.
 - (5) Willa Dean Lay, m. Lester Myers.

Hiram Franklin Lay, b. 28 April 1870, m. Molly (Matty?) Curry; children:

1. Rose Lay, died young.
2. John Lay, m. Delcie Bryant; children:
 - (1) J. B. Lay.
 - (2) Truman Lay.
 - (3) Norman Lay.
 - (4) Loyd Lay, m. Norma Warwa(?).
3. Bennie Lay, m. Lucille McClain; children:
 - (1) Paul Lay, m. Wanda Harris; children:
 - A. Paul E. Lay
 - B. Ila M. Lay.
 - C. Betty C. Lay.
 - (2) Rodger Lay, m. Sue Hill; children:
 - A. Debbie Lay.
 - B. Steve Lay.
 - C. Larry Lay.
 - D. Michael Lay.
 - (3) Ila Jean Lay, m. William Anderson.
 - (4) Mary Sue Lay, m. Kenneth Rutledge.
 - (5) Ben Lay, Jr., m. Moffetta (?) Levell.
 - (6) Inna Dell Lay, m. Tom Cloude.
 - (7) Elizabeth Lay, m. William Collie.
 - (8) JoAnn Lay, m. Carol Ingram (Inghram?).

Mary Lay, b. 28 Sept. 1873, m. John Bailey.

George Lay, b. 9 Nov. 1876; m. 1/ Myrtle Blackwell. 2/ Lena (?) McEntire; children:

1. Jack Lay.
2. Theron Lay, m. 26 Jan. 1921, Emma Loveland. children:
 - (1) Ina Dean Lay.
 - (2) Vera Mae Lay.
 - (3) Ina Lee Lay.
 - (4) James Earl Lay.
3. Hetty Mae Lay.
4. Ruby Lay.
5. Elnora (?) Lay.

Chester Lay, died young.

Elgie Lay, m. Beth Barker; children:

1. Ora Lay.
2. Earl Lay.
3. Ella Lay.
4. Clarence Lay, m. Emeline Stokes.
5. Alvia Lay, m. Lucille Mumford; children:
 - (1) Charles Lay, m. 1960, Jean Branch.
 - (2) Jerry Lay.
 - (3) James Lay.
 - (4) Rickey Lay.
 - (5) George Lay.

Robert Lay, m. Laura Johnson.

Edna Lay, m. 1./ Edward Hill, 2/ Joe Hixon.

Thomas C. Lay, son of David Lay, m. 1/ Martha Mathews. 2/ Regina Petty. (See Mayse Co., Oklahoma -- this Vol.)

William H. Lay

WILLIAM H. LAY, b. 24 Nov. 1808, in Knox County, Tennessee, d. 15 Feb. 1881, whose father was a native of England and came first into Virginia, married Polly B. Bacon (b. 7 July 1811; d. 20 Sept. 1878) in Knoxville, Tennessee. He lived in Rhone and Loudon Counties in Tennessee, serving as both deputy and sheriff before he removed into Arkansas in 1839. He first came into Conway County and by 1850 was living in Cadron Township, Van Buren, Co. He and Polly died in Quitman, Arkansas, and

are buried in the Cemetery there. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Children born to Wm. H. and Polly B. Lay were: Allen S., Elizabeth, Emeline, Sarah, Martha, Winfield Scott, Nancy and William Lay. (Nancy Lay, daughter, b. Mar. 10, 1849, d. Mar. 15, 1870.)

FAMILY RECORD:

1. Allen S. Lay, b. 1833, Tennessee, m. 1/ Susan Pearson(?), b. 1841; 2/ 30 Dec. 1866, Conway Co., Sarah C. Caudell; children by 1st marriage: Benjamin, Alice and Jennie Lay; by 2nd m: Hardin Power, Samuel H., Horace B., and Irvin Lay.
 - (1) Benjamin Lay, M.D., b. 1862, m. Ida Bradford; children: (Van Buren Co.)
 - A. Cecil Lay, served as Co. Sheriff, m. Edna Patton, children:
 - (a) Dalton Lay.
 - (b) Lynn Lay. m. Iona Crosby.
 - (c) Beuna (?) Lay.
 - B. Allen Lay; unmarried.
 - C. Frank Lay, unmarried.
 - (2) Mary Alice Lay, b. 1864, m. Hamp Bradley.
 - (3) Jennie Lay, m. W. S. Mattox.
 - (4) Hardin Power Lay, b. 1870, m. Betty Jacob, 1908, Van Buren Co.; children:
 - A. Vivian Lay, m. Howard Lewis.
 - B. William Lay; unmarried.
 - C. Walter Lay; m. Letitia Kendall.
 - D. Vaughn Lay; m. Lucille _____.
 - E. Wayne Lay, m. Louise Hudson; children:
 - (a) Gary Lay.
 - (b) Donnie Lay.
 - (5) Samuel Lay, b. 1874, m. Elsie Reed, Nov. 1, 1899; children:
 - A. Wallace Lay m. Anna E. Frazier.
 - (6) Horace O. Lay, b. 1876, m. Lula Reed; children:
 - A. Margaret Lay, m. C. H. Young, Sr.; children:
 - (a) David Young.
 - (b) Catharene Lay, m. John Hale.
 - (7) Irven Lay, m. Della Raney; children:
 - A. Laurene.
2. Elizabeth Lay, b. 1836 in Tenn.; m. 1/ unknown, 2/ Jesse Witt.
3. Emeline Lay, b. 1838 in Tenn.; m. Decator Semmons.

4. Sarah Lay, b. 1841 in Tenn.; m. Ed. Faulk.
5. Martha Lay, b. 1844 in Ark.; m. W. E. Manier.
6. Winfield Scott Lay, b. Nov. 24, 1846, in Ark.; m. Nannie Stevens. (See Arkansas History); children:
 - (1) Wm. B. Lay.
 - (2) Polly B. Lay.
7. Nancy Lay, b. 1847 in Ark; d. young.
8. Wm. Lay (M.D.), b. 1852 in Ark; m. Betty Haruk; one son, Jesse Lay. Moved into South America.

Jesse Lay

The 1840 census of the U. S. records but two Lays in Arkansas -- JESSE and WILLIAM H. LAY. They were living, at that time, in Hardin Township, Conway County, Arkansas. These two Lay boys were born in that part of Tennessee that later became Rhone and Loudon Counties. It was Knox County then.

JESS LAY was born in 1797, died in 1876, and is buried in Mortor Creek Cemetery south of Quitman, Ark. He was married to Susan Pennington Martin who was born in 1800 in South Carolina and died in 1877. Jesse Lay was a farmer almost all his life; tradition has it that he was a hatter by trade. He came into Ark. from Tenn. before or by 1840, making the trip by flat boat which he had constructed himself for the trip. He landed at Arkansas Post, Ark. Another family or so made the trip down the river with him. According to family tradition, one family who came along had their barge tied behind and onto Jesse's boat with a log chain. They had a boy who used very profane language and one of the Lay girls around three or 4 years old heard. When the boats would sometimes bump together and knock her down she would use the same profane language she had heard the big boy use.

Jesse Lay bought a Mexican Land Grant and entered 320 acres of land from the government. He had to travel 37 miles to a grist mill at Judsonia, Ark. He and Susan were both members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Children born to Jesse and Susan Lay were: Mary, Sarah, Catherine, Caroline, Nancy, David Hardin, John Martin, and Charles Franklin Lay.

FAMILY RECORD:

1. Mary Lay, m. William Plant
2. Sarah Lay, m. unknown.

3. Catherine Lay, m. unknown.
4. Caroline Lay, m. unknown.
5. Nancy Lay, b. 1834, m. Dr. Sam Thornebrough.
6. David Hardin Lay, b. 1837, Tenn.; m. Rachel P. Billings; children:
 - (1) Sidney Lay.
 - (2) Effie Lay; m. ____ (?) Todd.
 - (3) Daisey Lay.
 - (4) Rose Lay; m. ____ (?) Todd, nephew of Effie Lay Todd's husband.

7. John Martin Lay b. 15 Feb. 1842, d. 13 July 1930. He enlisted in the Confederate Army, Co. B., 31st Inf., and advanced to the rank of Captain. John Martin was with Gen. Price at the Battle of Pilot Knob, Mo., and after the war returned to Ark. His grandfather was a Taliaferro who was killed in the Rev. war. John Martin Lay was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; a Royal Arch Mason of the Holland Lodge No. 158. He had occupied all the Mason Chairs, including High Priest. He was twice married: 1/ 2 Nov. 1865, Ellen Pearson who died in 1906, 2/ Mrs. Elizabeth Shelby, nee Cooper. He is buried in Goodlow Cemetery near Quitman. Children by first marriage: Mollie, Frankie, Claudie, Anna, Nellie, Jesse and Lesby Lay. Children by second marriage: Franklin Shelby Lay.

- (1) Mollie Lay, m. Emmett Poe.
- (2) Frankie Lay, m. Sam Jenkins.
- (3) Claudie Lay, m. G. W. Adkinson.
- (4) Anna Lay, m. O. J. Owens.
- (5) Nellie Lay, unmarried.
- (6) Jessie Lay, m. Tom Parker.
- (7) Lesby Lay, m. Albert Fenton.
- (8) Dolly Lay, m. Elisha Gunn.
- (9) Bessie Lay, m. William Bates.
- (10) Franklin Shelby Lay, m. Cassie Duncan.

Centennial History of Arkansas 1922. Page 844:

Prominent among the business men of Quitman is J. M. Lay, a farmer until 1904 when he became a merchant in Quitman. He was born Feb. 15, 1842, Van Buren Co., Ark. (that part is now Cleburne Co.); son of Jesse and Susan P. (Martin) Lay, natives of Tenn. and S. C. respectively. Jesse born 1797, d. 1876; while Susan was born 1800, died 1877. Jesse farmed most of his life but was a hatter by trade. In 1840 he removed from Tenn. to Arkansas Post, making the trip on a flat boat which he had built. He made the trip to Van Buren County by wagon drawn by ox team. He bought

a Mexican land warrant and he entered 320 acres of land from the government. He had to drive to Little Rock to trade--it took a week to make the trip. One of the difficulties of life then was carrying their grist to mill at Judsonia, 37 miles. He and his wife were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Their children were Mary (who lived to be 93 years old), Sarah, Catherine, Caroline, Nancy and David H. who are all dead now (1922), John Martin Lay, subject of this review, and Charles Franklin Lay of Oklahoma.

John Martin Lay enlisted in the Confederate Army as a member of Co. B, 31st Ark. Inf. Married twice-- 1/ Ellen Pearson, native of Tenn. who died in 1906. They had nine children: Mollie now deceased; Frank, who is a widow, Claudie, deceased; Anna, a widow who lives at Conway; Nellie, deceased; Jesse residing in Texas; Lesby of Oklahoma; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Lay married 2/ Elizabeth Shelby, now deceased, and they had one child, Franklin S. who is now ten years old.

Mr. Lay belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; a Royal Arch Mason of Holland Lodge, No. 158, AF and AM and Quitman Chapter, No. 30, R&M in which he has filled all the chairs including High Priest. He is a Democrat and had five grandsons in service during World War I.

Charles Franklin Lay, b. 1845, married three times: 1/ 29 Aug. 1867, Van Buren Co., to Sarah Garner; 2/ 25 Aug. 1907, to Edna Franch; 3/ 9 Oct. 1910, to Rosa Jones. He lived in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Children were:

- (1) Lula Lay, m. William R. Garner.
- (2) Hattie Lay, unmarried.
- (3) Jesse C. Lay, M.D., m. 1/ Lillian Rudesell, and had two children:
 - A. Lillian Lay.
 - B. Floy Lay.
 m. 2/ Martha Morrow(?) and had son, Steve;
 m. 3/ Barbara Massey, and had son, Bruce Lay.
- (4) Lucien Lay, m. Minnie Duncan; children:
 - A. Louise Lay.
- (5) Bobbie Lay, m. 1902, Ida Vineyard; children:
 - A. Bernice Lay.
 - B. Pauline Lay.
 - C. Florence Lay.

- (6) Linden Martin Lay, m. Lillian Lee Richardson; children:
 A. Charles Welden Lay, m. Faye Meyers.
 B. Harold Loyd Lay, m. Marline Thurman.
 C. Arthur Jerome Lay, m. Lucille Marie Cross.
 D. Beulah Beatrice Lay, m. Peter J. LaBlanc.
- (7) John Lay, probably died young.

JAMES LAY, a son of Alex and Virginia Lay of Belmont, Gaston Co., N.C., married Anna Fergerson, also of N.C. Their children: Richard, Giles, William Albert, Walter Franklin, Samuel L., Mary Louise, and Renner Lay.

William Albert Lay married Frances Riordan, a native of Cork Co., Ireland. They moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they had one daughter, Frances Lay, who remained unmarried. William Lay died in 1960. He married 2/ or 3/ Gertrude Fauch; children: Yvonne m. Ralph Richards; Ethel m. Fred Hoover.

GEORGE LAY

GEORGE LAY, son of Henry Harrison Lay of Texas, was born in that state and moved to Ark. where he married Minerva Sue Golden. One son, Gus Lay, b. 1878, married Essie Webb in Howard Co., Ark. They had these children: Bascome, William, Garland, Letty, and Verlia Lay.

FAMILY RECORD:

1. Bascome Lay, m. Grace Williams; children:
 - (1) Ann Lay, m. John Hill.
 - (2) B. Allen Lay.
 - (3) Sandra Joe Lay.
2. William Lay, m. Hazel Reaves; children:
 - (1) Rebecca Lay.
 - (2) Perry Lay, m. Wanda Harrison; children:
 - A. Gary Ronnie(?) Lay.
3. Garland Lay, m. Sarah Margaret Zissel(?); children:
 - (1) Michael Lay.
 - (2) Peggie Lay.
 - (3) Janette Lay.
4. Letty Lay, m. Bowman Oliver; children:
 - (1) William B. Oliver.
 - (2) Bobbie Oliver.
 - (3) Gwendolyn Oliver.
5. Verlia Lay, m. Robert Payne; no children.

Elisha Lay, son of Zachariah and Ann Lay m. 1/ Elizabeth Ingram; children: Martha (Thomas), Phillip, Mary (Thornton), Joe unmarried; Benjiman, Anna, and Bruce Lay.

He married 2/ Emelia Bruce, nee Adams. She was the widow of Wesley Bruce; children: Henry and Sarah Lay.

Henry Lay married 1/ Emma Steward [21 Dec 1886]; children:

Eula m. Autrey Emmett, Eula's children: Jimmie;

Irma m. Henry Raines;

Irma's children: Ed E., Ross, Donald and May;

Callen m. J. M. Jorslem (Gordon?); children: Erma Belle

Truman m. Carry McKimme;

Andrew E. m. Margaret Lovett; children:

Phillip, Gary and Denora.

Olevia m. Theron Truman;

Truman Jr. m. Maxine Smith; children:

Thomas, Bobbie, and Donna.

Alven m. Gail Schanborn; children:

Vicki and Julia Lay;

Marie m. Bell(?) Harston;

Gladys, unmarried.

Calvin m. Ranell Robinson.

Loften m. 1/ Irene Moore 2/ Alice Spenier(?);

Loften Lay's children: Lenwood Lay;

Henry Lay m. 2/ Willie Clayton [5 Dec 1903] ; children:

Espie m. Reves Jeter.

Espus children: Virgil, Thomas and Debra

Sally m. Lewen Stewest; children:

Ethel, Mabel, Phillipp, Floyd, Loyd, Otis,

Clifton, Charley, Alice and Ruby

Logan County, Ark.

THOMAS R. and JAMES LAY were two brothers who lived in Logan County, Arkansas. Family tradition says they were nephews of a James Lay, son of Bartley Lay of Hawkins County, Tenn., and Clinton County, Ky.

This Bartley Lay was born in Va. and moved to Tenn. and Ky. He was twice married and by his first marriage had these children: Kitty m. Abe Blair; Nancy A.; Margaret M.; and Caroline M. who married High Hamilton. (Evidently Sarah married Enos Allen, a Baptist minister in Claiborne Co. where the family lived.) Bartley Lay's second marriage was to Alice_____. He was living in Clinton, Ky., in 1860, age 93 years.

THOMAS R. LAY, b. 1875, d. 1930, was married to Addie Pumphrey and had two sons: Eddie m. Lillian Pearl Chambers and had one son, Lowell Thomas Lay (m. Colene Riggs); and Theodore Lay who married Fannie Kruse and had one son, Harlow Lay.

ARKANSAS

PHILLIPPS COUNTY.

COURT RECORDS

On June 5th., 1951 these Lay children were adopted in to a Mitchell family.

Beverly Lay, born December 13th., 1936 in Phillipps County, Arkansas.

Hallie Lay, born April 19th., 1939 in Crittenden County, Arkansas

Joe L. Lay. born March 29th., 1941 in Crittenden County Arkansas.

Redell Lay born August 2nd., 1943 in St Louis, Missouri

John D. Lay born November 10th., 1944 in Phillipps County, Arkansas.

Their original parents were Joe and Willie May Lay. Nee unknown.

TENNESSEE

DAVID LAY OF BIG VALLEY TENNESSEE

DAVID LAY, Jr., son of David Lay, Sr., was called "Big Valley Dave" because he lived in Big Valley, Tennessee, which is in Campbell County. He was married to Mary Lay, presumed to be a daughter of, John and Martha Lay of Caswell County, North Carolina. In the 1850 U. S. Census for Claibourne County, Tennessee, where he then lived, he gave his birth place as South Carolina and his age as 85 years and the age of Mary Lay as 80 years. Of his fathers children that we have records of, were born in the Carolina's except a son, Bird Lay, who gave his place of birth as Virginia. David Lay, Jr., was born before the two states of Carolina were divided, so he was born in the southern part of Carolina.

Big Valley David and Mary Lay (by David Lay of Elk City, Oklahoma)

David Lay, Sr., came from abroad and as they came over, the ship encountered a storm and was almost lost in it. David Lay, Jr., served in the Revolutionary War, being barely old enough to enlist. Once he and a fellow soldier hid in a hollow log to escape the Indians who were at the same time climbing over the same log looking for them. It is said that Mary Lay, his wife had an impediment of speech. She said she "could take a tumbul full of hodie and make-as good a take as anyone" (David Lay, Jr., and Mary Lay were married in Wilkes County, North Carolina, March 26th, 1794, Bond signed by David Lay, Sr.,)

Children of David, Jr., and Mary Lay were, John, Jesse, Haley, Elizabeth and probably others we have no record of. Haley's marriage is unknown; Elizabeth married Rev. William Williams; John married Mary Odell and Jesse Lay had several marriages. Nancy Lay, who married James Beams, also in Wilkes County, North Carolina, was probably a sister to David Lay, Jr., Elizabeth Lay and Rev. William Williams had these children--Ester, Anna, Joseph, Elizabeth, Catherine and William, Jr. David Lay, Sr., the father of David Lay, Jr., is recorded in the 1790 Census Records for Wilkes County, North Carolina, but is not recorded in the 1787 State Census for same county. Although other Lay families are in both the State and Federal Census for Wilkes County, North Carolina, by 1800 the Lay's were all gone from Wilkes County, North Carolina and the Court records for Grainger and Claibourne Counties of Tennessee, we find the records there, except David Lay, Sr., who probably never left North Carolina. Court minutes for 1802, Claibourne County Tennessee show that Jesse Lay, Sr., Jesse Lay, Jr. David Lay, James Beams, Jesse Parsons (who married Betsy Lay in Wilkes County, North Carolina) were appointed to keep the Valley

Road open. (Joe McBroom) was road overseer. All had come to Tennessee before or by 1800. Then in Knox and Whitley Counties of Kentucky we find them again, except David Lay who later removed to Campbell County, Tennessee where he died at age over 100 years and Mary Lay died same year at the age of 97 years old.

David Lay, Jr., by Alice Lay Earnhart;

We shall now take up David Lay and wife, Mary Lay. David Lay was known as "Big Valley Dave." He died in "Big Valley Tennessee, near LaFollette at the advance age of about 108 years. He as an industrious farmer and aided in the cultivation of his land almost up to the time of his death. He always raised his own tobacco, and in his last years hoed his little crop while sitting in a chair. His wife, Mary Lay, died at the age of about 96 years and at about the same time as the death of her husband, "Big Valley Dave." They both died 1873 (the same year). "Big Valley Dave" was born in South Carolina about 1765. He was a wig in politics and his religious belief harmonized with the doctrines of the Baptist Church.

Now we shall take up John Lay and wife, Mary Pauline (Odell) Lay "Polly." This John Lay was one of the children of David "Big Valley Dave" Lay and Mary Lay. He followed farming throughout his active business life and was a worthy and highly esteemed citizen. About 1853 he moved from Claiborne County to Campbell County, Tennessee, where he spent his remaining days. In connection with the cultivation of his land, he there operated a still. He was an advocate of the Union cause during the Civil War and was a man of honest conviction, true to his belief of the right. He died in Campbell County, Tennessee in 1861.

He wife, Mary Pauline (Odell) Lay was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. She was born near Speedwell, Tennessee in 1829 and died at the home of her son, William Quillen Lay, in Marion County, Tennessee in 1896 when she was 67 years of age. Her husband had died some time previous to her death and he as buried in Campbell County, Tennessee, in the "Old Lay Graveyard."

The care of Mary (Odell) Lay, who had been left a widow, and that of the younger children, devolved upon her oldest son, David, until he was taken into the Union Army as a member of the sixth Tennessee Infantry. After David's entry into the Infantry this responsibility fell upon another son, William Quillen Lay, who lived near Victoria at this time, later in Rankin's Cove, Marion County, Tennessee, near Jasper. Mary Pauline (Odell) Lay was buried in the Sardis Methodist Cemetery near Victoria, Tennessee. Mary Pauline (Odell) Lay, daughter of Bartlett H. and Elizabeth (Quillen) was born 1829, died 1896, age 67. John Lay and Mary Pauline (Odell) Lay were married August 6, 1839 in Tazewell, Tennessee.

John Lay and wife Mary (Odell) Lay were the parents of eleven children, namely:

1. Bartlett Lay - killed in civil war - born 1840. Dave Lay

in Elk City said his Uncle Bartley Lay, a confederate soldier was killed at fishing creek near Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. Shot in leg by a cannon - died begging for water. John Lay, the oldest son - went through Georgia with General Sherman.

2. Livisia Lay - married James Brown and lived in Arizona.
- Livisia Lay born 1842.
3. Elizabeth Lay - married J. H. Carnutt and lived in Arizona.
- Elizabeth Lay born 1841.
4. David Lay - lived on the home place in Campbell County, Tennessee and served in the Union Army as a member of the sixth Tennessee Infantry. Married Annis Elizabeth (Taylor) Lay - David Lay born April 14, 1845 - died July 17, 1927
Elizabeth (Taylor Lay born February 24, 1846).
5. William Quillen Lay - married Louisa Jane Brown Lay and lived in Marion County, Tennessee.
6. Elijah Lay - lived in Arizona and was a twin. Married Mary (Petree) Lay.
7. Elisha Lay - twin of Elijah lived in Oklahoma. First married Martha (Williamson) Lay. Second marriage - Eliza Sweat.
8. John Lay - also lived in Arizona. Married America (Brown) Lay.
9. Mary Lay - died young. Never married
10. Rhodie Lay - married Charles Wells of Campbell County, Tennessee - five children lived.
11. Nancy Lay - married Bullard Lindamood and lived at Fincastle, Tennessee. Second marriage - William Burnette.

Now we shall take up William Quillen Lay and wife Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay. William Quillen Lay was born near Tazwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee on May 7, 1847. The son of John Lay and Mary Pauline (Odell) Lay, was one of a family of ten children. On the 14th day of December 1873 he was united in marriage to Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay in Marion County, Tennessee. Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay was the daughter of George Washington Brown and America (Alder) Brown. He was born in 1826, died 1904, buried in Sardis Cemetery near Victoria, Tennessee, and his wife, America (Alder) Brown, born 1830, died 1895, buried at Sardis Cemetery. Their large gravestone still stands.

Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay was born in Campbell County, Tennessee, September 17, 1850, and died in the home of her son, John David Lay, in Marion County, Tennessee, near Jasper on January 8, 1923, buried in the Sardis Methodist Cemetery, near Victoria, Tennessee.

In 1867 William Quillen Lay went to Indiana near Lebanon and later to Stanton. During this time he devoted his energy to farming and the timber business, later he occupied the position of weigher in a mine. In 1870 he took up his residence in Campbell County, Tennessee and a year later, 1871, came to Marion County. For eleven years he engaged in farming Victoria and then he purchased

Jasper. William Quillen Lay was educated in the common schools, was always a busy and a useful man. William Quillen Lay and wife Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay were the parents of ten children, as follows:

1. John David Lay (Johnnie) - was born November 1, 1872, died September 8, 1935. Burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery near Dunlap, Tennessee. Married to Lodemia Henson on January 26, 1902 - 4 children and two grandchildren
2. James Alvis Lay - died young - born January 1, 1875. Burial - Sardis Cemetery, near Victoria, Tennessee.
3. George Calvin Lay - born March 7, 1876, died February 23, 1957, married December 11, 1901 to Mary Elizabeth Hamilton, both burials at Sardis Cemetery. Eight children and eleven grandchildren. Two great-grand children.
4. Sarah Matilda Lay - born February 6, 1878 - died November 1, 1950 with burial Sardis Cemetery, married to Joe Davis a widower on March 29, 1911. No children. Joe Davis died on August 3, 1933.
5. Mary Alice Lay - born July 13, 1880, died July 25, 1961, burial Pine Grove Cemetery near Jasper, married to John Myers and lived at Decherd, Tennessee. Married November 11, 1917 to John Myers, no children.
6. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Levicia Lay - born September 1, 1882, died July 6, 1962, burial Coral Gables Cemetery, Coral Gables, Florida, married to Charles Kelley on December 30, 1909, four children.
7. Louise Jane Lay (Jannie) - born October 31, 1884, married Henry Edwin Hudson on November 16, 1910 four children.
8. America Emeline Lay - born October 11, 1886, married on October 24, 1905 to Albert Reid Ranklin, Sr. Four children.
9. Rev. William Marshall Lay (Bill) - born May 23, 1889, married Vivian Bryan Hudson on July 21, 1918. Now lives in Birmingham, Alabama. Eight children.
10. Celia Annie Lay - born June 10, 1892, married Robert Rhea Blake and lives at Strawberry Plains, Tennessee. Married December 14, 1912. Two children and two grand children.

[1] John David Lay, who married Lodema Hudson. Their children - Herman, who married Irene Lohr; Rowene, who married Robert Norvell; Electa, who married Pope Laster; Edward, who married Katharine Linder.

[9] Rev. William Lay, Jr., married Vivian Hudson, children; ¹Hudson who married Anna B. Maxwell, children, Vivian, Emma and Janet; ²Ivan, who married Bernadine Beck, children-Carol, Paul, Beckie and Joyce; ³Louise, who married Dr. James Stevens. children-Sandra, Brenda, Sonya,

Gary. ⁴Doris who married Willia Tinker, children-Nancy, John, Cynthia and Robert. ⁵Nancy, who married Raymond Guay, children-Gil, Thresse, Michelle and Richard; ⁶Betty Sue, who married Charles Bearden, children-Jennifer. ⁷Joseph Lay, unmarried.

[4] Sarah Matilda Lay m. Joe Davis.

[5] Alice Lay m. John Myers

[6] Elizabeth Lay m. Charles Kelly, children-William, Harold and Tom.

[7] Janie L. Lay m. Edwin Hudson, children-Ed D., Jim, Bill and Tom.

[8] America Lay m. Albert Ranken, children Albert, Dortha, Bill & Louise.

[10] Cecila Lay m. Robert Blake, children-Wilbur.

[8] America Emeline Lay says she hardly had the privilege of sitting in a chair alone until she was married, but often perched on her fathers knee while he sang and her sister played their big square piano. Everyone sang from the large Methodist Hymnal. "But Drops of Grief can Ne'er Repay the Debt of Love I Owe." Knowing nothing of grief, little America sang, "Drops of Grease" and thought they did also.

Their father, William Quillen Lay, built a log school house on a hill a mile from their home, where three roads joined. George always carried a half bushel basket of lunch for this family. In the six years America says she ate enough blackberry jam to do her a life time. Even though it taste very good, she doesn't want any more. Most of the others felt the same.

William Quillen Lay and Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay also had thirty-four grand children.

Now we shall take up George Calvin Lay and wife. Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay.

[3] George Calvin Lay was born on March 7, 1876 near Victoria, Tennessee, Marion County and died in his home, Route 2, Whitwell, Tennessee, Oak Grove Community as the result of a heart attack, at approximately 7:00 A.M. on February 23, 1957. He was buried in the Sardis Methodist Cemetery near Victoria, Tennessee.

George Calvin Lay was the third child of William Quillen and Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay and was one of a family of ten children. He grew to manhood in a very attractive, for its day, large log house, consisting of six large rooms and an attic.

On December 11, 1901. he was united in hold wedlock to Mary Elizabeth Hamilton. She was the daughter of Elbert Kesterson Hamilton and Margaret (Carter) Hamilton and the grand daughter of John Hamilton and Margaret (Weatherspoon) Hamilton. Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay was born June 2, 1881 and died in her sleep of a heart attack around 4:30 or 5:00 A.M. on August 10, 1961. She was buried in the Sardis Cemetery by the side of her husband's grave, George Calvin Lay.

George Calvin Lay attended the common school that was built by his father, where three roads joined in Rankin's Cove about five miles east of Jasper, Tennessee, and later the Pryor Institute in Jasper, Tennessee. He with his brothers and sisters

were regular in their attendance in this school. It fell George's duty to carry their lunches to school and this he did, carrying it all together in a half bushel basket though the rain, snow and mud they trudged regularly, as they were trained that schooling was a very important part of life.

As a young man, George went west to find work and earn enough money to come home and marry his beautiful sweetheart, Mary Hamilton, however, they were not engaged prior to his trip west.

The western trip was a big venture for one so young, who had never been out of state before. His plans were to go to Arizona and visit relatives, live there until he could secure work and make other plans from there. He was fortunate in finding work in and near Globe and Phoenix, Arizona and also bought a lot in that area. He kept his heart set on marriage to Mary Hamilton and their correspondence was regular. After a while, George became home sick and carne back to his parents home in Rankin's Cove. He very soon afterwards became engaged to Mary Elizabeth Hamilton and they were married on December 11, 1901.

George and his young bride, Mary, established their home near the William Quillen Lay homestead in Ranklin's Cove and George worked on his fathers large farm. Their first hardship of major proportion was shortly after the birth of their first child, a son, Charlie Howard Lay, whose weight at birth was 2 1/2 pounds. When Charlie was only a few weeks old on a cold, windy winter night near midnight, George and Mary were awakened by a roar and loud popping and cracking. Their house was on fire and almost ready to fall in on them. They sprang out of bed, grabbing their baby, Charlie, and manage to break and get out through a window. George ran back to the window but the only thing they were able to save, except their own live and their baby was their night clothing they were wearing, a Singer sewing maching and a pocket watch. The pocket watch was on the top of the sewing machine and the machine was near the window. This machine always carried the scars it received from the intense heat it received that night. It was a good machine and remained in the family home all through their lives and was then handed down to their daughter, Lou Celia (Lay) Stratton in Alexandria, Virginia. This place of their first homes furniture seemed to always be a reminder of the gratitude to a loving God for sparing the lives of these three wonderful people on that cold winter night.

The neighbors were soon alerted to the plight of this family and as was the custom in those days, came to their rescue.

George, Mary and baby Charlie were immediately taken to the home of his parents, which was near by. There they were loved, sheltered, clothed and fed until they felt they could start out on their own again.

Mary, being the youngest child in the Elbert Kesterson and Margaret (Carter) Hamilton family, was to inherit her home farm, the place where she was born and reared. Her father had given each of his children a farm. She was so very happy that this was to be the home place which she loved so much. Since this farm had already been deeded to her, she and George decided the only proper thing for them to do was to move into the log cabin which was already on the property and George would work on the farm for her father. This they did until her aged father had them to move into the house with him to care for him in his last days.

There was some 105 acres in this farm. Some mountain with valuable timber and an ideal cattle farm, however, George preferred crop farming.

The house was a beautiful large colonial home, built when Elbert Kesterson Hamilton was a young man. Everyone all around looked to this house as being the finest in its day anywhere in the Sequatchie Valley, Tennessee area. This house is still well preserved.

Previous to the time that it was purchased by Elbert Kesterson Hamilton, relatives of Mr. Harry Kelly, also some Dr. Sheltons relatives and lived there. The older house was located on top of the hill back of the garden, but was torn away many years ago.

In December 1951, George Calvin and wife Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, with open house, in their large country home. Their children, grandchildren, relatives, neighbors and many friends shared in making this occasion a joyous one for them.

George and Mary were privileged to spend five more wedding anniversaries together before death angel called George home early in the morning, February 23, 1957.

George enjoyed good health and was active and youthful looking, for a man of his age, up until three years previous to his death. He was at that time stricken with shingles in the nerves around the right side of his body and was never free from the pains that was brought on him by this disease. His health failed fast from that time.

George Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay had many joys, many hardships and also many anxieties during their years together. Gods protective and guiding hand was always near them. Mary was converted after being under conviction for several days during the noon hour at the Sulphur Springs School. A protracted meeting was in progress at the time in the Sulphur Springs Church. Mary was baptized and joined the Oak Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church where she remained a faithful member. They both died during their 80th year, and from heart attacks and in the early morning time.

They were the parents of eight children, namely:

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| 1. Charlie Howard Lay | - born December 1, 1902. |
| 2. William Horace Lay | - born November 7, 1904. |
| 3. Bertie Jane Lay | - born November 17, 1906. |
| 4. John David Lay | - born September 3, 1909. |
| 5. George Calvin Lay, Jr. | - born September 13, 1912. |
| 6. Mary Alice Lay | - born March 22, 1915. |
| 7. Lou Celia Lay | - born June 9, 1918. |
| 8. Sarah Elizabeth Lay | - born January 22, 1922. |

Now we shall take up the Charlie Howard Lay line.

Charlie Howard Lay, the son of George Calvin Lay and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay. Charlie Howard Lay - born December 1, 1902, married to Lillian Stoots, daughter of ----- and Robert Stoots of Bristol, Tennessee. Lillian (Stoots) Lay - born September 15, 1911. Three children were born to this union.

1. Charlie Howard Lay, Jr. - born August 24, 1941
- m. in 1965 to Sonja.
- A son. Charlie Howard Lay, III, born May 20, 1966.
2. Gilbert Eugene Lay - born February 6, 1945
- m. Apr. 22, 1966 to Patsy Elaine Maples.
3. Julia Stefany Lay - born October 4, 1951.

Charlie Howard Lay attended the Inman grade school and Jasper High School in Marion County, business college in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He began his very successful career in the business world as a very young man and has worked hard in this field all through the years. He has served as a successful Credit Manager of some of the largest department and furniture stores of our southland. At the time of this writing he is working as manager of the credit department of "The New Ideal" department stores in Birmingham, Alabama (Dec. 1965).

Charlie Howard Lay and wife, Lillian (Stoots) Lay and children own and live in their very spacious stone home on Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

Now we shall take up the line of William Horace Lay, the son of George Calvin Lay and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay. William Horace Lay - born November 7, 1904, married Mary Elizabeth Blake, the only child of James Kennedy Blake and Bertha (Stinette) Blake on May 6, 1929. Mary Elizabeth (Blake) Lay - born September 23, 1902, was a school teacher.

William Horace Lay attended Inman grade school and Whitwell High School at Whitwell, Tennessee. When in his teens, Horace went to Strawberry Plains, Tennessee to live with an Aunt and Uncle (Robert and Celia Lay Blake).

Now we shall take up the Bertie Jane Lay line.

Bertie Jane Lay - born November 17, 1906, married Phillip Ross Bible, son of [Philip Columbus] and Martha [Arbelle Gilliam] Bible of South Pittsburg, Tennessee on May 1, 1940. Phillip Ross Bible - born April 8, 1892, died October 12, 1962, burial in Memorial Gardens between Jasper and Kimbell, Tennessee. One child was born to this union.

1. Martha Elizabeth Bible - born February 4, 1943, married Clarence Hamilton, son of ----- and ----- Hamilton of Cincinnati, Ohio in 1964.

To this union one child, a son was born.

A. James Earl Hamilton - born April 1, 1965 in Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Bertie Jane (Lay) Bible and husband Phillip Ross Bible - made their home on the Bible homestead, Star Route South Pittsburg, Tennessee, known as Battle Creek. Their farm is a flat land acreage joining Battle Creek and located between two mountain ridges in a very beautiful scenic area.

Bertie and her husband Phillip reared one daughter, - Martha Elizabeth Bible and sent her to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where she attended school.

At the time of this writing, December 1965, Bertie, daughter, -Martha Elizabeth and grandson, James Earl are living in their farm- home on Battle Creek, Star Route, South Pittsburg, Tennessee. Bertie is working in a store and Martha Elizabeth is teaching school in the elementary school system in Marion County, Tennessee.

Now we shall take up the line of John David Lay, son of - George Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay. John David Lay - born September 3, 1909, Marion County near Whitwell, Tennessee.

David attended Inman grade school and graduated from the Marion County High School at Jasper, Tennessee in 1929. Later he attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He then went to Washington, D. C. where he obtained employment. After working in Washington, D. C. for a few years, he went to New York City and worked for several years.

At the time of his induction into the military service, During World War II, he was still living in New York City and was an employee of the H. S. Kress Company.

David was inducted into the Army March 1942 in Railway - Guns division. He served his country well in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and almost to Russia and then back to the United States during those war torn years and was honorably discharged on November 11, 1945 at Camp Atterbrury, Indiana.

After a visit in the home of his parents, George Calvin Lay and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay and other members of the family, relatives and friends, David returned to his former job with the H. S. Kress Company in New York City. He was soon transferred to one of their stores in Rockford, Illinois. David

did not like this transfer, therefore, he did not stay in Rockford very long but went back to Washington, D. C. where his two youngest sisters were. He shortly found employment in that city and still lives and is employed there.

At the time of this writing, December, 1965, John David Lay is working for the Sears Roebuck and Company and owns his home where he lives at 800 Adrain Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Now we shall take up the George Calvin Lay, Jr., line. George Calvin Lay, Jr., the son of George Calvin Lay and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay.

George Calvin Lay, Jr., born September 13, 1912 near Whitwall, Tennessee in Marion County, married May 19, 1945 to Nancy (Cross) Lay, was born December 26, 1922. To this union two children were born.

1. Terry Christopher Lay - born November 30, 1948.

2. Robin Christine Lay - born May 18, 1957.

George Calvin, Jr., attended the Inman grade school and graduated from the Whitwell High School, -Marion County, Tennessee on Friday, May 13, 1932.

Calvin, his wife, Nancy (Cross) Lay and their two children live in the home they own located at 3454 East 58th Street, Maywood, California and Calvin is employed by the Chrysler Corporation. Maywood is a suburb of Los Angeles, California.

Now we shall take up the Mary Alice Lay line. Mary Alice Lay, daughter of George Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay.

Mary Alice Lay - born March 22, 1915 near Whitwell, Tennessee in Marion County, married Rev. Dr. Lowell Earnhart, son of William Loranzo and Chloe Malinda (Lentz) Earnhart of Dongola, Union County, Illinois of October 28, 1939 in Lafayette, Georgia.

No children were born to this union.

Alice was taught to read by her grandmother, Louisa Jane (Brown) Lay at a very early age, and started to school "Subscription" term in the Inman grade school at the age of five years.

After her marriage to Rev. Dr. Lowell Alva Earnhart, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister from Dongola, Illinois they established their home in Dongola, where they lived until January 27, 1958. Alice taught school in Southern Illinois. Union and Pulaski Counties for fifteen years. Alice has worked closely with her husband who has had full time pastoral work all these years. They are now living at 425 West Main Street. Olney, where her husband is now serving as pastor and has been since February 1, 1958. Moved to a new parsonage at 318 N. Kudlow Street, Olney, Illinois. May 23, 1966, moved back to Dongola, Illinois, November

28, 1967.

Now we shall take up the Lou Celia Lay line. Lou Celia Lay, daughter of George Calvin and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay.

Lou Celia Lay - born June 9, 1918 in Marion County near Whitwell, Tennessee, married Charles Richard Stratton on March 10, 1956 in the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, 900 Mass. Ave., N. D., Washington, D. C. They left on their honeymoon by train for New York, Bahama Island. They spent a week in Nassau, then boarded an airliner back to D. C. Charles Richard Stratton, son of Harry Victor and Eleanor Cock Stratton was born in Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1919. Three children were born to this union.

1. James Edward Stratton - born December 7, 1957.
2. Janet Marie Stratton - born January 16, 1959.
3. Linda Diane Stratton - born June 12, 1960.

Celia, as was her sister Sarah and Alice and also brother Calvin, a stamp collector. Not having manufactured toys like children today, they were happy collecting the cancelled stamps that came on the mail each day. These four are still ardent stamp collectors. They have learned much about this art since beginning their collection and all four possess treasured collections. Being a member of a large and happy, hard working family, there was never a dull moment.

Celia attended the Inman grade school, Jasper Grammar School and Whitwell High School, all of Marion County, Tennessee. She was graduated from high school May, 1937, and from the Kirkman Business College in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee, in June 1939. In August 6, 1942, she secured a position with the U. S. Government in Washington, D. C. She worked with War Production Board, Dept. of Agriculture and Central Intelligence Agency until October 1957.

Celia (Lay) Stratton, her husband, Charles Richard Stratton and their three children presently live in their lovely large, brick home where they have lived since they purchased it new in 1957, located at 330 North Langley Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

Celia and Charles enjoy going out to dinner, attending the theatre and family outings. This family is very active in their church, the St. Andrews Methodist Church of Alexandria, Virginia.

Now lets take up the line of Sarah Elizabeth Lay. Sarah Elizabeth Lay, daughter of George Calvin Lay and Mary Elizabeth (Hamilton) Lay. Sarah Elizabeth Lay was born in Marion County near Whitwell, Tennessee on January 23, 1922, married J. P. Jolly, son of George Nelson and Lula Viola (Rhodes) Jolly on November 7, 19?? in

N.W. Washington, D. C. J. P. Jolly was born in McFall, Missouri on April 14, 1917. Two children were born to this union.

1. Sharon Arlene Jolly - September 24, 1958.
2. Kenneth Wesley Jolly - born October 3, 1959.

Sarah Elizabeth (Lay) Jolly, the youngest of the family of eight. The entire family welcome the arrival of their baby sister. During Sarah's young life, her Mother's health was very bad and much of Sarah's care fell on the other members of the family, under the close supervision of their mother and father.

Sarah attended the Inman grade school and graduated from the Whitwell High School, Marion County, Whitwell, Tennessee on May 9, 1941. In March 1943, Sarah went to Washington, D. C. to visit her sister, Celia and obtain employment. She secured a position with the City Post Office where she worked until February 1945, then she was employed by American Red Cross until April 1950. At this time she was employed by National Geographic Society until July, 1958.

Sarah (Lay) Jolly, her husband, J. P. Jolly and their two children presently live in their comfortable home, which they own, located at 3501 Allison Street, Brentwood, Maryland.

FAMILY RECORD
By Alice Sheehan

ELIJAH LAY, son of John Lay and wife Mary (Odell) Lay, married Mary Ann Petree. He was born July 9, 1849; -died September 1948 in Powells Valley, Tennessee. He had a twin brother Elisha Lay. Children born to Elijah and Mary Ann Petree Lay were: William O., born Sept. 24, 1970; died Aug. 27, 1881. John David, born Jul. 28, 1872; died Sept. 15, 1958. James Robert, born Dec. 27, 1874; died Sept. 7, 1957. Sarah Jane, born Apr. 18, 1877. Jesse, born Aug. 22, 1879; died Mar, 24, 1880. Lou Catharine, born Jun. 3, 1881. Joseph Lewis, born Apr. 10, 1884. Martha Elizabeth, born Sept. 28, 1886. Rhoda, born Apr. 12, 1889; died Jul. 10, 1899. Mary Ann, born Apr. 12, 1891.

William O. Lay, died young;

John David Lay, m. Bessie Rozen. Children: John David, Jr.; George and Mary (Hunter) Lay;

James Robert Lay, m. Ella Davis, children: Violet, Robert, and Bessie.

Sarah Jane Lay, m. Joseph T. Farley. Children: Minnie and Mary.

Jesse Lay, died young, unmarried.

Lou Catharine Lay m. Franklin Derrick. Children: Linn V., Vern W., Joseph L., James, Ethel and Evan. -

Joseph Lewis Lay, m. Ines Marion Lay. Children:

Alice Adel, who m. (1) Jess Hudson, one daughter, Alice Marie, who m. George G. Hall, Jr. M. (2) William F. Sheehan.

John Franklin, who m. Mary L. Golden, one son, Franklin D., who m. Rachel Delphine.

Joseph Lewis, Jr., who m. Clare E. Montgomery. Children: Josephine Ann, Heneretta V., and Nancy Carol (Williams).

Mary Elnora, who m. Loren Francis Heinle. Children: Lewis A., Mary E., Marjory L., Elnora G., Loren Eugene and Joseph.

Marion Elizabeth, who m. Joe Reditck. Children: John and David.

Mildred Grace, who m. John Kovacovich. Children: Grace, Walter J., and Billy Ann.

Walter, who m. LaVerne Brumley. Children: David and Michael Eugene.

Martha Elizabeth Lay, died young, unmarried.

Rhoda Ann Lay m. Charles Wells, no children

Mary Ann Lay m. Archie Fuque. Children: Ruby, Frank and Mona Fuque and John Jr., by second marriage to J. J. Goodwin.

ELISHA LAY born July 9, 1849, (a twin to Elijah Lay) married Martha Williamson in March 1877, and Eliza Sweat. They moved to Oklahoma and lived for awhile in Dewey County. Children: William, Jack, James, Elisha, Jr., David, Lavisa and Jane Lay.

William Lay m. Sally Lindenmood. Children: Oscar, Turley, Fred, Jesse, Dennis, Milace, Taylor, Gertrude, Mabel, Lola, Essie, Lou H., and Wanda.

David Lay m. Violet Laxton. Children:

Elisha, m. Pearl Rollins (?) children: J. D., Glen and Kenneth.
 Curtis, who m. Ora Blackburn
 Eunice m. Charles Plummer
 Jane, who married John Stevens.

The marriages of the other children of William and Sally Lay are:

Anna, m. Homer Koker; Jack, m. Jennie Beal; Allie m. James
 Flower; James m. Hattie Step; Lavisa m. J. J. Eller; Jane m.
 William Lamber.

DAVID LAY, son of John and Mary Odell Lay, was b. Apr. 4, 1845-d. Jul. 17, 1917 in Baca County, Colorado. -He married Anice Elizabeth Taylor Sept. 9, 1866. She was b. on Feb. 24, 1846-d. Jun. 4, 1836. A daughter of J. M. Taylor of Tennessee. Their children were:

George William Lay, b. Jun. 13, 1867-d. Oct. 21, 1910; John D. Lay, b. Mar. 8, 1869-d. Jul. 27, 1869; James H. Lay, b. May 23, 1870; Cecilia Ann Lay, b. Mar. 7, 1872; Lou J. Lay, b. Aug. 5, 1874; David L. Lay, b. Dec. 1, 1876; Thomas J. Lay, b. Mar. 7, 1879-d. Jun. 17, 1882; Lizzie G. Lay, b. Jul. 18, 1884; Eva Lay, b. Dec. 15, 1886; Hattie Lay, b. Jun. 14, 1889.

This David Lay enlisted in the Union Army Mar. 10, 1862; Co. F; 6th., Reg., Tenn. Inf. \Was discharged Mar. 24, 1865. He was with General Sherman in his celebrated "march to the Sea."

FAMILY RECORD

by Evelea Myers and Carrie Seals

GEORGE WILL LAY, a Medicine Doctor, married Anne E. Burnett in December, 1893. Children: Carrie, Curtis and Muna Eschar Lay.

Carrie Lay m. Glen Seals, children: Glenice, who married James Hooper and Gilbert, who married Juanita Bryant.

Curtis Lay m. (1) Pearl Rogers. Children: Alma, George W. and Ethel, who married Charles Newcomb;

Curtis Lay married (2) Bertha Henneger. Children: Alvin C., Judah, Peggy, Norman and Robert Lay.

-Muna Eschar Lay m. Leona Walker, Jan. 9, 1917. Children:

Jewel A. Lay m. Fenton Thurman;

Homer B. Lay m. Elizabeth Smith;

Lona G. Lay m. Charles D. Hart

George Anderson Lay m. Wanda K. Kerr, children: Linda and John D. Lay. This George Anderson Lay is a commercial sign painter in Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. Will G. Lay was killed by a train in Knoxville, Tennessee; a friend, Fane Roach was present to his bed side when he died. Muna Eschar Lay lived for a while and owned land in Bent and Prowers Counties of Colorado in 1919.

JAMES LAY m. Harriott Stokesberry Nov. 1, 1890.

CECELIA LAY m. James McNew (dates not furnished)

LOUISE T. LAY m. (1) John Latt (2) George Sweat;

DAVID L. LAY m. Bessie Ellis, Apr, 2, 1902 in Dewey County, Oklahoma
(See his personal record in Colorado records - this Volume)

NANCY LAY m. Maynard Parker;

LIZZIE LAY m. (1) Jude (?) Nickerson (2) Jim McNew.

EVA LAY m. Alfred Meltebarger in August 1900. Children: Annie, Malice, Lula, David, James, Vida, Wanda, Iva, Ruth, Ruby, Jean and Odell.

HATTIE LAY, m. Jim Williams. (See various records of still living relatives for these families).

JESSE LAY

of

Claiborne and Union County, Tennessee

JESSE LAY. Born about 1798. Was son of David and Mary Lay of Big Valley, Tennessee according to reliable Family Tradition and a Personal Genealogy of Claiborne County, Tennessee. He was born of the union of "Big Valley" David and Mary Lay and lived near Speedwell, Tennessee where a part of his family was born. We have only the record of two of his marriages. That of July 13, 1846 to Sarah Shelby in Claiborne County, Tennessee. His age was 48. The other marriage to Gelina Whitehead in Union County, Tennessee, December 3, 1870. His age was 73 years. She was born in Tennessee. His father born in the Carolinas. Of the children we have the following as listed in his family: Amanda, David, Louise, Charity, John, Sam, Catharine, Jesse Jr., Sally, Polly, Connie, Calloway, Jacob, Leonard, Isaac, Don, Ben, Dovie, Berry, William, Andrew, Jack, and Hiram Smith Lay. The birth of some of these children predate his marriage date. Probably by a former marriage. (?)

AMANDA LAY married (1) "Wig" Miller; Children: Addie, Anna, James and Rufus. She married (2) John Ridenhour; Children: Howard and Dell.

DAVID LAY born 1836 (?) died Sept. 11, 1919. (listed in the family of Jesse Lay, see Death Cert. No. 406 - Vital Records Tennessee)
He married Cynthia Sharp and Mary Jane Braden. Their children:

Hiram m. Mint Brewer; Wm. Jacob died young; Anna m. Fate Ousley; Betty m. Howard Ridenhour; Pearl m. John Ousley; Lora (Duckey) m. Jim Ousley; Sarah m. Frank Burnette; Linda m. Alton Hill; Arlene m. Fate Ousley. Children: Mayme, Lillian, Ernest and Forrest.

CHARIOT OR CHARITY LAY married Eli Miller, Children: Nina, Nancy, Emely, Elizabeth, Charles, John, Henry, William, Pleas and George.

JOHN W. LAY m. (1) Katherine Hartsock, children: James Pleas, m. Lilly Wood; William W. m. Julia Bond; Mattie m. Peter Hartsock; Verdian m. Wm Hartsock and John McConnell; Carrie m. James Bond; Sallie m. Hugh J. Hartsock; Chariot m. Jack Dorton.

m. (2) Molly Hartsock, children: Henry K. m. Sarah Kilgore; Ellie m. Henry Culbertson; Sophia m. Darvis Fletcher; Maude m. Pat McConnell; Alta m. Horton Quillen; Charles W. m. Hattie Hilton; Jacob m. Kate Hilton; Louretta m. John Frazier; Lena m. Kelly Baker; Jessie and Molly, who both died in infancy.

This John W. Lay lived and died in Scott County, Virginia.

CATHERINE LAY, m. "Bud" Waggoner, children: Letty, Elnora, William, Harrison Cindy, Terry and Emily.

JESSE LAY, JR. (?) born 1841 - died 1935. Married (1) Elizabeth Shelton. (2) Lody Braden. (3) Carlyon Moore. (nee Keck). He probably married Elizabeth Shoffner. His certificate of death, no. 16703. File No. 15, shows his parents, Jesse and Darcus (Shoffner) Lay and his age 94 years, on July 24, 1935. Sharps Chapel, Tennessee. (See his war record, No. 3735421, Civil War, Union Army).

SALLY LAY m. Noah Lamb;

POLLY LAY m. Fred Keck;

CONNIE LAY m. Henry Keck.

CALLOWAY LAY born in Union County, Tennessee in 1842. Served in union Army, Civil War, Co. B, 1st. Tenn. Val. Inf. Cal. Married (1) Lizzie Simmore (2) Jane Howard.

JAKE LAY, marriage unknown;

LEONARD LAY, called "Lint" m. Nancy Jane Muncy on Dec. 30, 1873. Their children:

Jake, m. Lestie Mitchell: Children- Lee, Velvie, Ronnie, Oma, Elmer.

Relda, m. Charley Sharp;

James, m. Lessie Hill;

John, m. Vincie (?) Sharp;

Mary Ann, m. Fate Sharp;
 Rhoda, m. Floyd Cox;
 Tom, m. Vestie Mitchell; their children: Fred, Rilda, Sally and Nancy;
 Sally, m. Charles Cox;
 Patrick H., m. Vergie Bays; their children- Anna, Dula, Vontilla, Elvin, Poley, Ralph and A. J. Lay;
 Willis L., m. Elizabeth Cook; Children: Goldie m. Charles Carr; Louella, m. Howard Estridge; Ruth m. Donnie Daniels; Kyle m. Hazel Hollway; Delano, died young; Kenneth, Floyd and Lou Vernie, marriage unknown.
 Nancy, m. John Maples;
 N. E. "Pola" Lay, m. Ella Miller.

WILLIAM LAY m. Serelda Sharp on Sept. 28, 1874. Their children: John Jesse, unmarried; Cynthia, m. John A. Schoffner, their children: James, William, Tillman, Jesse, Claude, Kivette, David (he was killed by a horse), Ida, Florence, Francis and Emma. WILLIAM LAY was killed with a rifle.

ANDREW LAY m. May "Dutch" Waggoner. Their children: -Minnie, m. H. J. Flemmings; Vesta, m. Nuley Hurst; Mossie, m. Charley Smith; Charley, m. Lial Hurst. (Charley was killed in a fight), Alco, m. Mallie Jess; Elvin, who died unmarried

JACK LAY, marriage unknown;

HIRAM SMITH LAY, probably step-son of Jesse Lay, Sr., and Gelina Whitehead. He removed into Louisville, Kentucky.

Other marriages unknown.

NOTE: According to the tradition of the Sparks Family Association, one Jesse Lay, was married to a Virginia Sparks, born between 1795-1800, the daughter of Rev. John Sparks of Virginia. Four children were born to them, Julia, born Apr. 1, 1818; Riley, born 1820?; Wainright, born Mar. 3, 826; Mary Ann, born Feb 16, 1835. Jenny re-moved in to Harlan County, Ky., on Brownie Crek where they married there, except Riley. Julie married Barnett Arnett. Nathan Sparks, before his death, stated that his grand father was Jesse Lay of Tennessee. (J.G.L.)

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