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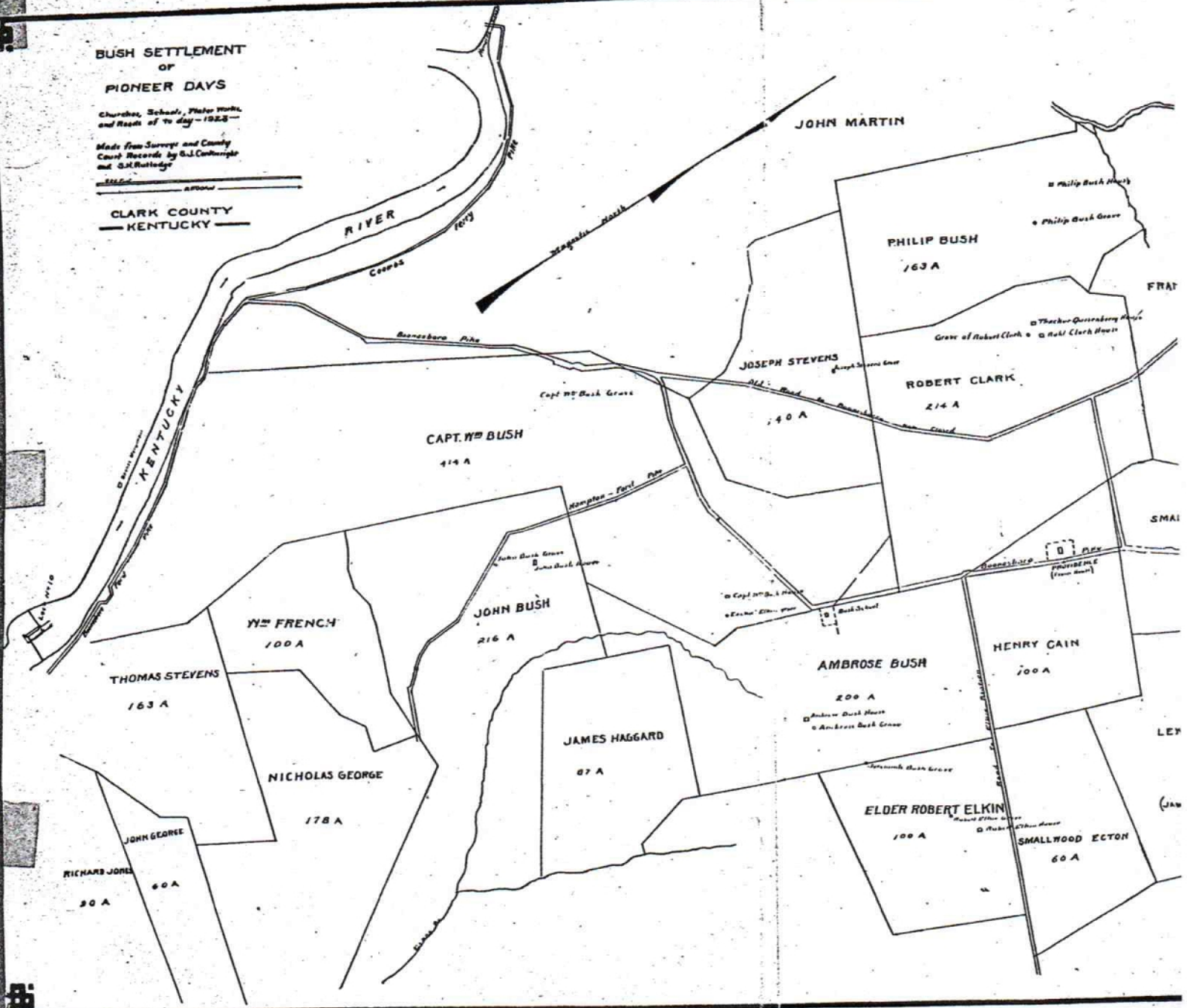
BUSH SETTLEMENT OF PIONEER DAYS

Churches, Schools, Place marks,
and Roads of To day - 1825 -

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CLARK COUNTY
KENTUCKY



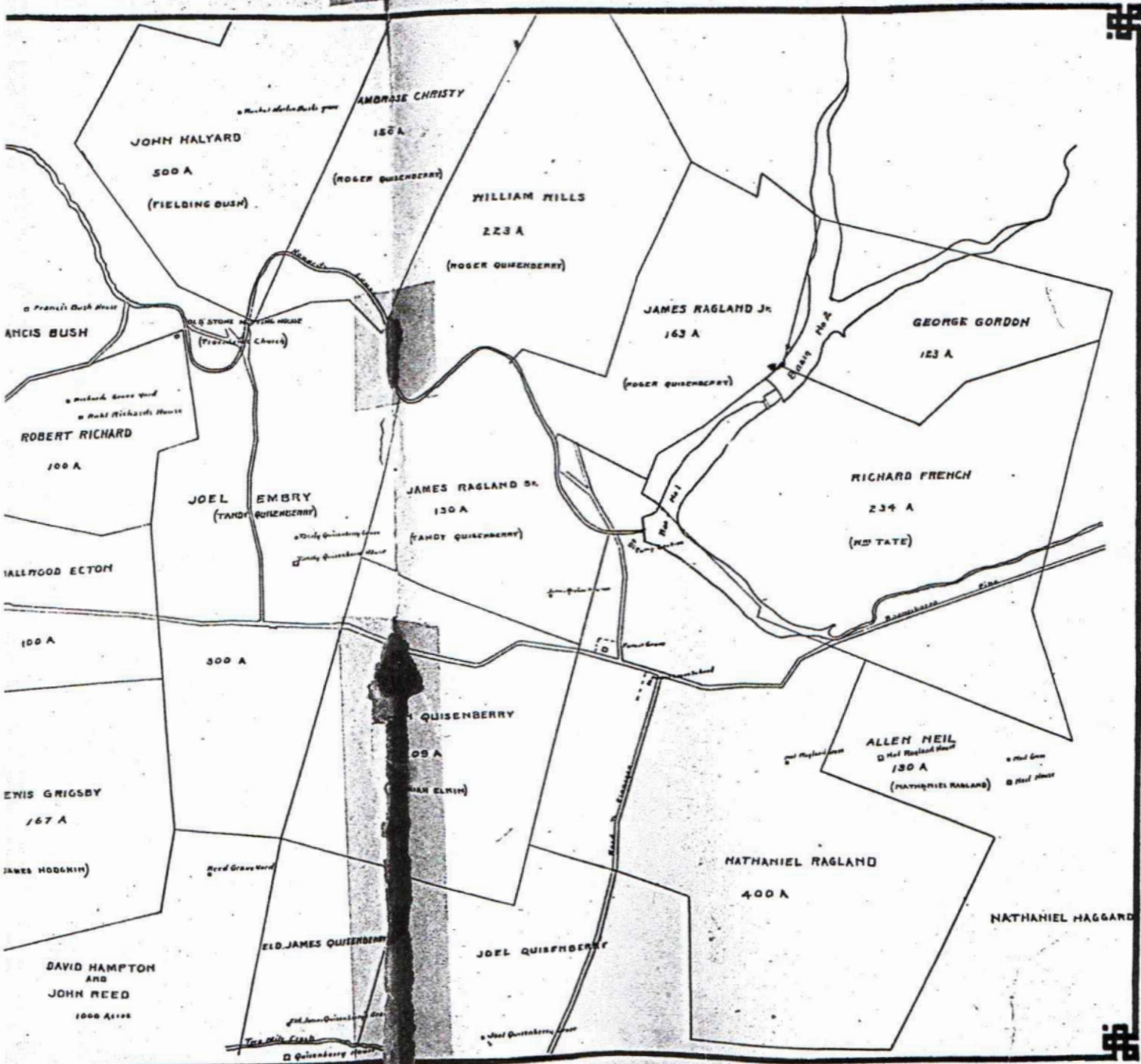
THE MAP OF THE BUSH

The Map in this work of the Bush settlement of Clark County, Kentucky, shows how that Baptist colony o constructed between the years of 1787 and 1793, and located on Lower Howard's Creek in said County. The M two). In smaller type later owners of some of the farms; The churches (with the exception of the Old Sto Made from Surveys and County Court records of Clark County, Kentucky, by S.,J. Conkwright and S. H. F

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of pioneer days, settled around the Old Stone Meeting House (Providence) as a nucleus, which was before the year 1800, (with the exception of one or one Meeting House), Schools, Water Works, roads of today, 1923.
Rutledge.

Mrs. George A. Bush, Jr.
516 Tiffany Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

May 10, 1973
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Winchester Sun
Winchester, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

Below- I quote a Louisville
newspaper clipping taken from the
"Winchester Sun". The date is uncertain-
but I assume it was 1934.

"Cedar Cane

Made in 1792

Policeman Clay owns an old
cedar cane, the original property
of the Pioneer Capt. William Bush,
the ancestor of so many citizens
of Clark. The cane has a

silver top bearing the engraving, ^{2.6.}
"Capt. Wm. Bush, 1792" and a far
later engraving "P. B. Broadus." The
cane was owned at one time
by Henry Clay Broadus, the
grandfather of Clay Park, and
from him passed to P. B. Broadus,
an uncle of Clay, and from this
uncle to him in 1917. It is
very light and in as good
condition as it was 142 years
ago. — (Winchester Sun. "

This may be an impossible
task but I shall be most, most
grateful if you can give me

any information about Policeman
Clay (address, etc.) or his family or
anyone who might give me
information about the old cedar
cave.

I realize I am asking a
great deal, but please know -
I really appreciate your
consideration and kindness.

Sincerely,
Mary B. Bush



MR. AND MRS. REUBEN B. DEVARY of Winchester will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with an open house today at their home, 232 Boone avenue, in Winchester.

Mr. And Mrs. Devary To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Devary will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary today with an open house at their home in Winchester.

The couple, who were married Jan. 4, 1896, in Jeffersonville, Ind., are the parents of seven children. They are Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Nancy Wells and Mrs. Loran Snelson, all of Winchester; W. J. D. Devary of Louisville; Reuben Devary of Fort Riley, Kansas; Hyman N. Devary and Ray Devary, both of Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Devary have eight grandchildren.

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children, Josiah, Philip, John, William, Ambrose, Mrs. Sarah Watts, Mrs. Mary Richards, Joseph, Joshua, Francis and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson. It is likely that most of the sons named served in the Revolutionary War. It is known that some of them did. Philip Bush's wife is not named in this will, and therefore could not have been living at the time it was made. Her given name was Mary, and it is believed that her name before marriage was Mary Bryan. One of the witnesses to this will was James Madison, father of President Madison.

In 1780 nearly (if not quite) all of these children of Philip Bush, Sr. started to Kentucky. Most of them were members of the Pamunloey Baptist Church, located on the north side of the North Fork of the North Anna River in Orange county, which was founded in 1774 by Aaron Bledsoe and Elijah Craig and is still in existence. These sons and daughters of Philip Bush, Sr. together with a number of the other members of the Pamunloey Church organized themselves into a new Baptist Church, with Elder John Vivion as their lay pastor; and under his leadership this unique church colony started for the wilds of Kentucky, and proceeded as far as Holston (now Abingdon, Va.) near the line between Virginia and Kentucky, arriving there in December 1780. On their tedious march through the wilderness to this point they held divine services in their temporary encampments every Sunday, invariably making a halt for that purpose. At Holston they received advice by a runner sent by Captain Billy Bush (who was then in the fort at Boonesborough) warning them not to proceed further for the time being, as the troubles with the Indians at that time made it unwise for them to proceed to Kentucky. At Holston they

met Rev. Robert Elkin, a regularly ordained Baptist minister "from the older parts of Virginia", who was also on his way to Kentucky with his family; and choosing him as their pastor, they at once (December, 1780) reorganized the church and the minute records from that time to this are complete. This body remained until Nov. 12, 1785 when they moved to Lower Howards Creek, in what is now Clark County, and then took up the lands which had been previously entered for them by Captain Billy Bush. Here they founded the famous old Providence Church ("the old Stone Meeting House) which is still living and prosperous and is the oldest church organization (of any denomination) in Kentucky. The land for the church was donated by Francis Bush and his brother-in-law, Robin Richards.

On leaving Craig's Station in November, 1785, several of the children of Philip Bush, Sr. proceeded to the so-called "Barrens" in Southwestern Kentucky; and to this stock belonged Sarah Bush, the second wife of Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln. Christopher Bush was surety on the bond of Thomas Lincoln for this marriage.

Those of the children of Philip Bush, Sr. who settled in what is now Clark Co., Ky. (then Fayette Co., Va.) and founded the famous "Bush Settlement" in the midst of which Providence Church is located were: (L) Philip Bush, Jr. born Oct. 18, 1736. In his youth he courted a young lady in Virginia who rejected him and married Col. John Vivion instead; but she promised that he might marry her eldest daughter, if she would have a daughter; and sure enough he did marry her eldest daughter, Frances Vivion, some 18 or 20 years later, when

he was about 40 years of age. They had numerous children, among them was Robert Bush, father of the famous Dr. Bush of Lexington, Peggy Bush who married Tandy Quisenberry and had 19 children; and Polly Bush who married a Mr. McCurtry.

(2) Mary Bush, born July 3, 1738 married Robin Richards and had many children.

(3) John Bush, born Feb. 2, 1742, twice married; the name of his first wife is unknown; his second wife was Polly Tillman. Numerous children.

(4) William Bash (better known as Captain Billy Bush) born Oct. 29, 1746; died July 26, 1815. He married Frances Tandy Burrus, sister of Jane Burrus, the first wife of Rev. James Quisenberry and they had many children. Captain Billy accompanied Daniel Boone on his second trip to Kentucky in 1770 and was a famous Indian fighter. He also served under General George Rogers Clark in the Illinois campaign which won the great Northwest Territory for the United States. He spent the last years of his life in search for the mythical "Swift's Silver Mine" His tombstone says that "He was friend and companion of Daniel Boone."

(5) Ambrose Bush, born April 8, 1848; married Lucy Golson of a Virginia family of orators and statesmen and they had a number of children. He was the great-great grandfather of Lewis Hampton Bush and Valentine W. Bush, now of Winchester. He was the grandfather of Julia Hieronymus, who was born Dec. 5, 1799 in Clark County; in 1824 married John Tevis, a distinguished Methodist minister and in 1825 she established in Shelbyville, Kentucky the famous Science Hill Academy for young women; and she continued in active control and superintendance of that institution until her death in 1883 a period of almost 60 years.

Upon her death Rev. Wiley Poynter, of Winchester, Kentucky became principal of Science Hill Academy and since his death it has been conducted by his widow, a native of Winchester. So during the nearly 86 years of its continuous existence Science Hill Academy has always been conducted by Clark County people.

(6) Francis Bush, born February 20, 1750. Married first (in Va.) Lucy Davis, and their children were: Fanny, who married a Bradley; Polly, who married Ambrose Christy; Nancy who married Thomas Vivion; and Betsey who married Daniel Orear. The second wife of Francis Bush was Rachel Martin, daughter of John Martin, a Revolutionary soldier; and their children were Lucy, who married Colby Burrus Quisenberry, Sallie who married George Matthews; Jordan, who married Sallie Miller Stewart and Fielding, who married Adelaide Halyard, daughter of Captain John Halyard, who commanded a company of Virginia troopers in the Revolutionary War and they had numerous children--among them a daughter Walker Bush, who married John F. Taylor and their daughter, Mollie Ford Taylor, married John R. Reagan, one of the founders of the Republic of Texas, afterwards Governor of the State of Texas, then Postmaster General of the Confederate States and subsequently Representative and then Senator of the United States Congress. Francis Bush was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted Feb. 14, 1770 in Capt. William Taylor's company of Col. Christian Febiger's company of the Continental Line (2nd Virginia Regiment) and served one year. His second wife, Rachel Martin was traditionally descended from Capt. John Martin, one of the Royal Councillors of Jamestown in 1607. Lewis Hampton Bush of Winchester has an oil portrait, life size (painted in 1840 by an artist named Spence) of Rachel Martin Bush who died about 1863, aged nearly 100 years.

WILLIAM BUSH

William Bush this day claimed a settlement and preemption to a tract of land in the district of Kentucky, lying between Howards Lower Creek and Two-mile Creek by improving the same and raising a crop of corn in the year 1775 & 76. Satisfactory proof being made to the court they are of the opinion that the said Bush has a right to a settlement of 400 acres of land to include the said improvement and preemption of 1000 acres and judge that a certificate be issued accordingly.

Saint Lusk, Ky. 40461
September 76, 1973

Dear Miss Owen:
your letter was some help in
the location of James Bush who was a brother
of my ancestor Capt. Philip who was according
to Clyde, "Cornstalk Militia of Kentucky" Page 72
commissioned Captain of the 15th Regiment, Aug 9, 1792
and recommissioned Dec 1, 1803.
I know this is my ancestor because he is
in Clark county court records, as major +
Captain. In Order book 2, page 495 1801, Clark Co Court
gave permission to Philip Bush, Captain to build
a grist and saw-mill on his land of on Four
mills. This order states he owned land on
both sides of 4 mile creek, Clark Co.

I the Bush records Clark Co. library
I found this statement: James, Philip Joseph M.
Sarah Duncan) + Josiah. The first three of these
brothers lived on Four mile. Josiah lived married
and died in Madison county. His will is in
Madison dated 1836.

S. J. Conkweight thinks these four were
the sons of Josiah and Sarah Bush, and
that Josiah was one of the Bush brothers
who did not come to Kentucky and his
wife and 4 sons came after his death.
I find in Philip Bush Sr. will he left a
farm to his oldest son Josiah and at his
death it was to go to Josiah's son Philip.
Josiah died in Washington Co. Va. 1780. His wife

Sarah came with her sons to Ky. Philip must have been married before they came as his daughter "Franky" my great, great grandmother was born 1773 and died Oct. 6, 1811 in what is now Rockcastle Co. Ky. She married John Hooton 2-27-1794 (Clark Co. marriage records)

I have no dates for Philip's birth or death but Josiah's dates are 7, 5, 1733 d 1780 and since Philip was his oldest child I assume he was born circa 1753. I have not found a will either in Clark or Madison but have found ^{att.} ~~guardian~~ appt. ~~17~~ 1819 so it must have been near that time. I have also found deeds in Madison county some of Philip and his wife Frances (evidently Philip Jr.) and others Philip and wife Orender. (our ancestors) As there are many Bush cemeteries in Clark Co. we should be able to find Philip + Orender near the 4 mile road. Some of his descendants

listed in Madison Co who moved to Ill. were Mowning, Kenneth, Lethia (m. Jas. Nelson) and Henrietta. There was also an Orender Bush who m.

Thos. Hooton (bro of our John) 1801 in Madison Co records. John + Thos. Hooton had a bro. w^m who married Catherine George. They are buried on the Fred road near the Wallace's home.

John, Thos. + w^m Hooton were sons of Thos Hooton who died in Gaschland Co, Va. Their brother Sarah came to Booneboro with her sons.

Of course you have been to Hootontown on Ky River. (quit a negro settlement now) There is a book of Hooton records in Clark County library. my great grandmother was Sally Hooton m. John Todd in Madison Co. 11, 24, 1825

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I am recovering from Cataract Surgery and as soon as I am able plan to search the 4 mile road for Philip Bush cemetery. In the meantime if you can find a clue I would appreciate it. Is it possible Philip + Orinda a burial in same cemetery as James? It's a shame for two men to sign their names identically at the same time in the same County. but it's quite a challenge to unravel. To make my search harder the Fickcatt's court records burned, so there go my Hooton wills. I am fortunate in having their family cemetery.

Have you a copy of "Quisenberry + Related families" by Anderson, Chensault Quisenberry? It contains the will of Philip Bush Sr.

Also the book "Julia Ann Bush Lewis" is most interesting concerning the early Bush settlements.

I have other family records completed but am real anxious to find this missing ancestor.

Sincerely,
Ladie K. Kuhlman

2789 Kellogg Creek Rd.
Acworth, Ga. 30102
970-974-8838
Nov 4, 1996

Dear Clark Co Historical Society.

My name is Patricia Lambert Nelson, I'm from a number of family lines that is from Clark Co Ky and from Estill, Powell Co Ky.

Would like to know the cost of getting your newsletter.

I'm trying to find out more about the history of my family lines.

* John + Franky Adams Low 1765/1835 - was told all 8 of their children was born in Clark Co Ky.

my line

- 1 * Daniel Low wife Hannah Delilah Baker Low
- 2 James R. Low wife Susanna Morton
- 3 Elizabeth Low husband Thomas Cummins
- 4 Absalom Low wife Malinda Cummins
- 5 Margaret Low husband James N. Culpepper
- 6 Polly Low husband James Ramsey
- 7 William Low wife Virginia W. Lockname
- 8 John Low wife Judy Cummins

was told John Low * had a will probated Aug 1835 need to get a copy of it.

Daniel Low is my ggg grandfather, he married Hannah Delilah Baker 3-22-1810 ^{her} her parents was Obediah + Hannah Martin Baker and her grand parents was Thomas + Elizabeth Baker and John Martin

and Rachel Pace.

I'm also from John Bush and Mary Telman Bush family line. A number of these children married in your county. I don't know where they live at, at this time.

- (1) * Elizabeth Bush Bush husband Moses Sharp ^{Clark} 1801
 - (2) William Walton Bush wife Elizabeth Sharp ¹⁷⁹⁵
they got married in Bedford Co Va. Moses & Elizabeth Sharp was brother & sister.
 - (3) Wyatt Bush wife Charlotte Lisle 1808 Clark Co
 - (4) Jonathan Bush wife Mary Pawlings Stevens 1801 Clark Co
 - (5) Thomas J. Bush wife Cynthia Bush 1809 Clark Co.
 - (6) Telman Bush wife Sarah Elkins 1814 Clark Co
 - (7) Nelson Bush wife Nancy Neil 1815 Clark Co
 - (8) Pleasant Bush wife Jane Bush 1816 Clark Co
 - (9) Landon Bush
 - (10) Mercy Bush wife Paulina
 - (11) Lucy Bush husband William C. Berry 1819 Clark Co
 - (12) Paulina Bush husband Benager Gentry 1812 Clark Co
 - (13) Ann Susannah Bush husband Aaron Sharp 1799 Clark Co Ky
 - (14) Franky Bush husband George Walton 1795 Clark Co Ky.
- would like to find all these family lines.

My gggg grandfather Adam Sharp got five hundred acre tract from Stephen Collins for five shillings Clark Co Ky 1805

George + Adams Sharp (brothers) got permission to erect a Water Grist mill Clark Co Ky 7-1800, order Book 2 page 418 on Hardwicks Creek.

This information came from Larry Meadows.

My great great grandfather
William A. H. B. Sharp was a Sheriff
of Estill Co Ky the years 1842, 1852, 1856,
1857, 1858.

His father Moses Sharp own a large
tract of land on Hazardwicks Creek Rd
area. The Sharp home is still there
& Roger Davis lives in it. Built around
1825.

A number of ^{1747/1815} Adam Sharp wife Phebe
children married in Clark Co Ky.

- (1) Matty Sharp husband Robert Church 2-28-1787 Bedford Co Va
- (2) Abraham Sharp wife Ann Read 1787 Bedford Co Va
- (3) George Sharp wife Sally Johnson 1799 Clark Co Ky
- (4) Elizabeth Sharp husband William Walter Bush 1795 Bedford Co Va
- (5) Aaron Sharp wife Ann Susannah Bush 1799 Clark Co Ky
- (6) May Polly Sharp husband James Collins ?
- (7) Rachael Sharp husband Uthmuel McPherson ?
- * (8) Moses Sharp wife Elizabeth Bush 1801 Clark Co Ky
- (9) John Sharp
- 10 Nancy Sharp husband Thomas Hickey ?

I have been the last two years trying to
put this family history together. Hope
I can give more history information
from your County. Also in Estill, Powell
Co. I'm from the Puckett, Barnes, Witt, Lee,
Pearson, Gould family lines.

Hope to hear from you all

Patricia Nelson

Kathryn Owen
423 E. Broadway
Winchester, Ky. 40392

1 April, 1994

Dear Mrs. Owen,

I am currently researching my family history and was referred to you by Dr. A. Goff Bedford.

I am descended from Ambrose Bush Jr. of Clark County. He was born 1779 in Orange County, Virginia and died on 4 Sept., 1859 in Clark County, Kentucky. He married Jane Quisenberry, a daughter of James Quisenberry. His father, Ambrose Bush Sr., was a brother to William "Captain Billy" Bush. From what I have gathered, Ambrose Bush Jr. lived in the Boone's and Jouett's Creek area. His son, Lewellyn Bush, is my third great-grandfather.

My research has yielded a massive amount of genealogical dates for births, deaths and marriages; but I am looking for information concerning their lives. I am plan to write a Bush family narrative in the near future.

Do you have any information concerning the Ambrose Bush Jr. family? I have searched for the graves of Ambrose Jr. and Jane Quisenberry, but have not found them. I know about his church and Boone's Creek Association affiliations, but that is all. I have found even less information about Lewellyn Bush. Lewellyn married Polly Vaughn in 1825 in Clark County. They had three children. Next I find Lewellyn married to Martha Townsend in the Wolfe County area. What happened to his first wife? Family tradition states that Polly Vaughn was killed in a hunting accident. Any information about Lewellyn Bush would be most helpful.

Do you know of any portraits or photographs of Ambrose Bush Sr. or Jr.? I would love to include them in my book.

Anything you can provide will be most appreciated. I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to reply. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bush

Kenneth Bush
P.O. Box 961
Campton, Ky.
41301

John (#1) Bush
 Born 00-00-1593 209
 in England
 Died 00-00-1624

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Abraham Bush Sr.
 Born 00-00-1622 202
 in Elizabeth City, Norfolk
 Died 00-00-1687

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Elizabeth #1
 Born 00-000-1600 210
 in England

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John (#2) Bush
 Born 00-00-1670 198
 in Va.
 Marr 00-00-1729
 in Vva.
 Died 00-00-1745
 in Va.

Ann

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Philip Bush Sr.
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 in St. Thomas Parish, Orang
 Died 00-00-1772
 in Orange Co., Va

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Margaret (Bruce) Braxton
 Born _____ 199
 in Va.

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Jeremian (#1) Bush

Born 20-Jan-1789 97
Died 23-Dec-1842

Oliver Edward Bush

Born 07-Feb-1825 35
in Clark Co., Ky,
Marr 21-May-1845
in Clark County, Kentucky
Died 03-Jan-1874
in Collin Co., Texas

Nancy Harris Gentry
Born 03-Oct-1795 98
Died 02-Jul-1863

Henry Louis Bush

Born 04-Nov-1848 17
in Clark Co., Ky.
Marr 09-Nov-1898
in Collin Co., Texas
Died 08-Mar-1913

Dorinda M. Crim

Born 16-Jan-1828 36
Died 25-Jan-1861
in Collin Co., Texas

John Crim
1307

unknown
1308

Henry Porter Bush

Born 15-Aug-1900 12
in Collin Co., Texas
Marr 08-Aug-1920
in Vashti, Clay Co., Texas
Died 16-Sep-1950
in Bowie, Montague Co., Texa

James (Jim) Wilson

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Roxie Wilson

Born 10-Jan-1872 18
in Kentucky
Died 02-Jul-1936
in Vashti, Clay Co. Texas

Susan Ann

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Wanda Lou Bush
Born 08-Aug-1929 2
in Vashti, Clay County, Tex

John James McGee Sr.

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John James McGee Jr.

Born 10-Jan-1852 19
in Alabama ?(Miss.)
Marr 06-Aug-1901
in Johnson County, Texas
Died 30-Oct-1918

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Annie Pauline McGee

Born 08-Nov-1903 13
in Johnson Co., Texas

Jesse Smith

Born 00-00-1806 1429

James Smith #2

Born 00-00-1830 95
in Tn.

Elizabeth
Born 00-00-1808 1430

Lucety Angeline Smith

Born 01-Mar-1862 20
in Moss, Clay Co., Tn.
Died 26-Jun-1928
in Clay Co., Texas

Allen
1072

Mary Minerva Allen

Born 00-00-1829 96
in Tn.

Hammer
1073

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Born 26-Feb-1710 196
in St. Thomas Parish, Orange

Died 00-00-1772
in Orange Co., Va

Born 00-00-1670 198
Died 00-00-1745

Margaret (Bruce) Braxton

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Ambrose Bush Sr.

Born 08-Apr-1748 100
in Orange Co., Va.

Died 10-Feb-1815
in Clark Co., Ky.

William Bryan

1023

Mary Bryan

Born 00-000-1709 197
Died 00-000-1772

Margaret

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Jeremiah (#1) Bush

Born 20-Jan-1789 97
in Clark Co., Ky.

Marr 19-Dec-1811
Died 23-Dec-1842
in Ky.

Anthony Gholson Sr.

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John Gholson

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Jane

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Lucy Gholson

Born 15-Feb-1752 101
in Orange Co., Va.

Died 25-Jul-1815

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Oliver Edward Bush

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Richard Gentry

Born 26-Oct-1763 102
Marr 05-Apr-1784

Died 12-Feb-1843

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Nancy Harris Gentry

Born 03-Oct-1795 98
in Madison Co., Ky.

Died 02-Jul-1863

Robert Harris

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William Harris

Born 00-00-1742 392
in Hanover Co., Va.

Mary Claiborne

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Nancy Jane Harris

Born 18-Oct-1763 103
Died 17-Oct-1821

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Temperance Overton

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John (#2) Bush
 Born 00-00-1670 198
 in Va.
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 in Va.

Born 00-00-1622 202
 Died 00-00-1687

Ann 208

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 Died 23-Dec-1842
 in Ky.

Theodore Gulston, Dr.

Born 00-00-1572 390
 Died 00-00-1632

Anthony Gholson Sr. 206

Helen Southerton 391

John Gholson 204

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Jane 207

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 Born 15-Feb-1752 101
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 Died 25-Jul-1815

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207 / Greentree Drive
Richmond, Ky 40475

21 October 1991 9.

Dear Miss Owen,

It was such a pleasure and an enlightenment meeting you at Mrs. Conroy's house. I don't know when time passed so fast or when I've wished more for my forgotten shorthand ~ Thank you for all you shared, which I know was the tip of icebergs.

Everytime I've been to Manchester I've forgotten to look up your address - finally I have it to send the Betty Bush Chronology. I know many of these entries cannot be the Clark County Wm. Bush, but have put down everything I could find in case something should click. The chronology is a hodgepodge!

About the drinking - I remember seeing this mentioned regarding Thomas Burns in the Providence Church Records, but didn't see Billy & the other Bushes -

Again, thank you -

Sincerely,

Ime Crabb

Wanda Bess
P. O. Box 1172
Bowie, Tx. 76230

Dear Kathryn,

I received the book and am so pleased with it. I was sorry I did ' t get to meet you when I came to Kentucky. Maybe I will get to come back in the future.

I have a problem with some of my information that I picked up when I was there. Maybe you can get me straight. I am sending a copy of a paper on Captain Billy Bush. It says that Thomas J. Bush was never married . I believe you said in your letter you are a descendent of Capt. Billy Bush through Thomas J. Bush. I found a daughter of Capt. Billy who married Thomas T. Bush . He was a son of John Bush, brother of Capt. Billy. I have not found Hyman G. Bush or Ed Bush in my files. I did copy every thing I could find in the library when I was there.

I am interested in the journal you mentioned. I have found leads to information in unexpected places.

Do you know where I can find copies of the Quisenberry Family book and the History of Boone ' s Creek Baptist Association ? I would like to find the book on the Gentry Family also.

Sincerely,
Wanda Bess

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Pleasant Bush Son of John + Mary Tallman Bush
8 ch including Thomas Jefferson Bush who m.
Susan J. Tuttle

Capt William Bush - 10 ch including Cynthia
who m. (1) Thomas Bush (2) Zach Galper

Had son Thomas Jefferson Bush unmarried - blind

Pleasant Bush Son of John + Mary Tallman Bush
had 8 ch inc Hyman B Bush

Thomas J Bush Son of Pleasant and Jane (Bush)
Bush m Susan J Tuttle - 12 ch inc Hyman
B Bush m son Owen

"Quisenberry Family Book"
by - Pat Wolcott.

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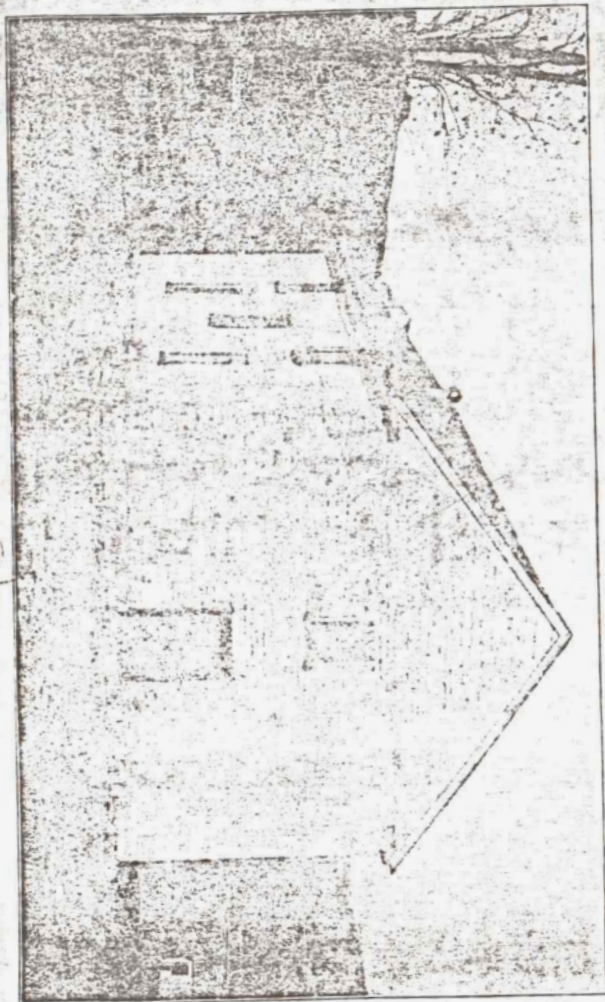
CHAPTER IX.

THE BUSH FAMILY.

The Bush family, of Clark county, Kentucky, is said to have descended from John Bush, who came from England and settled at Kiccoughtan (now Hampton), Virginia, in the year 1618, and while there is probably no doubt whatever of this being a fact, still, on account of the destruction of many old records in Virginia, it has not been found possible to trace the connection.

The furthest back the Clark county Bushes have been absolutely traced is to John Bush, of St. Thomas Parish, Orange county, Virginia, whose will was probated in that county in 1746. (See Appendix, VIII, 19.) In this will his wife is mentioned as Bridget Bush, and the following children are enumerated: (1) Philip; (2) Martha Bruce; (3) Elizabeth Sanders; (4) John; (5) Thomas; (6) Daniel. The testator, John Bush, was probably born not later than 1670, and was doubtless the grandson of the pioneer John Bush who settled at Kiccoughtan in 1618. In this connection the following note from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography (Vol. I, page 194) may be of interest:

"John Bush, of Kiccoughtan, in the Corporation of Elizabeth City, Gentleman, who came over in the Neptune, at his own charge, in 1618, was patented 300 acres; 50 in his own right, 150 for the transportation out of England of his wife, Elizabeth, and his children, Elizabeth and Mary Bush, who all came in the Guift, in 1619; and 100 acres for the transportation of his two servants, Thomas Hand and William Pucker, who came in the Charles in 1621, said land being in the parish of Kiccoughtan and adjoining the lands of Lieutenant Albino Lupo and William Julian and bordering on the main river. Granted by Wyatt in 1624."



THE OLD STONE MEETING HOUSE.

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This extract mentions only two children, both daughters; but there were doubtless several others, both sons and daughters, in the course of time. The Bushes have never been deficient in that respect.

Philip Bush, of St. Thomas Parish, Orange county, Virginia, the eldest son of John Bush, sr., of the same county and parish, was the ancestor of the Clark county branch of the family. The first mention found concerning him in the records of Orange county is where, on March 6, 1745, William Bryan, of St. Thomas Parish, Orange county, sold to Philip Bush, of the same county and parish, one hundred acres of land in the same county and parish, "in consideration of five shillings and the rent of one ear of Indian corn yearly, at the feast of St. Michael, the Archangel, when lawfully demanded." One of the witnesses to this deed was Zachary Taylor, the grandfather of the President of that name. The William Bryan who sold the land was very probably the ancestor of William Jennings Bryan, whose Virginia forefathers lived in Orange and the adjoining county of Culpeper.

Philip Bush, in his will (see Appendix VIII, 20), probated in Orange county, Virginia, on September 24, 1772 (which was probably not more than a month or so after his death), and witnessed by James Madison, the father of President Madison, names ten children, and disposes of five hundred acres of land, £75 in money, four slaves, and some personal property. Several of the children received no bequests of land, and doubtless he had previously provided for them in that respect. At the time the will was made it seems his wife was not living, as she is not mentioned in it, and none of her descendants now know what her maiden name was. Her given name was Mary. The children mentioned in the will are: (1) Josiah; (2) Philip; (3) John; (4) William; (5) Ambrose; (6) Mrs. Sarah Watts; (7) Mrs. Mary Richards; (8) Joseph; (9) Joshua; (10) Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson. It is likely that all the sons named saw service in the Revolutionary War. It is known that some of them did.

Most of these children moved to Kentucky, sooner or later, and some of them settled in what was called "the Barrens," in the southwestern part of the State; and to this stock belongs Sarah Bush, the second wife of Robert Lincoln, the father of Abraham

Lincoln. Christopher Bush was on Robert Lincoln's bond for this marriage.

Those of the children of Philip Bush, sr., who settled in Clark county, Kentucky, and founded the famous "Bush Settlement," in the midst of which Providence Baptist church, or "the old stone meeting house," was located, were:

1. PHILIP BUSH, born October 18, 1736. In his youth he courted a young lady in Virginia who rejected him and married Colonel John Vivion instead, but she promised that he might marry her first daughter, if she should have a daughter; and sure enough he did marry her eldest daughter, Frances Vivion, some eighteen or twenty years later, when he was forty years of age. Among his children were Robert Bush, the father of the famous Dr. Bush, of Lexington; Colonel John Bush; Peggy, who married Tandy Quisenberry, and Polly, who married a Mr. McMurtry.

2. MARY BUSH, born July 3, 1738; married Robin Richards.

3. JOHN BUSH, born February 2, 1742. He was twice married, and the name of his first wife is not now known. His second wife was Polly Tillman.

4. WILLIAM BUSH (better known as "Captain Billy Bush"), born October 29, 1746; died July 26, 1815. He married Frances Tandy Burris, a sister of Jane Burris, the first wife of Rev. James Quisenberry. Captain Billy Bush accompanied Daniel Boone on his second trip to Kentucky, in 1770, and was a great Indian fighter. He also served under George Rogers Clark in the Illinois campaign, which won the great Northwest Territory for the United States. His tombstone says that "He was the friend and companion of Daniel Boone."

5. AMBROSE BUSH, born April 8, 1748; married Lucy Gholson, or Gholson. They were the grandparents of Hon. Ambrose G. Bush, who for fifty years has been the clerk of old Providence church, and of Judge James H. Bush, Richard G. Bush, and Valentine W. Bush.

6. FRANCIS BUSH, born February 20, 1750. The name of his first wife is not known, but their children were: (1) Fanny, who married — Bradley; (2) Polly, who married Ambrose Christy; (3) Nancy, who married Thomas Vivion; (4) Betsey, who married Daniel