

CAPPS

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1839-1939
CENTENNIAL
J. Capps & Sons, Ltd.

JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

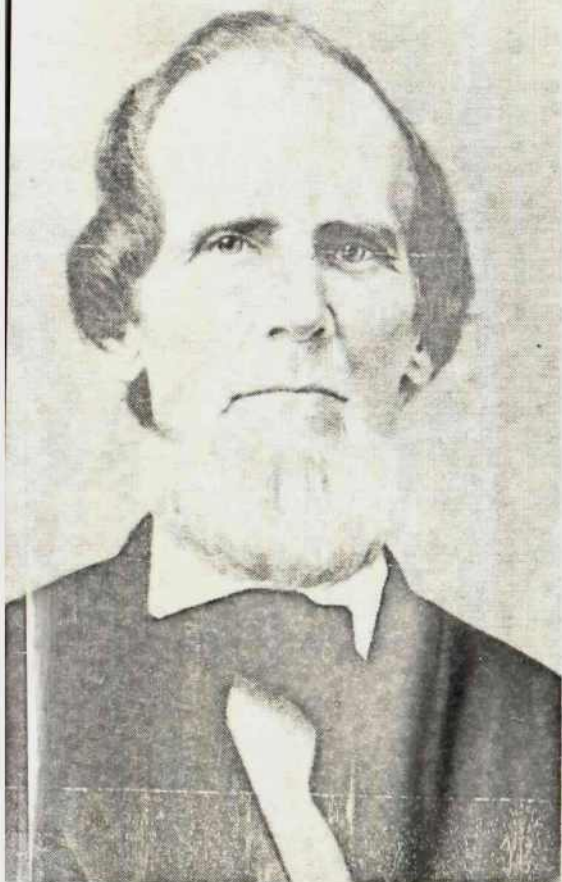
HISTORY BY FRANK J. HEINL

Joseph Capps settled in Jacksonville in 1839 and laid the foundations for the industry which has grown into J. Capps and Sons, Limited, clothing manufacturers. He was born near Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, January 23, 1811, and was educated in Kentucky. From his accomplishments, interests, and inclinations in his mature years he must have had more schooling than that afforded by the pioneer subscription schools; he probably attended one of the numerous seminaries or academies which flourished in his native state at the time of his youth. His father, Caleb Capps, was a slave-holding planter who treated his slaves humanely and who never bought or sold one of them. In his will made in 1862 he gave some of his slaves to his family and provided that the rest of them be sold into good homes, regardless of the prices obtained for them. However, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed his slaves before his death in 1864. Joseph came to abhor slavery. He determined to secure the benefits of larger opportunities in a state where slavery as it existed in the South was illegal, as did thousands of others who came to the corn lands of Illinois both to better their condition and get away from slavery. His attitude toward the slaves themselves was sympathetic and kindly. He gave negroes employment and several of them were employed for many years in his industry, one of them for more than half a century. *not true!*

Joseph traced his Capps ancestry back thru several generations which lived in the extreme northeast corner of North Carolina, to the first American Capps who came to the new world in the 1600's.

When Joseph was about sixteen years of age, he left home and went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he learned the machinist's trade and had experience in handling and carding wool. He was married in Jacksonville on November 28, 1837, to Sarah A. Higgins Reid by the Reverend J. T. Mitchell, a Methodist minister. Sarah was the daughter of Stephen H. Reid, who removed his family from Fayette County, Kentucky, which adjoined the county in which Joseph was born, and settled in the north part of Jacksonville in the spring of 1827. Mr. Reid died October 9, 1827. Presumably, Joseph and Sarah were acquainted in Kentucky. A family tradition has it that Joseph's father was very fond of Sarah and that he wrote Joseph and advised him to come back to Kentucky and win her for his wife. This would indicate that Sarah may not have come to Illinois with her father and that Joseph was away from Kentucky, probably in Illinois. After Joseph's marriage, he and his wife returned to his father's home. There he was threatened with tuberculosis and went to the White Mountains for a stay of several months leaving his wife with his parents. His eldest child, Stephen Reid, was born in his father's home in Kentucky.

Joseph located in Waverly, Illinois, in 1836, as a partner in a wool carding business. During the winter of 1836-9, he built an engine and wool-carding machine, after which he severed his Waverly partnership, came to Jacksonville and established a wool-carding business. On April 28, 1841 he acquired a lot of land on the east side of Church Street between Douglas and Lafayette



JOSEPH CAPPS,
1811-1872

Avenues and on it erected, some fifty or sixty feet south of Lafayette Avenue a building in which he placed his machinery and equipment. He built a house about midway between Lafayette and Douglas Avenues. As his

business grew he erected a large two-story wood building for it and later a two-story brick office and store building between his residence and woolen mill. For power to operate his machinery he installed a tread mill and later his engine.

A card is an implement for combing wool, cotton, flax, and hair and gathering it lengthwise into rolls or strands. Mr. Capps received wool from the farmers after they had tub-cleaned it and he then carded it. The farm wife then took the rolls and spun them on her spinning wheel into yarn from which were knitted socks, mittens, caps, stockings, and cloth for garments. Pioneer farmers always kept some sheep which they had to protect not only from dogs but from wolves and thieves as well. But sheep were a necessity, for they clothed the farmers and their families. After shearing his sheep, the farmer tubbed his wool and brought it to Mr. Capps. Along with it he brought a certain quantity of lard or other grease, as carding required the use of a lubricant. Farmers from as far as fifty miles away brought wool to Mr. Capps who took a toll of the wool for his services. This toll wool he shipped to eastern markets. When farmers brought wool, they had to take their turn for carding and often had to wait a day or more. Often they slept in their wagons or camped at night. Mrs. Capps provided them with hot coffee. At first Mr. Capps did custom carding only. In a few years he added spinning machinery to his equipment and spun his toll wool and other wool he bought into yarn which he retailed or sold to stores. He soon built up a nice business in yarn. In 1852 he added looms and weaving machinery to his equipment and began the manufacture of rough, unfinished cloths, such as linsey-woolsey, doeskin, and jeans the demand for which was so great that he soon added equipment for scouring, fulling and finishing the cloth he made. The high quality of his cloth soon gave him an extended market with retail stores, tailors, and clothing makers.

In 1857 Mr. Capps took his son, Stephen E., into partnership and transacted business as Joseph Capps and Son. The mill was then making blankets, flannels, skirting, cloakings, women's dress goods, and a general line for retail stores. In 1862 the second son, William E., was taken into the partnership as Joseph Capps and Sons and the name Jacksonville Woolen Mills was adopted. In 1864 two local merchants were admitted to the partnership in order to provide a local store as an outlet for the Capps products, but the merchants soon withdrew from the partnership. During the Civil War period, there was a great demand for doeskin and jeans cloth, blankets, and cassimeres and the mill operated at full capacity to supply the demand.

In 1878 the third son, Joseph L., was admitted into the partnership. After the Civil War period, the demand for cassimeres, flannels, and cloth for woman's wear, and blankets continued brisk until an extended use of cotton, the trend to heated homes, and changes in fashions reduced the use of woolen garments. In 1878 the Cappses were making three thousand yards of cloth daily and employing about seventy-five people. Changes in mercantile methods made it necessary for the mill to adopt new plans in order to continue its policy of selling direct to retailers, so in 1885 the Cappses commenced the manufacture of men's trousers, employed about a hundred people, and did an annual business of about two hundred thousand dollars. In 1904 they discontinued the sale of cloth to retailers, made all the cloth they produced into clothing, did an annual business of about half a million dollars, and gave employment to about two hundred and fifty people in the clothing factory and one hundred and seventy-five in the woolen mills. In 1930 they discontinued the manufacture of cloth. During the Spanish-American War the factory turned out eight thousand uniforms on a rush order in three weeks.

For some years the mill made Indian blankets. These blankets were sold to Federal Indian agents on western reservations for distribution to blanket-

wearing Indians. The mill did a quite important volume of business in these blankets. It made a careful study of the characteristic colors and patterns used in blankets woven by craftsmen of different Indian tribes and maintained the accuracy of colors and designs. For a time the mill advertised these blankets in publications of national circulation and sold them direct to individuals. Some of the Indians resold blankets to tourists as genuine Indian blankets at a great profit to themselves. During the World War, the federal government requisitioned all products of the mill and factory. Thousands of trousers were made as well as quantities of khaki suiting and overcoating. The mill turned out khaki yarn and sold it at cost to Red Cross chapters at Jacksonville and nearby towns to be knitted into garments, etc.



The Capps Mills 1873.

The site of the present factory and mill was acquired in 1867. J. Capps and Sons, Ltd., was incorporated April 20, 1886, by Stephen R., William E., Joseph L., and Alfred T. Capps, with Stephen R. as president, William E. as secretary, and Joseph L. as treasurer. Present officers of the company are Harry M. Capps, president, Edward Bagale, vice-president, Robert M. Capps, secretary-treasurer, and Harry M. Capps, Robert M. Capps, James G. Capps, Jr., F. D. Siefkin, and Edward Bagale, directors. The present volume of business of the company is over a million dollars annually and its payroll is about half of the volume. The company employs about 400 people, makes 50,000 suits a year, has twelve traveling salesmen, and sells to retail stores in the central, western, and northwestern states. Members of the Capps family now associated with the company are Harry M., Robert M., William T. Jr., and Herbert J.

*My father,
later, president.
F. C. R.*

When Joseph Capps began business, his profits came only from tolls he received from carding. After he began making yarn and cloth, he paid for the raw wool either in materials he manufactured or in cash. The woolen mills were discontinued about 1930. For many years the mill received raw wool which was fabricated and turned out by the factory in finished garments. When Joseph Capps founded his industry the supply of wool which came to him direct from the growers was sufficient for his needs, but as the business grew the local supply became inadequate and most of the wool used came from Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Texas and Missouri.

Among the merchants of Jacksonville with whom he bartered or to whom he sold his products were Mathers, Corcoran and Austin, Chappel, Rapp, Bristow, Wadsworth and Mathers, Davenport, Bancroft, Catlin, Hockenhill,

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*J. Capps & Sons, Ltd. finally closed its doors in
1915*

CAPPS, CLARK COUNTY, KENTUCKY WILLS

Will Book 10, page 225, Will of John Capps, son of Caleb and Martha

1. Tract of land from father-in-law, John T. Gilmer, 240 acres in Adams County, Ill.
2. Wool-carding factory including dwelling and team to drive machinery are all under rent for two years to Mr. Durrant; to be sold at expiration of lease.
3. Sell Carlinville and other Illinois lots.
4. Green County, Ill. farm and McCoupin Co., Ill., 366 a. (Green 200 a) to be rented out for the benefit of the youngest child until he is 21 years of age; property to be divided at that time.
5. Sell all possessions in Clark County, Kentucky, except a wagon and harness for wife if she should want to go to Illinois, and any carpenter tools the father (Caleb Capps) may want to choose. Money to be used for wife and children.

Administrator for Illinois property, William H. Wilson

Administrator for Clark County, father, Caleb Capps

dated 2 January 1843

Wit: John Williams

John C. Sarnar (?)

July Court, 1843

James P. Bulloch CCC

Remaining estate appraised at \$86

Inventory, vol. 10, page 232

Will of Caleb Capps, continued:

7. Executor not to be held accountable for price obtained for other slaves, good homes to be found.

John Blan, exr., 27 May 1862; Wit James Simpson & John Williams; Codicil: to grandson, Charles, negro girl named Ann, 23 Jan. 1863, wit. James Simpsob & Robert Winn

CAPPS, CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY WILLS: WILL OF CALEB CAPPS

1. Divide farm in Clark County into 5 equal shares: 1 to Nancy Jane Capps (Elkins), wife of my son, Charles Capps; 1 to Joseph Capps, one of his sons; 1 to Stephen Reid, son of deceased daughter, Martha; 1 to Samuel Capps, son of deceased son, Samuel; 1 to Thornton, John and Caleb Capps, sons of deceased son, John Capps.
2. To Nancy Jane Capps, my boy Billy, but she is only to have said Boy and the before mentioned share of my land, during his life and during that period of time she is to hold the sd land the boy Billy as her separate estate, for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of herself and the children of my son Charles Capps while said children continue to reside with her, and at her death the sd land and boy Billy are to belong to the children of sd son, Charles Capps as well as those now born and those that may hereafter be born.
3. I devise to my son, Joseph Capps all my lands in Illinois.
4. Whole balance (except \$400) to be divided into five shares to be divided as above, after they have been equalized as follows:
 - a. Joseph Capps has received \$1,200 (\$500 in cash and Illinois lands estimated at \$700)
 - b. Charles Capps has received \$365 by way of advancement
 - c. Grandson, Stephen Reid, has received \$200 by way of advancement
 - d. Grandsons Thornton and John Capps, son of John, have received \$160 each and Grandson, Caleb, has received \$50.
 - e. The sum necessary to equalize Charles Capps is to be paid to and belong to his wife, Nancy, who is to have 1/5 as above indicated.
5. Exempt from fourth clause, 2 small slaves, Laura to granddaughter, Anna, dau of Charles, and Jane to Patsy, dau of Charles.
6. \$400, a trust fund for support of slaves, David and Fanny, not to be sold and to remain under care of Charles

CAPPS: CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY MARRIAGE RECORDS

Index: 1793-1831

Archives (Winchester Library; probably the work of Catherine Owen) *yes!*

Bond: Capps, Charles Wesley, and Mary Jane Elkin, December 6, 1848, Surety, John W. Clay

Index: Clark County, C.W. Capps and Nancy J. Elkins, p. 124 (vol. 1?)

p. 145: "This is to authorize any duly authorized minister of the gospel to unite in holy wedlock Charles Wesley Capps and Nancy Jane Elkin, the said Capps having complied with the requisitions (?) of the law in such case provided. Solemnized 7 December 1848; B. C. Allen; James Bulloch CCC

Archives:

Capps, Martha and Stephen H. Reid, Surety, Caleb Capps (her father) 19 January 1837 (bond)

Index: William Reed and Miss Capps, p. 46

Vol. 1, p. 46: This is to certify that I joined in marriage Mr. Reed and Miss Capps on 26 January, 1837. Jesse Sutton to the County Clerk

Clift, Glen C., Kentucky Marriages, 1797-1865; 1966, the Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md. (Paris, Ky., 1983)

p. 193 Samuel W. Capps of Scottsville, Macoupin County, Illinois and formerly of Fayette Co, Kentucky, to Miss Abbie L. Smith of Athensville, Green Co., Illinois. Married

St. Louis, Missouri, 23 August, 1859; S9/6 (Newspaper report)

ibid: p. 139, Charles W. Caps and Nancy Jane Elkin, daughter of Enoch, both of Clark County, married December 7, 1848 OR 12/13 (same as above)

Clark County Deed Book 41, page 113; 1864, Samuel and Ada Capps, an undivided 1/5 interest estate of grandfather to Jesse T. Williams .

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Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky, War of 1812, published by authority of the legislature, Frankfort, 1891

Capps, Caleb, p. 113, Pvt. 15 April to 14 October, 1812

Captain Wiley R. Brassfield's Co., Lewis's Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers

Capps, Joshua, mentioned p. 273, but not located there

* Joseph Capps and Sarah Ann Higgins Reid, daughter of Stephen and Mary Reid, Married 28 November, 1837, Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Illinois, by the Rev. J.T. Mitchell, Methodist. (See Heinl, p. 3)

CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY, LIST OF CONVEYANCES WITH THOSE CHECKED TO FOLLOW:

- *Vol. 8, page 238; Caleb Capps from Thomas Lafferty &c. 92 acres, 1811
- *Vol. 12, page 498, Caleb Capps from Joseph W. Williams, 1816
- *Vol. 12, page 501, Caleb Capps from Zachariah Field
- *Vol. 24, page 300, Caleb Capps from William Williams and wife, 68 Acres, 1830
- *Vol. 24, page 417, Caleb Capps, Mortgage to Henry Crow, 1831
- *Vol. 24, page 592, Caleb Capps to Robert E. Martin, 66 acres
- *Vol. 25, page 171, Caleb Capps to Caharine Best, 1832
- *Vol. 27, page 613, Caleb Capps from Zachar. Fields, 1835, 15 acres
- *Vol. 29, page 168, Caleb Capps to John Williams, 1839, $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in factory and lots

Vol. 8. page 238, 17 August, 1811, Thomas Lafferty and Nelly (wife) to Caleb Capps, for \$650.50 & 3 mills, on the waters of Strodes Creek part of the 400 acres entered, surveyed and patented in the name of Stephen Boyle, to McFeatures, etc. "Through Maj. Campbell's peach orchard," 92 acres & 25 square poles. Wit. Joseph W. Williams, Thomas Ginn(?) and Jesse Taylor. Registered 4 January 1812, Bulloch CCC

Vol. 12, page 498, 12 December 1816, Joseph W. Williams to Caleb Capps, \$250 for $12\frac{1}{2}$ acres at the headwaters of Strodes Creek adjoining the publick highway leading from Winchester to Lexington. Part of Thomas Swearingen's Survey of 500 acres and Richard Ballaway's survey of 1800 acres; patented in the name of John Patrick & wife & in conflicting part of both surveys. Line of Boyle and said Capps, etc. Not Witnessed but exhibited in open court 13 December, 1816, James Bulloch.

Vol. 12, page 501, Zachariah Fields to Caleb Capps, \$135 for 9 acres and 2 square pole at the headwaters of Strodes Creek; corner said Capps and Whitehurst heirs, near & oposite to horse mill belonging to above; line between Field and J. W. Williams; exhibited to Bulloch 13 December, 1816.

CLARK COUNTY CONVEYANCES OF CALEB CAPPS, CONTINUED

Vol. 24, page 300, William Williams and wife, Lydia to Caleb Capps; \$1,360 for 68 acres on Strodes Creek, of Stephen Boil (sic) conveyed to Williams _____ Benjamin from corner of Zachariah Field; exhibited to James P. Bulloch CCC, 16 September 1830.

Vol. 24, page 417, Caleb Capps lend money (\$25?) on chattels of Henry Crow, 1831, Lydia Capps a witness Notes Confused - is he a son-in-law?

Vol. 24, page 592, Caleb Capps and Patsy, his wife, to Robert E. Martin for \$1,000, 66 acres on the Winchester to Athen Road. (Description of property not familiar) Signed by Caleb and Martha, 19 September, 1831 (Martha examined, etc.)

Vol. 25, page 171, Caleb and Martha Capps to Catherine Best, \$185 for $9\frac{1}{4}$ acres on the south edge of the Winchester to Athens road. Caleb to be liable for \$20 per acre if title not good. James Bulloch (Martha examined, etc.)

*Vol. 27, page 613, Zachariah Fields to Caleb Capps, for \$525, 15 acres, Boyles line, etc. Wit. John Williams and Thomas Hart

CLARK COUNTY CONVEYANCES OF JOSEPH CAPPS: INDEX

- *Vol. 26, page 100, Joseph Capps from Caleb Taylor, $\frac{1}{2}$ factory and lots ($5\frac{1}{2}/12$), 1833
- *Vol. 28, page 266, Joseph Capps from Amanda Taylor, Relinquishment, $\frac{1}{2}$ factory and lots
- *Vol. 28, page 613, Joseph Capps and wife to Caleb Capps, Jr., $\frac{1}{2}$ factory and lots
- Vol. 29, page 22, Joseph Capps and Wife to Thomas B. Allen, House and lot in Winchester, 1838
- *Vol. 42, page 241, Joseph Capps and wife to Jesse T. Williams, 1866, power of attorney
- *
- Vol. 27, page 409, 24 September, 1835, James M. Sphar and George Angel and Lucy, his wife, to John Williams and Joseph Capps, \$20 for lot # 59 in Winchester.
- *Vol. 27, page 453, January 20, 1836, James B. Duncan and wife, A.M., and James T. Woodward to Joseph Capps, House and lot # 12 (first owned by Duncan in 1812) on Highland, \$300, \$100 down and notes for the remaining \$200.
- * Vol. 28, page 156, 1 January, 1835, John Williams and Joseph Capps from James M. Sphar, \$600 for a house and lot (#60 in Winchester), also one set wool carding machinery and the the appurtenances. Corner Highland and Fairfax Streets; refund to be no more than \$150 if claim is faulty. Wit. Caleb W. Taylor and P Stubblefield
- Vol. 26, page 100, Joseph Capps from Caleb Taylor, 23 August, 1833, $5\frac{1}{2}/12$ interest in factory and lots as follows: $2/12$ from William Armstrong and Lavinia (Sabrina) his wife, $2\frac{1}{2}/12$ from John Williams and Polly, his wife; $1/12$ from Caleb W. Taylor; \$550, lots # 47 & 48 fronting on Highland St. in Winchester on which was situated a brick factory.
- See V 28, page 632, 24 August, 1838, Sabrina examined. Mary Williams examined 24 August, 1838

CLARK COUNTY CONVEYANCES OF JOSEPH CAPPS, CONTINUED

- and wife, Sarah
- Vol. 28, page 613, September 28, 1838, Joseph Capps/to Caleb Capps, Jr. for the sum of \$1,100, $\frac{1}{2}$ share in lots # 60 and 59, Winchester. Sarah examined 24 September, 1838. (Interesting that Stephen Reid Capps was born on 27 August, 1838, and probably confirms the rather unlikely story that Sarah returned to Kentucky for his birth. Evidently, the Joseph Capps were gathering their resources to found the carding mill in Jacksonville after a false start in partnership in Waverly, Illinois, also in Morgan County.)
- Hein), Frank, 1839-1939 Centennial, J. Capps & Sons, Ltd. p. 4 - "Joseph located in Waverly, Ill. in 1838 ... During the winter of 1838-1839 he built an engine & wool-carding machine."
- Vol. 28, page 266, Amanda Taylor to Joseph Capps and John Williams, for \$50, "relinquishment of her interest in lots 47 and 48, $1/12$ interest in father's claim to the property, (Jesse Taylor). July, 1837

CAPPS: CLARK COUNTY CONVEYANCES INVOLVING THE ESTATE OF CALEB CAPPS

Vol. 41, page 134, Caleb Capps &c to Jesse T. Williams (also, same listing for John and Thornton Capps) 1/5 interest, 1864

* Vol. 42, page 252, Caleb Capps's heirs to David Sutherland, includes Joseph & wife, Charles & wife, Nancy, John &c. 1864

Vol. 41, page 113, Samuel Capps and wife, Ada, 1/5 interest to Jesse T. Williams, 1864

Vol. 42, page 228, Thornton G. Capps &c. to Jesse T. Williams, 1/5 interest, 11 Oct. 1864

Vol. 42, page 227, Samuel Capps, and wife, Ada, 1866, 1/5 interest.

* Vol. 42, page 252, Heirs of Caleb Capps to David Sutherland, 23 September 1865; best bid of \$93.50 per acres (Jesse T. Williams, commissioner) Joseph and Sarah A. H. (p of Att'y) Samuel Capps & wife, Stephen Reid and wife, John Caleb and Thornton Capps, Charles W. and Nancy J. Capps, \$10,432.80 for 112 acres on Strode Creek.

Suit against Nancy, 14 February, 1866 (power of attorney from Joseph and wife to Jesse T. Williams) Vol 42, page 243 wherein Nancy relinquishes her dower right in 83 acres (?), and agin, Volume 43, page 24, J. T. Sutherland, Trustee

→ Vol. 58, page 393; Charles W. Capps by attorney to John Hughes; lot 45 in Winchester Cemetery, 1892

CAPPS, CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY CONVEYANCES : Charles Wesley Capps and wife, Nancy
None read February, 1983

Vol. 36, page 281; Charles W. from John Allen & wf; 49 acres, 1852

Vol. 36, page 541, Caleb Capps and wife to Charles W., 1853

Vol. 39, page 523, Caleb Capps and wife to Charles W., 1860

Vol. 4 (?), page 266, Caleb Capps from Charles W. and wife, 1862, 23 a.

Vol. 37, page 18; Charles W. and wife to Enos Elkin; 49 acres, 1854

General Mortgage Index: Volume begins 1846

Capps, Charles of Jesse T. Williams, Vol. 1, page 399, 1863

Capps, Charles of James Ramsey, Vol. 1, page 395

CAPPS: CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY, CENSUS INDEXES

1810: Capps, Caless (sic) # 125 125-30010-001-00

1820: " , Caleb, Clark Co., #080 NTL
Capps Darky, # 037, Caldwell Co., NTL
Henry, # 215, Monroe Co., NTL
John, Fayette Co., # 091 NTL
Lancaster, Warren Co., # 047

1830: Nancy, Edmonson Co., NTL

1840: Capps, David, Hopkins Co., # 377 NTL

Francis, Hickman Co., #346

Cappy, (sic) Caleb, Clark Co., # 278

Capps, Josiah, Hardin Co., #049

Caps, John, Edmonson Co., # 078

Milas, Hopkins Co., # 386

Capps, Josiah, Hardin Co. # 049

CENSUS ENTRIES FOR CALEB CAPPS & FAMILY, CLARK CO. KENTUCKY

1810:

1820: Caleb Capps, 12001-02001 (whites) under 10; 10-15; 16-18; under 45; over 45

p. 80 0070011100100 (slaves and others) (2/26/79, Kalamazoo) Reel 19 Bracken et

1830:

1830:

1840:

CAPPS: CLARK COUNTY CENSUS

1850: Reel # 99, Casey, Christian, & Clark Counties, Kentucky

p. 4, 5 August, 1850

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| #26 Caleb Capps | 72 M Farmer \$10,000 | B. Virginia |
| Martha | 66 F | B. Virginia |
| Charles W | 24 M " | b. Kentucky |
| Nancy | 18 F | b. Kentucky |
| Anna | 8/12 F | b. Kentucky |

1860: Reel # 76, including Clark Co, Kentucky, page 18

123-127

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| Charles W. Capps | 33 Farmer \$6,430-\$3,590 | b. Kentucky |
| Nancy J. | 32 | " " |
| Anna | 11 | " " |
| Patsy (Patty) | 6 | " " |
| Caleb | 85 Farmer \$6,000-\$7,800 | " Virginia |
| Martha | 78 | " Kentucky (sic) |

Only source: The Caleb and Martha Capps Family Bible. *

FOUR GENERATION ANCESTOR CHART

Name of Compiler Frances Robinson

Address 820 Sassafras Lane

City, State Niles, Michigan 49120

Date September 1979

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 8 on chart No. H.

Chart No. H-8

8 Possibly Dennis (Next chart)

b. (Father of No. 4. Cont. on chart No. _____)
p.b. but no firm proof
m.

p.m.
d. Will, 17 January, 1762
p.d. Currituck Co., N.C.

9
b. (Mother of No. 4. Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.
d.
p.d.

10
b. (Father of No. 5. Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.
m.
p.m.
d.
p.d.

11
b. (Mother of No. 5. Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 Thomas Williams
b. (Father of No. 6. Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.
m.
p.m.

d. Will filed 1808
p.d. Knott's Island, Currituck Co., N.C.

13 Mary
b. (Mother of No. 6. Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.
d.
p.d.

14
b. (Father of No. 7. Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.
m.
p.m.
d.
p.d.

15
b. (Mother of No. 7. Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.
d.
p.d.

* 4 Caleb Capps (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b. a caleb, son of Caleb,
m. sold a slave, Reg. Currituck
p.m. Co. November term, 1809
d.
p.d.

2 Caleb Capps (Father of No. 1)
b. 9 September 1778
p.b.
m. 14 August 1803
p.m.
d. 1864; mvd Knott's Island, N.C.
p.d. Clark Co., Ky. to Clark Co., Ky., 1810

* 5 Lydia (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

1 Joseph Capps
b. 11 January 1811
p.b. Clark Co., Kentucky
m. 23 November 1837
p.m. ~~Clark Co., Kentucky~~ Jacksonville, Morgan Co. Ill.
d. 10 March 1872
p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
Diamond Grove Cem.

6 John Williams (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b. Knott's Island, N.C.
m.
p.m.
d. Inventory filed, 1809
p.d. Knott's Island, Currituck Co., N.C.

3 Martha Williams (Mother of No. 1)
b. 28 February 1784
p.b.
d. 1861
p.d. Clark Co., Kentucky

7 Mary (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Sarah Ann Higgins Reid (Spouse of No. 1)
b. 5 November 1819
p.b. Kentucky
d. 24 January 1892
p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Illinois

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b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
p.m. Place of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

His information from Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, January 1951

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Date March, 1979

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 8 on chart No. H-8.

Chart No. H-8

8 William Capps, II
(Father of No. 4. Not on chart yet)
b. ca 1612-1618
p.b. Lower Norfolk, Now P.A.
m. Margaret (Woodhouse?)
p.m.

4 Henry Capps (Lyndhaven Parish)
(Father of No. 2)
b. ca. 1652
p.b. Virginia
m. after 1675 (DB E-183)
p.m.
d. Inventory, only, filed by
p.d. William Capps, uncle?,
Norfolk Co. Va., 1689, DB 5-29

9
b. (Mother of No. 4. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
d.

2 Dennis Capps (Dennis some of Henry)
(Father of No. 1)
b. ca. 1680
p.b.
m. Millborough (probably Lewis)
p.m.
d. will pr. 4 April, 1749, Currituck
p.d. Co., N. C., no WB given Va. Mag.

10
b. (Father of No. 5. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
m.
p.m.
d.

5
b. (Mother of No. 2)
p.b.
d.
p.d.

11
b. (Mother of No. 5. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
d.
p.d.

1 Dennis Capps (called "Dennis of Currituck")
b. Sr. in 1760
p.b.
m.
p.m.
d. Will, 17 January, 1762, Currituck Co. DB 1-19
p.d.

12
b. (Father of No. 6. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
m.
p.m.
d.
p.d.

6
(Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
p.m.
d.
p.d.

13
b. (Mother of No. 6. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
d.
p.d.

3
b. (Mother of No. 1)
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14
b. (Father of No. 7. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
m.
p.m.
d.
p.d.

7
(Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

15
b. (Mother of No. 7. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Betty (from deeds)
Spouse of No. 1.
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.*

15
b. (Mother of No. 7. Cont. on chart No.)
p.b.
d.
p.d.

* William Capps II was son of William Capps I, came to Virginia in 1610 with Sir Thomas Gates, & was a member of the First House of Burgesses.

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Please note: Caleb & Martha sold land and a slave 1809-1810, Knott's Island, N.C., adjacent to Lower Norfolk (Princess Anne) Co. Virginia

FAMILY GROUP No. H-8-2 Husband's Full Name Caleb Capps

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| This Information Obtained From: | Husband's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
| Purple sheets prepared for the publication of The Tomlin Family and the Centennial History of Capps & Sons, Ltd; Will of Caleb Capps; The Gilmers in America by John Gilmer | Birth | 9 Sept. 1778 | Knott's Island, | Currituck Co. | N.C. or Virginia? | |
| Speed; Clark Co. Ky. wills, Deeds & Marriage Bonds; Knott's Island N.C. wills, deeds & marriage bonds; The Virginia Magazine of History & Biography | Chr'nd | | | | | |
| Compiler F. Robinson | Mar. | 14 Aug., 1803 | Knott's Island, | North Carolina | | Mvd. Ky. '10 |
| Address 820 Sassafras Lane, City, State Niles, Michigan | Death | 1864 | Clark County, | Kentucky | nr Winchester | |
| Date September, 1979 | Burial | | | | | |
| Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. | Places of Residence | Knott's Island; Clark Co., Ky | | | | |
| Her Father John Williams | Occupation | Farmer | Church Affiliation | Methodist | Military Rec. | Pvt. 1812 Ky. Volun. |
| | Mother's Maiden Name | Lydia | | | | |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--|--|
| Wife's Full Maiden Name | Martha Williams | | | | | |
| Birth | 28 Feb. 1784 | Knott's Island, | North Carolina | or Virginia? | | |
| Death | 1861 | Clark County, | Kentucky | | | |
| Burial | | | | | | |
| Places of Residence | Knott's Island, N.C.; Clark Co. Ky. | | | | | |
| Occupation if other than Housewife | Church Affiliation Methodist | | | | | |
| Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. | Her Father | John Williams | | | | |
| | Mother's Maiden Name | Mary | | | | |

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Date | Day Month Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | 1 Thomas | Birth | 1804 | Knott's Island, | North Carolina | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 2 Samuel | Birth | 1808 | Knott's Island, | North Carolina | | one son, |
| | m. Ann, dau of Walter & Mary father | Mar. | | | | | Samuel, m. |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Death | | Before 1864 | | | Ada "Abie" |
| | | Burial | | | | | Smith, St. L |
| | 3 John m. Sarah Taliaferro, dau of John Mornton & Martha Gilmer | Birth | 1809 | Knott's Island, | North Carolina | | Sarah b |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | 27 Mar. 1837 | | | | Christian- |
| | | Death | 5 Ju., 1843 | Clark Co., | Kentucky | | Co. Ky. 4 |
| | | Burial | | | | | Jan., 1817 |
| | 4 Joseph m Sarah Ann Higgins Reid, dau of Stephen H. & Mary Reid | Birth | 11 Jan. 1811 | Clark County, | Kentucky | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | 23 Nov., 1837 | Jacksonville, | Morgan Co., Illinois | | |
| | | Death | 10 Mar., 1872 | Jacksonville, | Illinois | | |
| | | Burial | | Diamond Grove Cemetery, Jacksonville | | | |
| | 5 Caleb, Jr. | Birth | | Clark County, | Kentucky | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | before 1864 | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 6 Lydia | Birth | | Clark County, | Kentucky | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | before 1864 | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 7 Martha m Stephen H. Reid | Birth | 1819 | Clark County, | Kentucky | | son, |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | 19 Jan. 1837 | Clark Co., | Kentucky, Bond | | Stephen |
| | | Death | | Before 1864 | | | H. Reid |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 8 Charles Wesley m Nancy Jane Elkins | Birth | 1825 | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | 6 Dec. 1848 | Clark County, | Kentucky (Bond) | | |
| | | Death | | | Monroe County, | Missouri | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| *** | 9 The Caleb and Martha Family Bible, 1976, in the possession of The Rev. John Van Landingham, Presbyte Paris, Missouri. | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |
| | 10 | Birth | | | | | |
| | Full Name of Spouse* | Mar. | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | |

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

FAMILY GROUP No. 4-8-2(3) Husband's Full Name John Capps

This Information Obtained From: Speed, John Gilmer, The Gilmers in America, N.Y. 1897, privately printed and an extract sent by Jack Capps in 1965; the Caleb and Martha Capps family Bible; records of J. Capps & Sons, Ltd, including a report of one of John's children; report of the marriage of Olive Latham Capps to Luther W. Irwin;

| Husband's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Husband |
|------------------------|-----|-------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Birth | | | 1809 | Knott's Island, | Currituck Co., | N.C. | |
| Chr'nd | | | | | | | |
| Mar. | 27 | Mar | 1837 | | | | |
| Death | 5 | June | 1843 | | Clark County, | Kentucky | |
| Burial | | | | | | | |
| Places of Residence | | | | Church Affiliation | | Military Rec. | |
| Occupation | | | | Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. | | | |
| His Father Caleb Capps | | | | Mother's Maiden Name Martha Williams | | | |

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| Wife's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Wife |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Birth | 24 | Jan | 1817 | | Christian Co., | Kentucky | |
| Chr'nd | | | | | | | |
| Death | | | | | | | |
| Burial | | | | | | | |
| Places of Residence | | | | Church Affiliation | | Military Rec. | |
| Occupation if other than Housewife | | | | Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. | | | |
| Her Father <u>John Thornton Gilmer</u> | | | | Mother's Maiden Name <u>Martha Gaines Harvie</u> | | | |

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 1 Thornton Gilmer m. Anna Hartsook Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | 4 | Feb | 1838 | | Adams Co., | Illinois | Co. E. 122nd Ill. Vol. '62 |
| | | Mar. | 31 | Dec | 1861 | | | | --'65 Bvt. Capt. See below (1) |
| | | Death | | | | nr. Greenfield, | Green Co., | Illinois | Co. A, 32nd Ill. Inf. '64- |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | '65; probably "Cousin Caber" |
| * | 2 Caleb m. S. Elizabeth Maxfield (b. 11 February 1844) Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | 23 | March | 1840 | | Clark Co., | Kentucky | Co. B, 10th Reg't Ill Inf |
| | | Mar. | 3 | Jan | 1872 | | | | Vol. '61-'65. Woolen Mfr Springfield |
| | | Death | | | | nr Palmyra, | Macoupin Co., | Illinois | See below (3) |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |
| | 3 John T. m. Laura A. Lee Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | 30 | Dec | 1841 | | Clark Co., | Kentucky | |
| | | Mar. | 7 | May | 1867 | Springfield, | Sangamon Co., | Illinois | |
| | | Death | | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |
| | 4 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | | | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |
| | 5 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | (1) Issue of Thornton Capps and Anna Hartsook | | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | A. John Hartsook Capps, b. Green Co., Ill., 4 April 1869; M. Della Edminston, 2 September 1891 | | | | | | |
| | | Death | B. Charles Caleb Capps b. 30 March, 1893, Green Co. | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | C. Willie Capps, b. 13 February 1876, Green Co. D. In fancy | | | | | | |
| * | 6 This could be the Caleb wrote his memoirs; the older son, (2) was definitely employed, along with John T. by their Uncle, Joseph Capps at the Woolen Mills in Jacksonville, Illinois. The memoirs refer to Thornton's 1854 visit to "our grandfather" | Birth | D. Mabel Capps b. 2 June 1878, Green Co., Ill. | | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | (3) Issue of John T. Capps and Laura A. Lee | | | | | | |
| | | Death | A. Olive Latham Capps, b. 31 December, 1868, Springfield | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | m. Luther W. Irwin, 26 September, 1893, Springfield, Lived Chicago, Illinois | | | | | | |
| | | Birth | 1. John Capps Irwin b. Chicago, 17 April, 1896 | | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | B. William Lee Capps, b. 3 March 1871, Springfield; | | | | | | |
| | | Death | m. Naomi Mounts, 25 April, 1895; divorced about 1900; moved to Chicago and remarried | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | d. 1931 in Chicago. | | | | | | |
| | 9 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | 1. Catherine Capps, b. 31 January 1896, Springfield | | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | Three Children by second marriage in Chicago: | | | | | | |
| | | Death | 1. William Lee, Jr. Dorothy, and John D. "Jack" | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | the man who furnished this information. | | | | | | |
| | 10 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | | | | | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |

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FAMILY GROUP No. H-8-2(8) Husband's Full Name Charles Wesley Capps

This Information Obtained From: Information believed to be from the Caleb and Martha Capps Family Bible, Clark Co., Ky. marriage bonds and will of Caleb Charles Reavis Capps & the Rev. John H. Vanlandingham, Paris, Monroe Co. Missouri;

Husband's Data: Birth 1825
 Chr'nd
 Mar. 6 Dec. 1848 City, Town or Place Clark County, Kentucky (Bond)
 Death
 Burial

Places of Residence Clark Co., Kentucky, Monroe Co., Missouri
 Occupation
 Church Affiliation
 Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father Caleb Capps Mother's Maiden Name Martha Williams

Wife's Full Maiden Name Nancy Jane Elkins

Wife's Data: Birth
 Chr'nd
 Death
 Burial

City, Town or Place
 County or Province, etc.
 State or Country
 Add. Info. on Wife

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 Occupation if other than Housewife
 Church Affiliation

Date February, 1983 Her Father Enos Elkins Mother's Maiden Name Anne

| Sex | Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth) | Children's Data | Day | Month | Year | City, Town or Place | County or Province, etc. | State or Country | Add. Info. on Children |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| | 1 <u>Anna m. James Browning</u> Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | before | 1862 | | | | | See below (1) |
| | | Mar. | | | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |
| | 2 <u>Patsy (Patty) m. Dr. S. J. Drake</u> Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | before | 1862 | | | | | See below (2) |
| | | Mar. | | | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |
| | 3 <u>John</u> Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | before | 1863 | | | | | See below (3) |
| | | Mar. | | | | | | | |
| | | Death | | 1929 | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |
| | 4 <u>Jesse m. _____ Towles</u> Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | after | 1864 | | | Monroe County, Missouri | | Myron m. Smith; Anna Mae m. Shaw, d. ca 1975 |
| | | Mar. | | | | | | | |
| | | Death | | | | | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | | | | |
| | 5 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | (1) | | | Issue of Anna Capps and James Browning | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | A. Charles, died early; two daughters | | | |
| | | Death | | | | B. Hugh; one son, Bates Browning | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | C. J. C. Browning; two sons, no issue | | | |
| | 6 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | | | | D. Harold; married, no issue | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | E. Oliver P. married twice; one son, Powers, d. Kansas | | | |
| | | Death | | | | ca 1962; no issue of second marriage | | | |
| | | Burial | (2) | | | Issue of Patsy (Patty) Capps and Dr. S. J. Drake | | | |
| | 7 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | | | | A. Infant daughter | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | B. Effie Spencer (Spinster?) 1876-1961 | | | |
| | | Death | | | | C. Ewell Travis Drake (minister) m. Mary Sampson | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | 1. John Sampson Drake; three daughters, whereabouts unknown | | | |
| | 8 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | | | | 2. Margaret, b. 2 July, 1890-d. January, 1967 | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | m. Delbert H. Vanlandingham b. April | | | |
| | | Death | | | | a. Herbert Vanlandingham, no issue | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | b. John H. Vanlandingham, Presbyterian Minister, no issue | | | |
| | 9 Full Name of Spouse* | Birth | | | | (3) Issue of John Capps | | | |
| | | Mar. | | | | A. Marie d. 1982; m Russell Bishop | | | |
| | | Death | | | | 1. Mary Ellen m. Warren Martin; one son, one daughter | | | |
| | | Burial | | | | B. Charles Reavis (Called Reavis); two sons, 1 dau. not married (over) | | | |

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Reavis m. Pauline Searcy

Children of John Capps, Continued:

- C. Ryland Capps, two daughters
- D. Thelma Capps m. Charles Wood
 - 1. Rob Wood, 3 daughters
 - a. Melanie m. Kemper (no issue to date)
 - b. Robbie m. Larry Turner
 - (2) Adam Larry, b. 4 September, 1982
 - (1) Jenifer, b. 26 March, 1971
- E. Glen, three daughters, wife deceased

FOUR GENERATION ANCESTOR CHART

Name of Compiler Frances Robinson
Daughter of H-1
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b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 p.m. Place of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Stephen Reid Capps (Father of No. 2)
 b. 27 August 1838
 p.b. Clark County, Kentucky
 m. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
 p.m. 31 December 1862
 d. 10 August 1914
 p.d. Jacksonville, Illinois
 Diamond Grove Cemetery

2 Alfred Tomlin Capps (Father of No. 1)
 b. 19 November 1863
 p.b. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Illinois
 m. 17 August 1888
 p.m. Jacksonville, Illinois
 d. 14 September 1935
 p.d. Jacksonville, Illinois
 Diamond Grove Cemetery

5 Rhoda Smith Tomlin (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 31 December 1841 Illinois
 p.b. Pleasant Plains, Sangamon Co.
 d. 14 May 1908
 p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
 Diamond Grove Cemetery

1 Robert Miner Capps
 b. 16 November 1894
 p.b. Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois
 m. 1 February 1921
 p.m. Springfield, Green Co., Missouri
 d. 24 February 1968
 p.d. Jacksonville, Illinois
 Diamond Grove Cem.

6 William Franklin Huntley (7) (Father of No. 3)
 b. 6 September 1835
 p.b. Jordan, Onondaga Co., N.Y.
 m. 6 October 1858
 p.m. Virden, Macoupin Co., Ill.
 d. 22 May 1918
 p.d. Montgomery, Hamilton Co., Ohio
 Diamond Grove Cemetery, Jackson-

3 Anna Laura Huntley (8) (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 14 July 1865
 p.b. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Illinois
 d. 14 August 1924
 p.d. Jacksonville, Illinois
 Diamond Grove Cemetery

7 Mary Eleanor Morrison (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 25 January 1837
 p.b. Seneca Co., Ohio
 d. 17 November 1893
 p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.

Lucy Gray Gatling (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 18 August 1896
 p.b. Tarboro, Edgecombe Co., N.C.
 d. 3 February 1975
 p.d. Niles, Berrien Co., Mi.
 Diamond Grove Cemetery, Jacksonville, Ill.

8 Joseph Capps (Father of No. 4)
 b. 11 January 1811
 p.b. Clark Co., Kentucky
 m. 23 November 1837
 p.m. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
 d. 0 March 1872
 p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
 Diamond Grove Cemetery
9 Sarah Ann Higgins Reid (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 5 November 1819
 p.b. Kentucky
 d. 24 January 1892
 p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
 Diamond Grove Cemetery

10 Almarin Tomlin (Father of No. 5)
 b. 28 July 1800
 p.b. Cape May County, New Jersey
 m. 17 January 1821
 p.m. Cape May Co., New Jersey
 d. 16 March 1859, Pleasant Plains, Sangamon Co., Illinois; Pleasant Plains Cemetery
11 Rhoda Smith (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 5 June 1802
 p.b. Cape May Co., New Jersey
 d. Macon, Macon Co., Illinois
 p.d. 3 August 1888; Bethel Cem., Pleasant Plains, Sangamon Co., Ill.

12 William Huntley (6) (Father of No. 6)
 b. 18 December 1810
 p.b. Montgomery Co., N.Y., nr A N sterdam
 m. 27 November 1833
 p.m. N. Y.
 d. 6 September 1901
 p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
 Diamond Grove Cemetery

13 Anna Miner (Mother of No. 6)
 b. 25 April 1815
 p.b. Onondaga Co., New York
 d. 12 September 1895
 p.d. Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Ill.
 Diamond Grove Cemetery

14 James Morrison (Father of No. 7)
 b. 8 May 1811
 p.b. Chester Co., Pennsylvania
 m. 22 February 1832
 p.m. Seneca County, Ohio
 d. 9 August 1893
 p.d. Virden, Macoupin Co., Ill.
 Girard Cemetery, Girard, Ill.

15 Rachel Evans (Mother of No. 7)
 b. 2 June 1810
 p.b. Harper's Ferry, Jefferson Co. W. Virginia
 d. 17 January 1870
 p.d. Montgomery Co., Ill.; Girard Cemetery

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March 4, 1983

Dear Miss Owen,

First, my thanks for your kindness when I called to inquire about the possibility of finding the graves of my ancestor, Caleb Capps, and his family. This was an interesting trip for me to take, and although it did not yield any really unusual information, it helped to round out and confirm information I already have...to make Caleb seem a much more real person!

I have nearly completed typing my index cards of the results of my visit to the Winchester Courthouse, and rather than go into an involved letter, I believe I will simply copy off what I have, as well as some of my family group and ancestor sheets. If you are not particularly interested in having them, perhaps you could give them to the Winchester Library. When I was in Winchester for a few hours several years ago, I left with them a copy of the Centennial History of J. Capps & Sons, Ltd, 1839-1939, by Frank Heintl (sorry, I didn't look before I typed this because the title is inexact.... however, you should be able to find it) and I will send you a few copies of pertinent pages, also.

One never has quite enough time in a courthouse! I find I have neglected to look up three deeds in which I was most interested: Vol. 29, page 22; Joseph Capps and wife to Thomas B. Allen; house and lot in Winchester, 1838. Vol. 29, page 168,; Caleb Capps to John Williams; $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in factory and lots; 1839. And finally, and most important, Vol. 58, page 393; Charles W. Capps by attorney to John Hughes; lot 45 in Winchester Cemetery. Perhaps this may be a clue as to the location of Capps graves unless the lot was left by Charles's father-in-law, Enos Elkin. By the time Caleb died in 1864, his wife, Martha, sons Samuel, Caleb & John, and a daughter, Martha Capps Reid (Mrs. Stephen)*had already died. I am certainly not asking you to look for the above deeds since I have already ordered them from the courthouse, but rather am sending you the information in case it will give you some kind of clue.

There was some genealogical work done by one of my great uncles in the 1930's, or rather the work was done for him, and a great effort was made to provide us with a Revolutionary ancestor. This work is absolutely incorrect, as Caleb bought his land, mostly at the headwaters of Strode's Creek, though some of the acreage seems to have been on the south side of the Winchester to Athens Road. I can't figure out where this land originated, but that latter parcel seems to have been nearer to the famous Ebeneazor Methodist Church than the land in Boyle's survey. You will note that Caleb's heirs sold 112 acres for \$10,482.30.

Also, I see in A. Goff Bedford's book, Land of Our Fathers, Clark Co., Kentucky, dedicated to you, I believe, mentions of Caleb Capps as a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist circuit for the years 1823 through (possibly) 1856, see pp. 461, 467 and 475.

Now for the questions:

* Another daughter, Lydia (possibly wife of Henry Crow) not mentioned in will of Caleb.

1. Is there a graveyard connected with Ebenezer Church, and if so, was it listed in the book already published and which I have already studied quite thoroughly?
2. Is it possible to locate lot 45 in the Winchester Cemetery, or has the plan been changed since the beginning?
3. As prices went at the time, does the more than ten thousand for the homestead and 112 acres seem to be a high price? Would this indicate the possibility of a mill on the site? (Caleb's sons, and even his father seem to have had experience in mechanical things, and one would wonder if 112 acres is enough to keep a family and several slaves in comfortable style unless there was an alternate source of income.)
4. To your knowledge, was bounty land given Kentucky veterans of 1812, especially in Illinois? I am wondering just how Caleb got his lands in Illinois; also those which John Thornton Gilmer gave to his son-in-law, John Capps.
5. Where is the best place to look in Kentucky for original documents of the various counties? Dr. Dixon Barr gave a fine lecture for the Indiana Genealogical Society a few years ago, and he said the Library of the Kentucky Historical Association was a "must." Do they have the originals, or are they housed in a separate archive?

This last question is prompted by two things. As I was working away at the Clark County Deed Books, a man, probably an attorney, was telling about you, and how you had gone up and looked up all the old marriage bonds....very dirty work, he said. And I have already benefitted by your work, I want you to know.

My other reason for wanting to get at originals not stored in court-houses (aside from the fact that I like that sort of thing) is that I am seeking the ancestry of one Stephen Reid, said to have migrated (removed?) from Fayette County to Morgan County, Illinois, in 1827. He left eleven children, among them, Stephen Reid, Jr. who married Martha, daughter of Caleb; Sarah Ann Higgins Reid, who married Joseph,; and Elizabeth who married the famous circuit rider, Peter Akers, and was the mother of his children.

Miss Owen, I certainly hope these questions will not be too hard for you, and I certainly would not want you to search anything except your mind for the answers. If it is not too much of a burden, I would appreciate hearing from you. You have made a great contribution to the history of Clark County, and I am sure many others are as grateful as I am. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

Frances C. Robinson

(Mrs. Arthur D. Robinson)

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P. S. It is my opinion that, the numerous Williamses in Clark County were connected to the Cappses through Martha Williams Capps. Perhaps Martha and Caleb followed a Williams connection to Kentucky in the first place, or were accompanied from Knott's Island by relatives of Martha.