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2. Letter to Kathryn Owen from Nanon L. Carr with information on her connection to the Strode's Of Clark County and other family info; 11 pages.
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MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI, 1822-1852

Compiled and published (1957) by Nanon Lucile Carr

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Clay County was created Jan. 2, 1822 from the western part of territory attached to Ray County. Permanent settlements were made within the present Clay County as early as 1819 when the territory was a part of Howard County.

From territory attached to Clay County from 1822 to 1833 the present counties of Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, and Worth were later created. From Feb. 15, 1837 to Mar. 11, 1839 that part of the Platte Purchase which became Platte County was attached to Clay County for civil and military purposes.

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Feb. 6, 1968

Miss Kathryn Owen
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

Dear Miss Owen,

A news story, written by Malcolm Patterson and dated Sept. 17 (no year given), concerning the removals from the Strode Station area, has reached me by way of another Strode-Duncan descendant.

No doubt others have already confirmed that the stone you found reading "Died Aug. 18, 1805" is indeed that of my ancestor, Capt. John Strode. However late, I want to put in my "two cents worth."

The Kentucky Register of Jan. 1941, page 63, shows "1805 - John Strode, Sen., of Strode's Station, died Aug. 18, 1805. 'As honest a man as ever God made.' KG 8/20."

I descend from Capt. John Strode thru his daughter, Elizabeth, who married Capt. James Duncan. From them I have a double line. Their son Seth married Jane Penn (dau. of Joseph and Charlotte Aker Penn of Bourbon) and they were the parents of my gr. grandfather, Joseph Duncan (1823-1888). Another son of James and Elizabeth, James Duncan, Jr., married in Bourbon Co. Nancy Musick, (dau. of Jehoiada and Sarah Winn Musick) and they were the parents of my gr. grandmother, Juliet Jane Duncan.

Joseph Duncan came from Trimble Co., Ky. to visit his uncle, James Duncan, Jr., in Clay Co., Mo. and married there in 1847 his first cousin (Juliet Jane) when she was not yet sixteen.

We have a 4-generations picture with me, at age three months, on Gr. grandmother's lap, my grandmother, Mary Belle (Duncan) Metcalfe, and my mother, Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Carr.

In 1946, my late mother and I spent a pleasant week in Winchester, making that our headquarters while I searched records there and in Paris. I braved the even then busy traffic to take a picture of the marker designating the site of Strade's Station. Had I known about the old cemetery, I'd probably have investigated that. I am always grieved when, in the name of Progress, the last vestiges of our heritage disappear, one by one.

An early Clark Co. family in which I am interested is that of Cornelius and Jane (Carr) Skinner from Loudoun Co., Va. Jane was a daughter of my ancestor, Peter^r Carr of Loudoun. Since I collect descendants of our John^r Carr (1684-1794), I have included the Skinner descendants.

Three of the children of Cornelius and Jane came to Missouri, Platte Co. and Jackson Co. Sally Skinner married Richard Chiles, and Azubah married Joel Franklin Chiles, the name Azubah (a Skinner family name) being carried down in that line. Miss Azubah Chiles, 95, of Independence, Mo. died Jan. 29, 1968.

Then Phineas Skinner (named for Cornelius's father) married Polly Patton and came to Platte Co., Mo. I have a picture of this couple and a copy of the records from their Bible, dated 1822, on the fly leaf of which is written "May the 7th 1824 bought of William Patton, Winchester, Ky. Price \$3.25."

Margaret Skinner married Henry W. Calmes. The Ky. Register of July, 1949, reports her death, Dec. 1, 1856, age 45, and gives her parents as Columbus and Jane Skinner. I send corrections on such items, but never once have I seen a printed correction.

Of the daughters of my George and Lettice Winn (Fairfax Co., Va. to what was later Fayette Co.) some may have lived in Clark County:

Mary = Henry Cotton
Letitia = John Hancock
Nancy = Samuel Clay
Elizabeth = Edward Bradley
Catherine = William Herndon
Jemima = John Hendley
(they came to Clay Co., Mo.)

Sarah (Sally) = Jehoiada Mursick (my line)
she came to Clay Co. Mo. he d. intestate in Bourbon Co. in 1817
in 1826 and d. 1836

I have not found their marriages in the published marriages of Fayette Co. The early Clark Co. marriage book was either misplaced or lost when I was in Winchester.

The Winn sons were Thomas, George, Jr., William, and Adam. The will of George Winn, Sr. is unusual in that he mentions sons and sons-in-law, but not the daughters. It is through the distribution of Adam Winn's estate that we learn who was married to whom.

From a page in the April 11, 1944, Kentuckian - Citizen of Paris, Ky., dealing with the Strade family, I read:

"According to records in an old Bible published 1838 which belonged in the family of Nelson Strade of Winchester, Ky., the entries appear as follows:

John Strade, Sr. was born January 11th, 1730

Mary Boyle, his wife, was born February 22, 1739."

Then follow the births of their 12 children: One of these was Nancy Strade b. May 2, 1770, who married Abijah Brooks (1759-1812). Nancy married (2) Jacob Wilson; she d. July, 1855 in her 86th year.

The Brooks, Strade, and Duncan families are so involved by intermarriage, both in Kentucky and Missouri, that often their descendants cannot explain the connection.

I feel that you have been my personal representative for identifying the stone of Capt. John Strade, and for your interest. I thank you.

Cordially yours,
Nanon L. Carr

October 8, 1968

Dear Miss Owen,

You must have wondered about my long silence. My ankle infection took much of March and April. Then in May I had the first of three sieges of poison ivy, with no more than a two-week respite between them.

Since our peonies are usually gone before Memorial Day, I had cut buds and wrapped and stored them. That is when I apparently came in contact with the ivy, which has been very prolific this year because of the rainy, damp spring. My sister, Corrine Study of Wenfield, Kansas, had said she could come for a visit in May and suggested that she help me with a sale of glass and china. I began selecting items for the sale, but when she arrived, I was "in full bloom" from poison ivy.

We changed our plans and selected heirlooms which are to be handed down in her family. She did most of the packing, for I was busy with laundry since one must change bedding and clothing daily to prevent reinfection. In spite of my ailment, we had a nice ten-day visit and tried to catch up on the 4 1/2 years since we had been together.

I celebrated July 4 by breaking out on my face. Both eyes were almost closed. My neighbor had cleared his back yard and must have burned some poison ivy vines. I got the full force of the smoke while rescuing some laundry from the clothesline. Back to my doctor I went for another cortisone shot. In addition to an antibiotic spray he had prescribed, I had discovered Ivarist cream, which is soothing, healing, and non-staining. However, neither the spray nor the cream could be used near the eyes.

The third week in August brought another siege. Since the doctor didn't advise more cortisone, this attack lasted a month. Like pollen, oil from the poison vines was in the air, ready to pounce upon those who are susceptible. Looking back to earlier days, I wonder how I escaped on all the hikes and outings in the woods.

I was surely surprised and pleased when Mr. Francis Landis Skinner called me on August 5. It was on August 8, 1946, that his mother (or perhaps step-mother) Ethel Skinner of Louisville, entertained my mother and me at luncheon in Louisville and took us to the home of her daughter, Cornelia Seay, to see the paintings of Isaac Carr Skinner and his wife.

Mr. Skinner said that after he and Mrs. Skinner returned from a trip to California, he would call me. I told him that I had just discovered from the DAR Patriot Index that a member had proved Peter Carr's Rev. service. Peter was the father of Jane (Carr) Skinner, wife of Cornelius, and of my gr. gr. grandfather, William Carr, who spent his entire life in Loudoun County.

A DAR friend here wrote to National DAR for a copy of the papers on Peter Carr and was sent the papers of a Peter Carr of N.J. The correct papers have finally arrived and I find that Mrs. Edna Carr James of Waterford, Va. had become a member in 1952. While I had met other members of her family in 1942 and 1946, I had not met her. There are several errors and omissions in her papers ^{and} that I am a bit upset. In the first place she is wrong about the date and place of her own father's death. I subscribed to the Loudoun Times-Mirror for 25 years and have in my notebook the clipping about her father's death.

Mrs. James could not prove that Peter Carr's first wife (and mother of all his children) was Rachel Caldwell. I have the letter written in 1892 to my grandfather, William Henry Carr, by Edson D. Carr of Rockton, Del. giving Grandfather's line from John¹ Carr thru Peter² and William³ and Rachel Caldwell's name is given as the wife of Peter.

The late Josephus Carr of Leesburg, Va. had removed from the cemetery near Waterford the slab that covered Peter's grave and placed it in the Union Cemetery in Leesburg. In 1942, Mr. James Carr of Waterford had taken me to this old cemetery, where we found part of the stone bearing Rachel Caldwell Carr's name, but the part giving her dates was missing - I wish I had insisted on digging for the rest of the stone.

William³ Carr had married (1) Margaret Wren and (2) Mrs. Mary Dyer Hughes, who was the mother of my John Henry⁴ Carr. On looking over Mrs. James's papers I thought that at last I was learning about my Mary Dyer Hughes, given by her as born 2-23-1773, Frederick Co., Md. However, on consulting my records, I found this as the birthdate of Margaret Wren! Mrs. James's Josephus⁴ Carr (1813-1887) was son of Margaret Wren and a half-brother of my John Henry⁴ Carr. All I have learned from her papers is that it is possible to become a member of DAR on incorrect and incomplete information. Now I am hoping that another of Peter & Carr's descendants will be interested in membership and that I can get Rachel Caldwell into the record.

Miss Irene Whiteley of Kansas City of the Phinehas and Pally (Patton) Skinner line has nagged me for years to find her a Rev. ancestor. Now she doesn't seem to be interested. Perhaps it is a matter of again being asked to join.

It is well that I borrowed from her aunt, Miss Jane Carr Skinner (da. of Phinehas, Jr.) of Dearborn, Mo. the picture of Phinehas and Pally, and have the negative, for after Miss Jane's death, before her home could be cleared and sold, it burned.

The Phinehas Skinner Pally Patton Bible was in the possession of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Georgan of Kansas City when I copied the records over 20 years ago. That Bible has been the source of much friction in the family. According to Miss Whiteley, other members of the family had wanted it. I do not know in whose home Pally Patton Skinner was living in Kansas City when she died, but it may have been in the home of her daughter, Azubah Skinner Georgan.

When I called the John Georgan's daughter, Mrs. Paine Dexter, recently to find out who now has the Bible, she told me of the rift between her and her sister, Mrs. La Force, who gave the Bible to her son Robert, who has been with TWA for many years and is now living in Madrid, Spain.

Family quarrels over material possessions seem quite common. Two of my Duncan cousins married Hughes sisters, who had been reared and educated by two aunts. At their deaths,

the girls "fell out" over the division of the estates. That caused a rift between their husbands. The other Duncan cousins lined up with one or the other and it is hard to know who is not speaking to whom. The last time I saw all the Duncan cousins in Osborn together was at the funeral of my mother six years ago this month.

My mother often told me that I had great imagination in thinking that related people were "look alikes." When I met the late Mr. Lander Skinner of Winchester in 1946, I noticed a marked resemblance to Mr. John Georgen. It was Mother's turn to be surprised when, after my father's death, we met at a Carr reunion in Boone Co., Mo. Mr. Aubrey Carr, who could have passed for my father's twin.

I hope you will forgive my not typing the Phenias Skinner records. Perhaps you will check Clark Co. records to see whether the date I copied there was the bond or the marriage date. I don't know whether Pally's grandfather, James Patton, lived in Clark Co. Since he was her guardian there may be some record there that will help to prove her parentage. A record I copied from Book 38, page 539, dated 4 Nov. 1857, reads "Pally Skinner of Platte Co., Mo. constitutes and appoints Isaac C. Skinner of Clark to receive any portion or all of my interest in the estate of James Patton, decd."

Jane (Carr) and Cornelius Skinner named a daughter Rachel, and her sister Azubah carried down the name Caldwell. The names, Rachel and Caldwell, appear in other branches of Peter^r Carr's descendants. It is good to see the Skinner family names perpetuated also.

When I was so infectious, I did not want to contaminate letters or books. Now I can enjoy again your delightful book. At any age, the loss of over six months out of one's life is rather tragic. The often quoted "today is the first day of the rest of your life" makes me rather unhappy at times.

I hope that you have been well and that you will survive this deluge of Skinner and Chilee data.

Sincerely yours,
Nanon L. Carr

W. M. Paxton, Annals of Platte Co., Mo. (1897)

p. 220 - "Phineas Manner, son of Cornelius Manner, of Va., was born in Clark Co., Ky., July 28, 1801; died at Elk City, Kansas, Aug. 21, 1856. His mother was Jane Carr, born July 30, 1769, in Loudoun County, Virginia. Mr. Manner married ⁽¹⁾ Nov. 28, 1822, Polly Patton, daughter of ⁽²⁾ Wm. and Sally Patton, of Tennessee. She was born in 1805. They came to Boone Co., Mo. in 1838, and thence to Platte in the autumn of 1840, and settled two miles east of Camden Point. Mr. Manner was a large and handsome gentleman, of sound judgment and successful enterprise. He built a fine mill upon Platte River, and a spacious brick homestead for the family; purchased 2,000 acres of our best land, established stores at Elk City, Kansas, and at Ringold, near his home, and, up to the time of his death, he was the largest operator, and paid out more money than anyone else, in the county. He was one of the original projectors of Camden Point Academy, and had large tracts of land in many counties in northern Missouri. His children, after his death, partitioned \$150,000 worth of land, besides an immense amount of money and personal property. Mrs. Manner was a large-bodied and large-hearted, hospitable old lady. She was a splendid manager and a valuable assistant to her husband. She survived him; and, after living a few years at the homestead, divided her lands among her children, and retired to Kansas City, where she died ⁽³⁾ April 20, 1878. She was brought home and buried beside her husband."

Comments

- 1- Bible gives Oct. 28, 1823; Clark Co. Ky. records show Nov. 15, 1823, by M. P. Wills.
- 2- The Dinwiddie estate papers in Highland Co., Va. show that Elizabeth (Dinwiddie) Patton [wife of James Patton] died leaving three children:
 - 1- Polly Patton, intermarried with Henry Holly
 - 2- Matthew Patton, died leaving one child Polly who intermarried with Phineas Manner. He died and she is a widow and resides in Platte Co., Mo.

3. John Patton died leaving 7 children

The affidavit of Catherine Debbie (who lived in the home of James Patton for many years) taken in Carlisle, Ky. 13 March 1860 states "Matthew Patton had one child at his death, a daughter named Polly, who married Phineas Skinner. Mr. Skinner is dead and Polly is now a widow and resides in Platte Co. Mo. and J. C. Skinner is her agent and resides in Clark Co., Ky."

In the 1850 census of Queen Twp., Platte Co. Mo., Polly Skinner is listed as age 45, b. Tenn.

Since she was reared by her grandfather, James Patton, perhaps she did not know the names of her parents.

- 3- The death date of Polly Patton Skinner, Apr. 22, 1878, has been verified from her death notice by Mr. Frank Logan, whose mother was Margaret C. Croysdale, daughter of Emily (Skinner) and William E. Croysdale. The Bible entry of her death reads "Polly Carr Skinner," an error, of course, so I have corrected that.

According to the 1850 Platte Co. census, Emily Skinner was the last child born in Ky. and Phineas was the first of those born in Mo.

Family Bible of Phinehas and Polly (Patton) Skinner
Bible dated 1822; on fly leaf "May the 7th 1824 / bought
of William Patton, Winchester, Ky. Price \$ 3.25."

Phinehas Skinner was married to Polly Patton October
the 28th 1823

Sarah Skinner married to Kemp Woods Oct. 25, 1842

Mary A. Skinner married to James N. Burnes
July 15, 1847

Emily Skinner married W. E. Croysdale
March 19th 1856 by R. Morton

Phinehas Skinner, Jr. married Bettie Perrin
May 16th 1861 by Elder T. F. Campbell

Margaret P. Skinner married W. A. M. Vaughan
Dec. 7th 1865 Ceremony by Elder J. J. Wyatt

Azubah Skinner was married to Louis W. Georgan
November 21st 1866

Ceremony performed by Elder J. J. Wyatt

Fannie C. Skinner married to Henry N. Ess
the 10th Dec. 1872 by Henry H. Haley

James P. Skinner married Ella Miller
February 17th 1874 Ceremony by J. Clay

Phinehas Skinner was born July 28, 1801

Polly Skinner was born July 28th 1805

Jane Carr Skinner born August the 18th 1824

Sally Skinner born December the 1st 1826

Polly Ann Skinner born October 2nd 1828

Cornelius P. Skinner born April the 18th 1830

Martha Elizabeth Skinner born December the 7th 1832

Adaline Skinner born September the 26th 1834

Emily Skinner born June the 14th 1836

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Phineas Minner born February the 11th 1838
Margaret P. Minner born January 15th 1840
Isaac Carr Minner born April the 9th 1842
Azubah Minner born July 21, 1844
Fanny C. Minner born December 3rd 1846
James Patton Minner born October 19, 1848
John Georgen born August 7th 1867
Phineas S. Georgen born September 20th 1869
died Mar. 29, 1886
Fredric Carr Georgen born October 3rd 1871
died Jan. 3, 1895
Azubah (Minner) Georgen died Feb. 18, 1910
Cornelius P. Minner died August the 4th 1833
Margaret Elizabeth Minner dec. April the 5th 1838
Sarah Woods died May 31, 1847
Phineas Minner, Sr. died Aug. 21, 1856
Isaac Carr Minner died Jan. 14, 1857
Fannie C. Ess died Oct. 6th 1873
Addie Minner died July 18th 1874
Polly Patton Minner died in Kansas City, Apr. 22, 1878
Adele Bryant and John Georgen married April 3rd 1894
Dorothy Georgen born Apr. 25, 1896
Ella Hughes Georgen born Feb. 28, 1900
Dorothy Georgen married Estill LaForce Oct. 18, 1916
Ella Hughes Georgen married Francis Poindexter
Sept. 13, 1920

Azubah + Skinner mar.
(Jane Carr³ Peter² John¹) Aug. 6, 1828
Ky.

Joel Franklin Chiles

b. Mar. 14, 1809
Clark Co., Ky.

b. Jan. 20, 1806
Ky.

d. Aug. 5, 1873, age 64-4-22
bur. in Chiles cemetery

d. Feb. 18, 1855, age 49-0-29
buried in Chiles cemetery

Jackson Co. Mo. - Sec. 13, Twp. 50, R 31W

To Fort Osage, Sept. 1831 - located on farm 10 miles east
of Independence, Mo., where they lived until death.

9 sons; 3 daughters

1. Isaac S. Chiles went to Davis, Calif. in 1849 - d. 1874
b. July 9, 1829
Clark Co., Ky

2. Cornelius Carr Chiles
b. May 30, 1831
Clark Co., Ky.

d. Feb. 5, 1920, San Diego, Calif. (old
newspaper where he had gone in 1917 for his health, clippings)
buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence Mo.

3. Richard Ballinger Chiles
b. Nov. 30, 1833
Jackson Co. Mo.

d. Oct. 30, 1850
bur. Chiles cemetery

4. William G. Chiles
b. June 22, 1836
Jackson Co., Mo.

{ in his biographical sketch, the old Chiles
homestead is described as located in
Sec. 11, Twp. 50, R 31

d. Dec. 10, 1915

5. Henry Clay Chiles
b. May 28, 1838
Jackson Co., Mo.

6. Caldwell Chiles
b. June 28, 1840
Jackson Co., Mo.

d. May 18, 1900 (unmarried)

7. Phineas Skinner Chiles
b. May 7, 1842
Jackson Co., Mo.

d. Dec. 31, 1918 (no issue)

8. Mary Jane Chiles
b. March 5, 1844
Jackson Co., Mo.

d. Feb. 26, 1928
bur. Chiles cemetery

9. Sarah Margaret Chiles

b. June 14, 1846

Jackson Co., Mo.

d. May 6, 1899

10. Joel Franklin Chiles (Jr.)

b. July 18, 1848

Jackson Co., Mo.

d. Feb. 1, 1915

bur. Buckner (Mo.) cemetery,

Ft. Osage Twp.

mar. May 3, 1881, Lucy ("Lutie") Thornton of Woodford Co., Ky.,
dau. of James, Jr. and Elizabeth (Kidd) Thornton [see Railey's
H. of Woodford Co., p. 146] and had:

Elizabeth mar. Oct. 10, 1906, Vernon Peace Mason

Phineas Caldwell

Anna Azubah

Margaret

Thornton

Franklin

Wallace

Mary Sue

11. Elijah Gates Chiles

b. June 19, 1850

Jackson Co., Mo.

d. Feb. 29, 1852

12. [~~Anna~~] Azubah Chiles

b. May 13, 1852

The birthdates of Azubah (Skinner) and Joel Franklin Chiles and their children are from a photocopy of the birth records in their Bible. Death dates and places of burial are from Jackson Co. Vital Records compiled and published 1933-4 by K.C. Chapter DAR. Since another group was compiling tombstone records of Woodlawn cemetery, these were not included. I recall having seen there the stone of Cornelius Carr Chiles long before I knew of the Jane Carr - Cornelius Skinner connection. Elizabeth (Chiles) Mason (above) gave me the photocopy and other records. She died Dec. 30, 1966 in a Joplin, Mo. hospital near her only child, Mary Margaret (Mason) Glennon of Neosho, Mo. A younger child, Lucy Vernon, had died at the age of 2. Mrs. Mason's father (Joel F. Jr.) and her own two children were born in the old Joel F. and Azubah (Skinner) Chiles home. It was destroyed by fire Nov. 11, 1924, while occupied by the Masons.

From Vital Historical Records of Jackson Co. Mo. 1826-1876 by DAR

John Henry Chiles and his wife, Sarah Ballinger, were buried on their farm [Sec. 14, Twp. 50, R 31 W]. There are no markers on their graves. They came to Jackson Co. from Clark Co., Ky. as did all their children:

John b. Nov. 5, 1790
Richard b. Nov. 20, 1792
Susan b. Aug. 14, 1793
Henry b. Feb. 1, 1796
Christopher b. Dec. 18, 1800
James b. Aug. 16, 1803
Joel Franklin b. Jan 20, 1806 [mar. Azubah Skinner]
William b. Feb. 20, 1808
Joseph Ballinger b. July 16, 1810
Alexander M. E. b. Nov. 14, 1814

Richard Chiles (above) mar. Dec. 6, 1815, Clark Co., Ky..

Sally Skinner, dau. of Cornelius and Jane (Carr).
According to Mrs. Mason, they had come to Jackson Co. before the arrival of his brother, Joel Franklin Chiles, and family.

He is probably the Richard B. Chiles whose Jackson Co. will, dated 6 Dec. 1835 and prob. 14 Dec. 1835, mentions wife Sarah; sons John and Franklin; daus. Eliza Ann and Jane; children to be educated; listed later in this order: Eliza Ann, John, Jane, and Franklin.

Exr. - bro. Joel F. Chiles; wit. Henry Chiles, Azubah Chiles;
Sec.: Henry Chiles, Wm G. Chiles, James Chiles, Samuel Drvin

In the 1830 Jackson Co. census: Christopher L. Chiles and Richard B. Chiles.

With all the other brothers of Joel F. and Richard Chiles in the county, it is difficult to reconstruct families

Col. James Chiles (perhaps the one above) was b. Boyle Co., Ky;
mar. in Boyle Co., Miss Ruth Hamilton. They came in 1826 to H. Osage Twp; had 6 sons and 5 daughters; James d. March 1883, wife d. Sept. 1870

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March 3, 1968

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Dear Miss Owen,

Your interesting letter turned my attention in many directions - with the enclosed results.

It is my understanding that when a family cemetery is protected by a will or a deed, gravestones cannot legally be removed. However, when there are no longer descendants in the area, present owners often take advantage of the situation. Then there are present-day vandals, who for "picks" ravage cemeteries.

Just last week vandals overturned most of the 230 stones in the pre-Civil War Lobb cemetery on Strade Road near Blue Springs. Sledge hammers were apparently used to break the stones into pieces, and a block and tackle used to tear down the chain link fence and gate. While this cemetery has perpetual care, that fund cannot cover more than care. The public has responded nobly to the occasion, and this fund should help in the repair or replacement. Descendants of many who are buried there live in other states, and some cannot be reached.

During the two weeks I have been writing the data on these many pages, I have had many interruptions, the most pleasant of which was the receipt, from a Turner cousin in California, whose grandmother, Letitia (Duncan) Turner was a sister of my grandmother, Mary Belle (Duncan) Metcalfe, of 25 photographs of old pictures in his grandmother's photo album, some identified and many unknown.

The greatest surprise is one taken from a lineage of my gr. gr. grandfather, Seth Duncan (b. Dec. 29, 1788, probably Bourbon Co.), son of James and Elizabeth (Strade) Duncan. Seth married Jane Penn, daughter of Joseph and Charlotte (Aker) Penn. I am disappointed that their marriage is not recorded in Bourbon Co., since both families

lived there and the wills of both fathers are in Bourbon Co. Seth and Jane were parents of my gr. grandfather, Joseph Duncan, b. Feb. 25, 1823, who must have thought that he was born in Henry Co., since he gave that information for his biographical sketch in the 1881 History of Clinton Co. Mo.

However, from deeds that Sarah French [Mrs. P.W.] Clough of Paris has been able to find, Seth and Jane were "of Bourbon Co." in 1825, and "of Henry Co." in 1827.

Joseph Duncan came to Clay Co., Mo. to visit his father's brother, James Duncan, Jr. (wife, Nancy Musick) and married their daughter, Juliet Jane. Thus my Duncan gr. grandparents were first cousins.

Among other pictures bearing names, I have identified some as daughters and sons of Stephen Duncan (bro. of Seth and James, Jr.) who married first Lucy Browning of Bourbon Co., and after her death, Nancy K. Nicholson of Trimble Co. Stephen and Lucy had lived in Henry Co. before removing to Saline Co. Mo., where she died in 1838.

I have established contact by telephone with some of Stephen and Nancy's descendants here, one whose mother, Martha Ann (Duncan) Glossip, died at his birth (he will be 88 on Mar. 28) and when his father died five years later, he was taken by Martha Ann's sister, Lucy Jane, and her husband, Lloyd Browning, to Vacaville, Calif. where he remained until he was 18. He is so eager to know about his Duncan ancestors, and I have made for him a chart taking him back five generations.

I have heard such favorable comments from Mrs. Clough about your book. Would you care to exchange a copy for one of my books (list enclosed)? Clay Co. was the place to which Kentuckians "flocked," 93 emigrants from Bourbon Co. arriving in one caravan on Nov. 11, 1826.

To avoid errors, I did the typing of stencils and the mimeographing. I had edited enough school papers and school yearbooks to know what can happen between the final proof reading and the printing.

Now past my "three score years and ten," I feel a certain obligation to share records that I have collected by research and by correspondence. Should you think of anything else on which I may be able to "shed light," please let me know.

Cordially yours,

Nanon L. Carr

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The Dyer Settlement; the Fort Seybert Massacre
compiled 1937 by Mrs. Mary Lee (Keister) Talbot
for the Roger Dyer Family Association

I. Roger and Hannah Dyer

Roger Dyer was killed by Indians in the attack upon Fort Seybert.
His Augusta Co., Va. will, dated 24 Feb. 1757 and proved 21 Mar.
and 16 May 1759, names wife Hannah and children:

William d. April 1758

Hester (Esther) c. 1731-1820 mar. c. 1749 Matthew Patton (1730-1803)

Sarah mar. (1) c. 1754 Henry Hawes and (2) before 1764, Robert Davis

She was captured and carried into captivity by the Indians in 1758;
traveled with them at least 3 1/2 years; was rescued by either her
bro-in-law, Matthew Patton, who had learned from a fur trader at
Ft. Pitt of a red-haired girl among the Indians; or, according to
another tradition, by her brother, James Dyer, after he had escaped
from the Indians. One of Sarah's descendants in Highland Co., Va.
has the spoon, carved from buffalo horn, that she brought back
from her captivity.

Hannah mar. c. 1755 Frederick Keister (Gester) 1730-1815

This is Mrs. Talbot's line

James b. 1744 d. 1807

Taken prisoner at age 14 during the massacre at Ft. Seybert;
remained with the Indians at Chillicothe Ohio 2 years.
He escaped and was two weeks getting back to Va.

II. Hester Dyer and Matthew Patton

Roger D. Patton had: Benjamin, James, Margaret, Sarah, John,
d. 1812 Eliza, Mary Ann, Matthew D., William

Matthew Patton, Jr. b. May 1750 mar. Rebecca May
10 children, 9 known: William, James, John Dyer, Benj. W.
Matthew III, Robert, David S., Rebecca, Philip

James Patton mar. Elizabeth ———
(Later research revealed that she was the dau. of Robert and
Elizabeth — Denviddie)
Three known children: John, Matthew, Mary (Polly) Patton

Hester Dyer and Matthew Patton, cont.

John Patton mar. 29 Aug. 1786, Mary Hopkins
mar 2nd Hetty —

six known children: Hetty (Hester), Sarah, Ann, Matthew,
May, and Margaret

Sarah Patton mar 1786, James Gay, Jr (1758-1840)

b. 10 May 1762

d. 14 Nov. 1795

four children: Esther Dyer Gay

Benj. Patton Gay

John Gay

James Gay

[data sent to Mrs. Talbot by a descendant, Mrs. Frank G. (Grace Sims)
Harris of Columbia, Mo.]

Ann Patton mar. 29 Jan. 1784, Daniel Harrison

b. 1763

d. 7 Feb. 1813

b. 2 Sept. 1760

d. 16 Mar. 1823

six children: Margaret, Benjamin, Sarah, Patton Daniel,
Hannah, and Ann

William Patton 2 children known: James and Rebecca

Esther Patton b. 1769 mar. 1789, John Hume b. 1752
d. 24 May 1824

Six children (Hume): Sarah, William Patton, Elizabeth Patton,
Julia Patton, Matthew Dyer, and Robert

[data from a descendant, Mrs. R.M. Clark (Sara Graves) R.R. 4, Lexington, Ky.]

Benjamin Patton mar. Margaret —

III. James Patton and Elizabeth Dinividdie
he had a second wife, whose name is not known - some
Children: John, Matthew, Mary (Polly)

IV. Matthew Patton mar. —
left one child, Polly, who mar. Phineas Skinner

Generations III. and IV. I have added to show the lineage
of Polly (Patton) Skinner - N.L.C.

From a letter, dated May 22, 1943, written by Mary Lee Keister Talbot.

Mr. Paxton in his Annals of Platte Co. Mo. is in error as to the parentage of Polly (Patton) Skinner. She was a daughter of Matthew, who was the son of James, who married Elizabeth. James was son of Matthew and Hester (Dyer) Patton. Polly was the only child of James's son Matthew, and I haven't the name of his wife. I have proof from court records in Highland County, Va., as to this, and it is a most amazing tale.

When my little book was published in 1937, I did not know the surname of Elizabeth, wife of James Patton. Later, I found in Morton's History of Highland Co. (1911) that Elizabeth Dinwiddie, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Dinwiddie, had married James Patton. One of the farms in the county is today called the "old Dinwiddie Place," although no Dinwiddies have lived in the county since 1855, when the last one died - the widow of William Dinwiddie. Morton had a notation to the effect that the estate went to the collateral lines, all in the West. He stated that the proceeds of the sale of the farm went into Confederate money and was lost - that the administrators were slow about settling the estate.

The will of Robert Dinwiddie of Bath Co., Va. is dated June 21, 1796 and was proved Dec. 20, 1803. He mentions Matthew Patent and John, his brother, "sons of my daughter Elizabeth," and mentions James Patent. Also in Bath Co. is the will of Robert Dinwiddie's son, William, the only one of the family left in Virginia, who died childless about 1825. His widow died in 1855.

In Highland County (formed from Pendleton and Beth Cos. 1847) there is a large bundle of papers pertaining to the estate settlement of William Dinwiddie, deceased, and among them is a large genealogical chart. There are affidavits from several counties in Kentucky, from Tennessee, and other places.

By 1860, when this estate settlement was in progress, all the children of Robert Dinwiddie were dead, they being the brothers and sisters of William Dinwiddie, and some of their children were dead. The chart as prepared extends in some lines for four generations.

Elizabeth Patton died leaving three children:

1. Polly Patton, intermarried with Henry *Holly. According to the affidavits, she had 9 children. She sold her interest in the estate and children are not listed
2. Matthew Patton, died leaving one child Polly, who intermarried with Phineas Skinner. He died and she is a widow and resides in Platte Co., Mo.
3. John Patton, died leaving 7 children. They are listed with married names of daughters, as well as places of residence. Three sons, James H. Patton, Richard Patton, and John William Patton are all described as "went to Mo." In the final settlement papers, James H. Patton is listed as living in Tenn., and John William Patton in California.

In the affidavit of Catharine Scobie, taken in Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky., 13th day of March 1860, she says:

"Matthew had one child at his death, a daughter named Polly, who married Phineas Skinner. Mr. Skinner is dead and Polly is now a widow and resides in Platte Co. Mo. and J. C. [Isaac Carr] Skinner is her agent and resides in Clark Co., Ky."

Catherine Scobie lived in the home of James Patton for many years, continued to live with his widow after his death, and this widow was his second wife. In her affidavit she tells the story as she had heard it of the manner in which Elizabeth Dinwiddie Patton died. She had heard James Patton say his wife Elizabeth died from injuries received from a fall from her horse, either going to or coming from the weaver's and that his wife laid out all night and that he kept her infant, then 7 months old, during the night and next morning went for her and found her dead --- that when he married

* Holly should be Halley - see later

his second wife his oldest child by his first wife was five years old and he had been a widower one year and 6 months, as she has understood from the said wife..

Is this adequate legal proof that Polly Patton Skinner was of the family of Matthew, son of James who was son of Matthew and Hester Dyer Patton instead of a William Patton, as stated by Mr. Paxton?

(end of Mrs. Talbot's letter)

June 1, 1943 - Mrs. A. S. Freye of Somerset, Ky., is of the James Patton - Elizabeth Dinwiddie family through their son John and his daughter, Sally Ann Patton who married James Dunn. Mrs. Freye was Margaret Dunn.

I have just reread my correspondence with Mrs. A. S. Freye, 506 West Columbus St., Somerset, Ky. in 1950, 1956, and her last letter in 1960 in which she stated that she was in her 70th year, not very well, and had no vision in one eye. She had corresponded with Mrs. Talbot and also with Mrs. Smiley Blanton (Margaret Gray), then of New York City, but now, since Dr. Blanton's death, of Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Blanton and I share a Loudoun Co., Va. Caldwell line, which we have not been successful in tracing. My Peter Carr and Rachel Caldwell were the parents of Jane Carr, who married Cornelius Skinner [bond Sept. 20, 1796, Loudoun Co., Va.]

Mrs. Blanton has a Patton - Toomey line. She has stated that James Patton's 2nd wife was also Elizabeth, known to her family as "Aunt Patton." The 1850 census shows this Elizabeth as age 81, b. Ireland.

Mrs. Freye states that John Patton, son of James and Elizabeth (Dinwiddie) Patton, mar. in 1805, Sybil Haller, daughter of Richard.

In the History of Putnam Co. Mo. I found the biographical sketch of Dinwiddie Haller (dec.) - b. Clark Co. Ky. 1824 -

son of Henry and Polly (Patton) Halley, pioneer settlers of Clark Co., Ky. - the father was a native of England, and on coming to U.S., first located in Ky.

Dinwiddie left his native country and moved to Macon Co., Mo. - 1842 to Sullivan Co. - 1865 to Putnam Co., where he d. Mar. 22, 1875 - owned 2,100 acres of land, and land near Kirksville in Adair Co. - mar. Sept. 19, 1844, Elizabeth Triplett, a native of Pike Co., Mo., and daughter of James C. and Nancy (Lydick) Triplett, natives of Fauquier Co., Va. and Kentucky, respectively. Both were reared near Paris in Bourbon Co., but lived later near Bowling Green (Pike Co. Mo.)

Dinwiddie Halley represented Putnam Co. in the legislature.

Eleven children: Nancy J. (dec.) William J.
Mary (dec.) Alonzo
James D. Thomas
John A. Adolphus (dec.)
George W. (dec.) Laura
Sarah E.

In 1850 to Calif. for gold; 1863 to Oregon; two years on each trip; family remained at home.

Mrs. Blanton had told me of having found the bond which James Patton made when he became the guardian of Polly Patton [his granddaughter], promising to educate her and keep her out of undesirable places. This bond may be in Clark Co.

In Clark Co. Book 38, p. 539 - Polly Skinner of Platte Co. Mo. constitutes and appoints Isaac C. Skinner of Clark Co. to receive any portion or all of my interest in the estate of James Patton, decd. 4 Nov. 1857

Loudoun Co, Va. Deed Book 2 N, p. 417

17 July 1811 - John Skinner, Nathaniel Lander, and John Skilman of Co. of Clark, and Richard Skinner of Co. of Nelson, all of Kentucky, appoint John Lander of Clark Co. Ky. their attorney in claims as heirs of the estate of Richard Skinner and Adah Skinner, Disease [sic] of Loudoun Co., Va. to collect all in Loudoun or Fairfax Cos. or any other in Va. Acknowledged 18 July 1811 in Clark Co. Ky. by David Bullock, Clerk of Clark Co. Court

Ibid., p. 431 - 27 June 1811 -

Isaac Skinner of Bullitt Co., Ky - power of attorney to John Lander of Clark Co., Ky. in claims in the estate of Richard Skinner and Adah Skinner, decd., of Loudoun Co., Va. [The above two records I copied from Loudoun Co., Va. records and feel that they are substantially correct. The others following have been sent to me by correspondents who copied and arranged them - "juggled" would be a better term in some cases.]

Virginia - 531368 - Commonwealth of Ky., Bullitt Co. Dist. 1833 on July 1 personally appeared Isaac Skinner, who on oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain benefits of Act of Congress of June 7, 1832 - states that he is now a resident of Bullitt Co. and has been for the last 40 years - that he is 73 years of age - that he enlisted in the Militia as a Private for 3 months, Sept. 1780, in Company of Capt. Veriel in the Co. of Loudoun, Va. officers: Capt. Vaniel and Major Trajer - Va. Treas. Dept. Pension paid, 4 March 1839 to 1841

Isaac Skinner of Bullitt Co. Ky. mentioned in Collins's History of Ky. as age 83 at death.

I had copied, while in Winchester, the dates from the stones of John and Sarah Skinner and Nathan Skinner, which you gave in your letter and had tried to fit them into information given me. There seem to be several "bugs" in the following chart:

Cornelius Skinner, b. Woodbridge, N.J. 1717 - Emigrated to Va. 1772; d. - (illegible) Stone in Sower(s) Cemetery, Loudoun Co., Va. - Twenty years ago stones were lying face down and inscriptions were difficult or impossible to read

Had at least: Richard Alexander Skinner and Nathaniel Skinner
Richard Alexander Skinner, b. 1744, Woodbridge, N.J. - d. 1810, Loudoun Co., Va. mar. c 1760, Adeline or Adaline Van Deventer and had at least:

1 Isaac b. 1760, Loudoun Co. Va - d. c 1843, Bullitt Co. Ky.
[did pension stop in 1841? - NLC]

2 John 1766 - 1843 Clark Co. Ky

3 Peter 1774 - 1859, Loudoun Co. mar. Sarah Roberts

From family record of John and Sarah Skinner, copied Aug. 19, 1904, from Bible owned by R.F. Parks, Perryville, Ky. [Seat of Bell Co.]

2 John Skinner b. near Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Va. Mar. 10, 1766
d. Apr. 26, 1843, prob. Clark Co., Ky.

[while the death date checks with gravestone, the birth date does not - I fear that these dates have been scrambled by the compilers to fit a John they could not place]

mar. Sarah Litter, dau. of Thomas and Magdalene
b. Oct. 2, 1775 { these check with stone in
d. Sept. 26, 1837 { Winchester

Was Richard Alexander Skinner really married by 1760 at age 16? And father of Isaac Skinner of Bullitt Co. Ky., who by his pension application, was b. 1760?

The late Miss Christobelle Van Deventer of Kansas City compiled and published in 1943, The Van Deventer Family at the request of her cousin, the late Willis Van Deventer, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. In fact, he died suddenly in 1941 while she was in Washington conferring with him about the compilation. The justice had employed competent genealogists, who traced the family back to Deventer, an ancient city in the province of Overijssel in the Netherlands, Van meaning, of course, from or of. Descendants of the line have used several spellings, including Vandewanter and Vandeventer, as it is used in Loudoun Co.

She and I had often noted that the same names,

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such as Cornelius, Peter, and Isaac, are found in both the Skinner and the Van Deventer lines, suggesting that the families may have intermarried in New Jersey or in Bucks Co., Pa.

In one paragraph in her book, Miss Van Deventer used data sent her by Eleanor May Skinner of Minneapolis, who claimed descent from Adeline Van Deventer who married c. 1762, Richard Alexander Skinner, son of Cornelius Skinner, son of Richard Skinner of near Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., N. J.

The 1769 tithe lists of Loudoun Co. show an Isaac Vandeventer living with a Richard Skinner, which proves nothing, of course.

After reading in Loudoun Co. the powers of a Horney from the Kentucky heirs of Richard and Adah Skinner, I should have investigated the settlement of their estates. I did make note of the sale bill, dated Apr. 13, 1810.

Also in the Sower Cemetery near Aldie, Loudoun Co. is the stone of Nathaniel Skinner / son of Cornelius Skinner / born in New Jersey, July 17, 1747 / married to Martha Frame, June 20, 1770 / Emigrated to Virginia in / 17 - died Feb'y 4. 6th 1834 / Aged 87 years. /

It is to the family of this Nathaniel Skinner that the compilers erroneously assign Cornelius and Jane Carr Skinner and give them these children: Samuel, Richard, Elizabeth, Frances, and the Phinehas who married Polly Patton, and work in their descendants as given in Paxton's Annals of Platte Co. Mo.

When the late Elizabeth Chiles Mason of Independence, Mo., wrote to one of the compilers, who had placed a Skinner query in a genealogical publication, and stated that she was a grand-daughter of Joel Franklin Chiles and Azubah Skinner, daughter of Cornelius and Jane (Carr) Skinner, she received a reply, "the will of Cornelius Skinner divided his estate into 5 parts, with no mention of a daughter Azuba." She was also sent, to read and return, a copy of the ms. the group had compiled. She brought it to me to discuss with her, and that is how I discovered and made note of the errors. No mention whatever was made

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of Phineas Skinner of Rowdown Co., father of Cornelius of Clark. Mrs. Mason and her daughter were hoping to find a "patriot" in their line.

I have talked recently with Miss Irene Whiteley (her first name is Phineas and I quite agree that this name should have been carried by one of her two older brothers) of the Phineas Skinner, Jr. line. On several occasions in years past I had gone with her to the home of her aunt, Jane Carr Skinner, in Dearborn, Mo. (Platte Co.). It was on one of these occasions that "Aunt Janie" allowed me to borrow the picture of Phineas and Polly (Patton) Skinner to have a film and prints made. She died several years ago in her home, having successfully resisted all efforts to place her in a nursing home.

She had specified that her household furnishings and personal belongings were not to be sold at a public sale. Since Miss Whiteley lives in an apartment hotel here, she had little room for Aunt Janie's possessions. The Bible (of Phineas, Jr.) was given to a relative as were many of the furnishings. The home burned before Irene could dispose of everything. Since the original of the picture perished, it is well that I have the film.

I have long thought that a copy of the picture and of the family Bible record should "go back home" to Clark Co. and you are "elected" to receive them. When our frequent "spells" of winter are over so I can take the film downtown, I shall have several prints made, for Irene has none. Meanwhile, I am trying to check the death date of Polly Patton Skinner, who died in Kansas City. The person who made the entry in the Bible wrote her name as Polly Carr Skinner and the date as April 22, 1878. However, I have from printed sources two conflicting dates, April 20 and 26. The one who entered her name wrong may also have made an error in the date. Vital Statistics department at City Hall has no record, but I think one of our funeral homes, in existence since 1861, may have a record. She was interred in Platte Co., but the death record should be here.

When I told them, their silence indicated "Poor Dear, she must be cracking up!" To me, it was perfect. I had had a genealogical heyday, plus my first encounter with smorgasbord and my first ride on an elevated train. There had even been enough time on Sunday for meeting Mary Lee's close friends.

Although our correspondence continued for several years, my Mary (Dyer) Hughes Carr is still parentless.

In 1949, just as Mary Lee was arranging for a year's sabbatical leave, which she hoped would give her time to write several historical articles for which she had done the research and to compile a Dyer genealogy, her father, W. D. Keister of Huntington, W. Va., died. She took over the management of his insurance business, and my last word from her was a Christmas message in 1949. Two letters I wrote her after that were not returned, nor were they answered. Mrs. A. S. Frye "lost" her at that time, also.

I have often wondered what became of her and of her extensive files on the Pattons and Dyers. I am sure that she would have known of the Eleanor Patton who married Richard Wills in 1796.

I have a copy of the records from the Philip B. Winn Bible owned in 1950 by Charles White of Paris, Ky., which contains the birth and death records of his parents, Jesse D. and Catherine (Johnston) Winn. While in Winchester, I abstracted the will of Jesse D.'s son, Stephen Johnston Winn. I have often wondered whether his son "Minnow" was intended for "Minor," since most Winn families carried down that name. I find no connection of Jesse D. with my George Winn of Fayette Co. However, George's brother Thomas had a son Thomas who married in Clark Co., Aug. 17, 1796, Sarah Johnston, and another son, James, who married in Clark on the same date her sister, Nancy Agnes.

These are notes from a ms. by the late Dr. Walter Wayne Smith (wife Eunice Winn) of Moscow, Idaho, and Honolulu, where a younger second wife took him. Mentally, I have often awarded him the prize for the "broad jump to conclusions." His files, errors and all, are now in the Rowan Public Library, Salisbury, N. C., in a 5-drawer legal-size filing cabinet.

My gr. gr. grandmother Carr was Mrs. Mary (Dyer) Hughes, married Aug. 11, 1810. Loudoun Co., Va., as his second wife, to William Carr [bro. of Jane Carr Skinner]. None of her descendants in Loudoun Co. could give any information about her or her Hughes husband. The Dyers they had known, they said, all had straight black hair - not much of a clue, but suggesting that she may have been of a local Dyer family.

Early in 1943, I got in touch with the late Roy Bird Cook of Charleston, W. Va., a Roger Dyer descendant, who directed me to Mrs. Mary Lee Keister Talbot of Chicago, a teacher and later a counselor in the city schools. She could not place Mary Dyer, but sent me a copy of the booklet she had compiled for the Roger Dyer association.

Upon seeing the name Mary (Polly) Patton as a daughter of James Patton, I wrote Mrs. Talbot about Phineas and Polly (Patton) Skinner and thus became involved concerning a line not my own.

I accepted Mary Lee's invitation to be her guest over the Thanksgiving vacation that year. She had drawer after drawer filled with photocopies of old records and files of data in her locker in the basement of the apartment. It was her intention to compile the Dyer genealogy, of which her booklet was only a brief.

We spent Friday at the Newberry Library, where I used many books not available to me locally. She had arranged stack permits for us at the University of Chicago on Saturday. We spent most of our time with the Durrett collection of early Va. and Ky. newspapers. We were so interested that we forgot about lunch, the hours flew by, and we found ourselves locked in and forgotten.

Returning to school on Monday morning, I was questioned by my co-workers about my trip. Did I do my Christmas shopping at Marshall Field's? Did I see this or that? My reply was always in the negative. What did you do?

Copied for me by Mrs. Mary Lee Keister Talbot from Draper Collection, Kentucky mss., Wisconsin Historical Society Library

Shane Papers: 11 CC, pp. 112-113 (not dated)

Shane: pp. 62-63, Clarke (County) - Isaac C. Skinner:

Cornelius Skinner, his father, came down the river, a single man, in company with William Forman (Foreman), the preacher, in 1793. He was here a year, and then his father wrote for him to come in, he wanted him. He went in, and his father died; and he was about 2 years in settling up the estate. He then came out to Ky.; and the first night he spent in this country he staid with Jacob Lander, who lived there by where Union meeting house now is.

There were 6 of these Landers - 3 at that time lived below Winchester - Jacob near where Union now is, and Natty lower down, not far from the place where the Union meeting house is - and Charles down on Stoner in Bourbon - -

Two Landers married sisters of John Skinner. that lived a mile from Winchester, on the Paris road.

Shane: p. 51, Cornelius Skinner (see Sugar Ridge, No. 2, p. 1)

lives on Hood's old road; the road from by Mt. Sterling to Strade's Station before there was any Winchester. In 1792 Winchester was a cane-brake. In 1794, it had a court-house. Cornelius Skinner was married in this country Feb. 15, 1797. He had started out in October 1796, but was detained at Pittsburgh by low water and freezings until February following. The taverns and streets of Pittsburgh were as full that winter as ours are now on court and election days, with persons waiting to go down the river. A man lost his family in the ice - several days going down. There were in these parts (Clarke) 2 families then to one now.

It was this statement "married in this country Feb. 15, 1797" that puzzled me for years. The Cornelius Skinner - Jane Carr marriage is not among the ministers' returns in Loudoun Co. Va. However, I had found there the marriage of Jane's brother, Peter³ Carr to Mary Skinner, July 23, 1796, after which Peter disappears from the county records, and I had assumed that he had probably gone to Ky. I thought perhaps Jane Carr had accompanied her brother Peter and wife to Ky. and was later married there to Cornelius Skinner.

What Isaac C. Skinner had stated about his father's father having asked Cornelius to "come in" and the father's death, checks with Loudoun Co. records. Phinehas Skinner had died intestate in 1794, and Cornelius was appointed administrator. The inventory and sale bill, dated Nov. 5, 1794, were recorded April 14, 1795.

I had looked in all available books containing early marriage records of Ky. without success. When Mrs. Aurelia M. Jewell published in 1962 Loudoun Co. Va. Marriage Bonds, I was delighted to find:

"Cornelius Skinner 3rd Jane Carr Sept. 20, 1796
Security: Peter Carr, father of girl."

So, I am led to believe that Feb. 15, 1797 was the date of the arrival in Ky. of Cornelius and Jane Carr Skinner.

Having spent a cold winter in Pittsburgh - 1922-23, when I had a fellowship in Retailing and Personnel at Carnegie Tech, I can appreciate the misery of the group that spent the winter of 1796-97 there while waiting for transportation.

It appears that in addition to son Cornelius, Phinehas Skinner of Loudoun Co. left three daughters: Suby (Azubah), Peggy, and Polly. A descendant of Samuel and Azubah (Skinner) Hough tells me that it was her sister Peggy (Margaret) who married Thomas Hough, Jan. 31, 1799. I like to think that it was Cornelius's sister Polly (Mary) who married Peter Carr.

Of all the early "nicknames," Sookay or Suckey was the most difficult for me. I had overlooked several Susans before I was told about "Sookay."

According to the information I have, Phineas L. [prob. Lander] Skinner (June 25, 1846 - Apr. 27, 1910) was a son of Isaac Carr and Frances (Lander) Skinner, and grandson of Cornelius and Jane (Carr) Skinner. Phineas L. Skinner married Nov. 15, 1877, Louisa Ann Fishback. Mr. James Lander Skinner of Winchester, b. Jan. 29, 1879, was a son. I had the pleasure of meeting him while in Winchester in 1946. He bore a striking resemblance to the late Mr. John Georzen here, of the Phineas Skinner - Pollu Patton line.

When I think of Fishback, I recall an incident some twenty years ago, when a young lad, George Fishback, was enrolled in one of my English classes and also in my homeroom. At the end of class on the first day, George asked me to please not call his last name, for the "kids" always made fun of it. I assured him that the next day I should be assigning seats and would be taking roll from a seating chart.

Then I remembered that in Dr. B.C. Holtzclaw's Holtzclaw Family a chapter is devoted to the early members of the Germanna colony, artisans from Europe, brought over by Gov. Spotswood, one being John Fishback.

I took the book to school and at the beginning of the homeroom period, whispered to George to go wash his hands. Then I gave him the book, opened at this chapter. I saw him making notes. At the end of the period when he returned the book to my desk, he asked if John Fishback could have been his ancestor. I told him that I had once read a Fishback genealogy and that many of the lines it contained were traced back to this John Fishback, probably the first of the name in America.

Shortly afterward, we were having oral reports on a subject of the student's choice. When George's turn came, I was surprised when he announced his subject, John Fishback. While he did not state that John was his ancestor, ~~but~~ the inference was there. As he stood, tall, erect, and proud, I watched the faces of the other students. No one ever had a more attentive audience.

I can be assured of one thing - no one in that class ever teased George about his name; and since student "grapevine" is a swift means of communication, other students assumed a greater respect for him. Before he was graduated two years later, George told me that pride in his family name had "changed his life."

According to information received in 1951 from a Calmes descendant, Mrs. Kathleen S. Lemmon, Marshall, Mo., the Henry W. (Waller) Calmes (1777-1817) with wife, Elizabeth Briggs, was a son of William Waller and Lucy (Neville) Calmes, and the father of Henry (Waller) Calmes, Jr. who married Margaret Skinner (dau. of Cornelius and Jane).

I have the death date of Henry W. Jr. as Aug. 19, 1875; that of Margaret, Dec. 1, 1856.

Perhaps you found in the Bible record that Henry W. Jr. was first named Henry Fielding Calmes, but changed to Henry Waller Calmes, Jr. A brother, Fielding Calmes, b. Apr. 30, 1807, mar. in Clark Co., May 14, 1828, Cassandra Thornton (b. Feb. 24, 1809) and according to Perrin's History of Bourbon, etc. they removed to Colusa Co., Calif.

William Waller Calmes (b. Jan. 18, 1727 - d. Sept. 19, 1773, Frederick Co., Va.) mar. May 17, 1754, Lucy Neville (b. Jan. 17, 1732 - d. May 20, 1789).

The parents of William Waller Calmes were Major Marquis Calmes (b. 1705 - d. May 10, 1755, Clarke Co. Va.) and Winifred Hardin (married 1725), who d. Oct. 6, 1751, Clarke Co., Va.

Major Marquis Calmes was a son of Marquis de la Calmes, a French Huguenot, who came to this country 1699-1700 and died in Stafford Co., Va. between 1735 and 1748.

Since much of this is from correspondents, I cannot vouch for it. I often wonder why I became the recipient of so much information on lines that are not mine. The same amount of time and effort, if directed toward my own lines, might have left me with fewer "dead-ends."

I hope you like as much as I do this quotation from Hervey Allen's The Forest and the Fort:

"The Past is the Land of Missing Persons, and it is only by a combination of diligence and good fortune that anyone who is not monumentally remembered can be found there."