

of Berkley Co, W. VA.

CHILDREN OF BENEDICT 1st & CATHATINE COUCHMAN (moving to Kentucky)

Daughter of Patrick Donaldson & Lucy Pettit (who later married John Fleming)
Elizabeth Donaldson
b.
d.

VI. Frederick Couchman
b. 1755
d. 1826 Clark Co, Ky

m. 1782-84
Fleming Co, Ky?

A. John Alec Couchman 1st
b. 4-14-1789
d. 12-16-1851

m. 11-21-1818
Clark Co, Ky

Sarah Ragland
b. 2-1-1797
d. 4-14-1874

1. Nathaniel D.
b. 1819
d. 1-12-1860

m. 2-8-1854
Clark Co, Ky

Elizabeth B. Hays
b. ~~1828~~ 8-10-1825
d. 8-17-1889

a. Anna B. Couchman
b. 1856
d.

b. John D. Couchman
b. 1858
d.

c. Nattie R. Couchman
b. 6-19-1859
d. 12-9-1881

2. Benjamin W. Couchman
b. 12-16-1826 or 1823

3. Amanda E. Couchman
b. 1825
d.

Engelton Co, Ky
m. 9-26-1861
Clark Co, Ky

Susan Ann Ballou (Ballson?)
Elizabeth J. Colmpe
Nathaniel Ragland
b.
d. 12-19-1847

a. Thomas A. Ragland
b. 1847

4. William D. Couchman
b. 1831

m. Julia ?
b. 1852 Ohio
Living in Clark Co, at 1880
Census - in German town

a. William D. Couchman Jr.
b. 1873 Ohio
d.

b. Nathaniel Couchman
b. 1875 Kentucky
d.

c. Charles Couchman
b. 1877 Ky.
d.

d. Bela (Lela?) Couchman
b. 1879 Ky

5. George F. Couchman
b. 1832-34
d.

m. Mary Susan ?
b. 1848 Ky

(Living in Hickman Co, Ky in 1880)

a. Emmacrets
b. 1875 Ky
d.

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VI. Children of Frederick Couchman & Elizabeth Donaldson

A. Children of John Alec Couchman 1st & Sarah Ragland

5. Children of George F. Couchman & Mary Susan ?

b. Sarah Catharine Couchman
b. 1877 Ky
d.

c. Ella Maud Couchman
b. 1879 Ky
d.

6. John Alec Couchman 2nd m. 11-4-1869 Mary Katherine (Caddie) Bush
b. 11-27-1836 Clark Co, Ky b. 10-27-1849
d. 1-3-1918 d. 9-25-1915

a. Rosa Vertner Couchman - never married
b. 4-24-1872
d. 11-4-1957

b. Francis Marion (Frank) m. 10-30-1901 Esther L. Duckworth
Couchman b.
b. 9-24-1875 d. 3-18-1949
d. 3-10-1953

(1) Katherine L. Couchman
b. 8-16-1902
d.

(2) Francis Marion Couchman
b. 8-24-1903
d.

(3) Edward H. Couchman
b. 3-10-1905
d.

(4) Ernest Lisle Couchman
b. 3-10-1905
d. 3-10-1953

c. Robert B. Couchman
b. 3-16-1879
d. 12-18-1879

d. Ida M. Couchman m. 1-24-1934 Forest V. Barnes
b. 4-24-1884
d. 6-17-1925

(1) Son -- died at age 2

VI. Children of Frederick Couchman & Elizabeth Donaldson

A. Children of John Alec Couchman 1st & Sarah Ragland

6. Children of John Alex Couchman 2nd & Caddie Bush

e.	Minerva Couchman	m. 4-20-1914	Ernest E. Arnett
	b. 12-9-1884		b.
	d. 2-16-1963		d.

(1) John A. Arnett
 b. 4-16-1915
 d.

(2) Mary K. Arnett
 b. 9-2-1916
 d.

(3)	Christine Arnett	m.	? Mussman
	b. 1-3-1918		
	d. 1-23-1955		

(4) Frank J. Arnett
 b. 11-?-1920
 d.

(5) Tom Ernest Earl Arnett
 b. 3-1-1924
 d.

(6) Justine Arnett
 b. 11-26-1930
 d.

f. Annie Couchman -- never married
 b. 12-1-1887
 d. 5-4-1972

g. John Alec Couchman 3rd
 b. 12-10-1890

B. Lucy Couchman -- never married
 b. 1797
 d.

C.	Melkiah (M. D.) Couchman	m.	Jane ?
	b. 1795		b.
	d. 1821		d.

D.	William D. Couchman	m. 12-3-1835	Mary Jane Couchman (dau. of Peter,
	b. 1807	Bourbon Co Ky	b. 1817 son of Malachi)
	d.		d.

1.	Frank R. Couchman	m. 11-28-1880	Lon A. Hinchman
	b. 1840	Jennings Co	b.
	d.	Ind	d.

VI. Children of Frederick Couchman & Elizabeth Donaldson

D. Children of William D. Couchman & Mary Jane Couchman

2. John Couchman	m. 12-3-1865	Amelia A. Gannon
b. 1842	Jennings Co.	b. 1842 Ind
d.	Ind	d.

W.
a. Edward/Couchman
b. 1868
d.

b. Harry S. Couchman
b. 1871
d.

c. Vada J. Couchman
b. 1873
d.

d. Mary F. Couchman
b. 1874
d.

e. Walter H. Couchman
b. 1877
d.

f. Dora J. Couchman
b. 1879-1880
d.

3. Mary E. Couchman
b. 1845
d.

4. Peter Couchman
b. 1846
d.

5. Sarah J. Couchman
b. 1849 or 1850

E. Frederick Couchman -- never married
b. 1801
d.

F. Catharine Couchman	m. 10-5-1820	Absalom Best
b.	Clark Co Ky	b.
d.		d.

Insert "H"

H. Rebecca E. Couchman
b. 1790
d,

m. 38-1815
Clark Co, Ky,

John
Amos (Amos) Williams
b. 1790
d,

1. John W. Williams
b. 1819
d,

m,

Nancy Goodrich
b. 1810
d,

a. John Williams
b. 1835

b. Margaret Williams
b. 1837

c. Mary E. Williams
b. 1839

d. Thomas J. Williams
b. 1842

e. Pauline Williams
b. 1846

2. Washington Williams m,
b. 1827 (or 1837?)

Bettie?
b. 1840

3. Charlotte Williams
b. 1823

4. Sarah A. Williams
b. 1833

5. Martilla Williams
b. 1835

6. Irene Williams
b. 1838

Data compiled from COUCHMAN family Bible

John Alex Couchman (2nd)	married	Mary Katherine Bush
b. 11-27-1836	11-4-1869	b. 10-27-1849
d. 1- 3-1918		d. 9-25-1915

(1) Rosa Vertner Couchman (never married)
 b. 4-24-1872
 d. 11- 4-1957

(2) Francis Marion (Frank) Couchman	married	Esther L. Duckworth
b. 9-24-1875	10-30-1901	b.
d. 3-10-1953		d. 3-18-1949

- (a) Katherine L. - 8-16-1902
- (b) Francis Marion - 8-24-1903
- (c) Edward H. - 3-10-1905
- (d) Ernest Lisle - 3-10-1905
- d.3-10-1953

(3) Robert B. Couchman
 b. 3-16-1879
 d. 12-18-1879

(4) Ida M. Couchman	married	Forrest V. Barnes
b. 4-24-1884	1-24-1923	
d. 6-17-1925		

(5) Minerva Couchman	married	Ernest E. Arnett
b. 12-9-1884	4-20-1914	
d. 2-16-1963		

- (a) John A. Arnett - 4-16-1915
- (b) Mary K. " - 9-2-1916
- (c) Christine " - 1-3-1918 (married a Mussman)
- d.1-23-1955
- (d) Frank J. " - 11-1920
- (e) Tom Ernest Earl - 3-1-1924
- (f) Justine " - 11-26-1930

(6) Annie Couchman (never married)
 b. 12-1-1887
 d. 5-4-1972

(7) John Alec Couchman (3rd)
 b. 12-10-1890

Deed Index:

Best

No deeds in index for Absalem Best. Five deeds listed for Catherine Best:

Deed Bk. 24, p. 506 Catherine Best from Frederick Couchman heirs; 24 acres; year 1831

Deed Bk. 24, p. 531 Catherine Best & c. to William R. Massie 219 acres; year 1831

Deed Bk. 25, p. 171 Catherine Best from Caleb Capps and wife 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres; year 1832

Deed Bk. 27, p. 132, Catherine Best & c. to William Couchman 13 acres; year 1835

Deed Bk. 28, p. 120 Catherine Best from William D. Couchman & c. interest in dower of Elizabeth Couchman, year 1836

Deeds for Burgess:

Index shows that deeds for Thomas N. Burgess run from 1833-1837. Last deed shows that he lived in Clark Co at the time. No deed shewing heirs, some show his wife as being named Mariah.

Ames Williams

Deed index shows two deeds for Ames Williams. In 1835 Ames Williams and wife Rebecca E. Couchman deeded to William Couchman 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres In 1836 they deeded to Frederick Couchman 1/10 interest in E. Couchman dower.

In 1831 Rebecca E. Williams received a deed of part from F. Couchman heirs.

The deed of 1836 shows Ames Williams and Rebecca, his wife, of Montgomery Co., Ky., for sum of \$280.00 deed to Frederick Couchman all their interest in a tract of land on Lower Howards Creek, it being part of same tract allotted to Elizabeth Couchman, widow of Frederick Couchman, late of Clark Co., Ky. Frederick Couchman who was father of Rebecca Williams and Frederick Couchman.

Marriage Record Book 3W page 10 (years 1852-1886)

Nathaniel D. Couchman and Elizaabeth B. Hays, married by B.E. Allen; witness Francis N. Brown Feb. 8, 1854

M.R. Bk. 3W p. 52

Benjamin W. Couchman and Elizabeth J. Calmes, married by Elder J. W. Harding of Christian Church Sept. 26, 1861 at residence of H. W. Calmes, father of the bride, Clark Co., Ky. Witness H.W. Calmes and John Couchman

M.R. Bk 3 W p. 104

John A. Couchman and Mary K. Bush, Nov. 4, 1869 married by J.W. Harding at home of Robert Bush. Witness James A. Williams and A. J. Tribble

M.R. Bk. 4 W years 1886-1897

No marriages in Couchman name. Book is indexed in name of male only

Marriage Book for years 1896-1911 (5W) first three letters, A.B. and C missing in index

Some children of
Frederick & Elizabeth Couchman

William D. Couchman -- married Mary J. Couchman in 1835 (she was d. of
John Peter Couchman of Bourbon Co.
Mary a son of Malachi, brother of
Peter Frederick)
Peter
Sarah

(on the 1850 census a James Williams, age 22, was living with
them--I wondered if he could be a son of Rebecca & her husband)

This family moved to Jennings County, Indiana, probably about
1860--I don't know if Wm. D. died prior to the move or not.
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John Couchman -- married Sarah Ragland in 1818
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Martha C -- married Russell H. Robbards (1848)
Amanda -- married Nathaniel Ragland (must have divorced before
Thomas A. Ragland (b. 1847 or 48) 1850)
William A.
George F.
Sarah
John A. -- married Ellen Frances Graves
James A.
Nathaniel D. -- married Elizabeth Hays (He died 1860)
Anna B.
John D.
Nattie R. (b. 1859, d. 1881)
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Sally married Ewell Jewell in 1816 and she died about 1822
Benjamin (may have died very young)
Leslie
Frederick (" " " ")
Cassie
* * * *

John A. Williams ? -- married Rebecca Couchman 1815
Washington
Charlotte
Sarah A.
Martilla
Irene
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*I looked at the
1880 Census prior
to making this & I
don't believe this
is the correct family
here.*

Melkiah or M. D. may have died about 1821. From the old tax rolls
I show him becoming 21 in 1816, with taxes noted each year to 1821.
Then in 1822 there is a Jane Couchman which I assumed to be his
wife. Neither she nor Melkiah appear after than time. It's
possible, of course, that he moved away, too. I think he was in War of
1812.
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Apparently, Frederick Jr., Elizabeth Jr. & Lucy Couchman never married
and the three of them lived together
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Marian (Polly) -- married James Prather 1809 - he died Montgomery Co.
about 1824 (Oct.)

*I have a copy of his estate settlement; wife Polly & John Craig were
administrators -- John Craig would have been her uncle (her mother's brother-in-law)*

law) if my assumption about Frederick Courchman marrying
Elizabeth Donaldson ^{is correct.} Harent found a marriage
record yet but reading the Shawe interview with
John Craig leads me to this conclusion.)

1. John Courchman m Sally Rayland

2. son

3. John alex I

4. John alex II m Catherine Bush

5. John alex unmarried

Handwritten notes in red ink:
The Courchman
family
is
the
same
family
as
the
one
in
the
Census
of
1850

Handwritten notes in black ink:
Melish or M. may have been about 1821. From the old tax rolls
I show his occupation as SI in 1816, with taxes paid each year to 1821.
Then in 1822 there is a Jane Courchman which I assumed to be his
wife. Whether she was Melish or not I don't know. It's
possible, of course, that he moved away, but I think he was in the
area.
Apparently, Frederick Jr., Elizabeth Jr., and just Courchman never married
and the three of them lived together.
Melish (Sally) -- married James Fisher 1839 - he died Westmoreland Co.
around 1845.

(Part of John Shane's interview with John Craig)

The Indians: shot Spahr, and had hoped to have caught the children; and would have done so, but that on the firing, the dogs broke out on them so furiously -- and so both the girls got in. They then attacked the Station. All the men but 2 or 3 were out some where; and the Station wo'd have been taken but for one Benj. Dunoway: who was there from McClary's Station. He got up, and talked with the indians; or their white man. Afterwards my wife's father, Patrick Donnalsen, went to look over the port gate, and was shot in the forehead. D. had a survey on the Creek of his name. His children were Elizabeth, Mrs. Couchman [under her name is written "near Flemingsburg"] born Feb. 5, 1766; Rebecca, Mrs. Col. Jones, born May 7, 1767; John, General D, born Jan. 9, 1769; Mary, Mrs. Craig, born May 20, 1770; Hannah (deceased) born March 16, 1772; Lucy, Mrs. Wilson (now in Indiana) born Jan. 19, 1774; Thomas (decd), born Jan. 19, 1776; Sally (married a D.) born 1778 (1779) 1 year, 4 mos, 11 days. -- one son, and 5 daughters that lived.

John Fleming, a Captain in the Revolutionary war, married the widow, it being his first marriage. He had a survey where his station was in Fleming. Have heard him say he loved whiskey better than ever he did his mother's milk. He was a smart, shrewd, sensible man, but he destroyed himself, as did his two sons. He was born 1735. His children were Wm. F, born Dec. 15, 1782; John, born Augt. 19, 1786; Thos: born Oct. 29, 1788.

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John Fleming

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for whom they had made improvements in 1776 (21). All their preemptions were laid on the waters of Fleming Creek. They did not secure a preemption for Stockton because they could not prove that he had taken the oath of allegiance to Virginia—an oath which would not have been required had he been living in Virginia or in that part of Pennsylvania which was claimed by Virginia (22).

After securing their preemptions Strode went to Linn's Station to live and Fleming to Strode's Station (near Winchester) which had been built by John and James Strode in the fall of 1779 and which speedily became the headquarters for former Berkeley County men (23). Fleming probably took part in the defense of Strode's against the Indians in the spring of 1781, and early in 1782 married Lucy Pettit Donaldson, widow of a Patrick Donaldson who had been killed in the siege. By this marriage Fleming acquired six step-daughters and two step-sons (24). In March 1782 he went with John McIntyre, Benedict Couchman, and John Donaldson, his step-son, back to Fleming county to explore and to locate lands for future entry; they followed the buffalo road from Strode's past Plum Lick and the Upper Blue Licks, visited the old cabins on Fleming Creek, picked up some axes and other material that had been left at Stockton's cabin in 1776, and returned to Strode's by way of Mill Creek and the Lower Blue Licks (25). This is the first recorded visit of Fleming to Fleming County since 1776. In August 1782 he was again in Fleming County, this time as a member of Holder's party in pursuit of the Indians who had stolen the half-brothers Hoy and Calloway from Hoy's Station in Madison County. They overtook the Indians in Fleming about a mile north of the Upper Blue Licks and in the subsequent defeat Fleming was shot through the hip and groin. He was carried off the field and taken back to Strode's (26). In October while he was recuperating he received a visit from his half-brother George Stockton. Robert Stockton had sold his land in Berkeley County in 1775 and had evidently moved with George to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania where in 1776 the two are listed as members

"The Certificate Book of the Land Commissioners, 1779-1780" *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, vol. 21, p. 270 gives Fleming's preemption. Fleming apparently had no intention at this time of settling on his preemption since he sold it in May, 1780 to John May and May in 1782 sold it to Craig and Johnson. From these Fleming regained his preemption in a business deal (Fleming County Land Book A, Fleming Heirs vs. John Allison).

"Fleming County Land Book C, 123: Deposition of Simon Kenton.

"*Ibid.* C. 105: Deposition of Samuel Strode.

"Draper Mss. 12CC146. In a statement here recorded the Rev. John Craig who married Mary Donaldson gives the names of the Donaldson children. Elizabeth married Benjamin Couchman and Rebecca married Thomas Jones.

"Fleming County Land Book C, 122, 179, and Bourbon County Complete Record Book D, 212: Depositions of John McIntyre.

"(Filson Club) *History Quarterly*, vol. 2, pp. 29-33.

* I think this is incorrect. There was a Benjamin Couchman in Fayette Co. -- his wife was named Mary. Benedict " married someone named MARIAN (these are my ancestors). Elizabeth Couchman, listed on 1830 Clark Co census was between 60 & 70 -- if born in 1766 this would fit & she could have married only Frederick.

COUCHMAN FAMILY BIBLE

John A. Couchman was born November 27, 1836

Mary K. Bush was born October 27, 1849

Katherine L. Couchman was born August 16, 1902

Francis Marien Couchman was born Aug. 24, 1903

Edward H. and Ernest E. Couchman were born March 10, 1905

John A. Arnett was born April 16, 1915

Mary K. was born Sept. 2, 1916

Christine was born Jan. 3, 1918

Frank J. was born Nov. 1920

Tom Ernest Earl born Mar. 1, 1924

Justine was born Nov. 26, 1930

John A. Couchman and Mary K. Bush were married on 4th Nov., 1869

Frank M. Couchman and Esther L. Duckwerth were married Oct. 30, 1902

Minerva B. Couchman and Ernest E. Arnett were married April 20th, 1914

Ida M. Couchman and Forest V. Barnes were married Jan. 24th 1923

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Resa V. Couchman was born Apr. 24, 1872

Frank M. Couchman was born Sept. 24, 1875

Robert B. Couchman was born March 16, 1879; died Dec. 18, 1879

Ida M. Couchman was born April 24, 1882, died June 17, 1925

Minerva Couchman was born Dec. 9, 1884 died Feb. 16, 1963

Annie Couchman was born Dec. 1, 1887; died May 4, 1972

Alec Couchman was born Dec. 10, 1890

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Ceuchman Graveyard (off Beenesborough Road, near reservoir,
lake, Walling farm)

John Ceuchman b. Apr. 14, 1789; d. Dec. 16, 1851

Sally Ceuchman b. Feb. 1, 1797; d. Apr. 14, 1874
Wife of John Ceuchman

Mary E. Ceuchman died Sept. 25, 1917(partly illegible)
 Age 66 yrs.

Jehn A. Ceuchman died Jan. 3, 1918

Ida Mae Barnes died June 17, 1925 aged 42 years

Esther ~~Ceuchman~~ died March 18, 1949

Ernest Lisle Ceuchman died March 10, 1953
 age 48 years

Francis Marien Ceuchman died March 18, 1954 age 78 years

Christine Mussman died Jan. 23, 1955 age 37 years

Rosa Vertner Ceuchman died Nev. 4, 1957 age 85 years

Minerva Ceuchman Arnett died Feb. 16, 1963

Rebert E. Bush and Manerva Lisle was married Sept. 27th, 1843

Katherine Bush born 10 Nev. 1844; died 2nd Aug. 1848

Caroline Bush b. May 3, 1847; d. 5th Aug. 1848

Mary Katherine Bush third daughter of Rebert E. and Manerva Bush
 was born Oct. 27, 1849

Margaret Bush was born Sept. 1851 died 10 days after birth

Rosa Bush born 29th Nev. 1852

Rachel M. Bush born Nev. 4, 1855

Francis T. Bush born March 15, 1858

Sallie A. Bush born Sept. 12, 1862

Garret Berkeley born April 20, 1854

Resie V. Ceuchman b. Apr. 25, 1872

Manerva Ann Bush b. Dec. 20, 1874

- B. DIED: 1849
- BORN: 1806
- BENEDICT COUCHMAN -
- HENRY COUCHMAN - G.G.G. GREAT GRANDFATHER
- DIED: 1863 or 64
- BORN: 1840
- MICHAEL COUCHMAN - G.G. GREAT GRANDFATHER
- JACOB COUCHMAN - GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER
- DIED: 1909
- BORN: 1866
- AMOS N. COUCHMAN - MY GREAT GRANDFATHER
- DIED: 1932
- BORN: 1890
- NILE N. COUCHMAN - MY GRANDFATHER
- DIED: 1977
- BORN: 1923
- JACK E. COUCHMAN - MY FATHER
- BORN: 1951
- STEPHEN E. COUCHMAN - MYSELF

Frederick was Benedict's Brother as far as we know. Any more information concerning their parents would be most helpful.

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Couchman marriages after 1852

Marriage Record Book 3 W page 10 (years 1852-1886)

Nathaniel D. Couchman and Elizabeth B. Hays, married by
Witness Francis N. Brown Feb. 8, 1854

Marriage Book 3 W p. 52

Benjamin W. Couchman and Elizabeth J. Calmes, married by
J.W. Harding of Christian Church Sept. 26, 1861 at
of H.W. Calmes, father of the bride, Clark Co. Witn
Calmes and John Couchman

Marriage Book 3 W. p. 104

John A. Couchman and Mary K. Bush Nov. 4, 1869, marrie
Harding at home of Robert Bush. Witness James A. Will
A.J. Tribble

Marriage Book 4 W years 1886-1897

No marriages in Couchman name. Book is indexed in n
male only

Marriage Book for years 1896-1911 (5W), first three letter
and C missing

(This is from the old Bible belonging to John Sanford Couchman who died 1901 in Boone Co, Indiana)

Frederick and Elizabeth Couchman

named as sons in the Bible, so it must be true

<p>Son named John born April 14, 1758 died Dec. 16, 1851</p>	<p>Son named Frederick (some spelling is odd) born Feb, 12, 1800 died Aug 3, 1881</p>	<p>This maybe the one you mentioned who married Sarah Ragland</p>

(guess) → daughter? Miriah or Mariah or Maria Burgess
died Oct. 30, 1873

(guess) daughter? Liza Ann Elliott - if this could be short for Elizabeth
died Nov 12, 1868

(guess) Son? Peter Couchman
born Dec. 17, 1791

(guess) Son? Andrew Couchman
born Oct. 12, 1799

(guess) Son? William D. Couchman
born Jan 29, 1805 in Kentucky (state taken from son's death certif = ?)
died June 21, 1873 - do not know where
married: Dec 3, 1835 ^{maybe Couchman}
to Mary Jane ^{Know where} b. Sept 22, 1816 in Ky
d. May 16, 1889 in Jennings County, Indiana

This I am sure of, but not if Wm. D. is a son of Frederick + Elizabeth

- Children:
- 1. John Sanford Couchman (my great grandfather - owner of the Bible)
b. March 31, 1842 - Clark Co, Ky } from his death certif + old newspaper clipping
 - 2. Edwin D.
 - 3. Mary Ann Elizabeth
 - 4. Peter Francisco
 - 5. Sarah Jane
 - 6. James William
 - 7. Benjamin Hiram
 - 8.

Since his first child was supposed to be born in Clark Co, Ky, I assumed the parents might be married there. Maybe they eloped to a nearby county?

103 West Condit Street 121
Robinson, Illinois
September 18, 1968

Miss Kathryn Owen
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

Dear Miss Owen,

I was delighted to receive your letter telling of your information on the Couchman family in Clark County! Do you happen to have Couchman relatives, too? My grandmother's maiden name was Couchman and I have the record pages from her ^(John) father's Bible. There are dozens of names listed, but I am having a very difficult time deciding who is who and where they all belong. I am guessing, but I think the Frederick Couchman you mentioned - the one who had the land grant and died in 1825 in Clark County - is "my" John's grandfather. If this is true, I'd like to write Washington, D. C. for the papers on his land grant. Do you have any idea where his land was or when he entered it so I could fill out the necessary forms? I just wonder if the 150 year old stone house could possibly have been built by Frederick or his son John?

Perhaps I best tell you what I have concluded and by checking your records, you may prove me all wrong - or at least partly right. I do hope I can trace the first Couchman back from Kentucky to the East Coast and on over to whatever country in Europe they came from. From there on - I quit. This hunting in the States is difficult enough. I'll not tackle Europe.

deed 1831 - com of Court of 1 pt and Frederick Couchman
Ann Couchman, Rebecca Wilkerson, Leslie Jewell
Cassa Jewell, Frederick Jewell + Benjamin
Jewell the inf children of Sally Jewell and late
Sally Couchman dau of Frederick Couchman decd

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John Couchman, Mary Ann Prather, Elizabeth
Couchman jr, Maria Couchman, Lucy
Couchman and Catherine Best Ch + stock
at law of sd Couchman decd.

These names are scattered throughout the Bible & I can find no connection:

1. Julia Catharine Couchman died Oct 13, 1862
2. James Williams died Oct 2, 1873 (may be son of Wm. W.)
3. James Williams born Jan 15, 1828
4. Francis Willson (might mean Wilson)
(late) Francis Couchman born 1794, April 16
5. Juliann Couchman born Oct. 29, 1829
6. Edward T (or L.) Jones born April 6, 1812

All of these dates and names have been copied from the Bible, but only from William W. Couchman on down am I sure of the connections. Perhaps the marriage dates ^{of spouses} of Frederick's children will clear up some questions?

Frederick + Elizabeth confuse me. If he died in Clark Co in 1825 is there any death record that far back & I have not written for me because I assumed it was a waste of time for the County Clerk or health officer. How I wish Frederick had been in the cemetery you found! He must have been born 1760+ = but where? These puzzles excite me.

Thank you so much for writing. If from my information and from your records, you can conclude anything, do let me know. If census returns in the State of Illinois or any data from Crawford or Clark County, Illinois will help you, please let me do you a return favor.

Sincerely,
Carolyn J. Mc Gabe
(Mrs. James C. Mc Gabe)

Frederick Couchman lived on McClure
on John Rose farm - there is graveyard
corn field

graveyard where Nattie + Elizabeth are
buried is on old Brown farm now
Wallace Rash farm - Nathaniel
Couchman lived there

1 Nathaniel Couchman - son of John + Sally
brother² George moved to another Co

3 James Couchman youngest one of the
daughters married ~~to~~ ^{to} Harry Harris

4. John Alex Couchman^m - Catherine Bush
+ John Alex
daughter of Robert E
Bush

1 2. Rosa

2 3. Frank

3 4. Ida M - Forest D. Barnes

4 5. boy died 2 yrs

5 6. John Alex

7. of John + Sally

5. dau Sally

m. _____ Missoula

sounds like a treasure to have. And anything else you might do to assist me will certainly be appreciated.

If it's ok with you, I will enclose my check for \$10 and whatever else might be required above this amount, just advise me.

Please be assured of my great thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Stubbs

(Miss) Mary Ann Stubbs
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P.S. There is a marriage record of Martha C. Couchman (John Couchman, Surety) to Russell H. Robbards in 1848. I haven't found any Robbards on the census records but noted several Rugsards. Could this be the same family? I haven't located this one yet - nor the Thomas Burgers who married Maria - but I haven't read all the surrounding Counties thoroughly.

~~Annas Williams + wife to William Couchman
1835 - 27 1/2 acres wife Rebecca C. Couchman
1836 11 1/2 to Frederick Couchman 1836
1/2 int in E. Couchman dower
1831 Rebecca Williams from 7 Couchman Hrs
dled 3 part
No Robbard in deed book~~

16.1

April 30, 1972

Miss Kathryn Owen
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Dear Miss Owen:

Last June I wrote to the County Clerk of Clark County for some early records on the Couchman family. You were kind enough to supply some marriage records as well as an abstract from the deed records which listed the descendents of Frederick Couchman.

Since that time, I have been gathering quite a bit of data on this family and wondered if I could ask you to assist me further. I'll be only too happy to reimburse you for whatever time and effort this research will require.

First of all, you mentioned finding the old John Couchman graveyard--and I sure am interested in obtaining any dates from stones which might be available. In some of the published cemetery records of Kentucky, I found several notations for Clark County, which included Nattie R. and Elizabeth Couchman, daughter & wife of Nathaniel D. Couchman (a son of John), both buried on the Zack Brown farm on the McClure Pike. (Nathaniel married Elizabeth Hays but it may have been recorded in Fayette Co.) However, I haven't found anything for John or the rest of his family.

I am enclosing a family record for Frederick Couchman and for some of his children--so you can see how far I've gotten with my research. Some of the data is just a "guess" though. And one point I did want to see if you could help with: Rebecca married an Amos Williams in 1815. I haven't been able to locate him on the census as Amos but I did find a John A. on the 1850 census with a wife Rebecca, both aged 60, which would be about right.

Also, Catharine married Absalom Best in 1820 but I haven't found him at all. But on the 1850 census I did find a Benjamin Turner age 56, merchant, with a wife Catharine age 44, children Elizabeth, Benjamin F. and Nathaniel L. plus Nathaniel Couchman age 32, clerk, living with them. I wonder if Catherine Best married Mr. Turner or if this is just a coincidence of names.

If you would be good enough (when you have any spare time, too) to look up marriage records for any of these folks listed on the family records at a period later than 1850, I surely would value the information.

A Mrs. Ora Clough over in Paris has been helping me locate data on the Couchman family living in Bourbon County. She has turned up quite a lot of good information for me, too. In one of her letters she mentioned a quote from a book you have written called "Old names and Landmarks of Clark, County, Kentucky". Would it be at all possible for me to obtain a copy of this book? The more I learn about Bourbon County, the more I wish to know--and your book

in need of marriage records for the next generation, if they remained in Clark County. You will see from my chart the ones I need. I can't really use the Federal Census records until I learn more marriage details.

If you have the time - or inclination - to help me on this endeavor, I sure will appreciate it. Just let me know - also whatever the charges run for your time and I'll get a check to you as soon as possible.

Hope you have been doing fine since last we corresponded! Am looking forward to working with you again. Recently I re-read your book and still find it fascinating. You did a superb job!

Sincerely
May Ann

16.2

Mary Ann Stubbs
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Sept. 21, 1978

Dear Tim Owen -

Several years ago you were kind enough to do some research for me on the Couchman family - you even made a trip or two out to see Mr. John Alec Couchman III who was quite elderly at the time. (I have wondered many times if he's still living.)

I wonder, too, if you would be willing to help me out again. Due to my job requirements over the past five years or so, I've been unable to do much genealogy work at all - also, my office moved from ^{within} a block ~~with~~ our state library to some eight miles away! Not until the past couple of months have I begun to pick up the threads again - and, indeed, now I hope to get my data in order and published within the next year.

Recently I typed up my notes into some semblance of order, altho' it's still in rough (or wash-order) form. I've taken the liberty of sending a copy of one section to you - the one concerning descendants of Frederick Couchman. You secured the names of his heirs and marriage records for them, how I'm

June 8, 1971

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16.4

Clerk of the Court
Clark County Courthouse
Winchester, Kentucky 40391

Dear Sir :

Would it be possible for me to obtain a certified copy of the will of Frederick Couchman (Couchman) who died after 1810 but before 1830. I am enclosing my check for \$2.50 to cover the cost of this service - should you have other probate records on this man or locate other wills for any other person with the Couchman name under any date, please advise me of the cost of obtaining the information and I will be happy to submit additional amounts.

I am also interested in marriage records for this family and would be glad to pay for such a search of your index.

Your help will be most highly valued.

Sincerely yours,
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August 20, 1972

Miss Kathryn Owen
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Dear Miss Owen:

I have been too busy during the past couple of months to devote any time to my genealogical research, but today I was going thru some of my notes and came across your letter of May 22nd. I know that you have been busy, too, but I thought I might just check to see if you had been able to contact any Couchman family members or descendants for any data on that line of people.

Summer is really the worst time for this type of correspondence, yet I can't deny a whopping lot of curiosity when it comes to tracing my family! So I thought I would let you know that I am still very interested in whatever information you might supply whenever you do get the time for such endeavors.

I have had a bit of luck from time to time by hearing from people all over the country who share little pieces of information. So gradually I am being able to put it all together. Anyway, when you are able to check on anything for me, I'll still appreciate it very much.

Meanwhile, I do hope you have had a very pleasant summer.

Best regards,

Mary Ann Stubbs

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2nd made 22 Mar 1831 bet Samuel M Taylor
of 1st and Frederick C., w m c. Rebecca Williams
Jessie Jewell, Capa or Capa Jewell, Frederick Sewell
and Benj Jewell the inf ch of Sally Jewell decd
late Sally Couch dau of Fred Couch decd, John C.
Mary Ann Prester, Elizabeth Couch jr, Maria Couch
Lucy Couch and Catherine ~~Couch~~ best ch & 8 ch
and hrs at law of Fred C.

Cont- 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ acrs.

Type & marriage

Miss Kathryn Owen
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Winchester, Ky.

July 14, 1971 14.5
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Dear Miss Owen -

Please excuse my long delay in writing my thanks for the data you sent on Frederick Couchman and his family. The abstract of the deed, the marriage records and the information in your letter were indeed appreciated and have been quite helpful to me.

I'm trying to put together a family history, tho' I'd have to admit that at the moment it's rather amateurish. I've only been at work on genealogy for a little over a year - so I've lots to learn. But it is a fascinating venture!

My office (I work for the state) is just across the street from the Texas State Library and Archives, where I've done all my reading to date. There is a fairly good section on Kentucky but not every county is completely covered. So I finally decided

to write directly for the data I needed. Had seen ^{16.6}
across the mention of Diederich Couchman in the
Shane Papers and elsewhere but there were no marriage
records for Clark County that I could find. At any
rate, Diederich is the brother of my ancestor who
lived in Bourbon County. His written them but
not received a reply to date. Do you know

if their county clerk will respond to a request
such as I made - and if not, do you know anyone
in Paris who might be willing to do some
research for me? For that matter, do you
ever go that distance to do research and would
you be willing to undertake a bit of work for me?

If so, might I ask your fee - and perhaps
we could work out an arrangement. His not
corresponded with anyone outside of county
clerk's before so don't exactly know the procedure.

I'd appreciate any help you may be able to give
me. If I need further data from Clark Co records
may I call on you again, too? Am not sure that I
do just now. Again my thanks - Sincerely,
Mary Ann Stubbs

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September 11, 1972

Miss Kathryn Owen
423 East Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky

Dear Miss Owen;

Please let me thank you most sincerely for both your letter of June 15th and the note of August 27th explaining the delay in mailing the first. Both arrived just before the Labor Day week-end. I must confess that the press of work at my office has prevented my writing before now to express how much I did appreciate all the information you sent and your efforts to secure same.

Your chat with Mr. John Alex Couchman and the contents of the family Bible have certainly assisted me in collecting his family group together. What a shame that I missed being able to contact Miss Annie. I can imagine that Mr. Alex is quite lost without his sister. Please do give him my condolences if you should ever speak with him again.

I was wanting to ask if you might have another talk with him, should it be convenient for you. (Does he live there in Winchester?) I have taken the data listed in the old Bible and put it into chart form. Some of the entries didn't have last names and I tried to group them according to marriage and birthdates. Am attaching my results and wondered if he might check it and see if I've gotten them fairly well together. Also, if he recalls any addresses (or even counties of residence) of the latter children so that I might contact them, too.

^{born Dec. 16, 1820}
The Ben Couchman that Mr. Alex referred to could certainly have been another son of John and Sally Couchman and would have been his uncle. On the 1850 census the children of John and Sally showed Nathaniel D. (born about 1819) and the next oldest Amanda (born about 1825). So it's quite possible that Ben was born between these two and was off somewhere when the census was taken of the rest of the family. (Or I could have missed him in scanning the microfilm, too.)

My interest was stirred in this Ben W. Couchman from another source. A friend in Frankfort recently sent me some data copies from a family Bible belonging to a Mr. George R. Cassell in Lexington. There's a notation that Benjamin W. Couchman and Susan Ann Ballsom were married 18-- and also one entry giving his birthdate as December 16th 1823. I did find this man listed on the 1860 Fayette County census--he was 37, no wife listed, a dry goods merchant with several clerks, one named W. C. Cassell, aged 19. I am unable to check Fayette County marriages at our State Library. There is one book ~~published~~ there but ends with 1851.

It's possible he married this Miss Ballsom, who is some way was related to the Cassell family, and perhaps she died between 1851 and 1860. After that he met Miss Calmes and they married and lived in Clark County. Have found them on the 1880 Clark County census with a niece Amanda, age 14, living in house with them. No other children listed--and probably they had none since there would have been teenagers at least by this time. (I haven't checked the 1820 census yet.)

I wondered if Mr. Alex knew anything more about this Ben Couchman and where he might have lived, etc. in 1850. However, it really isn't that important, I guess. I was just wondering how he fit into the scheme of things. I might be dealing with two different Ben's but the similiarity of birthdates leads me so suspect not.

Also in Fayette County is a John A. Couchman who married Margaret Hayes. I think he's the one who later married Ellen Frances Graves. I thought this John was Mr. Alex's father but the information you sent me proved it otherwise. Do you think Mr. Alex might know who this man was over in Fayette County? Or do you have any connections with people doing genealogical work in Lexington whom I might contact--or would you even consider checking this lead for me whenever you ~~are~~ might be going over there?

This second John A. Couchman had several children. I don't have his marriage to Margaret Hayes verified but know that William Hayes had a daughter Margaret the right age, and that he lived next to the Couchman's on the 1860 census. Have also found lengthy article on Macedonia ^{Christian} Church near Lexington which mentions the Hayes and Graves families and says there was a Robert and a Robert J. Couchman serving as deacons (in 1938), ^{the first} ~~one~~ being a grandson of William Hayes.

You offered to go to Montgomery County to secure information on Amous and Rebecca Williams: I would certainly appreciate anything you might do to help me learn more of this family. Also on another of old Frederick's daughters who married James Prather* She was living in Montgomery Co. in 1830 with several children. ^{Her name was MARIAN or MARY ANN (called Polly)}

If you should be going there for any other reason and have time to check whatever records are available, I should be most appreciative and will reimburse you for your trouble.

You inquired also about the Shane interview with John Craig. We have a microfilm copy of this in our Library. It's very difficult reading the writing but I did get a copy made of a couple of pages ~~on~~ pertaining to Mr. Craig's recollections of Patrick Donaldson and his children, and his widow's subsequent marriage to John Fleming. Have made a list of the children as he gives it in the interview.

I would very much love to have a copy of your book and am enclosing another check to cover it's cost. After I've read it, I plan to donate it to our State Library, if that's o.k. with you. We have a fairly good amount of material on Kentucky but nothing as adequate as we would like. They do order lots of material when the funds are available but are always encouraging donations, and I love to share my material when I can.

Once again, I do sincerely thank you for your gathering this material for me. And anything else you might turn up on the Couchman family will be most helpful. Should you be going over to Lexington, I might also ask you to contact Mr. Robert J. Couchman who is listed in the telephone book. I secured his address and wrote him about a month ago but have had no reply. It's possible that he's unable to write, of course, but I should love to be able to get some information from him.

Best regards & thanks -
Mary Anne

* He died before 1830. On 1830 Montgomery Co. census were listed:
1 Female 40-50 & 2 Females 10-15
1 male 5-10
2 " 10-15
2 " 15-20

I have a copy of James Prather's will. - John Craig was the administrator & leads to my further belief that Frederick Couchman married Elizabeth Donaldson.

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