

## Chapter 14

### HENRY TOWNSEND STORY

Henry Townsend (1866-1943), son of William Corporal (1844-1905) was an ordained circuit riding preacher. He was also a gifted story teller with a mixture of pathos and humor. He was born shortly after the Civil War. He grew up married and lived through the reconstruction period. Panic and near panic conditions existed around the turn of the century. Economic conditions were poor and living conditions were very bad. They seemed to always live on the "razor's edge" of poverty. Such was the setting for a story Henry told, in my presence, in the depression year of 1930. His story follows:

In late August, 1907, the year of our national panic, Henry returned home one evening around sundown from one of his extended preaching engagements to find his wife, Lizzie, near hysteria. She ran to the yard-gate to meet him and blurted out her fears and anxiety in a flood of tears. She moaned, "What are we going to do? There is no food...not a bite of bread-stuff in the house!" Henry was not an excitable man. As he sat there, still mounted on his horse, he surveyed the situation. They were miles from a store and it was after closing time. A field of ripe corn surrounded the house and inspiration came quickly. "This corn is hard enough to grit," he thought. As he jumped off his horse, he told his son, Willie Thomas, to unsaddle and feed him. While Lizzie gathered an arm full of bread corn, Henry found a piece of sheet metal and a few rusty nails. With one of them he punched holes in the metal and nailed it on a board for a gritter. In the meantime, darkness had settled in. He ran to the chimney corner, where he had stacked on end, some rich pine sticks, split to make torches. After lighting one of these for Willie Thomas to hold for a light, he began to grit in the kitchen doorway. He said, "While I was gritting, I glanced up over the kitchen stove where some rings of dried pumpkin hung from sticks stuck between the log walls. I couldn't keep tears from my eyes. It reminded me of my boyhood days."

As late as 1912, Henry and his family lived in a log house, rebuilt on the location of the James and Susan Townsend house that had burned at Townsend Cave.

## Chapter 15

### SUSAN ROBINSON

#### Tradition and Fact

It was well known that Susan "Sooky" Robinson Townsend was a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, born at the mouth of Timbigbee River in Alabama. In my mother's old notes and papers there was much evidence to support the claim of her place of birth. However, stenographic records taken in Muskogee Indian territory March 10, 1903 indicate she was the daughter of a full blooded Choctaw Indian mother and a Scottish father, making her one-half Indian. The Scottish blood was dominant in her offsprings with facial features, blue eyes, light brown hair and ruddy complexion continuing down through the fifth and sixth generations.

Her oldest daughter, Armina, had the mannerism and peculiar manner of speech of an Indian. Some of her descendants today speak with the guttural sounds and phrases described of her, by my mother and by my dad who remembered her well. They also have high cheek bones, black hair and eyes and were very expressive with face and hands when demonstrating a point while talking. Also Minerva's children had some of these characteristics, but it was believed that the latter children's traits were due to some Cherokee blood inherited from the Pucketts (sometimes spelled Puctet) which could indicate some French or Cajun ancestry. They had a very quaint and peculiar manner of speaking and sentence structure was mimicked and adopted by some of their cousins who lived nearby and associated with them daily. The Pucketts enjoyed a free and easy lifestyle and were always in harmony with nature. Their philosophy can best be summed up by this casual comment, "Ain't nature good?" He made the nights to sleep in and the days to rest in!"

They reckoned with the passing of time in such terms as, "So many moons ago or so many winters ago." Only the harsh winters were marked by numbers, the blissful summers were endless seasons of pleasure that stretched into eternity, that big happy hunting ground in the sky.

When I was a boy, Uncle Willie Puckett would come to our house early in the evening to spend all night. My older brother and I would sleep in the same room with him. He would entertain us with stories from his exciting experiences. He and his older brother, Wick, and Houston Townsend (son of bad Bill), would go on long trips, often walking most of the way. He told us of summers spent in Wisconsin's north woods, and of several trips to the Choctaw nation in Southeastern Mississippi, near the origin of Susan Robinson's mother. He told of living with Indians and their curiosity and interest in Kentucky and of a wilderness path through thicket and swamp which must have been the Natchez Trace. There is also a little town and community called Puckett which is located in the east central part of Mississippi. I have long had

the gut feeling that our line of Pucketts came from there. Uncle Willie's affidavit in Muskogee, Indian Territory, appears elsewhere in my story.

Susan was a strong courageous woman with the quiet gentleness of the Choctaw race and the thrift of her Scotch father. Her inborn and practical knowledge of wilderness survival made her a fitting wife and mother on Kentucky's raw frontier. James Townsend saw and recognized these qualities in her, when he chose her for his bride. Except for the reference to her parents by tradition and the claims made at Indian territory, little is known about Lewis and Nancy Robertson (Robinson). He was not as progressive as his brother, Jesse. It was possible that he and his wife, followed their people to the territory, and left their infant daughter with Jesse and Sarah (Sally) Robinson. Jesse signed their marriage application with James and bound himself as joint security for the sum of 50 pounds sterling in 1815. He was a keen business man and owned a lot of land, including 800 acres on upper Hardwick's Creek before moving to Boone County, Indiana in the early 1830's. He lived there until his death in 1846. Throughout his lifetime he and James remained close. James was power-of-attorney in the sale of Hardwick's Creek land in 1837. After Jesse died, James was administrator for his estate in Indiana, and James' son, Garrett signed his bond as security on March 17, 1852.

Jesse Robertson (Robinson) died in 1846, and his will was filed for probate in Boone County, Indiana on October 5, 1847 in Court Record Book A, and lists James Townsend and Susan, his wife, as heirs-at-law of the deceased. Their names appeared as follows, "His widow and seven children to wit: William Robertson, John Robertson, Susan Robertson who enter married with one James Townsend, Juliana, who enter married with one Joseph Swope, Malinda who enter married with one John Parks, Lucinda who enter married with one Ebenezer Swope and Ozias Robertson all over the age of 21 years.

This list of heirs would indicate that Susan was the daughter of Jesse, either by birth or adoption, and was his legal heir. I have no quarrel with her showing up as an heir, but tradition and sworn affidavits identify her as the daughter of Lewis and a Choctaw mother, named Nancy. I believe Lewis was an older brother of Jesse.

Revolutionary War records and pension records list Jesse as born in 1758 in Louisa County, VA, and reveal his distinguished record. Revolutionary War pension records reveal the following information from Lewis Robertson's (Robinson's) application: "North Carolina, S4153 born Cumberland (?), VA. He resided in Highland County, Ohio in 1812 when applying for pension). He fought in Tennessee and North Carolina and was living in Tennessee when called to service." At the time, Lewis Robertson (Robinson) lived in what he referred to as Tennessee. Tennessee was a territory at the time of the Revolutionary War and included

much of Alabama and other southern states. In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

The region along its southern border was held, alternately by the Spanish, French and British until the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and the Battle of New Orleans.

This would place him in the vicinity of Susan's traditional place of origin, near the mouth of Tombigbee river and the staging area for troops in the Mobile area for the Battle of New Orleans.

My story is based on tradition, the bits and scraps of information handed down through five generations of family members who were just as sane and reliable as we are today.

None of the early Robinsons could read or write, and, too, their old world Scottish accent made it difficult for the clerks and scribes of that early day to understand their names clearly. They had to rely on phonetic sound and Robinson oftentimes was spelled Robertson or Roberson. As a result of these multiple spellings it has been a slow, tedious process to sort out and place in proper order my earliest ancestors. I have tried to be correct, but with all the variables, time and the dimness of history, I know there will be mistakes. When you find one, patiently correct it, and please bear with me. This work is not for fame or glory but a history of our people to pass on to new and future generations. People and events in my story go back over two centuries, when thirteen colonies made up our country.

ATTACHMENTS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, James Townsend and Jesse Robinson, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the just and full sum of Fifty pounds to which payment will and truly be made to the Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, our heirs jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 24th day of January, 1815.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound James Townsend and Sookeey Robinson of the county. If therefore, there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Acknowledged in presence of

John H. Barnes  
John H. Barnes

his  
James X Townsend  
mark

his  
Jesse X Robinson  
mark

Estill County, Sct.

This bond was acknowledged by the obligators thereto, subscribed and committed to record.

John H. Barnes

State of Kentucky  
County of Estill

I, Maggie Wolfinbarger, Clerk of the County Court of the County and the state aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing Copy of Marriage is a true and correct copy as it appears of record in my office in Marriage Book B., Page 85.

Given under my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 1964.

Maggie Wolfinbarger, Clerk

By: Barbara Ann Flynn, D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: } ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of Lewis Robinson Highland County Ohio

Period when the services were rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field Officers under whom he served.	Age at the date, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Year.	Month.	Days.				
Vol. - Feb 1776	-	9	-	private	Capt Craig, Col Campbell	77 years	Traditionary evidence, with papers
Vol. - Oct 1777	-	6	-	private	Capt Brand,	78 years part of Tennessee then called the rich valley	Credible, no objection near to applicant papers correct
Vol. - May 1778	-	1	14	private	Capt Ashby, Colonel Campbell		
Vol. - Apr 1779	-	2	-	Captain	Capt Craig		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

The following information appears in "Boone County (Indiana) Magazine" in November, 1974:

#### JESSE ROBERTSON

Jesse Robertson, buried in Hopewell Cemetery, six miles north of Lebanon on State Road 47, was born near Richmond, Virginia, in 1758. Both he and his father, John, were Revolutionary War soldiers. The father was killed in the battle of Eutaw Springs, in South Carolina, on September 8, 1781.

In 1780, Jesse Robertson enlisted in Captain John Beason's Company to fight in the battles of Charleston, Camden, Bennington, and Saratoga. He crossed the Delaware with Washington and wintered at Valley Forge. He was at Yorktown when the British Army under Cornwallis surrendered. He served two enlistments, totaling ten and a half months, and was mustered out in 1781.

After the war, Robertson emigrated to Kentucky where he helped build a fort at Boonesboro. He came to Boone County in 1839, settling a mile south of Elizaville to be near his children, who had previously come to the county.

Jesse Robertson married Sally White in 1795. They were the parents of eight children: John, Julia, Ozias, Lucinda, Malenda, Bridget, Susannah, and William. Robertson died December 2, 1846.

The monument provided by Boone County and placed at Robertson's grave, was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, May 22, 1898, with a big crowd attending. There was singing by the Lebanon Glee Club. There was parading by military companies including the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, the sons of Veterans Zouaves, and Captain Brown and Loughrum's Volunteer Companies of Lebanon. The G.A.R. Posts of Thorntown, Jamestown, and Elizaville, also participated.

Joseph M. Swope, a grandson of Robertson, unveiled the monument. The address of dedication "American Patriotism," was delivered by Alva D. Swope, a great-grandson.

Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Muskogee, I. T. March 10, 1903

In the matter of the application of William Puctet for the identification of himself and his four minor children: Larry, Ivory, Iley and Leonard Puctet as Mississippi Choctaws.

M.S. Cobb, attorney for applicants

William Puctet being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q. What is your name? A. William Puctet  
 Q. What is your age? A. Forty-nine years old  
 Q. What is your post office address? A. Radical, Kentucky  
 Q. Have you always lived in Kentucky? A. Yes, sir  
 Q. How long in Radical? A. All my life  
 Q. Is your father living? A. No, sir  
 Q. Is your mother living? A. No, sir  
 Q. What is your father's name? A. William Puctet  
 Q. Your mother's name was what? A. Minerva  
 Q. Do you claim through your father or mother? A. My mother  
 Q. How much Choctaw blood do you claim? A. One-eighth  
 Q. Was your father one-fourth Choctaw-or your mother I mean?  
 A. I reckon so, yes, sir  
 Q. Has she ever been recognized or enrolled as a Choctaw Indian  
 by the Choctaw tribal authorities or the United States  
 authorities in Indian Territory? A. No, sir  
 Q. Are you married? A. Yes, sir  
 Q. Is your wife living? A. Yes, sir  
 Q. What is her race? A. white  
 Q. Do you make any claim for her? A. No, sir  
 Q. What is her name? A. Nettie  
 Q. What is the name of your oldest child under age and unmarried  
 A. Larry  
 Q. How old is Larry? A. Eight years old  
 Q. The next? A. Ivory, girl  
 Q. How old is she? A. Six  
 Q. The next? A. Iley  
 Q. Boy? A. Girl  
 Q. How old is Iley? A. Four years old  
 Q. What is the name of the next? A. Leonard  
 Q. How old is Leonard? A. Two years old  
 Q. Is your wife the mother of these children? A. Yes, sir  
 Q. Are you and she living together as husband and wife and are  
 these children living with you? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q. When were you married to her and where? A. Powell Co., Ky.  
 Q. Do you remember the day of the month and year? A. No  
 Q. Were you married by a minister under a license? A. Yes, sir  
 Q. Is your name or the names of any of your children on any of  
 the tribal rolls of the Choctaw Indian Territory? A. No, sir

- Q. Have you ever made application for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation to the Choctaw tribal authorities for yourself and children? A. No, sir
- Q. Have you ever made any such application to the Dawes Commission under the act of Congress of June 10, 1896? A. No, sir
- Q. Do you come before the Commission now to identify yourself and your children as Mississippi Choctaw? A. Yes, sir
- Q. Do you claim under article fourteen of the treaty of 1830? A. Yes, sir
- Q. Do you understand that article well enough to claim under it?

In 1830 seventy-three years ago a treaty was made between the United States government and the Choctaw Indians. A treaty is a contract in writing made between nations, the same as a contract only made between nations. This treaty was made at a place in Mississippi called Dancing Rabbit Creek, and the object of this treaty on the part of the government was to get the consent on the Indians to go to the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory. Now they all wouldn't go and no provision had been made in that treaty for those Indians who wanted to stay back in the old Choctaw Nation so article fourteen was put into that treaty. Now, you claim from a Mississippi Choctaw Indian, one of those Indians who stayed back there after the treaty was made, if so then provision was made for your Choctaw ancestors in that treaty, now that ancestor had to do these things. I will quote the article and you can see:

"Each Choctaw head of a family being desirous to remain and become a citizen of the states shall be permitted to do so by signifying his intention to the agent within six months from the ratification of this treaty and he or she, shall thereupon be entitled to a reservation of one section of six-hundred and forty acres of land to be bounded by sectional lines of survey; in like manner shall be entitled to one-half that quantity for each unmarried child which is living with him over ten years of age and a quarter section to such child as may be under ten years of age to adjoin the location of the parent; if they reside upon said lands intending to become citizens of the states for five years after the ratification of this treaty in that case a grant in fee simple shall issue; said reservation shall include the present improvement of the head of the family or a portion of it; persons who claim under this article shall not lose the privilege of a Choctaw citizen but if they ever remove are not to be entitled to any portion of the Choctaw annuity."

- Q. Do you know if any of your Choctaw ancestors complied or attempted to comply with any of the provisions of that article? Do you know whether your ancestors complied with that article or not? A. No, sir

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- Q. What is the name of your Choctaw ancestor or ancestors? A. Lewis Robinson, and wife
- Q. What was his wife's name? A. I have been told her name was Nancy
- Q. Well now, did Lewis Robinson have any Choctaw blood? A. No, sir
- Q. Did his wife? A. Yes, sir

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- Q. How much? A. Full blood
- Q. What relation was Nancy to you? A. Great-grandmother
- Q. You claim through your mother Minerva Puctet? and she claims through her father or mother? A. Mother
- Q. What was her name? A. Susan
- Q. And her mother's name was what? A. Nancy
- Q. And her father's? A. Lewis
- Q. Did your great grandparents live in Mississippi in 1830? A. They lived in Mississippi somewhere, but I don't know where
- Q. Did they live there in 1830 and were they married then? A. I don't know
- Q. Did either of them, or both go to the United States Indian Agent within six months after the ratification of the treaty and attempt to register under article fourteen? A. I don't know
- Q. Did any of your Choctaw ancestors live on land in that old Choctaw Nation either in Mississippi or Alabama for five years and then get a patent or deed to the land under article fourteen of the treaty of 1830? A. I don't know
- Q. Did any of your Choctaw ancestors at any time between the ratification and the date of this application made by you today go from that old Choctaw Nation to the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory? A. Not that I know of
- Q. Did any go between the years 1833 and 1838 at the expense of the government? A. No, sir
- Q. Did any of them own any improvements on land in the old Choctaw Nation in 1830? A. I don't know
- Q. Did any of them own any improvements on land in the old Choctaw Nation in 1830? A. I don't know
- Q. Did any of your Choctaw ancestors go before a commission in 1837? or a commission in 1842 and claim any benefits under article 14 to this treaty of 1830? A. I don't know

These commissions were appointed one by an act of Congress approved March 3, 1837 and the other by an act approved August 23, 1842 to hear complaints of Choctaw Indian register, but who were prevented from registering by Ward, and because they were not allowed to register they had their lands taken from them and sold.

- Q. Do you understand or speak the Choctaw language? A. No, sir

Q. Did your ancestors, any of them, get any scrip from the government? A. No, sir

This scrip was issued under an act of Congress approved August 23, 1842.

Q. Are you related to Mary Davis? A. Yes, sir

Q. What relation? A. She is my niece

Q. She has been before the Commission hasn't she? A. Yes, sir

Q. Do you want to have your case considered with hers?

M.C.H. 6891 Mary Davis is here referred to for the purpose of consolidation.

This applicant will be allowed thirty days time from the date hereof within which to introduce either proof in support of this case.

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Q. Is there anything more you want to say? A. No, sir

This applicant has the physical characteristics and appearance of being descended from white parentage, very dark hair, medium black mustache, reddish brown eyes, brown, medium dark complexion has no knowledge of the Choctaw language.

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Chas. Diffendaffer, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the preceding had in the above entitled cause, taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 10, 1903, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of April, 1903.

Chas. Diffendaffer,  
Notary Public

## GENEALOGY

### ROBINSON (ROBERTSON)

JOHN ROBINSON-born 1725, died 1781. Lived in Louisa Co., VA. Killed in battle of Eutaw Springs, S.C. in Revolutionary War.

- LEWIS-born 1756, Cumberland Co., VA, Field for pension 6-7-1832, Highland Co., Ohio, married NANCY (Choctaw Indian)
  - SUSAN adopted by JESSEE (see page 51, wife of JAMES)
- JESSE ROBINSON (ROBERTSON)-born in 1758 and died in 1846 in Boone County, Indiana. Married SARAH SALLY WHITE on 1-3-1794 in Clark County, Kentucky, daughter of JOHN WHITE. Drafted into service in 1780 in Louisa County, Virginia and served 6 months. Discharged at Hillsboro, N.C. Returned as a volunteer and served until Cornwallis surrendered and this time discharged at York. Served a total of 10-1/2 months. Moved to Kentucky in Fall of 1783.
  - SUSAN (adopted)-born 1797; died 10-6-1862. Married JAMES TOWNSEND on 1-24-1815. Killed at Townsend Cave. Had 9 children.
  - JULIA ANN-Born 7-27-1801; died 1884, married JOSEPH SWOPE.
  - JOHN F.-born 1806
  - OZIAS-born 1808; died 1882, in 1827 married MARGARET DICKSON-born 7-1-1809
  - LUCINDA-born 1810; died 3-30-1893, married EBENEZER SWOPE.
  - MALINDA JANE-born 1812, married JOHN PARK
  - WILLIAM-born 1816; died 1848. Left 8 children under 21 years of age:
    - JULIA
    - JOHN F. Drowned in canal of Wabash River in 1850
    - JESSE B.
    - SUSAN
    - GEORGE W.
    - MARY ELLEN
    - ROBERT W.
    - FRANCIS
  - BRIDGET-no information available.
- WILLIAM

### TOWNSEND

JAMES TOWNSEND-died 12-1794, married Rhoda, his brothers were Oswald and JOSHUA who were believed to be residents of Boonesborough.

- RHODA
- GARRETT married ELIZABETH HALL
  - ELCANNAH
  - WILLIAM (half brother)
  - JAMES (see page 51)
- THOMAS

THOMAS TOWNSEND-born 1760. Came to Kentucky in 1782. Believed to have come from North Carolina with Daniel Boone. Also, believed to be the THOMAS TOWNSEND listed as a resident of Boonesborough. In 1783 made a trip to the South Fork of the Kentucky River with

Colonel Estill and Captain Hackett apparently as a militiaman. Gave this information in a deposition in a land grant dispute in October, 1818 in Richmond, Kentucky.

Children of THOMAS (no information available on wife):

- JOHN L.-born 1798; married BETSY-born 1905
  - ARMILDA-born 1835
  - ELIZABETH-born 1837
  - JOHN-born 1849
  - AMBROSE-born 1850
- JOSHUA (no information available)
- CINDERELLA married a HUFF
- NANCY married a WILSON
- PATSY married WILLIAM HICKS

He was living at Station Camp in September, 1836. This information came from records of land sold to a Turner Parks for \$850.00 by THOMAS TOWNSEND.

#### TOWNSEND

GARRETT (GERRETT) TOWNSEND-born 1758, came to Kentucky in 1775 along with his brother THOMAS. It is believed they came from North Carolina with Daniel Boone. Early records indicate that a THOMAS, GERRETT and an OSWALD TOWNSEND lived at Boonesborough. Early Kentucky census records show a GARRETT TOWNSEND lived at Station Camp Creek. This was in Madison County, which later became part of Estill County. In 1783, he made a trip to the south fork of the Kentucky River (Beattyville) with Colonel Estill and Captain Hackett as militiamen. Testified in a land grant dispute in 1818 in Richmond, Kentucky. Son of James (died Dec. 1794) and Rhoda. His sister was also named Rhoda.

Children of GARRETT and ELIZABETH HALL:

- WILLIAM-born 1785, nickname was "Duly", half brother to JAMES and ELCANNAH, married ELIZABETH EATON on 3-11-1812.
- JAMES-born 2-16-1790, died 10-6-1862, married SUSAN ROBINSON
- ELCANNAH "Cain"-born 1792 (?)

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WILLIAM "DULY" TOWNSEND-born 1785, married ELIZABETH EATON on 3-11-1812 by Captain Billy Bush of Boonesborough.

Children of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH:

- MARY (POLLY)-born 7-10-1813, married JOHN PEYTON ROGERS on 2-13-1835, they had 8 children
  - WILLIAM PATTON
- FANNY-born 1815 (?), on 12-30-1835 married JACOB LARRISON
- WILLIAM (JR)-born 1827 (Missouri Bill) married MARGARET
  - MARY-born 1861 married Reverend JACKSON ADAMS
  - MARTHA-born 1863
  - HIRAM-born 1864

- LOUNA-born 1866
- LIZA ELLEN-born 1868
- JOHN W.-born 1869
- SARAH-born 1871 married RANT ADAMS  
(The first five were born in Missouri and the last two were born in Kentucky)
- JAMES-born 1821, on July 6, 1841 married EMILY HALL-born 1824
  - SALLY ANN-born 1842
  - ARTHUR-born 1844
  - ELIZABETH-born 1845
  - WILLIAM-born 1847
  - JAMES-born 1847

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ELCANNAH "CAIN" TOWNSEND-born 1792, brother of JAMES and a half brother to WILLIAM "DULY" TOWNSEND

#### Children of ELCANNAH:

- MARTHA-born 1817, married Lewellyn Bush
- KITTY CATHERINE-born 1-1-1818, married WILLIAM HARRISON MEADOWS
- ELI-born 3-13-1824, married LUCINDA NOLAN 9-21-1848 and died 4-17-1902
  - DAVID DANIEL-born 1851, married LURILDA POWELL 1-19-1876
    - ALICE BETTY-born 9-19-1877, died 12-31-1951, on 12-18-1895 married GEORGE REED.
      - PARIS
      - MINNIE
      - CECIL
      - HIRAM
      - NETTIE
      - EDNA
      - MARY
      - JAMES
  - WILLIAM-born 1853, on 1-14-1875 married MARGARET BRISCOE
  - JOSEPH HIRAM-born 1855 married PERMELIA JANE JAMES from Tennessee
    - W.E. "Willy Mealy" born 1885, married MAGGIE HALL, daughter of ARTHUR and LIZZIE ROGERS HALL
    - MAGGIE-born 1887, on 12-24-1903 married GEORGE MEADOWS, son of JACOB and SARAH MEADOWS
  - SARAH ELIZABETH-born 1859, on 1-14-1886 married JOHN JOHNSONS
    - JAMES ROMALUS-born 1864, on 2-15-1884 married LAURA JOHNSON
  - STEPHEN A.D.
  - JOHN SYLVESTER "VES"-born 1867, in 1889 married MELVINA HALL (1st wife)-born in 1862 and was the daughter of JOHN WES and MARY ALICE NEAL HALL
    - JAMES WES
    - FRANCES M.
    - MARY ANN
    - SARAH M.

- EMMA LOU
- Married MEALIE \_\_\_\_ (?), second wife--no children, on 7-16-1896 married MANDY STEWART, daughter of MARTIN and LIZA JANE HALL
- ELZA
- SHERMAN
- VERLON
- ILA MAE
- ROBERT

#### TOWNSEND

JAMES, son of GARRETT and brother of ELCANNAH and 1/2 brother of WILLIAM, born 2-6-1790, died 10-6-1862, on 1-24-1815 married SUSAN ROBINSON (ROBERTSON)-born 6-17-1797, died 10-6-1862. Susan and James were killed by Guerillas at Townsend Cave.

#### Children of JAMES and SUSAN:

- REUBEN-born 1-16-1816, died 11-18-1863 in Nashville Tenn. married KEZIAH HALL-born 7-28-1811, died 11-20-1869, buried at Mt. Chapel
  - JULIA-born 12-3-1839 (never married)
  - REUBEN, JR-born 10-25-1845, on 11-28-1866, married MILLY ANN HALL-born 2-19-1843 and died 2-5-1911, buried at Mt. Chapel
    - MELVIN-born 9-26-1868, died 3-25-1913
    - WEEDEN-born 9-1-1869, died 10-25-1874
    - LOU ELLEN-born 1871
    - LEWIS SIDNEY-born 1875
    - GEORGEANN-born 1878
  - SUSAN-born 1847; died 1880, on 7-15-1853 married WILLIAM WESLEY HORN
    - EMELINE HORN
    - JOHN HORN
    - WILLIAM HORN
    - NANCY HORN married JOSEPH McQUEEN
    - LOUISA HORN
    - SIDNEY HORN
    - WATSON HORN
  - JAMES-born 1850, on 5-2-1872 married ERNESTINE ABNEY-born @ 1852
    - LOUIS-born 3-20-1876, married POLLY GROSS
    - CLEM-born 9-9-1887, died 6-3-1958, married (1st) ARY STAMPER, (2nd) SPICY SPIVEY, (3rd) VERGIE STARNs and (4th) DEE CRAWFORD
    - MATTIE-married ALFRED "AL" BAILEY
- GARRETT-born 5-24-1817; died 2-25-1903, on 2-11-1843 married SARAH ANN CARPENTER-born 4-13-1827; died 6-4-1894
  - WILLIAM CORPORAL-born 6-26-1844, died 8-2-1905, married -(1st) NANCY WISEMAN
    - HENRY married LIZZIE BERRY
    - ELVIRA
    - THOMAS



Photo taken at Ridgewood, Kentucky, circa 1923. From left to right: Hazel Wells McGlaughlin, Frances Townsend (born-1848 died-1924) and Ruby Wells Davis.

A prisoner by the name of Jackson Fugate escaped from the State Prison. The Governor issued a "Dead or Alive" Reward of \$100.00 for his capture. On August 18, 1875, Frances and his brother, Wm. C. Townsend, delivered him, tied across a saddle, to the Lee County Jailor and collected the reward.



Armina Townsend at her Home near Cathedral Domain. (Born-1819 died-1914) Buried in Rogers Cemetery, Lee County, Ky.

- GARRETT
- MARY
- HEROD
- (2nd) BARBARA WHISMAN
  - OSCAR
  - STELLA
  - NELLIE
- JAMES L.-born 1-25-1846, died 11-20-1870, Buried above Townsend Cave
- FRANCIS MORTON-born 2-23-1848, died 11-21-1924, married JANE AKERS
  - ROBERT Y.-born 1885
  - RUFUS B.-born 1887, married \_\_\_\_\_ GILBERT
- SARAH JANE TURNER (2nd)-on 3-9-1893 married
  - MILLIE C.-born 1889
- NEWTON-born 5-24-1850, died 2-18-1918, married ADELAIDE BUSH-born 5-20-1851, died 5-19-1911, ADELAIDE had a twin brother-JEFF BUSH
  - ALLEN-married SARAH ADAMS
  - FIELDEN-married ROSIE MALONEY
  - GARRETT-married LEANNA NAPIER
  - MARY-married JAMES LANTERN
  - JESSIE-married ALBA VANDERPOOL
  - MARY-married REEDER FORSHEE
  - WARD-married HETTIE MONTGOMERY
  - LEWIS-married ALICE CARROLL
  - LENNIE-married HARRY FISHER
  - THOMAS JEFFERSON-married MILDRED \_\_\_\_\_
  - GEORGE
- SIDNEY M. (SHUG)-born 9-19-1852, died 10-11-1929, on 5-22-1877 married DOROTHY BAKER-born 2-5-1857; died 10-23-1938
  - MARY E.-born 1878, married LILBURN MALONEY
  - CLAYTON M.-born 1880; died 1913
  - EDNA ANN-born 1882; married WILLIAM L. BUSH, JR.
  - CLAUDE E.-born 1885, married CHLOE SMITH
  - CLARENCE A.-born 1888, married LINA PRATER
    - CLYDE-born 7-15-1891, married LULA GARRISON, had 3 children
    - CHLOE RALL-no children
    - ALLIE-born 6-27-1899, married VERNON CHRISTOPHER
- MELVINA (AUNT SIS)-born 3-5-1857, died 9-1-1896, married FIELDEN BUSH-born 10-15-1850, died 9-2-1905, brother to ADELAIDE
  - ELDEN-died in infancy
  - LULA-married BURKE CHESTER (had 10 children)
  - DORA-died young and single
  - JACKSON-married HETTIE MONTGOMERY\*
  - CHARLIE-died single in 1904
  - ALICE-married WALTER WILSON
  - LAURA-married DELL SPENCER
  - GEORGE-died single

\*See WARD under children of NEWTON

- GEORGE WASHINGTON-born 1-27-1860, died 12-11-1938, married SUSAN CATHERINE MEADOWS-born 1867, died 1940, daughter of JAMES FRANKLIN MEADOWS, and married SARAH ANN ROGERS (2nd
  - JAMES ORVILLE, died single
  - JOSEPH FRANKLIN
  - VIOLA MAE
  - MARY ALICE, died single
  - SALLY ARMINA
  - LAURA INEZ, married \_\_\_\_\_ GILBERT
- LOUIS-born 2-13-1854, died 1940, married DORA DAVIS
  - LEE ALLIE
  - BEULAH
  - ALLIE
  - (son)
  - (son)
- NICHOLAS-born 3-9-1863, died 1935, married LENNIE BERRY
  - BESSIE-married SOLOMON WELLS
  - JOHN
  - NETTIE
  - MORRIS J.-born 3-10-1898, died 1899
  - MAUDE ELLEN
- MARY ALICE-born 4-28-1866, died 9-24-1900, married SANTFORD (SANT) HALL
  - CLAYTON
  - CHARLIE
  - HERMAN
  - HATTIE
  - GEORGIANNA
  - COLEMAN
- THOMAS SHELTON-born 4-24-1869, died 10-29-1917, on 1-31-1889 married LOU ELLEN TOWNSEND-born 1872, daughter of REUBEN TOWNSEND, JR.
  - EFFIE-married TOM SPENCER
  - RUDELL-born 1892, married WEDA DANIELS (no children)
  - MINNIE-married LARRY PUCKETT
    - ALLENE (daughter)
  - ZANNIE-born 1896, married BEADIE HALL
  - ROY-born 3-26-1900; died 10-27-1918 single, fell and broke his neck
  - ROSCOE-died single
  - RANSOM-born 1905, died single
  - THOMAS SHELTON, JR.-died single (twin)
  - SHEL T "BUG" (twin)-married CATHERINE DANIELS
- ARMINA-born 1819, died 1914, buried Rogers Cemetery, Lee Co.
  - PAULINA KELLY-born 1844, died 1913
    - LILLIE GAY-born 1867
    - FANNY B.-born 1871
    - WILLIAM RILEY-born 1875
    - GEORGE H.-born 1878
    - JOSEPHINE (JOSIE)-born 1881, married SAM MAYS
      - DAN MAYS
  - MARY TOWNSEND-born 1852
  - SARAH TOWNSEND-born 1854
  - SUSAN TOWNSEND-born 1855

- JAMES TOWNSEND-born 1877
  - COURTNEY married NONA COT
  - SARAH TOWNSEND-born 1879
- JAMES, JR.-born 1821, died \_\_\_\_\_, on 6-6-1841 married EMILY HALL, daughter of SARAH HALL
  - SALLY ANN-born 1842, married ISAAC ROGERS
    - ISAAC
    - EMILY
    - WILLIAM
    - JAMES
    - HIRAM
    - GREEN
    - ANCIL
    - BERT
    - DOC
    - ALBERT
    - ALGAIN
  - ARTHUR-born 1844
  - ELIZABETH-born 1845, married MOSES M. JOHNSON (Co. 1 47 Ky Inf Vol-Union)
    - ARMINA-born 1867, married WILLIAM BLYTHE
    - CELIA ANNIE-born 1867, married WILLIAM BLYTHE
    - ROSE ETLIE-born 1871, married (1) FRED WATSON and had 5 children; (2) ALBERT HALL and had 2 children; and (3) GEORGE ROGERS and had 2 children
    - GEORGE W.-born 1874, married MARGARET ROGERS
    - LAURA LEE-born 1870, married ELIHER ROGERS
    - LETCHER-born 1887, died 1904
    - MARY LIZ-married JOHN FRAZIER
    - DICK
    - NAN
  - WILLIAM-born 1847
  - JAMES W.-born 1850, married MARGARET \_\_\_\_\_
  - CELINA-born 1853
  - EMILY-born 1855
  - MARY ELIZABETH-born 1857
  - NANCY-born 1859, fell from cliff and died
  - MARVILDA-born 1860, married M.V. (VAL) CRAWFORD
  - FIDELIA-born 1861, married THOMAS FLINCHUM
  - MARSHALL-born 1867, married SARAH "SIS" ADAMS
    - NEWTON
    - ALLEN
    - P.G.
  - ELZA-born 1869
- MINERVA-born 1825, married WILLIAM PUCKETT-born 1823
  - ACHILLES-born 1845
  - BLUFORD-born 1847-died in Civil War
  - SARAH-born 1849, died 1899, married WILLIAM L. BUSH, SR. and had 12 children
  - ARMANDA-born 1851, died 1896, married JOHN BUSH
  - WILLIS (WICK)-born 1855
  - TULEY A. (?) -born 1957,
  - WILLIAM, JR.-born 1859, married NETTIE BAKER
  - FIELDEN-born 1861

- BELLE-born 1863
- ROBERT-born 1831, died 1861, killed in Civil War, on 1-3-1861 married ELIZABETH KNOX-born 1833, Madison Co. Ky.
  - ROBERTA OLIVINE-born 1861, married DILLARD MARTIN
- EDITH-born 1833, died 1851, single (Indian burial at Townsend Cave),
- NANCY-born 1835, died 1900 of burns in Fire at Radical, Kentucky, married HARRISON MEADOWS
- WILLIAM B. (BAD BILL)-born 1837, died in Deer Park, Washington, married LUDISA (1840)
  - HUSTON-born 1861
  - LAURA-born 1868
  - LOURETTA-born 1870

#### TOWNSEND

REUBEN-born 1-16-1816; died 11-18-1862. He was buried 11-19-1862 in City Cemetery, Plot #1319, Nashville, TN. He was in the Union Army, Rank-Private, Company K, 8th Regiment, Ky. Infantry. He died in Hospital #7. He enrolled in the army 10-19-1861. He was mustered in 1-15-1862 in Lebanon, Ky. Reuben married KESIAH HALL-born 7-28-1811 and died 11-20-1869. KESIAH is buried at Mt. Chapel, Powell Co., Ky.

- JULIA A.-born 12-3-1839 and never married
- JAMES-born 10-14-1842
- REUBEN, JR.-born 10-25-1844; died 10-1927, on 11-28-1866 married MILLY ANN HALL-born 7-28-1811, died 11-20-1869, MILLY ANN'S parents were THOMAS M. HALL-born 11-1810 in TN and MALINDA HOWELL. Her brothers and sisters were: PERRY HALL-born 10-10-1849, SIMPSON HALL, ALLEN HALL, LUCY HALL JOHNSON, MARTHA PATSY HALL WELLS, CAROLINE HALL MULLINS, ANDREW J. HALL, MAHALIA JANE HALL EDWARDS, SIDNEY HALL, SANTFORD HALL, GEORGE WASHINGTON HALL.
  - MELVIN-born 9-26-1867 and died 3-25-1913 (He died from a mad dog bite), married LUDICIE HALL
    - ANDREW-born 1899, on 4-5-1917 married INEZ MAYSE
    - ROSCOE married MYRTLE WISE
    - RUSSELL-born 11-7-1905, died 8-26-1973 married NETTIE TOWNSEND
  - WEEDEN-born 9-1-1869, on 10-25-1874 married LUCINDA J. YEARY-died 10-25-1874, daughter of DANIEL & HULDA POWELL YEARY
    - LEMON married RUBY BUSH
      - DONALD
      - SHIRLEY
      - HAROLD (Middletown, Ohio)
    - HOWARD married MAE BARRETT and (2nd) ANN CLARK (Trenton, Michigan)
      - SHIRLEY
      - DARLENE
      - HOWARD, JR
    - REX-born 1897, died 1966, married MILA WILLIS, daughter of JESSE & NANNIE GROSS WILLIS

- IRVIN
- ELSIE, Winchester
- REUBEN married SUDIE MUNCIE, Clay City
  - MARCELLA
  - ELDORA
  - BETTY
  - LAWRENCE
- SHERMAN-born 1901 married MARY SMITH, and CECELIA WATERS
  - CINDY
  - SHERDON
- married CLEVELAND WILLIS (2nd wife)
  - GOLDEN married FLOYD CLEMONS and (2nd) \_\_\_\_\_ POTTS
    - RUTH
    - HELEN
    - KENNETH
    - BERNARD
    - ELBERT
    - MARVIN, married ALBERT POTTS, no children
  - VOLNEY "SHUG" married LURLENE BURKHEART
    - LARRY
    - JANIE
- married PEARL WILLIAMS
  - LINDA
- GLADYS married WILLIAM CLEMONS (cousin to FLOYD CLEMONS)
  - JERRY
- married OSCAR OLER
  - CLYDE married RUTH PATTON (no children)
  - VIOLET married WILLIAM MARCUM
    - SANDRA
- married EDGAR REESE
  - NATHAN
  - GLENDA
  - NICKY
  - JENNIFER
  - CHARLIE
  - KAREN
- IOLET married HARRY CRABTREE
  - HARRY, JR.
  - DONNA JO
  - DIANE
- LOUELLEN-born 12-16-1871; died 3-28-1961. She married SHELTON TOWNSEND-born 4-24-1869; died 10-28-1917, buried at Ridgewood
  - EFFIE married TOM SPENCER
  - RUDELL married WEDA DANIELS
  - MINNIE married LARRY PUCKETT
    - ALLENE
  - ZANNIE married BEADIE HALL
  - ROY-born 3-26-1900; died 10-27-1918 and buried at Ridgewood
  - ROSCOE buried at Ridgewood