

Chapter Five

GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN

10.3 GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN was the 3rd child of **GEORGE TARVIN (IV)** and the 2nd child of his second marriage to **RACHEL RHODES**. He was born in Fleming Co., Kentucky, on 12 June 1813, and was a twin of **BEACHEM TARVIN**.

On 3 November 1828, shortly after his father's death, he and his brothers and sisters, who were all named as heirs of **GEORGE TARVIN**, deceased, bought 6 1/2 acres of land situated on the waters of Fleming Creek in Fleming Co., Kentucky, from Aquilla and Mary Sampson.

At age 22, **GEORGE** married his first wife, **MARTHA JANE MITCHELL** on 10 December 1835. They had 5 children. No record of the place of the marriage has been located, but they were [probably] married in Ohio or Kentucky as their first two children were born in Adams Co., Ohio.

MARTHA JANE MITCHELL was born in Ohio on 16 November 1811 and died on 23 May 1843 in Vigo Co., Indiana, three days after the birth of her fifth child. She was [probably] buried in the Webster Cemetery, but no official record of her death or place of burial have been found.

Ref. Personal Record Book of **GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN**.

GEORGE, **MARTHA** and their first two daughters moved from Adams Co., Ohio, to Putnam Co., then to Vigo Co., Indiana between April 1838 and January 1840. He and his family appear in the 1840 Vigo Co., Indiana census. On 27 May 1841, **GEORGE** purchased 40 acres of farm land in Vigo Co., Indiana.

10.3.4 JACOB M. C. TARVIN was the 4th child of **GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN** and **MARTHA JANE MITCHELL**. **JACOB** was born at Vigo Co., Indiana on 9 October 1841 and died at Vigo Co., Indiana 18 May 1842 at the age of 7 months. **JACOB** is [probably] buried in the Webster Cemetery. The only known record of his life is in **GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN'S** Personal Record Book.

GEORGE W. TARVIN married his second wife **AMELIA JANE BOWLES** on 2 April 1846 at Vigo Co., Indiana. They had 7 children.

AMELIA JANE BOWLES was born in Virginia on 12 February 1827, the 1st child of **MARTIN BOWLES** and **JEMIMA HARPOLD**. **AMELIA JANE TARVIN** died on 16 March 1900 in Barry Co., Missouri, and is buried at Muncie Chapel Cemetery, near Wheaton, Missouri.

Ref. Personal Record Book of **GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN**.

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Death Record, Tombstone, Obituary, Family Records.

Children of GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN and MARTHA JANE MITCHELL.

- 10.3.1 RACHEL TARVIN
- 10.3.2 MARY LOUISA TARVIN
- 10.3.3 ANNARY B. TARVIN
- 10.3.4 JACOB M. C. TARVIN
- 10.3.5 ANDREW MITCHELL TARVIN

Children of GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN and AMELIA JANE BOWLES.

- 10.3.6 CORNELIUS H. TARVIN
- 10.3.7 MARTIN B. TARVIN
- 10.3.8 GEORGE WESLEY TARVIN
- 10.3.9 BARBARA ELLEN TARVIN
- 10.3.10 RANDAL D. TARVIN
- 10.3.11 ELISHA COWGILL TARVIN
- 10.3.12 SARAH C. TARVIN

In June 1852, GEORGE W. TARVIN traveled to Fleming Co., Kentucky to represent himself and some of his brothers and sisters in the sale of property which they had purchased on 3 November 1828. GEORGE W. TARVIN, GEORGE W. HARPOLD, ANNA HARPOLD, ELISHA C. TARVIN, and BARBARA TARVIN sold to John E. McConkle for the sum of \$35.00, 6 1/2 acres situated on the waters of Fleming Creek and being the same as described in the deed from Aquilla and Mary Sampson and listed as grantees, all heirs of GEORGE TARVIN, dec. dated 3 November 1828 and recorded in Deed Book P, p. 20, Fleming Co., Kentucky. JOHN C. TARVIN was specifically excepted as not bound by this indenture. GEORGE W. TARVIN signed for all grantors listed above as their agent/attorney. URIAH TARVIN, deceased, BEACHEM TARVIN [probably] deceased, or their heirs, SARAH C. TARVIN, and NANCY C. TARVIN who were both alive at that time were not listed in this indenture.

On an 1858 Plat map of Nevins Twp., Vigo Co., Indiana, GEORGE W. TARVIN is shown as the owner of 40 acres in Section 20, which he had purchased on 27 May 1841, plus an adjacent 120 acres. It also shows that he owned 160 acres about 1 1/2 miles away in Section 18. According to OSIE TARVIN GIBSON, granddaughter of GEORGE W. TARVIN, her father, RANDAL D. TARVIN, was born and lived on a farm on Otter Creek, near what is now the town of Fontanet, Indiana. Although Otter Creek flows through both pieces of property, the evidence shows that the Tarvin family lived on the original 40 acres in Section 20. The 1850, 1860, and 1870 U. S. Censuses list the GEORGE TARVIN family in Nevins Twp., Vigo Co., Indiana.

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On 11 August 1871, GEORGE W. and AMELIA JANE TARVIN sold their property in Vigo Co., Indiana, 194 3/4 acres to Henry Bemis for \$4400. On 16 September 1871, GEORGE W. TARVIN left Vigo Co., Indiana by wagon, going to Springfield Missouri. According to a grand-daughter of GEORGE W. TARVIN, EMILY ELIZABETH TARVIN, "On September 16, 1871, GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN and his second wife started out in covered wagons to move to Missouri. It took them nearly 2 weeks to drive through. My little sister (OLLIE MAY) died the same day they left here. I was 3 years and 7 months and I can remember her well."

Traveling with him were his wife AMELIA, and children GEORGE WESLEY, RANDAL D., ELISHA C., SARAH C. and his daughter, BARBARA ELLEN, her husband CHRISTOPHER C. COMPTON and their son HARVEY MELVIN COMPTON, who was sixteen months old. It is possible that his son MARTIN B. may also have accompanied them. The route they traveled took them through Cass Co., Illinois, where some of the family of GEORGE's late sister SARAH C. TARVIN FOXWORTHY were living at that time. It is likely that GEORGE WESLEY TARVIN remained in Cass Co., Illinois as he married there in November 1874. They arrived at Springfield, Missouri shortly before 10 October 1871, where they joined GEORGE's brother JOHN C. TARVIN who was living there at the time. On that date GEORGE and JOHN bought a lot jointly in the City of Springfield, and GEORGE bought another lot on McDaniel Street, where the family made their home. Family tradition indicates that GEORGE W. and his brother JOHN C. operated a business, probably a livery stable or a blacksmith shop on their jointly owned property in Springfield, but no record of this business has been found.

GEORGE W. TARVIN bought 80 acres of timber land in Barry Co., Missouri on 28 March 1873, but there is no record that the family ever lived on this property. Sometime prior to 18 October 1873, GEORGE W. TARVIN and his family moved to Barry Co., Missouri, as on that date GEORGE W. TARVIN (of Barry Co.) sold his Springfield property to Oran Adams of Barry Co. On 2 March 1874, GEORGE W. TARVIN bought 55 acres of farmland with a house in Barry Co., Missouri, for \$100. This property, near what was later to become the town of Wheaton, remained in the Tarvin family until June 1960, and was commonly referred to as the 'Home Place'.

GEORGE W. TARVIN, according to family lore, was probably in poor health prior to the time that he left Indiana. In letters written to his sons, RANDAL D. and GEORGE WESLEY TARVIN, in 1875, there were numerous references to his failing health. On 6 December 1877, 13 days before his death, GEORGE and AMELIA TARVIN sold 60 acres of land to Daniel Ghan. This property was a part of the 80 acres which he had purchased on 28 March 1873 and was located north of the 'Home Place'. GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN died at his home in Barry County Missouri on 19 December 1877. He was buried in the Corsicana Cemetery, at Barry Co., Missouri.

BARRY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF G. W. TARVIN DECEASED
8 JANUARY 1878

George Washington Tarvin

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Know all men by these presents that I, G. W. TARVIN of Shoal Creek Township in the County of Barry and State of Missouri being in my right mind do make this my last will and testament October the 11th 1877.

1st - I give and bequeath to my wife AMELIA JANE TARVIN and R. D. TARVIN my son all my real estate and personal property and effects to have and to hold while she lives.

2nd - My wife AMELIA J. TARVIN is to have full and complete control of the house and the cows and fowls.

3rd - My son R. D. TARVIN is to have full control of the farm to rent and receive rent, to repair and pay the taxes on the same.

(4th Omitted)

5th - At the death of my wife I give and bequeath to R. D. TARVIN fifty five (55) acres of land lying in the S.E. corner of Section No. 16 of Township No. 24 north of Range No. 29 in Barry County Missouri and also all of the personal property jointly possessed by him and my wife at her death.

6th - The said R. D. TARVIN is hereby empowered to sell the balance of the real estate at the death of my wife and divide the proceeds as follows. 1st - I give and bequeath MARY JANE LITTLE five dollars. The balance to be divided equally between MARTIN TARVIN and BARBARY COMPTON and RANDAL TARVIN and ELISHA C. TARVIN and SARY C. TARVIN and GEO. W. TARVIN.

7th - The following number of dollars that I have paid each of the above named is to be deducted out of their share.

1st one hundred & sixty (160) dollars to MARTIN TARVIN 2nd two hundred and sixty (260) dollars to GEORGE WESLEY TARVIN 3rd one hundred and seventy (170) dollars to BARBARY COMPTON 4th thirty (30) dollars to R. D. TARVIN 5th thirty (30) dollars to ELISHA C. TARVIN

George Washington Tarvin

Signed and Sealed in the presence of us
This 11th day of October 1877.

R. N. LANSDOWN
AMELIA TARVIN

G. W. TARVIN

Ref. Fleming Co., KY, Land Records, Deed Bk P, p. 20
Personal Record Book of GEORGE WASHINGTON TARVIN.
Vigo Co., IN, Deed Bk 9, p. 284
U.S. Cen. Nevins Twp., Vigo Co., IN 1840-50-60-70
Vigo Co., IN Marriage Records, Bk CB, p. 102
Fleming Co., KY, Deed Bk. 30 p. 327.
Vigo Co., IN, Deed Bk. 41, p. 533
Deed Bk. Y p. 172, Springfield, Greene Co., MO
Deed Bk. S, p. 344-45-46, Barry Co., MO
Deed Bk. 30, p. 96-97, Newton Co., MO
Deed Bk P, p. 568, Barry Co., MO
Barry Co., MO, Deed Bk. T, p. 108

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