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PREFACE

This writing is a result of a number of incidents which led the authors to become interested in researching the family history. As more and more information accumulated and as more and more people expressed an interest, it became obvious that there needed to be an analysis and synthesis of the available information on the larger Posey family in America.

In the research of seven years in many states and of a variety of records, the only record of a Posey coming to America is that of Francis Posey who came from England in 1636. It appears at this time that all the Caucasian and Indian-American Poseys now living in the United States are descendants of this Francis Posey of Maryland.

The story of the Posey family, like that of most of the families in this country reflects and closely parallels the settlement of the Colonies, the War for Independence, the Civil War, and the westward movement to the Pacific. The descendants of Francis Posey moved into Virginia, Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, and Georgia. Some of their descendants moved on to Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Some fell victims to accident, war, disease, and to other vicissitudes of frontier life along the way. This book attempts to show insofar as possible, the relationship of their lives as they helped to make the history of this nation.

The authors have attempted to gather as much of the evidence available as time has permitted, to interpret such evidence objectively and to distinguish that which seems factual on the basis of valid evidence at hand from that which represents the best guesses of the authors, based upon inconclusive evidence, in order to provide the reader with an honest report and a basis for making judgments of his own. Sources of information are indicated.

Even so, it is apparent at this writing that there are many unanswered questions and that continued research will furnish more answers. Doubtless some guesses will be substantiated and others will be proved wrong.

The authors would like to acknowledge and give credit personally to all those who have helped in one way or another in the research and final production of this book. However, the list would be too long, for it would include not only many of the Posey descendants and descendants of related families, but also many friends who are researching their own ancestors and librarians in city, state, and university libraries in Va., S. C., Ga., Ala., Tenn., Miss., Okla., Texas, Ark., and Louisiana.

Some persons should be named: Mary Jackson and Parker Watters of Coosa Co., Alabama who got us started on this search; Charles Wilburn Posey of Arizona and his brother, Leroy, of Oklahoma; Kenneth Posey and family of Posey Hollow, Ark., for hospitality, hunting, their "groaning board", and their folk music; Wynema Posey Blaine, daughter of the Indian poet, Alexander Posey, for permission to quote from her father's poems, and to Joan Hill, the Creek-Cherokee artist for permission to use her portrait of Alexander Posey.

The poems of Alexander Posey express variously beauty, perception, humor, and hope. One of his poems, *To A Daffodil*, may perhaps express with beauty and subtlety the hope of us all:

When Death has shut the blue sky out from me,
 Sweet Daffodil,
And years roll on without my memory,
Thou'lt reach thy tender fingers down to mine of clay,
 A true friend still,
Although I'll never know thee till the Judgment Day.

CHAPTER ONE

THE POSEYS OF EUROPE AND THE IMMIGRANT, FRANCIS POSEY OF MARYLAND

The available information at this writing indicates that the origin of the name Posey extends back at least to the early 1400's in Cambrai, France (Jordan, IV:495). The French version of the name was Poschet, pronounced "Po-shay", although its origin is probably Germanic. In their movement to England and to the American colonies in 1636, the name was Anglicized and was spelled in different ways from time to time. Because of the nature of the English language, it lends itself to a variety of spellings for the same sound. The name has been found to be spelled Pose, Pousset, Posset, Possay, Posay, Possey, Posir, Posi, Poesey, Posee, Posie, Possy (George Washington's spelling), and Posey. By the early 1800's it was generally fixed as Posey.

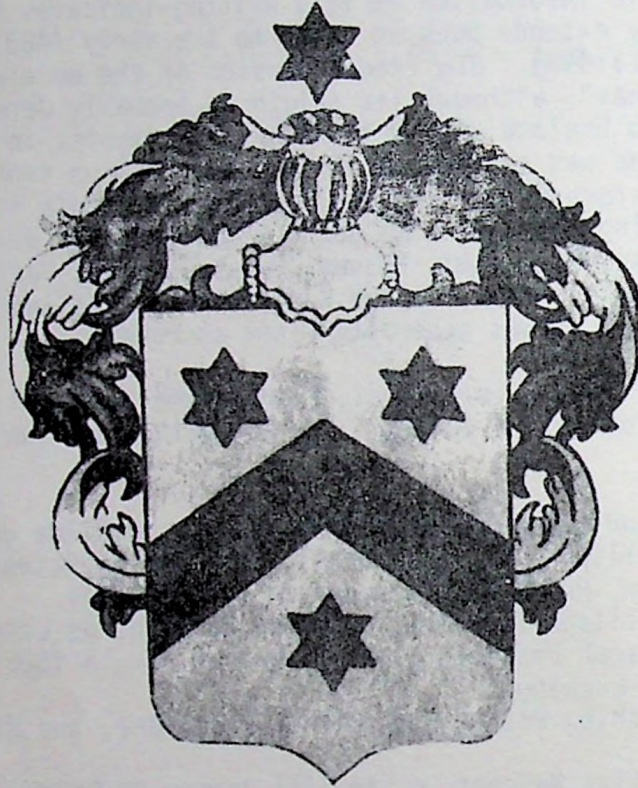
In the early 1400's in Cambrai, France, the Baron of Razem was Eustache Joseph Poschet, a knight. The following is a partial line of descent:

1. Eustache Joseph Poschet, Baron of Razem, m. Mathilde de Foeleimberg.
2. Their son, Philippe Octave Emmanuel, Viscount of Razem and Colonel of Infantry, m. Reinelde Elearnore de Montecuculli.
3. Their son, Philippe Theodore, m. Alyde Recharde de Longueville.
4. Their son, Joseph Poschet, Lord of Generet, m. in 1523 Jeanne Marguerite de LaLaing.
5. Their son, Mathieu Poschet, m. Aly de Palayndre, the Baroness of Kerkhoven.
6. Their son, Gilles Poschet, m. in 1551 Jeanne de Ghozee.
7. Their son, Martin Poschet, m. Anne de Colnet.

The above Martin and Anne are believed to be the parents of Martin and Francois Poschet, the latter being the immigrant, Francis Posey (Jordan, IV:495).

The Poschets were Huguenots (French Protestants who suffered extreme persecution by Catholics). Francois or Francis and his brother seem to have been the two who escaped from France to England. In London, the Church at St. Anthony's Hospital on Threadneedle St. was set aside for the use of the French refugees, in 1546, due to the interest of King Edward VI. The stream of Protestants arriving in London became so great that eventually many churches were reserved for their use.

The Threadneedle St. Church burned during the great fire of London in 1666. It was rebuilt, only to be torn down during the 1800's when the congregation was removed to a new church at St. Martin's le Grand. Many records of the French Huguenot Churches have been lost. In 1867 it was said that 13 volumes of records of the Threadneedle St. Church were preserved at Somerset House in England (Smiles, 114,270,368-370).



Posey

POSEY (POSCHET) COAT OF ARMS

Painting by Mrs. C. O. Summitt, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Research done by William Campbell Posey discovered the records of two marriages for Martin Poschet and some records of his descendants. According to this same source, the name of Posey is not to be found in England today nor are there Poschets in France after 1750 except as found in descendants of Catherine Therese Poschet who married Louis deLancey in 1723 (Jordan, IV:495).

Heraldic authority (Rietstap) indicates that the coat of arms belonging to the Poschet family of France is as follows and as pictured opposite: "ARGENT, A CHEVRON GULES, BETWEEN THREE MULLETTS OF SIX POINTS GULES". The chevron, or v-shaped band, is silver and signifies peace and sincerity. The mullets or six pointed stars are red. Red is said to have been used to denote military prowess. The mullets, some of which are five-pointed in other coats of arms, signifies learning, virtue, and faithful service.

The six-pointed "Star of David" seen presently as a symbol of the nation of Israel, is usually depicted with the lines of two equilateral triangles showing. Rietstap and other authorities make no mention of any connection between the six-pointed mullet of heraldry and the Tribes of Israel. The six-pointed star is seen in the coats of arms of other Gentile families of Medieval times as well as that of the Poschets.

FRANCIS POSEY OF MARYLAND

Francois Poschet, or Francis Posey, as he will be designated hereafter, obtained boat passage through William Farrar, Sr. whose family was associated with the Virginia Company, and landed in Henrico Co., Va. in 1636. He moved into what is now Charles Co., Md, by 1640 where he acquired land and became the representative of his district, known as St. Clement's Hundred, in the Maryland legislature, known as the House of Burgesses (*William and Mary Quarterly*, 5:132-133).

His wife, Elizabeth, surname as yet unknown, was brought to America by Cuthbert Fynwick as an indentured servant (one who contracted to work for a specific time in repayment for boat passage). Her debt was paid off by her husband, Francis Posey (Jordan:IV:495). Whether she married Francis in England before he came to the colonies, or in Maryland after she came is not known, but the marriage likely occurred in Maryland. Francis died in 1654, leaving his wife and three children, Benjamin, John, and Anne, perhaps named for Anne de Colnet Poschet of France.

The following information concerning the identity of Elizabeth Posey has been handed down through the generations of the Benjamin Vernon Posey family. Elizabeth is said to have been a granddaughter of Laurence Humphrey of Oxford, England. Elizabeth's father's name is not known. The name "Humphrey" has been used as a given name of at least 15 Posey sons, suggesting that it is a name somehow connected with an early Posey. No records verifying the authenticity of this tradition have been located. It seems that research along this line could well be profitable.

The following summary of the life of Laurence Humphrey was abstracted from the *Dictionary of National Biography*. Laurence Humphrey (C1527-1590) was born at Newport Pagnel, in Buckinghamshire, England and was educated

at Cambridge. He became President of Magdalen College, Oxford, and later Dean of Gloucester and Winchester. For his day, he was considered to be a liberal in his religious opinions. He spent several years in Switzerland in contact with the Protestant refugees who flocked there to escape Catholic persecution. It was said that he brought back so much Calvinism that he became a non-conformist.

He married Joan, a daughter of Andrew Inkefordby of Ipswich and had seven sons and five daughters, only one of whom was named in the account of his life. His wife died in 1611 and was buried at Steeple Barton, Oxfordshire. The only child mentioned was Justina who was married to Caspar Dormer. Their daughter Judith married Sir Edmund Carey, third surviving son of Henry, Lord Hunsdon.

Humphrey was the author of 21 books on religious topics. His portrait is at Magdalen College School and he is portrayed in the Bodleian Library at Oxford (*Dictionary of National Biography*, 10:245-248).

Elizabeth Posey married twice more after the death of Francis Posey and died about 1676. Her second husband was John Belaine who died about 1663 and by whom she had two children, Nicholas and Grace. Nicholas married Mary, who married after Nicholas' death, Benjamin Posey, eldest son of Francis and Elizabeth Posey. Mary may have been the mother of all of Benjamin's children. Benjamin was in his forties at the time of this marriage and it is possible that she was a second wife. The daughter, Grace, married Giles Collier or Folliar.

On three occasions and from three different sources, the authors have encountered the story, handed down by word of mouth but unsupported by any records, that there were two other Posey immigrants. Lonnie Posey, a descendant of Squire Posey, tells of Poseys who said they were descended from two brothers who came directly from Scotland to Georgia before the Revolution. A similar story is reported by the D. E. Beckemeyeres of Atlanta. They do not know the names of the brothers nor have they produced records to support the story. Nor have such records been found by the authors. An old newspaper clipping from Texas details substantially the same story as the Beckemeyeres. The source of the information in the clipping was a descendant of a common ancestor of the Beckemeyeres.

The authors believe that two brothers did come to Georgia and that they were Bennett and Benjamin Posey (see subsequent chapter for details on this line). They came not from Scotland but from Maryland for records show that they served in the Revolutionary War with a Maryland military unit. They moved to Georgia to obtain the bounty land due them for their war service. Thus the authors are, at this writing, yet convinced that all white Poseys in America are descendants of Francis Posey, the immigrant to Maryland.

There are to be found in America, Negroes with the surname Posey. The chief explanation of the origin of their name is the fact that upon being freed after the Civil War, they had no surnames. Their

surname, if any, had been lost, if in fact they had such surnames in Africa. The culture required that all persons have a surname. The most logical choice was to assume the name of the former slave owner.

As an example, Fred Posey, Circuit Court Clerk of Autauga Co., Ala., tells the following story. Some years ago, an old Negro man named Posey came into his office and inquired if he was Mr. Fred Posey. Upon being told that he was, the Negro man exclaimed something like this, "We's kinfolks. Your Granddaddy owned my Daddy".

There follows a list, and following it, a chart of the early generations of Poseys in America. insofar as the authors have been able to determine. Dates of birth and death, where known, are listed. Estimations of dates are indicated by "c" before the date, "c" being the abbreviation for *circa*, meaning approximately. Names of wives are given where known. Where there is uncertainty, the name is followed by "(?)". The list contains one more generation than does the chart, which generation is that of the known great-great grandchildren of the immigrant. The chart is a graphic summary of the first four generations.

LIST OF THE FIRST FOUR GENERATIONS OF DESCENDANTS OF FRANCIS POSEY

I. Benjamin: c1648-c1715; m Mary () Belaine, widow of Nicholas Belaine.

IA. Benjamin: c1689-1750; m Patience Bateman.

IA1. Bennett: 1731-1762; m Elizabeth Hobart

IA1a. John: 1759-

IA1b. Benjamin: 1760- : to Ga. and Tenn.: Rev. soldier

IA1c. Bennett: 1762-1832: To Ga.: Rev. soldier

IA2. Uzziah: 1737-d. by 1810

IA2a. Benjamin

IA3. Rhodum: 1739- ; 1790 census indicated one son.

IA4. Allison: 1744-1786: m Mary Kent: to Va.

IA4a. Alexander: c1765- : to Tenn.(?)

IA4b. Jesse: c1767- ; m Susanna Wood

IA4c. Benjamin: c1769- ; m Susanna Easley

IA4d. Harrison: c1772-

IA4e. Robert: c1774- ; m Jensey Farmer

IB. Belaine: c1690-1750; m Mary Wilkinson; to Va.

IB1. an unknown son

- IC. Francis: c1701-1774; m Ann
- IC1. John: c1722-1774
- IC2. Thomas: 1730-1776; m Henrietta (Moran?)
- IC2a. James
- IC2b. Thomas: 1758- ; m Mary Dutton
- IC2c. Charles Francis: 1761-
- IC2d. Samuel: 1766- ; to Ga.?
- IC2e. Harrison: 1770-1833; m (1) Sarah Moran, (2) Ann Dent
- IC3. Francis: c1732-1784; m Elizabeth Simpson
- IC4. Belaine: 1737-1791; m Margaret Corry; a Rev. soldier
- IC4a. Lawrence: 1779-1827; m Elizabeth Middleton
- IC4b. Somerset: 1782-1818; m Elizabeth Knott
- IC4c. Walbert/Walter Belaine: 1783-1818; m (1) Susanna Coats, (2) Sarah Boarman
- IC4d. Alexander: 1786-1808
- IC4e. Valentine: 1789-1821
- IC4f. John Madison: 1790-1829
- IC4g. Adrian: 1791-1854; m (1) Margaret Byrne, (2) Louisa Burnham
- IC5. Richard: c1740-
- IC6. Jacob: c1742-living 1790
- IC7. Benjamin; c1744-
- II. John: 1652-1689; m (1) Lees Amalie Belaine (?), (2) Susanna (Belaine?)
- IIA. Humphrey: 1683-1718; m Sarah Tennyson or LeMaistre
- IIA1. Benjamin
- IIB. John: 1685-1759; m (1) Lydia (Shuttlesworth) Robins, (2) Elizabeth Maddox
- IIB1. Richard: c1708-1734; m Ann
- IIB1a. Thomas; d. 1773
- IIB1b. Humphrey: d. 1812
- IIB2. John: 1711-1771; m Mary (Perry?)
- IIB2a. Richard: 1733-1820; m Elizabeth Wade: to S. C.
- IIB2b. John: to S.C.
- IIB2c. Harrison: to S.C.

- IIB2d. Joseph: to S. C.
- IIB2e. Hezekiah: 1751-1847; m (2) Ruth: to S.C. & Ala.
- IIB2f. Thomas: m Mary Hodgkin: to Ga.
- IIB2g. Benjamin Lane: to S.C.

- IIB3. Thomas Shuttlesworth: 1714-1800; m Elizabeth Ratliff
 - IIB3a. Jeremiah
 - IIB3b. John: d. 1818
 - IIB3c. Burdette: c1755-1821; m Dorothy Woodward/Woodyard
 - IIB3d. George: m Mary Robey
 - IIB3e. Richard
 - IIB3f. Thomas
 - IIB3f. Francis: to Va & S.C.?
 - IIB3h. William

- IIB4. Humphrey: c1718-1784; m Mary Maddox
 - IIB4a. Prior: c1745-1782; M Jane/Jennett Lockett: widow to S.C.
 - IIB4b. Benjamin
 - IIB4c. Bayne: m Chloe
 - IIB4d. Roger; living in 1830
 - IIB4e. Wheeler: 1771-d. by 1850; m (1) Priskey, (2) Druscilla; to S.C. & Ala.

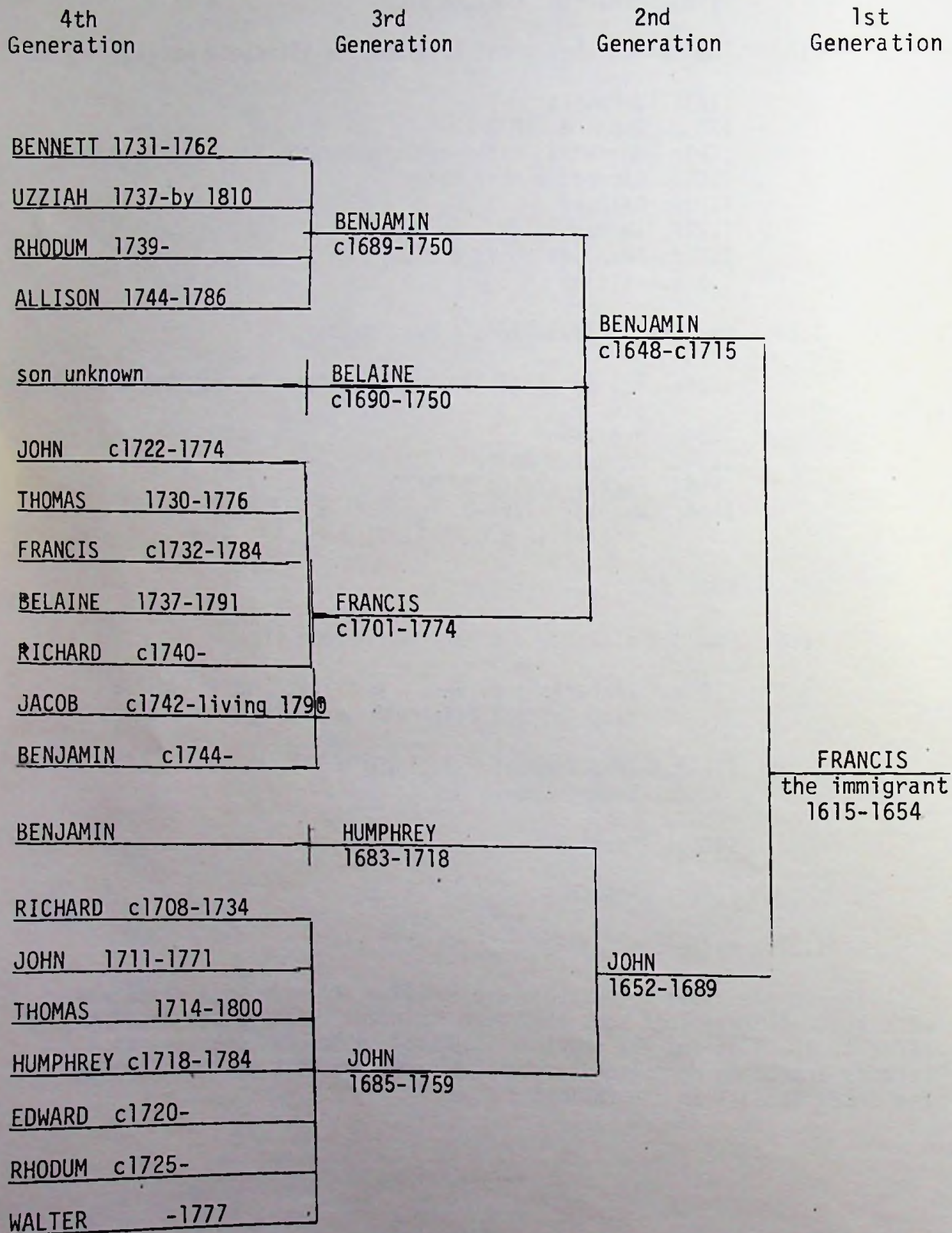
- IIB5. Edward: c1720-

- IIB6. Rhodum: c1725- ; m Mary Ann Maddox (?)
 - IIB6a. Zacheriah: c1764- ; m (1) dtr. of Priscilla MacHorn, (2) Elizabeth Hamilton
 - IIB6b. John Vincent: d. 1823; m (1) Nesbitt?, (2) Eleanor Bowie
 - IIB6c. Pusha
 - IIB6d. Rhodum

- IIB7. Walter; d. 1777

The female lines of descent have not been traced. Only males who were known to have left sons have been included. Readers are urged to refer to the list and the chart as they read subsequent chapters as persons appearing on these items will be referred to from time to time. The chart appears on the following page.

CHART # 1: FRANCIS POSEY AND THE THREE SUBSEQUENT GENERATIONS
OF POSEYS IN AMERICA



One of the many sources of information used by the authors is the work of Emison. The foregoing information in the list and the chart has been abstracted from his work. The reader, certainly the serious researcher who wishes to pursue further the line of his own descent, is urged to also consult Emison's work in conjunction with this, *The Posey Family in America*.

The authors have made no attempt to restate all the information supplied in Emison's book. Rather, this writing attempts to expand, to further analyze, and to build onto Emison and the work of others cited from time to time in the narrative.

Most of the sources used have been confined to a given geographical area or to a particular line of descent such as seen in Emison and the work of William Campbell Posey of Philadelphia.

The Posey Family in America is an attempt to show the relationship of as many lines of descent from the immigrant Francis Posey as possible and to thereby present a more unified, total picture of the larger group of "Posey cousins".

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. What was the maiden name of Elizabeth Posey, wife of Francis, the immigrant? Who were her parents? A list of the headrights of Cuthbert Fynwick who brought her to America might give her name or at least suggest possibilities.
2. Who were the children and who are the descendants of Laurence Humphrey? Was he the grandfather of Elizabeth Posey?
3. Is Francis the immigrant from whom we are all descended? Does the story of two other immigrants have supporting evidence not yet located?

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Chapter Two

S Q U I R E P O S E Y

Squire Posey was born about 1785 in South Carolina, according to all records pertaining to him. He was the great-great-grandfather of the author. This chapter gives what seems to be his antecedents and the records of his children and their descendants, insofar as they have been collected. Many names have been omitted, due only to lack of information. It is thought that enough information is printed to enable all who are interested, named or not named, to trace their ancestry back to Squire.

One cannot say with certainty who the parents of Squire Posey were; however, the authors have developed a theory, based on facts now in evidence, that his parents were Francis and Milley Posey. The following explanation of this reasoning is given.

1. Since families or close relatives tended to move westward together, one is inclined to look for the parents of Squire to appear among the Poseys living near him. The 1830 Autauga Co., Ala. census shows Squire, Francis, Sr., Francis W. and three young males, believed to be Nathaniel, Singleton, and Simeon living near each other. Francis, Sr. is the only one of an age to have been the father of Squire and the others.

2. From 1797 to 1817, a Francis Posey was buying and selling land in Pendleton Co. (now Anderson Co.), S.C., Franklin Co., Ga. (just across the Savannah River from Pendleton), and Randolph Co., Ga. (later renamed Jasper Co.), during the time Squire was growing up, marrying, serving in the War of 1812, and during the time Squire's older children were born. Squire appeared on the 1820 Jasper Co., Ga. census. This establishes that both Francis and Squire were living in Jasper Co. at the same time. This suggests that they were father and son. A Green Posey lived there too, but he was not old enough to have been Squire's father.

3. A Francis Posey was on the 1790 census of Orangeburg Co., S. C., with a family of three males under 16. No other Francis appears anywhere in S. C. on this census. Squire must have been one of the males under 16, as he would have been 5-10 years old at the time.

If Francis Posey was his father, Squire's birth occurred in Orangeburg, S. C. Nothing is known about his life until he was drafted by the army in Jasper Co., Ga. on Aug. 1, 1814. He served with Capt. Green's Company of the Militia until Feb. 1, 1815, and was stationed at Fort Mitchell, near present-day Phenix City, Ala. His company was engaged in guarding supply trains from Fort Mitchell to Fort William, Ala. Fort William was located on the Coosa River at the mouth of Cedar Creek, six miles below Talladega Springs, Ala. The fort was erected by Andrew Jackson shortly before the Battle of Horseshoe Bend which was fought on March 27, 1814. It is likely that these excursions into Alabama were the basis for the movement of the Posey families from Georgia to this section of Alabama.

Squire's military records, procured from the National Archives in Washington, describe him as being 5'10" tall, gray-eyed, dark-haired, and fair complexion.

He was still living in Jasper Co. at the time of the 1820 census. That census showed him as between 26 and 45 years of age. His first wife was Jane Pate, whom he married probably in 1812 or 1813. She may have been a daughter of James Pate, who was listed on the same census with wife, two daughters, and six sons. The Pate line has not been investigated as yet.

Squire came to Alabama in approximately 1825 or 1826, since a son, Gilbert, born in 1826, listed Alabama as his birthplace. Squire was on the 1830 census of Autauga Co., Ala. The elder Francis Posey lived seven residences away from Squire. Francis appeared in Alabama by 1820 for he entered land in what is now Chilton Co., then Autauga Co., in Township 21, Range 15, and Section 26.

Sometime between the taking of the 1830 census and 1837, Squire moved to Coosa Co., just across the Coosa River. Coosa Co. had been opened to settlers in 1832 when it became a part of the state of Alabama at the time the Indians were removed to Oklahoma. It is known that he was there by Nov. 25, 1837 because his daughter Mary married James Willis on that date. Squire's brother, Simeon, was there by 1835 as he was selected for jury duty. Squire may have been living in Coosa at that time, also.

By 1840, Squire's daughter Martha had married a Harrison and moved away. The oldest son, Seaborn, had married and moved to Randolph Co., Ala.

The 1850 census in Coosa Co. listed Squire as being 60 years of age, and birthplace as S. C. Living on both sides of him in the Hatchett Creek area were his sons, James, Francis Marion, and Gilbert. Daughters Mary Willis and Druscilla Waldrop lived in the community. His sons, Allen and Singelton, had married by this time but they were not enumerated on the 1850 census. Whether this was an oversight by the census taker or whether they lived in some other county is not known.

Squire's wife, Jane, died in 1856, but her burial place has not been located. Both were charter members of the Union Springs Baptist Church in the Marble Valley community of Coosa Co.

On Jan. 30, 1858, Squire was married to Milly Cagle (Coosa Co. Marriage Book C, p.103). The ceremony was performed by B. H. Bazemore, Minister of the Gospel, with Francis Marion Posey, Squire's second son, as witness. Milly may have been a widow as she is shown on the 1850 census as 45 years of age, born in S. C., and living in the household of Harry Cagle, born 1830 in Georgia.

By 1860, Squire and Milly were living alone. Charles, who had lived with his father in 1850, was not shown in Coosa Co., and no further trace of him has been found. The other younger sons, Andrew and Elijah, were living separately from Squire and Milly.

Squire lived in Coosa Co. during the Civil War. Four sons and at least three grandsons were wounded and/or killed in the tragic war. This family, like many others in the South, suffered severely in this war.

husbands, sons, stock, and stored food. Their wives and children at home were subjected to providing the necessities of life for themselves without the aid of the men in the community. The wives and children plowed the fields by day, spun, wove, and preserved food by night. Martha Margaret Posey, who was the wife of Singleton, a son of Squire, was left to provide for five youngsters. Squire was probably too old at this time to have been of much help to the families of his absent sons and of his sons-in-law.

Squire moved north to Winston Co., Ala. in 1872 and then to Walker Co., Ala. in 1874. On March 8, 1872, Squire applied for the pension due him for his military service. He drew a total of \$165 before his death on Oct. 6, 1876. His burial place has not been located, although many old cemeteries near Larissa Post Office, (his mailing address) on the Walker-Winston County line, have been searched. It must be concluded that he lies in an unmarked grave.

A memorial stone, obtained from the Dept. of the Army, was erected in 1968 at Bethlehem Church in the Posey's Mill community, in memory of Squire. It was placed near the graves of his sons, Francis Marion and Andrew, and daughter, Mary Posey Willis. This memorial was placed there by Sam R. Posey, a great-grandson, and Frank Posey, a great-great grandson.

Milly had gone to live with Squire's oldest daughter, Mary, by 1820. She applied for a widow's pension on June 12, 1878. She received \$8 a month until her death, which date is not known but did not occur until after 1880. Perhaps she lies buried in the cemetery at Posey's Mill.

Squire was probably called "Square" as that is the name most often given by persons who have heard of him. He was father to twelve children, grandfather to 49 known grandchildren, and ancestor of an undetermined number of other persons.

Summary of data on Squire Posey:

B. about 1785, probably in Orangeburg, S.C.; d. 10/6/1876 in Walker Co., Ala.; m (1) Jane Pate, b. 1794 S.C.; d 1856 Coosa Co., Ala.; (mother of all Squire's children); (2) Milly Cagle; census records: 1820 Jasper Co., Ga.; 1830 Autauga Co., Ala.; 1840-70 Coosa Co., Ala.;

Children:

1. Seaborn; b 12/28/1813 Jasper Co., Ga.; d 8/18/1895 Polk Co., Ark.
2. Francis Marion; b 1814 Jasper Co., Ga.; d. about 1890, Winston Co., Ala.
3. Mary "Polly"; b 1817 Jasper Co., Ga.; d after 1880, Winston Co., Ala.
4. Allen; b 1820 Jasper Co., Ga.; d after 1860, probably in Ark.
5. Martha; b 1820/25 Jasper Co., Ga.; probably died in Ark.
6. James; b 1823 Jasper Co. Ga.; d. after 1880, Dallas Co., Ark.
7. Gilbert; b 1826/7 Autauga Co., Ala.; d 3/21/1863 Atlanta, Ga.
8. Druscilla; b 1827 Autauga Co., Ala.; by 1860 in Ala.
9. Singelton; b 1830 Autauga Co., Ala.; d 4/15/1866 Coosa Co., Ala.
10. Charles; b 1832 Autauga Co., Ala.; unknown
11. Elijah; b 1835 Autauga or Coosa Co., Ala.; d 7/7/1862 Corinth, Miss.
12. Andrew; b 1839 Coosa Co., Ala.; d 1911 Franklin Co., Ala.

SEABORN POSEY: first child of Squire and Jane Pate Posey.

b. Dec. 28, 1813 Jasper Co., Ga.; d. Aug. 18, 1895 Polk Co., Ark.; buried at Rock Springs Cem. near Mena, Ark.; Census records: 1840-50 Randolph Co., Ala., 1860 Dallas Co., Ark., and 1870-80 Polk Co., Ark.

M. (1) SUSAN RUSHING, b. 1817 Ga.; d. in 1860's probably near Little Rock Ark.; burial place unknown; parentage unknown.

(2) ANNA (WEHUNT) ABEE, b. 1829 N.C.; d. Nov. 24, 1911; buried with Seaborn at Rock Springs; had 5 children by first husband (Malinda, Lonzo, Jonah, John and J.P.)

Seaborn, first child of Squire and Jane, was born while Squire was in the army. This suggests that Squire and Jane were married early in the year of 1813. Between 1823 and 1826, Squire moved his family to Autauga Co., Ala. Seaborn was nine to twelve years of age. There Seaborn grew up, for Squire was in the adjoining county of Coosa by 1837. By 1840 Seaborn had married Susan and their first three children had been born.

Seaborn lived in Randolph Co., Ala. from at least 1840 until 1851-52. They moved to Dallas Co., Ark. for a son, Ben, was born there in 1852. The family resided there for the next eight years as they appeared on the 1860 census for that county.

By 1861, or soon thereafter, Seaborn moved to Polk Co., Ark. where he entered land which came to be known as Posey Hollow, although the original name for that area was Irons Fork. Posey Hollow is a valley at the foot of Fourche Mountain, not far from the Oklahoma border. Seaborn lived out his remaining years there except for a brief move to the vicinity of Little Rock during the early years of the Civil War due to pressure from the "Home Guard" and/or "Jayhawkers" who were terrorizing the countryside.

The story is told by a grandson, Kenneth Posey, that Seaborn and his family had all their food confiscated by roaming bands of Jayhawkers. The family finally started walking across the mountains to Little Rock with only one ear of corn for each member of the family for food. It was during this stay away from Posey Hollow that Susan Posey and two daughters, Druscilla and Adeline, died.

Another story told by Charles Wilburn Posey of Phoenix, Arizona, a grandnephew of Seaborn, relates an incident wherein marauders raided Seaborn's home for food and livestock, tied him up, and threatened to kill him. In Charles' words:

Uncle was to Old to go to the war one day Uncle had been hiding out he slip in to git some thing to ear the robbers come in and found him they said, alrite Old man line up against that smoke house we shoot all old mena and dogs the head man spoke up and said oh, dont shoot that old man he is good old man and harmless about that time a dog come around let me git that dog.....

The quotation above represents one of the interesting stories, many verified from other sources, conveyed to the authors through correspondence with Charles Wilburn Posey of Phoenix, Arizona. Charles is a grandson of Francis Marion Posey. Francis Marion was the second son of Squire and brother of Seaborn. Charles' keen

memories of his childhood and youth in Oklahoma and of his visits to Posey Hollow have been the means whereby the Seaborn Posey families and other Posey descendants have been located by the authors.

Other stories told about Seaborn and his family are that his son, Jesse, hunted bear by grasping them from behind, while the dogs held their attention. He then killed them with a knife. On one occasion the bear, a large one, fell across Jesse in dying and Jesse had to call for help to remove the bear.

Seaborn knew something about surveying for he acted as county surveyor for a time in Arkansas. He also served as a doctor or medical aide during the Civil War while he was in Little Rock.

Children of Seaborn Posey:

- I. MARY ANN MATILDA: b. 10/1/1836 in Ala.; d. 1915; buried Rock Springs Cem. near Mena, Ark.; m. 10/1/1857 to JOHN W. BASS, son of Willis and Elizabeth Bass, formerly of Tenn. John was born 5/8/1830 and died 1890. This data and that following was taken from the Bass family Bible, now in the possession of Jesse Franklin Bass, still living in Posey Hollow:
 - A. Seaborn Willis Bass; b. 2/20/1860
 - B. James William Bass; b. 8/27/1862; d. 1865
 - C. John Wesley Bass; b. 11/31/1866; d. 1901
 - D. Susannah Elizabeth Bass (called Betty); b. 1868; d. 1893; m. Jonah Abee (her mother's stepbrother) in 1886.
 - E. Mary Ann Matilda Bass; b. 4/23/1871; m. a Rose in 1891.
 - F. Henry P. Bass; b. 11/23/1873; d. 1968
 - G. Martha Caroline Bass; b. 11/12/1876; d. 1892
 - H. Jesse Franklin Bass; b. 5/1/1879; still living in Posey Hollow; m. Liddie Cox; children (1) Pearl; (2) Roy (3) Charles (4) Mamie.
 - I. infant daughter; b. 8/22/1881; died soon after.
- II. ADELINE POSEY; b. 1838 in Ala.; reported to have died in Little Rock during the War.
- III. ESQUIRE D. POSEY: (called Squire James); b. 1840 Randolph Co., Ala.; d. in Holly Springs, Ark.; m. Nancy Bass, sister of John who married Mary Ann Matilda Posey (above); served in Civil War with 24th Ala. Infantry; enlisted 1861 in Talladega, Ala.; paroled in Greensboro, N.C. in 1865; no children.
- IV. DRUSCILLA POSEY: b. 1842 in Randolph Co., Ala.; died during Civil War.
- V. JESSE W. POSEY: b. 1844 in Randolph Co., Ala.; m. MALINDA ABEE, his stepsister. Malinda is buried in Rock Springs Cem. with a newborn infant on her arm. Information on children largely furnished by Lydia Posey Walls, living in 1970 at age 107.;
 - A. Theodocia Merica Monterey; called Docie; m. Jack Wiles as first wife
 - B. Will Lonzo
 - C. Frances (called Becky); m. Jack Wiles as second wife
 - D. Ninnie Vee Lucreatia Aroulene; called "Creassie; unmarried
 - E. Susannah; m. a Summers; sons John and Ray; b. 1880; d. 1916
 - F. Cindy Lou; b. 1888, living in Broken Bow, Okla.
 - G. Jesse Archie; m. Betty Eliza Ward in 1912; living in Paris, Texas, 1970

Children:

1. Estella Posey; b 1912 in Wright City, Okla.
2. Vivian G. Posey; b 1919
3. Vera M. Posey, b 1921 in Bay Springs, Miss.
4. Jessie Archie Posey, Jr.; b 1925 in Blountstown, Fla.

Archie reports that both parents died before he was two years old and adds a sister, Emily, to the above list of children of Jesse Weatherall Posey. Emily was born in 1905 and is still living in Dallas, Texas.



CHARLOCTER AND IDA WARD POSEY
(see page 18)



LYDIA POSEY WALLS

VI. William Devana Appleton Posey; called "Vaney"; b 1847 Randolph Co., Ala.; died before 1880; m Annie Elizabeth Wiles, 6/1/1845; 11/18/1937; Annie m (2) John Risenhoover. Devana and Annie were married in Polk Co., Ark. in November, 1869 according to the 1870 census.

Sometime in the late 1870's, Vaney was working in Hot Springs, Ark. On a trip back to Posey Hollow to see his family, he became ill and stopped overnight at some unknown place. He was found dead the next morning and buried where he died. His family did not learn of his death until a month later.

Children:

A. Isom Andrew Joseph Posey; b 9/6/1860 or 9/6/1870; m (?) Emily Howard on 10/17/1901;

Children:

1. David Posey
2. Estel Posey
3. Angela Ann Posey
4. Susan Posey
5. William Posey

B. Lydia Angela Posey; b 3/22/1862 or 3/22/1872; still living in Marble City, Oklahoma; m (1) Jake Risenhoover, m (2) Gilbert Rutledge, m (3) Joe Walls, 1890-1963.

Children:

1. Newton Risenhoover; 10/28/1890-1966
2. Andrew Wheeler Risenhoover; 1895-living 1970 in Bristow, Okla.
3. Issac Turner Risenhoover; 1895- ; twin to Andrew
4. Lydia Alice Risenhoover; 1898-
5. Herman Rutledge; 1907; living 1970 in Templeton, Calif.
6. Floyd Rutledge; 1909-living 1970 in Sallisaw, Okla.; m Flora
7. Rhoda Rutledge; 1910-living 1970; m James; of Ukiah, Okla.

Lydia Posey Walls in 108 according to her Bible entry. She must be the oldest living Posey, the most active, mentally and physically. for her age of all, and she surely possesses the greatest storehouse of first-hand history of any living person today. Recently on her birthday, President Nixon took the opportunity to send his congratulations. The authors had the rare privilege in Dec., 1970 of visiting Lydia in her home in Marble City, Okla. She offered to prepare lunch. The offer was declined for obvious reasons.

One can easily imagine the exciting day of direct contact with so much of the past. Upon the arrival of the authors and four other "cousins", Lydia was found waiting on the front walk. She escorted all inside, then began to greet each with an embrace and a kiss on the cheek. Between words of happiness and appreciation that visitors had come so far to see her, she began to extend this rare, warm greeting and sincere expression of pleasure and hospitality. The third such round of affection brought the visitors to the point of ecstatic tears of humility, joy, and gladness that the trip had been made.

C. John Riley/Rawleigh Posey; b. 1864 or 1874; m 3/2/1892 to S. E.

Risenhoover (Polk Co. Mar. Book E, p.263).

D. William Edward M. Posey; b c1876; d by 1937; m Fannie Miller; ordained a Baptist minister in 1906 by the Rock Springs Baptist Church, Polk Co., Ark.

Children:

1. John Appleton Oddey Posey; b c1918-living 1970; m Ida Harrison, dtr. of Seaborn Harrison, a descendant of Martha Posey Harrison, sister of Seaborn Posey. Children: Carlos, Billy, David, Laverne, Shirley.
2. Joseph Posey
3. Dawsie Posey; b 1928; twin to Flossie
4. Flossie Posey b 1928; m James F. Cochran, 3/6/1946
5. Cynthia Posey

VII. Isham P. Posey; b 1848 in Randolph Co., Ala.; buried Okemah, Okla.; m (1) Mary Wiles in April, 1870; m (2) Margaret Risenhoover on 12/4/1886.

Children:

- A. Isom R. Posey; b 1871
- B. Nancy Posey; b 1878
- C. William G. Posey; b 1880
- D. Drucilla Posey; b 1888; m C. K. Hudson on 4/27/1906
- E. Susanna "Nan"; b 1891; m D. Bruce on 8/1/1911
- F. Rachel Posey; unmarried
- G. Ernest Posey; b 1895; m Alta Martin, 11/25/1916
- H. May Posey; b 1899; m Will Walls on 8/24/1916

VIII. Ben Posey; b 1852 in Randolph Co., Ala.; m Margaret House, b. 1859 in Missouri; Children: Mary Tennessee, b 1877; Lucy, b 1879; Malinda, b 1880; Ida; Martha who m a Kelly; Susanna; Frank, living in 1969.

IX. Susannah Posey; b 1/9/1856 Dallas Co., Ark.; m Frank Ford; d 4/8/1939; Children:

- A. Bobby Ford; B. Algrace Ford; C. Seaborn Ford, 1882-1964
- D. Eli Hugh Ford; children: Elma, Norman, Maxine, Eula Dean, and E. H., Jr.
- E. John Ford; living in New Castle, Texas
- F. Silla Ford; living 1970 in Sulphur, Okla.; m Walter Reed who d. 1935; children: Ellie, Claud, Louis, and Kathleen.
- G. Rutha Ford; m Gran Medalph; living in New Castle, Texas; children, Merle, Nettie, Addie, Buster, and Althea
- H. Oval Ford; 1896-1966; children; Verna and Esther

X. Seaborn Posey, Jr.; b 1859 Dallas Co., Ark.; buried near Sims, Ark.; m (2) Nepie Cox; one known son, William Posey.

XI. Charlocter Posey; b 1872 in Polk Co., Ark.; d 1942; m Ida Ward; see page 15 for their picture. Children:

- A. Effie Posey; b 1898; living 1970; m Henry Kennedy; children, Clarence and Frank
- B. Vay Posey; b 1901/2; living; m Ollie Wolfenburger in 1919; dtr Lucille.

- C. Ellis; b. 1905/6; living 1970; m 1927 to Alice McAllister; address Rt. 2, Sulphur, Okla.
children;
1. Gwendolyn; m Robert Neal; lives Bethany, Okla.; children (1) Denise (2) Steven, (3) Toni
2. E. Loyd; living Wapanucka, Okla.; children Sherry and Phil
3. Dorothy Fay; m. Ron Warner; children (1) Brenda (2) Cynthia, (3) Lisa, (4) Keith; (5) Karla
4. Marilyn; m. David Chandler; children (1) Karen, (2) Melina, (3) David
5. Clayton E.; presently in Belem, Brazil; children Jay and Nathan.
- D. Kenneth; b. 1908; living in Posey Hollow, Polk Co., Ark.; m 1927 to Alson Strother;
children;
1. L. J.; m. Mildred Bradley; children, Kenny, Jeanne, Brian
2. Alean; m. Douglas Guinn; children Mike, Alice, Lila
3. Violet Dean; m. Dewayne Cox; child, Cary
4. Verlon;
- E. Ota; m. Otha Bates 1931; children (1) Ota; (2) Melba, (3) Billy Ray (4) Joan

XII. CHARLOTTE POSEY: b. 11/17/1875; d. 6/1/1961; m. to W. E. "Abe" Cox ; one son, Marion who m. Mamie and had children (1) Hubert, (2) Irene, (3) Delman, (4) Archie, (5) Mary Belle, (6) Nolan

Charlocter and Charlotte were children by the second wife, Anna Abee. An unexplained entry on the 1880 census of Polk Co., Ark. concerns children of Seaborn. The census lists two sons, Andrew T., age 19, and James J., age 18, as being those of Seaborn. No descendant of Seaborn can identify these two. Names of the other children of Seaborn were listed incorrectly so it is possible that these two were nephews and mistakenly labeled as sons.

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FRANCIS MARION POSEY: second child of Squire and Jane Posey

b. 1814/15 in Jasper Co., Ga.; d. about 1890 in the Posey Mill Community in Franklin Co., Ala.; buried in the Bethlehem Church cemetery near the old mill; census records; 1820 Jasper Co., Ga.; 1830 Autauga Co., Ala.; 1840-60 Coosa Co., Ala.; 1870 Winston Co., Ala.; 1880 Walker Co., Ala.

- m. (1) Sarah Waldrop, 1822 Ga; d. by 1874; probably the daughter of David and Henrietta Waldrip. David was born in S. C. in 1798 and Henrietta was born in 1802 in S. C. David was a son of Solomon Waldrip, born 1870/70 in S. C. The Waldrips were in Jasper Co., Ga. on the 1820-30 censuses and later moved to Coosa Co., Ala. Sarah's brothers and sisters were James who married Drucilla Posey, John, David, Laney, and Mary Ann. Sarah was the mother of the first seven of Francis Marion's children.
- m. (2) Eliza Lovett Cates, 1832-1893; daughter of Alfa Lovett, born 1811 in Kentucky, and his wife, Eliza, born 1811 in S. C. Francis' wife, Eliza was the widow of W. E. Cates by whom she had four children, Margaret, Eliza, Andrew, and William. The daughter Eliza Cates married a Posey also. Alfa Lovett had two sons, David and Enoch. The latter married Ritty

Caroline Posey, daughter of Francis Marion and Sarah Posey. Eliza Lovett Cates Posey is buried at Sardis Cemetery in Walker Co., Ala. She was the mother of Francis Marion's last two children.

Francis Marion Posey, known as Frank, was born about 1815 in Jasper Co., Ga. He came to Alabama with his parents and lived with them until he married Sarah Waldrip on June 15, 1842 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book A., p. 146).

Frank and Sarah were charter members of the Union Springs Baptist Church in Coosa Co. along with his parents and other members of the family. Sarah joined by letter from some other church in June, 1850.

They moved to Winston Co., Ala. by 1870 as they are on the 1870 census. Sarah died there by 1873 as Frank had a son by his second wife in 1874. Sarah's grave has not been located but the most likely location is that of the cemetery near the mill in the southern part of Winston Co., where the Poseys were living at the time.

The second wife was Eliza Lovett Cates. After the birth of a second child of the second marriage, Frank and Eliza separated for Frank was living with a daughter by 1880 and Eliza was living elsewhere. The two youngest children lived with their Uncle Andy (Squire's youngest son) for a time.

At his death, Frank was living with a son, Ellige Allen, on the hill between Posey's Mill and Bethlehem Church. His funeral was recalled by Isabelle Posey Creel, daughter of a nephew, as occurring when she was a child and placed the date as 1890. A marker was placed on his resting place in the Bethlehem Cemetery in 1968 by Sam R. Posey and Frank Posey, a great-nephew and great-great-nephew. His grave was identified by Ida Creel Porter, great-granddaughter of Mary Posey Willis, sister of Frank, as Mrs. Porter had cared for it during the years since his death.

children of Francis Marion

1. DAVID S. POSEY: b. 1844 in Coosa Co., Ala.; d. 1916 in Chilton Co., Ala.
2. FRANCIS MARION POSEY, JR: b. 1845/6 Coosa Co., Ala.; last record in 1870
3. SEABORN B. POSEY: b. 1849/50 Coosa Co., Ala.; last heard of in 1916
4. WILLIAM POSEY: b. 1851 in Coosa Co., Ala.; last record in 1880
5. RITTY CAROLINE POSEY: b. 1855 Coosa Co., Ala.;
6. ELLIGE ALLEN POSEY: b. 1856 in Coosa Co., Ala.; d. 1918 Okla.
7. JOHN THOMAS POSEY: b. 1861 Coosa Co., Ala.; d. 1933 Moulton, Ala.
8. GEORGE WASHINGTON POSEY: b. 1874 Winston Co., Ala.; d. 1951 Walker Co., Ala.
9. ROZILEE POSEY: b. 1875 Winston Co., Ala.; d. in Florida, date unknown

I. DAVID S. POSEY: b. 1844; d. 1916; wounded in Civil War while serving with Co.K, 24th Ala. Inf. at Chickamauga; buried in the Posey Cemetery, Clanton, Ala.; m. Tempy Martin, 1843-1911.

Children;

- A. John M.; 1865-1928; m. Minnie Lee 1870-1960; one known daughter, Alice.
- B. Wittington E.; 1866-before 1946; daughter, Trudy.
- C. Ebbera U., called "Um"; 1868-d. by 1946
- D. Levi Gaines; called "Tobe"; 1871-? ; m. Annie M. 1874-1949; sons Napoleon and Allan, the latter still living near Clanton who supplied part of this information.
- E. Nalder Boone; 1874-1946; m. Nancy 1871-1950; known children are Lucia Crumpton; Mae Pate, Dolly Crumpton, Lillie Smith and Pauline Browder.

- F. Sarah A.; 1875- before 1946
- G. Trufene; still living 1946 in Jemison; m. J. N. Cofer
- H. Fawnce; living in 1946.

II. FRANCIS MARION POSEY JR: Marion was born in Coosa Co., Ala. in 1845/6. He was last on the census in Winston Co., Ala., 1870. The census listed his wife as Elizabeth and a son named Elijah, born 1869. The last reported contact with Marion was a visit he made to Ellige Allen Posey, his brother, in Maud, Oklahoma. Charles Wilburn Posey wrote the following about this visit:

Uncle Marion Posey lived in Texas just cross the line of Okla bout 125 mi from us. the boys did come to visit us I shall never forgit them one of them could throw his voice we thought that was something I like to ruin my voice trying to throw my voice I fooled some of the people but I was never as good as Cousin Offerd his bro name was Luther and Abb; they had nice famlys some way or other thay got away from us.

Lonnie Posey, a nephew recalled that his father, John Thomas Posey, lived for a short time with Marion before he left Alabama. No further contact had been made with this family.

III. SEABORN B. POSEY: Seaborn was born 1850 in Coosa Co., Ala. He was still living in 1916 according to Civil War pension records. He served in Co. K. 24th Ala. Infantry with his brother David. Seaborn was wounded in the hip. He married Barbara Posey, daughter of Napoleon Bonaparte Posey, a grandson of the Revolutionary soldier Hezekiah Posey (see the chapter on Hezekiah for more details about this branch). Seaborn served as Supt. of Education for Winston Co., Ala. early in this century. Due to a misunderstanding about the handling of public money, Seaborn left the state. Again, Charles Posey is the source for a touching incident recalled:

In 1916 Dad (Ellige Allen) heard of him (Seaborn) and went over to see him he pulled up in the yard Uncle Seaborn came to the door and when he saw Dad he run to Dad fell on his neck and cryed like a baby I remember Cousin Beve coming over to see us Uncle had one girl I knew of her name was Metta and she married a fellow by the name of Riggins they visited here a few time they too vanished.

seaborn had not seen his brother Ellige Allen for at least twenty years when this meeting occurred. This is the last record of Seaborn and his family that the authors have found.

Census records show as children of Seaborn and Barbara; (1) Sarah 1873- ; (2) Modena 1875- ; (3) Napoleon 1879- .

IV. WILLIAM POSEY: William was born 1851 in Coosa Co., Ala. The place and date of his death is uncertain. He married Emily Martin, daughter of Thomas Martin of Winston Co., Ala. William worked in the coal mines at Nauvoo, Ala. One day, he failed to return from work. Although his horse and buggy were found, no word was

ever heard from him. This event apparently happened just before 1880. By the time of the taking of the 1880 census, Emily Posey had died and William was gone. The 1880 enumeration lists three Posey children, Thomas, Nancy, and Francis, as "bound" children or adopted children living in the household of Joshua Teague. These children were those of William and Emily.

The authors have heard two stories concerning the death of a William Posey in Oklahoma. The first, told by Charles Wilburn Posey, is as follows:

I will say a few words about Bill. He was our father's brother. Seems like he had a little trubble heard lots of storys about him Cousen Charles knew more than we did I heard how he got killed a store keeper told me one time as I passed through his little town I stopped on my way to buy a little to eat I suspose he run the post office he come to wait on me he look at me said is your name Posey I said yes have you got an Uncle Bill Posey up around Muskogee I said I hear I have well you have and I knew you because you all favor so much he said you know he was dead i said i had heard well he said i no where he got killed i think or have a pritty good ida who it was the Indians way laid the road where it went down into a dry creek or gulch high trees was on both sides of the road near this crossing they shot uncle Bill.

In another letter, Charles wrote that Bill had married an Indian woman, had another family of boys and girls and had struck it rich in the oil fields.

The other story concerning the death of Bill Posey is a similiar one except that it is said that Bill was a brother of the Creek poet, Alec Posey, instead of Bill, the son of Francis Marion. Neither story has been proved nor disproved.

Children of William and Emily Martin Posey;

- A. Nancy Posey; 1874-
- B. Thomas David Posey; 1877-1960
- C. Francis G. Posey; 1879-

A. Nancy; b. 1874; buried at Old Enon Cemetery near Jones Chapel, Ala. in an unmarked grave. She married Miles Thomas Taylor in 1894. No contact has been made with her children but they are reported to be Noel, Albert, Dewey and Walter.

B. Thomas David Posey; b. 2/14/1877; d 2/25/1960; buried at Emeus Chapel in Cullman County, Ala.; m. Bertha Sarah McKleroy, 1886-1967. The following information was supplied by Dura Posey Porter, a daughter, now living in Addison, Ala. children;

1. Lenora; 5/23/1902; m William Columbus Stevens in 1920;
 - a. Willie Ruth 1935-1945
 - b. Ruby Lee, 1941-
 - c. Ronald Cleo -1942- m Linda Sims; son Scottie 1967-
2. Earl Edward; b. 1904-1962. m Thursie I. Marchman, 1905-1953
 - a. Wyneta Inell, 1925- m Hershel L. White; children:
 1. Hershel Edward b. 1944; m Charlotte Campbell
 2. Larry Eugene, b. 1946; m Carolyn Bryan (children; Tina, Gregory, Susan, and Tammy)

3. Annie Carol, b. 1949; m James C. Tankersley
 4. Kathy Irene, b. 1953
 5. Michael Wayne, b. 1963
 - b. Wensel Theo Posey, b.1928; m Harlice Stephens
 1. Quinton, b. 1953
 2. Wazanta, b. 1957
 3. Warren, b. 1961
 - c. Sarah Bonnell Posey, b.1933; m Rev. Vernon Willis
 1. Benita, b. 1951
 2. Ronnie, b. 1953
 3. Timothy, b. 1959
3. Ernest Richard Posey, b. 1906; m Minnie Rooker
 - a. Mava Marie Posey, b 1929; m James E. Whitaker
 1. Anita, b. 1950 m Jimmy Oldacre
 2. Rita Gayle, b. 1953
 3. James Gaylon, b. 1957
 4. Teresa, b. 1959
 - b. Robert Ernest, b. 1931; m Freda J. English
 1. Therron Mark, b. 1958
 2. Gegie Kaye, b. 1960
 3. Ginger, b 1946
 - c. Glenda Jean, b. 1935; m Ben Dunlap
 1. Pamela, b. 1960
 2. Sandra, b. 1963
 3. Donna, b. 1968
 4. Wanda, b. 1968; died in infancy; twin to Donna
 5. John Richard, b. 1969
 - d. Milda Dean; b. 1937; m Hollis Laney
 1. Sheila, b 1956
 2. Sherry, b. 1958
 - e. Frances Earline, b; 1940; m Aubrey Corley
 4. Myrtle Posey; b 1908; d. 1910; buried at Old Enon Cem., Winston Co.
 5. Una Mae Posey;b. 1911; m Raymond Wright
 6. Odes Fletcher Posey; b 1914; m Agnes Sims
 - a. Margaret Jane; b 1946; m Anthony Sellers
 1. Johna, b 1964
 2. Kim, b 1966
 - b. Sammie Lee, b. 1947
 - c. Bertha Alinda; b 1949
 - d. James Stanley;b.1951
 - e. Betty Rebecca, b 1955
 7. Dura Beatrice Posey, b 1917; m Coleman D. Porter
 - a. Jerry, b 1948
 - b. Sharon, b 1951
 8. Nellie Nina Posey; b 1919; m Homer Tucker
 - a. Wilna Sue, b 1938; m James W. Searcy
 1. James Richard, b 1958

- 2. Anne D., b 1964
- 3. Thomas David, b. 1966
- b. David Herald, b. 1947 ; m Linda Wallace

- 9. Buell Posey; b. 1922; d. 1923 buried at Emeus Cemetery
- 10. Euell Posey; b. 1922; d. 1923; buried at Emeus Cemetery; twin to Buell

- 11. Ina Sue Posey; b. 1924; m Coy Kilgo
 - a. Deborah, b. 1959
 - b. Donna, b 1960

- 12. Leon Eldon Posey, b. 1927; m Mildred Woody.
 - a. Charles Leon, b. 1948; m Connie Belzle
 - b. Thomas Grady, b. 1950

C. FRANCIS G. POSEY: b. 1879; d. 1937; buried at Lynn Cemetery, Lynn, Ala.
m Dona Crow, 1881-1959

children;

- 1. Clarence Posey, 1906-1928
- 2. Floyd Posey, 1910-1930
- 3. Vaudie Lee Posey, b. 1916-1964
- 4. Otis Ford Posey, 1921-1967
- 5. Walter Posey, b. 1908; living in Kentucky
- 6. Lottie B. Posey; b. 1912; m Fred A. Wilkerson; living at Townley, Ala.

Emily Martin Posey, mother of Nancy, Thomas, and Francis, and wife of William Posey, is buried at Kayser Cemetery in Winston Co., Ala. Little is known of her family nor is it known why her father, living at her death, did not take the three children to care for.

V. RITTY CAROLINE POSEY: oldest daughter of Francis Marion and Sarah W. Posey.

Ritty was born in 1855 in Coosa Co., Ala. Not much is known about her at this time. None of her descendants have been located. She married Enoch Lovett, brother of her step-mother. Enoch was a son of Alfa Lovett. Ritty and her family lived near the old Posey Mill in the southeast section of Winston Co., Ala. at one time for her father, Francis Marion, lived with her after he separated from Eliza Cates Posey.

She also moved into the Posey Mill community that is situated near the Winston-Franklin County lines for in the Bethlehem Church cemetery there is buried Willis Lovett, 1891-1892. His marker identifies him as a son of R. C. and E. Lovett. Other children from the 1880 census of Walker Co., Ala. are Francis 1876- ; Montoe 1877- ; Albert 1878- ; Enoch is said to have been buried in Bibb Co., Ala.

VI. ELLIGE ALLEN POSEY:

Ellige Allen was born in 1856 in Coosa Co., Ala. He lived near his relatives until 1893 when he moved to Oklahoma. He married Mary Arlesia Evaline Poe, a daughter of Larkin and Mary Davis Poe (see chapter on related families for details



ELLIGE ALLEN POSEY 1856-1918



ELLIGE ALLEN POSEY AND FAMILY

of her families). Ellige Allen lived with his "Uncle Andy" in Alabama in 1880. He moved first to Maud, Okla., then to Polk or Scott Counties, Ark., finally settling in Wewoka, Okla. where he is buried.

Children of Ellige Allen and Evaline Poe Posey:

I. Yancey Anthony Posey; b. 1881 Walker or Winston Co., Ala.; d. 1964; lived in Wewoka, Okla.; m (1) Martha Lydia Collins, (2) Elaine Boyd.

Children:

- A. Carl Wesley Posey; 9/7/1904-6/25/1964; m Flora Golden
 - 1. Harold Wesley Posey; 1932-1933
 - 2. Delmer Lee Posey; b. 1935; d. 1960; m Mary Lou Brown; son Earl Lee, b. 1958.
 - 3. Martha Louise Posey; b. 1940; m Earl H. Pendley; children, Jerrie and Kenneth
- B. Classie Posey; b. 1906; m John Gwaltney, 1885-1969; lives Rt. 1, Council Hill. Okla.
 - 1. John Ray Gwaltney; b.1932; m Tessie Sanders; children Debra and Fary
 - 2. Helen Delores Gwaltney; b. 1935; m Howard Henson
 - 3. Clifford Lee Gwaltney; b. 1937; m Barbara Rose; son Wesley
- C. Gaudy Field Posey; b. 1909; m Alma Hestand
 - 1. Alma Arlene; b 1939; m (1) C.M.Lowman (2) Charles Vanham; children Charles Bret Lowman and Leslie Neal Lowman.
- D. Clifford Milton Posey; m Clarcy Ann Camp
 - 1. Loretta Faye Posey; b. 1936; m Randal Due; children, Linda and Cheryl.
 - 2. Velda Jean Posey; b. 1939; m Bobby Joe Rogers; children Sabrina and Sandra.
 - 3. Joan Marie Posey; b. 1943; m Edwin Lewis; son Darryl
 - 4. Robert Franklin Posey; b. 1944; m Judith Glasgow; son Robert M.
- E. Arvil Posey
- F. Frances Eveline Posey; b. 1916; m Nobie Blake
 - 1. Cecil Lloyd Blake; b. 1938; m Georgia Cornelius; children are Janice, Kenneth, and Sharron
 - 2. Doris Maxine Blake; b. 1941; m Paul Ward; children, Pauletta, Steven, and Carl.
 - 3. Della Ruth Blake; b 1945; m Earl Conley, children Thomas & Alicia.
 - 4. Thelma Lou Blake; b. 1951; unmarried
- G.. Edward Dee Posey; lives Rt. 5, Chillicothe, Mo.; m. Norma Elizabeth Curcum;
 - 1. Albert Eugene Posey; b 1943; m Madelon Stottlemeyre; children are Misty, Sherial, and Kevin
 - 2. Larry Edward Posey;; m Vicki McBee Oster; daughter Carol, born 1970
 - 3. Raymond Earl Posey; b 1949; m Beverly Hamrick; son Rodney
- H. Cecil L. Posey; b .1925; m Beulah Bryan; lives Newalla, Okla. Pamela Kay, b.1956 and Terry Lynn, born 1957.

II. Elbert Gilpin Posey; b. 1883 in Ala.; d. 1970 in Wewoka, Okla. Elbert was a judge. He married Edna Alexander.

Children:

- A. Cyril of Reno, Nevada
- B. Varn of Reno, Nevada

- III. Seaborn Louis Posey; b. 1885 in Ala.; d. 1946 in Glendale, Arizona; m Sarah York (see Related families section for her family as she is related to Seaborn's mother). Sarah is still living in Peoria, Arizona. children;
- A. Sidney Posey; of Avondale, Ariz.
 - B. Rachel Posey; m C. N. Scarbrough; lives 1287 Hilltop Dr., Salinas, Cal.
 - C. Alfa Posey; m a Brewer; one son, Raymond Brewer, 2230 N. 48th Dr., Phoenix, Ariz.
 - D. Opal Posey
 - E. Wesley Posey; of Peoria, Ariz.
 - F. Chester Posey; of 136 W. 19th St., Merced, Cal.
 - G. Louetta Posey
- IV. Mary Arlesia Posey; b. 1887 in Ala. ; d. 1936 in Wewoka, Okla.; m Will Holt.
- A. Hermit Holt
 - B. Iva Holt; m a Havens; lives San Diego, Cal.
 - C. Stella Holt
- V. Sarah Viola Posey; v. 1889 in Ala. ; d. 1954 in Pittsburg, Calif.; m. Ben Burnett;
- A. Virgil Burnett;
 - B. Vernie Burnett; lives Concord, Calif.
 - C. Wayne Burnett
 - D. Crystalee Burnett
- VI. Thomas Allen Posey; b 1891 in Ala. ; 1935 in Oklahoma City, Okla.; m Phoebe Coffey.
- A. Harvey Posey
 - B. Foster David Posey; Seminole, Okla.
 - C. Ruby Posey; lives Wilberton, Okla.
 - D. Allie Posey
- VII. Marion Foster Posey; b. 1893 in Ala. ; d. 1962/3 in Fresno, Calif.; m. Effie Wallace.
- A. Bernice; m Stanley Peters; lives 1615 S. X St., Fort Smith, Ark.
 - B. Utha Posey; m Dave King of 2479 N. Marks Ave., Fresno, Calif.
 - C. Trice Posey; lives 3060 W. Floradora St., Fresno, Cal.
- VIII. Walter Lee Posey; b. 1894 in Ala.; d. 1969 in Wewoka, Okla. m. Oda Middleton, living 1970
- A. Marion Leon Posey; m (2) Wanda; children, Larry Leon, Desma, Myra and Scott
- X. Charles Wilburn Posey; b. 1895 in Okla.; living 1970 in Avondale, Ariz.;
- m. Julia Kelly;
 - A. Gladys Faye Posey; m. Loveless
 - B. Huel Gene Posey; lives Buckeye, Ariz.
 - C. Charles Winfred
- XI. Josie Edna Posey; b. 1897 Okla.; d. 1957 in Pittsburg, Calif.; m Charles Van.
- A. Charles M. Van; of Moultrie, Ga.
 - B. Theadus

C. Rexie Van

D. Iva Van; m. Woods, lives 316 Pullman Ave., W. Pittsburg, Calif.

XIII: Leroy McQuirter Posey; b. 1901 Okla.; living Wewoka, Okla.; m. Madge Jones;

A. Donald Posey; b. 1933; m. Christine; children Nancy and Donald

B. Patsy Posey; b. 1936; m Jerry McGehee; dtr Jerry Pat

JOHN THOMAS POSEY: seventh child of Francis Marion; b. 1/1/1861 in Coosa Co., Ala.; d. 12/31/1933; buried Heflin Cem., Moulton, Ala.; m. Margaret Stewart, daughter of Jacob and Elmira Stewart.

Children:

1. Sarah Adeline Posey; 6/11/1885; 7/22/1926; m. Robert Lee Givens; 8 children among whom are Robert and Henry Givens.
2. Mary Caroline Posey; b. 1886-1926; unmarried
3. Eliza Eveline Posey; b. 1889-living 1969; m Birt Posey 1886-1947 (see Posey in Alabama, a subsequent chapter, for his family); no children.
4. Andrew Posey; b. 1890; d. 1/14/1962; m Harriet Tedder 1890-1969; children;
 - A. John Benjamin Posey; b. 1910- living Cullman, Ala.
 - B. Laura Posey; b. 1913; m Carl Truitt living Madison, Ala.
 - C. Marion Posey; b. 1914; living Cullman, Ala.; unmarried
 - D. Lulu Posey; b. 1916; m Ernest Burgess; living Crossville, Tenn.
 - E. Price Posey; b. 1/20/1918; m. Mildred Renley; living Athens, Ala. children; Virginia; Wayne; David; Dwight; John and Peggy
 - F. Ora Lee Posey; b. 1920; m Marvin Renley; living Clawson, Michigan.
 - G. Bitha Posey; b. 1922; m Marvin Miller; living Athens, Ala.
 - H. Lelia Posey; b. 1923; m W. W. Boyd; living Athens, Ala.
5. Alice Posey; b. 1892-living Clanton, Ala. m. Annison Warren children; Audie, Buford, Hubert, Adeline
6. David Lonnie Posey; 1893-living 1969 in Moulton, Ala.; no children
7. Henry Posey; 1896-1960; m Mary Waldrop; son Edward of Nashville, Tenn.
8. Alford Posey; b. 1899; m Lassie Fretwell; lives Moulton, Ala.
9. Mattie Posey; b. 1903- m Bob Hollis of Moulton, Ala.; children, Gladys and Willodean.

GEORGE WASHINGTON POSEY: first child of Francis Marion and Eliza Posey; b. 1874 in Lynn, Ala.; d. 10/5/1951; served in Alabama Legislature 1936-40.; m Laura Ellen Posey, daughter of Napoleon Colorado Posey of Walker Co., Ala. (see chapter on Hezekiah Posey for her family).

Children:

1. Susan Posey; b. 1893; m Davis Childers; no children
2. James Colorado Posey; died as child.
3. Effie Loudella Posey; d. as a young child.
4. Zella Posey; b. 1898; living 1970; m W. Holden Posey (see chapter on the Poseys of Edgefield Co., S. C. for his family);



GEORGE AND LAURA POSEY



TENNIE, DORA, AND CHARLES POSEY

Can anyone place them in their proper relationship to Squire Posey?

Children;

- A. Dr. George W. Posey II; b. 1919
- B. Dr. W. H. Posey, Jr.; b. 1920
- C. Laura Fay Posey, b 1932
- 5. Patsy Posey; b. 1900; living 1970 in Sebring, Fla.; m Arthur Tubbs; children Vera, Ozella, Leon
- 6. Andrew Posey; b. 1904; living 1970 in Jasper, Ala.; m Jewel Wade; one son Hershell who has children Randy and Cindy.
- 7. Bertha Posey; b. 1908- m Luther Blanton; children Atchel, Buford, Clemmie, Lewvaughn, Gloria, and Bruce

ROZILEE POSEY: last child of Francis Marion and Eliza Posey; b. 1876 in Lynn, Ala.; died in Florida; m Joseph Willis, grandson of Mary Posey Willis, sister to Francis Marion Posey;

Children;

- 1. Emily Lizabeth ; 12/20/1895; deceased; m Zeph Fuller
- 2. William Sanders ; b. 1899
- 3. George ; b. 1909
- 4. John Millard; b 1913
- 5. Emmett

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MARY POSEY: first daughter and third child of Squire and Jane Posey

This eldest daughter of Squire was born in Jasper Co., Ga. in 1817. She married James W. Willis in Coosa Co., Ala. on Nov. 25, 1837 (Coosa Co. Marriage Records Book A., p.35). Willis is believed to have been a Baptist preacher and the son of the Rev. James Willis.

Mary and James are not listed in the 1840 Coosa census but are believed to have been living there as their first child, William, is known to have been born in Coosa Co.

By 1860 the Willises were living in Shelby Co., Ala. near the Merrills and other Willises. The 1870 census showed them in Baker Co., which later became Chilton Co., Ala. In 1880 Mary was in Winston Co., Ala., living near some of her married children and with her was Milly Posey, her father's widow. James was not dead for he signed papers relative to the pension application of his sister-in-law, Margaret Morris Posey, widow of Singelton, in 1899 and gave as his address, Van Buren, Ark.

Mary is buried in an unmarked grave in Bethlehem Cemetery near Posey's Mill. She lies near her brothers Francis Marion and Andrew and some of her descendants.

Children:

1. WILLIAM SANDERS WILLIS: b. 1839 Coosa Co., Ala.; d. 1879; m Betty Merrill, a daughter of Amos Merill and sister to Nancy, who married Squire's son Andrew. Their family Bible is owned by Mrs. Ida Porter of Franklin Co., Ala., a great-granddaughter.

children:

- 1. Andrew Willis; 12/22/1866-1874

2. Paralee Willis; b. 8/20/1868
3. Joseph Wilburn Willis; b. 6/4/1871; m Rozilee Posey, daughter of Francis Marion Posey; see page 19 for children.
4. Irena Willis; b. 11/28/1875; d. 1946; m Thomas Creel 1875-1947; one daughter, Ida, living; m. to Pres Porter; one son, Andrew of Illinois.

2. JAMES WILLIS: b. 1841; believed to be the James Willis who married Lettice Williams in Coosa Co., Ala.

3. GEORGE WILLIS: b. 1844; d. in Oklahoma; m. Sarah "Sallie" Poe, sister of wife of Ellige Allen Posey.

Children;

1. Houston; b. 1875
 2. Frances, b. 1877
 3. Charles, b. 1878
 4. Simon , b. 1880
4. FRANCIS MARION WILLIS: b. 1847; m Nancy; one known daughter Alice, b. 1880
 - 4 JOSEPH WILLIS: b. 1849
 6. JANE WILLIS: b. 1853

7. MARY CAROLINE WILLIS: b. 1856; m Thomas Jackson York; known to have had 10 children but names of only two are known, Robert and Daniel. Daniel became a widely known frontier preacher in the Indian Territory.

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ALLEN POSEY: fourth child of Squire and Jane Posey

Allen Posey was born about 1820 in Jasper Co., Ga. He lived with his parents until Dec. 29, 1841 when he married Martha T. Coker (Coosa Co. Marriage Book A. p.133). She was a daughter of Coosa County's first sheriff, James A. Coker. This couple does not appear on the 1850 Coosa census but apparently they were somewhere in Alabama as late as 1846 according to the birthplace listed for their second child. By 1850 they were somewhere in Mississippi and in Dallas Co., Ark. by 1857.

Allen joined his brothers Seaborn and James in Dallas Co., Ark. He lived in Manchester Township. His descendants still live there.

Children: may be an incomplete list

1. SUSAN M. POSEY: b. 1844 Ala.
2. JOHN POSEY: b. 1846 in Ala.
3. MARGARET POSEY: b. 1850 in Miss.
4. WILLIAM H. POSEY: b. 1853 in Miss.
5. MARTHA J POSEY: b. 1855 in Miss.
6. infant b.. 1857 in Ark.

Allen and his family do not appear on the 1880 Dallas Co., Ark. census. There is a 14 year-old Allen Posey listed, living in the household of George A. Harrison. Whether this is a grandson or a descendant of his brother, James, is not known. No descendants have been contacted although they are said to still be in the area.

MARTHA POSEY: fifth child of Squire and Jane Posey.

Martha was born between 1820 and 1825 in Jasper Co., Ga. She is said to have married a Harrison and moved to Arkansas with her brothers Seaborn, Allen, and James. She has not been located on any census yet. However, there are Harrisons in Polk Co., Ark. who know that they are related to the Poseys but cannot establish exactly the relationship.

Only one child can be identified at his time. William Harrison, believed to be her son, was born about 1860 and died in 1930. His wife was a Ham. His children were:

1. Nathaniel
2. Dexter
3. Seaborn
4. Thomas
5. Jack
6. Will
7. Betty who m. a Heath
8. Lilley who m a Hendricks
9. Lottie who ma. a Lawrence
10. Maggie who m. a Robards
11. Addie who m. a Lawrence

JAMES POSEY: sixth child of Squire and Jane Posey.

James was born in Jasper Co., Ga. on June 14, 1822. He married Lucretia Baxley on Nov. 30, 1847. (Coosa Marriage Book B, p.2). Lucretia was probably the daughter of Asa Baxley. The Baxleys' had lived in Jasper Co. Ga. before moving to Coosa Co.

James moved with his brothers to Dallas Co., Ark. in the 1850's and was counted there on the 1860 census. He was still living there in 1880.

Children:

A. Arnton Preston Posey; b. 7-2-1848 in Coosa Co., Ala.; dead by 1880. He married Sally McFadden who married James Carter after Arnton's death. His children were:

1. Arnton Preston Posey, Jr.; b. 1/12/1874; d 12/18/1952; m Louvenia Bryant, b. 8/25/1879 and living in 1971.
 1. Martha Elitha Posey; m Wayne Campbell; lives Fremant, Ohio.
 2. Benjamin Duffie Posey; b 1903; m Estelle Owen; lives in Sparkman, Ark.; dtr. Betty Posey who m Shelton Turberville.
 3. Katherine Ethel Posey; b. 1/20/1906; lives Sparkman, Ark.
 4. Wilma Piccola Posey; m Ralph Roberts; lives Benton, Ark.
 5. Aaron Jessie Posey; b. 1912; m Florine Reddin; lives Sparkman, Ark.; children Sonjia Rayborn, Beverly Findley; Danny, Kathy, and Rickey.
6. Lawrence Joseph Posey; b 1916; m Irene Ross; lives in Sparkman, Ark.

2. James S. Posey; b. 1872; m Neelie Peterson who d. 1970.
Children;

1. Anderson Posey; deceased in 1971; m Josie
2. Mildren Posey; m Gus Duthridge; lives Donaldson, Ark.

3. Reed Posey; deceased by 1971; m Lorraine
4. Cecil Posey (daughter); m Carl Voss; lives Rolla, Ark.
5. Myrtis Posey; m a Wingfield; lives Roseboro, Oregon
6. J. S. Posey; killed in action, World War II
7. Donald Posey; died at 18

B. Parham Posey; b. 11/3/1851; m Martha; children Nannie and Thornton.

C. Mary Ann Posey; b. 2/17/1854; died unmarried

D. Allen Posey; b 5/24/1856; information from Coy Posey, Fordyce, Ark. children:

1. Charles Thomas Posey; m Ruth; son Dency
2. Minnie
3. Mattie
4. Beatie
5. Milton
6. Albert
7. Coy
8. Odie
9. Maggie Lucretia
10. Ophelia

E. Martha Callie Posey; b 4/19/1860; m a Smith; dtr Mrs. Clara Reynolds supplied the dates in this section from the family Bible of James and Lucretia Baxley Posey.

GILBERT POSEY: seventh child of Squire and Jane Posey

Gilbert was born in 1826 in Autauga Co., Ala. He married Hannah Prater on August 7, 1849 (Coosa Marriage Record A; p.103). Hannah and Gilbert had no children. They lived in Coosa Co. until March 8, 1862 when Gilbert enlisted in Co. B., 34th Ala. Inf. His military record described him as 5'7", dark complexion, black eyes, and black hair. He died of pneumonia at "Empire House", Atlanta, Ga. on March 21, 1863. No further record of Hannah Posey has been found.

DRUSCILLA POSEY: eighth child of Squire and Jane Posey

Druscilla was born in 1827 in Autauga Co., Ala. She married James Waldrop on March 23, 1848 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book A, p.280). James was a son of David Waldrop (Waldrip) and a brother to Sarah Waldrop who married Druscilla's brother Francis Posey. Druscilla and James were charter members of Union Springs Baptist Church in Coosa Co. as were several other members of the Posey family.

It is believed that they moved to Posey's Mill in Franklin Co., Ala. by the 1870's as there is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery there an A. S. Waldrop, 1852-1876, with his wife Martha, 1858-1905. Some of the living Poseys

remember some Waldrop cousins. Winston County marriage records show a license issued to Simon Waldrop and Rhoda Bennett in 1891. It is believed that he is a grandson of Druscilla.

Children; may be an incomplete list

I. David Waldrop; b. 1849 Ala.

II. Mary Waldrop; b. Nov. 1850 Ala.

III. A. S. Waldrop; b. 1852

IV. Levi Waldrop; b. 1856

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SINGLETON POSEY: ninth child of Squire and Jane Posey

Singleton Posey was born in Autauga Co., Ala. in 1830. He married Martha Margaret Morris on Jan. 7, 1849 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book B., p.32); He joined the Union Springs Church by baptism in October 1851 and was dismissed by letter Aug. 1856. He has not been located on the 1860 census so it is not known whether he moved out of Coosa for a time or whether the census taker missed him.

He volunteered at Loachapoka, Lee Co., Ala. on May 3, 1862 as a private in Co. B., 34th Ala. Infantry, the same outfit as his brother Gilbert joined. He was captured by Federal troops and paroled as a prisoner of war at Talladega, Ala. on July 8, 1865. He died of his wounds on April 15, 1866. The 34th fought at Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and Atlanta. Singleton's descendants remember his wife relating how she could pull a silk handkerchief through his wound. He is buried at the Baxley Cemetery in Coosa Co., Ala. as his wife was related to the Baxleys.

Martha Margaret reared her family of five children alone. She moved to the Posey Mill community after 1880 to join her husband's brothers. Her children related the story of how they thought, when young, that she never slept. She made a crop each year, working in the fields by day and keeping up with her household duties at night. The children would go to bed hearing her spinning wheel going and would awaken to the same sound in the morning.

Martha Margaret was born in Henry County, Ga. on Feb. 10, 1832 and lived until May 1, 1917. She is buried at Bethlehem Church near Posey's Mill. She was a daughter of Jesse and Mary Kuglar Morris (See Related Families for more about the Morris family). Her maternal grandmother, Ann Caren Kuglar, is said to have ridden horseback from Ga., likely Henry Co., to Coosa Co. to see her daughter, Mary Morris, when she (Ann Caren) was 90 years old. Ann Caren spoke Dutch and lived to be more than 100 years old.

Children of Singleton and Martha Margaret Posey:

I. Nathaniel Posey; b. 1852; d. 1930

II. Appleton Posey; b. 1854; d. 1906

III. Nalder Posey; b. 1856; d. 1930

IV. Mary Jane Posey; b. 1860

V. Singleton Posey; b. 1862; d. 1911

One child is believed to have been born in 1858 but lost at an early age.



MARTHA MARGARET MORRIS POSEY 1832-1917

I. NATHANIEL POSEY: b. 1852 Coosa Co.; d. 1930 Franklin Co., Ala.; buried Bethlehem Church near Posey's Mill; m Mary Jones of Coosa Co., who was b. 1855 and d. 1935

Children:

- A. Joan Posey; b. 1875; m John Donaldson;
children:
 - 1. Henry Donaldson
 - 2. Elsey May Donaldson; m George Bankston
- B. Albert Posey; b. 1876; m Sallie Haley
- C. Laura Posey; b. 1879; m Robert Guthery
children;
 - 1. Dacie Guthery
 - 2. Leander Guthery
 - 3. Elmer Guthery
- D. Drunetta Posey; b. 1880; m Jim Thompson
children;
 - 1. Pearl Thompson
 - 2. Bertha Thompson
- E. Caldonia Posey; m John Hallman
children;
 - 1. Tommie Hallman; m. Mona Deavers
 - 2. Odia Hallman; m Lucille Anderson
- F. H. Porter Posey; m. Levie West in 1906
children;
 - 1. Floyd Posey
 - 2. Etola Posey; m Clarence Cheatham
 - 3. Letha Posey; m William Cooper
 - 4. Fletcher Posey
 - 5. Nolan Leo Posey; drowned as a youth
 - 6. Hoyt Posey
 - 7. Leola Posey
 - 8. Louise Posey
 - 9. James Wallace Posey
- G. Tony Posey
- H. Arthur Posey; m Lela Dill
- I. Fennie Posey; m Gerald Lauderdale

II. APPLETON POSEY: b. 1854 Coosa Co., Ala.; d. 1906; m. Sarah Jane Jones, sister to brother Nathaniel's wife.

Children:

- A. Even Monroe Posey; b. 1875; d. 1968; m Betsy Kiker 1879-1958;
children:
 - 1. Nelson; 1899-1954
 - 2. Walter; m Lena Hardy; son L. G.
 - 3. Idell; m Ted Owen
 - 4. Alford; m Cleo Burson; dtr Deborah
- B. Emma Posey; b. 1877; d 1956; m Ben Guthery
Children;
 - 1. Rosa Guthery
 - 2. Lena Guthery
 - 3. Arthur Guthery; m Mattie Dooley

4. Luther Guthery; m P. Rhodes
children;
 - a. Nelda Guthery
 5. Sulla Guthery
- C. Will C. Posey; b. 1878; d. 1911; m (1) Mert Hutcheson, (2) Ella Donaldson. buried Ephesus Chapel, Winston Co., Ala.
children;
 1. Mattie Posey; m a Jackson
 2. Roy Posey; 1906-1954; died in line of duty as Winston County, Ala. sheriff in 1954; m. Vara Benford; son, William Terrell is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy; Terrell m. Virginia Bailey.
 3. Harvey Posey
 4. Doyal Posey
 5. Lottie Posey; m Dee Gilbert
- D. Jasper Posey; b. 1879; m (1) Janey Cash, (2) Mattie Garrison
children;
 1. Robert Posey
 2. Nora Posey; m Phillip Shed
 3. Dessa Posey; m Willie Newell
 4. Milton Posey
- E. Maggie Posey; m a Hutcheson
children;
 1. John Hutcheson
 2. Vina Hutcheson
 3. Millard Hutcheson
 4. Beulah Hutcheson
- F. Anna Posey; m Oscar Bankston
children;
 1. Willie Bankston; m Annie Kuykendall
 2. Albert Bankston; m Cora Gilbreath
 3. Letha Bankston; m Barto Anderson
- G. Sulla Posey; m Columbus Taylor
 1. Ola Taylor m Abraham Scott; dtr Barbara
 2. Claude Taylor;
 3. Lonnie Taylor; m Rose Alpha Watts
 4. Dayton Taylor; m Earline Ergle
 5. Pernie Taylor; m Henry Ellenburg
 6. Bea Taylor; m Warren Davis
 7. Helen Taylor; m Pete Henderson
- H. Lulubell Posey; m David Taylor
 1. Floyd Taylor
 2. Lloyd Taylor
 3. Maxwell Taylor
- I. Henry Posey; m Ida Donaldson; dtr Hazel m Henry League

- J. Siant Posey; m (1) Pearl Davis
children;
1. Talmadge Posey; 1919-1970; m Geraldine
children;
a. Russell Drennon Posey
b. Judy; m Seay of Rockford, Ill.
2. Lilian Posey; m Max Sanford
3. Audrey Posey; m Rice
4. Paul Posey; m Betty Banks
- K. Nelson Posey; m Altha Knight
children;
1. Glenn Posey; son Mark
- III. NALDER POSEY: b. 1856 in Coosa Co., Ala. ; 1930 in Franklin Co., Ala.;
- m. Susie Ann Melton 1863-1905 of a Coosa Co. family.
Children;
- A. Martha Isabelle Posey; 1881-1969; m. George Creel
children;
1. Henley Creel; m Lillie Terrell
children;
a. Mabel Creel
b. Connie Creel
c. Norma Creel
2. Susie Creel; m Cleburn Gravitt; dtr Verlon
3. Tina Creel
4. Simeon Creel; m Lucille Lecray
5. Ima Creel; m Coan of Fitzgerald, Ga.
- B. Hester Posey; 1883- ; never married
- C. Lela Posey; b. 1885; m. Lige Creel, brother to George who married her
sister Isabelle; dtr Lois
- D. Tabitha Posey; 1887-1916; m Marvin Hester
- E. Rilla Posey; 1889- ; m Quilla Cole of Columbia, Tenn.
- F. Swana Posey; b 1891; m John Creel, another brother of those above.
- G. Simeon Houston "Bud" Posey; b. 1893; living Haleyville, Ala.; m Docie
Camp;
children;
1. Owen Posey
2. Donald Posey
3. Merlon Posey; m Betty Batchelor
- H. Singleton Posey; b. 1896; m Winnie Marson
- I. Nalder Bennett Posey; b. 1898; m Mamie Terrell
- J. Kenny Posey; b. 1901; m Etha Bledsoe
children;
1. Everett Posey
2. Ken, Jr. Posey
3. Merle Posey 1934- ; m Bonnie Self
4. Bobby Ray Posey; m Barbara Headland of England
- K-L, twins, born and died 1905



SINGLETON AND CAROLINE ROBERSON POSEY



JOHN ANDREW POSEY, SR. 1891-1960



JOE AND MARY JANE POSEY MARTIN



John A. Posey, Sr., attorney and Alabama legislator for several years. This cartoon appeared in the *Montgomery Advertiser*, June 10, 1931, lampooning the only Republican in a Democratic legislature, and his three-fold use of tobacco, the cigar, the pipe, and the nearby cuspidor.

IV. MARY JANE POSEY: b. 1860 in Coosa Co., Ala.; m Joe Martin of a Coosa Co. family.

children;

A. Lee Martin ; m Victoria Donalson; accidentally shot to death children;

1. Lois Martin; m Olin Dillard

2. Lola Martin; m Frank Martin

B. Ada Martin; m Jim Donaldson; dtr Earleen m Robert Batchelor

C. Ida Martin; m John Veal

children;

1. Houston Veal; m Martin

2. Mamie Veal; m Ernest Welborn

3. Travis Veal

4. Quenton Veal

5. Ima Veal; m Jim Mayhall; dtr Sonya

6. Cranford Veal

D. Ed Martin; m Ola Bagwell

children;

1. Hollis Martin

2. Chesley Martin

3. Loal Lee Martin

V. SINGLETON POSEY, JR: b. 1862 in Coosa Co., Ala. d 3/28/1911 in Franklin Co., Ala.; m Caroline Roberson, 1861-1950.

children;

A. Minnie Posey; 1885-1923; m Henry Kennedy

children;

1. David Kennedy

2. Alice Kennedy

3. Ruben Kennedy

4. Willie Kennedy

5. Millard Kennedy

B. Leona Posey; b. 1888; m Joseph Creel

children;

1. Lloyd Creel 1911-1914

2. Lola Creel; m Hollis Pickens; dtr, Jan

3. Leo Creel; m Alyene Williams; son Joe Rodney

C. John Andrew Posey, Sr.; b. 7/17/1891; d. 9/14/1960; m. Willie Shelnut

1. Lloyd Franklin Posey; 9/20/1914-living 1970; m (2) Betty Sue Drake children;

a. John Denson Posey; b. 7/31/1935; m Barbara Owens children;

aa. Celeste Posey; b 12/24/1958

bb. John, Jr. ; b 1/25/1962

cc. Barbara Lee Posey; 8/14/1963

b. Frankie Posey; b 9/13/1944; m Richard Sutton

aa. Dale Sutton; b 3/26/1965

bb. Jessica Sutton; b 3/31/1968

c. Mark Lloyd Posey; b. 8/13/1955

d. Eric Franklin Posey; b. 11/16/1956

e. Seth Andrew Russell Posey; b. 10/7/1960 in Seoul, Korea

2. Olive Posey; b.1918; m. William Wood
children;
1. William, Jr., "Bucky"; m Laney
2. Rhett; m Jan
3. John Andrew, Jr.; b. 1923; m Ann Barton
children;
1. Susan Posey; m Phil Logan; dtr. Celeste
2. David Posey
3. John Posey III
4. Doris Jewel Posey; m. Buxton Dorman
children;
1. Andrew Russell
2. Drulinda

D. Sanford Riley "Sam" Posey; b. 2/22/1895; living 1970; m. Paralee Creel, 1893-1918. World War I veteran. No children

- E. Stella Posey; m. Alden Southern 1894-1968
Children;
1. Levis Southern; m Maxine Little; children Steve, Dobbie
2. Farris Southern; m Jo; children Regina, Ginger
3. John Alden Southern; m Peggy

- F. Tiney Posey; 1897-1953; m Hugh Albright
children;
1. Lilian Albright; m James S. Wood; children Barry, Kay
2. Boyce Albright
3. Willodean Albright; m Ben Moore
4. Bobby Hugh Albright; m Neal Masters
5. Larry Albright; m Jeanette Ellenburg

- G. Mattie Posey; m Houston Pickard
children;
1. Audra Pickard; m. A. L. Pugh; children Martha, Al, Gwen
2. Quinnie Sue Pickard; m Hall

- H. Jesse Lloyd Posey; m Emma Dillard
Children;
1. Donald Posey; m Glennis; son Don
2. James Posey; m Audrey Behol; son Chris
3. Carolyn Posey; m Charles Whitten;

Since one of the authors is a grandson of this Singleton Posey, more is known perhaps about him and his descendants than is known about some of the other Poseys. For example, it is known that he was a master craftsman in wood and iron making. He made furniture and doughboards; he built bridges and wagons; he traded wagons for land; and, like others of his day, he built and helped build houses for his neighbors. It appears he also had vigorous interests in life and a sense of humor as well. The following story is one example.

After the work was done Singleton would take members of his family to the

nearby town of Haleyville, five miles away. On one such occasion he took John and Sam, his oldest sons, where they saw one of the traveling shows of the time, around 1905-1910. One of the acts which they saw included an acrobatic flip or somersault from a standing, or moving, upright position. One the way home Singleton is reported by Sam as saying, "That looks easy to do. I think I could do that". The next day when Grandma Caroline, Singleton's wife, rang the dinner bell, John and Sam came from where they were working, but their father did not appear. Finally, Caroline sent John and Sam to look for their father. When they found him, he was lying on his back, in a semi-conscious state. It was learned that he had decided to try to imitate the flip of the acrobat seen the previous day and, there in the field, alone, he had only succeeded in knocking himself out and sustaining a temporary physical injury.

It appears that Singleton's children inherited much of the vigor, resourcefulness, uniqueness, and inquisitiveness about life which their father and mother seem to have had. The two sons, John and Sam, mentioned above, demonstrate these qualities in their interests and achievements in their own lives.

John Andrew, the eldest son and father of one of the authors, helped his mother who was widowed by the early death of her husband. He helped in many family matters regarding his brothers and sisters. He helped them in personal problems. He helped them and their children who wanted to continue their education. He also helped the children of neighbors in their education by taking them to live in his home where they could attend the high school of which he was principal.

John, upon marriage to Willie Shelnett, became first, the operator of the family water mill which his Uncle Andrew had built, following which he returned to the eighth grade in school during the year when his first son, the writer, was born (1914). He went on to graduate from high school, to a brief career as a rural letter carrier, using a horse and buggy. Later he attended the State Normal School at Florence, Ala., now known as Florence State University, and to a short career as a teacher and school principal.

John's brief teaching career was followed by election to the Alabama legislature. He served, from about 1922, for five successive terms. Between sessions of the legislature during his first term, he attended the University of Alabama Law School for a year, during which time he was able to take the state bar examination and successfully complete it, which qualified him to practice law. This was in 1924.

His career as a "country lawyer" was quite an illustrious one. He became well known in the state and Federal courts of Alabama and some adjoining states as a formidable defense attorney. He was active in the practice of law, in community affairs, and service to his church until he died in 1960 at the age of 71.

Sam Posey, second son and fourth child of Singleton and Caroline Posey married Paralee Creel just before beginning his service in France during World War I. They had no children. She died in the epidemic of influenza while he was in France. He never remarried.

At the end of World War I, Sam returned to college, taught school for a

short while, tried briefly a business career, and then found his prevailing occupational interest in service with the Alcohol Tax Unit, a division of the U.S. Treasury Dept. These men were the agents sometimes called "revenoors".

In this position Sam gained a considerable reputation among the members of his department, among the various regional and national supervisors, and among the law violators with whom he came in contact, and in the newspapers which publicized his accomplishments. He also achieved quite a record for his integrity in the courts. The violators told of his speed and endurance on foot in running and catching them. The judges soon learned and remarked about his integrity as a witness against those whom he had caught. If he was not sure of the identity of those others he saw running away, he refused to say he was sure. The newspapers soon found him a source of news and human interest stories.

In one story the reporter learned from one of the men arrested at a still the following story:

Upon pouring up the last moonshine from the still, we were ready to load the truck and leave. I walked over to a bush and pretended to place a telephone call to Sam Posey. I said, "Hello, Sam, you so-and-so. If you want to catch me you better hurry and come out here for we are ready to leave." At this point Sam stepped out from behind another bush where he had been watching us all the time and said, "Here I am. You're under arrest." I'll never try that again.

Apparently the man felt that in some magical way his pretense at telephoning had caused Sam to be there just at the right time.

Other stories have been circulated. One story was to the effect that a man who had been caught at a still by Sam asked to be allowed to call Sam's brother, John the attorney. Sam asked him why call an attorney, when he (the culprit) knew he was guilty. The violator replied, "Yes, but John can prove It wasn't here, that I'm innocent." It may have been this same violator who was convicted and who as a part of his penalty was ordered by the Federal Court to pay the tax on the whiskey. When he did not pay the tax, the writer, son of the attorney who defended the violator, and nephew of the one(Sam) who had apprehended him, was sent as an employee of the Internal Revenue Service to collect the tax. The violator, while counting out the money for the tax, said, "Well, your Uncle Sam caught me, your father defended me, and how you are collecting the tax." From the perplexed look on his face he must have thought there was some kind of conspiracy against him.

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CHARLES POSEY: tenth child of Squire and Jane Posey

Of the twelve children of Squire, Charles is the only one of which no trace has been found. No living Posey, that has been questioned about him, can remember him. He was listed on the 1850 census of Coosa Co., Ala. living in the household of his father. After that, there is no further record. No military record has been found although he was of an age to have served in the Civil War. No marriage record or census record has been located.

Charles was born in 1832 in Coosa Co. A younger Charles is known to have lived at Posey's Mill with Andrew but none can say if he was the son of this older Charles.

ELIJAH POSEY: eleventh child of Squire and Jane Posey

Elijah was born in 1835 in Coosa Co. He lived there until he enlisted in Co. B., 34th Ala. Infantry on March 3, 1862., the same outfit his brothers Gilbert and Singleton joined. His military service papers indicate that he died of measles at Corinth, Mississippi on July 7, 1862, just four months after enlisting. His papers show that \$71.20 was paid to his father, Squire, as payment due for the time he had served.

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ANDREW POSEY:twelveth child of Squire and Jane Posey

Andrew, the last child of Squire and Jane, was born in 1839 in Coosa Co., Ala. He served with the 24th Ala. Infantry, enlisting in 1861 with his nephews Squire D., David, and Seaborn Posey. He was wounded in the kneecap and shoulder.

Andrew married Nancy Merrill in Shelby County, Ala. in 1865. Nancy was a daughter of Amos Merrill whose family came from North Carolina to Alabama in the first years of Alabama's statehood. A more detailed account of the Merrill family will be found in the section on related families elsewhere in this book.

"Uncle" Andy was the youngest child of Squire Posey. He was born 1839 in Coosa Co., Ala. He went across the Coosa River into Shelby County to court and marry his wife. They had no children of their own but throughout their lives the took into their house and provided a home, at least temporarily, for a number of "kith and kin" of both the Poseys and Merrills. They both helped nephews and neices to get started in life and some to get an education. From time to time the following were to be found living with Uncle Andy and Aunt Nancy: (1) Ellige Allen Posey, son of Andy's brother Francis Marion; (2) Paralee Merrill, Nancy's blind sister; (3) George and Rozilee Posey, youngest children of Francis Marion Posey; (4) John Thomas Posey, son of Francis Marion; (5) Betty Willis and children, sister to Nancy; and(6) an unidentified Charles Posey, who with wife, Tennie and daughter, Dora, helped Andy run to mill for a time.

Every living person who knew or who knew of Uncle Andy and Aunt Nancy extols their virtues of honesty, integrity, generosity, and their helpful trusting attitude toward everyone. Andy was obviously a very bright and skilled craftsman. He built a mill for grinding wheat and corn. He also built a device for sawing logs into lumber and a gin for ginning cotton. All of these were driven by water power from a wooden dam he had built on Bear Creek and with a water wheel he had also built.

Aunt Nancy lived to be ninety-three. She outlived Andy by eighteen years. L. F. Posey, one of the authors, visited her, along with his father, John A. Posey, when twelve to fourteen years old. She was living with relatives. She was becoming senile to some degree. It is with much regret that enough was not then known to ask the right questions in order to evoke information which a person of such age must have had. Enough has been said to describe her and Uncle Andy. The author has been told of how, when he was a child of three, four, and five, Aunt Nancy, living across the dirt road, would take him to her house and feed him baked sweet potatoes and whatever he wanted that she had available. This is recorded for the reader who may see how much history and genealogy



Adults on back row: John Thomas Creel, Irena Willis Creel, Paralee Willis, Joseph Willis, Rozilee Posey Willis, Betty Merrill Willis, Andrew Posey and Nancy Merrill Posey; children on front row: Nancy Creel, Ida Creel, Emily Willis, and Willie Willis.

is in existence all around him in the recollections of older citizens. This information may only be captured or retrieved by the perceptive ones, those who are interested in their identity, the past of others, the history of this country. Aunt Nancy could have verified whether or not her husband's grandfather was in fact Francis Posey, Sr., of Autauga Co., Ala.

At least one of the many stories which have been told concerning Uncle Andy should be recorded here. One which suggests something of his sense of humor and, at the same time, something of his concern for truth, in a subtle, indirect way, is the one quoted to the authors by a grand-nephew, "Bud" Posey, who still lives near the Posey Mill Community. "Bud" says that after Ellige Allen Posey (son of Andrew's brother, Francis Marion) had married and moved out of Uncle Andy's house and then moved on to Oklahoma, he wrote back to Uncle Andy to tell him of the very large size of the hogs grown there. Ellige Allen's description was so much greater than those which he had helped Uncle Andy feed back in Franklin Co., Ala. that Uncle Andy said, according to "Bud", "Well, what do you know. "Lige has moved west and taken up lying."

Other stories could be recounted which would similarly reflect pioneer Andrew Posey's concern for and trust in others. To quote them all might seem too much an eulogy. To leave all of them untold would subtract from the living legacy of a man well regarded by his kin and his neighbors alike.

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. Was Francis Posey, Sr. the father of Squire Posey?
2. Who were the parents and other relatives of Jane Pate Posey?
3. What happened to Charles Posey, son of Squire?
4. Who were Charles, Tennie, and Dora Posey?
5. Who were the parents of Susan Rushing Posey, wife of Seaborn Posey (1813-1895)?
6. What happened to James Posey, son of Squire, and his descendants (in Dallas Co., Ark. on 1860 census)?
7. Who did Martha Posey, daughter of Squire, marry? Was he a Harrison? Who were her children?

CHAPTER THREE

FRANCIS POSEY, SR. OF AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA

The following Poseys are believed to be the ancestors, brothers and sisters of Squire Posey. It is known from family records of Fred Posey, a descendant of Francis W. Posey, that Francis W., Nathaniel, Singleton, and Simeon Posey were brothers and sons of Francis Posey, Sr. There is no mention of Squire Posey in these records. The authors believe that Squire was in fact the eldest son of Francis Posey, Sr., and thus brother to the four mentioned above. The 1830 census record for Autauga Co., Ala. show Francis, Sr., Francis W., Nathaniel, Singleton, Simeon, and Squire living in the Chestnut Creek area in what is now Chilton Co., Ala. It is the only time all six are listed on one census. After the disappearance of Francis, Sr. from the census records (last listing was the 1830 census), Squire, Francis W., and Simeon had moved out of Autauga, Francis W. to Walker Co., Ala. and Squire and Simeon to Coosa Co., Ala. By 1850 Simeon had vanished insofar as any written record has been discovered; Francis W. had joined Squire in Coosa Co., and Nathaniel and Singleton were to be found in the Autauga-Bibb County area.

In addition, the use of family names seems significant. Squire named a son Singleton, who in turn named sons Singleton and Nathaniel, and Squire named a son Francis. Squire's son Seaborn named his first child Matilda, the name of the widow of Francis, Sr. As mentioned in Chapter Two, Francis Posey, Sr. was found in Jasper Co., Ga. where Squire lived from 1813, or before, to 1825. For these reasons it is believed that Squire was a son of Francis Posey, Sr. If not a son, he obviously was a close relative, else these families would not have lived together for so long a time.

FRANCIS POSEY, SR.

This Francis of Autauga is believed to be the same Francis shown on the Orangeburg Co., S. C. census of 1790. He was listed with a male under 16, presumed to be a son, and two females, presumably his wife and daughter, in his household. In the same county there were nine other Posey families. It is most likely that all these Poseys, who lived near each other, were brothers and first cousins.

In 1800 there was no Francis in Orangeburg but there was one in the Pendleton District, now Anderson Co., S.C. The authors feel certain this Francis is the same man. In 1800 Francis was listed in the age range of 26/45, with one female 26/45, probably his wife, one male 16/26 (Squire?), two males under ten, and four females under ten. Francis lived near Twenty Three Mile Creek as shown by land deeds drawn when he sold his Pendleton land in 1812, although he stated that he was a resident of old Randolph Co., (later Jasper Co.) Ga. This deed was dated Feb. 25, 1812 and listed the wife of Francis as Milley.

There are no census records for Georgia prior to 1820 except for an 1800 listing for Oglethorpe Co., due to the burning of Washington, D. C. by the British in the War of 1812. However, we do know that Francis was in Jasper Co., Ga. as evidenced by the following transactions on record:

From "Index to Deeds, Jasper Co., Ga. (on microfilm at the Ga. State Archives):

On page 546 of the Index:

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	RECORDED	DEED BOOK	PAGE
Posey, Francis	Enos Barnes	2/10/ 1817	2/26/1817	7	595
Posey, Francis	Charles Knowles	2/10/1817	2/26/1817	7	596
Posey, Francis	Jeremiah Ligget	8/13/1815	12/20/1817	8	186

GRANTEE	GRANTOR	DATE	RECORDED	DEED BOOK	PAGE
Posey, Francis	Henry & E.Rogers	11/9/1809	4/24/1813	5	547/8
Posey, Francis	D.V.Dossey	4/16/1812	4/24/1813	5	548/9

Francis Posey, Sr. is not on the 1840 census of Autauga Co. No grave marker for him has been found although some of the family were members of the Chestnut Creek Baptist Church and there is a large cemetery there. When the cemetery was visited in 1969, many old graves were to be seen, many of them with no markers remaining. A paragraph in the book, Chilton County and Her People by Thomas Eugene Wyatt, has this to say about Singleton Posey's father:

Singleton Posey's father entered land in Section 26, Township 21, Range 15 in 1820. It was later owned by Daniel Nelson who had a two story house and water mill. He is buried on the land near Big Deep, marked with loose stones and brush near the C.W.Mitchell place.

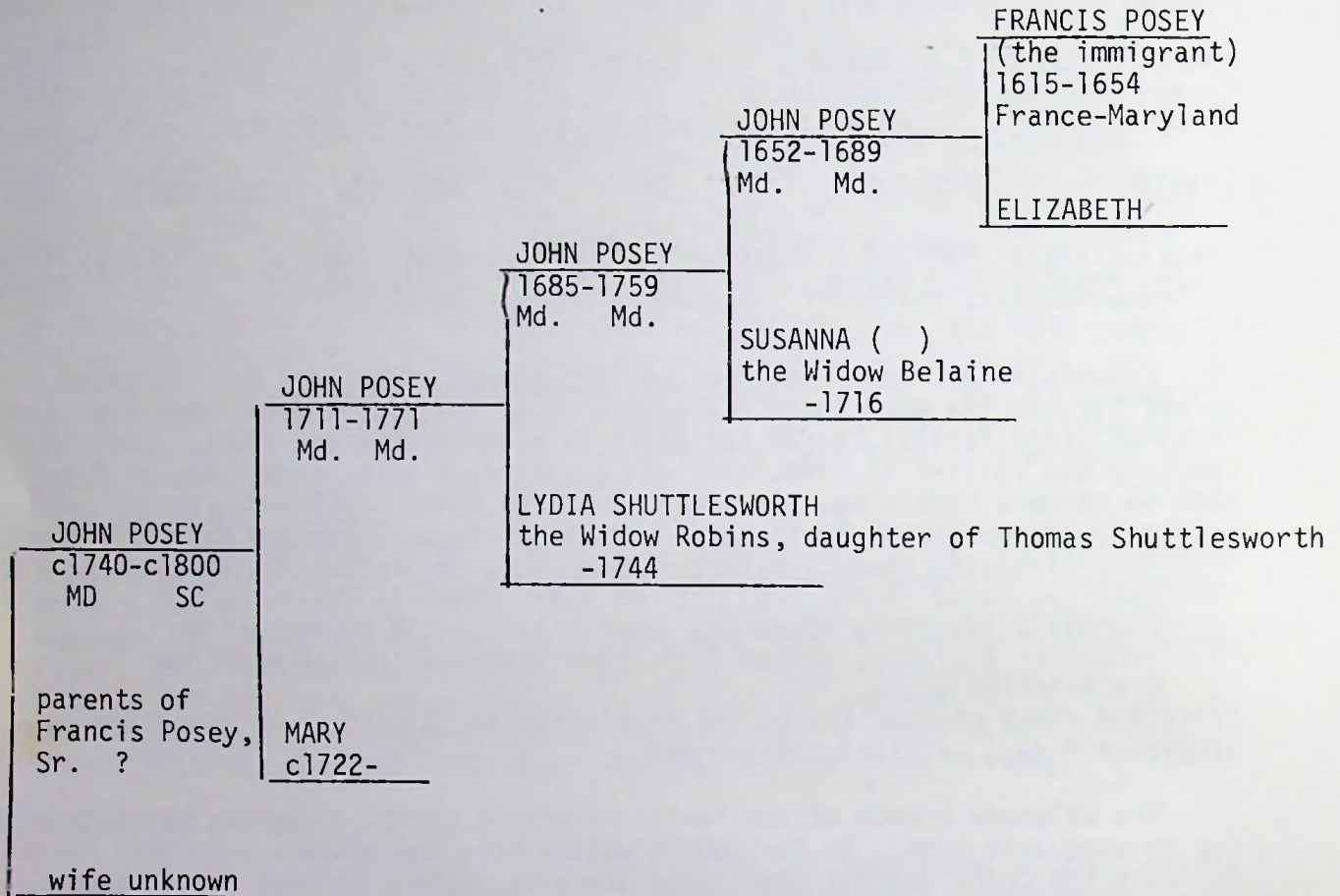
It is not clear whether the burial site referred to is that of Daniel Nelson Singleton Posey, or Singleton's father.

The Oklahoma branch of the family relates a story, unproven, but interesting to speculate upon. In the 1830's whites from the Autauga area were hired to drive the Creek Indians from their lands in eastern Alabama to Oklahoma. Some of the older living Poseys tell that a story, handed down, that Squire's father was one of these whites and that he stayed in Oklahoma and married an Indian woman. This may or may not be true, but Francis Posey, Sr. disappears from Alabama records about the time of the Indian removal.

The 1840 Autauga census listed Malinda Posey, age range 60/70, living alone except for 3 slaves. This person is believed to be the same as listed on the 1850 census, e.g. Matilda F. Posey, age 82, birthplace S. C. It is further thought that this is the widow of Francis Posey, Sr., even though the 1812 deed bore the name, Milley Posey. One speculation as to her maiden name is that the F. may have stood for Foushee, her maiden name. On the 1790 Orangeburg, S. C. census, living two houses away from Francis Posey, was Nathaniel Foushee as well as several other Foushee families in the neighborhood. One of the sons of Francis Posey, Sr. was named Nathaniel. Due to the absence of marriage records in S. C. and the burning of the Orangeburg courthouse by Gen. Sherman, it may never be known who Milley/Malinda/Matilda F. Posey was, but Foushee is one possibility for her identity.

To carry the authors' theory further, the following chart suggests a possible line of descent for Francis Posey, Sr. back to the original immigrant

Francis Posey (1615-1654). This is unproven genealogy but is a possibility, even a probability, from the standpoint of proximity, time, and the research done by James Emison, previously cited, the authors, and others.



William Campbell Posey's research differs from Emison in some details. John Posey (1711-1771) as identified by Emison is identified by Posey as Capt. John Posey (1720-1790). The wife of John Posey (1685-1759) is said by Posey to have been Elizabeth Adair. The authors tend to think that Emison's research is the more nearly correct.

Children of Francis Posey, Sr.; all of the following children are listed here in the belief that they are correctly identified although they may not be.

1. Squire Posey- b. ca1785; discussed in Chapter Two
2. a daughter, born in S. C. before 1800; name unknown
3. Nathaniel Posey- b. ca1795 S.C.-not located after 1860 census
4. Francis W. Posey- b. ca1800S.C.-1863 Coosa Co., Ala.
5. a daughter who may have married an Anderson.
6. Tabitha Posey-b ca1800 Ga. M. Jesse Dennis
7. Simeon Posey; b.1800/10 S.C.or Ga.- no record: after 1840
8. Ellender Posey; b. 1804 S.C.; living 1850; m a Cook
9. Singleton Posey; b. 1813 Ga.-d. after 1880

NATHANIEL POSEY:

Nathaniel was born about 1795, probably in Orangeburg or Pendleton, S. C. No personal record concerning him has been found prior to the 1830 census of Autauga Co., Ala. He was listed on it, living near the previously named Poseys. His wife was Sarah Dennis, possibly a sister to Jesse Dennis who married Tabitha Posey. She was born about 1807 in Georgia, possibly Lincoln Co. The last census record for Nathaniel was the 1860 Autauga Co., Ala.

children; may not be a complete list.

1. a son, born 1825/30.
2. Esther Posey; b. 1832; m a Rollins; son, Lafayette; no further record
3. Simeon Belaine Posey; b. 1842; no further record
4. Elijah Posey; b. 1846; no further record

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FRANCIS W. POSEY:

Francis W. Posey was always listed on census records and on documents with his middle initial, presumably to distinguish him from his father, Francis Posey, Sr. He married about 1820/22, probably in Autauga Co., Ala. His first wife was Delamy Minor, born about 1800 in S. C. In 1830 Francis W. and family were living near the other Poseys and near the families of W. Minor and C. Minor, believed to brothers of Delamy because of the age range listed for them. Her parents seemed not to be in Autauga.

In 1840 Francis W. had moved to Walker Co., Ala. in a location that now lies in Winston Co., Ala. Living near them was the family of William Minor, likely the same brother that had been in Autauga in 1830.

Delamy died after 1854 and before Dec. 20, 1859, for on the latter date, Francis W. married Ellen Johnson (Coosa Co. Marriage Book C, p.231).

Francis W. died in late 1864 or early 1865. His estate settlement is listed in Will Book 8, p.480 and dated May 8, 1865. Edmund T. Aikens was the administrator and made final settlement. The heirs were named as Ellen Posey, widow; two minor children (these would have been daughters, Missouri and Margaret); sons John Franklin and William Newton; daughters Miranda Watson, Rebecca Yates; minor heirs of Jefferson Posey, a deceased son, and of Martha Burrough, a deceased daughter, heirs of Eli Posey, a deceased son. A son, James was not named which may mean James did not live to maturity. No further record of Ellen, the widow, has been found.

Children:

1. Jefferson; b. 1823; died before 1865
2. Eli; b. 1833 in Ga. d. 1861.
3. Martha; b. 1827 Ala.; d. before 1865
4. William Newton; b. 1830 Ala.; d. after 1880
5. Meranda; b. 1834 Ala.
6. Rebecca; b. 1836 Ala.
7. John Franklin; b. 1838 Ala.
8. James; b. 1843 Ala.
9. Missouri; b. 1854 Ala.
10. Margaret; b. 1859 Ala.

Jefferson Posey was born in 1823, probably in Autauga Co., Ala. He married Julianne Nunnally on Feb. 7, 1851 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book B, p.130). Her parents are unknown. No children were ever shown on the census records for Jefferson but he must have had some as his father listed as heirs in the estate settlement, the minor children of Jefferson Posey. These children are not known. Jefferson's date and place of death are also unknown.

Eli Posey was born 1826, likely in Autauga Co., also. He married Nancy Booth on July 15, 1846 (Coosa Marriage Book A, p.226). Eli enlisted in Co. H. of the 13th Alabama Infantry in July, 1861. He died of disease at Richmond, Va. in August, 1861.

Children: no further record of any of these children

- A. Amanda Posey; b. 1847
- B. Frances Posey; b. 1850
- C. Emanuel Lafayette Posey; b. 1851
- D. Margaret Posey; b. 1852
- E. Ann Posey; b. 1855
- F. John Posey; b. 1859

Martha Posey was born about 1827 in Autauga Co., Ala. She married John Burrough on July 15, 1841 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book A., p.266). His parents were probably Henry and Winney Burroughs, Henry being born 1783 in N.C. and Winney being born 1800 in S. C. Martha and John both died before her father, Francis W. Posey died as their children are named as heirs in her place in the estate settlement.

Children; no further record of any of these children

- A. Mary E. Burroughs; b. 1847
- B. Francis Marion Burroughs; b. 1849/50
- C. Enoch Burroughs; b. 1851
- D. Lency Ann Burroughs; b. 1854
- E. Monroe Burroughs; b. 1860
- F. Altemi Burroughs; b. 1860; twin to Monroe

William Newton Posey was the third son of Francis W. Posey and was born about 1830 in Autauga Co., Ala. He married Mary Adeline Grooms, born 1826 in Ga. and died 1924 in Coosa Co. Both "Newt", as William Newton was called, and Mary Adeline are buried at Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Coosa Co.

Mary Adeline was a daughter of Council Grooms and wife Elizabeth Lofton Grooms. Council was born 1786 in North Carolina and Elizabeth 1792 in South Carolina. The Grooms were married in Putnam Co., Ga. about 1812. By 1850 the Grooms had moved to Coosa Co. Brothers and sisters of Mary Adeline were Andrew, Bryant, Zelpha, Mariah, and Alexander.

"Newt" enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1862 with Co. B. of the 2nd Ala. Regiment. After his return from the army, for some years the family lived in Talladega County, Ala., later moving back to Coosa Co. where "Newt" and Mary Adeline lived out the remainder of their lives.

Parker Watters, now living in Sylacauga, Ala. tells the following story, handed down to him by his father, the late Larkin Watters:

"Newt" was the community well digger, and a unique person. On one

occasion he was with a group of men who were trying their skill at shooting a pistol. The others, having done poorly, "Newt" said, "Let me try". "Newt" took the pistol and proceeded to hit the target repeatedly. When the others asked him how he learned to shoot so well, he replied, "I rode for a time with Jesse James", which concluded one of the many stories Mr. Watters told the authors about the early citizens of Coosa Co., Ala.

The known children of "Newt" and Mary Adeline Posey were;

- A. Elizabeth Posey; b. 1855
- B. Frank J. Posey b. 1857; d. 1931; buried Mt. Moriah; m. Nancy N., 1858-1935
- C. Martha Posey; b. 1862
- D. Newton Posey; b. 1863
- E. Catherine Posey; b. 1866
- F. Caroline Posey; b. 1873
- G. Minnie Lou Posey; b. 1877

Little is known of Meranda Posey, fifth child of Francis W. and Delamy Posey. She was born about 1834 in Ala. She married George Watson on May 14, 1854 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book A, p.266) but apparently was dead by 1858 for Watson married again in that year.

Rebecca Posey was born in 1836 in Alabama, either Autauga Co. or Walker Co. She married Peter Yates on Oct. 23, 1851 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book B, p. 174). Peter was a son of the Rev. Moses Yates who had donated the land for the Chestnut Creek Baptist Church in Autauga Co. The Rev. Moses was the first pastor and a charter member. Peter's mother was Nancy Yates, born 1795 in North Carolina. The only other child of the Yates was a daughter, Sophie, born 1838 in Alabama.

Rebecca and Peter had at least two children whose names are known. They were James M., born 1856, and Nancy A. D., born 1859.

John Franklin Posey was born about 1840 in either Autauga or Walker Co., Ala. He enlisted in Co. B. of the 2nd Battalion in 1862 and served throughout the war. He married Elizabeth McSwain on Dec. 15, 1859 (Coosa Co. Marriage Book C., p. 229). Elizabeth was a daughter of Asa and Eliza Calhoun McSwain. Asa was born 1796 in Ga. and Eliza was born 1810 in Ga. Eliza's father was said to have been a John Calhoun and Asa's father was probably born in Ireland. In addition to Elizabeth, the McSwain's had Rufus, born 1838, Martha, born 1842, and Crissa, born 1847.

The known children of John F. and Elizabeth Posey were:

- A. Malinda Posey; b 1864; d. 1956
- B. William Rufus Posey; b. 1866
- C. John Fayette "Fred" Posey; b. 1869; d. 1914
- D. Silas Henry Posey; b. 1871.
- E. James Francis Posey; b. 1874; d. 1967
- F. Louvenie Elizabeth Posey; b. 1877.

The only child of John F. and Elizabeth Posey about whom details are known is James Francis Posey, their youngest son. James Francis had a long, illustrious



JAMES FRANCIS POSEY, 1874-1967

career of service to his community. He served Autauga County, Alabama as probate judge, superintendent of education and state legislator. He married Beatrice Jackson in 1896. Their children are:

1. Flora Myrtis Posey; b. 1897; m. George Dismukes; ch. Aaron, Fanny
2. Stephen Moody Posey; b. 1900; m Lena Reeves; no children
3. Ruth E. Posey; b. 1901; m. Grady Kelly; son James Robert
4. Paul Posey; b. 1904; m Mabel Robertson; son Donald
5. Travis Bowie Posey; b. 1906; m Evalyn Matthews; sons James, Travis
6. John Posey; b. 1907
7. Stanley Posey; 1909-1944
8. Vernon Posey; b. 1911
9. Fred Posey; b. 1912; present Clerk of Autauga Co.; m Iris Stewart; sons Gardner, Fred
10. Rufus Haynes Posey; b. 1914; m Mary Lee
11. Beatrice Posey; b. 1915; m L. E. Godson
12. Ora; m William Thomas

No records concerning the three youngest children of Francis W. and Delamy Minor Posey have been found.

SIMEON POSEY

Simeon Posey was born between 1800 and 1810 in South Carolina or Georgia. He appeared on the listing of the 1840 Coosa Co., Ala. census with a wife and three children, a daughter born 1825/30, a daughter born 1830/35, and a son born 1835/40. He was in Coosa by 1835 for he was called for jury duty in that year. The only clue to the identity of his wife is an entry in the records of the Fayetteville or Fort William Baptist Church for June, 1841. An Elizabeth Posey was dismissed by letter from the church. This seems to be approximately the date when Simeon left Coosa Co. A traditional story as related by Fred Posey, son of James Francis Posey, above, is that Simeon moved to Wood Co., Texas before the Civil War. No trace of him in Texas records has ever been found.

SINGLETON POSEY

Singleton Posey seems to have been the youngest child of Francis Posey, Sr. He was born about 1813 in Georgia, perhaps Jasper Co. He married Martha Cooper in Autauga Co., Ala. on December 25, 1837 (Autauga Co. Marriage Book 1, page 27). His father, Francis Posey, and brother, Nathaniel Posey, acted as bondsmen. On the 1840 census he was listed with one child, a son, under ten years of age. This son was Jasper who served in the Civil War. The 1850 census listed two daughters, Elin, born 1843, and Mary Ann, born 1847. Singleton has not been located on an 1860 census but in 1870 was living in Autauga. Two more daughters had been born, Louisa and Survilla. In 1880 he was enumerated on the Chilton Co, Ala. census. The area of Chestnut Creek, which had been in Autauga Co., had fallen within the bounds of Chilton Co. when it was carved out of Autauga territory. Living with Singleton in that year were a niece, Jane Anderson, aged 17, and a nephew, John Anderson, aged 11. No further record has been located concerning Singleton, nor have descendants been discovered.

Other Poseys living in Autauga have been discovered but their exact relationship to Francis Posey, Sr. and his children has not been determined.

Listed on the 1850 census of Autauga Co. were Jesse and Ellender Cook, aged 53 and 46, respectively. Ellender was of the appropriate age to have been a daughter of Francis Posey, Sr. and her birthplace of South Carolina would fit the pattern of residences of the Posey family. The Cook children were William, Laura, George, Franklin, Gilbert, and Alpo(?). The use of the name "Gilbert" may have significance when one notes that Squire Posey also named a son Gilbert.

The published history of Chilton Co., Ala. (Wyatt) states in the discussion of the Posey family that Jesse Dennis married a Posey. In Lincoln Co., Ga. marriage records, there is recorded a license for Jesse Dennis and Tabitha Posey in 1818. A James Posey was also on the tax list of that county in 1818. Jesse Dennis was listed on the Autauga Co. censuses as living near the Poseys. The 1850 census gave his age as 50 and his birthplace as Georgia. This census listed a son named Seaborn and a daughter named Matilda. It is believed that this is the same Jesse who married in Lincoln Co., Ga.

Wyatt further stated that Mrs. William Howard was a daughter of Jesse Dennis whose wife was a Posey. In 1850 a Sarah Posey, aged 19, was living with William and Ellen Howard in Autauga Co. The relationship reported was "cousin". If Wyatt was correct, this Ellen Howard aged 52 in 1880 was the daughter of Jesse and Tabitha (?) Posey Dennis. The Sarah Posey, likely the daughter of either Singleton or Nathaniel, would have been her cousin.

A number of other Dennis families lived near the Poseys over a period of 50 years in Autauga and Chilton Counties. A Winney Dennis, aged 80 and born in S. C. lived beside Jesse Dennis and Posey Dennis. Posey Dennis had a daughter named Winney. This suggests that a Posey-Dennis marriage had taken place earlier than the 1818 marriage between Jesse Dennis and Tabitha Posey. Winney Dennis' maiden name may have been Posey and she may have been a sister to Francis Posey, Sr.

Mathias Dennis, born 1791 in S. C. and living in 1850 in Autauga named a son Singleton and a daughter Milley. Again, the use of these family names suggests a close relationship between the Dennises and the Poseys. Three older Dennis men in the county were Jacob, 75, Henry 77, and John, 60.

Two other persons seem connected with these Poseys. Ester Rollins, aged 28 in 1860 and Lafayette Rollins, aged 6 in 1860 lived with the family of Nathaniel Posey in Autauga Co. They were likely a daughter and grandson of Nathaniel. A Matilda Posey, aged 25, lived in Autauga-ville, Ala. in 1870, listed with two young daughters, Mary and Clara. Perhaps she was the widow of Simeon Belaine Posey, son of Nathaniel, of whom no record except the 1860 census record has been found.

Living with Singleton Posey in 1880 in Chilton Co. were Jane and John Anderson, listed as niece and nephew. There were Andersons living near the Poseys in 1850 who may have been related to the Poseys. Perhaps the Andersons were children of still another daughter of Francis Posey, Sr.

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. Was Squire Posey a brother to Francis W., Simeon, Nathaniel, and Singleton?
2. Did Francis Posey, Sr. go to Oklahoma with the Creek Indians and never return or did he die in Autauga Co.?
3. Was Milley Posey the only wife of Francis Posey, Sr., or does the name Malinda/Matilda represent a second wife? Is the name Foushee connected to the Poseys?
4. Was John Posey (c1740-c1800) the father of Francis Posey, Sr.?
5. Where are the descendants of Nathaniel, Singleton, and Simeon Posey?
6. Where did Simeon Posey go when he left Coosa Co. in the 1840's?
7. Was the Elizabeth Posey dismissed by the Fort William Church the wife of Simeon Posey?
8. What was the exact relationship to the Poseys of the Dennis, Howard, Anderson, Rollins, and Cook families?

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CHAPTER FOUR

THE POSEYS OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA:
WHEELER, WILLIAM ELGIN, AND JOSEPH HARRISON

The records of the families of Wheeler, William Elgin, and Joseph Harrison Posey are grouped together in one chapter because they all lived in Shelby Co., Ala. at the same time. They had lived in Maryland and South Carolina before coming to Alabama. References to other relatives are included in the chapter to enable the reader to connect these families with their antecedents in Maryland.

WHEELER POSEY

Wheeler Posey was a son of Humphrey and Mary Maddox Posey of Charles Co., Md. Humphrey is listed on the chart and list in Chapter One as #IIB4. Wheeler was born in Maryland in May, 1771. He was listed on the following censuses: 1790 Charles Co., Md.; 1800 Abbeville, S. C.; 1810-20 Pendleton, S. C.; 1830-50 Shelby Co., Ala. He was dead by the time of the taking of the 1860 census. Deeds executed by Wheeler while he lived in Pendleton, S. C. listed his wife's name as Priskey. The 1850 Shelby Co. census gives it as Druscilla. It is not known whether this was the same wife or if there were two. The number of children is not certain but there must have been at least ten. Only two can be identified at this time. Further research should lead to the discovery of others. The Poseys from the Shelby Co. censuses which seem to have been a part of Wheeler's family are the following:

GEORGE T. POSEY: b. 1804 S.C.; died by 1860; wife Mahala, b. 1800 S. C.; still living in 1870.

Children: 1. Cynthia Posey, b. 1840 Ala.; m J. Hardin in 1854
2. Mahala, b. 1839 Ala. m Hardin; back home in 1860 with James A. Hardin, b. 1856, John Hardin, b 1857, and a female infant, b. 1859.
3. George T. Posey, b. 1844 Ala.

STEPHEN POSEY: b. 1810 S. C.; m (1) Amanda Middlesooks in 1841; (2) Sarah Frazer in 1844.

Children: 1. Eliza Posey; b 1832 Ala.; m James Hardin in 1856
2. Mary Ellen Posey; b. 1834 Ala.; m Thomas Elliott in 1856; back home by 1860
3. William C. Posey; b. 1840 Ala.; this may be Ceberry who married R. S. Piles in 1857.
4. Calviston Posey; b. 1860 Ala.

Sarah (Sallie)Posey was living with Francis Lee's family on the 1870 census rolls. Ellen lived with Calviston and Calhoun Posey, aged 10 and 8, on the 1870 census.

Wheeler was a first cousin once removed to William Elgin and Joseph Harrison's father, Henry. The latter two came to Shelby Co. a few years after Wheeler arrived. Other Poseys from Maryland and South Carolina

or both as well as relatives by names other than Posey congregated in Shelby Co. by mid-century. Wheeler probably moved from Maryland to South Carolina with his sister-in-law, Jennet Luckett Posey Maddox, widow of his brother, Prior. See Chapter Six for other relatives of Wheeler.

WILLIAM ELGIN POSEY

William Elgin Posey was born in Charles Co., Md. on May 22, 1800. He was a son of Henry and Catherine Elgin Posey. Henry was a son of Humphrey Posey who died in 1812 (see #IIB1b on the chart and list in Chapter One). Catherine Posey was a daughter of William Elgin. The children of Humphrey Posey are listed here as they will be referred to throughout this chapter.

HUMPHREY POSEY; d. 1812 in Md.; m. (1) Elizabeth Dunnington, d. 1789
 children: 1. Catherine Posey; m Col. Thomas Price
 2. James Posey 3/6/1764; 1/28/1828; m Mary Meek
 3. Henry Posey; b. c1768; d10/23/1823; m Catherine Elgin
 4. Joseph Harrison Posey
 5. Ann Posey; b. 1804; m John Cobey
 6. Elizabeth Posey; m John Bush
 7. William Posey
 8. Lydia Posey; m Hezekiah Davis
 9. Alethea; m William Buchanan
 10. Arsinue Posey; several marriages

A copy of the family data from William Elgin Posey's Bible has been deposited in the Ala. State Archives and from it details regarding his family have been abstracted. The Bible was purchased in Alexandria, Va. in 1825. An inscription in it reads, "Well kept but seldom red[sic] by we poor sinners who ought to dread the day of judgment o'er our heads". The handwriting is thought to be that of William Elgin Posey. Another inscription reads, "My earthly father, Henry Posey, departed this life, Oct. 23rd, 1823". His mother is thought to have died some years before her husband as Henry's wife at his death was Loretta Haislip Posey. The children of Henry and Catherine Posey were:

1. Elizabeth Elgin Posey, b 1797
2. Catherine Posey; b1798; died after 1850
3. William Elgin Posey; 1800-1874
4. Joseph Harrison Posey 1802-1874
5. Louisa Ann Posey; 1806-1826
6. Mary D. Posey; 1808-1843

William Elgin Posey was listed on the 1830 Charles Co., Md. census. His family, in addition to himself and his wife, consisted of three sons, a daughter and one older female, unidentified. He apparently came directly to Shelby Co. from Maryland in the late 1830's where he lived out the remainder of his life. He was active in the work of the Baptist Church. He was baptized into membership in 1846 and ordained as a deacon in 1852.

Wheeler Posey, first cousin to William Elgin's father, was already in

Shelby Co. when William Elgin arrived. Joseph Harrison Posey, brother to William Elgin apparently came with him to Alabama, but moved on to Louisiana by 1860. The 1850 census listed William Elgin's sister Catherine in his household. From markers in the Harpersville Cemetery in Shelby Co., it seems a number of other Charles Co., Md. families were part of the migration. Names found there on cemetery markers are listed at the end of the chapter.

The family of William Elgin Posey is as follows, reconstructed from information in the Bible, census records, marriage records, and information from one descendant, James Francis Posey, 1418 Cedar St., Abilene, Texas.

WILLIAM ELGIN POSEY: b.5/22/1800; d 12/31/1874; m (1) Ann Meek Posey, a first cousin and mother of all his children. Ann was born in Charles Co., Md. and died in 1837 after a four hour illness, according to the Bible record. She was a daughter of James and Mary Meek Posey; m (2) Grace Ann Bush, b. 10/8/1798, also a first cousin and the daughter of Elizabeth Posey and her husband John Bush. James and Elizabeth were brother and sister to Henry Posey, father of William Elgin (see list of Henry Posey's children, page 59); m (3) Mary C., b 1812 in Ga. Mary was the wife named on the last census on which William Elgin appeared.

Children: 1. James Henry Posey; b. 1824 Md.
 2. William Elgin Posey, Jr.; b 1826 Md.
 3. Frederick T. Posey; b 1828 Md.
 4. Rosenar A. Posey; b 1830; d 1853
 5. Edgar Matthews Posey; b 1832; d 1854
 6. Ann Bush Posey; b 1834; d 1886
 7. Mary Catherine Posey; b 1835; d 1864

James Henry Posey; first child of William Elgin and Ann Posey.

James Henry was last located on the 1860 census of St. Clair Co., Ala. It is believed that either he and/or his descendants left Alabama and moved to Texas. He married Sarah Caroline Thweatt on Dec. 31, 1846 (see the chapter on related families for more on the Thweatts). His children were: 1. Sarah Drucilla Posey; b 2/11/1848; no record of her death

2. William Thweatt Posey; 2/11/1850; d 3/27/1905; m LUCy Ann Finney, 2/25/1856; 1/3/1923 probably in Texas

children: 1. James Francis Posey b 11/28/1874
 2. Lizzie Montgomery Posey; b 10/26/1876
 3. William Gilbert Posey ;b 1/23/1879
 4. Thomas Edgar Posey b 3/5/1881
 5. Sarah Viola Posey; 1/13/1883
 6. Frederick Cleveland Posey; b 9/18/1884
 7. Joseph Harrison Posey; b.9/30/1886
 8. Peter Elgin Posey; b 9/21/1888
 9. Henry Powell Posey; b 12/3/1890
 10. Walter Lee Posey; b 12/4/1896
 11. Ernest Thweatt Posey; 12/19/1897; d 9/2/1898

3. James Elgin Posey; 6/9/1852; 10/14/1853
 4. Mary Ann Posey; 1/25/1855; 1/1879; m a Barton
 5. Frances Montgomery Posey; 2/2/1857; d 10/1879; m a Beville
 6. Daniel Edgar Posey; b 6/4/1859; d 1939
 7. Carrie Elizabeth Posey; b 8/31/1863; no record of death

8. Emma Roseanna Posey; 1/28/1865; no record of death.
James Henry Posey married (2) M. (only name known) and had the following children:
9. Henry E. Posey; 12/25/1876; no record of death
 10. Catherine F. Posey; 2/22/1880
 11. John Harrison Posey; 2/1/1882
 12. Loula Minter Posey; 6/13/1884

William Elgin Posey, Jr.; second child of William Elgin and Ann Posey
Born 1826 Md.; m 1855 to Elizabeth Ann Nelson, also born in Md.
One child shown on census, Rosena, born 1856; no further record.

Frederick T. Posey; third child of William Elgin and Ann Posey
Born 1828 in Maryland; no further record

Rosenar A. Posey, fourth child of William Elgin and Ann Posey
born 1830 in Maryland; died 11/16/1853 in Shelby Co.

Edgar Matthews Posey; fifth child of William Elgin and Ann Posey
born 9/5/1832 in Md.; d in Perry Co., Ala. on 6/29/1854 while
attending Howard College in Marion, Ala. as a theological student.

Ann Bush Posey, sixth child of William Elgin and Ann Posey
b 1834 in Md.; m in 1855 to John M. Kidd, b. 1817 in Ga. Known
children were; 1. William Kidd, b 1856, father of Edgar Posey Kidd who
bequeathed to Samford Univ. (formerly Howard College)
a large sum of money for its building program.
2. Mary Kidd, b 1858
3. Sarah Kidd, b 1860
4. Ann Philia Kidd, b 1862

Mary Catherine Posey, seventh child of William Elgin and Ann Posey
b 11/30/1838; d 3/8/1864; m in 1859 Algernon Kidd, 1837-1862. One
known child, Carrie who died as a child.

JOSEPH HARRISON POSEY

Joseph Harrison Posey was a brother of William Elgin. He was born in 1802 in Charles Co., Md. He moved to Alabama about the time his brother did. He was listed on the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Shelby Co., Ala. and on the 1860 and 1870 lists of Jackson Parish, Louisiana. He died near old Vernon, La. and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in that parish. He married Caroline Winter Cobey, b 1813 in Md. and died 1880 in La. Their children were: 1. Cornelia Elizabeth Posey; b. 4/22/1835; d. 12/20/1851 and was buried in the Harpersville Cemetery in Shelby Co. Ala.
2. William W. Posey; b 1837 in Md.
3. Francis Cobey Posey; b 1839 in Md.
4. Elizabeth Posey; b 1841 in Ala.
5. Mary E. Posey; b 1843 in Ala.
6. Joseph H (Harrison?) Posey; b 1848 in Ala.; m Lula Wilson
7. Caroline E. Posey; b 1853 Ala.

A Winter C. Posey, b 1872 in La. appeared on the 1880 census of Etowah Co., Ala., living in the household of a step-father, James Davis. He died in 1950 and was buried at White's Chapel in Etowah Co. His death certificate listed his parents as unknown, but it is believed by the authors that he was connected to this Joseph Harrison Posey family.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF SHELBY CO., ALABAMA

The following records of Poseys in Shelby Co., Ala. are included in this chapter because it seems certain that these people were connected to the families of Wheeler, William Elgin, and/or Joseph Harrison Posey.

1840 Census;

A.E. POSEY 70/80 years of age; female 60/70; 1 male 20/30; 1 f 30/40

M. POSEY m 30/40; female 30/40; 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10; 2 females under 5; 2 females 5-10

1850 census;

ALEXANDER POSEY: b 1815 Md
Harriet T. (Martin) b 1826 Ala.
Caroline Posey, b 1844 Ala.
Louisa Posey, b 1846 Al.
Mary Posey, b 1847 Ala.
John Posey, b 1850 Ala.

1860 census;

RICHARD B. POSEY, b 1857 Ala., living with John and Sarah Martin

Buried in Harpersville Cemetery: Richard B. Posey 3/3/1857; 4/20/1937
wife, Carrie O. Posey 2/2/1860; 5/29/1947
son, Wade H. Posey, 9/20/1885; 4/16/1960
? , Vivienne Posey; 9/5/1900; 12/15/1908

These graves are in the lot with Elliotts and Thompsons, related to the Poseys.

CABRY (?) POSEY b. 1840 Ala.
CHARLES A. POSEY, b 1839 Ala.
STEPHEN A. POSEY: b 1858 Ala.
Louisa Bates ; b 1839 Ala.
Neely Bates, b 1860 Ala.

1870 census;

ELIZA POSEY b, 1796 Md.
CHARLOTTE POSEY, b 1840 Ala.
EMER POSEY, b 1864 Ala.

RACHEL POSEY, b 1835 Ala., living with
Lauson Singleton family

1870 census continued

RICHARD POSEY, b 1820 Md
 Lucinda Posey b Md
 Clem Posey, b 1848 Ala.
 Walter Posey, b 1850 Ala
 Elias Posey, b 1854 Ala
 Caroline Posey, b 1861 Ala.

Harpersville Cemetery records:

1. To the Memory of Elizabeth Dunnington, relict of Major Francis Dunnington, born Charles County, Maryland, Nov. 18, 1799, died Sept. 15, 1848. This simple stone is a tribute of her childrens' love. (This was Elizabeth Cobey, daughter of Ann Posey Cobey, sister of Henry Posey, father of William Elgin Posey).
2. Mariah Carter, born in Maryland, died Jan. 30, 1905, aged 85 years; E. J. Carter, May 1, 1882-Mar. 11, 1923; S. I. Carter, 1802 Maryland; 1891

Marriage Records:

- 1831 Mary Posey married William Hobbs of Talladega as his third wife; daughter Amanda Moriah Hobbs born 1836 (Southern Relatives, Vol. 10)
- 1844 Alexander Posey m Harriet T. Martin
- 1854 Sintha E. Posey m J. Hardin
- 1856 Mary E. Posey m Thomas Elliott
- 1857 Seberry Posey m R. S. Piles
- 1864 Hannah Posey m James Williams
- 1871 Mary E. Posey m James H. Thompson
- 1872 Puss A. Posey m Gilbert O'Neal
 Laura Posey m Jesse A. J. Collins
- 1875 Elias Posey m Rose Threat

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. Who was Wheeler Posey's first wife?
2. Who were his children and where did they go after leaving Shelby Co., Ala.?
3. Was Winter C. Posey a descendant of Joseph Harrison Posey or of Carnot Posey of Mississippi?

CHAPTER FIVE

THE POSEYS OF SPARTANBURG, S. C.

In 1786 there were two Poseys, Thomas and John, who had land grants in Spartanburg, 96 District, S. C. Thomas Posey received 217 acres on a branch of Fair Forest Creek, the warrant being dated Aug. 16, 1786 (State Book 8:444). John Posey's land adjoined. These lands were on or near Tiger (Tyger) River. Because of this proximity and the fact that they were awarded land at about the same time, the authors are led to believe that Thomas and John were probably brothers, likely from Virginia. Therefore, their descendants are grouped in this chapter. Some of those listed are not proven descendants, but because of their places and dates of birth, their residences, and their use of certain names, it is thought that they are most likely of this line of the greater Posey family.

THOMAS POSEY

Thomas must have been born about 1750. He is not listed on the Spartanburg 1790 census nor anywhere else in South Carolina, but there are at least three reasons why he was not listed. He could have been missed by the census taker or skipped when the original lists were printed in 1908. It seems fairly certain that he was living there, however. He was listed on the 1800 census in the age range 26-45 with a female of the same age range and one male under ten years and one female under ten years. On the 1830 census, there was a Thomas Posey listed but it is not certain whether this is the Thomas of the land grant or a younger Thomas as there are two males listed in the household, one in the 30-40 age range and one in the 50-60 age range. It seems likely that the older one is the Thomas who came to S. C. in 1786. No further record of Thomas has been located until the recording of his will in 1845. In that document, he named one son, Zephaniah, his wife, Polly, and two daughters, Jane Cunningham and Nancy Wofford. The will is recorded in Will Book D, page 143. Witnesses were Malissa Posey and Malisea (?) Posey. Executors were Zephaniah and Zacheriah Posey. Zacheriah may have been a son or a cousin or a nephew.

Zephaniah Posey; son of Thomas and Mary Posey

The 1820 census of Spartanburg lists Zephaniah and his wife as over 45. A son 10-16 and 3 daughters, 10-16, were listed. The 1830 census gave his age as 50-60. He had children listed as a son 5-10, daughters 5-10, 10-15 (2), and 15-20. His wife's name may have been Mary.

The following list of descendants is placed here because it is probably from the census records that the Franklin Posey listed below with his descendants is a son of Zephaniah. This is conjecture and further research may determine whether or not this is correct reasoning.

Franklin Posey; probably son of Zephaniah Posey

Franklin Posey was born Dec. 15, 1815 and died Feb. 5, 1873 according to information furnished by his great-grandson, Lt. Col. Everett O. Posey, 1464 Kahanna Drive, Decatur, Georgia. He married first Mary Martin Coan,

a daughter of William Coan. She was born May 22, 1823 and died Oct. 22, 1858. Both Franklin and Mary are buried at Nazareth Presbyterian Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., S. C. Franklin married secondly Jane Smith Mayfield, widow of John W. Mayfield. The first six children listed below were children of Mary Coan Posey and the seventh was a child of Franklin and Jane Mayfield Posey.

1. Barbara Posey; married Robert Poole.
2. William H. Posey
3. David P. Posey
4. Andrew M. Posey; b. Nov. 21, 1855; d. Aug. 25, 1884; buried at Nazareth Cemetery where his parents are buried.
5. John W. Posey; b. April 11, 1851; d. April 16, 1888; m Ola Viola Cox, daughter of Dr. Mose Clayton Cox and REbecca Martin Cox.
Children: 1. Laurens Conway Posey; b. 1875-d 1930; m Cornelia Pickens Rochester; buried near Clemson, S. C.
Children: A. Ida Valeria Posey; 1903-1958; m Louis Leonard Brown, Jr.
B. Barbara Posey; 1921-living; m Myers E. Singletary.
2. Franklin Clayton Posey; b. 1876-1918; never married.
3. Everett Ozell Posey; b. 1878; d 1920; m Annie Barksdale Parks, daughter of B. B. and Louisa Virginia Wright Parks;
Children: A. Eveřett Ozell Posey; 1906-living; m. Mary E. Nesbitt;
Children: a. Ann Hampton Posey 1939-1961
b. Mary Elizabeth Posey; 1945-living; m John W. McMillian.
- B. Marie Posey; 1911-living; m Orren P. Evans.
- C. Paul Clayton Posey; 1919-1959; m Mary E. Roper;
Children: a. Lynn Marie Posey; b. 1950
b. Dorothy Jean Posey; b. 1952
c. Louann Posey; b 1953
d. Pamula Sue Posey; b. 1955
4. Mary Velona Posey; b. Jan. 1, 1880-d. July 4, 1934; never married
6. Benjamin Franklin Posey; b. May 2, 1858; d. Feb. 23, 1920; m Lilly Jones.
Children: 1. Mary Lois Posey; b. 1895- d. 1916; never married
2. Benjamin Franklin Posey; b. 1900-d. 1939
7. Thomas Hawkins Posey; b. Nov. 28, 1871; d. Aug. 22, 1928; m Mattie Ann Bridwell, daughter of George W. Bridwell.
Children; 1. Grace Posey; b 1904-living; m John B. Compton
2. George Franklin Posey; b 1901; m Martha Bruce
3. Ralph Thomas Posey; b 1906; m Amanda Hinson
4. Kate Posey; b 1907- m Joe D. Kelley

Military records of South Carolina list a W. H(ampton) Posey from Spartanburg who served with the First S. C. Regiment, Cavalry. This may have been William H., son of Franklin Posey.

JOHN POSEY

John Posey was listed on the 1800 Spartanburg census as over 45 years of age with 4 males in his household. It is believed that John came to South Carolina from Virginia and that his wife was Elizabeth Fryer. It is known that the mother of William Posey (see later) was Elizabeth Fryer Posey. Ten persons of the name Fryer and variant spellings appear on the 1790 census of Virginia (tax lists substitute for the 1790 census) residing in Fairfax, Augusta, Berkeley, Frederick, Loudon and Westmoreland Counties. John Posey was listed on the 1810 census but nothing more is known of him. The following Poseys are believed to have been his sons.

Richard Posey

Richard gave his age on the 1850 census as 80 and his birthplace was listed as Virginia. This would place him as having been born about 1770. He was listed in Spartanburg in 1810 in the 26/45 age range with 3 daughters and one son under 10 years of age. In 1820 there was a Richard Posey residing in Clarke Co., Ga. in the age range of 45 and over. It is believed by the authors that this is the same Richard as was found on the 1810 Spartanburg census. Later in 1830 and 1840 he is believed to be the Richard Posey who resided in Henry Co., Ga., and finally in Randolph Co., Ala. by 1850. His wife's name is not known. The following are believed to have been his sons and daughters.

1. Humphrey Posey; b. c1794/1806; wife in same age range; in Clarke Co., Ga. 1820, 1830 in Henry Co., Ga. Children as listed on these two censuses appear to have been:
 - a. son b. 1810/20
 - b. dtr. b. 1810/20
 - c. dtr. b. 1810/20
 - d. son b. c1820
 - e. son b. 1820/25
 - f. son b. 1825/30
 - g. dtr. b. 1825/30
 - h. dtr. b. 1825/30

A female, aged 70-80 in 1830, was living with this family. This could have been either Humphrey's mother, although Richard, believed to have been the father was living in the county, or Humphrey's mother-in-law, or a relative of some other relationship. Marriage Book A, 1804=1821 for Clarke Co., Ga. lists no Posey marriages.

2. William Posey, b 1805 in S. C.; m Eunice Bowen in Henry Co., Ga.; living in Randolph Co., Ala. by 1850; no further record.

children:

- a. Eliza Posey, b 1836 Ga.
- b. Mary Posey, b 1837 Ga.
- c. Sarah W. Posey, b 1839 Ga.
- d. Nancy Posey, b1839 Ga.; twin to Sarah
- e. James Posey, b. 1842 in Ga.
- f. William Posey, b 1844 Ala.
- g. John Posey, b 1846 Ala.
- h. Henry Posey, b 1848 Ala.

3. James Posey; b. 1815 in S. C.; m Elizabeth; living in Randolph Co., Ala. in 1850 with his father, Richard Posey, listed in his household.

Children:

- a. John Posey, b. 1845 Ga.
- b. Susan Posey, b. 1846 Ga.
- c. Jesse Posey, b. 1848 Ala. Jesse G. Posey was listed on a roster of the Randolph Co., Ala. militia during the Civil War. He was described as 5'8" with blue eyes. This was probably Jesse, son of James.
- d. Clarissa Posey, b; 1850 Ala.

Neighbors of these Posey families in 1850 were the families of Manning, Clarke, and Downing. The Clark family is thought to have been that of a daughter of Richard Posey as there is a marriage record in Henry Co, Ga. for the year 1835 of a marriage between Massey Posey and William Clark. Richard Posey was living there at that time with his family. Another Posey marriage in Henry Co. which was probably that of a Richard Posey daughter was one between May Posey and Millen Christian in 1831.

No further record of any of these Posey families has been located. The probate judge of Randolph Co., Ala. informed the authors that the county courthouse burned during the Civil War so that any legal record which might have been connected with these Poseys was lost.

WILLIAM POSEY

William Posey, believed to have been a son of John Posey who came to South Carolina by 1786, moved to Lowndes Co., Ala. about 1836. It is known by his family that his mother was named Elizabeth Fryer Posey and that she was from Virginia. The following list of descendants of William Posey has been furnished by Mrs. Frank Lewis of Sardis, Ala., a great granddaughter.

William married Frances Trail, daughter of David Trail of Spartanburg, S. C. Frances was born 1779 in Maryland and died Nov. 25, 1861 in Lowndes Co., Ala. David Trail's will was written 1829 and probated 1831 in Spartanburg (Will Book 3). Witnesses were George Meadurs, Robert West, and T. J. Underwood. Executors were John Trail and William Possey [sic].

William was born in 1773 in Virginia, county unknown, and died on Jan. 17, 1853 at Bragg, Ala. He was known as "Billie".

Children:

1. Elizabeth Fryer Posey; b. 9/29/1801 S.C.; d. Oct., 1864 in Bragg, Ala.; m Thomas Joice Underwood 1797S.C.-7/17/1851Ala.

Children:

- a. William Green Underwood; b. 1830 S.C.; moved to Texas.
- b. Elmina Adelina Underwood; b. 2/3/1827; d 3/7/1870; m Enoch Watkin on Jan. 12, 1848 in Lowndes Co., Ala.
- c. Carol Underwood; b. in S. C. and died at an early age.
- d. Enoch Franklin Underwood; d.5/5/1862 in Ala.; unmarried.
- e. Amanda Underwood; b. 1837 S.C.; d 12/24/1848 in Ala.

f. Malinda Matilda Underwood; b. 4/6/1839 S.C.; d. 1/28/1924 in Montgomery, Ala.; m William J. Underwood, a third cousin.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Underwood; b. 1865; d. 1953; unmarried
2. Mary A. Underwood; b. 1868; d 1870
3. Amanda Underwood; b. 1866; d. 1906; m Joseph Strickland and had 8 children.

2. David Trail Posey; b. 1/15/1803 S.C.; d. 11/28/1862 Ala.; m Wilmoth Underwood, b 1802 S.C.; d 1856 Ala.

Children:

- a. William Hamilton Posey; b. 1835 Ala.; d 1864 as a Civil War soldier and was buried at Yazoo, Miss. He was known as "Hamilton" Posey and never married.
- b. Julia Posey; b. 1/13/1837; d 1/13/1863; m Capt. Thomas A. Knight, b 1861. They had one child, Lula Knight who married Steven Grimes.

3. John Trail Posey; b. 2/8/1805 S. C. ; d 7/4/1891 in Butler Co., Ala.; m Deborah Howard.

Children:

- a. Laura Posey; m Dr. Comer Knight in 1868 and had 4 children.

4. Ann Posey; b 1807 S. C. ; d. 12/3/1861 in Bragg, Ala.; m first Peter Hamilton and secondly, William Hannah.

Children:

- a. Andrew Jackson Hamilton; b 1843; d 1863; never married.
- b. Posey Hamilton; b 3/6/1846; d 5/29/1930; buried in Dallas Co., Ala.; m Betty Virginia Watkins, a descendant of Enoch Watkins who married Elmina Underwood (see page 67).

Children:

1. Ella Hamilton; b. 11/15/1874; d. 10/25/1967; m M. C. Emmons; no children
2. Lula Hamilton; b 7/9/1876; d 10/15/1944; unmarried
3. Robert Peter Hamilton; b. 10/2/1878; d 11/21/1968; m Camilla Hunter.
4. Mina Belle Hamilton; b 9/16/1887; living 1970; m Reginald S. Hudson; no children
5. Minnie Hamilton; b 9/26/1892; living 1971; m Frank J. Lewis who died in 1968. Minnie is the source of this record of William Posey's descendants.

5. William Posey; n o record of this son has been found but it is believed that he moved to Texas about the time his father moved from S.C. to Alabama.

6. Louise Posey; b. between 1807 and 1813 in S. C.; d. in 1866; m. James Loveless in 1849 and lived in Escambia Co., Ala. Louise had 5 children.

7. Andrew Trail Posey; b. 11/15/1813 in S. C. ; d 11/8/1857 in Sunflower, Washington Co., Ala.; m Eliza A Mounger, daughter of Hiram and Berthenia Denley Mounger. Berthenia's father was James Denley.

Children:

- a. Fannie Posey; b. 1845; m Ben Lane Posey in Bay St. Louis, Miss. See Chapter VIII for his family.
- b. Belle Posey 1854-1884; m George NeSmith ; lived Dallas Co.
- c. Alizele Posey, b 1849; m Webster Bishop; lived Ft. Deposit, Ala.
- d. Ella Posey; b 1847; m Fletcher Hooks
- e. Hiram Mounger Posey; b 1842; d. 1906: Hiram served in the Ala. Legislature in 1888 and 1902. He was a Civil War soldier, serving with the 36th Ala. Regiment. He never married.
- f. Walter Posey; b 1843; never married
8. Malinda Posey; 1814S.C.-1893; m Lawrence M. Pruitt.
Children:
a. McCormick Pruitt; 1840-1911; served in Civil War.
b. Jeffalonah Pruitt; 1842-1883; m George NeSmith
c. Wallace W. Pruitt; 1844-1879; m Mary Frances Watkins
d. Mary Frances Pruitt; 1847-1881; unmarried
9. Elihu A. Posey; b. 2/15/1820 in S. C.; d. 11/10/1866; served with the 6th Ala. Cavalry; unmarried
10. Frances C. Posey; b 1823 S.C.; d. 1862; m Dr. Dana Monroe, b. 1823 New Hampshire.
Children;
a. Dana Monroe, Jr.

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. Were Thomas and John Posey brothers? If so, who was their father?
2. Where did they live before they moved to South Carolina?
3. Was Franklin Posey a son of Zephaniah?
4. Where are the descendants of Richard Posey today? Where did his sons go when they left Randolph Co., Ala.?
5. Where did William, son of William Posey of Spartanburg and Lowndes Co., Ala. go?

CHAPTER SIX

JESSE HAMILTON POSEY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ALABAMA

Jesse Hamilton Posey was born in Abbeville, S. C. in 1782. His mother was Bethlehem Posey, daughter of Richard (#IIB2a on the chart on page 6) and Elizabeth Wade Posey. Bethlehem's son, Jesse, was raised as a Posey. There appears to have been some connection between the Hamiltons and the Poseys as Bethlehem's brother was named John Hamilton Posey and her nephew was Parke Hamilton Posey.

Jesse and his family moved from Abbeville to Pendleton, S. C. as he was buying land there in 1803 and selling in 1803-04, 1810-11 on 18 Mile Creek, Cain Creek, in Felton and Andersonville. Jesse appeared on the Alabama Territorial Census in 1819 as a resident of Madison Co. Bethlehem moved with her son and is known to have been living as late as 1829.

Jesse married first Eleanor Brooks, daughter of William and Nancy Hudgins Brooks of S. C. Eleanor was born 1/13/1784 and died in 1837. She and Jesse were married in S. C. in 1802. Jesse's second wife was Sarah H. Hancock whom he married in Madison Co., Ala. on Dec. 3, 1838. She died in Sumter Co., Ala. in 1840.

Jesse died in Sumter Co. in July, 1840. From the death dates of a number of his family one would surmise that some severe epidemic of fever or other communicable disease occurred in that county in 1840. Jesse's will was made on July 4, 1840 and probated July 24, 1840 (Book 1, p. 79 of Sumter Co., Ala. records). He named nine sons and two granddaughters in his will. He left a considerable estate to his family, such things as slaves, a carriage, and a spinning jenny being mentioned.

Jesse Hamilton Posey is believed to be the same Jesse Posey who was listed as an Ensign, in the 7th Regiment, Mississippi Territory attached to Andrew Jackson's army in 1812.

Children: Dates are from the family Bible.

1. Sidney Cherry Posey; b. 5/4/1803, probably in Pendleton, S. C.; d. 12/22/1868 in Florence, Ala.; m Harriet Calista DePriest, daughter of Dr. Horatio DePriest of Columbia, Tenn.; Harriet died after Sidney and her will left her estate to two daughters, Harriet and Sarah. Sidney taught school, preached, and practiced law. He represented Lauderdale Co., Ala. in the State Legislature. He refused to sign the Secession Ordinance during the Civil War. He was judge of the Fourth Judicial District.

Children:

a. John Coffee Posey; b. 1834; d 1861; killed at Manassas after having been wounded at Bull Run while serving as a private with the 4th Ala. Regiment.

b. Andrew Hamilton Posey; b. 1835Ala; d 1871; served with 15th Regiment; married but wife unknown.

- c. Mary L. Posey
- d. Rachel A. Posey
- e. Harriet Posey
- f. Sarah DePriest Posey

2. Pleasant Milton Posey; b. 3/5/1805 S.C.; d 6/25/1840 Sumter Co., Ala.; m Caroline Porter, b. 1810 Ga., in 1827; She married secondly William Lamberth in 1843.

Children:

- a. John Milton Posey, 1828-1834
- b. Emma Matilda Posey, 1830-
- c. Mary Eleanor Posey, 1832-
- d. Julia E. Posey, 1836- ; m. James L. Strait

3. Jesse Hampton Posey; b. 2/9/1804; d 10/1878 Memphis, Tenn.; m in 1830 to Mary Robert who died 1849; m (2) Jane Blair Newsom;

Children:

- a. Sanderson Robert Posey, 1834-
- b. Henry Madison Posey 1843-1863 as a soldier
- c. Frances Hampton Posey, 1837-1841
- d. Ellen Mary Posey 1848-1849

4. Phares Townsend Posey; b. 12/8/1806 S. C.; d 10/2/1841 Sumter Co., Ala.; m 1828 to Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchings, 1805-1855.

Children:

- a. Alexander Erskine Posey, 1832-1840
- b. Eleanor C. Posey
- c. Anne E. Posey

5. Madison Bruce Posey, M. D.; b. 8/6/1811 Madison Co., Ala.; d. 10/11/1857 Green Co., Ala.; m Mary Frances Winston in 1837; m (2) Sarah Harriet Thompson in 1844;

Children:

- a. Elizabeth E. Posey, b 1848
- b. Mary Posey, b 1850

6. William Pinckney Posey; b 11/4/1814; d 1842 Sumter Co., Ala.; m Nancy Fluker in 1837 who m. (2) Phillip G. Edwards or Edmonds in 1842.

Children:

- a. William P. Posey, Jr.; 1836-1859
- b. Sidney P. Posey, b 1840

7. John Walker Posey, b 4/10/1822; d 1840; apparently unmarried

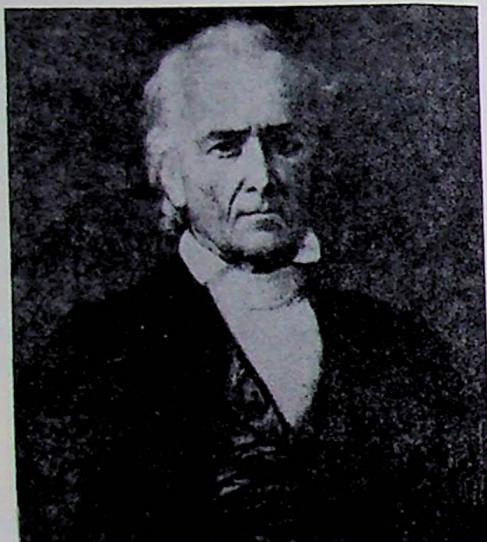
8. Albert Percival Posey; b 4/21/1825; d. after 1850 as he was listed on the Green Co., Ala. census of 1850; unmarried; said to have moved to LaGrange, Texas.

9. Rufus Earle Posey; b 2/26/1827; no further record.

CHAPTER SEVEN

HUMPHREY POSEY, MISSIONARY TO THE CHEROKEE INDIANS

Humphrey Posey was the first Baptist missionary to the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina and Georgia, having been appointed in 1817. He had a long, distinguished career as preacher, missionary, and educator. He helped to establish a number of schools for the Indians and contributed to the founding of Mercer College of Georgia.



HUMPHREY POSEY 1780-1846

Biographers indicate that he and his wife, Lettice, had two sons and eight daughters but all fail to name the children. One biographer says that he disposed of all his property among his children in Walker Co., Ga. before he moved to Newnan, Ga. where he died in 1846. The Walker Co. courthouse burned in 1883 so that any documents which might have named these children have been lost.

The portrait on this page was copied from a booklet published by the Hominy Baptist Church of Candler, N.C. where Humphrey served as the first pastor, occupying that position 1812-1818. The present location of the original painting is not known.

The following chronology gives a summary of the main events in the life of Humphrey Posey. The reader who wishes to learn more about him is referred to the bibliography at the end of the chapter.

- 1780 born on Jan. 12 in Henry Co., Va.
- 1785 moved to Burke Co., N.C. with parents
- 1797 teaching school and vocal music in Greenville District, S. C.
- 1800 married Lettice Jolly on Jan. 28
- 1802 joined the Baptist Church in Union District, S. C.
- 1803 licensed to preach in Union District
- 1804 moved to Buncombe Co., N.C.
- 1806 ordained as preacher at Cane Creek Church, Buncombe Co., N.C.
- 1812 became pastor at Hominy Church, near present-day Candler, N.C.
- 1817 appointed missionary to Cherokee Indians
- 1824 established Hearn School at Cherokee, Ga. for the Indians
- 1836 member of the committee that established Mercer College
- 1837 organized Shiloh Church in Walker Co., Ga.
- 1842 wife, Lettice, died in Walker Co., Ga. on June 22

1844 married Mrs. Jane Stokes of Newnan, Ga. on July 28
 1846 died in Newnan on Dec. 28; buried 7 miles east of the town

In the absence of a verified list of the children of Humphrey and Lettice, the two following persons are proposed as two of the ten children which biographers have reported.

SARAH POSEY EARLY:

Sarah Posey Early was born in North Carolina in 1804. She married Joseph Edgar Early in North Carolina where they lived until approximately 1840 when they probably moved to Floyd Co, Ga. The 1840 census for that county lists five Early families in addition to H. Posey and William K. Posey, the two latter persons believed to be "Preacher" Humphrey Posey and William K., a son of Humphrey. The Early family moved to Itawamba Co., Miss by 1850 and were listed there on the 1850 and 1860 censuses. Their children moved to Texas.

Sarah's birthdate, birthplace, and the names of her children strongly suggest that she is a daughter of Humphrey Posey. The Buncombe Co., N.C. census indicates that Humphrey had four daughters born between 1800 and 1810.

Joseph Edgar Early was born in 1803 in N.C., according to the Itawamba census. The following are the children and some of the descendants of Joseph and Sarah as furnished by a descendant, Mrs. Willie Faye Early Spradley of 3504 Panola, Fort Worth, Texas 76103.

Children:

1. Virgil Early; b 1828 N.C.; m Serena, b 1829 Tenn.
 Children:
 - A. William A. Early, b 1850 Miss.
 - B. John E. Early, b. 1852 Miss.
 - C. Franklin P. Early, b. 1854 Miss.
 - D. Joseph E. Early, b 1856 Miss.
 - E. daughter, b. 1860 Miss.

2. Albert Early; b. 1829 N.C.
 Children:
 - A. William Early, b 1857 Miss.
 - B. Albert Early, b. 1859 Miss.

3. John F. Early; b. 1832 N.C.; m a Skaggs ?
 A. Joseph Calley Early; b 9/5/1857 Miss.; d 9/6/1943; m (1) Susan Ascue; m (2) Lucy Ann Phillips, b.1862 Roanoke Co., Va.; d. 1939 in Wise Co., Texas.
 Children:
 1. William Henry Early b. 1877; living 1970; m Ima McMahan
 2. Elbert A. Early; 1881-1938; m (2) Mollie Musick
 3. Delia Early, 1884-1918; m Willie Martin
 4. Charles Guy Early; 1887-1888
 5. Lillie Belle Early, 1889-1967; m Harry Ratliff
 6. Leon Bertrim Early, 1891-1891

7. Walter Allin Early; 1892-1970; m Stella Stanford
 8. Joseph Leonard Early; 1895-1918
 9. Minnie May Early; 1897-
 10. Samuel Lewis Early; b. 1900; m Nell Muse
 11. Johnny Richard Early; b 1902; m Flora Arrington
 12. Willie Faye Early; b. 1909; m Wesley Dillard Spradley, b. 1906 in Azle, Texas, son of Curtis and Eula Cash Spradley
- Children:
- a. Harrell Reeves Spradley; b 1929; m Mary Katherine Harrison; 3 children
 - b. Curtis Edwin Spradley, b 1932; m Martha Ferguson; 3 children
 - c. David Earl Spradley; b 1938; m Judith McCoy; 2 children
 - d. Marilyn E. Spradley; b 1940; m Phillip G. Strother; 2 children.

B. Mary Elizabeth Early; b. 1860 Miss.; m (1) Weddle, m (2) John Henry Stevens.

Children:

1. Mary Lula Weddle; m Elmer Loafman
2. Eddie Augusta Stevens b 1887
3. Carra Stevens, b 1889
4. Joseph Louis Stevens, b 1891-; d1955
5. William Henry Stevens; b 1895

4. Mary Malvina Early; b 12/4/1833; d 1/5/1916 Wise Co., Texas; m Tully Francis Parker, 1823 S.C.-1886 Wise Co., Texas

Children:

- A. Sarah Emma Lettice Parker; b 1859; 1893; m William Bluford Jackson
- B. Dorintha Melvina Parker; b 1861; d1868;
- C. Zora Cordelia Parker; 1866-1955; m John Nash Killough
- D. Tully Alberto Parker; 1868-1940; m Annie Phillips, sister to Lucy Phillips Early (page 73)
- E. William Joseph Edgar Parker; 1871-1892
- F. Minnie Eula Texana Deidema Parker; 1873-1874
- G. Frank Lewis Parker; 1875-1877

This Parker family lived in Itawamba Co., Miss., Prentiss Co., Miss., Hardeman Co., Tenn., and Grayson Co., Texas.

5. C. Lettice Early; b. 1837 North Carolina; m Steven Frost (NOTE: Lettice was the name of Humphrey Posey's wife)

6. Joseph C. Early; b 1839 N.C.

7. Humphrey P (Posey?) Early; b 1842 Ga., probably Floyd Co.

8. William R. P. Early; b 1843 Ga.

WILLIAM K. POSEY:

A William K. Posey appeared on the 1840 Floyd Co., Ga. census as did Humphrey Posey. There was a William K. Posey who was employed as a tutor on the first faculty of Mercer College, the institution Humphrey Posey helped to establish. The 1850 Floyd Co. census lists William K. Posey as follows:

William K. Posey; b. 1815 N. C.; occupation, hotel keeper
 (wife) Elizabeth Ann, b. 1818 N. C.
 (dtr.) Mary Frances Posey b. 1844 Ga.
 (son) William Otis Posey, b. 1847 Ga.
 (dtr.) Sarah Emma Posey, b. 1848 Ga.

Elizabeth Ann may have been a second wife as marriage records of Floyd Co. list a marriage for William K. Posey to Mary Quin in 1840.

JAMES POSEY:

One source which offered no verification listed James D. Posey as a son of Humphrey Posey. In the County Line Church Cemetery on the Spaulding-Fayette Co. line on Highway 16 which leads from Newnan, Ga. to Griffin, Ga. there is buried James Posey, b. 3/5/1813; d. 3/28/1906, and Elizabeth Ann Posey, b. 11/3/1822; d. 4/4/1882. Could this be a son of Humphrey Posey? John Posey Spencer Woods of Newnan, Ga. lists as his great grandparents a Jim and Lizzie Posey. As this cemetery is in the vicinity of Newnan, might he be a descendant of Humphrey Posey?

Woods listed his grandparents as Jim Harp Jones and Elizabeth Lee Posey Jones, born 1856 and 1862, respectively. His parents were James Benjamin Woods, b. 1887, and Elizabeth Lois Jones Woods, b. 1888. The wife of John Posey Spencer Woods is Martha Connally Woods.

Two additional markers in the County Line Church Cemetery are those of Benjamin F. Posey, 6/3/1858-9/1/1891, and Clarissa A. Posey, 6/10/1850-3/26/1885.

FRANCIS POSEY (FATHER OF HUMPHREY POSEY?)

The several biographies of Humphrey Posey all state that he was born in Henry Co., Va. in 1780. Patton's history of Henderson Co., N.C. gives his father's name as William Posey. Patton further states that Humphrey had four brothers, one of whom was named Benjamin. Humphrey's father may have been William Posey; but, census and military records lead the authors to believe that Humphrey's father was Francis Posey. Perhaps he was William Francis or Francis William.

A Francis Posey, born at least by 1740, probably in Maryland, served as a private in the Virginia Colonial Militia in 1762 under Col. Adam Stephens (Land Office Warrant, No. 965, French and Indian War, Military and Importation Warrants, 69 0174). This warrant awarded fifty acres of land in any county of the Commonwealth of Virginia and was dated April 27, 1780, approximately four months after Humphrey Posey was born in

that county.

Biographers further state that Humphrey moved with his family to Burke Co., N.C. in 1785 where he grew to manhood. The 1790 North Carolina census lists Francis Posey as a head of household in Burke Co. in 1790. Francis is the only Posey shown on the entire 1790 census. Burke was divided in 1791 and Buncombe Co. was made from part of Burke. The 1800 census of Buncombe Co. lists Francis Posey, believed to be the same Francis as the one was in Burke Co. in 1790. According to these census records, Francis Posey had 4 sons and 2 daughters, all born before 1790. Francis was enumerated on the 1810 census of Buncombe Co. but did not appear on the 1820 and is presumed to have been dead by that time.

In Henry Co., Va. there is a record of another, older Humphrey Posey who took the oath of allegiance to the British crown in 1777 (William and Mary Quarterly, V.18). Probably this Humphrey was a brother of Francis or a close relative of some degree.

Only a guess can be made as to the parentage of Francis Posey. Patton stated that the Posey family had come to America with Lord Baltimore which would indicate a Maryland origin, which is the case with most of the Posey lines today. All the Maryland Posey families have not been thoroughly investigated and undoubtedly Francis and Humphrey Posey are among the ones who have not been traced.

BENJAMIN POSEY (BROTHER TO HUMPHREY POSEY)

Benjamin Posey was mentioned in Arthur's book on North Carolina as a "kinsman" of Humphrey Posey. Patton called him a brother, which he most likely was. Benjamin married Rachel Williamson, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Reed Williamson of Henderson Co., N.C.

Benjamin seems to have had the following children, based on the information from the 1810-1830 censuses of Buncombe and Henderson Counties, N.C.

Children;

1. Williamson Posey; b 1805 N.C.; m E. P., b. 1806 N.C.;

Children:

- A. a son b. 1825, probably Ervin Posey who m. Catherine and had at least one son, John E. Posey
- B. Thomas Posey; b 1834
- C. Sarah Posey, b. 1836
- D. Minerva Posey, b 1838; m James Brittain, b 1832, son of William and Rachel Clayton Brittain
- E. W. A. Posey, b. 1841
- F. Rachel E. Posey, b 1843
- G. Benjamin M. Posey, b 1844
- H. Ellen Posey, b 1847
- I. Rebecca Posey, b 1850; m James Brittain (same as above, probably as second wife after the death of her sister). James Brittain had ten children by his Posey wives.

2. John T. Posey; b 1809 N.C.; d 1883 Ga.; buried in Cassville Cemetery, Bartow (formerly Cass) Co., Ga.; m (1) Caroline Bell, (2) Sarah.

Children: based on burial and death records

A. Sarah Posey, b 1837; may have died young as another child was also named Sarah or Sallie.

B. William Posey, b 1843

C. Sallie J. Posey, b 1847-1904; unmarried

D. Benjamin F. Posey; 1848-1923; m Amanda Lipscomb, 1845-1931

Children:

1. Leo Posey, 1876-1897

2. Charles Felton Posey, 1878-1950

3. Nelle Posey, 1885-1964; unmarried

E. Mary Rachel Posey, 1851-1889; unmarried

F. Ann C. Posey, b 1855

G. Laura C. Posey, b 1858

H. Emma C. Posey, 1860-1933; m Dagnell

On the Cass (later Bartow) Co., Ga. census in 1850 there was living, in addition to the family of John T. Posey, a Margaret Posey, born 1828 in S. C. who was enumerated in the household of John W. and Nancy Henderson. It is not known whether or not Margaret was a close relative of John T. Posey.

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. What are the names of the children of Humphrey Posey? Who and where are the living descendants?
2. Was Francis Posey, in fact, the father of Humphrey Posey? Who was the mother of Humphrey Posey?
3. Who were the grandparents of Humphrey Posey? How do they fit into the list and chart on pages 5-8?

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CHAPTER EIGHT

BENJAMIN VERNON POSEY AND PRIOR POSEY

The authors believe that Benjamin Vernon and Prior Posey were brothers. It is also believed that a third brother was Wheeler Posey, who has been discussed in Chapter IV. Emison lists different parentage for Benjamin Vernon and Prior. However, reasons for disagreement with Emison will be given in the following narrative.

Emison says that Benjamin Vernon was a son of "Benjamin Posey". There were several Benjamin Poseys who lived in Charles Co., Md. in the mid-eighteenth century. Emison does not indicate which one he meant. It appears from reading Emison's data that the name "Benjamin" was printed in error and he meant to say a son of "Francis Posey" (1701-1740). This too, is believed to be incorrect, although Francis had a son named Benjamin.

Emison lists (correctly, the authors believe) Humphrey Posey (died 1784) and wife Mary Maddox Posey as the parents of Prior and Wheeler. Emison also lists a Benjamin as another son of Humphrey and Mary. He gives no further information about this son, but the authors believe that he was Benjamin Vernon Posey.

Prior Posey, first child of Humphrey, died in Charles Co., Md. in 1782, leaving a wife, Jennett Lockett Posey, and 7 children. His wife married secondly Handley Maddox and they moved to Abbeville, S. C., for Hendley died there in 1806 and Jennett died there in 1818.

Wheeler, the youngest child of Humphrey, was listed on the Abbeville census of 1800. He remained in S. C. until 1830 when he was named on the 1830 census of Shelby Co., Ala.

Among the buyers at the sale of the estate of Jennett Lockett Posey Maddox were the sons and sons-in-law of Benjamin Vernon Posey. A son-in-law, John Findley, made the inventory. The census records and legal records of S. C. show a continuing relationship between the children of Prior and Benjamin Vernon. Thus the authors believe that they were brothers and sons of Humphrey and Mary Maddox Posey.

BENJAMIN VERNON POSEY

Benjamin Vernon Posey is said to have been the Benjamin Posey who served in the First Maryland Regiment in the Revolutionary War. This Benjamin (of the First Regiment) has also been identified as Benjamin, son of Bennett Posey, Sr., and brother to Bennett Posey, Jr. The Archives of Maryland's *Muster Roll of the American Revolution* lists only one Benjamin who enlisted 9 March, 1777 and was discharged 7 March, 1780. The authors have not seen the service papers of Benjamin Posey so we cannot say which is the right interpretation. The Daughters of

the American Revolution have accepted Benjamin Vernon Posey as the Benjamin of the First Regiment.

Benjamin Vernon Posey was enumerated on the 1790 census of Charles Co., Md. and on the 1800-1810 censuses of Abbeville, S.C. His wife was Mary Musgrove, daughter of Charles Musgrove of Charles Co., Md. She was born in 1748 and died in 1836. Benjamin Vernon was born in 1745 and died after the 1810 census. The exact date is not known.

Children:

1. Robert Vernon Posey; b 1882 Md.; d. c1852; m Marsa Posey who d. in 1853. Both left wills. Robert's was made 3/6/1852 and Marsa's was made in 1853 (Will Box 135, Pack 3843). This family lived in Abbeville from 1791 through the taking of the 1850 Abbeville census.

Children:

- A. John W. Posey; b 1790/1800-
- B. Benjamin V. Posey; b c1800; one known son, Benjamin M. Posey.
- C. Harrison Posey; b 1802/04
- D. Henson or Hanson Posey, b 1810/20; living 1830 in Abbeville.
- E. N.G.Posey; b 1810/20
- F. Edna Posey; b 1804/1810
- G. Sarah Posey; b 1804/10
- H. Mary Posey; b 1810/20

2. Sarah Posey; b 1775; m on 12/25/1808 John Findley, b. 1760 and a Revolutionary veteran; one known daughter, Pamela who m. a Shillito and moved to Aberdeen, Miss.

3. Nancy Posey; m Andrew Robertson or Robison.

4. Francis Posey; b 1773/8; d. 1838; wife said to have been Mary Meek, called "Polly" in Francis' will.

There are two puzzles connected with Francis Posey. One concerns the identity of his wife. Emison lists her as Mary Meek as has a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Whether or not there is documentary proof of her name is not known. Miss Sara Nash, a professional genealogist of Fountain Inn, S. C. has raised the question as to whether she was Mary Meek or a daughter of Andrew McKnight. The basis for the question is certain facts contained in deeds executed by Andrew McKnight in Laurens Co., S. C. On Oct. 30, 1819 Andrew McKnight deeded 100 acres on the east side of Reedy River to Francis Posey for one cent. McKnight had also deeded land for this same sum to several of his sons. Miss Nash has raised the question as to why Posey was sold that amount of land for the sum of one cent. She suggests it may have been because Francis' wife was a daughter of McKnight. The authors are aware of the practice of some in preventing the actual amount of money exchanged from becoming known by writing into a deed "one cent and other valuable considerations". It is possible that this was the reason for the small amount being written in the deed. On the other hand, the token payment may have been set because Francis' wife was a McKnight and the father wished her to have the land. In a later transaction between Francis Posey and a son of the elder McKnight, the amount of \$500 for 100 acres was shown.

The other puzzle connected with Francis Posey is found in the lineage established by Mrs. Emma Posey Capps for membership in The Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Capps stated that Francis had a son, Noah, who married Ferebray Shepherd in Georgia and they were the parents of a son Noah Silvester or Silvester Noah. Noah Silvester married Winnie Thomas and they were parents of Mrs. Capps.

An obituary, undated and the name of the newspaper cut off, is on file at the Alabama State Archives in which it is stated that Noah was a son of Daniel who was a son of Hezekiah Posey, a Revolutionary soldier. Noah's marriage to Miss Shepherd occurred in a county in which it is known descendants of Hezekiah Posey lived. Mrs. Claudia Ogelsby, a descendant of Hezekiah Posey, has stated that Noah was a son of Daniel Posey.

A further complication in this tangle of Poseys lies in the fact that when Francis Posey made his will in Anderson Co., S. C. in 1837, he named no children at all, only his wife "Polly", a brother, Robert, two nephews, James Willis Posey and Addison Francis Posey, and one sister, Sarah Findley. If Noah was his son, why was he not mentioned in the will?

Further research is certainly indicated on this line. There are many conflicting "facts" in print that need to be sorted out and labeled, if possible.

5. Charles Posey; b 1788; m Matilda Calhoun, dtr. of John Ewing and Sarah Squires Posey.

Children:

A. James Willis Posey; b 1823; d 1902 in Mobile, Ala.; m Mary Elizabeth Rutledge 1829-1886; both are buried at the Presbyterian Church Cemetery near Belle's Landing, Monroe Co., Ala.

Children;

1. Jane Calhoun Posey; m Henry Hugh Hybart.

Children: a. Mary Whitney Hybart m F.L.Milhaus

b. Myrtle Hybart m Henry Hood; lived in

Russellville, Ala. in the 1940's.

2. John Rutledge Posey; b 1867 in Monroe Co., Ala.; d 1951 in Mobile, Ala.

Children: a. Charles N. Posey

b. R. S. Posey

c. John Rutledge Posey, Jr.

B. John Allen Posey; b 1820/30; d c1840; wife probably was Margaret A. Posey; will in Laurens Co., S.C. Box 104; Pack 14, dated 1846.

C. Harriet Amanda Posey; b 1815; died unmarried

D. Marguerite Matilda Posey; b c1825. no further record

6. Benjamin Lane Posey b. 1790; d 1843; m Sarah Sample, b c1790; lived 1830-40 in Laurens Co., S. C.

Children:

A. Addison Francis Posey; b 1820/25; m Florella Young, 1827-1915.; lived 1860 in Butler Co., Ala.

Children:

1. T. H. Posey, b 1848S.C.
2. Orin Posey, b 1851 S.C.
3. F. L. (female), b 1854 Ala.
4. female, b 1860 Ala.
5. Mason Ashley Posey; b 1861-1942; m. Janie Bell

Two comments should be made here about this family. One of the daughter, perhaps one of the two listed above, was Mrs. W. C. Pope who signed the death certificate of her brother, Mason in 1942. On that death certificate she listed the name of her father as Alison A. Posey. This name may have been erroneously written in by the physician filling out the certificate or by someone else, but it is the name given on the certificate.

Mason A. Posey deposited with the Alabama State Archives a brief history of the Posey family which contained the statement that the immigrant, Francis Posey, had a brother named Harrison Posey who came with him to Maryland. Another statement was that the father of these two brothers was "Gentleman" John Posey and that his wife, who would have been the mother of the two brothers, was a Miss Harrison before marriage. None of these statements have been verified. It is believed by the authors that Mason Posey mis-read the name "John Pory" for John Posey. John Pory was a prominent figure of the times and his name is encountered numerous times in reading about the colonization of America.

B. Charlotte Elmore Posey; b 1815/20; m John Wesley Calhoun

C. Sarah Sample Posey; b 1815/20;

D. Eliza Posey; b 1820/25; m W. B. Traynham

E. Elizabeth Posey; b 1825/30; m (1) Alex Hamilton, (2) Dr. A. W. Lynch

F. Martha Crenshaw Posey; b c1825; d 1844; unmarried

G. Benjamin Lane Posey, Jr.; b 1826; d 1888; Capt. of the MObile Co. of Alabama Infantry in the Civil War; commissioned 2/2/1861; wounded at Kennesaw Mountain; captured Missionary Ridge; escaped at Nashville; living in Hancock Co., Miss. in 1880; m Fannie Posey, daughter of Andrew Trail Posey (see Chapter Six);

Children:

1. Zoe Posey; b.1868 Ala.
2. Tallulah, "Lulu" Posey; b 1871 Ala.; m. Eaton J. Bowers, her father's law partner
3. Hillery Posey; b 1875 Ala.
4. Ella Posey, b 1875 Ala.

Benjamin Lane Posey was described in his military record as being six feet tall, having dark eyes and hair, fair skin, and was a lawyer.

PRIOR POSEY

Prior Posey was born in Charles Co., Md. about 1742. He died there in 1782, according to his will (Book 8, p.84). His wife was Jennett Lockett, daughter of Ignacious and Margaret Lockett. She married after Prior's death Hendley Maddox. Hendley died in 1806 and Jennett's death occurred in 1816.

Children:

- A. Ignacious Lockett Posey; called "Nassa"; shown on 1790 census of Abbeville, unmarried; not found after 1790.
- B. Lanty Posey; no record other than father's will.
- C. Prior Posey, Jr.; no record other than father's will.
- D. Hebbert or Hebbard Posey; b 1784 Md.; m Elizabeth, b. 1798 S. C.; appeared on 1810 and 1830 Abbeville census and 1850 Chattooga Co., Ga. census.

Children;(only two whose names are known)

- 1. John Posey, b 1824 S.C.
- 2. James Posey, b 1828, S. C.

E. David Price Posey; b 1781 Md.; d 1856 Lauderdale Co., Tenn.; m Peachy Powell, 1786 Va-1845 Tenn.; daughter of Benjamin Ambrose Powell of Culpepper Co., Va.; lived in Laurens Co., S. C. 1810-1830 and Lauderdale Co., Tenn 1840-50.

Children:

- 1. Nancy Powell Posey; 1806 Laurens, S. C.-1870 Union Co., Miss.; m Pendleton George Gaines
- 2. Lucinda Lockett Posey; 1808-1890; m J. R. Stone
- 3. Virginia Hill Posey; 1810-1837
- 4. Elizabeth Stephens Posey; 1812-1887; m Carol Rush
- 5. Marshall Allemander Posey; 1814-1857; unmarried; will in Will Book B.
- 6. Frances Caroline Posey; 1824- m John H. Boyd 6/1/1843 (Lauderdale Marriage Book A)
- 7. William Powell Posey; 1817S.C.-1893; m Mary E. Lackey,(Lauderdale Marriage Book A) 1/20/1848.

Children:

- a. Ellen Posey; 1852-1869
- b. Medora Posey; 1853-1906; m Dr. R.W.S.Martin
- c. Laura Posey; 1857-1878
- 8. Albert Washington Posey; 1821S.C.-1888; m Susan H. Boyd on 12/21/1843 (Lauderdale Marriage Book A); by 1860 had m. Frances Smith, b. Va., probably daughter of George and Ellen Smith.

Children:

- a. Mary Posey, b 1846
- b. Thomas Posey, b 1848
- 9. Belina Olin Posey; b 1827; m John Buckhannon (Marriage Book A) on 12/5/1849.
- 10. Savion Summerfield Posey; living in 1840
- 11. Milly Weatherall Posey; 1826 S.C.;1869; m Jack Hazzard.

There is also recorded in Marriage Book A of Lauderdale Co. a marriage for Sarah A.T. Posey to William R. Boyd on 6/1/1843, the same date as the marriage of Frances Caroline Posey to John H. Boyd. It is presumed that

Sarah was also a daughter of David Price Posey although she was included in a list of his known children.

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. Who was the father of Benjamin Vernon Posey? Was it Francis, Benjamin, or Humphrey?
2. Was Benjamin Vernon Posey the Benjamin who served in the First Maryland Regiment in the Revolutionary War?
3. Who was the wife of Francis Posey, son of Benjamin Vernon Posey? Was she Mary Meek or Mary McKnight?
4. Was Noah a son of Francis Posey or was he a descendant of Hezekiah Posey?

CHAPTER NINE

THOMAS POSEY OF MARYLAND AND GEORGIA

This Thomas Posey is believed to be a brother of Hezekiah Posey (see a later chapter entitled "Hezekiah Posey") and of Joseph, John, Harrison, and Richard Posey (see Posey in S. C. in Chapter XVIII); all of whom moved from Charles Co., Md. to S. C. just after the Revolutionary War. Their father is thought to have been John Posey (#IIB2 on the list in Chapter One).

According to a manuscript in the Georgia State Archives, placed there by the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the D.A.R.; Thomas married Mary Hodgskin of France and Charles Co., Md. about 1770. She is said to have been orphaned early and was reared as a ward of a Mr. McCrimmon.

Thomas served in a Revolutionary War military unit organized by a kinsman, Capt. Belaine Posey of Charles Co., Md. After the War was over, the Poseys moved to Elbert Co., Ga. The exact location is said to have been on Broad River at Flat Shoals. Their new home was situated not far from the homes of the brothers mentioned above as Elbert Co bordered on the Savannah River which formed the boundary between Georgia and South Carolina.

Thomas served in the Georgia State Militia in 1790 and was listed on the Elbert Co., Ga. census of 1820. Thomas and Mary were born about 1740 and lived until after 1820.

Children:

A. Lucretia Posey; 1/14/1773 or 1774 in Md.; d. 4/19/1857 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; m Abner Wynne (sometimes Winn), b.4/26/1769Md.;d 12/23/1836 Tuscaloosa, Ala. (see the chapter on related families for more details on the Wynne and Connell/McConnell families). Abner was a son of Thomas and Philadelphia Wynne. The Wynnes had lived in Maryland, Lunenburg Co., Va., and S. C. Information on these descendants contributed by Mrs. W. W. McDonaIs of Jonesboro, La., a descendant.

1. Mary O. Wynne; 6/19/1791 Ga; m 4/5/1814 to John McConnell.

Children: a. Elizabeth Myers Field Small

b. Thomas Posey McConnell; 3/1/1815-5/7/1903;

m Martha A. Murray 12/14/1841; children's dates taken from family Bible in possession of Mrs. Earline McConnell Matthews of Fayette, Ala. (1960);

1. Mary L. McConnell; b 1/3/1845;d 8/23/1851

2. James P. McConnell;b 4/10/1847; d 9/3/1879

3. Lucretia E. McConnell; b.11/12/1849; d.

2/6/1851

4. Joseph G. McConnell; b 11/25/1851.

5. Joshua M. McConnell; 4/10/1854

6. Daniel O. McConnell; 12/23/1856; m Alice

M. Smith 1878

7. Melinda K. McConnell; b 8/6/1859; m Joseph

P. Robertson 1877

8. Sarah F. McConnell, b 2/23/1862; m Lynn

- W. Houser in 1889. Tallulah 1890
2. Thomas Posey Wynne; 8/28/1793; d 11/4/1794
 3. John Alexander Wynne; b 12/24/1795; d 8/9/1874; m Dicey Horton 2/11/1819; Dicey b 6/8/1797; d 11/13/1868; children's data from family Bible which spells the name "Winn".
 - a. Elizabeth Ann Winn; b 12/1/1819
 - b. Mary Caroline Winn; b 11/23/1821; 11/24/1883; m Mark Camp of Jackson Co., Ga. 1/14/1841
 - c. Jesse Harrison Winn; b 9/11/1824; d 4/16/1889
 - d. Louisa Melvira Winn; b 7/27/1827; 6/2/1834
 - e. Levena Catherine Winn; 6/30/1830; d 4/3/1896; m William T. Long in 1856
 - f. Narcissa Jane Winn; 6/30/1830 (twin to Levena); m John C. Andre 1851
 - g. Martha Antinet Winn; b 12/10/1832; d 1/20/1873; m Evan Nicholas 1857
 - h. James Carrigan Winn; b 12/21/1835; m Leanora L. Winn in 1867
 - i. Emanda Evaline Winn; b 11/3/1837; d 2/28/1874; m John Brown in 1873
 - j. John Walker Glenn Winn; b 3/1/1842; m Frances South 1871.
 4. Genubath Wynne: 6/8/1798; d 1863; m 1819 to Margaret J. Camp, daughter of Hosea and Elizabeth Jordan Camp. Hosea was a son of Nathaniel Camp; moved to Haynesville, La. in 1859.

Child:

 - a. Mary O. Wynne; m 1836 to Joseph M. Watts of Floyd Co., Ga.

Children: 1. Stanhope A. Watts whose daughter Sally married William J. McBride. The McBrides were the parents of Mrs. McDonald who has contributed much of the data on the Winn descendants.
 5. Lucrecy Brooks Wynne; 2/9/1801; 7/4/1843; m 1823 to John W. Shackelford.
 6. Catherine Posey Wynne; b 2/27/1804; d 8/17/1835; m 1833 to Mr. Finley.
 7. Melina Posey Wynne; b 11/26/1806; 2/11/1839; m 1824 to Greenberry Mitchell.
 8. James R. Wynne; b 1/6/1810; m Samantha Mitchell
 9. Abner Wynne, Jr.; 12/19/1812; 12/12/1857; m 1833 to Nancy Finley.
 10. Narcissa B. Wynne; 6/25/1816; 12/8/1875 in Avoyelles Parish, La.; m David S. Weir in 1838.
- B. Jane Posey; died as a child.
 C. Jennie Posey; died as a child.
- D. John Brooks Posey; b c1785 probably in Md.; d c1835 in Louisiana; m 4/20/1810 to Elizabeth Screven/Scriven, daughter of John and Patience Holmes Screven. Patience was a daughter of John Stanhope Holmes. The Screvens were probably French Huguenot refugees to South Carolina. On

the same day of the marriage between John and Elizabeth, a marriage for Elizabeth Posey to John Screven is recorded. The identity of this Elizabeth Posey has not been established but it seems fairly certain that she must be related to John Brooks Posey.

John Brooks Posey attended Franklin College in Athens, Ga., and served in the Georgia House of Representatives in 1807-08. He moved to Wilkinson Co., Miss by 1811 and was later appointed Federal Judge in the state of Louisiana.

Children:

1. John Stanhope Posey; b 1811 Miss.; d 1/24/1859 according to the Jan. 29, 1859 issue of the *Daily Picayune*. He had been a Captain in the Confederate army; He married Rebecca Kellogg on 5/25/1838 (Wilkinson Co. Marriage Book F, p233); The only known child of this couple was Laura E. Posey who married A. M. Turnbull on Jan. 20, 1859, just four days before her father died.

2. Carnot Posey; b 8/5/1818 Miss.; d 11/13/1863 in Charlottesville, Va.; m (1) Mary Collins who died in 1844; m (2) Jaine White in 1849 (Wilkinson Co. Marriage Book I, p7).

Carnot Posey was a lawyer who practiced law with a partner, Mr. George in Woodville, Miss. He served in the Mexican War under Jefferson Davis and was wounded at Beuna Vista. At the beginning of the Civil War he organized the Wilkinson Rifles and saw considerable action with this and other Mississippi units. He fought at First Manassas, Leesburg, and Gettysburg (Freeman, III:124, 176,244). He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1862, and was wounded in the thigh at Bristoe Station, Virginia in November, 1863. He was carried to Charlottesville, Va. where he died from loss of blood. It has been said that he was buried at Arlington Cemetery near Washington but it is more likely that he was buried at Charlottesville as it seems unlikely that he would have been carried such a distance for burial in the midst of heavy fighting.

His former home in Woodville, Miss., now owned by Mrs. R. A. J. Sessions, was marked with a memorial plaque in August, 1969 by the Mississippi Historical Society.

It has been erroneously reported in *The William and Mary Quarterly* that he was a grandson of General Thomas Posey (see Chapter XVII). The man who is reported to have been his father was Alexander Posey who was never married. Probably the confusion has arisen from the fact that there were at least two or more Thomas Poseys.

The above named publication further states (the information was sent to the magazine by George Wilson, a descendant of General Thomas Posey) that two sons, Carnot, Jr. and John, were murdered in Mississippi and that five Negroes were lynched for the crime. This report is unconfirmed at this writing.

The list of children of Carnot Posey is a tentative one. It

appears that the following information may be a partial list:

a. Stanhope Posey; b 1841 Miss.; m Eliza, b. 1841 in Virginia; living in Yazoo Co., Miss. in 1880

children:

1. Thomas W. Posey; b 1866 Miss.
2. Mary E. Posey, b 1869 Va.
3. Carnot Posey, b 1871 Miss.
4. Levinia S. Posey, b 1873 Miss.
5. Stanhope Posey, Jr.; b 1875 Miss.
6. Henry R. Posey, b 1878 Miss.

b. Jefferson Posey;

c. John T. Posey (?) m Helen Therrell (Wilkinson Co. Marriage Book I:165)

d. Carnot Posey; m Catherine Winter Semmes (Note: A Winter C. Posey, aged 8, was living in Etowah Co., Ala. at the taking of the 1880 census. He birthplace was listed as Louisiana and he was living in the household of a step-father, James Carter, at the time. Could he have been a son of this couple? Winter's death certificate, procured from the Ala. State Dept. of Health listed his parents' names as "unknown".)

e. & f. 2 other sons by the second wife.

g. & h. 2 daughters by the second wife.

3. Maria Posey; b 1815/20; m Henry E. Sale on 10/12/1837 (Wilkinson Co. Marriage Book F; 193).

4. a son born 1821/25 who probably died very young.

5. Eveline Posey; b 1826; d 1876; m 9/14/1842 to William Coleman Connell (Wilkinson Co., Marriage Book G;183); Connell was b 11/26/1821 and died 6/20/1898;

Children:

- a. Hugh Connell b 1844 Miss.
- b. John Posey Connell b 1846 La.
- c. Elizabeth Connell b 1849 La.
- d. Jim Connell
- e. Jefferson Connell, b 1858 Miss.

6. Mary Josephine Posey; b 1825/30; d 1913; m 11/1/1846 to William L. Cage, who died in the Civil War; lived at Whitaker, Wilkinson Co., Miss.

7. a daughter born 1825/30 who probably died young.

E. Elizabeth Posey; m John Booth, then Col David Booth of Eufaula, Ala.

F. Catherine Posey; m (1) Thomas Wynne, b 1783, (2) Drury Ridgway, son of Thomas Ridgway and Lucy Christian Ridgway.

G. Humphrey Posey, b 1791; 1879 Conyers, Ga. m Mildred Key, 1790-1879, daughter of William Bibb Key and Mourning Clark Key. Mourning was a daughter of Chris and Mildred Terrell Clark. Humphrey lived in Henry Co., Ga. in 1820 and 1830, 1840-50 in Newton Co., Ga. and died in Rockdale Co., Ga.

Children:

1. Nancy Catherine Posey; m Tom Ogelsby
children; a. Rhoda Ogelsby
b. Claudia Ogelsby
2. Thomas Coe Posey; b 1821; a physician; m Sarah, b 1826; one known daughter, Althea, b 1850.
3. George Posey b 1833; a physician
4. Booth Posey, b 1816
5. A.G.M. Posey, b 1830

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. Who were the children of Gen. Carnot Posey? Who and where are the living descendants?

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CHAPTER TEN

BENJAMIN AND BENNETT POSEY

The story of two immigrant brothers, some say from Scotland and some say from England, who came to the Colonies in the 1700's is generally found among the descendants of Benjamin and Bennett Posey. It is believed, however, by the authors that these two were not immigrants from the British Isles, but rather emigrants from Maryland and/or Virginia into Georgia, and descendants of the immigrant, Francis Posey, as stated in Chapter One.

An old newspaper clipping sent by James R. Wilson is the source of some interesting information about the brothers Benjamin and Bennett Posey. The article was written about 1905 by E.M. Posey but the name of the paper was not indicated. In summary, it reports that Benjamin and Bennett Posey came from England to the Colonies prior to the Revolutionary War. Both were reported as having served in the War. Afterwards, they moved to North Carolina where each married. They later lived in Georgia, Virginia, and Tennessee.

This story is thought by the authors to be incorrect. It is believed that Benjamin and Bennett Posey were born in Charles Co., Maryland. The confusion in the story has resulted from the story handed down concerning the migration of Francis Posey from England to Maryland in 1640. The facts seem to be as follows.

BENJAMIN POSEY

Benjamin Posey was born in Charles Co., Md. about 1760. He and Bennett were mentioned in the settlement of the affairs of Bennett and Elizabeth Hobart Posey. Military records show a Benjamin Posey who served in the First Maryland Regiment. Descendants of Benjamin Vernon Posey (see Chapter Eight) who later moved to S. C. have claimed this Benjamin as their ancestor. It cannot be said at this time which Benjamin served in the First Regiment.

After the war Benjamin and Bennett moved out of Maryland. Bennett stayed for a while in Henry Co., Va. It is not known whether Benjamin also stopped in Virginia or whether he moved directly to Georgia. Benjamin served as a captain in the Greene Co., Ga. militia in 1798. He was listed on the 1805 Land Lottery as a Revolutionary veteran, #448, and drew land.

After a brief stay in Georgia, Benjamin is reported to have moved to Farwell, Tennessee. This location is not found on present-day Tennessee maps but it is suggested that it may have been in what is now Claiborne Co., Tenn., for in that county there were Poseys who carried names so identified with the Benjamin-Bennett Posey families, there hardly seems room for doubt as to their close connection to Benjamin and Bennett.

Benjamin's wife's name is not known. At this writing it seems possible to identify two sons, David of Claiborne Co., Tenn. and Leeaiden of Illinois,

Missouri, and Texas.

DAVID POSEY:

David Posey, b 1785 in Ga.; m Susan () b 1803 N.C., possibly a second wife; listed on the 1830 and 1850 Claiborne Co., Tenn. census.

Children:

- A. daughter b. 1810-1815
- B. son, b 1815-20; probably m. Bethany (), born 1817 in Va.; 1850 Claiborne Co. census lists her as head of household with 3 Rupells living with her, suggesting that her maiden name may have been Ruppell. Children from the census are:
 - 1. Bennett P. Posey, b 1848 Tenn.
 - 2. May Posey, b 1849 Tenn.
- C. Benjamin Marrion Posey; b 1822 Tenn.; wife not shown on 1850 census. Listed on the 1890 special census of Union soldiers in Tennessee was Benjamin M. Posey of Claiborne Co. in the community of Hypatia.

Children:

 - 1. Susan Posey, b 1866 Tenn.
 - 2. David Posey, b 1870 Tenn.
 - 3. Nancy Posey, b 1873 Tenn.
- D. daughter, b. 1820-25
- E. Nancy Posey, b 1826 Tenn.
- F. daughter, b 1825-30
- G. Jubul or Jubiller Posey; b 1833 Tenn.; m Mary S. (Collins?), b. 1853 Tenn; listed on census of Union soldiers in 1890 as living in the community of Hypatia, Claiborne Co. In 1850 he was listed in household of Thomas and Susan Mathis, both of N.C.

Children:

 - 1. Martha J. Posey, b 1875 Tenn.
 - 2. Henry S. Posey, b 1878 Tenn.

A 14-year old, John Collins lived with Jubilee in 1880.
- H. Leeaiden Posey, b 1834 Tenn.
- I. Bennett Posey, b 1832 Tenn.
- J. William Posey; b 1835 Tenn; m Margaret (), b 1842 Va.;

Children:

 - 1. Carliner (Carolina?) Posey, b 1869 Tenn.
 - 2. Susan Posey, b 1873 Tenn.
 - 3. Polly Posey, b 1877 Tenn.
 - 4. Rutha S. Posey, b 1880 Tenn.
 - 5. John Soliver listed as stepson
 - 6. Mary T. Soliver listed as stepdaughter
- K. Jane Posey, b 1840 Tenn

The census of Union Soldiers also listed a William F. Posey and Benjamin Posey of Thorn Hill, Grainger Co., Tenn. Grainger Co. joins Claiborne so it is possible that these two Poseys are connected to the family of David Posey. The 1840 census of Claiborne Co. listed as the only Posey (an oversight of the enumerator?) a George Posey, a male over 45. No further record has been found of this George but it is a possibility that he was an older son of David.

LEEADEN POSEY:

Leeaiden Posey was named in the aforementioned newspaper article as the seventh son of Benjamin Posey. He was born in Greene Co., Ga. in 1796. Leeaiden left home before he was grown and went to the Illinois Territory. He married in St. Clair Co, Ill. Polly Bankson, daughter of a Methodist minister on June 25, 1815. Polly was born 2/15/1797 in Ill. Leeaiden moved from Ill. to Gasconade Co., Mo. where he lived until the death of Polly in Dec., 1835. He married again in March, 1837. His second wife was Mrs. Sarah Campbell, a widow with two children. Sarah was born 9/27/1807 and died sometime after 1860 in Texas.

Leeaiden fought in the War of 1812 as a member of the companies of Capt. Short and Capt. Wood, and again in the Black Hawk War. His military record shows his period of service as Feb. 1813 to May, 1815.

Leeaiden moved to Red River Co., Texas in 1846 and died in Hopkins Co., Texas on Oct. 31, 1865.

Children: The mother of the first 9 children was Polly Posey.

I. Enos Posey; b. 4/26/1816 St. Clair Co., Ill.; d 4/16/1857 in Red River Co., Texas; m 12/23/1847 to Mary Wagley, b2/27/1831; d 3/1886.

Children:

A. John Posey; b 8/31/1848 Red River Co., Tex.; d 5/1894 in Elgin, Tex.; a pharmacist; wife's name not reported; one son, Thomas Posey.

B. Eri McNab Posey; b 12/31/1850 Red River Co., Texas; d 2/25/1916 in Red River Co., Tex; a lawyer and judge; served with 32nd Texas Cavalry in the Civil War. Information on his family has been contributed by Mrs.

Addie Tutt, a granddaughter, James Wilson of Paris, Texas, a relative, and by Ed Posey of Cisco, Texas.



Eri married Laura Belle Preston of Kaufman, Texas who was born 3/8/1866 and died 12/1/1949. They were married 5/10/1883.

Children:

1. Leeaiden Enos Posey; b. 10/9/1885 in Red River Co.; d. 3/29/1958 in LaPorte, Tex.; buried at Box Elder Cemetery; m (1) Lovie Swinney who was the mother of Eri's first son; m (2) Della Simmons, 7/14/1895-5/16/1932.

Children:

a. Leeaiden Enos Posey, Jr.
b. William Simmons Posey, b 1922; living at 4152 Flintridge Dr., Stone Mountain, Ga. who gave the

ERI MCNAB POSEY: 1850-1916

authors the first information on this particular branch of the Poseys; m.

Iwilda Bunch, b 1924 Summerville, S. C.

Children:

- aa. William Dale Posey, b 1947
- bb. Robert Glenn Posey, b 1952
- cc. Karen Louise Posey, b 1961

c. Dorothy Wynoma Posey; b 11/27/1921

- 2. Eva Viola Posey; b 2/16/1887; d. 1969; m Wagley
- 3. William Oscar Posey; b 7/25/1888; d 7/1946; one son Lloyd
- 4. Josephine Estelle Posey; b 2/25/1890; living at 608 W. 12th St., Cisco, Texas; m Love
- 5. Clara Lenora Posey; b 10/8/1892; living at Annona, Texas; m Sanders.
- 6. John Posey; b 2/4/1894; d 11/1894
- 7. George Ferguson Posey; b 2/1896
- 8. Mary Florence Posey; b 7/19/1898; m Luckey; deceased 1970
- 9. Eri Eugene Posey; b 1/25/1901; living Annona, Texas
- 10. Edwin Drue Posey; b 1/24/1904
- 11. Ray Posey; b 8/25/1906
- 12. Beulah May Posey; b 8/25/1906; twin to Ray; m Dudley, living Annona, Texas

C. Julia Posey; b 12/4/1852 Red River Co., Texas; d 3/1886

II. Silas Posey; b 2/25/1819; d 3/25/1866 Hopkins Co., Texas; m Nancy (), b 1828 Tenn; died between 1855 and 1860.

Children:

- A. Lucretia Posey; b 1841 Mo.
- B. Sarah Posey b 1842 Mo.
- C. Louise Posey; b 1845 Mo.
- D. Polly Posey; b 1847 Texas
- E. Martha Posey, b 1850 Texas
- F. Edwin H. Posey, b 1855 Texas

III. Caroline Posey; b 1/20/1821 Ill.; d 10/31/1821 Ill.

IV. John Posey, b 7/8/1822 Ill.; d 9/18/1823 Ill.

V. Terry R. Posey; b 9/30/1824 Ill.; d 9/4/1851 Hopkins Co., Texas

VI. Samuel A. Posey; b 11/6/1826 Ill.; d 3/25/1847 Hopkins Co., Texas

VII. Eri McNab Posey; b 9/24/1828 Ill. or Mo.; d 5/13/1891 Hopkins Co. Texas; m Charlotte H. (), b 1832 Mo. or Texas

Children:

- A. Thomas K. Posey; b 1851 Tex.
- B. Medora Posey, b 1853 Texas
- C. George L. Posey; b 1855 Texas.
- D. Mary J. Posey, b 1857 Texas

VIII. Edwin D. Posey; b 10/28/1830 Mo.; d 9/20/1863 at Chickamauga as a member of the 15th Regiment of Texas Cavalry; m Matilda Ann Vaden, 1839 Tenn-1918 Cooper, Texas; (see Related Families, Chapter Nineteen for more about the Vadens). Two letters written by Edwin to his wife while he was in the army have been preserved by descendants.

Children:

- A. Theodocia Posey, b 1857 Texas; m Stoke Wheat
- B. Permelia Posey, b 1858 Texas
- C. Janie Posey; m Dr. J. C. White
 - 1. Theodocia White m Wilson
 - a. James R. Wilson of Paris, Texas; m Myra Nell McGuire children:
 - aa. James Wilson, b 1950
 - bb. Harry Wilson, b 1952
 - cc. Robert Wilson, b 1954
 - b. Ruby Wilson m Harkey
 - c. Ruth Wilson, m Gouldin
- D. Leaden Posey; m Lou Little

VIII. Emily Posey; b 6/23/1833 Mo.

IX. Polly S. Posey, b 12/24/1835; d 5/3/1871. Leeaiden's first wife, Polly Bankson Posey, died at the birth of this child.

X. Bethena Posey; b 7/24/1839 Mo.

XI. Susannah Posey, b 4/1/1841 Mo.

XII. Louisa Posey, b 6/8/1842 Mo.

XIII. Leeaiden Posey, b 8/22/1843 Mo.; d 3/7/1933

XIV. Mary Ann Posey, b 7/14/1845 Mo.; 7/31/1845

XV. Sarah Elizabeth Posey, b 7/14/1845 Mo.; d 10/16/1865; m Gant; twin to Mary Ann.

XVI. Oliver P. Posey; b 2/27/1847 Texas; d 10/16/1864.

BENNETT POSEY

Bennett Posey is believed to have been born in 1762 in Charles Co., Md., a son of Bennett and Elizabeth Hobart Posey. After the Revolution in which he served, he moved to Henry Co., Va. Records there indicate that he was living there in 1789. Deed Book 4, page 71 records that Bennett Posey, a resident of this county, bought 351 acres of land from William Tanzey. The land was situated on the south fork of Bowen's Creek. The deed was dated Sept. 7, 1789.

There were Hobarts from Charles Co., Md. living in Henry Co. also. (Emison reports Bennett's mother as Elizabeth Hobart and Bennett's first wife as Rhoda Hobart). Thomas Posey and his wife Elizabeth Hobart Posey signed a power of attorney authorizing John Hobart/Hobart, an attorney, to demand of the executors of the estate of Asa King of Charles Co., Md. the legacy designated for the Poseys and Savarah/Saberah Hobart (the name was spelled both ways in this document). This power of attorney was dated Aug. 25, 1794. Elizabeth Hobart Posey was named as a daughter of Harrison and Jean Hobart. The relationship of Asa King was not specified.

The presence of Bennett Posey and these other Charles Co., Md. people at approximately the same time seems significant in terms of identification of Bennett and of deciphering relationships.

Bennett was in Georgia by 1796 for he married for the second (?) time

a Nancy Griffin on March 21, 1796. It is believed that Nancy Posey was the mother of the younger children of Bennett. Bennett was listed on the 1805 land lottery as a Revolutionary veteran and also on the 1827 land lottery. In the latter lottery, he was listed as a resident of Sparks District, of Jasper Co., Ga. and drew lot #250 in the 18th district.

Bennett lived in Georgia until 1832 when he died. His will is recorded in Troup Co., Ga., date of probate being May 14, 1833.

The following list of children is compiled from census records, records of Georgia and from information submitted by descendants, D. E. Beckemeyer, 4371 Tree Haven Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Reed Albritton, 2200 Boyd, Midland, Texas, and Knox Sherrill, Davis Bldg., 1309 Main St., Dallas, Texas.

Children:

I. Elizabeth "Betsey" Posey; b c1782 Md. or Va.; living in 1832; m John Kimbrough in 1801, Greene Co., Ga. The Kimbroughs appeared on the 1820 Jasper Co., Ga. census and the 1840 Greene Co. census.

II. Green Posey; b c1794 Ga.; living in 1850 in Walker Co., Ga. Appeared on the 1820 Jasper Co., 1830 Harris Co., and 1840-50 Walker Co, Ga. censuses. m Nancy (), b 1804 Ga.;

Children: there were possibly other children born 1820-34.

- A. daughter, b 1815-20
- B. daughter, b 1815-20
- C. daughter, b 1810-15
- D. daughter, b 1810-15
- E. daughter, b 1810-15
- F. John Posey, b 1834 Ga.
- G. David Posey, b 1837 Ga.
- H. Jackson Posey, b 1839 Ga.

III. a daughter, not mentioned by name in her father's will, who married Harrison Revel. Revel was not listed on the 1820 Ga. census.

IV. Jubilee Posey; b 8/3/1792; d 8/5/1878 near Troy, Ill. His death certificate listed him as a widower, place of birth as Milledgeville, Ga., a resident of Ill. for 65 years, and buried at Barnsback Cemetery. He married (1) Catherine Smith, b 1/2/1813, and (2) a Mrs. Eaves who was dead by 1878.

Children:

A. Bennett Posey; b 1823; m Kate Ceis

Children:

- 1. Kate Posey; m Edward Terry
- 2. Martha Posey; m Albert DeRiemer
- 3. George Posey; b 1863-; d 1889
- 4. Robert Posey, b 1865; d 1890
- 5. Blanche Posey;
- 6. Ida Posey
- 7. Bennett Posey
- 8. Leta Posey, b 1875; m Hoxie

- B. Benjamin Posey; b 1824; unmarried; twin to Bennett
- C. Julia Posey; d 1904; m John McKee
- D. Martha Posey; 1829-1899; m David Shaffer, James Thomson.
D. E. Beckemeyer is a descendant of this couple.
- E. Mary Posey; m Fred Zenk
- F. John Posey; unmarried
- G. James Posey; unmarried
- H. Chesley Posey; 1832-1886; m Mary Ann McKittrick

Children:

- 1. Alice Posey; b 1854; m John Bosomworth
- 2. James Edward Posey, b 1856; m Hattie Baston; no children
- 3. Annie Posey; b 1858
- 4. Harriet Posey; b 1862 ; m Ben Daughtery
- 5. Samuel M Posey. b 1865; m Ida Williamson

Children:

- a. Collins Chesley Posey; b 1899

- 6. Julia Posey; b 1869

- 7. Chesley Justin Posey, b 1873; m Maude Johnston

Children:

- a. Chesley Johnston Posey; b 1906; m Mildred Misbach; living

in Storrs, Conn. where he is on the faculty of the Univ. of Connecticut.

Children;

- aa. James Bennett Posey

- bb. Edith Posey

- b. Alice Posey; b 1907

- c. Rollin Bennett Posey; b 1907; twin to Alice; m Elizabeth

Dykstra.

Children:

- aa. Stephen Posey

- bb. Jonathon Posey

- cc. Robert Posey

A more detailed list of descendants of the daughters of Jubilee Posey may be had from the Beckmeyers, address given above.

- V. Chesley Posey; dead by 1832 as stated in his father's will.

VI. Limmon or perhaps Lemuel Posey; living 1832; deed on record in Troup Co. for "Lemuel" Posey in 1829 (Deed Book A, page 457)

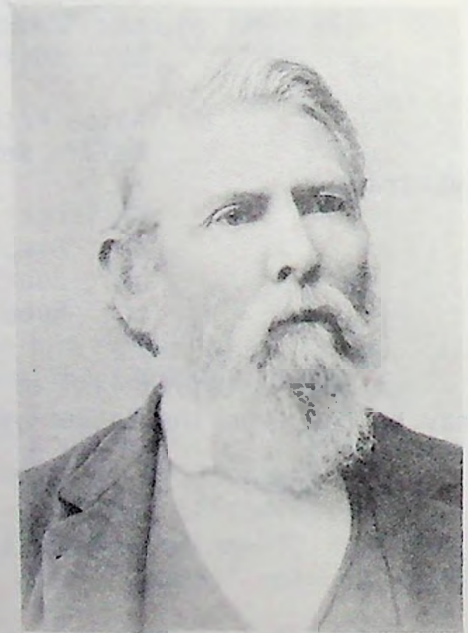
VII. James William Posey; b c1800; d c1849. James was in Troup Co. as late as 1832 for a deed involving him is recorded in Deed Book B, page 460, dated 1832. He married Jane (perhaps Ford) who died in 1863 in Anderson Co., Texas. She had married after James' death Jesse Asbury. There were Fords and Asburys in Jones, Greene, Muscogee and Troup Counties, Ga. at the time the Poseys were there.

Children:

A. Bennett Posey; b 1822 Ga.; m Sarah Williamson. Bennett appeared on the 1850 Cherokee Co, Texas census. Note that the birthplaces of his children indicate he spent several years in Mississippi, the locale not being known at this time. Sarah was born in Mississippi in 1821.

Children::

1. James E. Posey, b 1841 Miss.
 2. Rebecca Posey, b 1843 Miss.
 3. Wiatt R. Posey, b 1845 Texas
 4. Sarah E. Posey, b 1847 Texas
 5. Thomas J. Posey, b 1849 Texas
- B. Mahala Posey, b 1827 Ga.; m Andrew Jackson Morgan
 C. William Posey; m Clementine Dean in 1853
 D. Margaret Ann Posey; b James E. Williamson in 1856
 E. Mary Posey; m Beason
 F. Sarah Posey; m Wilkins Howard 1859
 G. Louisa Posey; m (1) R. C. Woodall, (2) Sherrod Mathis
 H. James M. Posey; m Permilia ()
 I. Lucinda G. Posey; m John H. Box in 1859
 J. Adren Ford Posey; b 2/18/1831 Ga.; d 1/7/1913 Navarro Co., Texas:
 Rachel Ellen Knox, 1833-1892.



Adren Ford Posey, 1831-1913, as a Texas cavalryman, C.S.A., and in later life.



Rachel Knox Posey 1833-1892



Lulu Posey Sherrill 1871-1941

Children:

1. Sarah Frances Posey; b 1859 Texas; d 1926 Texas; m Robert Westbrook, 1856-1899; son of Zacheriah Westbrook, 1809 S.C.-1878, and Mary Agnew Westbrook, 1813 S.C.-1896.

Children:

a. Beatrice E. Westbrook, 1886-1906; m Minor R. Albritton. A son Reed, born 1925, m Rosanna (); both living in 1971 in Midland, Texas.

2. Mary Jennette Posey; b 10/9/1860; d 7/18/1941; m William Mitchell Seale: one known son, Adren Ford Seale.

3. Marion A. Posey; b 1863-; d 1865.

4. Lulu Ida Posey; b 6/1/1871; d 3/29/1941; m Charles Sherrill in 1895. Charles was born 1860 and died 1917.

Children:

a. Harold Price Sherrill; 1896-1897.

b. Rachel Idabel Sherrill; b 1897; m Louis Thomas Tighe

Children:

aa. Thomas Joseph Tighe; b 1924; m Marny Lee.

bb. Charles Louis Tighe; b 1928; m Mary B. Nixon

- c. Charles Warren Sherrill; b 1899; m Pauline McKinney; one child, Sarah Ann Sherrill, b 1926; m William Dwyer.
- d. Knox William Sherrill: b 1903; m Blanche McLarty; Children:
 - aa. Kyle Winston Sherrill; b 1939
 - bb. Linda Elise Sherrill; b 1943
- e. Dexter World Sherrill; b & d. 1905
- f. Natalie Ilma Sherrill; b 1906; m Henry G. Askew
Children:
 - aa. Gary Garrison Askew; b 1929; m Mary Alice Roorback.
 - bb. Annette Askew, b 1934; m Richard Gibboney
 - cc. Jamie LeGrand Askew, b 1938.
- g. David Winfred Sherrill; b 1908; m Mary Lou Morris
Children:
 - aa. Sandra Lou Sherrill b 1937; m James P. Walker, Jr.
 - bb. Winn Sue Sherrill; b 1939; m Edwin H. Sikes, Jr.
 - cc. Cynthia Marie Sherrill; b 1952.
- h. Dorothy Imogene Sherrill; b 1911; m Elmer Clay Sinclair

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumption.

1. Which Benjamin Posey served in the First Maryland Regiment in the Revolutionary War?
2. If Leeaiden Posey was the seventh son of Benjamin Posey, who were the others and where are their descendants?
3. Where are the descendants of the children of Bennett who are not traced in this chapter?
4. What was the maiden name of Jane Posey, wife of James William?
5. What was the maiden name of the wife of Benjamin Posey, brother to Bennett Posey, Jr.?

CHAPTER ELEVEN

SOME POSEY FAMILIES OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

This chapter does not include records of all the Poseys who have lived in Tennessee, but describes the families of Zacheriah and William H. Posey of Rutherford Co., Nathan of Lawrence Co., and Alexander of Wilson Co., Tenn. Additional information on Tennessee families can be found in Chapter Eight (David Posey of Lauderdale Co.), Chapter Fifteen (Hezekiah Posey), and in Chapter Eighteen (Miscellaneous Records of the Posey Family).

ZACHERIAH POSEY

Zacheriah Posey's origin is not definitely known but there are two known possibilities at this time. A Zacheriah Posey was named in the will of Thomas Posey in Spartanburg, S. C. as one of the executors. This will was probated in 1846. Although Zacheriah was named, his name has not been found in S. C. census records. Is it possible that Zacheriah of Tennessee is the same as mentioned in the will? The birthplace and date of a daughter, Nancy, was listed as S. C. in 1807. Zacheriah's first appearance in Tennessee records was the 1810 census of Rutherford Co.

A second Zacheriah Posey lived in Charles Co., Md. He was a son of Rhodum Posey (#IIB6) on the chart on page 7). This Zacheriah was born about 1766 according to the record in the Charles Co. Will Book Bi, page 30 and 114 where Zacheriah, an orphan, chose William Bowie as guardian in 1782. This age would fit that of Zacheriah of Tennessee.

Emison listed two marriages for Zacheriah (b. 1766), the first to a daughter of Priscilla MacHorn and a second to Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of Marmaduke Hamilton of Piscataway, Md. Two children were named, Mary Ann and Samuel of whom there is no further record at this time. Zacheriah was not named on the 1790 or 1800 census of Charles Co. This may mean he was dead, missed by the census taker, or had moved away.

The following summary of Zacheriah is compiled from census records, records in Rutherford Co., Tenn, and from information submitted by Miss Lucy Alice Posey of San Antonio, Texas.

ZACHERIAH POSEY: b c1770; d. by 1849; m Nancy () who was living in 1849. The list of children is incomplete due to the practice of the Census Bureau of not listing names of family members but only the head of the household until 1850. The 1810 census listed 3 males and four females who were born 1800/1810; 1 female born 1765-1785, 1 female born 1784-1794, and two females born 1794-1800. It cannot be said with certainty whether these were sons and daughters of Zacheriah or if some were grandchildren and relatives by marriage.

Known Children:

I. William Squire(s) Posey; b 5/2/1798; d 8/14/1842; m Anna Nance on 11/22/1817. Anna was born 1801. William was a graduate of Nashville University as a physician. He moved to Phillips Co., Ark. and then to

Hopkins Co., Texas.

Children:

A. Nicey Edna Posey; b 11/18/1822

B. Wilson Yandell Posey; b 2/5/1824; d 1908; m Martha Bumpass, 1829-1891.

Children:

1. Wilson Yandell Posey, Jr.; b 1867 Ark.; m Myrtle Omohundro, 1878-1930.

Children:

a. Walter Brownlow Posey; b 1900; m Margaret Gresham; widely known historian now teaching at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

b. Ellen Posey; b 1902; m Roy Miles

c. James Clarence Posey; b 1904; m Ruth Collier

d. Martha Posey; b 1905; m L. L. Echols

C. William Squires Posey, Jr.; b 4/26/1830; d 4/27/1914 Texas; graduate of Nashville Univ. as a physician; m Mary Jane Anderson.

Children;

1. Deborah Posey; m Craig

2. William Squires Posey, III; m (1) Tinnie Mahaffey, and

(2) Janie Gregg Hargrove

3. Robert Anderson Posey

4. Annie Mary Posey

5. Margaret E. Posey

D. Elizabeth Posey

E. Nancy Posey

F. Martha Posey

G. Cager Posey

H. Zacheriah Posey; these two younger boys are said to have died in an accident involving a horse

II. Nancy Posey; b 1807 S. C.; d 1878; m Richard D. McCullough, born in Virginia. The McCulloughs lived in Marshall Co., Tenn.

Children:

A. Coleman McCullough; b 1842; served in the Confederate Army.

B. Dilliston McCullough; b 1838; served in the Confederate Army.

III. A. P. Fant Posey;(uncertain as to whether he is actually a son of Zacheriah) Fant married Martha Speer on 6/16/1857.

WILLIAM H. POSEY

William H. Posey was a contemporary of Zacheriah Posey in Rutherford Co., Tenn. His birthplace is not certain as descendants disagreed when giving information to the census taker. It is likely that he was born in

either Georgia or South Carolina. He might have been the William H. Posey who was a son of William Posey of Spartanburg and Lowndes Co., Ala. for there was such a son who disappeared from family records early. His identity has not been established. He married Barbara Roxanna Haynes in 1819 in Rutherford Co. She was a daughter of John and Minerva Haynes (see Chapter Nineteen for Related Families).

William died in the 1830's at his home in Rutherford, it is said while on his way to feed his animals. Barbara soon followed him for she died by 1838. She is buried at Beasley Cemetery where perhaps her husband is also.

Children:

I. John Bennett Posey; (this name suggests also the possibility of a connection to the Benjamin-Bennett Posey families, discussed in Chapter Ten); b 11/4/1820; d 2/3/1884. He was born in Tennessee and died in Comal Co., Texas. John Bennett was a Primitive Baptist preacher. He married Amanda Catherine Kennedy in 1842. She was born 1821 and died 1904. In 1850 they were living in Madison Co., Tenn. and moved thereafter to Texas.

Children:

A. Camerlin D'Estaing Posey; b 5/27/1844; d 8/12/1853 in San Marcos, Texas.

B. Francis D'Gress Posey; b 1/9/1847 Madison Co., Tenn.; d 12/31/1917 in Comal Co., Texas. m Mary Elizabeth Neill in New Braunfels, Tex. in 1869.

Son: Samuel Clinton Posey; of Hunter, Texas; m Alice Amelia Bost; their son, Clinton Allie Posey married Jesse Georgia Caldwell and have a son Jess George Posey, born 1935 who married Darlene Lilian Tanksley and live at Rt. 4, San Antonio, Texas.

C. Everett D'Anderson Posey; b 7/27/1850 Tenn.; d 9/12/1916 in San Antonio, Texas. m Mina Davis in 1871

D. Joseph Bennett Posey; b 3/28/1854 Comal Co., Texas; d 3/28/1920 in Martindale, Texas. m Lucy Alice Southern 9/20/1877. Lucy was born 1/7/1860 in Yalobusha Co., Miss., the daughter of Asa and Temperance Williams Southern. She died 1/2/1952 in San Antonio, Texas.

Children:

1. William Robert Posey; b 7/4/1878; d 8/30/1960 in Guadalupe Co., Texas; m Henrietta Linne.

2. Camerlin Marlin Posey; b 6/27/1880; d 1/6/1928; m Elise Busch Halm.

3. Bonnie Myrtle Posey; b 11/15/1882; d 8/28/1950; m George Norman Martindale.

4. Grover Cleveland Posey; b 5/29/1885; d 12/24/1957; m Jennie Lind Hardin.

5. Zola Josephine Posey; b 3/6/1888; d 1/14/1938; m Herbert Charles Orre.

6. Thomas Garland Posey; b 9/19/1890; d 5/30/1924; m Eula Mae Burditt.

7. Winifred Davis Posey; b 12/4/1892; living 1970; m Vandal D. Mercer.

8. Lucy Alice Posey; b 9/30/1895; living 1970 at 308 E. Rosebud, San Antonio, Texas who furnished much of the information on the Rutherford

County, Tennessee Poseys.

9. Beverly Southern Posey; b 11/7/1899; d 11/17/1928.
 - E. Elias Posey; b 9/28/1856; d 11/3/1902; m Atara C. Watson
 - F. Roxanna Ermine Posey; b 6/3/1859; d 8/1863 of scarlet fever.
- II. Sarah Ann Posey; died before 1858; had married Thomas Hall in 1836.
- III. Mary Ann Posey; died 1845; had married George E. Wood in 1844.
- IV. Julia Ann Ellender Posey; b 5/15/1829; d 5/30/1896; m Harvey J. Haynes, a cousin.
- V. Burrell Posey; b c1830-d 6/18/1863; m California Cooper;
- VI. Miranda Ann Jane Posey; b 10/6/1833 Tenn; d 2/10/1913, Hunter, Texas. m Francis M. Galloway.

NATHAN POSEY

A Nathan Posey was living in Lawrence Co., Tenn. when the 1830 federal census was taken. It is believed that he may have been there by 1820 as he is not listed on the 1820 Ga. census where he had served in the War of 1812. Nathan's parents have not yet been determined but he had lived in Pulaski Co., Ga. prior to his tenure of military service. Therefore a summary of records of Poseys in Pulaski Co. seems in order.

1807-08 Nehemiah Posey on 1808 land lottery list.
 1820 census; Humphrey Posey listed as over 45 with one male 16-26
 Druscilla Posey listed as head of household
 Benjamin Posey listed

Mrs. Nettie Craig, a descendant of Nathan, has furnished the following interesting information about Nehemiah Posey as found in *The History of Pulaski and Bleckley Counties*, V. 2, page 788,

Whereupon Anna Posey has this day applied to me for a Chatham Co. certificate of marriage contracted between her that a Anna Posey and Nehemiah Posey of the same county of said state were married on the 7th day of June in the year of our Lord 1771. Were lawfully joined together.

Possibilities for the parentage of Nathan seem to be either Nehemiah or Humphrey. These two names appear early in South Carolina records, and the name, Humphrey, was used as early as 1683 in Maryland.

Nathan was discharged at Darien, Ga. in McIntosh Co., but his residence was listed as Clinton, Ga., 200 miles distant. Nathan owned land in Pulaski Co. in 1817.

He appears on the 1830 Lawrence Co., Tenn. census as of an age 50/60.

This places his birthdate between 1770 and 1780. He listed three sons born 1825-30, one son born 1810-15, and a wife, 20-30, probably a second wife. Nathan died between 1836 and 1840. His wife at his death was named Charity, surname unknown.

Children:

I. William Henry Posey; (name is uncertain); b 1817 Ga.; had one son named George Washington Posey.

II. Francis Marion Posey; b 5/2/1830 Tenn.; d 1891 Ala.; m Nancy Jane Robinson, daughter of John R. and Marcy Mayfield Robinson. Francis Marion claimed to have served in the Confederate Army with the 9th Tenn. Cavalry but when Nancy Jane applied for a widow's pension, no record of his service could be found.

Children:

A. Irene Isabell Posey; 1855-1860

B. Eler Posey; 1857-1858

C. Mary Posey, 1859-1860

D. Amanda Franklin Posey; 1860-1937; m (1) Davis, (2) Harmon

E. Sally Ann Posey; b 1863; m George W. Posey, her first cousin

F. Henry Allen Posey; b 1866

G. Francis Marion Posey; 1869-1874

H. Nettie Jane Posey; 1873-1929; grandmother of Nettie Waters

Craig who furnished much of the information about Nathan Posey.

III. a daughter who married a Clemens

IV. Franklin G. Posey; 1833 Tenn; 1908; ordained in 1871 as minister; lived in Lexington, Ala. m Susan P. (), 1834-1885; served with Co. I. of 9th Ala. in Civil War.

V. George Washington Posey; b 1836 Tenn.; said to have "gone to Texas".

ALEXANDER POSEY

From the information given in Emison's book, it appears likely that the Alexander Posey listed in Wilson Co., Tenn records is the Alexander who was a son of Allison Posey (#IA4), 1744-1786. Allison's will, made in Halifax Co., Va. named a son Alexander, among other children, as his heir and executor of his will. If this is the same Alexander, his mother was Mary Kent, daughter of Robert and Mary Kent of Charles Co., Md. Emison lists a marriage for Alexander to Elizabeth Stanfield on 2/28/1797. A large number of Posey families were in Wilson Co., Tenn in the years 1840-1860. Exactly how all were related has not been determined but the data is listed below.

Wilson Co., Tenn. 1840 census; from microfilmed copy

Samuel Posey; age 30/40; 1 female 20/30; 1 m 5/10; 1 m 10/15; 1 f -5;
1 f 5/10

Thomas Posey; age 30/40

Micherson Posey; age 50-60, wife 40-60; (is this really Alexander?)

Hern Posey; age 70-80

Based on information in the 1850 census of Wilson Co., Tenn. the following tentative list of possible children of Alexander is given:

- A. Robert Posey, b 1804 Va.; m Mary () b 1822 N.C.; no Posey children listed but a Franklin Briant, b 1828 Tenn., Berry and Lucy Chambers, b. 1835 and 1840 Tenn were listed as living with them.
- B. Thomas Posey; b 1805 Va.; m Sally ();
Children:
1. James Posey, b 1831 Tenn.
2. Lucinda Posey, b 1834 Tenn.
3. William Posey, b 1836 Tenn.
4. Allen W. Posey, b 1838 Tenn.
5. Elizabeth Posey, b 1841 Tenn.
6. Henry H. Posey, b 1845 Tenn.
7. Anderson Posey, b 1848 Tenn.
- C. Alexander Posey, b 1810 Md.; m Nancy Elizabeth Chapman, b 1814 Tenn.;
Children:
1. Mary Posey, b 1834 Tenn.
2. Elizabeth Posey, b 1837 Tenn.
3. Jane Posey, b 1838 Tenn.
4. Thomas Posey, b 1841 Tenn.
5. Jemima Posey, b 1844 Tenn.
- D. Benjamin T. Posey, b 1820 Va.; m Elizabeth Susanna (Blalock?); a Rebecca Blalock, b 1788 N.C. was living with them in 1850.
Children:
1. John W. Posey b 1848 Tenn.
2. Martha Posey, b 1849 Tenn.
3. Susannah Posey, b 1851 Tenn.
4. Charles A. Posey, b 1853 Tenn.
5. Benjamin W. Posey, b 1857 Tenn.
6. Thomas W. Posey, b 1857 Tenn.; twin to Benjamin
- E. a son who died in the 1840's; his widow, Catherine Posey, b 1802 Va.;
Children:
1. Elizabeth Posey, 1827 Tenn.
2. Mary Posey, b 1829 Tenn.
3. James A. Posey, b 1832 Tenn.
4. Easter H. Posey, b 1836 Tenn.
5. Robert E. Posey, b 1838 Tenn.
6. Nancy Jane Posey, b 1840 Tenn.
- F. a son, deceased; widow Martha Posey, b 1803 N.C.; Martha was living with Eleanor and James Curry in 1850. Eleanor was born 1829 N.C.
- G. Susan Posey, b 1831 Tenn.; living in household of the older Alexander in 1850.

Other Poseys who lived in Wilson Co. in 1850 and 1860 but have not been placed in any particular relationship to Alexander but who must surely have been close relatives are:

Francis Posey; b 1822 Tenn; m Milly, b 1829 Tenn;

- Children: 1. Mary T. Posey, b 1847 Tenn.
 2. Martha A Posey, b 1850 Tenn.
 3. Benjamin A. Posey, b 1852 Tenn.
 4. Francis Posey, b 1856 Tenn.
 5. John Posey, b 1859 Tenn.

John Posey, b 1824 Tenn.; m Margaret () b 1821 Tenn.

- Children: 1. John Posey, b 1847 Tenn.
 2. George Posey, b 1850 Tenn.
 William Sherman, b 1837 Tenn. living with them

Seamore Jackson, b 1833 Tenn. and Mary Woodruff, b 1848 Tenn. living with the elder Alexander Posey in 1860.

Jones Cemetery, near Watertown, Wilson Co., Tenn.;

Osko D. Posey, 9/31/1892-7/7/1961: Pvt. World War I.

Cornelia J. Posey, 1894-1955

F. O. Posey: 1861-1931 (the above Francis, son of Francis and Milly ?)

Bettie Vaught Posey: 4/22/1863-1/27/1948

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The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. Where did Zacheriah Posey live before he moved to Middle Tennessee?
2. Who were his parents?
3. Who were the parents of William H. Posey?
4. Did he come from South Carolina to Tennessee?
5. Who were the parents of Nathan Posey?
6. Who was his first wife?
7. Is Alexander Posey a son of Allison Posey?
8. Who were his children?

CHAPTER TWELVE

LORENZO DOW POSEY OF MISSISSIPPI

Lorenzo Dow Posey is the ancestor of a large group of Poseys prominent in the affairs of Mississippi for more than a hundred years. Lorenzo was born in Alabama in 1826, the exact location not yet determined. He had one known sister. At an early age he and his sister were "bound out" to other families. A family named Brown took the sister to Tennessee while the Loftons of Mississippi cared for Lorenzo. In later life, the brother and sister made contact again.

Dudley Lofton, with whom Lorenzo was living in 1850, was born in South Carolina. The birthplaces of his children as recorded by the census taker indicate that he did not live in Alabama, certainly not after his marriage, for his first child was born in Mississippi in 1836. He was not listed on the 1840 Franklin Co., Miss. census and his place of residence in 1840 has not been established. This raises the question as to which state Lorenzo Dow lived when he lived with his Posey parents and which state he lived in when he was "bound out".



Lorenzo Dow Posey, his wife, Lucinda Lofton Posey, and son, Rufus Posey.

Lorenzo Dow married Lucinda Matilda Lofton on July 26, 1853 (Franklin Co., Miss. Marriage Book 3:224). Lucinda was a daughter of William and Mary Lofton and was born in Kentucky in 1831.

Lorenzo enlisted in the 33rd Mississippi Regiment in Grenada, Miss. on April 29, 1862. He served as color bearer and nurse in the Texas General Hospital at Quitman, Miss. He was captured at Salisbury, N.C. on April 14, 1865. Lorenzo was held at the Military Prison in Louisville, Ky. for a short while and transferred to Camp Chase, Ohio. He returned home sometime after the war. He was said to have been wounded although his military papers do not so indicate.

The physical description of Lorenzo as given in his military papers is a height of 5'6½", blue eyes, dark hair and complexion.

The following list of descendants of Lorenzo Dow Posey has been contributed by his descendants, Miss Flora Posey of Natchez, Miss. and Mrs. Mary Delle Young of Pearl River, La.

I. Ruben Posey; b. 1854 Miss.; m 11/3/1878 Abie Jane Felder, b 1854, a

daughter of David and Lucinda Martin Felder.

Children:

- A. David Posey
- B. Neoma Posey, b 1879; m Addie Williamson
- C. Roselle Posey; m William Burt
- D. Lena M. Posey; m Hardy Wactor
- E. Sam Posey; m a Smith
- F. Mary D. Posey, b 1878
- G. Grover Posey
- H. Cephus Posey; m a Smith
- I. Juliette Posey; m Web Tarver

II. Mary Ann Rosella Posey, b 12/4/1855; d. 6/7/1927; m Andrew Edwards in 1872. Andrew was a son of Charles and Rachel Dean Edwards.

Children: from Edwards family Bible

- A. Franklin Marvin Edwards; 12/14/1873; 1/19/1959; m Etta Williams
- B. Dempsey Martin Edwards; 5/7/1875-4/19/1894
- C. Alice Lucinda Edwards; 12/30/1876-10/7/1922; m B. F. Dunn
- D. Rachel Ida Edwards; 12/24/1878-10/25/1917
- E. Lucy Jane Edwards; 9/9/1881-6/11/1956; J. A. Keen; no children
- F. Mary Maybelle Edwards; 5/13/1883: never married
- G. Alley Lee Edwards; 2/12/1885; m John W. Storm
- H. Laura Edwards; 7/12/1887: never married
- I. Charley Morris Edwards; 8/27/1888; 10/8/1968; never married
- J. Jessie Cleveland Edwards; 3/26/1890; never married
- K. Andrew Ernest Edwards; 2/12/189-; 1/23/1968; never married
- L. Willie Thomas Edwards; 8/27/1893-10/8/1964; m Clara Smith
- M. Leonard Edwards; 6/4/1895; never married

III. Elsadia Posey; b 1859; died within one year.

IV. Issac Posey; b 7/9/1856/7-7/4/1905; m Rebecca Elizabeth Martin, 9/12/1858-6/3/1927, daughter of Jasper and Mary Martin

Children:

A. William Lorenzo Posey; b 1877; d 1929; m Mary Elizabeth Rodriquez, 1878-1961- a daughter of Felice Nicholas and Frances Wilson Rodriquez. Felice was a son of Jose and Rebecca Lazarus Rodriquez.

Children:

1. Winnie Lou Edna Posey; m Luther Leon Earnest; dtr. Wanda Earnest who m. John Ellis Hoagland and had 2 sons, John Ellis Hoagland, Jr. and Robert Lee Hoagland

2. Cleon Virgil Posey; b 1902-d 1948; m Jeanette Warren; one son Warren Lorenzo Posey

3. Dodds Ray Posey; 1904-1959; m Mattie Lee Cain

Children:

1. Juanita Joan Posey; m Harold Jones; 1 dtr. Martha Dianne Jones

2. Marchita Lee Posey; m Joe Peetz; dtr Rebecca Peetz m Robert R.

Hart and 1 son, Douglas Peetz

4. Fannie Edwina Posey; 1909-1910

5. Bessie Mae Posey; b 1911; m Willard Heard

6. Katy Lee Posey; 1914-

7. Mary Pauline Posey; b 1916; m Robert Reeves Tatum; dtr Susan Posey Tatum m Joseph B. Pierce and has one son, Joseph Pierce III.

8. Lucille Elizabeth Posey; b 1917; m Frank Seymour.
Children:
1. George Edward Seymour; m Marilyn Segura
2. William Frank Seymour
3. Laura Claire Seymour
- B. Louis Lonzo Posey; 12/1/1878-10/1/1942; M (1) Ruth O'Quinn,(2)Mattie
Russel Children:
1. Louis Lonzo Posey, Jr.; m Helen Franklinson
Children:
a. Dorothy Posey; m Robert Galaspy
b. Louis Posey; 1935-1935
- C. Irvin Lee Posey; 1880-1950; m Alda Rodriquez, 1882-1966
Children:
1. Wilma Lane Posey
2. Allie Lee Posey
3. Ralph Haskel Posey; m Winnie Ogelsby
Children:
a. Martha Ann Posey; m William Dickey
b. Michael Kenneth Posey
4. Flora Mae Posey
5. Lorenzo Dow Posey; m Mary Ruth Williamson
Child:
a. Lorenzo Dow Posey;
b. Irvin Lynn Posey
c. Robin Dow Posey
6. Dempsey Felice Posey; m Druscilla Mullins
Children:
a. Douglas Glenn Posey; m Brenda Smith
b. Marilyn E. Posey; m Brock Weeks
- D. Alma Jane Posey; 1881-1953: m Jasper Smith
Children:
1. Beatrice Mae Smith; m Otis Copper; dtr Judith Ann
2. Louis Jasper Smith
3. Christine Elizabeth Smith; m James J. Pullin
4. Nellie Lee Smith; m William Thomason
5. Bonnie Belle Smith; m John Melvin Williams
6. Sybel Lane Smith; m James S. Cooper
7. Jasper William Smith; m Genevieve Grant
8. Frank Harrison Smith; m Jannie Ulmer
9. Howard Glynn Smith; m Joyce Lemon
- E. James Edward Posey; 11/10/1883; 3/8/1960; m Fanny Godbold
Children:
1. Thomas Jefferson Posey
2. Neal Ross Posey; m Josie Smith
- F. Lucinda Rebecca Posey; 1886-1960; m Lloyd Coleman
Children:
1. Mildred Irene Coleman; m Henderson Galbreath

2. James Lloyd Coleman; m Ruth Hickman
 3. Mary Elizabeth Coleman; m Victor Weeks
 4. John Higdon Coleman; m Ida R. Ezell
- G. Ernest Leonard Posey; 1880-1929; m Ethel Smith
Child:
1. Ernest Leonard Posey, Jr.; m Elta Lee Robinson
Children:
 - a. Ernest Leonard Posey, III
 - b. Elta Lee Posey; m James Johnston
- H. Brock Parson Posey, 1891-1955; m Carrah Rödriquez
Children:
1. Margret Felice Posey; living Galveston, Texas
 2. Rosie Lee Posey, 1916-1917
 3. Onnie Odessa Posey, b 1919; m Chester Slay
 4. Brock Ray Posey; m (1) Peggy Burk, (2) Violet Civitorese
- I. Issac Wesley Posey; b 1883; m Amelia Wooten
Children:
1. Wesley Elmo Posey; b 1918; m Mary Noble
 2. Eva Elizabeth Posey; b 1921
 3. Carrie Nell Posey; m Harvey Ford
 4. Jocelyn Carnelia Posey; b 1927; m George Crossland
 5. Louis Leonard Posey; b 1930; m Velma Whittington
- J. Robert Earl Posey; b 1895; m Mamie Evans
Children;
1. Lyntine Marie Posey; m James Ricks
 2. Dorris Lee Posey; m A. C. McCuller
 3. Robert Earl Posey, Jr.; m Irma Terrell
 4. Mamie Louise Posey; m William Bevill
 5. Myra Virginia Posey; m James Myers
 6. Elizabeth Earline Posey; m Vernon Gentry
 7. Helen Faye Posey; m William Radford
 8. James Leon Posey; m Frances Lester
- V. Stanhope Posey; b about 1861; m Beady (either Hall or Evans); list of children incomplete but only 2 names known, Emanuel and Sissy.
- VI. Elliott Posey; b 10/22/1862; m 12/27/1883 to Rachel Felder, daughter of David and Lucinda Martin Felder: Elliott d. 1/2/1918; Rachel b. 1866; d. 4/25/1918.
Children:
- A. Ira Felder Posey; b 11/20/1884; 1/12/1961; m Georgia Smith
Children:
 1. Allie Posey; 1/16/1908; m Luther Smith: no children
 2. Carl Posey; 2/7/1911; m Ola Herring
 3. Winnie Bell Posey; 11/12/1916: unmarried
 4. Leonard David Posey; 12/5/1924; m Vivian Herring
 - B. Nolie Lamar Posey; 9/13/1886-1/8/1969; m Catherine Smith, 1/30/1886

d. 12/17/1963.

Children:

1. Rutha Posey; 6/4/1905-1/8/1969; m Versie Calcote
2. Mary Delle Posey; b 7/11/1909; m Charles R. Young: living at Pearl River, La.
3. Charlie Lee Posey; b 10/18/1913; m Hattie Woolie
4. Bernice Posey; 4/21/1918; m Robert L. Brent
5. Nolie Lamar Posey; 3/26/1924; 8/24/1932

C. Annie Bell Posey; 4/11/1889; m (1) Johnse Lofton, (2) Marion Watts.

Children:

1. Bessie Lou Watts; b 1921; m Charles Adams
2. Rubye Nell Watts; b 1927; m Ernest McCalip

D. Joseph Douglas Posey; 2/2/1891; 10/1/1962; m Lella Smith

Child:

1. Hezekiah Posey; 10/25/1914; m Verdia Smith

E. Ada Estelle Posey; b 8/26/1893; m Prentis Wooten

Children:

1. James Vernon Wooten; b 1918-1949; m Sarah Lewis
2. George Madison Wooten; b 1920; m Mary Ann Butler
3. Thelma Rachel Wooten; b 1927; m Garland White
4. Margie Estelle Wooten; b 1922; m Tildon Wilkerson
5. Paul Perry Wooten; b 1932; m Yvonne Thomas
6. Mammie Delle Wooten; b 1929; m Benjamin Lyons

F. Rebecca Jane Posey; b 12/22/1895; d 12/17/1969; m Forest Smith

G. Frances Louella Posey; b 5/11/1901; m Edgar Smith

Children:

1. Charles Elliott Smith; b 1925; m Veta Godwin
2. Loyd Edgar Smith; b 1930; m Laverne Herring

H. Louie Longino Posey; 2/24/1908; m Jessie Mae Dickey

Child:

1. Rachel Posey; b 1931; m James F. Bullock

VII. Neoma(n) Posey; b 1865; m Mary Lofton

Children:

- A. Maude Posey; m John Case
- B. Belle Posey; m Sam Phillips
- C. Rupert Posey; b Edna Smith
- D. Johnny Posey; m Effie Smith
- E. Harvey Posey; m Lemmie Watts
- F. Joe Posey; a son ?

VIII. Lorenzo Dow Posey, Jr.; b 1871; m Flora Case

Children:

- A. Claude Posey
- B. Shelton Gambrell Posey
- C. Virgil Posey
- D. Ethel Posey

E. Curtis Posey

IX. Rufus Posey; b 1874; m Manda Chisholm
Child:

A. Minnie Lee Posey; b Robert Howell

Children:

1. Marshall Howell
2. Sarah Howell
3. Minnie Howell

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The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. In what state was Lorenzo Dow Posey "bound out" to the Loftons?
2. Where did Dudley Lofton live in 1840?
3. Who were the parents of Lorenzo Dow Posey?

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

THE POSEYS OF EDGEFIELD CO., S. C.

The census records of Edgefield Co., S. C. for 1790 and 1800 did not list any Posey families. In 1810 four Poseys were listed. They were Dennis, Humphrey, Nehemiah, and Francis Posey.

DENNIS POSEY

Dennis Posey was listed in 1810 in Edgefield in the age range of 16/26 with no dependents. It is surmised that he was a son of Humphrey or Nehemiah Posey, more like a son of Humphrey. A Dennis Posey was listed in the Georgia militia in Telfair Co. in 1807. In the War of 1812 with the British, a Lt. Dennis Posey was employed as a spy by the American forces (Alabama Historical Quarterly). The Conecuh Co., Ala. tax list for 1818 listed a Dennis Posey. (Other Poseys on that tax list were James Posey and M. Posey. Was M. Posey Morgan Posey of Va.?) It is believed that these records are all of the same man. No Dennis Posey has been located on the fragments of the 1820 Alabama census (most of it was lost), nor has he been found on any portion of the Alabama 1830 census. However, a marriage for Dennis Posey to Seala (Celia?) Burrough was recorded in Autauga Co., Ala. in 1832. This Dennis who married in Autauga Co. may be the same one who was living in Edgefield and served in the War of 1812.

HUMPHREY POSEY

Humphrey Posey was listed on the 1810 census of Edgefield as over 45 years of age and in his household there were one male 10/16, one male under 10, and one female over 45. This may be the same Humphrey who lived in Barnwell District in 1800. The Humphrey in Barnwell was the only Humphrey on the 1800 census of S. C. In 1790 there were two Humphreys in Orangeburg District, perhaps father and son. The younger of these two might be the same as later found in Barnwell and Edgefield. No Humphrey appears on the 1820 or later censuses of Edgefield. Whether he was dead or moved to Georgia is not known. Either Dennis, Nehemiah, or Francis, or all three may have been his sons. A possibility for Humphrey's parentage is Francis Posey of Henry Co., Va., Burke and Buncombe Counties, North Carolina who is described in Chapter Seven.

NEHEMIAH POSEY

Nehemiah Posey was listed on the Edgefield census of 1810 with two males in his household, both under 10. Their identity is not known. Nehemiah does not appear on any subsequent Edgefield census. A Nehemiah was listed on the 1800 Orangeburg District, S.C. census in the age category of 26/45. The 1790 Orangeburg census listed two Nehemiah Poseys. The younger, named by the census taker as Nehemiah, Jr. (which meant in that day only "younger", not necessarily son of Nehemiah, Sr.) may be the

one who moved from Orangeburg to Edgefield.

FRANCIS POSEY

It is believed that Francis Posey of Edgefield moved in to South Carolina from his native state of North Carolina. No previous record of a Francis believed to have been this one has been located. The 1810 census gave his age as 26/45, making his birthdate sometime between 1765 and 1785. He had one son 10/16, one son under 10, and one daughter under 10.

The 1820 census of Edgefield gave Francis' age as 26/45, moving his estimated birthdate up to 1775-1795. His children were listed as one son 16/26, and five sons under 10. One daughter under 10 was in the household. He lived next door to his brother-in-law, John Overstreet. Living nearby were William Posey, aged 30/40, William Posey, aged 20/30, and Daniel Posey, Francis' son, aged 30/40.

By 1840 the census of Edgefield listed William Posey 30/40, Holding (Holden?) Posey, aged 20/30, Samuel Posey, aged 20/30, Melus or Marshall Posey, aged 20/30, Daniel Posey, 40/50, and Francis (Frank) Posey, aged 50/60.

If Francis' birthplace was North Carolina as the 1850 census reports, it is possible that he may connect with the family of Francis and Humphrey Posey of Virginia and North Carolina (see Chapter Seven).

By combining information from the Edgefield censuses with data from Mrs. Alma McIlwain and Mrs. Zella Posey, descendants, the following list of Francis Posey and his descendants is given.

Francis Posey; b c1775 N.C.; d c1870; m Mary Overstreet, b 1782 N.C. and d. after 1870. Francis was listed on the censuses of Edgefield, S. C. for they years 1810-1870. The 1860 census showed Francis to be quite a wealthy man for the times.

Children:

I. Daniel Posey; b. c1795 N.C. or S.C.; died by 1860; m Ellen ()
b 1803/04 S.C.; still living in 1870.

Children:

A. son born 1820/25

B. Andrew Posey; b 1829 S. C.; shown at home until 1850; no further record.

C. Sarah Martha or Margaret Ellen (?) Posey; b 1827; d 1854;
m Jonathon Thrailkill, 1827-1890, son of John Thrailkill, 1770 N.C.; d 1860 S.C. and his wife Margaret Irvin Posey, 1795 S.C.-1857 S.C.:
This Posey daughter's name has been reported to be Margaret Ellen and also as Sarah Martha. She is placed here as a daughter of Daniel because in 1860 John "Thurkill", aged 7, was living with the widow of Daniel Posey. According to Gunter England of DeQueen, Ark., a descendant of the Posey-Thrailkill marriage, the Grandmother Posey raised the children of Sarah/Margaret Posey Thrailkill.

Children:

1. Margaret Ellender Thraikill: b 9/20/1849-4/6/1925 Ark.; m John Anderson England who was the father of Gunter England, mentioned above.

2. John Daniel Thraikill; b 1854.

3. Frances Adeline Thraikill;

D. son b 1825/30

E. Mark M. Posey; b 1832; m Frances (), b 1833 S.C.; one daughter was shown on the 1860 census, Sarah E. Posey, born 1860.

F. Pickens B. Posey; b 1834; m Elizabeth () b 1840; and Ellen, b 1844. Although two different names for his wife were listed on the 1860 and 1870 censuses, it is possible there was only one marriage.

Children:

1. Margaret Posey, b 1858.

2. Elizabeth H. Posey, b 1870.

G. John D. Posey, b 1835. not listed after 1850 census.

H. Angelina Posey; b 1836; not listed after 1850 census.

I. Emaline Posey; b 1838; not listed after 1850 census.

J. Wade H. Posey; b 1842; living with brother, Pickens, in 1860; not listed on 1870 census.

K. Ruth Posey; b 1844; at home according to 1850 census; no further record.

L. Pelina Posey; b 1847; still living at home, unmarried, on 1870 census.

II. William Posey; b 1800/10; wife born 1800/10; second wife (?) Frances (), b 1828 Ga.

Children:

A. son b 1820/25

B. son b. 1825/30

C. son b 1830/35

D. dtr. b 1830/35; was this Sarah?

E. Dtr. b 1830/35

F. dtr. b 1830/35

G. dtr. b 1835/40

H. dtr. b 1835/40

I. son b 1835/40

J. Martha Posey; b 1853

K. Daniel Posey, b 1856.

The 1860 census of Edgefield shows in the household of William Posey a Sarah A. Rowe, age 33 and her two children, Narcissus, aged 6, and William Rowe, aged 2. These possibly were William's daughter and her two children. In the household of William Posey, Jr., aged 26, there were living at the same time, Richard Rowe, aged 16. In 1850, Eliza Rowe, age 11, lived with Marshal Posey. The exact relationship of these Rowes to the Poseys is not known.

The family of William Posey, Jr., born 1836, and probably a son

of William Posey, b 1800/10, is listed here although he is not proven as a son of elder William:

Children:

1. Mary Ann Posey, b 1852
2. Betty Posey, b 1853
3. Amon Posey, b 1854
4. Same (Sam?) Posey, b 1855
5. Malachi Posey, b 1857
6. Millege Posey, b 1858
7. Michael Posey, b 1856

III. Elizabeth Posey; b 1808 S.C.; m an Asbill; one daughter Perlina, b. 1836, lived with Elizabeth in Francis Posey's household in 1850 and 1860.

IV. Martin Posey; b 1812/14 S. C.; m 2/23/1838 to Matilda Holmes, who died 1846. (Her name has been reported in print as Matilda Hobbs).

Children:

- A. Mary E. Posey; b 1839 S.C.; m (1) Seigler, (2) Franks.
- B. Holden W. Posey; b 1841 S.C.; m Martha Cloud

Children: 1. Frank Terry Posey; b c1860; d 1923 Chireno, Texas.
m Mary Williams, b. Ala.; d 1919 in Tex.;
dtr. of Garland Williams.



Frank Terry Posey and sons, William and Matt

Children:

- a. William Jackson Posey; 1884-1952; m Lura Lavender, 1886-1969:

Children:

- A. Alma Posey, b 1918; m Jesse McIlwain, living Nacogdoches, Texas; dtr Wilda Ann.
- B. Hollis Terry Posey; m Maggie Grimes.

- b. Matt G. Posey, b. 1886-d1955; m Ella Noble; children are

Carter Posey and Juanita Posey.

2. Will Cloud Posey; d. 1914; m Laura McKinnie;
one daughter Jimmie.

C. Lewis Holmes Posey; b 1/10/1843; d 6/11/1926; m Martha Martin, 1850Ga-1920Ala.; Lewis served with Co. A., 43rd Ala. Infantry in the Civil War. Both Lewis and Martha are buried at Oakman Cemetery, Walker Co., Ala.

Children:

1. Emma Posey; b 1876 Ala.



Ida Hamilton, Lewis Holmes Posey, May Hall Hamilton, and Hattie Posey Hall

2. Benjamin F. Posey; b 1877-d1950; a physician; m Hattie DeMent;
- Children:
- a. Carl R. Posey
- b. Louis Claiborne Posey; 1911-1949; a physician; m Mamie Walker
- c. D. Ralph Posey; 1882-1955; moved to Illinois; m Indiana (Acock)
- d. W. Holden Posey; m Zella Posey, daughter of George W. Posey, grandson of Squire Posey (see Chapter Two).
- e. Thurston J. Posey; 1888-1952; m Gussie (HENDERSON), 1889-1955; *b) Elmwood Cem - B'HAM AL*
- Children:
- aa. B. L. Posey *cc. Mildred*
- bb. Milton T. Posey *dd. Mattie*
- f. Otto D. Posey *ee. Vivian*
- g. Etta Posey; m Wright
- h. Hattie Posey; m Travis

D. Hattie Posey; b 1846; m Hall; to Texas; one known daughter, May Hall, who m Hamilton and had daughter Ida Fay Hamilton.

V. Holden Posey; b 1810 S.C.; unmarried on 1850 census; not shown on 1860 census of Edgefield; no further record.

VI. Samuel Posey; b 1812/13-living 1870; m Lucinda (Lott?), 1815-living 1870; listed as Col. Posey on 1860 census and as a man of considerable wealth.

Children:

- A. son, b 1835/40
- B. Martha Posey; b 1837/38; no further record
- C. Frances Posey; b 1839; no further record
- D. William P/R Posey; b 1844/46; no further record
- E. Lafayette Posey; b 1849/50; no further record
- F. John M. Posey; b 1852; at home 1870; no further record

VII. Elbert Posey; b 1818 S. C.; unmarried; lived with parents until the 1870 census where he is listed in household of his sister, Elizabeth Asbill.

VIII. Marshall Posey: (the kinship indicated here is uncertain); b. 1825 S. C.; m Elizabeth () b 1827 S.C.

IX. daughter born 1810-20; at home until after 1840 census.

X. Mary E. Posey; b 1839; no record after 1850 census.

WILLIAM C. POSEY

The 1820 and 1830 censuses of Edgefield record a William C. Posey, born about 1780/85. He lived next door to the above Francis at the time of both censuses. His will was written 11/16/1834 in Edgefield. It was recorded in Montgomery Co., Ala. some years later although no trace of this William C. Posey has been found in Alabama records, but one son indicated that his birthplace was Alabama in 1839. He named his wife and nine children in the will.

Children:

- I. Harriet Toney Posey; b 1805/10
- II. Susan Phelps Posey; b 1810/20
- III. Louisa Posey; b after 1820
- IV. Caroline Rose Posey; b after 1820
- V. Martha Posey; b after 1820
- VI. Mark Posey; b c1830
- VII. Eldridge Posey; b 1839 Ala.; lived with brother Benjamin in 1860 in Edgefield, S. C.
- VIII. Benjamin May Posey; b 1824 S.C.; m Margaret (), b. 1832.

Children:

- A. Martha Posey; b 1852
- B. William Posey, b 1855
- C. Permelia Posey, b 1857
- D. Willie Posey (male) b 1859
- IX. Willey Jackson Posey; b 1834 S.C.

Other Poseys who lived in Edgefield at the same time the families described above lived there are the following:

Betty Posey, b 1780 S. C.

Eliza Posey, b 1832 S. C., living with Levi McDaniel family

SAMUEL POSEY

Samuel Posey was born on 5/28/1802 in Edgefield, S. C. He drowned in the Mississippi River on 2/28/1841 while on his way to Texas. He was buried in Madison Parish, La. Samuel does not appear on any census of Edgefield, S.C. and it is thought that he left S. C. early and lived in eastern Louisiana until he started further west.

His parentage is not known but he was possibly a son of Humphrey or Nehemiah discussed earlier in this chapter:

He married Ruth Berry who was born 2/25/1803 in Edgefield and died in Robertson Co., Texas on 3/10/1870. She moved to Nachitoches, La. in 1841 when Samuel died and then into Grant (formerly Saline) Co., Ark. She married as her second husband Edward Calvert, 1789 Tenn.-1865 Texas.

Children;

I. Joshua Marion Posey; c1822 S.C. or La.; m Alice Randolph, b 1821. Joshua was a member of the town council in Sheridan, Ark. in 1887. He later moved to Vivian, La.

Children:

A. Alice Posey; m John Newby; one child Bird Newby who m. Douglas Waters and had Olivan and John Waters.

B. Betty Posey; m Luke Walton.

Children:

1. Irene Walton; m David Morris and had children Esta, Archie, and Tommie

2. Mae Walton

C. Lucie Posey; m Lawrence Ivins

Children:

1. Ella Ivins; m Con Owens

2. Kate Ivins; m Early Conley

3. Guff Ivins; m Lemuel Shores

4. Maud Ivins; m S. B. Burney

5. Hamp Ivins; m Willie Mae Robertson

6. Land Ivins

D. Sumantha Posey; m John Chiles

Children;

1. Betty Chiles; m Kirk Edwards

2. Joe Chiles; m Ludie Phelps

3. Allie Chiles; m Penrod

E. Francis Posey; m Ella Hutchens

Children:

1. Blanche Posey; m Tony Margetich

2. Alice Posey; m Ezra Young

3. Pelham Posey

F. Samuel Benjamin Posey; b (1) Mary Frances Conley, (2) Annie ()

Children:

1. Mary Frances Posey; m Jack Parker and Jack Dean

2. Annie Posey; m Percy Bostwick

3. Ben Posey; m Bessie Hughes

4. Sam Posey

G. Joshua Marion Posey; b 7/24/1857; m Hettie Ann Burney, b 1877.
Children:

1. Clara Mae Posey; m Bob McCullough and Cleve Hoss
2. Lessie B. Posey; b 1896;
3. Edna Rosella Posey; b 1898; m Elmer Alpigini
4. Ella Nora Posey; b 1900; m John Gerald Hill (Nora Posey

Hill has furnished the data on the descendants of Joshua Marion Posey. She lives in Vivian, La.)

5. Maryland Blanche Posey; b 1903; m W R Dowty
6. Samuel Burney Posey; b 1905 (a daughter) m David R. Harris.
7. Joshua Marion Posey, Jr.; b 1907; m Iona Hargett
8. Annie Alice Posey; m William Bagwell
9. Francis Berry Posey; b 1912; m Lilian Tate
10. Samuel Benjamin Posey; b 1916; m Edith Terry
11. Emmett Holland Posey; m Margorie Caver & Virginia Hill
12. Calvert Alexander Posey; b 1918; m Madalyn Kane & Akiko

H. Calvert Alexander Posey

II. Francis Posey; b 12/22/1824; m 11/28/1844 Frances J. Ratcliff, d. 11/28/1845 and (2) on 1/1848 Sarah L. Worthen

The "Centennial" edition of the Sheridan (Ark.) *Headlight*, dated April 7, 1969, included the Poseys as early settlers of Grant (formerly Saline) Co., Ark. The pioneer families of the county were listed as the Poseys, Calverts, Atchleys, Carrs, Hesters, Berrys, Kezees, Rogers, Hubbards, Blacks, Porters, Fenters, Pages, and Tulls. One township in the county is named Calvert Township. A Calvert served in the Mexican War from this town. A description of what Francis Posey found when he opened an Indian mound in 1841 was included in the items in the paper. Francis was also listed as an early member of Philadelphia Church, 6 miles west of Sheridan.

Children:

A. Joshua Marion Posey;

Children:

1. Thomas Posey; m Myrtle Meek; son Cecil William of Oregon
 2. Arthur Posey; son Elmo Posey, father of Dr. Marion Posey
- and daughter Lois Posey Duncan of Sheridan, Ark.

III. Elizabeth Ann Posey; b 9/6/1825 S. C.; d 3/30/1869 Texas; m on 12/25/1842 to Alexander Calvert, b 11/28/1821 Limestone Co., Ala.; d 5/28/1889 Texas. Alexander was a son of Edward Calvert, b 1793 and Nancy Canterbury Calvert, both of Sevier Co., Tenn. John and Zachary Canterbury and Joseph and William Calvert were listed on the 1816 Mississippi Territorial Census of 1816 as residents of Madison Co. (later Alabama). Edward Calvert was listed on the 1820 census of Limestone Co., Ala.

Children;

- A. Nancy Calvert; b 10/25/1843 Ark.; d 2/14/1918 Harris Co., Tex.; m in 1860 to Tom C. Smith 1835-1885; The Smiths had 2 sons and 3 daughters.
- B. Edward Calvert: b 1845 Ark.; d 1853 Caddo Parish, La.
- C. Francis Marion Calvert: b 1846 Ark; d 1850 Ark.
- D. Patrick Taylor Calvert; b 1848 Ark. d in Texas; m Minnie Grant.
- E. Jane Ellen Calvert; b 1849 Ark.; d 1887 Texas; m (1) Langford.

and (2) J. E. Roland.

- F/ Mary Eugenia Calvert; b 1851 Texas; m N. J. Smith
- G. Elizabeth Achilles Calvert; b 1852 La.; d 1918 Texas
- H. Lucy Ann Calvert; b 1854 Texas; m B L. Duncan
- I. Felicia Munetta Calvert: b 1856 Texas; m S. J. Beale
- J. Alice Adelia Calvert: b 1859 Texas; m Willis B. Springfield,
b 1853 Monroe Co., Miss.; d 1916 Texas
- Children;
 - 1. Alma Springfield
 - 2. Alex Calvert Springfield; m Camille Lucas
 - 3. Nora Martha Springfield; m John L. Caskey
 - 4. Andrew Jackson Springfield; m Sarah E. Richmond
 - 5. Minnie Springfield
 - 6. Gilbert Aaron Springfield; m Ethel Gann & 2 Damrons
 - 7. Ruth Springfield; m Hubert V. King
 - 8. Harry Barber Springfield; m B. Taylor & Grace Franklin
 - 9. Alice Adelia Springfield
- K. Agnes Calvert; b 1860 Texas; d 1957; m Will T Rucker
- L. Ruth Victory Calvert; b 1863 Texas; m William F. Henderson
- M. James Alexander Calvert; 1865-1883

IV. a possible fourth child, Ellen Posey

The data on the descendants of Francis Posey of Sheridan, Ark. was sent in by Mrs. Inez Hudspeth, 107 Greenway Lane, Del Rio, Texas and Mrs. H. R. Gentry, 3311 Clearview, Austin, Texas.

POSEY PUZZLERS

The authors invite information regarding the following questions and/or verification or refutation of the foregoing interpretation and assumptions.

1. How were the Poseys listed on the 1810 Edgefield, S. C. census related?
2. Who were their wives and children?
3. Who was the father of Samuel Posey who married Ruth Berry?

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

HEZEKIAH POSEY

Hezekiah Posey was born in Charles Co., Md. in 1751. He is believed to have been a son of John and Mary Posey (John is #IIB2 on the list on page 6). Mary's maiden name is not definitely known. Hezekiah's brothers appear to have been Harrison, Joseph, John, Richard, Thomas, and Benjamin Lane Posey.

Hezekiah moved to Abbeville, S. C. before American independence. He served in the Revolutionary War under Andrew Pickens. Extensive records concerning his service and pension are available from the General Services Administration in Washington, D. C. In summary, he served intermittently over a period of years. He was wounded on Dec. 8, 1781 in the shoulder and arm by a band of Tories near Long Cain Creek. He was the only man of his outfit to escape death and/or capture. He escaped into the woods where he was found by two neices and carried to the home of his brother, Richard. While he was recovering from his wounds, so family tradition says, a British officer named Moses Marmaduke was sent to hang him as a spy. Upon finding him severely wounded, the officer is said to have remarked that he would not kill a dying man. This incident is said to be the origin of the name, Moses Marmaduke, which Hezekiah and descendants used in the naming of sons.

Hezekiah moved to Pendleton, S. C. (now Anderson Co.) in 1793, to Blount Co., Tenn. in 1796, and to Blount Co., Ala. in 1817. His affidavit, dated 1839 when he was 88 years old, stated that he had been walking from North Alabama to Mobile, Ala. every year in order to collect his \$40 annual pension. Finally in that year, his account was moved to Huntsville, Ala., nearer his residence of Madison Co. However, Hezekiah was enumerated on the 1830 and 1840 censuses of Blount Co., Ala., not Madison Co., where it is believed he died in 1847 at the age of 96.

There is some confusion about Hezekiah's place of death. Some say that he died in Carroll Co., Ga. (now Haralson Co.) at the home of Peter Pruitt and was buried in Metropolitan Methodist Church Cemetery in that county. The authors believe that the Hezekiah who died in Carroll Co. was Hezekiah Posey, Jr., son of the elder Hezekiah.

Hezekiah's wife or wives present some confusion. His wife at the time of his death was named Ruth. Descendants say that his first wife was named Susannah Harrison. A clue to the identity of Ruth may be found in the pension application of Mordecai Miller. Miller served in the Revolutionary War in S. C. during which time he married Isabel Adair. Miller stated that his company lost 22 men by death or capture, among the latter there being George Stringer (his uncle), Barnett Coyat, Robert Adair, and Hezekiah Posey, all three being his uncles by marriage. If this is true, then Ruth Posey's maiden name would have had to have been either Stringer or Miller. (This affidavit was furnished by Robert H. Washburn, 305 W. Holly, Phoenix, Arizona.)

The list of children of Hezekiah which is given below is based partly on proven descent and partly on interpretation of available records. It may

be either incomplete or partially incorrect. The same is true in regard to the lists of the children connected to Hezekiah's sons. It is often difficult to place children with the proper parents. Based on dates, known facts about this family, and census records, the following lists are offered.

- I. Daniel Posey; oldest son of Hezekiah Posey, Sr.
b. c 1780 S. C.; still living in 1840 in Carroll Co., Ga.; wife unknown; lived in Etowah Co., Ala. in 1820 as court records show a suit between Daniel and Sarah Elam, Etowah Co. July term of court, 1820;
Children:
 1. Pinckney C. Posey; b 1801 Ga.; m Elizabeth (); on 1850 Carroll Co., Ga. census; no children listed
 2. Lorenzo Dow Posey, b 1805 Tenn; m Nancy Golden b 1810 Ga.; on 1840 and 1850 Carroll Co., Ga. censuses; said to have died in Civil War but it seems he might have been too old for active combat;
Children:
 1. Mary Posey, b 1833 Ga.
 2. Caleb Posey, b 1834 Ga.
 3. William Posey, b 1835 Ga.
 4. Allen Posey, b 1836 Ga.
 5. Wright Posey, b 1837 Ga.
 6. Huldy Posey, b 1839 Ga.
 7. Elizabeth Posey, b 1840 Ga.
 8. Mandeville Posey, b 1842 Ga.
 9. Amanda Posey, b 1842 Ga.; twin to Mandeville
 10. Eveline Posey, b 1842 Ga.
 11. Adaline Posey, b 1842 Ga.; twin to Eveline
 12. Sarah Posey, b 1846 Ga.
 3. Morecraft Spotswood Posey (sometimes reported as McCraft); b 1815 Ga. or Tenn.; m Sarah Golden, sister of Nancy, wife of Lorenzo Dow Posey, above; on 1840 and 1850 censuses of Carroll Co. Ga.
Children:
 1. Lee A. Posey, b 1836 Ala.
 2. Jane Posey, b 1840 Ga.
 3. Daniel Posey, b 1838 Ga.
 4. Sarah Posey, b 1842 Ga.
 5. Susan Posey, b 1844 Ga.
 6. Henry Clay Posey, b 1845 Ga.; m Sara Stedham
Children:
 - a. Walker Brock Posey; m Jessie Dean; their son Walker Brock, Jr. m Patricia Morton: lives at 3212 Pine Springs Manor, Decatur, Ga.
 7. Caroline Posey; b 1846 Ga.
 8. Reuben Posey, b 1849 Ga.
 9. Lampkin Posey; reported by Edwin B. Posey, 2434 Austell Rd., Marietta, Ga. to be a son of Morecraft; Lampkin's son William Henry Posey, b 1905 Haralson Co. (formerly Carroll Co.), Ga.; Edwin, b. 1930, is son of William Henry and is married to Betty McAdams Posey.

Other Poseys who lived in Carroll Co., Ga. at various times and who must be connected to this family are:

Tempy Jane Posey, b c1825/30, who m. (1) James Jack Whitten, (2) James B. King. The Kings moved to Cullman Co., Ala. for a time and returned to

Carroll Co. where they died. George O. Devine, Decatur, Ala. is a descendant, being a great grandson of Tempy. Tempy could have been a daughter of Daniel.

Humphrey Posey is listed on the 1830 census of Carroll Co., Ga. He has been reported to be a son of Hezekiah Posey, Sr. and also as a son of Daniel. It is not known how he fits in this family at this time.

The 1830 Carroll Co. census listed a Hezekiah Posey, born 1800 to 1810, with two sons, born 1825/30, one daughter, born 1825/30, and a wife, born 1790 to 1800. Whether this is a son of Daniel or a son of Hezekiah Posey, Jr. has not been determined.

Corinda Posey Pruitt lived in Carroll Co., Ga. She was married to Peter Pruitt. Corinda was named in Hezekiah Posey, Sr.'s will as a granddaughter but her father was not named. He could have been Daniel (most likely) or Hezekiah Posey, Jr. One of the Hezekiah's is said to have died at the house of Peter Pruitt.

Excy Posey married in 1844 in Carroll Co. a Jacob Cartwright. She must have been a daughter of Daniel also although no proof connecting her to Daniel has been found.

Queen Esther Posey married in Carroll Co. also. She was wed to Reuben Holcombe in 1885 and is said to have moved to Cullman Co, Ala. at some time although she is reported to have died in Bremen, Ga.

Mrs. Ruth McBrayer of Temple, Ga. has written that there was a Marmaduke Posey and a Vista Posey who married a Findley in Carroll Co. She listed them as children of Hezekiah Posey, Sr. but no other record suggests this, although it is thought that Hezekiah, Sr. did have a son named Moses Marmaduke. The census records of Ga. do not show Marmaduke as having lived in Ga. In fact, no census record of any state has listed him (insofar as records have been searched to date).

II. Joseph Harrison Posey; believed to have been the second son of Hezekiah Posey, Sr.; b 1/5/1785 in Abbeville, S. C.; d 8/7/1866 in Blount Co., Ala.; m 12/7/1809 to Mary Elizabeth Latham in Blount Co., Tenn.; Elizabeth Latham Posey was b. 7/26/1795 (England?) and d. 11/24/1878 in Guntersville, Ala. She may have been a daughter of Charles Latham who is said to have brought her to Baltimore when she was 12 years of age.

Joseph Harrison was drafted for the War of 1812 in Bledsoe Co., Tenn. on 6/18/1812. He and his brother, Moses, alternately served a term of service in Capt. Hankins' company. Joseph received a land grant signed by President Buchanan which is in the possession of a descendant, Mrs. John Faulk, of Selma, Ala.

Joseph Harrison Posey served as a juror in Etowah Co., Ala. in 1820, was involved with Edward Speed and Michael Shaffer in law suits in 1824 and 1825, according to court records.

His children are listed as they were recorded in his widow's application for pension in 1871. The following information is a composite of data sub-

mitted by Mrs. John Faulk, Selma, Ala.; Mrs. Jack Posey, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Dewayne Awerkamp, Tempe, Arizona, and others.

Alice Posey Self, who died last year at the age of 97, and who was a granddaughter of Joseph Harrison and Elizabeth Posey remembered Elizabeth Posey quite well. She told the story of helping her grandmother find her rings in the feather bed when they would be lost during the night in the covers. Alice recalled the funeral entourage of Elizabeth Posey arriving in Village Springs, Ala. from Guntersville, Ala. where Elizabeth had died of an infection in her leg. She reported that both Joseph Harrison and Elizabeth were buried in a family plot on a hill above their old home in Village Springs.

Children of Joseph Harrison and Elizabeth Latham Posey:

1. Teresa Posey; b 3/24/1811, Three marriages for a girl of this or similiar name are on record. It is not known which is this Teresa.

Teresa Posey m Jacob Williams in Blount Co., Ala. 1/24/1824 (Blount Co. Marriage Book A:62).

Teranza Posey m. Benjamin Lasitor in Blount Co. on 2/19/1828 (Mar. Book A:243).

Teresa Posey m James Weems 3/11/1836

2. Ambrose Posey; b 2/16/1813; m Sarah McDonald 1/24/1832 in Blount Co.; no census record found for Ambrose.

3. Moses Marmaduke Posey; b 3/7/1815; m Mary (reported as Mary Cosby?), born 1821 Ala. This is not the Moses Marmaduke Posey who m. Mary Cade on 7/17/1821 in Blount Co. as Joseph's son would not have been old enough to marry. Moses was listed on 1850-60 censuses of Jefferson Co., Ala.

Children:

A. Elizabeth Posey; b 1838/9 Ala.

B. Clarissa Posey; b 1840 Ala.

C. Melissa Posey; b 1842 Ala.

D. John C. Posey; b 1844 Ala.; m Mary () children from 1880 Jefferson Co., Ala. census are:

1. Willie Posey, b 1873

2. Lafayette Posey, b 1878

3. Ally Posey (female), b 1879

E. James H. Posey; b 1846 Ala.

F. Montezuma Posey; b 1848 Ala.; m Eliza (); children from 1880 Jefferson Co., Ala. census are:

1. Joseph M. Posey; b 1873

2. Mary E. Posey; b 1875

3. Samuel Posey, b 1876

4. Thomas Posey, b 1876; twin to Samuel

5. Mary L. Posey; b 1878

G. Felix Posey; b 1850 Ala.

H. Alinn Posey; b 1850 Ala.; twin to Felix

I. Pinkney Posey; b 1854 Ala.; unmarried

J. Moses Lafayette Posey; b 1855 Ala.

One of the sons of Moses married a girl whose first name was Olive.

4. Gideon K. Posey; b 2/1/1817 Ala.; m Syntha R. Wade, b 1827 Ala. in St. Clair Co., Ala. on 1/7/1838; children from the 1850-70 Blount Co., Ala. censuses and from obituaries in the newspapers were:

A. Ambrose Posey; b 1849/40; m Emily (), b 1851 Ala.;

Children:

1. Gadsden or Gaston Monroe Posey; b 1872; d 1946; m Annie Alura (); one known son, James W. Posey and 3 dtrs.
2. Gentile D. Posey; b 1874;
3. Ambrose Posey b 1876:
4. John W. Posey; b 1880
5. Josephine R. Posey; b 1880; twin to John W.
6. Virgil Posey; d 1951; m Myrtle ()
7. Erwin Posey
8. Pearson Posey
9. Nettie Posey
10. Amelia Posey
11. Milton Burney Posey; d. 1942; m Maggie (); children:
 - a. Virgil Posey
 - b. William Posey
 - c. Burney Posey

B. Greenberry Posey; b 1841/2; m Mary J. () b 1847;

Children:

1. Texie M. Posey, b 1871
2. Homer Posey, b 1874
3. Ally Posey (male) b 1876
4. Sally C. Posey, b 1879

C. Parmelia Posey; b 1844/45

D. Gaston Posey; b 1846/48

E. Palestine Posey; b 1851 Ala.; m Rhoda or Mary ()

children;

1. Lenard Posey; b 1867
2. Samuel S. Posey b 1868
3. Synthia Posey; b 1870
4. Gideon K. Posey; b 1871/2; d 1946 Blountsville, Ala. sons: Arthur, Gideon, Herschell, Ray, and Ernest
5. Ellen J. Posey b 1873
6. Emily O. Posey, b 1877
7. Gadsden P. Posey, b 1879

8. Virgil Posey; son Samuel Stewart Posey, father of Dunbar Posey of Memphis, Texas who is father of Marion Posey of Memphis, Texas.

9. Luther Posey, b 1885; m Mattie Burgess; son Verbon Posey, b 1907 m Frances Ruth Franklin and parents of Clyde James Posey of Birmingham, Ala.

F. Arista Cebrooks Posey; b 1850/52 Ala.; m Alice ()

Children:

1. George Thomas Posey, b 1875
2. Catherine Posey, b 1876
3. Walton G. Posey; b 1877; living 1962
4. Walter O. Posey; b 1877; twin to Walton G.; d. 1962

5. Jesse Nathaniel Posey; b 1903; d 1957; m Effie McGlathery.
6. Sidney C. Posey
7. Arista C. Posey, Jr.
8. Edmon Posey
9. James O. Posey

G. Gentile Posey; b 1853/55

H. Clemens Posey; b 1855/57; m Hester A. () b 1861; 2 known daughters, Lena Posey, b 1877, and Rosa Posey, b 1879.

I. Seborn Posey; b 1861.

5. Marcus Potius Posey; b 4/19/1820; m Mary Hawkins, b 1827 S. C./Ala. 6/18/1845 in St. Clair Co., Ala.; listed as a blacksmith on the 1850 Blount Co. and 1860 Jefferson Co., Ala. censuses.

Children:

A. Arminda Posey b 1845

B. Nevada or Lavada Posey; b 1847/49

C. Cirtarry? or Autany ? Posey (neither census clear on this name) b. 1852 Ala.; m Clarissa (); father of Felix Posey, b 1875.

D. Mansfield V. Posey; b 1854; m Sarah ():

Children:

1. Dophus R. Posey; b 1872

2. Lou E. Posey, b 1876

3. Sarah E. Posey, b 1879

4. Joseph E. Posey b 1880

E. Montigue Sidney Posey; b 1855 Ala.; m Della or Mary ();

Children:

1. Altoona Posey; b 1898Miss; m Mary Janette (); son

Robert Hugh Posey b 1929.

2. Marcus Potius Posey; b 1896; living Tupelo, Miss.

F. Cansada Posey; b 1859 Ala.

6. Amos Latham Posey; b 8/17/1823; m Frances Rebecca Anderson in St. Clair Co., Ala. on 5/7/1846.

Children:

A. William Anderson Posey; b 1847; m 1877 to Nancy Elizabeth Nichols;

Children:

1. Amos Latham Posey; m May Atkin; to Arizona

2. Lu Annie Belle Posey; m Hyrum Chlarson; children, Myrtle,

Agnes, Rudolph, Roy, Flora, Larue, Charlotte, and Karl.

3. Pinkie Posey; m Orson Elliott and Lars Chlarson

4. Preshie Posey; m Jim A. Gamble

5. Dovey Posey

6. William Posey

7. Arthur Allen Posey; m Emma Knudsen

8. Simona Posey

9. Rachel Posey; m Cameron

10. Relda Posey; m Bill Tollett

B. Permicia Posey; b 1849

C. Easter E. Posey; b 1851

D. Louella Posey; b 1855

7. Napoleon Bonaparte Posey; b 6/11/1824; m 3/7/1844 Effie Dailey, 1827-1906; moved to Walker Co., Ala.; Effie's parents were George and Barbara Ratcliff Dailey.

Children:

A. Christopher Columbus Posey; b 1848; several marriages but wives seem to have been (1) Susan (), (2) Celia Cranford, (3) Jane Benson.

Children:

1. John Posey; b 1866
2. James Robert Posey; b 1868
3. Elisa Posey; b 1870
4. William Posey
5. George Posey
6. Lou Posey
7. Lara Posey
8. Henry Posey
9. Jeff Posey
10. Sarah Posey
11. Tamie Posey

B. Barbara Isabell Posey; b 1849; m Seaborn Posey, son of Francis Marion Posey (see Chapter Two) for record of this family.

C. Elizabeth Modine Posey; b 1852; m Bud Atkins

D. Merinda Posey; b 1854 Texas

E. Missouri Posey; m Henry Young

F. Trissey Posey; m James Vincent

G. Napoleon Colorado Posey; b 1855; d 1930; m Susan Myers, daughter of William J. and Sarah James Myers. Susan was born in 1858 and died in 1934.

Children:

1. Laura Ellen Posey; b 1875; m George W. Posey, son of Francis Marion Posey (see Chapter Two for this family)

2. Martha Helen Posey; b 1877; m John Davidson

3. Della Posey; 1879-1957; m James Nobles

4. Effie Posey; m W. Houston Stocks

5. Eula Ann Posey; m J.C. Fikes

6. Emily Birdie Posey; m Wiley Kitchens

7. J. Clinton Posey; living 1968; m Mary Swindle

8. Gilbert Posey; 1892-1954; m Helen Lindsay

9. Rufus Carl Posey; 1883-1966; m Minnie Sherrer; children, Frank, Rufus, George Wesley, Carl, Cavella,

10. Cora Posey; m Grady Lawrence

11. Anice Ellen Posey; m John Copeland

12. Louis Andrew Posey; b 1899-; d 1962; m Grace Pike

13. Minnie B. Posey; m Porter Ferguson

H. Liasa R. Posey; b 1857; m James Vinson

I. Mandaue Augustus Posey; 1859-1925; m Eliza Ann Cates, 1858-1951; see Chapter Two for more about her family; 2 known sons, William, b. 1880 and R. S., b 1883-d1886.

J. Milton Posey; b 1861

K. James D. Posey; b 1866

L. Price D. Posey; b 1867

M. Siras Posey; b 1879/80

A Dophus Posey who married 2/7/1881 William Wesson (Walker Co. Marriage Book A:403) fits into this family somewhere.

8. John Wesley Posey; b 4/26/1826 Blount Co., Ala.; d 7/13/1919; served in the Texas Cavalry during the Civil War as he enlisted in 1862 in Dallas, Texas; m (1) Nancy Elizabeth Anderson on 9/15/1848, a daughter of William and Lucy Harmon Anderson; m (2) on 8/16/1868 to Teresa Blythe.

Children:

A. Jerusha Ann "Lena" Posey b 1849/50; m Harvey Blythe, her step-mother's brother; son Thomas Blythe and dtr. Laura who m. Elmer Bates.

B. Joseph or Julius Augustus Posey; b 1851; m Fannie Goodwin; moved to Post, Texas; sons George and Sol Posey.

C. Ebenezer Volney Posey; b 2/27/1853; m Virginia Neeves; son Ed and dtr. Lillie V. and 6 others whose names are unknown.

D. John Posey; b 1855 Ala.

E. Rufus Rutilus Posey; b 1855/57; m Emiline (); on 1880 Blount Co. census; children; from census (were they Rufus'?)

1. Jesse Posey, b 1868

2. Viola Posey; b 1873

3. Savannah Posey, b 1875

4. Lewis Posey, b 1878

Children as listed by Alice Posey Self (is this the same Rufus or another?) were Rufus, Ada, Jake, Myrtle, Fitzhugh, Kate, Leita, William, Audrey, Ulric, Corrine, Era, and Thomas.

F. Towing Docty Posey; b 1859; m Issac Moore; dtr Stella m. Costello, sons Will and Fred

G. Louis Napoleon Posey; b 1861; d 1936 Milam, Texas; m Henrietta Spencer and Ethel Howell;

Children:

1. John William Posey 1883-1963; m Gertrude Bergland; children as contributed by Mrs. Jack Posey, Knoxville, Tenn.;

a. John Morris Posey; b 1911-1934; m Mary Boudreaux

b. Thelma Hortense Posey; 1913-1951

c. Jack Louis Posey; b 1916; m Iva Mae Siau

d. Cora Elizabeth Posey; 1918-1954; m Adolph Hebert

e. William Horace Posey, 1919-1941; m Annie Craigen

f. Roy Ray Posey; 1921-1946; m Mary E. Quinton

g. Torrence Lee Posey; b 1923

h. Melba Jean Posey; b 1925

2. Minnie Ola Posey; 1884- ; m Eural Lampkin

3. Kittie May Posey 1886-1963; m Eugene Mode

4. Charles Louis Posey; 1888-1966; m Susan A Allison.

5. Clarence Ross Posey; 1890-1964; m Birdie E. Allison

6. Fannie Lee Posey; 1892-1968; m Silas B. Short

7. George Novel Posey; 1894- ; m Sarah E. Sims

8. James Spencer Posey; 1898-1921; m Leona Isbell

9. Sarah Annie Posey; b & d 1900

H. Victoria Augusta Posey; b 1865; m Allen Pinkney James

Children:

1. Mary Agnes James; m Earnest Rogers

2. Frances Marion James; m H. Hamilton and John Wilson

3. Maud Pearl James; m Albert McCormack
4. Ulric James; m Ruby Bailey

- I. Mercy Posey; d as infant
- J. James Wesley Posey; 1/8/1871; m Mary Louise Kelley
- K. Alice Hibernia Posey; b 2/9/1873; m Nathaniel Henderson Self.

Children:

1. Tom Anson Self; b 1891; d as infant
2. Alice Elizabeth Self; 1893-1924; m Charles Kirkland

Children:

- a. Anne Blythe Kirkland; m John S. Faulk (contributor of much of this material on John Wesley Posey's family)
- b. Jane Ware Kirkland; m William L. Hawley

- L. Christopher Columbus Posey; b 1875; m Mary E. Lee; son: Clive Cecil Posey, Sr.; b 1908; m Frances Elam; their son, Clive Cecil Posey, Jr. b 1932, and Clark Leroy Posey b 1938.

- M. Anna Elizabeth Posey; b 1876; m Joseph Ely Majors
- N. Sylvester Judson Posey, b 1880; m Lillie Turner

9. Arthur Posey; b 7/21/1828; d 1878; served with Arkansas Cavalry in Civil War.; m Essie () b 1830 Ala.; she applied for pension in 1897 from Colbert Co., Ala.; on 1850 Blount and 1880 Winston Co., Ala. censuses.

Known children:

- A. Margaret Posey; b 1845 Ala.
- B. Alonzo Posey; b 1847 Ala.
- C. Curtis Posey; b 1849/50 Ala.
- D. Levada Posey, b 1866 Ala.
- E. Sylvester Posey, b 1872 Ark. d. 1943 Tuscumbia, Ala.; m Lizzie; said to have had John W. Posey and 6 daughters.

10. Wyatt Cassell Posey; b 7/24/1830; on 1850 Blount Co., Ala. census; no further record

11. Arlissa Posey; b 6/4/1832; m (1) Pattison Box, (2) a Reynolds

12. Avenant Posey; b 8/14/1835; at home with parents in 1850; no further record.

13. Catherine Posey; b 7/29/1837; no further record

14. Towing Docty Posey; b 2/1840; m Mason Cranford of Walker Co., Ala.

Antoine Posey was said by Alice Posey Self to have been a son of John Wesley Posey although his birth was not listed with the others in the pension application of Elizabeth Latham Posey. The following census records which have been found and verbal information from a descendant in Nauvoo, Ala. are here-with recorded.

Antoine Posey, b 1836/40 Ala.; m Missouri ();

Children:

1. Harrison or Julian Posey; b 1865 Ark.
2. Frances Posey; b 1867/8 Ala.
3. Virgil Posey; b 1871
4. Napoleon Posey; b 1873
5. Sarah F. Posey, b 1875
6. Laura Posey; b 1880

III. Moses Marmaduke Posey; b c1800; m 7/17/1821 in Blount Co., Ala. to Mary Cade (Mar. Book A;24); Moses and brother, Hezekiah B. Posey were involved in a law suit against Tobias Long in Etowah Co., in 1820. The children of Moses and Mary are not known except for one possibility. It is believed that one son was named Felix and that the following Poseys are his children: 1.Percy D. Posey; 1893-1966
2.Claudia Posey; living 1970; married Ogelsby
3.Maud Posey; m Mauldin

IV. Hezekiah Posey, Jr.; b 1780/90; d 1834; lived 1830 in Blount Co., Ala.; enumerated on the census as living next door to Hezekiah Posey, Sr. According to the census, some of his children were:

1. son b 1810/15
2. dtr. b 1815-20
3. dtr. b 1815-20
4. son b 1820/25
5. son b 1820/25

Hezekiah B. Posey and Moses M. Posey were joint participants in the suit mentioned above with Tobias Long and Daniel and Hezekiah were litigants in a case against Janie Hallmark. Both cases were heard at the July term of court in Etowah Co., Ala. in 1820.

Hezekiah's will was probated in Blount Co. in 1834 with Hezekiah Posey, Sr. as executor. The contents of the will are not known at this time.

V. Mary "Polly" Posey; believed to have been a daughter who married a Doyle and whose daughter married Harvey Kyle.

VI. Ruth Ellison Posey married on 8/21/1825 in Blount Co., Ala. (Mar. Book A:137) Zacheriah Smith. Her name indicates the possibility that she may have been a daughter of Hezekiah and Ruth Posey.

In all the counties where Hezekiah Posey and his descendants lived in the nineteenth century there were found other Poseys whose relationship, if any, to Hezekiah has not been determined. Their presence over long periods of time, however, suggests that they were relatives. The records thus far

collected are reported here as they may prove helpful to Posey descendants looking for ancestors.

W. B. Posey: on 1850 Benton (now Calhoun)Co. and 1860 Calhoun Co., Ala. censuses: W. B. Posey, b 1813 S. C.; wife Margaret Clark Posey, b 1818 Ky.; Children:

1. M. E. Posey (female); b 1834 Ala.
 2. Elizabeth J. Posey; b 1836; probably m. W. T. Scott in 1859
 3. William E. Posey; b 1838;
 4. Jesse B. Posey; b 1840; may be the Jesse B. who m. Margaret Peterson in Calhoun Co. in 1860; listed on Hopkins Co., Texas 1880 with a wife named Sarah, b 1841 Ala.; children from that census as follows:
 - a. Sallie Posey; b 1862 Ala.
 - b. George Posey; b 1864 Ala.
 - c. Miles Posey; b 1871 Texas
 - d. Margaret Posey; b 1872 Texas
 - e. Robert Posey; b 1874 Texas
 - f. Penn Posey, b 1878 Texas
 5. Pinkney Posey; b 1846 Ala.; m Drucilla Kerby, b 1845 Ala.;(probably married in Blount Co., Ala.); listed on 1880 Hopkins Co., Texas census; children as follows:
 - a. T,R,S, Posey, 3/18/1867
 - b. Annie B. Posey; b 5/23/1870
 - c. John Thomas Posey; b 7/26/1872; children:
 - aa. Rosie Elton Posey; b 1/10/1897; m Bateman (she contributed this list of children of John Thomas Posey. Mrs. Bateman lives in Wood Co., Texas)
- children:
- aaa. James Efton Bateman, b 1918
 - bbb. Lelia Sue Bateman, b 1939
 - d. Mary A. Posey; b 8/17/1877; m Benton
 - e. Rosie A. Posey, b 4/7/1881

Mrs. Bateman gave the birth and death dates for Pinkney and Druscilla Kerby Posey as follows: Pinkney, b 8/1/1847; d 2/17/1928; Druscilla b 4/23/1838; d. 12/3/1910.

6. Susan A. Posey; b 1848/9
7. Druscilla Posey; b 1851
8. Georgia Posey; b 1855
9. B. R. Posey (male) b 1860

1840 Benton/Calhoun Co., Ala. census;
William W. Posey; aged 20/30; William Posey, aged 30/40.

Agnes Posey, b.1796 in S. C. living alone in Calhoun Co. in 1860.
Joseph Posey, b 1839 Ala. living with D.W. and Jane Bennett in 1860
Elizabeth Posey, b 1795 S. C. living with T. J. Blackburn and wife Easter in Blount Co. in 1860.
Dr. G. W. Posey, b 1832 Ga. living in Calhoun Co. in 1870

1870 Blount Co., Ala. census:

James O. Posey, b 1831 Ala.; wife Mary, b 1834 Ala.; Susan Posey, b 1854 Ala.; Jesse Posey, b 1856 Ala.; Martha Posey, b 1858 Ala.; Moriah Posey, b. 1860 Ala.; John Posey, b 1862 Ala.

Burial record from Nance Creek Methodist Church Cemetery in Calhoun Co., Ala. lists James O. Posey, 1828-1873 and John A. Posey, 1820-1884.

1880 Calhoun Co., Ala. census:

J. H. Posey, b 1819 Ala. (parents born Tenn.); wife Mary L. (Sampson) Posey, b 1845 Ga.; Victory Posey, b 1867 Ala.; S. Sampson Posey, b 1859 Ala.

Mary Posey, b 1831 Ga.; Roda Posey, b 1858 Ga.; James Posey, b 1862 Ga. Sam Posey, b 1859 Ga.; William Posey, b 1864 Ga.; Abigail Posey, b 1866 Ala. Thomas Posey, b 1870 Ga.; Elen Posey, b 1860 Ala (parents b. SC). Could this be the widow of James O. Posey, above?

1880 Jefferson Co., Ala. census:

Sam R. Posey, b 1845 Ala.; Elizabeth Posey, b 1843 Ala.; Elisha Posey, b 1869 Ala.; William T. Posey, b 1871 Ala.; James L. Posey, b 1873 Ala.; Albert W. Posey, b 1874 Ala.; Elbert D. Posey, b 1877 Ala.

Henry Posey, b 1876 Ala. and Thomas Posey, b 1880 Ala. living with the family of James Harris, grandfather.

Walter Posey, b 1850 Ala.; Claricia Posey, b 1855 Ala.; Felix Posey, b 1875.

1840 Blount Co., Ala. census

Washington E. Posey, b 1810/20 probably in S. C.; wife Patience; listed with one male under 10. Washington was selling land in Pendleton, S. C. in 1839 and entered land in Etowah Co., Ala. in 1837.

David P. Posey, b 1809; d 1865; m Mary, b 1813 S. C.; Martha S. Posey, b 1838 S.C.; Amanda Posey, b 1841 S.C.; Haseltine Posey b 1843 Ala.; Josephine Posey, b 1846 Ala.; Elvira Posey, b 1849 Ala.; Cordelia Posey, b 1853 Ala.; James Posey, b 1855 Ala.;; David P. Posey also appeared on the 1850 and 1860 Benton/Calhoun Co. censuses.

1850 Blount Co. census

Israel Posey; b 1803 Tenn; wife Mary Posey, b 1813 Tenn; (Mary has been said to have been a daughter of Hezekiah Posey, Jr.); Martha Posey, 1832 Ala.; Arminda Posey, b 1836 Ala.; Harrison Posey, b 1838 Ala; Alfred Posey, b 1840 Ala.; Bestor Posey b 1844 Ala.; America Posey b 1848 Ala.

1850 Benton/Calhoun Co. census

Albert W. Posey, b 1827 S.C.; wife Febry Hazle Posey, b 1828 Ala.; James Posey, b 1844 Ala.; Martha Posey, b 1846 Ala.; William and John W., twins, b. 1849 Ala.

Marriages from Calhoun Co., Ala. that seem connected to the family of Hezekiah Posey;

- 1836 Malisa Posey to Joshua Allan
- 1851 Geremiah Posey to S. Ann Boliner
- 1852 Mary E. Posey to John L. Kirby
- 1854 Martha N. Posey to Franklin Jones
- 1855 Nancy Ann Posey to Elijah Ford
- 1855 Elizabeth Posey to Samuel Tidmore

- 1857 William E. Posey to Ann Skinner
- 1858 Mary Posey to Nurrah Hardman
- 1858 Lucinda M. Posey to Thomas M. Taylor
- 1859 Elizabeth J. Posey to W. T. Scott
- 1860 Nancy A. R. Posey to J. R. Bradfield
- 1861 Martha A. Posey to James Dye

Benton Co., Ala. marriages

- 1836 Elizabeth Posey to Richard Curreir
- 1843 Albert W. Posey to Feeby Hazle

Researchers of the larger Hezekiah Posey family should also see Chapter Eighteen which contains records of Poseys from various states. These Poseys have not been properly connected to the branch to which they belong for lack of sufficient information. Quite possibly there is information in that chapter about Poseys who are closely connected to Hezekiah Posey.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

ALEXANDER LAWRENCE POSEY

It is said that Alexander Lawrence Posey was a Creek Indian. He was born August 3, 1873. In the *Americana Encyclopedia* he is described as a Creek Indian poet and a graduate of Bacone Indian University. He is one of the only two Poseys listed in *The Dictionary of American Biography*.

Alexander was accidentally drowned in the North Canadian River, near Eufaula, Okla. on May 27, 1908. During his short span of 35 years, he achieved distinction as a poet, scholar, journalist, philosopher, humorist and leader of men of affairs of the time. A book of his poems was published posthumously in 1910 by his widow.

One has only to read with perceptiveness, again and again, the poems of "Alex" (he seems to have preferred to be called "Alex") to realize that here was a man of genius, of love for man and nature, and a deep appreciation of all God's creation. The part of his poem quoted in the preface of this book, with the permission of his daughter, Mrs. Blaine, seems to reveal his faith in the "larger plan of divinity". and in a live hereafter. The poem seems appropriate for those readers who are interested in their ancestors, those from whom they sprang, and in their descendants, through whom they shall continue to live.

Alexander began to distinguish himself at Bacone University. There he was type setter (1892-95) for the University newspaper, *The Instructor*. In this publication appeared some of his early writings which drew the attention of others. His graduation address in 1895, "Room at the Top", was recognized as a masterpiece of rhetoric and eloquence.

With graduation from the University, he went on to establish schools, to participate in the Legislature of the Creek Indian Nation, and to head the Creek orphanage at Okmulgee in 1896. History records that "Sequoyah" was one of the names considered for the territory which is now the state of Oklahoma. It is not often mentioned that Alexander Posey, the poet, was the one who offered this name in honor of the famous Indian scholar "antecedent" of "Alex".

The account of "Alex" and the words of his bride of May 9, 1896, Miss Minnie Harris, of Fayetteville, Ark., suggest the beginning of a beautiful love story and a happy family life.

It is said that the only complete collection of the writings of Alexander Posey is in the British Museum in London, England. The fact that the collection is there suggests something of the stature the man attained and at the same time the idea that the collection should be more readily available to the people in the land he knew, loved, and wrote about.

In *The Poems* the poet is quoted as stating, "Both my parents were Creek Indians, but they belonged to different tribal clans... My father also possessed a percentage of Scotch-Irish blood, but my mother is a pure-blood Creek Indian. My grandparents came from Alabama, the former



Alex Posey

ALEXANDER LAWRENCE POSEY 1873-1908
(Portrait by Joan Hill, Creek-Cherokee artist)

home of the Creek people"(Posey, 19). It appears that the "percentage of Scotch-Irish blood" of his father, which he mentions, amounted to about one-half. According to information furnished by Mrs. Wynema Blaine, "Alex's" mother stated shortly before her death in 1937 that "my husband was Lewis 'Hence' Posey, one half Indian-father and one-half white mother". It is thought that the "Hence" in the name of the father was a short version of "Henderson". At any rate, the poet appears to have been three-fourths Indian and identified more with his Indian relatives than with the white side of his descent.

One is left to speculation from the statement of Alexander regarding his ancestors when he said that his grandparents came from Alabama. Does he refer to both maternal and paternal grandparents or to the maternal grandparents only? The great-grandparents of one of the authors also were in the same section of Alabama at about the same time the Creeks were moved out to Oklahoma. It is believed that his relationship of Posey and Creek Indian probably began, however, still further back in time and space to the Georgia Indian lands before the Creeks were moved to Oklahoma.

The parents of the poet's father, Lewis Henderson Posey, have not been identified. They are said to have died while he was young and that he, Lewis, was partly raised by his father's sister. The best clue to the identity is furnished by the poet's mother when she stated in a deposition that Dick Berryhill should be consulted for information on Lewis Posey's family. The following information is offered concerning the Poseys from whom "Alex" may have descended.

Marriage Records of Georgia:

Pike County, Ga., 1824; Benjamin Posey married Eliza Berryhill
1827; Thomas Posey married Eleanor Mayhew
Hall County, Ga., 1825; Uriah Posey married Marly Hammett

1833 Creek Indian census of Georgia:

Among the names included in a list of white or mixed blood heads of household were: Ben Posey, Thomas Berryhill, Eli Berryhill, John Berryhill, Thomas W. Berryhill, James Berryhill, Arfus Hargo, Tommy Hargo, Col. John Stidman, Sally Stidman, Jack Stidman, Michael Stidman, and William Stidman.

Mrs. Nancy Posey, mother of "Alex", stated that the Berryhills were related or at least had knowledge of Lewis Posey's ancestors. Her father's name was Pohos Harjo and her father's uncle was G. W. Stidham (is Stidman the same name?). The presence of these names on the Indian census suggests that the Ben Posey, above, is one of the family of Poseys from whom "Alex" descends.

1840 Tallapoosa Co., Ala. census; 1850 Nacagdoches Co., Texas; and 1860 and 1880 Limestone Co., Texas census (information combined into the following list):
(NOTE: Tallapoosa Co. is in eastern Alabama and was formed in 1832 from lands that had been occupied by the Creeks. The histories of this section of Alabama record the name of Harjo many times in connection with the events of the time.)

BENJAMIN POSEY: b 1806 Ga.; lived in Ga., Ala., and Texas; m Eliza Berryhill b. 1806 Ga.; m Pike Co., Ga. 1824; not located on an 1830 census;

Children:

A. dtr. b 1825/6: is this Sarah Posey who m. Silas H. Barber on 12/6 1846 in Nacagdoches Co., Texas?

B. Thomas B. (Berryhill?) Posey; b 1826 Ga. or Ala.; m Huldah Hughes 10/11/1849 in Nacagdoches Co., Texas.

Children:

1. Benjamin Posey b 1850 Texas

2. Richard Posey; b 1851 Texas; m Beatrice (Waller?) b 1858 Ark.; living in Limestone Co., Texas in 1880; mother-in-law Jane Waller, b 1832 in Ga. living with them.

Known children:

a. Thomas Posey, b 1877 Texas

b. William Posey, b 1879 Texas

c. John Milton Posey; m Laura Hannah children;

aa. Richard Posey; living in Waggoner, Okla. in 1971; m Hazel.

bb. a daughter who married Amos Marlin, living in 1971 in Eufaula, Okla.

3. Uriah Posey; b 1853 Texas

4. Eliza Posey, b 1855 Texas

5. James Posey; b 1857 Texas; m Emily (), b 1860 Texas; one known son, Andy, born 1879/80 Texas

6. Walter Posey; b 1859/60 Texas

C. Jane Posey, b 1829 Ala.

D. Benjamin Posey; b 1830 Ala.

E. John Posey; b 1831 Ala.; m Catherine (), b. 1836 Ala.; one known child, Elizabeth Posey, b 1878 Texas

F. Martha Posey; b 1832 Ala.

G. Uriah Posey; b 1836 Ala.

H. Nancy Posey; b 1838 Ala.

I. Eli Posey, b 1839/40 Ala.; m F. (only name given on census), born 1849 Tenn.; one known child, B. F., born 1880 Texas

J. Elizabeth Posey; b 1841 Ala.

K. James Posey; b 1843 Ala.

L. George Posey; b 1844; believed to have died about 1878 as the following family was listed on the 1880 census of Limestone Co., Texas. It appears they may have been the family of George.

Mary Posey, b 1845 Ky.

Children:

1. George Posey; b 1865

2. Ambrose Posey; b 1869

3. Benjamin Posey; b 1873

4. Mary Posey; b 1874

5. Linda Posey; b 1876

M. William Posey; b 1846 Ala.

N. Eliza Posey; b 1849 Texas

Notice the use of the name Uriah as a son of Benjamin and as a grandson. The name Eli, used by Benjamin could have a connection to the Eli Berryhill

listed on the 1833 Creek Indian census of Georgia. It appears from the census that one of Benjamin's daughters married a Vance as the 1880 Limestone Co., Texas listed Jennie Posey, born 1870 in Texas, living with a brother-in-law, William Vance. Another daughter may have married a Duval as there was in the household of Thomas Posey in 1880 a niece named Ann Duval, aged 10.

Nacagdoches Co., Texas marriage records list a marriage for a Jeremiah Posey who, on Jan. 28, 1855, married Elizabeth F. Lucas. Jeremiah is known to have been born in Alabama in 1828. Is it possible that he was one of Benjamin and Eliza's sons? Jeremiah was in Nacagdoches at the same time Benjamin was there. See Chapter Eighteen for further details on the family of Jeremiah.

LEWIS HENDERSON POSEY

In addition to the information given previously about Lewis Posey, the following is known. He was born about 1841, probably in Texas, but grew up in Oklahoma. His parents having died when he was young, he was cared for by a sister of his father. He served for a time as a deputy U.S. Marshall at Fort Smith, Ark. His first marriage was to a Creek woman of the Yargee family, a sister to Mitchell Yargee. They had two children, both of whom are said to have died about the time of the Civil War.

He married Nancy Phillips in 1872. She was born 1848 at Tuskegee, I.T. Her father was Pohos Harjos or Pahosa Phillips from Alabama. Her mother was Eliza, a Chickasaw. Her paternal grandfather was Tustonack Chupco. Her maternal grandparents were Ottawa Harjo and Nancy, his wife. Nancy Phillips Posey had the following brothers and sisters, Cumseh, Johnnie, Winey, Ben, and Johnson. Her father's brothers were Tusekiah Hutka, Tokasar Harjo, Tokosar. G. W. Stidham was an uncle.

The children of Lewis and Nancy Posey were:

A. Alexander Lawrence Posey; b 8/3/1873; d 5/27/1908; m Minnie Harris, 1873-1961, of Fayetteville, Ark.

Children:

1. Yahola Irving; died in 1970 at Dona Ana, Arizona; one daughter, Mrs. A. Lee Moore, Jr. and grandchildren, Posey Moore, Tres Moore, all of Phoenix, Ariz.

2. Wynema Torrans Posey; living 1971 in Phoenix, Arizona; m Thomas H. Blaine

3. Pachina Kipling Posey; died at 15 months of age

B. Melissa Posey; m Emery; sons Byron Emery and J. Gladstone Emery.

C. Frank Posey

D. William Posey

E. John Posey

F. Mattie Posey; m R. D. Howe; son Elliott Howe.

G. Cornelius Posey

H. James Posey

I. Horace Posey

J. Darwin Posey; living in Quincy, California

K. Josephine Ella Posey; living Stidham, Okla; m Alfred Mitchell;
dtrs. Mrs. Lela Posey Johnson and Mrs. Anna Posey Miller.

L. Mendum Posey; believed to have been aboard the U.S.S. Arizona
when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese in 1941.

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Father of Alex Posey



ALEXANDER LAWRENCE POSEY
"Alex Posey, the Creek Post"

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

RICHARD, JOSEPH, AND JOHN POSEY

The authors believe that Richard, Joseph, and John Posey found in Montgomery Co., Ala. in the period 1830-1850 and later in central Mississippi were brothers. It is believed that their father was Richard Posey. The Richard Posey found in Orangeburg, S. C. in 1810 may be the one who lived in Morgan Co., Ga. in 1820. The families of the brothers appear to have been in S. C. as late as 1811 and were in Montgomery Co., Ala. by the mid-1820's. Whether or not they stopped over in Georgia on their way west is not definitely known.

It has been established that the Richard Posey in Abbeville 1790 and later was not the father of these three, nor was the Richard Posey who lived in Clarke and Henry Counties, Ga. their father.

RICHARD POSEY

Richard Posey, b about 1795, probably in S. C. although he stated in 1860 that his birthplace was N.C.; said to have lived to be 109; m Obedience (), b 1800/1810 N.C. or S.C.; listed on the 1830-40 Montgomery Co., Ala. censuses, 1860-80 Kemper and Neshoba Co. Miss. censuses.

Children:

I. son born 1820/25; this may have been William Posey who m. Eliza Baize in Montgomery Co., Ala. in 1841.

II. dtr. b 1820/25; this may have been Martha A. Posey who m. Green Keadle in Montgomery Co., Ala. in 1839.

III. dtr. b 1820/25; this may have been Margaret Posey who m Rasmus Gipson/Gibson in Montgomery Co., Ala. in 1842. It is known that the Poseys and Gibsons were related.

IV. Sarah Cassie Posey; b 1820/25; m R. J. Gibson, Montgomery Co., Ala. in 1845.

V. Leonard Posey; b 1825 Ala.; m Tabitha (), b 1834 Ga.; lived in Kemper Co., Miss. 1860 and Neshoba Co. in 1880.

Children:

A. George N. Posey; b 1854 Miss.; children said to have been Amos, Willie, Burt, John, Thomas, Leroy, Lonie, Moody, Kate, Martha, Macy, Sallie, and Julia.

B. Charity Posey; b 1855 Miss.

C. A. J. Posey, (female); b 1856 Miss.

D. James Posey; b 1857 Miss.; m Minerva Hardy; children said to have been Vance, Leonard, Irvin, Marvin, and Bruce.

E. Wade Posey; b 1859 Miss.; son Thomas

F. Martha Posey; b 1865 Miss.

G. Mary Posey

H. John Oliver Posey; b 1868 Miss; son Ollie Posey

I. H. Spencer Posey; b 1870 Miss.; children were Homer, Fair, Hilliard, Lee, R. B., and Dolly who m. a Wells.

J. Sallie Posey

K. Julia A. Posey

L. Calvin Posey; b 1877 Miss.; children John and Charles Posey.

VI. Obedience Posey; b 1825/30; m William Williamson in Montgomery Co., Ala. in 1847.

VII. dtr., b 1825/30 Ala. who also m. William Williamson as second wife.

VIII. dtr., b 1825/30; two possibilities (1) Elizabeth Ann who married Uriah Rushton or a dtr. who m. a White; (see Chapter 18 for the Posey-Rushton family).

IX. Jane Posey, b 1825/30; lived with her brother in 1850

X. son b 1835/40; possibility is Richard Forman Posey who m Delilah Jane Robinson.

XI. Martin Posey; b. 1841 Ala.; m Lucinda () b 1848 Miss.; Martin married after 1860 and was listed on 1870-80 Neshoba Co., Miss. census;

Children:

A. William H. Posey; b 1864 Miss.

B. Caroline Posey; b 1865 Miss.

C. Samuel E. Posey; b 1867 Miss.

D. Sarah A. Posey; b 1869 Miss.

E. N. E. Posey (female), b 1870 Miss.

Richard Posey at age 95 lived with Martin in 1880.

XII. Rachel Posey; b 1832 Ala.; m Absalom Garner in Montgomery Co., Ala. as his second wife; children, Thomas W., Franklin, Susan, Ciserot (Cicero?) and Closton.

Richard is known to have had the following grandchildren because they lived with him at various times: C. Gibson, b 1853; Elizabeth and Laura White, Erasmus Gibson, b 1855 Miss.; and M. M. Gibson, b 1844 Ala.

JOSEPH POSEY

Joseph Posey was born about 1805, probably in S. C. He was listed on the 1830-40 censuses of Montgomery Co., Ala., 1860 Kemper Co., Miss. census, and 1870-80 Smith Co., Miss. censuses. He died in 1898 when a tree which he was cutting fell on him. He was buried at Corinth Cemetery near Raleigh, Miss. He married in Montgomery Co., Ala. on May 1, 1827, Mary "Polly" Gibson. There is some speculation that she may have been a widow and that her maiden name may have been Winningham. Polly was born 1807 in S. C.

Their children were:

I. Henry M. Posey; b 1828 Ala.; wife's name unknown;

Children:

A. John Curtis Posey; b 1850; m 1/5/1872 to Rachel Eleanor Pace (see Related Families for her family), b 8/4/1853; d 4/6/1926.

Children:

1. Susie Posey; 1873-1892

2. Richard Myers Posey; 1874-1953; m Mattie Salley

Children;

a. Eleanor M. Posey; b 1906; m Jos. Mabry and William

Johns.

b. John Curtis Posey; 1910-1910

3. Beulah Ida Posey; 1878-1953; m Edward Holman; children, Curtis, Fred, Horace, Harry, Richard, Mary Frances, Beulah, Lester, Willard, and Ed

4. William Benjamin Posey; 1881-1954; m Verna Chatham
Children:
 - a. Lorayne Posey; m O. J. Turner
 - b. John Chatham Posey
 - c. Evelyn Posey; m L. M. Lawrence
 - d. Rachel Posey; m Switzer
5. Carrie Posey; 1885-1903; m Warren D. Holman
6. Eula Lee Posey; 1887-; m Roy Campbell
7. Lillie Posey; 1889-1908; m Warren D. Holman
8. Calvin Lafayette Posey; 1891-; m Ethel Miller
9. Thomas Price Posey; 1893-1909

- B. Joseph W. Posey; b 1854 Miss.
- C. David Calvin Posey; b 1853-d 1936; m Lettie C. Nix, 1852-1904
Children:

1. Medora Posey; 1874- ; m Calvin McLeod
2. Curtis Posey; b 1877; m Leatha

Children:

- a. Elton Posey ; children, Ann, Norris of Texarkana, Ark.;

and Wayne

- b. Archie Posey; m Stella

c. Mae Posey

3. William H. Posey; b 1879
4. John Posey; b 1880
5. David Posey; m Alice; lives Moss Point, Miss.
6. Ella Posey; 1883-1953;
7. Ernest Posey; m Lena Winter; lives Shreveport, La.
8. Jesse Posey; m Lucy, lives Port Arthur, Texas
9. Clarence Edward Posey; b 1886

- D. Mary Jane Posey; b 1856 Miss. ; m William Russell

- E. Henry M. Posey; b 1859 Miss.; m Susan Hales
Children: (this wife and children belong in family below)

1. William W. Posey; 1881-1964; m Leila Fortenberry
2. Alta Posey; 1886-1962; m Abijah Davis
3. Victoria Posey; 1876-1949; m Tom Gill
4. Bella Posey; b 1887; m Fred Thorne
5. Loy Posey; b 1891-d 1953; m Nellie ()
6. Henry R. Posey, b 1891; twin to Loy; d 1894

II. Richard W. Posey; b 7/12/1830 Ala.; d 10/12/1917 Raleigh, Miss.; served in 40th Miss. Inf., Civil War; m Barbara E. Garner, b 10/17/1827 Ala.; d 12/5/1902;

Children:

- A. Elizabeth Posey; 1853-1937; m Charles Dickerson
- B. Henry M. Posey; 1855-1930; m Susan Hales (the Henry listed as a child of Henry Posey b 1828, should be place here)

- C. David Posey; 1857Ala.; 1934; m Susan Lewis

Children:

1. John Richard Posey; 1882-1966; m Violet Mae ()
2. Walter Posey; 1894-1949; m Laura Jones

3. Hattie Posey 1885-1965; m Joe Ragland
4. Lena Posey; 1881-1962; m Allen McGowen
5. Gracey Posey; 1897-1965; m Sylvester Prysock
6. Wallace Posey; 1900-1966; m Rachel Richey
7. Jesse Posey; 1888-1908; m Renda Ragland
8. James Henry Posey; b 1892; m Miranda ()
9. Collie Posey; b 1903; m Ellis Ragland
10. Carrie Posey; b 1906; m Ben L. Griffin

- D. Lucy M. Posey c1860-1923; m Mort Crane
- E. Rebecca Posey; 1869-1949; m John C McLain
- F. Polly A. Posey; 1867-1936; m John Adcock
- G. Joseph G. Posey; 1874-1929; m Delphia ()

III. James C. Posey; b 1833 Ala.

IV. John L. Posey; b 1838 Ala.; d c 1875; m Elizabeth (Wolfe?) b 1836 Miss.; Sarah Wolfe was listed as his mother-in-law on the 1870 Smith Co. census. Children:

- A. Mary A. Posey; b 1863 Miss.
- B. William Spencer Posey; b 1866 Miss.
- C. Sarah A. F. Posey; b 1868 Miss.
- D. Armesia Cammy Posey; b 1870 Miss.

V. Joseph M. Posey; b 1840 Ala.; m M. E. Garner in Montgomery Co., Ala. 11/4/1860; stayed behind in Ala. when his father moved to Miss. and lived with his cousin Rachel Posey Garner.

VI. George Washington Posey; b 4/5/1848 Ala.; d 1940 Rankin Co. Miss. m Larkey Wilburn 1853-1897;

Children:

- A. Mary Annie Posey; 6/17/1872; 1956; m William R. Echols
- B. William Wade Posey b 7/16/1876; unmarried
- C. Joseph Thadeus Posey; b 1/22/1878; unmarried
- D. Charlie W. Posey; b 9/17/1880
- E. Louis Melvin Posey; b 11/27/1882-1954; m Tiny Posey
- F. Virgil Richard Posey; b 8/18/1887; d 1917; m Janie Odom; Virgil

died in Mangrum, La.

Children:

1. Clinton Dennis Posey b 1910;
2. Gordon Posey; b 1912
3. Charles Henry Posey b 1915
- G. George Henry Posey; b 5/18/1887; m Bessie Everett
- H. Minnie Laralee Posey b 12/16/1890; 1948; m Alston James
- I. Arminitus Marie Posey; b 12/16/1893; living 1970 Polkville, Miss. m Clarence Baugh

VII. Mary Jane Posey; b 1851 Ala.

Much of the above data is taken from the family history written by R. H. "Ruby" Posey of Flora, Miss. More details on each of the above families are available in his publication. Members of this family should procure a copy of what "Ruby" has written.

JOHN POSEY

John Posey first appeared on an Alabama census in 1850 when he was listed along with the two Poseys believed to have been his brothers. He was living in Kemper Co., Miss. in 1860, near the families of Richard and Joseph. He has not been located after the 1860 census. Most likely he moved on west to Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, or Texas during the decade of the 70's. Many Mississippians did. East Texas rapidly filled with families from east of the Mississippi River after the Civil War.

John appears to have had two wives by 1860. The first was Betsey (), b 1818 S. C. The second was Susan (), b 1831 Ala. The children of this family were:

1. Joseph Posey; b 1833 Ala.
2. John Posey, b 1834/36 Ala.
3. Eliza S. Posey; b 1839 Ala.
4. Jesse Posey; b 1841 Ala.
5. Francis Posey; b 1841 Ala.; twin to Jesse
6. Sallie Posey; b 1842/3 Ala.
7. Jeff Posey; b 1846/7 Ala.
8. Creasy (Lucretia ?) Posey, b 1848 Ala.
9. Mary Posey; b 1856 Miss.
10. Allen Posey, b 1859 Miss.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

THE POSEY NEIGHBORS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington is, notwithstanding rumors and remarks of critics, indeed one of the outstanding figures in the history of our country. Because of the role Washington played in the Revolution and as first president of a new nation, he must have been a dynamic, forceful personality. He was able to serve as the rallying point for the men of the times at the birth of this country. For the same reasons, historians have tended to exaggerate in their many eulogies of him. It is generally known that Parson Weems conjured up out of his own imagination the pure fiction of the cherry tree and the "I-cannot-tell-a-lie" story. One must assume, however, that he was human, that he was not perfect, and that his feet were indeed "made of clay". These statements are not intended to subtract from nor to add to whatever the facts may have been in the Posey-Washington relationship. This is simply to suggest a rational basis for considering the following, apparently factual, chronological statement of impinged upon or were related to the lives of the Poseys who were contemporaries and neighbors. These Poseys appear to have been Capt. John Posey and his descendants.

CAPTAIN JOHN POSEY

Capt. John Posey was a neighbor of George Washington. He lived on his plantation called "Rover's Delight" which lay just west of Mount Vernon. "Rover's Delight" probably joined Mount Vernon and touched the Potomac River south and east of Mount Vernon where Posey operated a ferry, fishery, and fish-drying buildings.

Posey served as a Captain in Col. William Byrd's Second Virginia Regiment in the French and Indian War, 1758-60. He was always referred to by Washington in his diaries and letters as "Mr. Possey". Capt. John was born about 1720, probably in Charles Co., Md. and was about ten years older than Washington. He lived to be about seventy, dying about 1790. He was living at the time of his death with his youngest son, William, in Chester Co., Pa. where it is assumed he is buried. There are Poseys now living in Pennsylvania who are thought to be William's descendants.

George Washington kept detailed reports through copies of his letters, daily entries in his diary, accounts of loan, receipts, and of goods ordered. This habit of meticulous record keeping and the fact that Capt. John Posey was one of his neighbors, a frequent guest in Washington's home, a hunting companion, account for much of the available information on this "line" of the Posey family.

Historians Douglas Southall Freeman, Rupert Hughes, John Fitzpatrick, and many others have written exhaustively about Washington from the papers left by him. Some of these writers point out the services to Washington provided by Capt. John Posey. The ferry which Posey operated across the Potomac was licensed by law about 1750. The operation of the ferry probably

accounts for the connections Capt. John had in Maryland which enabled him to offer services to Washington and others on the Virginia side of the Potomac, for it connected "Rover's Delight" and Mount Vernon with the lands of John Marshall in Charles Co., Md.

The first entry in Washington's diary is dated Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1760. In this entry he states, "I called at Mr. Possey's on my way home and desired him to engage me 100 barr'ls of corn upon the best terms he could in Maryland" (Woodward, pp 104-05). He goes on in the entry to state that upon his arrival home he found Mrs. Washington broken out with measles.

Washington persuaded Capt. John to procure three thousand acres of land near Connelsville, Pa., southwest of present-day Pittsburg, through his military service claim. Washington then purchased it from Capt. John for about two cents an acre (Woodward, p.218). Washington later sold it for a considerable profit. In the same manner, he got Posey to procure land in Florida which Washington came to own. He also got Capt. John to serve as an "undercover agent" in procuring the lands of three orphans (Hughes, pp 109-110) known as Dogue River which became part of the greater Mount Vernon plantation.

Capt. John was a frequent companion on fox hunts with Washington. Mr. Posey and Mrs. Possey, as Washington referred to them, were frequent guests at Mount Vernon, sometimes for several days at a time, both together and each separately.

Capt. John's wife, Martha, signed as a witness several of the legal papers representing land transactions of Washington (Freeman, 1:264). Milly, Capt. John's only daughter, was also mentioned as a guest and as the frequent companion of Martha Washington's daughter, Patsy Custis. Washington paid for Milly's dancing lessons and once supplied her with pocket money (Ledger A, Folio 319).

The following dated entries in Washington's diaries suggest something of the relationship between the families of Capt. John and George Washington. These are not all of the references to the Poseys made by him in his various papers. Others will be referred to in subsequent sections of this chapter which suggest quite different relationships.

From Washington's diaries:

- 2-2-1760 "Mrs. Possey and two children came and stayed night".
- 2-10-1760 "Capt. and Mrs. Possey dined".
- 3-25-1760 "Mrs. Possey dined".
- 4-1-1768 "Mrs. Possey dined here".
- 4-14-1768 "Capt. Possey dined here".
- 4-24-1768 "Capt. Possey joined fox hunt".

Milly appears to have stayed on in the Washington household after Patsy's death in 1773 and perhaps still later following the death of Milly's mother while she was still a young lady.

During the time of his residence near Mount Vernon, a span of almost 20 years, Capt. John managed to borrow from Washington more than 1500 pounds

sterling, in addition to persuading Washington to sign notes as surety for loans from others for another 500 pounds or more. In spite of all the money from Washington, it appears that Capt. John may have amply repaid him, indirectly if not directly. For Washington finally came into possession of Capt. John's Virginia estate, his bounty lands in Pennsylvania, and similar lands in Florida. Also, according to Mrs. Oglesby of Birmingham, a long-time researcher on the Posey family, and Rupert Hughes, the historian, The Capt. John Posey silverware came into the possession of Washington. Although not verified, it is said to be now a part of the silver display at Mount Vernon.

After the death of his wife, Capt. John turned to looking for a wealthy widow to marry. He confided in Washington, through a letter, the following somewhat humorous question.

I could been able to Satisfied all my old Arrears, Some months Agoe, by marrying old widow woman in this county, She has large soms cash by her, and Prittey good Est.-She is as thick as she is high- And gits drunk at Least three or foure a weak-which is Disagreable to me-has Viliant Sperrit when Drunk-its been Great Dispute in my mind what to doe- I believe I shud Run all Resk's- if my last wife, had been Even temper'd woman, but her Sperrit has given me such a Shock- that I am afraid to Run the Resk Again. (Hughes,p.654).

The serious student of the period will be interested in recalling the economic circumstances of the time. Although most of the historians who were writing eulogies of Washington and in referring to Capt. John's debt called Capt. John "shiftless", they fail to mention the economic circumstances of the times. It remains rather common knowledge that the Colonies were experiencing economic difficulty during this time. One reason was due to the fact that British merchants were managing to exploit the Colonies and keep the British currency all flowing back to Great Britain for manufactured goods. The Colonies were forbidden to sell to other than Great Britain and could only buy from the Mother Country.

The British pound was considered the basis or standard for what currency the Colonies were issuing and using. The currency of the Colonies was at the time undergoing rapid pressures of inflation. This was the basis for the fact that not only Capt. John Posey was in debt and unable to pay in cash but most of the other planters were similiarly situated, including Washington at times, according to his own statement to Capt. John in his letter to Posey, dated June 24, 1767. Washington related his own difficulty in raising money which he wished to use to help a particular friend (a relative?) in order to keep him from losing his estate.

Among the newspapers of the day was the *Virginia Gazette*. In the issue in which Capt. John advertised "Rover's Delight" for sale in order to satisfy his debts, there are found pages of similiar advertisements of other planters, many larger land owners than Capt. John, in which they offered to sell for "ready money" their estates, presumably to satisfy their creditors (*Virginia Gazette*; Oct. 19, 1769).

The eulogizers, historians, of Washington have called Capt. John shiftless, improvident, and timid. This he was not. In an election he polled about the

same number of votes among the people in the community as did Washington. He may not have been sufficiently mercenary or material-minded to survive the economic perils of the times. Most of his neighbors were not.

Notwithstanding the derogatory references above, Capt. John enjoyed the respect of his fellow citizens as evidenced by the fact that he was elected as vestryman in Pohick and Truro Parishes of Fairfax Co., Va.

The identity of Capt. John's wives has not been satisfactorily solved. It appears that his first wife was Martha Price Harrison, the widow of Major George Harrison who was killed in the Colonial wars. It is presumed that one son, John Price Posey, was named for his mother. Whether Martha Price Harrison Posey is the wife who died within a few weeks of the bankruptcy sale of "Rover's Delight" is not certain. Capt. John in his letter to Washington describing the widow with whom he was contemplating marriage mentioned his "last" wife. Whether he meant Martha or another wife is not determined.

Washington's letter to Capt. John of June 11, 1769 mentions that he had read in the *Maryland Gazette* of Capt. John's venture into matrimony. This issue of that paper seems not to have survived so that the name of this wife and place of marriage are not known. If this wife was, in fact, the widow mentioned in the letter it seems the marriage may have taken place in Fairfax Co., Va. Other letters indicate the marriage was to a Marylander. One clue to the identity of this last wife is found in Washington's statement regarding the settlement of the estate of the late Robert "Idair" (Adair).

It is not at all probable; however, lest you should entertain any thoughts of redeeming your Estate in Virginia by a Sale of what you have lately acquired in Maryland, you will permit me to observe, that if it was for your Interest to do so, there is an effectual bar put to every attempt of that kind (for sometime to come) by the Bill in Chancery brought by James Chetton (which appears by the *Gazette*) against your pres't Wfie, her Sister, &ca. in behalf of Messrs. Sedgley and Hilhouse for Subjecting the real Estate of Robt. Idair (for want of suff't Personal Estate) to the payment of his Debts.

Emison lists a marriage for John Posey to Elizabeth Adair but Emison indicates her death date as about 1770, which seems doubtful. Later dates are given by some writers for matrimonial troubles between Capt. John and the new wife. According to Emison, this Elizabeth was a daughter of Alexander and Christian Adair of Kent Co., Md.

One source (*National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, 13:265) stated that the mother of Thomas Posey, third child of Capt. John, was Elizabeth Lloyd. No source for this information was given. Was there an Elizabeth Adair Lloyd Posey? Was this the "widow woman" but not the mother of Thomas? Thomas used the name Lloyd for two of his sons but did not use Price or Harrison as names.

The parentage of Capt. John has not been determined. It seems from the

birthdate of Capt. John (about 1720) that he must have been the son of a grandson of the immigrant, Francis Posey. The known John Poseys of the fourth generation have been identified by Emison in such a way as to lead one to believe that Capt. John was not among those of whom Emison found a record. There are two possibilities for the father of John Posey as can be seen from the chart on page seven. One is that Capt. John was the last child, even a posthumous child, of Humphrey, son of John, son of Francis, the immigrant. The other possibility is that Capt. John was perhaps the unknown son of Belaine, son of Benjamin, son of Francis, the immigrant. Further research is needed in order to clarify the parentage and wives of Capt. John Posey.

His children were:

1. Lawrence Posey (sometimes written St. Lawrence); b c1745.
2. John Price Posey; b c1748-d Jan., 1789.
3. Thomas Posey; b July, 1751; d 1818
4. Hanson Posey; b c1752; still living in 1774.
5. Amelia Posey; called "Milly"; b c1755
6. William Posey; b c 1759; d 1821

LAWRENCE POSEY: first child of Capt. John Posey.

Lawrence Posey seems to have been the oldest child of Capt. John. His mother was probably Martha Price Harrison Posey. His birthdate was probably about 1745. He is seldom mentioned in accounts of the Posey family. George Washington paid some amount of the cost of his education (Ledger B, Folio 125). One author (Haworth, p.295) states that Lawrence became a bartender in nearby Alexandria, Va. after the sale of "Rover's Delight" in order to support himself.

No records have been found regarding the fate of Lawrence Posey. The 1782 and 1785 tax lists of Fairfax Co., Va. (there is no remaining 1790 census for Virginia) listed Capt. John Posey as a land owner with nine whites in his household. These could not have all been his children. Therefore, it is possible that some of these persons may have been the family of Lawrence Posey.

JOHN PRICE POSEY: second child of Capt. John Posey.

The records which reveal information about John Price Posey, like most of those which tell about his father, Capt. John, consist of those which resulted from his connection with George and Martha Washington, their friends, their employees, and relatives. Most of the people, except John Price and a few others, who were managing George's and Martha's farms, were relatives of George or Martha. Mr. Davenport and James Hill were not relatives but were employees of Washington (Freeman, 6:60). There were the following relatives living on or managing various parts or farms of the vast estate. John P. Custis, called "Jacky", son of Martha by her former husband; Mr. Lund Washington, a nephew of George; Bartholomew Dandridge, called "Judge Dandridge, a brother of Martha; George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha; Col. Bassett, Ragsdale, and Stuart (Stuart later married the widow of Jacky Custis) who were connected with the family of Washington by marriage

and/or as close friends and who were involved in the management of affairs of Washington while he was engaged in his pursuits connected with the Revolutionary War and then as first President of the United States. (Washington's Letters and Other Papers, v.29:76 and Calendar of Va. State Papers, v.4:225).

The first reference to John Price Posey was found in the microfilm copy of the *Virginia Gazette* of May 5, 1776, where he had been called as a witness in a hearing to testify as to the character and reputation of a neighbor. In this notice John Price was referred to as "Gentleman". It appears that this title was used only for reputable members of the community.

In the same newspaper dated two years later, Oct. 16, 1778, John P. Custis, Martha's son, advertised for sale a plantation of 1400 acres, called "Maccoon's Isle", and stated that those interested should apply to John Price Posey of New Kent Co. John Price was still at this time in good standing with Custis and Washington and serving to help manage that part of the estate belonging to Custis.

On April 23, 1779, less than a year later, Washington writes John Price to ask his aid "to bring my business under the care of Mr. Hill and Mr. Davenport to a close. In doing this I wish to be governed entirely by the advise and direction of Col. Bassett. I would have everything belonging to me (and not taken by Mr. Custis) disposed of and the money remitted to Mr. Lund Washington for my use". (Washington Papers, microfilm). In his letter two things seem implied: (1) John Price is still trusted by Washington as a responsible person, and (2) some question seems to be raised or some doubt suggested as to how much of the estate may have been used by Mr. Custis.

John Parke Custis or "Jacky" was tutored by a Mr. Boucher, hired by Washington, up until about the time Jacky married. At least two statements by Mr. Boucher to Washington described Jacky as "I've never known a youth so exceedingly indolent or so surprisingly voluptuous". (Freeman's p.24). In the preceding paragraph where Washington refers to that part of the estate not used by Mr. Custis, it seems possible that there may have been some inference to the continued tendency toward "high living" by Jacky Custis. Subsequently, in this narrative it will be pointed out that both Jacky Custis and his son, George Washington Parke Custis, were given to irresponsibility, riotous living, or at least "misbehavior" in the view of Washington (Freeman's Abridgement, p.683).

Three years and four months later, in 1782 on Aug. 7, Washington writes John Price Posey a threatening letter because of alleged mistreatment of the late Mr. Custis in the handling of his estate (Fitzpatrick Edition of the Writings of George Washington). It appears that by this time Jacky Custis had died of "camp fever" at Yorktown. In the letter it appears that Washington himself is going to make certain that he (John Price) is punished. The only evidence seems to be the word of Hill, former manager. From the letter the threat is:

How far Mr. Dandridge, as an Administrator, may chuse to push matters, I cannot undertake (never having heard from him on the subject) to say, but this you may rely on, that this

affair shall be most critically investigated, and probed to the bottom; let the trouble and cost of doing it be what it may; as a Man therefore who wishes for your own sake as well as that of an unjurd family to see you act properly, I advise, and warn you of the consequences of a contrary conduct, being Sir Yr. etc.

Judge Dandridge, one of Martha's brothers, had been made administrator of the Custis estate and guardian of John Parke's children, among them George Washington Parke Custis. A subsequent reference suggests that G. W.P.Custis was, perhaps, like his father, given to mischief, to say the least. In the abridgement of the Freeman volumes, pp. 683,711,717, and 718, there may be found references to some unnamed offense and "to other misbehavior" of Martha's grandson, G.W.P.Custis.

It should also be noted here that Judge Dandridge had an unpaid loan of some 35 years standing from the Custis estate. He was in charge of the J.P. Custis estate and guardian of the children. He makes vehement charges against John Price implying that John Price had taken the earnings of the farm for his own use. This is insinuated, notwithstanding the fact that James Hill earlier letters to Washington had indicated one calamity (failure to make profit) after another (Freeman Abridgement, p.188).

The accusation of Dandridge appears in a letter to Washington dated Mar. 13, 1784. Dandridge says, "His cunning is considerable and his villainy more than I can describe or you can conceive." (Freeman, v6:60). Prior to this, or about this time, it appears that Washington had called on Hill for an account of the management by Hill and had a statement from him that he (Hill) had turned over the money to John Price Posey. In a letter to Washington dated Jan. 27, 1787, Posey denies that Hill had given him money not accounted for.

Also in the year 1784, on Oct. 13, the court records of New Kent Co., Va. report a case against John Price Posey and William Newman, planters, for unlawfully entering on the 4th day of Jan., 1783, with force and arms, the close of George Washington Parke Custis and drove away one cow of the value of five pounds, and did other enormities to the said George Washington Parke Custis. Posey was fined twenty-five pounds.

One wonders why Posey was fined and charged for trespassing. It seems that if the cow had not belonged to him or to his companion, Newman, that they would have charged them with stealing. If the cow belonged to one or the other, or to both of them, why was there any objection to their taking the cow? Why did G.W.P. Custis have the cow in his close (pasture, cow=lot, or barnyard) in the first place?

Fifteen days after the court trial for trespass in connection with the cow, on Oct. 28, 1784, John Price ran afoul of the law again. On this day he was indicted and tried for a "misdemeanor". He was convicted and fined two hundred pounds by the general court (Calendar of Va. State Papers, p 620). The nature of the misdemeanor is not described. It must have been considered worse than the "cow incident" for the fine was larger. A misdemeanor is defined as a lesser offense than a felony.

The 1785 tax list of New Kent Co., Va. which served in lieu of a census, (1782-85) showed John Price Posey with four whites in his household. These may have been his wife and two children.

In 1786 on March 3, John Price Posey met the strong arm of the law again. This time in Northampton Co., Va. he was arrested, tried, and convicted for defrauding Mr. Dandridge, Martha Washington's brother, who was serving as executor of Jacky Custis' estate. The only detail given suggests that John Price had "destroyed in a passion the arbitration bond given by said Posey to Dandridge" (Va. Calendar of State Papers, v4:95). Might this have resulted from the "cow incident" or other accusations felt by Posey to have been unwarranted?

By Nov. of the same year, 1786, Washington to David Stuart saying that John Price has absconded with the estate earnings, presumably the Custis estate, for the period 1774-1786. In the letter, Washington exclaimed,

What has become of the superlative villian Posey? It has been reported here that he has run off to Georgia. By letter I have just received from Mr. Hill I find that the whole procedure of my estate from 1774 to 1786 has got into that abandoned wretch's hands, not one shilling of which I presume will ever get out of them. (Fitzpatrick, v29:76-77).

By 1772, Mr. Hill had taken over the management of the estate mentioned above which was the one left to Jacky who was still unmarried. After Hill had become manager, it soon reached the point at which Washington could be reasonably sure that every letter from Hill would catalog so many agricultural calamities that it seemed miraculous the farms themselves had not disappeared. (Freeman Abridgement, p.188). It was the same Hill to whom Washington referred to in asking John Price to help in relieving Hill and Davenport of the management and sending what Mr. Custis had not used to Washington. This was also the same Hill on whose word Washington is now accusing John Price Posey.

As stated above, on Jan. 27, 1787, John Price wrote Washington denying that he had in any way been unfair or unjust in the management of Washington's affairs (Washington Papers on microfilm). Posey goes on to say that he will give a complete accounting to Washington on demand. He also states that he will not allow any man to falsely accuse him or impugn his good name. This apparently refers to Hill. Back in 1773 Hill had written to Washington to say that he had never been right well "since for I was catch'd in a squall" (Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers).

Early in July, John Price is charged with assaulting the sheriff, Robert B. Armstrong (Calendar of Va. State Papers, v4:321) and given a sentence of one month in jail. On July 12, Posey escaped jail. Three days later on July 15, John Price, Thomas Green, and two slaves Hercules and Sauny, burned the jail and the court clerk's office. For this Posey was captured, indicted, and placed under guard. (Freeman, v6:60). On Sept. 13, Richard Henry Lee wrote to Washington, saying that John Price Posey had been found out and sent in chains to Richmond, Va. to be tried for his life. The trial seems to have taken place about Oct. 1st, in which he was found guilty

and sentenced to death by hanging.

Posey's words concerning this offense have not been recorded but the confession of Thomas Green as an accomplice are on record. Green described the event as follows:

On Sunday, the 15th day of July last past, John Price Posey came to this Informant's house a little after dark, and requested this Informant to go a little way with him to assist about a particular piece of business that he had to do; that Posey brought a horse for this Informant to ride; that they soon after set out down the road toward the Courthouse. After riding a little distance, Posey informed this Informant that he wanted to come and burn the Damn'd Prison down; that they accordingly came to the Prison, the doors of which being open, the said Posey, who had two negroes under his command, ordered them to carry into the said Prison a sufficient quantity of Fence Rails and shingles, in order to consume the same, after which the said Posey apply'd to this Deponent for a Flint, Steel, and Tinder-box to strike and catch Fire with, which was, by this Deponent, delivered to one of the said negroes, who accordingly struck and caught Fire with the same, which was applied to the Rails and Shingles by the said John Price Posey's directions by means whereof the said Prison was burnt and consumed. That immediately after this action he, the said John Price Posey, together with this Deponent and the aforesaid two negroes, proceeded back again up the Public Road untill they had arrived near to the clerk's office of the said county, when the said Posey said thar was another Damn'd object that must be destroyed, too, and Damn'd himself if that should not go. Upon which, after coming within about two hundred yards of the said office, a Fire was struck and kindled by and under the direction of the said Posey, which was conveyed to the said office and kindled thereto, by means of which the said office was burnt down and consumed. That the whole of these Transactions were immediately under the direction and at the instigation of the said John Price Posey.

The above information was taken by a group of men and transmitted to Lt. Gov. Randolph by Will Clayton, Clerk on Aug. 7, 1787. (Va. Calendar of State Papers, v4:329-330).

It appears that John Price appealed the sentence at least once, maybe more, but the date for the execution was set for Jan. 18, 1788. He requested a reprieve for a time in which to pray. One week was granted, following which he was executed on the gallows at Richmond, Va. on Jan. 25, 1788.

John Price Posey was for a time trusted and regarded as a respected citizen of the community where he was known. It is said that he had served in the Virginia General Assembly. Then he was accused of fraud, assault, arson. He was sentenced to death. Did he change? Did he suddenly in a few short years go bad, or reveal a part of his nature not previously known? Or was he falsely accused, harrassed, and then did he strike out in anger and resentment at the risk of and finally at the loss of his life? One is led

wonder which.

Approximately eleven months after the hanging, the Virginia legislative body passed a special act on Dec. 19, 1788, restoring the property of John Price to his family (Hening's Statutes At Large, v 12:692-3). This would make it appear that he had owned property, that it had been taken away from his family for his alleged crimes, and it was thought to have been too harsh a treatment of his family, or else, that there may have been some question remaining regarding his alleged crimes.

The names of the wife and children (if any) of John Price Posey have not been discovered. One possibility as to the identity of his wife may lie in the will of Thomas Ford of Fairfax Co., Va. which was recorded on Dec. 16, 1776. In it, Ford named as one of his heirs his daughter Ann who was married to John Posey. Ann could have been the wife of John Price Posey.

THOMAS POSEY: third child of Capt. John Posey.

One of the noteworthy members of the greater "Posey Family" was General Thomas Posey, born July 9, 1750, and died March 18, 1818. He grew up with his father, Capt. John Posey, on the plantation, "Rover's Delight". Thomas Posey had an illustrious career. It began with military service during the Indian uprisings before the Revolutionary War after which he became a member of Morgan's group of riflemen, some sources say commissioned by Congress and others say by appointment of General of the Armies George Washington. He became a member of this group with the rank of Captain in 1769 at the age of 19. At the end of the war he held the rank of Lt. Colonel which he no doubt had earned. He was present at the surrender of the British at Stony Point (N.Y.) and received the pistols of the British commanding officer, which pistols were willed to his son, John, and were lost in the fire which destroyed the son's home.

The career of Gen. Thomas Posey following the American Revolution included promotion to the rank of General, service as Lt. Governor of Kentucky, Senator from the Louisiana Territory, Governor of the Indiana Territory, and Indian Agent for the Illinois Territory. He died in Shawneetown, Ill. where he is buried. One county in Southwest Indiana is named "Posey County" for him.

Following is a chart which indicates chronologically the career of General Thomas Posey.

- 1774 With Lord Dunmore's expedition against the Ohio Indians; Capt. of the 7th Va. Regiment of Militia; in Battle of Mt. Pleasant.
- 1775 Member of the Va. Committee of Correspondence; raised a company in Fincastle and Botetourt Counties, Va.; attached to Col. Dan Morgan's riflemen.
- 1776 In Battle of Gwyn's Island; defeated Lord Dunmore.
- 1777 Joined Continental Army at Middlebrook, N.J.; played a conspicuous part in battle at Piscatawny, N.J.; spent winter at Valley Forge.



GENERAL THOMAS POSEY, 1750-1818

- 1778 Promoted to Major; in charge of expedition against the Indians of Wyoming Valley, Pa.
- 1779 Commanded battalion under Gen. Anthony Wayne at Stony Point, N.Y.; Present at surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.
- 1782 Promoted to Lt. Col.; retired from army.
- 1793 Living in Spotsylvania Co., Va.; made Brig. General; served with Wayne against Indians in Northwest Territory.
- 1798 On early tax list, Fincastle and Botetourt Co., Va.; listed as having frame house with stone chimney; called man of noble appearance and courtly manners; had saddlery shop in Fincastle.
- 1809 Moved to Attakapas, La.; filled out term as U.S. Senator.
- 1812; Living in Henderson Co., Ky.; served as Lt. Gov. of Kentucky; raised company of Ky. volunteers for War of 1812; now held rank of Maj. General.
- 1813-16 Governor of Indiana Territory; ran for Governor of the State of Indiana but was defeated; became Gov. of Illinois Territory.
- 1818 Died at Shawneetown, Ill.

There has been speculation and conjecture in print that General Thomas Posey may have been the "natural son of George Washington" (*National Encyclopedia of American Biography*, v13:265), not the son of his mother's husband, Capt. John Posey. Some, among them John C. Fitzpatrick, have rebelled at this idea and have expressed their rebellion in no uncertain terms. Fitzpatrick in his article in *Scribner's* (see bibliographical listing) attempts to explain this rumor as a malicious misrepresentation by the Tory enemies of Washington. He also reports and similarly "explains away" three other rumors of a similar illicit nature. The rumors exist. Whether they are fact or fiction is of course not known. In either case it cannot subtract from the dignity of General Thomas Posey, nor from his earned illustrious career and his highly respected reputation.

Rupert Hughes in his book on Washington. (Hughes, p655) notes the story that was circulated regarding the relationship of Washington to Thomas Posey.

Captain John had a son, Thomas, who is described as having been six feet, two inches high, with light brown hair and blue eyes, and so powerfully built that he killed several men with his own sword in battles.

This striking resemblance to Washington and the closeness of the families are doubtless to blame for the persistent fable that he was the natural son of Washington, who would have been only eighteen at the time of the child's birth.

Writers Hughes and Fitzpatrick attempt to deny the truth of the rumor. One of the arguments used is to the effect that Washington makes frequent mention in his diaries of Capt. John, Mrs. Posey, and the children of the two, and of their visits to Mt. Vernon. This much is correct except for a odd and unexplained omission of the name of Thomas. Not once in his diaries does he mention that Thomas came to visit. Did he not? Not once is it mentioned that Washington helped to pay for his education—he noted the payment for dancing lessons for "Milly".

These publications acknowledge the rumor. They do not prove it. The rumor appears from time to time, as recently as Dec. 10, 1940. A "paper" bearing this date was deposited in the Dept. of Archives and History, Montgomery, Ala. by a Miss Laura Thornton of Tuscumbia, Ala. In this paper (which is unclear as to purpose and origin but which implies it was published in the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, April 6, 1886-not yet verified) it is stated that the people of Shawneetown, Ill. believed the rumor to be true, at least as lately as the time of the death of Alexander Posey, son of General Thomas, in 1834.

The writings of Dr. William Campbell Posey of Philadelphia, Pa. make mention of the fact that he is a descendant of William Posey, youngest son of Capt. John and Elizabeth Adair Posey. He refers to Thomas as a brother of William but does not mention John Price, Milly, Hanson, or Lawrence Posey.

Again it is stated that the authors have no desire to fan the flames of rumor. It is only to report the existence of such because of the Posey-Washington relationships in time and space and because the rumors do appear in print from time to time. The bibliography at the end of the chapter cites the sources so that the reader who is interested may read more in detail.

Thomas Posey was married twice. His first wife was Martha Matthews whom he married on Nov. 20, 1772. She has been reported to be a daughter of John and Ann Booker Meek Matthews, as a daughter of Gen. Samson Matthews, and as a sister of Gov. George Matthews of Georgia. It cannot be said definitely at this time just who her parents were. Martha was born June 21, 1754 and died Aug. 7, 1778. She and Thomas had three sons, only one of whom lived to adulthood.

Thomas' second wife was Mary Alexander Thornton, widow of George Thornton, 1743-1781. She was a daughter of John and Lucy Thornton. Her birth-date was Nov. 26, 1756 and she died in Henderson Co., Ky. on May 18, 1837. She and Thomas were married on Jan. 22, 1784. There were nine children born of the second marriage.

Children: dates from the family Bibles.

1. Thomas Posey; 9/15/1773-12/31/1783
2. John Posey; 9/19/1774-11/25/1851
3. Samson Posey; 8/4/1778-8/30/1778
4. Fayette Posey; 10/24/1784-10/5/1829
5. Lloyd Posey; 6/16/1786-8/6/1820
6. Thornton Alexander Posey; 2/21/1788-9.17.1817
7. William Churchill Posey; 5/13/1789-7/12/1849
8. Thomas Posey; 3/29/1791-1863.
9. Eliza Maria Posey; 8/26/1792-2/2/1846
10. John Alexander Posey; 9/20/1794;12/8/1834
11. Addison Posey; 9/13/1796-8/1/1797
12. Washington Adams Glassel Posey;1/30/1799; living 1817
13. Sarah Ann Taliaferro Thornton Posey; 8/20/1800-

John Posey; oldest son of General Thomas Posey.

Inherited his father's "Order of the Cincinnatus"; lived at Walnut Springs, Henderson Co., Ky.; m on 1/25/1798 his step-sister Lucy Frances Thornton 12/5/1781-11/16/1846.

Children:

1. Mary Harrison Posey; 1/22/1799-8/17/1832; m Col. James Hall
Children:
 - A. Sarah Ewing Hall b 1824; m Charles B. Foote
 - B. John Posey Hall; b 1826
 - C. Lucy Frances Hall; b 1828; m William J. Whiteman
 - D. James Hall; b & d 1832
2. Thomas Lloyd Posey; b 2/16/1801; 12/27/1836; m Lurohaman Campbell
Children:
 - A. Lucy Ann Posey; b 1827
 - B. George Ann Thornton Posey; b 1829; m Lloyd Theophilus Posey
Children:
 1. Thomas Posey; 1851-1908; m Georgia Dixon
 - C. Mary Alexander Posey; 1831-1896; m John Ridgway and Warner Craig.
3. George Anna Thornton Posey; b 9/5/1803; d 11/25/1806
4. John Francis Posey; b 10/26/1805
5. William Thornton Posey; b 2/1/1808-1860; m Eliza Jane Dixon
Children:
 - A. Reuben Thornton Posey; b 1830
 - B. Mary Hall Posey; b 1831
 - C. Lucy Frances Posey; 1834-1904; m William J. Marshall
 - D. Henry D. Posey; b 1836; m Emeline Butler
 - E. Addison C. Posey; b 1849; m Mary Hickey
6. Reuben Montfort Posey; b 1810; d 1826
7. Martha Ann Thompson Posey; b 1815; m John Breckinridge Cabell
Children:
 - A. John Posey Cabell; 1841-1871
 - B. Mary Frances Cabell; b 1845
 - C. SEars Cabell; b 1845
8. Alexander Hamilton Posey; b 1817; m Jane J. Dixon
Children:
 - A. Lucy Frances Posey; b 1847; m Robert Coleman
 - B. Dixon Alexander Posey; b 1849
 - C. John Posey; b 1852
 - D. Mary Posey; b 1818
9. Addison Thornton Posey; b 10/17/1818; d 12/14/1887; m Sarah Redmon
Children:
 - A. John Francis Posey; b 1841; d 1889
 - B. Alexander Hamilton Posey; b 1843
 - C. William A. Posey; b 1846; d 1868
10. Lloyd Posey; b & d 1822

Fayette Posey; second son of General Thomas Posey; received his father's Stony Point pistols; m (1) Elizabeth Davis in 1807; wife died 1824; (2) Louise Mitchell, 1806-1882, in Sumner Co., Tenn. (Mar. Book 1, p26)

Children:

1. Charles Posey
2. Fayette Washington Posey; b 1827; d 1889; m Hannah Moore Sublette
Children:
 1. Loramore Posey; d. as infant

- B. Fannie Maria Posey; 2/25/1855; 11/23/1939; m John S. Hacker
Children:
1. LouLou Fayette Hacker b 1878
2. Daisy W. Hacker; b 1880
3. Hannah Hacker; b 1882
4. Leola Hacker; b 1884
5. Nicholas Fayette Hacker; b 1886-1915
6. Alice Ann Hacker; 1889-1937
7. Amanda Dimple Hacker; 1892
8. Fay Hacker
- C. Louisa Ann Posey; 5/9/1857; 1936; m Edward Ijames.
D. Mary Augusta Posey; 10/3/1860; 5/9/1934; m Melvin Byrum; a
Presbyterian missionary in China for 30 years.
E. Elizabeth Arnot Posey; 10/3/1860; twin to Mary Augusta; m J.L.
Guerry.
F. Towles Mitchell Posey; b 1861; died as child
G. Fayette Thomas Posey ; b 1863; died as child
H. Fayette Herman Posey; 2/18/1865; living 1948; m Virginia Marshall
Brow, a cousin.
I. Alexander Rankin Posey; 6/6/1867; living 1948; m Mary Lewis
Children:
1. Wilbur Allen Posey; b 1895
2. Sarah Longworth Posey; b 1906; m Wilbur Selle
J. John Hughes Sublette Posey; 8/26/1872; m Lulu Hicks

Eliza Maria Posey; oldest daughter of General Thomas Posey.

m Gen. Joseph Montfort Street, 1782-1840

Children:

1. Thomas Posey Street; 1810-1841 m Mary Jane Mayfield
2. Joseph Hamilton Davies Street; 1812-1875; m Emily Burnette
3. Thornton Montfort Street; 1814-1833
4. Mary Street; 1816-1877; m George Wilson
5. Lucy Francis Street; b 1817; m John Beach
6. William B. Street; b 1819; m Pauline Cobb
7. Alexander Street; b 1821; m Amelia Beach
8. Sarah Ann Street; 1823-24
9. Washington Posey Street; 1825-1852; West Point, Class of 1847
10. Eliza Ann Street
11. John Lloyd Street; 1829-1858
12. Anthony Waddy Street; 1831-1853
13. Sarah Eleanor Street; b 1836
14. David Street; b 1837; m Emma A. Turner

Sarah Ann Taliaferro Thornton Posey; youngest daughter of General Posey.

m William P. Beverly; two sons, William Beverly 1818-1905 and
Robert G. Beverly.

HANSON POSEY: fourth child of Capt. John Posey

Hanson probably was born about 1752. He was living in 1774 because one

entry in Washington's diary records that Hanson came to call on Jacky Custis. Nothing more is known about him.

AMELIA POSEY: only daughter of Capt. John Posey

Amelia or "Milly" as she was called, was born about 1755, as she is believed to be about the same age as Patsy Custis, daughter of Martha Washington and her first husband, Parke Custis.

Milly was frequently the companion of Patsy in the Washington home, and as mentioned previously, seems to have become more or less a permanent resident for some time after Patsy's death on June 19, 1773. Patsy died from epilepsy when about seventeen years of age. This was the year before John Parke Custis, Patsy's brother, married one of the Calverts.

Milly's mother had probably died in 1769. Perhaps Milly had soon after moved to Mt. Vernon to live with the Washingtons. Frequent mention is made of Milly in Washington's diary. She had her dancing lessons paid for by Washington. She accompanied them to the theatre and other social events. Although there is evidence that she stayed at Mt. Vernon for some time after Patsy's death, nothing has been found to indicate what finally happened to her. She may have married. She could have been one of the nine members of the household of Capt. John as shown on the 1782-85 tax list. She could have later moved to Pennsylvania with her father to live with her younger brother, William.

WILLIAM POSEY: youngest child of Capt. John Posey

William Posey served in the Revolutionary War in the 3rd and 7th Regiments in Virginia. He probably was at Valley Forge for he appears to have stayed in Pennsylvania after the war and married a girl who lived near the encampment. She was Susanna Keller, daughter of Nicholas Keller of Coventry Township in Chester Co., Pa.

Children: 6 are said to have survived their father; there may have been others:

1. son, b 1775-1790
2. son, b 1775-1790
3. son, b 1775-1790
4. William Posey; b 1790; d 1843; m Sarah Root, 1793-1860

Children:

- A. David Root Posey; 1829-1894/6; m Emily Campbell, 1836-1914.

Children:

1. Louis Plumer Posey, 1863-1917; no children
2. Emily Jewel Posey; b 1869- d 1929; m Albert E. Kennedy
3. William Campbell Posey; b 1866; m Hadassah H. Felton

Children:

- a. Hadassah Posey; b 1912
- b. William Campbell Posey, Jr.; b 1914
- c. Samuel Felton Posey; b 1918

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

OTHER POSEYS IN AMERICA

This chapter contains various kinds of records of Poseys in several states. This information has not been included in any previous chapter, largely because it has come in too late or because appropriate records have not been available at this time.

They are presented here as a resource for further research for any reader who wishes to do so. The authors expect to continue research on these families as well as others as time and opportunity allow.

The reader is reminded that although the information below is set forth by state and county that the persons involved in these records may have come from another state and may have moved to another county or state.

ALABAMA

.LOUNT COUNTY:

1. 1860 census; William C. Posey, b 1833 Ala.; wife Mary, b 1835 Ala., Levicy Posey, b 1852 Ala.; Rufus, b 1855 Ala.; Wickliff, b 1856, Ala.; Caswell, b 1859 Ala.; 1870 census: Marion Posey, b 1837 Ga., Rufus, b 1855 Ala.; Caswell, b 1860 Ala.; Mason, b 1864 Ala.; living at Blountsville.
2. Military records from Ala. State Archives: Appleton Posey, enlisted Co. B, Lewis' Independent Cavalry Battalion, at Blount Springs, June, 1862.

Caleb Posey; enlisted in Blount Co., 1862; captured and died in prison; buried Rock Island, Ill. Confederate Cemetery, grave # 604. Served with Co. B., 28th Ala. Infantry.

3. Marriage record; Leonda Posey to James Weems in 1834.

BULLOCK COUNTY:

1. P. E. Posey, 1886-1955; bro. Robert Posey of Wellington, Texas; sisters, Mrs. C. B. Cole, Mrs. Glenn Shepard, Mrs. Howard Shepard, Mrs. Ben Brown, Mrs. Cliff Mason; father of P.E. said to be Jake Posey who m. a Thomason; other brothers are said to be John and Jim Posey; one descendant is James N. Posey, of Oklahoma City, Okla. city, a lawyer, and Dr. Roberta Long of the Univ. of Ala. at Birmingham.
2. J. W. Posey, believed to be John W., enlisted at Fort Mitchell in 1861 in the Co. B. of the 4th Ala. Cavalry; born Ala. 1842 in Pine Grove, Ala.; wounded at Chester Station in 1864; shot through hip.

BUTLER COUNTY:

1. 1840 census; Morgan Posey, aged 40/50; wife 30/40; 1 m under 5; 2 f 5/10; 1 f 10/15.
2. 1860 census; M. (Morgan) Posey; b 1796 Va.; Charity (), b1808 Ga.; Thomas , b 1830 Ala.; George, b 1837 Ala.; F (female) b 1842 Ala.
3. Ervin Posey enlisted in the 33rd Ala. Reg't in Greenville; b.1839.

4. G. W. Posey, b 1832, enlisted in Greenville in Home Guard. Lived in Garland, Butler Co.

5. T. H. Posey (Thomas of Morgan?), b. 1848 enlisted in Greenville Home Guard; living in Soldiers' Home in Texas 1927.

6. Margaret L. Phelps, wife of L. Posey, died at 85; dtr. of William and Polly Phelps

7. 1880 census; Govner (?) Posey, age 35(b.1845 N.C.) living at Butler Springs; wife Eliza, b 1855 Ala.; Lewis Posey, b 1871 Ala.; Martha, b 1979.

CALHOUN COUNTY:

1. Marriage record; Malisa Posey m. Joshua Allen in 1836.

2. Military record; Joseph H. Posey, b 1839; enlisted at Alexandria, in 1861; wounded Fredericksburg, Va.; d. 12/28/1910; wife Mary L.; wounded at Salem Church; captured at Gettysburg; single at enlistment; served in Co. D., 10th Ala. Inf.

CHEROKEE COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; James P. Posey, b 1855 Ala.; wife Amanda, b 1855 Ala.; dtr. Mary, b 1873; lived in Beat 7, near the Georgia/ Alabama line.

COLBERT COUNTY:

1. Alva Posey, b 1855 Tenn., parents b. in Tenn.; wife Malinda, b 1860 in Ala., parents b. in Tenn.; son Solomon, b 1878 Ala.; dtr. Lucinda, b 1879 Ala.; Polly Prestage, b 1824 Ala., parents b. in Ky. and Tenn., blind mother-in-law living in household; information from Clarence Melvin Posey of Florence, Ala. says that Alva had son, William Ed., b 1881 who was his father and father of John Harvey Posey; Malinda Posey said to have been a Cleckley; family lived at Posey School Community in Colbert Co.; a brother of Clarence named Lonzo currently living in Texas; William Ed had lived in Russellville, Ala.

CONECUH COUNTY:

1. 1820 census; Martha Posey, over 21, with 1 male under 21 and 1 female under 21 in her household; an M. Posey was listed on the 1818 tax list as well as a William Posey; Martha could be the widow of William as the "M" Posey is believed to be Morgan Posey who was later in Butler Co.

2. The 1818 tax list had also listed Dennis Posey, discussed in Chapter Thirteen, and James Posey.

3. The 1840 census listed no Poseys.

4. 1880 census; John Posey, b 1855 Ala.; wife, Nancy, b 1849 Ala.; dtr. Martha, b 1878 and son Daniel b 1879; lived at Brushy Creek.

COOSA COUNTY:

1. James M. Posey, enlisted at Rockford in 1862 in Civil War.; b. 1840 in Ala.; lived at Traveler's Rest; died Canton, Miss. in 1863;

COVINGTON COUNTY:

1. 1840 census; Nehemiah Posey; aged 40/50 (b. 1790/1800; female 20/30; 2 m under 5; 1 f under 5; 1 f 5/10; could this be one of the Nehemiahs from S.C.?

2. 1850 census; Nehemiah not listed; Levina Posey, b 1812 N.C.; Sarah, b.1836 Ala.; Benjamin, b 1837 Ala.; John, b 1839 Ala.; Jane, b 1840 Ala.; Rachel, b 1842 Ala.; Malissa, b 1846 Ala.; Catherine, b 1847 Ala.; 1850

mortality census of the county listed Nehemiah Posey, aged 65, b. in S. C. dying in that year.

DALLAS COUNTY:

1. 1820 census; Morgan Posey; over 21; marriage record 1820 of Morgan Posey to Sally Wingate.

See also Conecuh Co. records as Dallas and Conecuh formed at the same time and Butler formed from Conecuh in 1819. Morgan appears in Conecuh records also.

DALE COUNTY:

1. Military record; William J Posey, b 1843, enlisted Daleville in Co. G., 33rd Ala. Inf.; wife was Frances.

DEKALB COUNTY:

1. Mt. Herman Cemetery on Highway 35, west of Fort Payne; W. Jesse Posey, 191-/1913 infant; W. J. Posey, 1859-1902; Mary R. Posey, 1866-1951; Willie M. Posey, 1892-1953; Ida K. Posey, 1900- . P.

ETOWAH COUNTY:

1. 1820 July term of court; James H. Posey, fined at court martial for delinquency (of what?).

2. J. W. Posey, enlisted at Gadsden in 1861; paroled in 1865; served in Co. B of 4th Ala. Cavalry.

3. 1880 census; Richard Posey, b 1852 Ala.; wife Charity, b 1854 Ala.; Wash, b 1873, Julia, b 1875, Joseph, 1 month old; Mary, mother of Richard, b 1810.

FAYETTE COUNTY:

1. 1860 census; William Posey, b 1838 S.C.; wife Mary, b 1839 Ala.; Sarah, b 1860 Ala.; Martha Kenard, b 1842 Ala., relationship not specified; living at Millport.

GENEVA COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; William J. Posey, b 1838 Ga.; Frankey or Frances, b 1844 Ga.; Francis Marion, b 1864 Ala.; Martha E., b 1862 Ala.; Sarah E., b 1870 Ala.; Andrew J., b 1873 Ala.; Mary Jane, b 1866 Ala.; William J., b 1879 Ala.

GREENE COUNTY:

1. Joel Posey enlisted in Greene Co. in 1864 at Eutaw; b 1848.

2. Robert Anderson Posey b 1852 Ga.; wife Mary E. Posey, connected to the Dark family of Ga., b 1849-; d 1944; children; Otis D., Oliver J., S.E. and R.E.; listed on 1880 Tallapoosa Co., Ala. census.

HENRY COUNTY:

1. Marriage record; Martha Emeline Posey m John Messer, 7/12/1846.; Sarah Posey m Eldridge McElvine, 7/12/1870; R. A. Posey (female) m Robert Parker on 10/9/1870; Mary Posey m John L. Moss in 1855;

2. Military records; William Posey enlisted in Home Guard in 1864; William J. Posey enlisted Nov. 16.1863 in Co. E., 60th Ala. Inf.; lived at Sylvan Grove; discharged in trenches at Petersburg, Va.; b 1839 Ala.; Lewis J. Posey enlisted at Columbia, Ala. b 1828; wife Eliza A., widow in Henry Co.

3. Blakewoods Methodist Church Cemetery; Lela Posey Trice, 1887-1923 (dtr. of J. L. and C. Posey); J. C. Tice; William Carfield Posey, 1890- , son of J. L. and C. Posey); J. L. Posey; 1856-1896; Cansada White Posey, 1861-1919 (wife of J. L. Posey); Martha Posey, 1830-1901, wife of H. J. Posey.

4. Old Pleasant Plains Cemetery near Headland, Ala.; Eliza Ann Posey, 1831-1919

5. Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery near Henry-Houston County line; Roxie Ann Posey Whitaker, 1858-1936; Franklin Whitaker, 1857-1939; (Roxie's brother J. L. Posey married Cansada White.)

LAUDERDALE COUNTY & LAWRENCE COUNTY:

1. 1850 census; William James Posey, b 1820 Tenn; wife Eliza, b. 1826 Ala.; dtr. Elizabeth, b 1840 Ala; son James, b 1842 Ala.; son John, b 1844 Ala; son Golson b 1846 Ala.; son Lewis b 1849 Ala.;

William Lewis Posey, above as Lewis, enlisted in Co. D. 27 th Ala. Inf. in Centre Station in 1863; paroled at Nashville; later lived at Mouton, Ala.

Mrs. Annie Campbell of Leighton, Ala., now deceased, gave the following information about this family: W.J., called Jim, and Liza were reared near Town Creek, Ala. but had been born in Tennessee. Some of the family moved to Tipton Co., Tenn. for a while but came back to North Alabama.

WILLIAM JAMES POSEY: b 1820 Tenn; m Eliza () b 1826 Ala.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Posey; b 1840 Ala.
2. James Posey; b 1842 Ala.
3. John Posey b 1844 Ala.
4. Golson Posey; b 1846 Ala.; m Emily Barnett in 1869
5. William Lewis Posey; b 1849 Ala; m (1) a Thornton, (2) Nan Hall; children; Lucy, Buddy, Ellen, Willie, Arthur, Elmore, and Birt; Birt m. Evaline Posey, dtr. of John Thomas Posey, grandson of Squire Posey (see Chapter Two)
6. Samuel Posey; b after 1850; m Maria Hosler; children, Annie (m. a Campbell, above); Lela, Charley, Clarence who m Ruth Hall, now living in Caruthersville, Mo.; Hobert, Ida, Edward, and Thomas.

2. William T. Posey on 1850 Lauderdale census; b 1817 Ga., shoemaker by trade, wife Nancy b 1823 S. C.; Elizabeth, b 1841 Ala.; Thomas, b 1844 Ala.; Martha, b 1846 Ala.; Sarah b 1848 Ala.

3. 1830 Lauderdale census; Caldwell (?) Posey, age 40/50, wife, 3 sons and 4 dtrs.

4. An old preacher Rufe Posey in Lawrence Co. reported to a descendant of Squire Posey that "Andrew and Amory Posey came from Ireland. They were not brothers and one married the sister of the other". Rufe is believed to be the Rufus Posey born in Blount Co., Ala. in 1855 who married Emiline () b 1850 Ala. and had two sons, Willie, a preacher, and Jesse, b. in Ala. 1868. The W. L. Posey, b 1859 Ala. listed on the 1880 Lawrence Co.

census is believed to be the Willie, son of Rufe. Willie's wife was Ada or Ida, b 1861 Tenn. and one son, Frank, b 1879 was listed. If Rufus was from Blount Co., he is probably a descendant of Hezekiah Posey, the Revolutionary soldier.

LEE COUNTY:

1. Elijah Franklin Posey enlisted in the 59th Regiment of Ga. Infantry in the Civil War; died at Liberty, Va. 1864; widow, Elizabeth, lived in Lee Co., Ala. in 1887.

MADISON COUNTY:

1. Emery Posey served in the 41st Tenn. Volunteers in the Civil War. His widow, Martha, applied for a pension in Madison Co., Ala. in 1899. Emery had died in 1880.

2. James W. Posey served in Co. G. of the Ala. 12th in Civil War; from Woodville, Ala.; died at Boonsboro in 1862.

MONROE COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; George W. Posey, b 1852 Ala.; wife Mary A., b 1854; James D., b 1876; Mary F., b 1878, Marion W. b 1880; lived in Monroeville.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

1. Marriages: David J. N. Posey to Mary Elizabeth Cox in 1832; Erwin Posey to Harriet Waller, 1850; Polly Posey to Edward Loper in 1865; Hope H. Posey (Stanhope?) to Matilda Turnipseed in 1861.

2. Wright Cemetery; C. Posey, dtr. of D.M. and M.A. Dickson Posey, 1853-1865.

3. Oakwood Cemetery; Humphrey Posey Whiteside, b 1809 N.C.; d 1877; wife Fannie A. Walker Posey, b 1828 Gloucester Co. Va.; d 1886.

4. James Thomas Posey Christian b 3/4/1815 Ga.; father b. in Va.; mother b in Ga.; father came to Tallapoosa Co.

MORGAN COUNTY:

1. Allen Posey enlisted in Summerville, Ala. June, 1861, in the 12th Ala.; wounded Gettysburg and Manassas; widow, Mary A., applied for pension 11/18/1909 from Morgan Co.

2. H. Posey, b 1835, enlisted in Fayette, Ga. 1862 in 30th Ga. Infa.; discharged 1863 for disability; wife Rebecca; buried in Morgan Co., 1907.

PICKENS COUNTY:

1. Rev. Mark Posey, b 1817 in Chester Co., Pa.; d 1852; buried in Franconia Cemetery; had lived with the William Gordon family in 1850; only Poseys known to have lived in Chester Co., Pa. were the family of William Posey, youngest son of Capt. John Posey (see Chapter Seventeen).

2. Also buried in Franconia Cemetery was George Posey, 1852-53, son of George and Margaret McKinney Posey.

PIKE COUNTY:

1. 1850 census; Martha Posey, b 1775 S.C., living with William Gilmer, b 1805 Ga. and his wife Matilda (Posey?) Gilmer, b 1806 S.C.; William Gilmer, b 1833 Ala.
2. 1850 census; William Posey, b 1824 N.C.; wife Sarah, b 1826 S.C.; John Posey, b 1842 Ala.; Sarah Ann Posey, b 1845 Ala.; Richard Posey, b 1847 Ala.; and Thomas Williams, aged 18, living in the household.
3. 1880 census; William H. Posey; b 1825 Ga.; wife Hattie W., b 1839 Ala.; dtr Hattie M. Posey, b 1863 Ala.; Willie M., a dtr., b 1874 Ala.; is this the same William from the 1850 census?

RANDOLPH COUNTY:

1. Data from Bible of John W. Lancaster; James Posey Andrews, b 1856; Mary Mahala Elizabeth Posey Lancaster, b 1868; Elizabeth Posey Frances Remanuel Lancaster, b 1868; William Possie McManua, b 1887.

RUSSELL COUNTY:

1. Marriages; Marya Posey to David C. Woodard in 1860; John F. Posey to Alberta Forsyth in 1882.
2. 1860 census; James Posey, b 1816 Ga.; Pauline, b 1816 Ga.; James T. Posey b 1841 Ga.; John R. Posey, b 1844 Ga.; Laudet (?) Posey, b 1848 Ga.; Robert Posey, b 1851 Ga.; Henry Posey, b 1855 Ga.; Samuel Posey, b 1858 Ala.

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY:

1. Girard Cemetery; Albertine Posey, 1860-1948; John F/T Posey, 1861-1934; Ernest Posey, 1899-1936; Rufus F. Posey 1893-1914; Rollie B. Posey, 1898-1915; John Rufus Posey, 1862-1920; Mrs. J. R. Posey 1872-1932; Thomas H. Posey, 1895-1948

ST. CLAIR COUNTY:

1. C.B. Posey, member of 18th Regiment of Volunteers died in prison 1864; widow S. A. Posey applied for pension from St. Clair Co. in 1904.

COUNTY NOT SPECIFIED:

1. J.B. Posey buried in Confederate Cemetery in East Knoxville, Tenn. member of Co. E. of the 24th Alabama.

ARKANSAS

ASHLEY-DREW COUNTIES:

1. Andrew Jackson Posey, b 1852 in Drew Co., Ark.; d 3/7/1926 in Monticello, Ark.; death certificate does not list names of parents of their birthplaces; son John Ben Posey, 1884-1968, m. Vera McCulloch; John Ben. Posey, Jr. b 1915; m Virginia Guthrie; living at Crossett, Ark.; John Ben Jr. lists mother of Andrew Jackson Posey as Charlotte Posey of Ga. Wives of Andrew Jackson are said to have been (1) Lottie Ellis, (2) Eudora Ellis. Wife's name on death certificate was Mary. Russell Posey of Mobile, Ala. reports a brother of Andrew's as his father, John W. Posey who m. Effie Barrett. He thinks the father of Andrew and John was Abner Posey who previously lived near Mobile before moving to Arkansas.

BENTON COUNTY:

1. Bennett Pink Posey, b 1849 Tenn.; wife Sarah Ratliff Posey, b. 1857 Mo.; George N. Posey, b 1874 Ark.; William Posey, b 1876 Ark.; listed on 1880 census. Mrs. Ben Helms, Rt. 2, Tecumseh, Okla., a descendant, writes that Sarah or Sallie was a daughter of Jonathon and Delana Rowland Ratliff.

2. Living in household of Jonathon Ratliff in Benton County in 1880 was Delana E. Posey, a male, born 1872 in Ark. He must be another son of Bennett and Sallie.

CLARK COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; W. J. Poses (as recorded on the census); b 1860 Ark; wife Katie, b 1858 S.C.; dtr Emma, born 1879 Ark.; W.C.A.Poses, b 1866 S.C. M.A., born 1861 Ark.; B.W. and N. G., children.; Mattie Poses, b 1871 living in household of N. R. Rosse; M. L. Poses, b 1864 S.C.; wife, E.L., b 1862 Ga.; John, b 1877 Ga.; Flora, b 1878 Ark; D.C.Poses, b 1857 Ga. also in household. These are believed to be Poseys because the census taker also spelled the name Posey in this way on a census in Arkansas when the persons in question were known to be Poseys.

DALLAS COUNTY:

1. Smead Posey of DaLark, Ark. reports his Posey family as follows: Marcus and Emma Posey, from Miss. (Emma said to have been $\frac{1}{2}$ Cherokee Indian) had sons John ,Humphrey, Dave and Sam. Sam was father of Smead and Frank, presently of Dallas, Texas. Daughters of Marcus were Mattie and Ora. Marcus Potius Posey, son of John Wesley Posey, grandson of the Revolutionary soldier, Hezekiah Posey, had children who moved to Mississippi. Marcus, grandfather of Smead, may be from this line.

FRANKLIN COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; Knox Posey, b 1849 Ark.; wife Sallie, b 1852 Ark.; John W., b 1873 Ark.; Joseph, b 1875 Ark.; Helena , b 1877 Ark.; Sarah, b. 1878 Ark.

GRANT COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; F. Randolph Posey; b 1850 Ark.; wife,Johnnie, b 1859 Miss.; Lulu, b 1878 Ark.; William, b 1880 Ark.; S. H. Tucker Posey, b 1857 Ark.; wife Caroline b 1863 Ark.; Franklin L., b 1879 Ark.

JOHNSON COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; Henry N. Posey, b 1830 Tenn; wife Julia A., b 1832 Ark; Samuel Nager, listed as son (step-son?), William Nager and James Grimet, adopted son in household.

2. 1880 census; Thomas Posey, b 1840 Tenn; wife Susan, b 1845 Tenn; James R., b 1866 Tenn; William T., b 1868 Tenn; John W. , b 1871 Tenn; Martha b 1876 Mo.; Issac, b 1878 Ark; George Dotson, b 1860 Ala. listed as brother-in-law.

3. 1880 census; John W. Posey, b 1835 Tenn; wife, Mary, b 1839 Ill.; Martha, b 1859 Ill.; Annie, b 1869 Ill; Sarah, b 1870 Ark.; Warren, b 1872 Ark.

ST. FRANCIS COUNTY:

1. 1880 census; John Posey, b 1844 S.C.; Jane, b 1840 Tenn; Jasper, b 1869 Ark; John, b 1872 Ark.

SEVIER COUNTY:

1. 1850 census; Andrew Posey, b 1833 Ga.; living with Nicholas and Polly Hunter;
2. Marriage record; Andrew Posey to Louisa Jane Gilliam, 1/4/1855.

COUNTY NOT SPECIFIED:

1. George R. Posey, Pvt., Co. A., 15th N.W. Ark. Reg't, Civil War., d 7/29/1864; buried at Rock Island, Ill. Confederate Prison Cemetery.

CALIFORNIA

The record of Jeremiah Posey is placed in California because he lived there for part of his life and his descendants are there. A possibility for the parentage of Jeremiah was given in Chapter Fifteen.

Jeremiah M. Posey; b 11/15/1828 in Alabama; d 1/6/1868 in San Joaquin, Cal. m (1) in Louisiana, wife's name unknown; m (2) in Nacogdoches Co., Texas to Elizabeth Franklin Lucas Randolph on 1/27/1855 (Mar. Book B:19). She was b. 11/2/1838 Ga.; d 8/1866 in Calaveras Co., Cal. Her parents were Basil and Louisa Marion Barber Lucas. Elizabeth's first husband was E. W. Randolph by whom she had one child, Margaret Savannah, b 2/2/1854 in Texas; d 11/28/1948; (Note Nacogdoches Co. marriage records of marriage of Sarah Posey to Silas Barber).

Children of Jeremiah: #A child of first wife:#B-F by second wife;

- A. Julia Ann Posey; b 3/10/1852 La.; d 3/10/1881 San Joaquin, Cal. m (1) John C. Majors in 1867; m (2) Robert Blackstone Forsythe in 1873.

Children:

1. Joseph J. Majors; 1868-1869
 2. John C. Majors; 1869-1871
 3. Robert B. Forsythe, Jr.; 1875-1942; m Hazel Hack
 4. Daniel William Forsythe; 1878-1955; m Lavenia Colmer.
 5. Clara Bell Forsythe; 18--; d 1963; m Samuel Ray, Jr.
- B. General Jackson Posey; b 1/16/1856; d 1/7/1893; born in Hill Co., Texas; d Woodbridge, Calif.; m Virginia Stayton
- C. William Basil Posey; b 11/15/1858 Calif.; d 1/1/1890 Calif.
- D. Levisa Agnes Posey; b 4/27/1860; d 7/11/1944; m (1) James Walter Bigham, (2) Joseph Wallace Foster.
- E. John Marion Posey; b 9/27/1863; d 11/4/1944; m Lena Stimson.
- F. Georgianna Lucas Posey; b 1/10/1866; d 1867

A descendant, Mrs. Donald McKenzie, Rt. 1, Box 215B, Acampo, Calif. has contributed the above information.

GEORGIA

Benjamin Chester Posey was 4/6/1888 near Atlanta, Ga. His parents were Young Posey, 1824-1891 and Adeline Ramey Posey, who d. 1894. Benjamin left

home at the age of 15 with one of his sisters and lost contact with the family in Georgia. Benjamin had three brothers who are believed to have settled in the vicinity of Atlanta.

Benjamin Chester Posey married Mary L. Collins in 1918 in Marianna, Ark. where their first three children were born.

Children:

1. Eva May Posey; b 1919 Ark.; m Blausett
2. Thomas Lee Posey; b 1920 Ark.;
3. Calvin Posey; b 1922 Ark.;
4. Clarence Posey; b 1926 Grenada, Miss.
5. Benjamin Chester Posey, Jr.; b 1929 Grenada, Miss.
6. Albert Elvert Posey; b 1939 Ruleville, Miss.

CHATHAM COUNTY:

1805 Land Lottery; William Posey

1806 tax list; William Posey; 1818 tax list; Benjamin Posey and Humphrey Posey.

1838 Marriage Record; John F. Posey m Mary G. Haupt.

DECATUR COUNTY:

Calvin Posey m Rosanna Sawcer/Sawyer in 1856.

HALL COUNTY:

Hezekiah Posey was an Ensign in the Ga. Militia from Hall Co. in 1819.

Uriah Posey m. Marly Hammett in 1825

Peter Posey, aged 40/50 on 1830 census; 2 males under 5, 2 females 5/10; 1 female 15/20; 1 f 30/40 (wife). (Peter Posey appeared on 1840 Lumpkin Co. census.

JACKSON COUNTY:

Casey Posey (female) m. Jesse Adams 1/22/1807.

JEFFERSON COUNTY:

Andrew Posey listed for the 1805 land lottery as #785; drew 2 blanks.

LEE COUNTY:

1830 census; William Posey; aged 30/40; wife 30/40; 1 male 5/10; 2 males under 5; 2 females under 5; 1 female 15/20

1840 census; William Posey

LINCOLN COUNTY:

1830 census; James Posey; male 40/50; 19 slaves.

LUMPKIN COUNTY:

1840 census; Peter Posey (from Hall Co., Ga.); W. A. Posey; Benjamin Posey.

MARION COUNTY:

1830 census; Benjamin Posey; aged 30/40; wife 30/40; female 60/70 in the household (mother of Benjamin or his wife?); 1 male 5-/10; 2 males under 5; 1 female under 5; 2 females 5/10; Abraham Posey; 40/50; wife 40/50
1 male 20/30; 1 m 15/20; 1 m 10/15; 1 m under 5; 1 f 10/15; 1 f 15/20.

PULASKI COUNTY:

1820 census; Umphrey Posey; over 45; wife over 45; 1 male 16/26
 Marriages: Mary Posey to Bolin McLendon on 11/13/1828
 Polly Posey to Levi Posey on 2/2/1828
 Telfair Posey to Mary Cos on 9/28/1828
 Noah Posey to Fereby Shepard on 1/19/1836

PUTNAM COUNTY:

John Hamilton Posey was a son of Richard and Elizabeth Wade Posey of Abbeville, S. C. He was born about 1775 and died in 1823. He married Polly Fournoy on 3/4/1813 in Putnam Co. He was listed on the 1805 land lottery of Washington Co., Ga. and drew land as #1116. He served as a justice of the peace in 1812. On the 1820 census he was listed as over 45, wife 26/45; 1 son 10/16; 1 dtr under 10; 1 dtr 10/16 and 1 dtr 16/26. The latter is believed to have been Martha Elizabeth Posey. His will was probated in 1823.

RICHMOND COUNTY:

1840 census listed Henry Posey and C. Posey.

SUMTER COUNTY:

1840 census listed Micajah Posey.

TAYLOR COUNTY:

Benjamin Posey was born 1790/1800 in S. C.; d 1860 in Taylor Co.; m Delilah (), b 1795/1800 in S.C.; d 1861 in Taylor Co.; Benjamin was in Marion Co. in 1830 with 3 sons and 3 dtrs. and an older woman, possibly his mother or mother-in-law. In 1840-50 he was in Talbot Co. and by 1860 in Taylor Co. He was one of the early settlers of Taylor Co.

Other Poseys living in the counties with him were Abraham, possibly an older brother, and by 1840, Lemuel Posey. This Lemuel could be the one listed in the will of Thomas Posey, below, in Warren Co. The following record of Benjamin Posey was contributed by a great-great granddaughter, Mrs. Jeff Franklin, Rt. 1, Box 920, Ingleside, Texas.

Children of Benjamin and Delilah Posey;

1. Mary "Polly" Posey; b c 1815 SC; d 1904; m James A. Revel.
2. Nehemiah "Myer" Posey, b 1825 S.C.; m Mary;
3. Humphrey Posey
4. Missie Posey; m Amos Rodgers.
5. Cindy Posey; b c 1830 in S. C. or Ga.; m Buck Hollis.
6. Abraham "Able" Posey; b c 1828 Ga.; m Frances
7. William J. Posey; b c 1830
8. Clark Posey; some doubt as to whether he was a son.

Mrs. Franklin's line of descent is through Mary Revel, her son William, his son, N. D.E.Revel. James Revel died in the Civil War.

A note found in an old Alabama history book concerns a Posey-Revel connection. It stated that the Rev. Dr. Posey, son-in-law of the Rev. Jesse Revel, was in Russell Co., Ala. in 1850-60.

TELFAIR COUNTY:

1830 census; John Posey; age 40/50; James Posey, aged 30/40.

1840 census; John Posey, Sr.; John Posey, Jr.

THOMAS COUNTY:

Shadrack Posey m Sarah Singletary on 12/28/1838; also listed on 1840 census; had been in Decatur Co. on the 1830 census.

WALKER COUNTY:

Washington E. Posey, b 1817 S. C.; wife Patience, b 1823 S. C.; on 1850 census with these children: Benjamin N. Posey, b 1840 Ala.; Elizabeth, b 1842 S. C.; John W. Posey, b 1843 Ga. This Posey probably ties in with the family of Hezekiah Posey of Md.-S.C.-Tenn.-Ala.

WALTON COUNTY:

1830 census listed a widow, Hannah Posey, aged 30/40 with a son 10/15, and a dtr. 5/10

WARREN COUNTY:

A will made on 4/24/1824 in Warren Co., Ga. by Thomas Posey, named his mother, Rebecca Lewis, and brothers Lemuel and Samuel Marcus Posey. Samuel was under 21 at the time. Witnesses were James, Nancy, and Rebecca Smith.

WASHINGTON COUNTY:

1805 land lottery; John Hamilton Posey; 1825 tax list named Henry Posey; 1830 census listed Henry Posey 20/30, and Richard Posey, 40/50.

KENTUCKY

CASEY COUNTY:

Marriage record of John Posey's marriage to Levina Large in 1820.

HARLAN COUNTY:

A daughter of Benjamin and Susannah Chadwell Posey, Nancy Elizabeth, was born about 1800 in Tenn. She married in 1816 George Brittain as his second wife. It is believed that Brittain's first wife may have been a Posey also. Nancy and George had one son, Carlos Bonaparte and one daughter, Drucilla. Chapter Seven also lists some Brittain-Posey connections which may be of the same family as this one. It is believed that Benjamin and Susanna Chadwell Posey may have moved to Tennessee from Georgia. This opens up the possibility that Benjamin was of the family of Benjamin and Bennett Posey (see Chapter Ten). Mrs. Max Perry, 2804 Franklin, Midland, Texas is a descendant of this family of Kentuckians.

ANDERSON COUNTY:

Will of Jeremiah Posey; made 12/1/1838; named his brother Thomas B. Posey of Henry Co. (Ky.), and Mary Walker Posey and James Monroe Posey, the two latter persons being minors.

RUSSELL COUNTY:

G. H. Posey, b 1842 Russell Co; d 6/16/1911 Sumner Co., Kansas; m
Mary Ann Wilkerson, 1841-1933.

Children:

1. Susie Posey; died as infant
2. Dora Posey; m a Leonard; moved to Cherokee, Okla.
3. Maggie Posey; m B.E. Moore and moved to Caldwell, Kansas
4. John Lewis Posey; d. at 60 years of age in Argonia, Kansas
5. Sally Jane Posey; m David R. Yadon and moved to Deer Creek, Okla.
6. W. Eli Posey; to Taylor, Nebraska and Madton, Washington.
7. Lilian Posey; m Richard Kraticsek.

LOUISIANA

FRANKLIN PARISH:

David Berryhill Posey, b c1800, location not known; m 1826 to Elizabeth Stamply. Children were:

1. Daniel Posey; b 1827
2. David T. Posey; b 1833; m Margaret Elizabeth McCumber
son: Jeff Beauregard Posey; m Ida Gertrude Mock.
dtr.; Therisa Elizabeth Posey; m John Edgar Higgins
dtr; Edna Lucille Higgins m Charles Emmett Fox
dtr; Ethel CeCelia Fox m Robert L. Patterson II.
lives Liberty, Kentucky.
3. a dtr. b 1844
4. Laura Posey; b 1847

POINT COUPEE PARISH:

R. T. Posey was 5th District Judge in 1868.

RAPIDES PARISH:

1850 census; Eliza Posey, b 1784 Md.; Caroline Posey, b 1824 Md.;
James H. Posey, b 1815 Md.; Mason Posey, b 1826 La.

RED RIVER PARISH:

Springhill Cemetery, east of Coushatta, La.; Edward Posey, 5/15/1917-
1959; Elwyn Posey, 1915-1949; William C. Posey, 1853-1932; Mary Jackson
Posey, 1852-1925; Mary Eliza Posey 1893, 1922; Geneva Peery Posey; 1915-

ST. LANDRY PARISH:

Lloyd Posey m Eleanor Collins; son John Posey, b 1819; son of John was
T. L. Posey, b 1855, m Marie Ferrer; T. L. 's children were John, Thomas,
Charles, Mary, and Julia Posey.

WEST FELICIANA PARISH:

Margaret Palmer, b 1790 Wilkinson Co., Miss.; m (1) William Gready in
1809; m (2) John Posey in 1818; Margaret d. 9/20/1862; buried Bethesda Church,
W. F. Parish; children;

1. Hezekiah A. Posey, b 1829
2. Mary L. Posey, b c1820-25; m William Carpenter in 1853.
3. Isabella Posey; m Stephen Jones in 1856.

4. Martha A. Posey; m Samuel Goodrich in 1839.
5. Hannah Posey
6. Margaret Posey



"BURLEAN'S HILL", NEAR FAULKNER, MD.

The house pictured above incorporates the original structure built by either Poseys or Belaines (Burleans) in Charles Co., Md. The central portion was built about 1650. The larger wing, to the left as you look at the picture, was added by Washington A. Posey about 1840-50. The addition on the other side was probably built by this same Posey. It stands on the property known as "Burlaine's Hill" in the old deeds of the county. This property was owned by John Posey, c1688-1716, grandson of the immigrant, Francis Posey. John willed it, 100 acres, to his brother Benjamin Posey, c1689-1750. The property originally belonged to Francis Posey, 1615-1654, and John Burlaine/Belaine whom Francis' wife, Elizabeth, married after Francis' death. By 1772 Elizabeth Simpson Posey, wife of Francis Posey, c1730-1784, was in possession of Burlaine's Hill. (Charles Co. Land Book T3:614, 5/9/1772). The property passed to Washington A. Posey, 1816-1892, by the mid 1800's. Washington was a son of Adrian

Posey, 1791-1854, who was a son of Belaine Posey, 1737-1798, who was a son of Francis Posey, 1701-1774, who was a grandson of the immigrant, Francis Posey.

The picture was contributed by Mary Regina Posey Turner (Mrs. William Carlyle Turner) presently living in Newbury, Md. She is a great-granddaughter of the Adrian Posey mentioned above.

An interesting story is found in the official records of the "War of the Rebellion" about a Richard B. Posey of Charles Co., Md. Richard was noted for his strong feeling for the South. His farm touched the banks of the Potomac River on whose opposite shore a "rebel" army was encamped. Richard, his wife (Margaret Berry Perry Posey), and a daughter who was married to Phillip Linton were arrested by federal officials and lodged in the old Capitol Prison in Washington for a time. It seems they were accused of firing at Union shipping on the Potomac and of sending information by signals of some sort to the Confederates camped on the opposite shore.

Richard was a first cousin to William Elgin Posey who moved from Charles Co., Md. to Shelby Co., Ala. and whose family is described in Chapter Four.

Several Poseys who appear on the 1800-1830 censuses of Charles Co. have not been identified as to parentage or exact place in the family tree. They are:

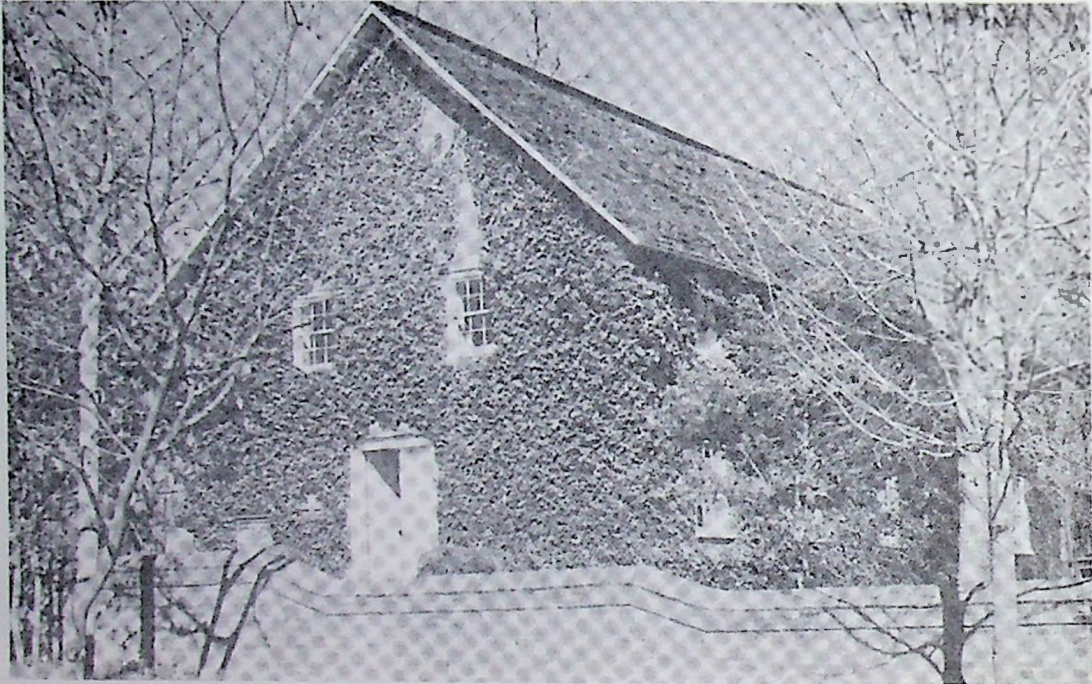
1800 census; Jance Posey; aged over 45
 Nathaniel Posey; aged 26/45
 Hezekiah Posey; aged 26/45
 1810 census; Anthony Posey; aged 26/45
 Jeremiah Posey, aged 26/45
 1830 census; Abednego Posey, aged 50/60
 Asa Posey, aged 40/50
 Josiah Posey, aged 30/40

The vestry books of Durham Parish, Charles Co. list some Poseys who were subscribers to the church in 1824 who have not been mentioned in this book. They were Francis Posey, Burdit Posey, William E. Posey, and Joseph H. Posey. Vestry book subscribers in 1827 were John E. H.H. Posey, Richard B. Posey, W. E. Posey, Catherine Posey, and John Posey. Some baptisms which were recorded in 1878 were Robert Alexander Groves Posey, Lessie Posey, Ernest F. Posey, Myrtle Posey, Lewis Groves Posey, and Richard Berry Posey confirmed in April, 1888. Later baptisms were those of John Adam Posey, May 11, 1896; Ida May Posey, Oct. 7, 1895, Albert Berry Posey, Mrs. Mary Posey, Elgin Maury Posey, Richard B. Posey, and Frank D. Posey.

Durham Church, pictured on the next page, has a long, interesting history. It stands near Ironsides, Md. in the sparsely settled southwest section of Charles Co. The present building was built in 1732. The parish itself was established in 1692 and a log chapel was built. The interior of the church is much the same as it was in Colonial times. Still used is the original communion service, a chalice and paten of silver whose hallmark is 1707. The church's Smallwood Memorial Tower is a memorial to Gen. William Small-

wood, Washington's general. Smallwood commanded the Revolutionary armies at Brooklyn, N.Y. and is credited with saving Washington's army from annihilation. Smallwood was later Governor of Maryland in 1785-1788. Washington worshipped with Smallwood at Durham Church on March 17, 1771.

The cemetery adjoining has graves which date from 1695. The door of the church is said to be never locked and services are still held there on the third and fifth Sundays.



OLD DURHAM

Mrs. Robert Bowling of Knoxville, Tenn. is a descendant of a granddaughter of Francis Posey, the immigrant. Her line of descent which she has furnished the authors represents the only line thus discovered which comes down through so many generations from a Posey daughter.

Generation One; Francis Posey, 1615-1654; m Elizabeth.
 Generation Two; John Posey, 1652-1689; m Lees Belaine & Susanna
 Generation Three; Susanna Posey, c1672-c1707; m Edward Philpott
 Generation Four; Charles Philpott, 1697-1753; m Elizabeth Smoot

Generation Five: John Philpott, d 1762; m (2) Mary Glover
 Generation Six; Sarah Warren Philpott, 1756-aft 1840; m Daniel Hobart
 and James Mitchell
 Generation Seven; John Mitchell, 1782-1844; m Anna Atkins
 Generation Eight; Stella C. Mitchell, 1824-1893; m John F. Hubbard
 Generation Nine; John M. Hubbard, 1849-1914; m Mary E. Sours
 Generation Ten; Noland Hubbard, b 1886; m Robert Bowling (this is our
 contributor)
 Generation Eleven; Sarah E. Bowling, b 1912; m Wiley M. Holland
 Generation Twelve; Susan A. Holland, b 1946; m Gene D. Noah
 Generation Thirteen; Rebekah Noah, b 1967.

MISSISSIPPI

One Mississippi family of Poseys which has not yet been placed in its proper relationship to the larger family is that of Richard and "Beady" Posey. Richard was born about 1810 in Ga., and married about 1830 a girl named "Beady". They had the following children:

1. Elizabeth Ann Posey, b 1831 Ala.; m Uriah Rushton
2. Pinkney Posey; b 1835 Ga.
3. Samuel Posey; b 1837 Ala.
4. Annie Posey, b 1841 Ala.
5. Emanuel Posey, b 1843 Ala.
6. Jane Posey, b 1848 Miss.

The Rushtons were in Miss. near the families of the other Richard Poseys from Montgomery Co., Ala. It seems likely that the Richard, above, is closely related to them. Uriah Rushton was drowned while fording the Tombigbee River during a flood. This river is near the Alabama-Mississippi state lines.

The children of the Rushtons were:

1. Surilda E. Rushton, b 1846 Ala.; m John A. W. Powell and moved to Caldwell Parish, La.
2. Catherine Matilda Rushton, b 1849 Montgomery Co., Ala.; m Henry H. Powell; moved to LaSalle Parish, La.
3. Oliver Perry Rushton; b 1850 Kemper Co., Miss.; moved to LaSalle Parish, La.; unmarried
4. Columbus Rushton; m Mattie (); lived at Kato, Miss.
5. James Rushton; m Sally Irby
6. William Rushton; last known address was Rosebud, Texas
7. Sallie Amanda Rushton; m Jim Green

CENSUS RECORDS OF MISSISSIPPI:

These census records of Poseys are those of families yet unconnected with the proper line.

Choctaw County:

1850 census listed a E. M. Posey

Harrison County:

1880 census; R. F. Posey, b 1838 Ala.; Jenry/Jenny Posey, b 1844 Ga.; Milton Posey, b 1869 Miss.; Gilbert Posey, b 1875 Miss.; Laura Posey, b 1879 Miss.

Holmes County:

1880 census; J. C. Posey, b 1825 Ala.; son, W. J. Posey, b 1851 Miss; wife of son, Y.D.Posey, b 1853 Miss; dtr. of son, F. A. Posey, b 1877 Miss; son of J. C., J.P.Posey, b 1861 Miss; son of J. P., L. L. Posey, b 1863 Miss.

Kemper County:

1860 census; John Posey, b 1835 Ala.; wife Nancy Posey, b 1838 Ga.; son John-D. Posey, b 1859 Miss.

Leake County:

1850 census; William Posey, Mary J. Posey, and J. O Posey listed.

Monroe County:

1880 census; Ambrose Posey, b 1843 S.C.; wife Jane Posey, b 1847 Va.; Mary Posey, b 1870 Miss.; James Posey, b 1874 Miss.; Parham Posey, b 1878 Miss.; Elizabeth Morgan, mother-in-law, b in Va.

John Posey, b 1843 Ala.; Octavia Posey, b 1840 S.C.; William Posey, b 1865 Miss.; John W. Posey, b 1867 Miss.; Ida L. Posey, b 1869 Miss; Octavia Posey, b 1870 Miss; David Posey, b 1872 Miss.; Minnie Posey, b 1879 Miss.

Neshoba County:

1860 census; Melvin Posey; b 1817 N.C.; Rhody Posey, b 1841 N.C.; Louisa Posey, b 1847 N.C.; Frances Posey, b 1849 N.C.; Margaret Posey, b 1851 Miss; Sarah Posey, b 1855 Miss.; Elizabeth L. Posey, b 1858 Miss; Martha Gates, b 1797 Va. (mother-in-law?)

Newton County:

1880 census; Daniel Posey, b 1857 Miss; Sallie Posey, b 1860 Miss; Mary O. Posey, b 1879 Miss; (probably son of the following)

John Posey, b 1820 Ala.; Leah Posey, b 1840 Miss; Frank Posey, b 1855 Miss; Dock Posey, b 1860 Miss; Mattie Posey, b 1862 Miss; James Posey, b 1866 Miss; Dump Posey, b 1868 Miss; Susan Posey, b 1875 Miss; Katie Posey, b 1879 Miss.

Jefferson Posey, b 1852 Ala; Diana Posey, b 1855 Miss; Mollie Posey b 1872 Miss; Ann Posey b 1874 Miss; also appeared on 1880 Lincoln Co., Miss. census.

Rankin County:

1850 and 1860 censuses; H. J. Posey, b 1809S.C.; J.B.C.Posey (female) b 1816 Va.; L. Posey, b 1834 Mo.; H. N. Posey, b 1844 Ala.;

A. P. Posey, b 1834 Mo. living with the Elizabeth Neely family.

MISSOURI

The following list of Poseys was contributed by Avon Posey who lives at Green City, Mo. The authors have not been able to say definitely who the

Harrison Posey at the head of this family was. There have been several Posey sons named Harrison. It is likely that he came out of Tennessee or Kentucky. The following list is that of the one known son of Harrison, William Posey, b about 1840 in Kentucky. He married Margaret Pilcher of Kentucky. Their children were;

1. Mae Posey; m Eliot Maggert; descendants Charles, Letha, and Stella Maggert.
2. Mandy Posey; m Ellie Rowland.
3. Andrew Jackson Posey; m Caroline Pfiesser who was born 1871. Their children were:
 - A. Loren Posey; m Bessie Tharp
 - B. Aaron Posey; died young
 - C. William Thomas Posey, b 1892; m Clara Munns
 - D. Lelah Posey; m Milton Garrison
4. Green Posey;

Children:

 - A. Albert Elliott Posey; b 1892; d 1968; m Bertha Stickler son; Avon James Posey; m Thelma Gardner
 - B. Norris Elmer Posey; m Mary Garwood; children Marie and Harold.
 - C. Danie Alice Posey; 1890-1966; m Nova Henry
 - D. Bertha Ann Posey; b 1884; m Glenn Kent

In Missouri at about the same time as the preceding family was that of Green Harrison Posey; He is said to have moved to Bloominton, Mo. about 1855. He had 8 children, one of them being James Weldon Posey, b 1865, who married Mittie Harrison and had Clarence, Hazel, and Walter.

NORTH CAROLINA

Not many Poseys seem to have ever lived in North Carolina. Apparently they passed on through on their way to South Carolina and Georgia. The earliest records of Posey in this state are those of Benjamin Posey, listed on the 1755 tax list of Orange Co., and John Posey, listed on the 1772 tax list of Surry County.

OKLAHOMA

Marriage records of Pottawatomie County:

Book 2:590; H. M. Posey, aged 53, born in Tenn(1845), son of Warren Posey and Sarah Rainwater Posey; m Martha L. Acord, aged 43, daughter of William Casow on 10/14/1898.

Book 3:30; Marion F. Posey, age 23, born in Kansas (1875), son of L. Posey and () Wright Posey, m Alona Moore, aged 18, born in the Chickasaw Nation, dtr. of H. D. Moore on 11/23/1898.

Book 4:110 William C. Posey, aged 19, born in Ark. (1881), son of Doak Posey and () Upton Posey, to Lillie Miles, aged 18, dtr of P. M. McKinley. No license issued nor marriage recorded; this date 9/17/1900.

Book 4:399; J. W. Posey, aged 27, born in Ark. (1874), son of O.K. Posey and () Upton Posey (same couple as above?)m Ellen Ray, aged

27; filed for license 4/4/1901.

PENNSYLVANIA

Marriage licenses issued in Philadelphia:

- Brittana Posey, b 1806 to John Marr, b. 1788 Scotland.
- Hannah Posey, to William Oakford on 2/9/1792.

The Rev. Mark Posey who died in Pickens Co., Ala. in 1853 listed his birthplace as Chester Co., Pa. His parents are not known

SOUTH CAROLINA

ABBEVILLE COUNTY:

1. Hansford Posey m Margaret Riley, b. 1790.
2. Agnes Sarah Posey, 1830-6/3/1849, buried in Abbeville.
3. 1850 census; Martha Posey living with James Tusten family.
4. Will of Benjamin Northcutt in 1834 named as heir his dtr. Priscilla Poesey.
5. Richard Posey, Sr. family:
 - Richard Posey, b c1733 Charles Co., Md.; will in Abbeville, 1820; m Elizabeth Wade; Richard was son of John Posey, son of John, b1685, son of John = son of immigrant, Francis Posey.
 - A. Bethlehem Posey; b c1760; see Chapter Six; moved to Alabama
 - B. Winifred Posey, called "Prescious"; m Nathan Sheperd.
 - C. Diana Gray Posey; m a Sheperd
 - D. Mary Ann Wade Posey; m Richard Sheperd; to Fayette Co., Ga.
 - E. Harrison Posey; b 1769; m a Ridgton; to Knox Co., Ind.
 - F. Richard Posey, Jr.; b 1772- 1831; m Frances Allen; to Knox Co., Ind.
 - G. John Hamilton Posey; d. 1823; m Polly Flournoy; to Ga.; see Chapter Eighteen, Ga. section.

AIKEN-ORANGEBURG COUNTIES:

1. Family of a Martin Posey, b 1850; m three times, the third wife being a Williams; lived 8 miles from Waggoner in Aiken Co.
 - Children:
 - A. Hiram Posey; 1873-1946; m a Courtney; son James Walton Posey, now living in Orangeburg, S. C.
 - B. Leland Posey
 - C. Mark Posey
 - D. Martin Posey
 - E. Elias Posey
 - F. Lazarus Posey; served in Civil War.
 - G. Victor Posey; served in Civil War.

EDGEFIELD COUNTY:

1. Deacon in 1819 at Philippi Baptist Church, 5 miles southeast of Johnston and 5 miles northeast of Trenton, S. C. was Samuel Posey.
2. Co. I of the S.C. State Troops during the Civil War; El. Posey (Elbert?);

Jesse Stacher for E. M. Posey, and B.M.Posey for Jacob Mayer.

3. Will of Francis Posey, 1/11/1788; named wife Nellie and these children; Absalom, Phoebe, Nancy, Shirley, Gugliema, Susannah, Sophia, Mary, Martha Towles, Benjamin, and Pharr.

NEWBERRY COUNTY:

1. Burials in Newberry Co.; Jane C. Posey, wife of William, 1828-9/30/1849; A.M.Posey, 11/21/1855-1884.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY:

1. 1850 census; M.N.Posey, b 1804 S.C.; wife Mahaley Posey, b 1807 S.C.; son, T. Wilds Posey, b 1828 S.C.; dtr. Mary Posey, b 1830 S.C.; dtr Martha Posey, b 1832 S.C.; dtr. Cynthia, b. 1835 S.C. and son Melvin Posey, b. 1843 S.C.

PENDLETON DISTRICT

1. 1820 census; Jesse Posey aged over 45; female over 45; 1 male 16/26; 1 m 16/18; 2 m 10/16; 1 f 26/45; 1 f under 5; neighbors were Pilgrims.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT:

1. 1800 census; Nat Posey; aged 26/45; 1 f 16/26; 1 m under 10; 1 f under 10; 1 f over 45.
2. Buried at West Springs Baptist Church near the Spartanburg-Union line; William T. Posey, 1844-1904, C.S.A and wife Mary E. Mayes Posey, 1856-1945.

UNION DISTRICT:

1. 1830 census; Maberry Posey, aged 20/30; 1 f 20/30; Sarah Posey, aged 50/60; 1 m 15/20; 2 males 20/30; 1 f 15/20; 1 f 20-30;

COUNTY NOT SPECIFIED:

1. Nancy Posey m George Gould in 1808.
2. Elizabeth Posey Huffman m Robert Sidney Adams.
3. Mary Posey m a Helmes in 1849
4. Harrison Posey to Mary Moriah and Hethe Ann Givhans, children of David Givhans, 225 acres on Little Salkehatchie River, 1824 deed.

TENNESSEE

BEDFORD COUNTY:

1860 census; Thomas Posey, b 1838 Tenn; Lucy Posey, b 1840 Tenn; Ben Posey, b. 1859 Tenn; Dick Posey, b 1860 Tenn.; Andrew Posey, b 1822 Tenn; Mourning Posey, b 1830 Tenn; Kate Posey, b 1844 Tenn; Henry Posey, b 1857 Tenn; John Posey, b 1859 Tenn.; B. Posey, b 1819 Tenn; S.B. Posey (female), b 1827 Tenn; sons, F.M., W.B., B.H., H.W., P.A., A.F., ages 12, 10, 8, 6, 3 years; dtr. M.E., bonr 1859 Tenn.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY:

1828 list of Revolutionary pensions; Harrison Posey, a fifer in the 24th Inf. Regiment.

DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Marriage license; Thomas Posey to Sarah Gulliford in 1830.

FRANKLIN COUNTY:

1820 census; William Poesey; over 45; f 26/45; 1 m 10/15; 2 m under 10; 2 f under 10; 1 f 10/15.

This is very likely the William Posey who was born about 1790 in Ga. and who is the ancestor of Mrs. Russell Dahlberg of 11223 A Street, Tacoma, Washington. According to the chart she contributed, William married Elizabeth Henley, b 1794 in Chatham Co., Ga. Their son, James Posey, was born 4/14/1814 near Nashville, Tenn. and died 12/22/1896 in Crawford Co., Wisc. He married Jerusha Farris on 2/19/1835. Their son, George Washington Posey, was born 6/29/1843 in Wayne Co., Ill. He married in 1866 Abra Montgomery Huckins Ktessey and died in Foster, N.D. 6/25/1932. Their daughter, Pearl Abra Posey was born 2/12/1886 in Stuttsmann, N.D. and married Ernest F. Harris of Kansas who died in Tacoma, Washington. Pearl is still living and it is her daughter, Lois Genevieve Harris who contributed this material.

Marriages:

1. Oliver M. Posey to Angeline Malone, 12/25/1847
2. _____ Posey to Martha Berryhill, 1/25/1848
3. Bartley Posey to Sarah Looney, 7/23/1853
4. Hiram K. Posey to Ann Mitchell, 7/23/1853
5. O. M. Posey (Oliver, above?) to Elizabeth Dodson, 11/21/1853
6. B.B. Posey to Rachel Goff, 12/25/1855
7. H.K. (Hiram, above ?) Posey to S. A. Wood, 3/2/1868
8. John Posey to Sarah Maize, 2/3/1871

GILES COUNTY:

1850 census; William Posey, b 1797 S.C.; wife Rachel, b 1812 Tenn.

GREENE COUNTY:

Marriage; Joseph Posey to Jane Reeves, 7/7/1797

HAMILTON COUNTY:

1830 census; Benjamin Posey, aged 40/50; 1 m 10/15; 1 m 15/20; 2 f under 5; 2 f 5/10; 1 f 10/15; 2 f 20/30; 1 f 40/50
 Hezekiah Posey; aged 30/40; 1 m under 5; 1 m 5/10; 1 m 10/15; 2 f under 5; 1 f 5/10; 1 f 30/40; 1 f 70/80

HENDERSON COUNTY:

Land record; 5/4/1843 William Posey

LOUDON COUNTY:

Burials; Steekee Creek Cemetery- D. M. Posey, 5/7/1845; 4/20/1924; Eva Posey, 9/26/188-8/5/1931; Ida Isbell Posey; 4/7/1885; 5/6/1910, the wife of Frank Miller; Katherine Mizell Posey, 11/13/1847; 6/8/1919, wife of D. M. Posey; M.V.Posey, 2/6/1875-8/6/1907

MADISON COUNTY:

1840 census; Benjamin M. Posey

1880 census; Frances Posey, b1859 Ky, dtr. of Jordan Callis, apparently a widow with children Margaret Posey, b 1875, Alonzo Posey, b 1879.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

The John Posey family; John Posey, b 8/11/1857 Ky.; d 4/9/1922; said to have been born in Posey Co., Ind. (if true, this would indicate most likely a connection with the General Thomas Posey family; see Chapter Seventeen) but death certificate says Ky.; m Samantha Adams of Ky.; These are the great-grandparents of Mrs. Terry Ellis of Clarksville, Tenn.

ROBERTSON COUNTY:

William H. POsey married Sally Wilson on 5/31/1841.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY:

1. 1850 census; William L. Posey, b 1798 S.C.; wife Ann Posey, b 1800 Tenn; son Pleasant F. Posey, b 1833 Tenn; dtr. Nancy J. Posey, b 1836 Tenn.

2. Marriages; Dannis or Dennis Posey m Susan Read, 3/21/1822; John Posey m Mary Haggett, 1/1/1816; Elizabeth A. Posey m Benjamin J. Jarratt 8/9/1849; Martha Posey m Richard M. Vaughn 8/1/1840; Sarah Posey m Joseph H. Douglas.

SHELBY COUNTY:

1880 census; Henry Posy, b 1827 Ga. (pts. b. Ga.); wife Mary b 1842 Tenn.; listed as carpenter and dressmaker.

WARREN COUNTY:

1840 census; John Posey, age 20/30; f 20/30; 1 f under 5

WASHINGTON COUNTY:

David Posey on 1778 tax list.

TEXAS

ANDERSON COUNTY:

1850 census; Hezekiah and Elizabeth Posey.

1880 census; Thomas Posey, b 1849 Texas; Bell Posey, b 1855 Texas;

James Posey, b 1877 Texas; William Morris, 1864 Texas, a cousin.

ANGELINA COUNTY:

Zacheris Taylor Posey was father of Norman M. Posey; Children of Norman are Bobbie Posey who m Bishop; Alice Posey who m Harris; Ottis Ray Posey who m Betty; Lloyd W. Posey; Eldon Franklin Posey; Chubby W. Posey, and Vernon Randolph Posey; family list submitted by Mrs. Ottis Posey, Rt 2, Box 386B, Lufkin, Texas 75901.

BLANCO COUNTY:

1880 census; E. H. Posey, b 1855 Texas; W.J. Posey, wife, b 1861 Texas; A. J. Posey, son, b 1878 Texas; J. J. Posey, son, b 1880 Texas.

BROWN COUNTY:

1880 census; William H. Posey, b 1833 S.C.; Isabella Posey, b 1842 Texas; William Posey, b 1860 Texas; Lillie B. Posey, b 1864 Texas; Anne Posey, b 1866 Texas; Cora Posey, b 1870 Texas; Eugene Posey, b 1875 Texas.

BURLESON COUNTY:

James Parham Posey m in 1858 Ann Eliza Oldham, 1837-1859; dtr Rhoda Christiana Posey, 1855-1929 who m 1877 James Buchanan Green, 1855-1892.

CASS COUNTY:

George Kipes/Kipper Posey, b 1827 La., pts. born Ga. and La., names unknown; m (1) Nancy (), b 1837 S.C.; m (2) Frances Elizabeth Christian, 1854-1930. George disappeared after 1880 census and has never been located although later census records for the U.S. have been checked. He is said to have been of Indian descent. Children of the two marriages are:

1. David Posey; b 1856 Tex.
2. Laura Posey; b 1863 Tex.
3. George Posey, b 1865 Tex.
4. John Posey, b 1867 Texas
5. Robert Posey, b 1873 Texas
6. Joseph Posey, b 1878 Cass Co., Texas
7. Louise Elizabeth Posey; b 1880; living 1970; m Lawson Funston, grandparents of Mrs. Funston Bilbrey, Rt. 2, 824 N. 5th, Frederick, Okla. who has submitted the data.
8. Lonzo Posey; b 1882
9. John Hendrix Posey; b 1/12/1885; d 1966 in Elgin, Okla.; m Angie Wiginton, 1888-1956;
10. Cleveland Posey, b 1/12/1885; twin to John H.
11. Charles Posey; b 1889; m Mary Elizabeth Anderson; dtr Iris Marlene, m Wm L. Sharon, 2914 10th St., Wichita Falls, Texas 76309.

CHEROKEE COUNTY:

Gilbert M. Posey, b 1855 Texas; Susan M. Posey, b 1858 Texas; William M. Posey, b 1879 Texas; Cordelia C. Posey, b 1835 Miss, mother of Gilbert; from 1880 census.

COLLIN COUNTY:

1880 census; R. Posey, b 1843 Ind.; S. Posey, wife, b 1844 Ten.; T. M.

Hamilton, stepson, b 1861 Ind.; John M. Posey, b 1867 Ind; E. E. Posey, son, b. 1870 Ind; Ruth Posey, b 1874 Ind.; Luella Posey, b 1866 Ind.
Pecan Grove Cem.; Harvey Hays Posey 1903-1921

COOK COUNTY:

1880 census; William Posey, b 1852 Miss; Sarah Posey, b 1853 Mo.; Renerd Henderson, b1874 Texas, stepson; William Posey, b 1879 Texas; Mary Posey, b 1880 Texas

FALLS COUNTY:

1880 census; Willie Posey, b 1875 Texas, living with Jane Erskine as stepson.

FANNIN COUNTY:

Providence Cem.; MaryJ. C.Posey, wife of J. W. Posey, 1/5/1837- 9/4/1900

FREESTONE COUNTY:

Teague Cem.; James Posey, 1866-1955; Lula Posey 1869-1956; Albert Sidney Posey b & d 1956.

GRAYSON COUNTY:

Fairview Cem.; Lenous H. Posey, 1898-1939; Ada B. Posey, 1895-19--;
Lenous H. Posey, Jr. 1924

LAMPASAS COUNTY:

1880 census; J. A. Posey, b 1852 Ala.; F. I. Posey, wife, b 1856 Ala.; M E Posey, dtr, b 1872 Ala.; G. T. Posey, son, b 1874 Ala.; S. O. Posey, son, b 1876 Ala.; C. Posey, son, b 1879 Ala.

LIMESTONE COUNTY:

1860 census; B.B. Posey, b 1823 Ga.; M.C.Posey, wife, b 1820 Ala.; Thomas J. Posey, b 1844 Miss.; F.A. Posey, b 1848 Miss.; Sarah C. Posey, b Texas; Henry R. Posey, b 1857 Texas; P. Posey, b 1860 Texas.

MCLENNAN COUNTY:

1880 census; James M. POsey, b 1870 Texas, living with Andrew H. Garrett, stepfather.

MILAM COUNTY:

1880 census; John W. Posey, b 1829 Ala.; Emily Posey, b 1833 Tenn; Louis Posey, b 1861 Ala; John Posey, b 1865 Ala.; Peter Posey, b 1868 Ala; James Posey, b 1870 Ala.; Lawrence Posey, b 1873 Ala;
City Cemetery of Cameron; John W. Posey 8/15/1827-10/12/1901; Emily Posey, 1/17/1832-2/10/1901; Hattie Posey, 1856-1909; Louis Posey, 1861-1936.

NACAGDOCHES COUNTY:

Marriage Records; Clarissa A. Posey to William W. Walker, 11/24/1865; M. A. Posey, female, to L. C. MCMichael, 8/2/1868; J. Posey, female, to James Jackson 10/17/1877

PANOLA COUNTY:

1880 census; George W. Posey, b 1851 Ala; Elizabeth F. Posey, b 1851 Tex; Eddie F. Posey, b 1872 Texas; Elicabeth C. Posey, b 1874 Texas; Ida Posey

b 1877 Texas; George T. Posey, b 1880 Texas; Laura Lewis, b 1858 Texas, sister-in-law; Henrietta Lewis, b 1863 Texas; sister-in-law.

PARKER COUNTY:

1880 census; Thomas J. Posey, b 1845 N.C.; Jane Posey, b 1850 Ohio; Thomas Posey, b 1877 Texas; John Posey, b 1878 Texas; Jane Posey, b 1872 Tex.

SHELBY COUNTY:

1880 census; J. W. Posey, b 1848 Ala; M. M. Posey, wife, b 1851 Tex; J.R.Posey, son, b 1869 Tex; F.A. Posey, dtr, b 1870 Tex; S.A.Posey, dtr, b 1872 Tex; A.B.Posey, son, b 1875 Tex; J.W.Posey, son, b 1877 Tex; J.B. Posey, son, b 1880 Tex.

TRAVIS COUNTY:

1880 census; Sidney A. Posey, 1845 Ind.; Isabel L. Posey, b 1850 La.; Samuel S. Posey, b 1869 Tex; Sidney Marks Posey, b 1870 Tex; Stella B. Posey, b 1872 Tex; John H. Posey, b 1878 Tex; Oscar J. Posey, b 1861 Texas, brother to Sidney.

John W. Posey, b 1848 Ind.; Olivia E. Posey, b 1852 La.; Hattie O. Posey, b 1871 Tex; Frank W. Posey, b 1875 Tex; Lenora Posey, b 1877 Tex; Lily Posey, b 1879 Tex.

From "Who's Who in America", V.34; Meredith Neill Posey, b Austin, Tex., 1901, son of Sidney Marks and Margaret McCashin Posey; m Lilian Ott (1) (2) Katherine Sorrells, (3) Rosalind Roulston; resides Greenville, N.C. where he is a professor of engineering at East Carolina State Collge. Children; M.N.Posey, Lawrence O. Posey; Arthur D. Posey, Sidney Marks Posey, Malinda K. Posey, Michael Owen Posey; Elizabeth Hill Posey, Helen L. Posey.

Samuel Sampson Posey (see 1880 census above) b 9/23/1869; d 9/23/1933; m Mary Johnson in 1903; dtr Ailsa Posey m Walter T. Lewis, member of Founders and Patriots of Texas

VAN ZANDT COUNTY:

1880 census; H. H. Posey, b 1840 Ga.; Tilda Posey, b 1839 Ala.; John Posey, b 1867 Tex; Laura Posey, b 1866 Tex; Thomas B. Posey, b 1873 Tex; William C. Posey, b 1875 Tex; Mollie Kinsel, b 1871, orphan living with family.

VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA

ACCOMAC COUNTY:

Horace Posey m Ann Berryman, b 1852, dtr of James Berryman, 1822-1879

AUGUSTA COUNTY:

Benjamin and John Posey listed as "run-aways"; John Posey owned 1000 acres of land; from *Records of Augusta County, Va.*, V II; dates unknown.

FAIRFAX COUNTY:

1810 census; Benjamin Posey, son of Allison Posey of Charles Co., Md. m Susanna Easley, dtr. of Warham Easley; m on 12/3/1793; Allison died in Halifax Co., Va.; dtr of Benjamin, Susanna Posey, b 1795, m James Ball, Sr. b 1789, in 1814; moved to Decatur, Texas; son Moses P. Ball was father of

Annie P. Ball who m. a Reiger. Descendant is Mrs. Ernest Watson, Box 418, Decatur, Texas.

1810 census showed Benjamin with 3 m 16/26; 1 f 16/26; 1 f 10/16; 1 m under, 1 f under 10, and wife 26/45.

HANOVER COUNTY:

1810 census; John Posie, over 45

KING WILLIAM COUNTY:

Col. William Aylett m Anne (). Their son Phillip m Martha Dandridge. Their son, William Aylett, 1743-1781, m Mary Macon. Their son, William, b 1775, m in 1802, Martha A. "Pattie" Posey, b 1786, d 5/7/1811. "Pattie" is said to have been born in New Kent Co., Va. This family is said to have moved to Dallas County, Ala. Martha Dandridge Aylett, dtr. of Pattie and William, m Robert H. Crowell. Helen Keller, the noted benefactor of handicapped persons, is said to be a descendant of the Aylett family of King William County. One wonders if "Pattie" could be a daughter of John Price Posey? The above information is from the "Flinn Papers" in the Ala. State Archives.

NEW KENT COUNTY:

From the *Virginia Gazette*; 4/7/1774 item mentions a Mrs. Posey whose girl Betty was lodged in the gaol of Prince George Co., Va. The edition of 5/5/1774 mentions this again with the notation to "see John Moss in New Kent near Bottom's Bridge. Again, one wonders if this is Mrs. John Price Posey. No record of other Poseys in New Kent has been found.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY:

From the *Virginia Gazette*: 10/17/1777; "Committed to the jail of Northumberland Co. the 7th of Sept., an African Negro about 50 years old... says he belongs to Solomon Posey (of Maryland)...The owner is desired to pay charge and take him away."

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY:

The following account of the Poseys is a composite statement of material submitted by several Poseys now living in the hope that pulling together what information is available may make it possible to straighten out the lineage of this family.

Belaine Posey, c1685-1750, son of Benjamin Posey, c1648-c1715 and son of Francis Posey, the immigrant, died in Prince William Co. His first wife was Mary Wilkinson, dtr. of John Wilkinson of Charles Co., Md. This Wilkinson family is probably connected to the Rev. William Wilinon, 1612-1663, an immigrant, who was a son of Gabriel Wilkinson, b 1576 in York, Eng. Belaine's wife at the time of his death, as named in his will, was Joan. Belaine named one daughter, Elizabeth, who was married to Luke Sanders. Two daughters-in-law were named, Mary and -----ty (name unreadable). Belaine is believed to have had a son Benjamin who probably received his inheritance before his father's death.

A Benjamin Posey is mentioned in a deed, dated 7/16/1745 and is on the tax lists for 1782 and 1787.

Deeds pertaining to this family: Belaine Posey, late of Charles Co., Md., carpenter, now of Prince William Co., Va. (2/19/1733) and Mary Wilkinson Posey, his wife, a co-heir of John Wilkinson of Charles Co., Md., deceased, the other being Ellinor Wilkinson McFarson. (2) another dated 1738.

1810 Wood Co., Va. (now West Virginia) census; Benjamin Posey, over 45; wife over 45.; 3 f 16/26; Bane/Bain (Belaine?) Posey, 26/45; wife 26/45; 2 m under 10; e f under 10; Thomas Posey. This group moved to Marietta, Ohio. Their descendants as follows:(list submitted by Wyatt William Posey, Jr. of Hicksville, Ohio).

Thomas Posey, c 1785; m Amy Petty

Children:

1. Amney, d c1825; m in 1822 to Jane McKibbon
2. Henry, d. 1880, m Susan McKibbon
3. Alexander, d 1882, m (1) Mahalla Morrison, (2) Ellen Northrup, and
- (3) () Kalkins.; one known dtr., Jane Posey.
4. George, d 1904, m in 1838 to Mary Riley
5. Thomas, 1833-1854
6. Dudley, 1814-1899; m Rachel Racer and Susan Phillips

Bain Posey, d 1860; wife unknown

Children:

1. James 11/1/1802; 12/30/1888; m Ann Racer

Children:

A. Benjamin Posey 9/13/1827; 11/10/1918; his son, Fred B. Posey, b 6/18/1863, d 6/26/1933; his son Wyatt William Posey, Sr., b 12/10/1891; d 3/20/1947; his son, Wyatt William Posey, Jr., b 9/11 1935.

B. Sanford Posey; b 4/14/1829; m Eve Jane Paxton d 1917

C. Mary Posey; 4/3/1830-4/25/1913; m James G. Cain

D. Julia Posey; 5/27/1832; 3/13/1917; m a Cain

2. Sidney Posey, female, m Benjamin Racer
3. Alfred Posey
4. Jessie Posey
5. Eliza yosey; m William McKibbon
6. Mary Posey; m John McKibbon

A. Benjamin Posey, above, son of James, b 1827; d 1852; m Mary Elizabeth Corner, b 1824, dtr. of William and Sally Maxon Corner;

Children:

1. Ann Posey; b 1854; m J. H. Pape ; 1878
2. Celina Posey; b 1855; m Cryrus Lingle; d 1948
3. Abbie posey; b 1858; d 1933; m a Lingle, then a Grube
4. Fred B. Posey; b 1863; d 1933; m Wilhelmina Thiel

Children:

- a. Mary Ben Posey; b 1889; m Will Heer
- b. Wyatt William Posey; b 1891; m Clara Schultz
- c. Mabel M. Posey; b 1893; d 1967; m
- d. Benjamin Corner Posey; b 1894; 1967; m Bertha Farmer
- e. Edna Posey; b 1897; m Clarence Erlston
- f. Jeannette Posey; b 1901; m Albert Sigg
- g. Fred David Posey; d 1961; m Beatrice McCormick

Wyatt William Posey, Sr., see above, 1891-1947; m Clara Schultz;
Children:

- a. Leonard Lee Posey; b 1916
- b. Evelyn Rosalie Posey; b 1919; unmarried
- c. Ernest John Posey; b 1920
- d. Lauren Richard Posey; b 1923
- e. Beulah Grace Posey; 1931; d as infant
- f. Wyatt William Posey, Jr.; 1935; m Phyllis Eileen Royer

Other Poseys from Prince William Co. Va.;

John Posey, c1816, probably son of Ashel Posey who was still living in 1870 in Prince William Co. Va in the household of his daughter, Henrietta Posey King, wife of Samuel T. King; m Margaret Davis.

Children:

1. Alice Virginia Posey; 1840-1917; m Ashel King
2. Martha Posey; b 1843
3. Ann Posey; b 1845
4. George Posey, b 1847; m Nancy Fox; son Ashel Columbus Posey, b 1881, still living 1970
5. John Posey, b 1848
6. Louise Posey, b1854
7. Columbus Posey, b 1857
8. Henry J. Posey, b 1860
9. Sarah F. Posey, b 1863
10. Issac M. Posey, b 1863; twin to Sarah
11. Charles T. Posey, b 1868

The above list was submitted by Mrs. Marjorie Baggett Tharpe, 7625 Beulah St., Alexandria, Va. who is a great granddaughter of Alice Posey and Ashel King.

Also on the 1870 Prince William census were William Posey, b 1817 and wife Lucetta, Thomas Posey, b c1850; and James Posey, b c1851. The Ashel Posey, mentioned above as living in Prince William in 1870 was listed as having been born in Maryland in 1785.

Other Poseys found on Wood Co., Va. (now West Virginia) censuses are; John Posey, b 1827 Va.; mother Catherine Posey, b 1787 Va.; Harriet Posey, a sister, b 1832 Va.; and William Posey, a brother, b 1829 Va. These were listed on the 1850 Wood Co. census. It has been suggested that the husband of Catherine may have been Samuel T. Posey. The John Posey, aged 23, above, may be the same as John A. Posey, b 1826 Va., d 1894, who married Cassandra Maddox, 1827-1876 and had the following children:

1. Samuel Bryson Posey; 1854-1892; m Amy Sales
2. John Wesley Posey; 1856-1894; m Linda Martasans
3. Israel Maddox Posey; 1858-1893; m Martha Kesterson, 1859-1925. dtrs Emma, 1879-1896 and Hattie, 1890-living 1970; m James Carpenter.
4. Ida May Posey, 1860-1881; m Samuel Kesterson
5. Didamus Posey.

Descendants of this family are Charles Westley Posey, Box 542, Rt. 1, Mission, Texas and Mildred Doak, Rt. 2, Marietta, Ohio.

John Wesley Posey, above, b c1860; born in Wood Co, Va.; had 3 sons and 3 dtrs.:

1. Alpha Francis posey, 1883-living 1970; father of Charles Westley Posey;
2. Charles Ross Posey
3. Clyde Posey
4. Osa Posey
5. Naomi Posey
6. Lottie Posey

OHIO COUNTY VA. (now West. Va.)

James Henry Harrison Posey, b 1833 in Wheeling; Capt. of Co. D, 16th Va. Volunteers of the Union Army; had a brother named Leonard Posey; m Louisa Shallcross, b 1837 in District of Columbia.

Their son, James William Posey, b 4/12/1865 m Mary Madeline Klein, b 1870 in Missouri. Their son Henry Tacon Posey was b 8/6/1906 in Fairhope, Ala.; m to Dorothy Brownlow of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. Children of Henry are John William Posey, b 1931 and Jerome Brownlow Posey, b 1934. This information submitted by Henry T. Posey, 4544 Peachtree-Dunwoody Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY:

1782 tax list; Robert Posey

SHENANDOAH COUNTY:

Charity Posey m John Malone, 11/21/1773

Miscellaneous records submitted with no particular county designated:

- George Posey m Henrietta Flowers in 1840
- Joseph S. Posey m Mary Bowie, 1882
- Rosie Posey m Charles Phillips in 1882
- Warren G. Posey m Marie Stauffer
- William Hinton Posey, 1832-1923 m Isabella Addison (connected to the Beverly family of Va.; perhaps of the General Thomas Posey family)

HARRISON/WOOD COS. VA (now West Virginia) to JACKSON CO, OHIO & IOWA;

Thomas Posey, of Charles Co., Md., m Anne Wright, dtr. of John Wright of Charles Co. They had children as follows:

1. Richard Posey, b c1755
2. Jesse Posey
3. Lavonia Posey.
4. Assaliah
- and 5. Leonard Posey, c1765/70;

dtr. Mary Posey b c1790Md; d by 1850/60; m Rozzel Maddox, b c1780; (note several marriages between Maddoxes and Poseys in Charles Co., Md.); marriage took place 10/11/1807 in Harrison Co., Va.; in Wood Co., Va. deeds 1812-1822; to Jackson Co., Ohio by 1840 as they appear on 1840-50 censuses; dtr Verlinder Maddox m Jacob Abraham Whetsel; their son, Daniel had son Emerson Jay Whetsel whose daughter is Evelyn Whetsel, wife of Foster P. Bryan, living 1971 at 3039 Las Palmas Dr., Port Arthur, Texas who submitted these records. The Maddox family moved to Iowa by 1860.

PENNSYLVANIA TO OHIO:

Micajah Posey, Major in Revolutionary War under Col. Bull, born in Chester Co., Pa.; died in Delaware Co., Ohio in 1828; one known daughter, Margaret, 1797-1857 who m. Samuel Sower; family to Ill. and Iowa.

VIRGINIA TO OHIO AND INDIANA:

Zephaniah Posey, a Revolutionary soldier, was b. 1753 in Va., died in 1826 in Hamilton, Ohio.; known children:

1. Sarah Posey; 1788-1873; m Jacob Miller who d. 1849
2. Alfred Posey; 1796-1859; m Sarah Strathem, 1800-1885;

Children;

A. Oliver Posey 1826-1900; m Sarah Posey, b 1835

B. Laura Sarah Posey, b 1837; d 1891; m Thomas J. Carr

3. Armstead Posey, b 1792; d 1860; m Catherine Miller, 1788-1857;

son Harrison, 1825-1885; m Sarah Gardner 1831-1883; Harrison's son

William A. Posey b 1851; m Laura Conde and had dtr. Luella who m Arthur Yahey.

WASHINGTON CO. OHIO:

Marriages: Nancy Posey m John Henry 6/13/1815

Frances Posey m William Alcock, 3/24/1811

Meriam Posey m William W. Case, 11/2/1809

KENTUCKY ? TO MISSOURI:

Bird Posey m. Sally Anne Griffin. Bird's father's name is not known for certain but it is believed to have been "Berthick" and he probably lived in Kentucky. Bird was born in Macon Co., Mo. on March 21, 1855. Bird and Sally had a son, William Terrell Posey, born 1875 who married Nora Holman. Their son, William Edison Posey, was born 1908 and married Veda Davisson in Macon County. This information was contributed by a son of William and Veda, Paul Edison Posey, born 1944, who is married to Joyce E. Phillips Posey.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

FAMILIES RELATED TO THE POSEYS

The following histories are of families who became related to the Poseys through marriage. They are placed in the order in which they are mentioned in the various chapters.

MERRILL

Andrew Posey, youngest son of Squire Posey (see Chapter Two) married Nancy Merrill in 1865. Other Merrills married descendants of Squire Posey. The following is information on the direct line of descent of Nancy Merrill Posey.

Amos Merrill; b 1788 N.C.; m Frances Coats, b 1790 N.C.: pioneer settlers of Shelby Co., Ala.

Children:

- A. Benjamin Merrill; b 1807 N.C.: m Martha (), b 1815 S. C.
- B. Azariah Merrill: never married
- C. Samuel Merrill: b 1812 N.C.: d 1892; m. Polly Williams, 1825-1894.
- D. Frances Merrill: b 1823-1871; m Samuel Jackson 1831-1863
- E. Richmond Merrill: b 1817-1863; m Darcus Williams 1826-1898
- F. Wiley B. Merrill: 1821-1876; m Hannah F. Mason, 1825-1864
- G. Amos Merrill: b 1814-died in Franklin Co., Ala.: m Elizabeth Elliott, b. 1823 Ala.: both buried Bethlehem Cem., in unmarked graves.

Children:

- 1. Paralee Merrill; b 1839: blind
- 2. Nancy Merrill: b 1835; m Andrew Posey, son of Squire Posey
- 3. Jonathon Merrill: b 1835; m Mary Ann Jackson, 1828-
- 4. Martha Merrill: b 1842
- 5. Elizabeth Merrill: b 1844; m William Sanders Willis, son of Mary Posey Willis, daughter of Squire Posey.
- 6. Green Merrill: 1845-1910; m Elliott Miller
- H. William Merrill: b 1829 Ala.; m Percilla Williams

A more detailed listing of the children of each of the sons and daughters of Amos Merrill may be had from the authors.

CREEL

There have been several Posey-Creel marriages, all of them, so far as known at this time, taking place in Franklin and Winston Counties, Ala.

John Creel purchased land in Richmond Co., Va. in 1693. The Southern Creels seem to be descended from him. A descendant, John Creel, seems to be the lineal ancestor of the Georgia and Alabama Creels.

John Creel m Rosanna Dodson and moved to Georgia in the early 1800's.

Children;

- A. Thomas Creel m Phoebe Dodson (see below)
- B. John Creel
- C. Micajah Creel
- D. William Creel
- E. Elijah Creel
- F. Molly Creel: m a Shelton
- G. Alice Creel: m a Petty

Thomas Creel m Phoebe Dodson and were parents of:

- A. John Creel, 4/23/1788-3/29/1833 Ga.: m Mary Belcher 1794-c1855 (see below)
- B. Mary Creel; b 1790 N.C.: m Stamps
- C. Joshua Creel: b 1792: d c1838 Bibb Co., Ala.
- D. William Creel: 1802-c1880 Oakman, Ala.
- E. Phoebe Creel: b 1804; died Bibb Co., Ala.

John Creel 1788-1833: m Mary Belcher 1794-c1855 and were parents of:

- A. Thomas Creel: b 1811: m Nancy ()
- B. Nancy Creel: b 1813
- C. William Creel: b 1814
- D. George Creel: b 1815
- E. Green B. Creel: b 1816-d 1830
- F. Rebecca Creel: b 1818; m George Creel, a cousin
- G. Elizabeth Creel: b 1819: m William Tolar
- H. Jasper Creel: 10/9/1820: m Elizabeth Ann Hughes, a cousin:(see below)
- I. Phoebe Creel: b 1822
- J. Joshua Creel: b 1823; m Mary K. Fair
- K. Martha Creel: b 1824; m John Stockman
- L. Elijah Creel: b 1826; m Sarah Parker
- M. Jonathon Creel: b 1827; m Elizabeth Creel, a cousin
- N. Newton Creel: b 1829; m Teresa Ballenger
- O. Morgan Creel: b 1831; m Nancy Hughes, a cousin
- P. Alcey Creel: b 1831;
- Q. Joel D. Creel: b 1833; m Martha Creel, a cousin

Jasper Creel: b 10/9/1820; m Ann Hughes

son: William Doss Creel: b 1855 in Bibb Co., Ala.: m (1) Mary Ann

Wooten, (2) Ellen Dorris

Children:

A. George W. Creel: b 1874: m Isabelle Posey, daughter of Nalder Posey, grandson of Squire Posey. Isabelle was born 1881 and died 1969

Children:

- 1. Henley Creel
- 2. Simeon Creel
- 3. Susie Creel

B. John Thomas Creel: 1875-1947; m Irena Willis, granddaughter of Mary Posey Willis, daughter of Squire Posey.

Children:

- 1. Ida Creel: m Pres Porter
- 2. Andrew Creel

- C. Simpson Creel: m Mattie Jester
- D. Elijah Creel: m Lela Posey, daughter of Nalder Posey
- E. Moses Creel: m Nancy Jester
- F. John Creel: m Swana Posey, daughter of Nalder Posey
- G. Joseph Creel: m Leona Posey, daughter of Singleton Posey, Jr.
- H. Elizabeth Creel
- I. Paralee Creel: 1893-1918; m Sam R. Posey, son of Singleton Posey, Jr.

WALDROP

Two Waldrops married a son and a daughter of Squire Posey in Coosa Co., Ala. The following is a brief lineal genealogy of this family.

James Waldrop: d. 1799 in Newberry Co., S. C.: m Mary
Children:

- A. John Waldrop
- B. David Waldrop:
- C. Solomon Waldrop; see below
- D. James Waldrop
- E. Elijah Waldrop
- F. Abraham Waldrop
- G. Issac Waldrop
- H. Elisha Waldrop
- I. Richard Henderson Waldrop
- J. Mary Waldrop: m a Pitts
- K. Ritter (Rita?) Waldrop

1820 Jasper Co., Ga. census: Solomon Waldrop, age over 45

1830 Jasper Co., Ga. census: Solomon Waldrop, age 60/70
David Waldrop, age 20-30

1850 Coosa Co., Ala. census: David Waldrop, b 1798 S.C.: wife Henrietta; b.

1802 S. C.: parents of

- A. Sarah Waldrop: b 1822 Ga.: m Francis Marion Posey, second son of Aquire Posey
- B. James Waldrop: b 1826 Ga.: m Druscilla Waldrop, daughter of Squire Posey.
- C. Mary Ann Waldrop: b 1828 Ga.: m Thomas A. Morris
- D. David Waldrop: b 1834 Ala.
- E. Laney Waldrop: b 1837 Ala.

DAVIS-POE-YORK

These families, all of whom lived in Winston Co., Ala. in the 1800's were intermarried. Some of their members married into the Posey family.

Harmon Davis: b 1798 S. C.: m Nancy (), b 1801 S. C.

Children:

A. Lucinda Davis: b 1822 Ga.: d 1898: m John York, 1820 Tenn.-1893; parents of John York were John and Rebecca York, the latter being b. 1799 S.C.

Children:

- 1. John H. York: b 1849 Ala.: m Mary (): children, Rachel,

- Lucinda, and James.
2. Rebecca York: b 1850 Ala.
 3. Daniel Van York: b 1852 Ala.; m Martha (): moved to Texas: children, Alice, Ola, Sarah (m Seaborn Posey, son of Ellige Allen Posey who was grandson of Squire Posey).
 4. William Franklin York, b 1854 Ala.; m Cisly Jane Willis, daughter of Mary Posey Willis, daughter of Squire Posey: children: John Wilburn, Martha Jane, Julie, William Jackson, Bessie Viola, Rachel Adaline, Charles Wesley, and Troy Lee (the two latter sons still living)
 5. Nancy York: b 1855 Ala.
 6. Thomas Jackson York: b 1857 Ala.; m Mary Caroline Willis, daughter of Mary Posey Willis, daughter of Squire Posey.; children, Robert and Daniel who m. Dollie Fagan (Daniel was a noted frontier preacher in Texas and Oklahoma).
 7. Sarah York.
 8. Lucinda Ellen York: b 1860 Ala.; m William Boteler.
 9. Joseph M. York; b 1863 Ala.; m Adaline Williams
 10. Robert York; b 1864 Ala.
 11. James York: b 1866 Ala.

B. Mary Davis, b 1823 Ga.; m Larkin M. Poe, b 1824 Ala and died by 1870:
Children:

1. Rachel Poe b 1848 Ala.
2. Nancy Poe, b 1849 Ala.
3. Thomas G. Poe, b 1850 Ala.; m Margaret A. () 1830S.C.-by 1880
Children: a. Andrew H. Poe, b 1854
b. Rachel C., b 1856
c. Nancy J. Poe, b 1860; m William Reeves
4. Sarah J. Poe; b 1855
5. Mary Arlesia Evaline Poe; b 1860; m Ellige Allen Posey, grandson of Squire Posey (see Chapter Two for children and descendants)
6. Frances M. Poe, b 1863; m John Boteler

- C. Van Davis: b 1826 Ga.; m Louise () b 1836 Ala.; dtr. Leonia
- D. Thomas Davis: b 1828 Ga.; m Mary () b 1827 Ala.; children, Nancy, Sarah, Martha, Mary, John W., and Margaret
- E. Margaret Davis, b 1830 Ga.
- F. Sarah Davis, b 1832 Ala.
- G. Jasper Davis, 1834 Ala.
- H. William Davis, b 1836 Ala.
- I. Nancy Davis, b 1837 Ala.
- J. James Davis, b 1840 Ala.
- K. Rachel Davis, b 1842 Ala.
- L. Martha Davis, b 1847 Miss.

HAYNES

The Haynes family of Maryland and Tennessee are related to the family of William H. Posey described in Chapter Eleven.

JOHN HAYNES, b c1754 Md.; a Revolutionary War veteran. d c1824 in Sampson Co., N.C., The name of his first wife is not known but he married Susannah

Creel secondly.

Children:

1. John Haynes, Jr.; c 1775; d 1864; m 1797 Minerva () b c 1774; d c 1855. John was born in Bute Co., NC later Warren Co. and died in Rutherford Co., Tenn.

Children:

- A. Barbara Roxanna Haynes; c 1798-c 1835; m William H. Posey (see Chapter Eleven)
- B. Matilda Haynes; c 1799- ; m John Pogue
- C. Everett B. Haynes; b 4/11/1801; d 4/11/1885; m (1) Sarah Nance, (2) Lucinda Dickerson.
- D. Abraham Haynes; b 1809-d 1880; m Sarah Haynes
- E. Nancy Haynes; b c 1812; d after 1870; unmarried
- F. Thomas Haynes; left home at early age; no further record
- G. John J. Haynes; b c 1814; m 1835 to Virginia Kennedy
2. Joseph Haynes
3. Abraham Haynes; b 1780; d 1838 in Rutherford Co., Tenn.; m Sara Tart.
4. Mary Haynes; c 1782; d before 1820; m Needham Thornton.
5. Henrietta Haynes; was in Wayne Co., N.C. in 1825.
6. Rachel Haynes; b c 1788; living 1850 in Sampson Co., N.C.
7. Nancy Haynes; in Williamson Co., Tenn in 1825; m a Waller/Wallis
8. Charles Haynes; settled in Kentucky
9. Everett Haynes; b 9/10/1814 Sampson Co., N.C.; d 1891 Batesville, Ark.; m Mary Jane Hayes
10. Ivy John Creel Haynes; b 6/19/1816 Sampson Co., N.C.; d 11/13/1887 in Rutherford Co., Tenn;
11. Polly Ann Haynes; m William Hickman

KIRKLAND

The Kirklands are related to descendants of John Wesley Posey, son of Joseph Harrison Posey (see Chapter Fourteen).

Josiah Kirkland; 1805-1878; m Cynthia Hutto, 1805-1885; his son,
Moses Kirkland, 1833-1863, C.S.A. m Sarah N. Sholer, dtr. of Sherrod Sholar, 1808-1881 and Lora Hamey Walters Sholar; their son,
Elijah Thomas Kirkland, 1831-1878, m Samantha Ardellah Tucker, 1857-1933, dtr of Martin Van Buren Tucker 1838-1913 and Sarah Johnson Tucker; their son,
Charles Hascal Kirkland, 1884-1937, m Alice Elizabeth Self, 1893-1924, dtr. of Nathaniel Henderson Self and Alice Hyburnia Posey Self; their dtr,
Anne Blythe Kirkland, b 1914, m John Smith Faulk II and lives at Veldt-Haven, Rt. 3, Selma, Ala.

WINN-WYNNE

The Winn-Wynne family is related to the descendants of Thomas Posey of Maryland and Elbert Co., Ga. (see Chapter Nine).

Thomas Winn/Wynne, Sr., from Maryland; m Philadelphia (); family moved to S.C. after the Revolutionary War. They may be descendants of Dr. Thomas Wynne, b 1627 Wales, d 1692, a Quaker of Pennsylvania. Thomas Winn, Sr.'s will in Abbeville S. C. records (Box 100, Pack 2466) recorded 3/28/1797. Inventory was made by Jeremiah and Duke Beall and Richard Posey (believed to be brother of Thomas Posey of Elbert Co., Ga. whose daughter married a Wynne).

Children:

1. Thomas Wynne, Jr.; d 1794; m Catherine Posey, daughter of Thomas Posey.
2. Abner Wynne; 1769-1836; m Lucretia Posey, daughter of Thomas Posey.
3. Richard Wynne; b 1779; m Susan Mathews; dtr Sarah Evelyn Wynne.
4. Lemuel Wynne, b 1770; m Elizabeth Cofer; son John Posey Wynne m Sarah Evelyn Wynne.

Persons interested in the Winn-Wynne family should see Emison, p.163 for a bibliography of material concerning the family of Dr. Thomas Wynne from Wales.

SALLEY

The Salley family, long a prominent one in Orangeburg, S. C. are connected to the Posey family through the descendants of Joseph Posey of Ala. and Mississippi (see Chapter Sixteen).

Henry Salley, b. 1690 in Switzerland, m 10/10/1720 Marie Von Arz. Both died in S. C. Their son, Henry Salley, Jr., b 1723; d 1803, m Ann Friday who d. in 1839. Their son, John Henry Salley, b 11/1795 in Miss. and died 1/1/1878 in Miss., married Eleanor Jones 1796 Scotland-1868 Miss., a daughter of John and Gavin Pou Jones. Their son, John Alexander Salley, 10/13/1843-6/6/1923 married Martha E. Cohron, 1851-1924. Their daughter, Mattie Elizabeth Salley, married Richard Myers Posey.

VADEN

The Vadens are related to the descendants of Benjamin Posey (Chapter Ten.)

Ludowick Vaden; located in Chesterfield Co., Va. in 1772; named as a member of a grand jury which indicted the Rev. Archibald Roberts, a Baptist minister, for using hymns in the church services instead of the psalms of David which was contrary to law.

Thomas Vaden m. Elizabeth Heth in Amelia Co., Va. Other Vaden marriages there were Henry to Susannah Green on 3/1768; Henry to Judith Hawks on 3/1783, Herrod to Susie Smith on 11/13/1785, and Nancy F., daughter of Henry Vaden, to Jas. Chappel on 2/4/1806. One William Henry Vaden married Catherine Francisco, granddaughter of the famed Peter Francisco, the Revolutionary War hero. Their daughter, Elizabeth Vade, married an Easley.

The name Ludowick associated with the Vaden family in Tennessee and Texas

appeared on the 1783 tax list of Chesterfield Co., Va. There were no Vadens on the 1790 North Carolina census, indicating the family moved to N.C. after 1790. The more direct ancestors of the Texas Vadens who married into the Posey family were:

William Vaden of N. C. m Catherine English. Their children were;

1. Patsy Vaden; m a Bunch
2. Mary Vaden; m a Thompson
3. Deanicah Vaden; m a Jones
4. Eliza Vaden; m a Johnston
5. Nancy Vaden; m a Horton
6. William Vaden, Jr.; m Hannah Johns
7. Ludwick Vaden; c 1774- d 1856; m Elizabeth Thompson

Children:

- A. William Vaden, c1798-1866, Smith Co., Tenn. to Hopkins Co., Tex.
m Mahala Beasley, who d. 1849.

Children:

1. Matilda Ann Vaden; b 1836 Tenn.; d 1919 Tex; m Edwin Posey
who died at Chickamauga.
2. Lodwick Isham Vaden, 1831 Tenn; 1891; m Jane Armistead, 1837-
1909;

Children:

- a. Sallie Vaden; m Tom Thrasher
- b. Eudora Vaden, 1860-; unmarried
- c. Robert E. Lee Vaden; b 1867; m Leona Conner
- d. Virginia Beasley Vaden; b 1869; m B.K. Logsdon
- e. Frederick William Vaden; b 1875; m Orelia Whiston

3. Polly Vaden; m William Moore
4. William Beasley Vaden; m Elizabeth Shrodes.
5. Elizabeth Vaden; 1833-1893; m Dr. William Duncan
6. Amelia Vaden; d 1913; m James Harrison Portwood
7. Martha Vaden; d 1916; m Felix Grundy Ewing
8. Leonidas Vaden; d 1914; m Fannie Atkins
9. Mahala Beasley Vaden, 1849-1922; m V. J. Hall

- B. Samuel Vaden; d by 1850; m a Strother

Children:

1. Lodwick J. Vaden, b 2/10/1843 Smith Co., Tenn; m Minerva
Harper.
2. French Vaden
3. Tip Vaden
4. Lon Vaden
5. Fannie Vaden
6. Harriet Vaden

C. Woodson Vaden

D. Catherine Vaden

E. Rebecca Vaden; m a Conditt

F. Lodwick Vaden, Jr.; b 1817; m Nancy E. Dowdie

8. James H. Vaden; b 1808 Smith Co., Tenn.; d 1872 Grayson Co., Texas.;
Elizabeth Jackson, 1813 N.C.; 1875

Children:

- A. William W. Vaden; 1833 Wilson Co., Tenn; to Texas; m Harriet Step-
henson

B. F. Maria Vaden
 C. James W. Vaden
 D. Henry L. Vaden
 E. Frank C. Vaden; b 1852 Texas; m Jennie Taliaferro, b 1861, whose father, Col. T. D. Taliaferro of Virginia was a distant relative of President James Monroe and whose mother, Eliza Madison, was a distant relative of President James Madison

There are many references to the Vaden family in Virginia in the Virginia Historical Index which indexes names from a number of publications concerning Virginia families. Interested persons should consult this index for more details.

MORRIS

The Morris family of Georgia and Alabama are connected to the Posey family through the marriage of Martha Margaret Morris to Singleton Posey, son of Squire Posey (see Chapter Two).

The oldest direct ancestor of this family that is known is Jane Darling Peoples Morris. She was born about 1767 and died after 1850. She married Lewis Peoples in South Carolina. Lewis died early and left Jane with two young sons, Henry Peoples and Lewis Peoples, Jr. Sometime in the 1790's she married a Morris. His surname is all that is known. By 1810, Morris was dead and she was left with seven sons to rear. Her children were as follows:

- I. Henry Peoples, c 1790; died after 1850
- II. Lewis Peoples, Jr.; died after 1850
- III. Jesse P. Morris; b 1796; d Oct. 1876; m Mary Ann Kugler (see later for her family)

Children:

- A. William J. Morris; 1816-1903; m Epsey Metts
- B. Mary Ann Morris; 1818-1886; m William P. Baxley
- C. David Delorian Morris; 1819-1896; m Martha Western Jones
- D. Jesse Richard Morris; 1822-1905; m Louisa Estes
- E. Elizabeth A. Morris; 1826-1891; m David Lipscomb Patterson
- F. Jarvis Morris; 1828- d. before 1876; never married
- G. Martha Margaret Morris; 1832-1917; m Singleton Posey
- H. Lewis Jackson Morris; 1834-; d after 1864; m Mary F. Baxley
- I. Marion W. Morris; 1834-1864; m Mary Edwards
- J. Francis M. Morris; 1839- 1863; m Adeline Edwards
- IV. Richard Morris; b 1797; d 1876; m Naomi ()

Children:

- A. James Morris;
- B. Elizabeth Morris; It is thought she could have married an uncle of President Lyndon Johnson as it is known that his uncle did marry an Elizabeth Morris in Henry Co., Ga.
- C. Pressley Milledge Morris; 1825-1918; m Nancy E. James
- D. Mansell Morris; b 1829
- E. Darling Delorian Morris; b 1829; twin to Mansell; m Sarah ().

- F. Grover Cleveland Morris; b 1834
- G. Abner Morris; b 1835; moved to Texas
- H. Andrew Jackson Morris; b 1831-d1918, Vernon, Texas; m Frances

Boynton

- I. Richard Morris; b 1838-d 1889 Texas
- J. Georgia Morris; b 1866-d 1885 Texas

V. Lovvorn Morris; b 1800; d 1860 Ga.; m Frances Thorne, (2) Nancy Burks.

Children:

- A. Mansell Morris; b1824 S.C.; m Nancy Peoples
- B. Jesse Morris ; b 1826; m Elizabeth O'Neal
- C. Melinda Morris; ; m Calloway Estes
- D. Edmond D. Morris; b 1833; m Eliza Hancock
- E. William E. Morris; b 1834; d 1914 Ga.; Mary Jane Hancock
- F. Joseph H. Morris; b 1833- d 1915 Ga.; m Almeda Mitchell
- G. Mary Ann Jane Morris; b 1837-; m Daniel Hancock
- H. Sarah Morris; b 1839; m Mitchell Griffin & William Connell
- I. Martha Morris
- J. Alonzo Morris

VI. Alonzo Peoples Morris; b 1803; d c1868 Ga.; m Elizabeth Kugler & Eliza Sims;

Children:

- A. Sarah Ann Morris; b 1824; m W. Parks Lee
- B. Samuel Scudder Morris; b 1826; d 1907 Texas; m Mary Ann. E. James.
- C. Martha Jane Morris; b 1828; m James Ball
- D. Nancy Adeline Morris; b 1830; J.N. Lavon of Texas
- E. Margaret Elizabeth Morris; b 1833; m John Murphy; to Texas
- F. Naomi Morris; b 1835; m Micael Murphy
- G. John D. Morris; b 1837
- H. Polly Ann Morris; b 1839
- I. William Morris; b 1841
- J. Lewis Morris; b 1841; twins
- K. Sampson Alonzo Morris; b 1844

VII. Samuel Morris; b 1807S.C.; m (1) Mary Ann Camp, (2) Elizabeth Patterson. Children:

- A. Joseph S. Morris; b c1830; d 1912 Ga. m Charity Peoples
- B. Minerva Morris; b 1831; m Jesse Peoples
- C. Pinkney Morris; d. unmarried in Texas
- D. Catherine Morris; d 1922 Ga.; m Willie West
- E. Sarah Ann Morris; m William Fridell

KUGLAR

The Kuglar family is related to the Poseys through the marriage of Mary Kuglar to Jesse P. Morris, above. Their daughter, Martha Margaret Morris married Singleton Posey, son of Squire Posey.

The oldest known ancestor of this family is Ann Caren Kuglar. Her maiden name is not known. She was Dutch, or at least, she was still speaking Dutch

at the time she was rearing her family in this country. It has not yet been determined whether the origin of the Kuglar family is to be found in the Salzburger settlement of early Georgia, or in the Swiss-French settlement in Orangeburg Co., S. C. where there were people of this name, or whether the Lutheran refugees of Rockingham Co. Va. in the 1700's were the relatives.

Ann Caren lived to a great age. She rode horseback from Henry Co., Ga. to Coosa Co., Ala. to visit her daughter, Mary Ann Kuglar Morris, wife of Jesse P. Morris, when she was in her nineties, accompanied only by two servants and a spinster daughter, Dorska. Another daughter, Elizabeth, married Alonzo Peoples Morris, brother of Jesse. Ann Caren died in Henry Co., Ga. after she was more than 100 years old.

FAVOR

John Favor, a Virginian from France, migrated to South Carolina, then into Wilkes Co, Ga. by 1773 (land warrant dated Nov. 16, 1773 for 200 acres of land on Rocky Creek). His wife was Mary Bolton and he had one son, William, at this time. John was a Revolutionary soldier who was wounded at the battle of Kettle Creek in 1779. The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution has placed a marked at his grave in Newnan, Georgia.

John was dead by Feb. 1, 1819. He had married again after the death of his first wife, about 1796. His second wife was Mary Arnold, a widow.

The Favors are connected to the family of Singleton and Caroline Roberson Posey (see page 41) through the eldest son of John Favor.

Children of John and Mary Bolton Favor were:

1. William 1771-184 m (1) Susan Appling ?, (2) Sukey Kerr. (see below)
2. Sarah 1800-1856; m Daniel Jackson
3. Matthew; m a daughter of John Fanning.
4. John; d before 1829; m Sarah Wynn
5. Reuben 1789-1849; m Nancy Fanning
6. Elizabeth; m Nathan Echols

Children of John and Mary Arnold Favor were;

7. Thomas; dead by 1861; m Nancy Irvin
8. Henry; 1805- m Carolyn Bonner
9. Sanders Walker; 1808-1881; m Carolyn Amelia Davis

William Favor (above) descendants:

1. Willis A. b c1805-dead by 1841
2. Catherine 1803- ; m William McHarg/Meherg (see below)
3. Joel 1810- m Elizabeth Smith
4. Samuel; m Adaline
5. John 1814-; m Polly Kerr ; to Harrison Co, Texas
6. Middleton 1816- ; m Jane
7. Archable
8. Martha D.
9. Nancy O.

10. Susan 1814- m John Watkins
11. Lucinda m Manoh Cooper; to Lawrence Co., Ala.
12. William N. 1817- m Jane
13. Cansada
14. Frances; dead by 1841; m Benjamin J. Willis
15. Hartwell; m Nicey Fortner

The family of William Faver moved to St. Clair Co., Ala. by 1820. The oldest daughter, Catherine, married William McHarg or Meherg and moved to Coosa Co., Ala. The children of William and Catherine were as follows:

1. Cleopatra; b 1827; m John Hosey; lived in Coosa Co.
2. James; b 1828- m Judith
3. Griselda Catherine; b 1830; m Jefferson Casey
4. Susan; b 1832; m Jonathon J. Hosey
5. William; b 1834; d 1915; m Mary Ann Roberson
6. Rebecca; b 1836; m Sanford Roberson; moved to Pangburn, Ark. (see below)
7. Willis Archable; b 1838- d after 1880; m Sarah Elizabeth Perkins
8. Lucinda Elizabeth; b 1840; m David Honeycutt
9. Chillona V. b 1843; m Burl Roberson
10. Julia; b 1845
11. Mary Frances; b 1848
12. John A. b 1850; m Caroline

Rebecca and Sanford Roberson's daughter, Caroline, married Singleton Posey, youngest son of Singleton and Martha Morris Posey. See the Roberson family, below, for the other children of the Robersons.

McHARG-MEHERG

John McHarg was a Revolutionary soldier of Laurens Co., S. C. He was born about 1740 but his birthplace is unknown. Two possibilities are the Rowan-Iredell Counties area of N. C. as there were McHargues there in the early 1700's or in Lancaster Co., Pa. as there were McHargs there, probably Scotch-Irish immigrants from Ulster. Mention of John's service is found in the application for pension filed by his son, Archibald. Father and son served together in actions against the Tories in and around Laurens Co. John McHarg's wife was Susannah. Her maiden name was probably Wood or Woods and she was probably a daughter of John Wood of Orange Co., N. C.

John's children seem to have numbered six, but this is uncertain. In addition to Archibald, others were Christian, Susannah, a daughter who married Robert Bolt, and possibly two others.

Archibald McHarg moved to St. Clair Co., Ala. in the 1820's. His first wife, the mother of William McHarg, is unknown. His second wife and mother of the younger children was Temperance Coker. Archibald died on Jan. 3, 1840. William seems to have been one of the older ones. William married Catherine Favor in St. Clair on Jan. 10, 1826. Their children are listed in the section on the Favor family, above.

ROBER(T)SON

Thomas Rober(t)son is thought to have been a member of the Robertson family who settled around Chesapeake Bay in the early 1700's. He was born in S. C. about 1784. He married Rebecca Cleackles (or Clackler) in Putnam Co., Ga. on Oct. 3, 1808.

Although Thomas' name is spelled Robertson on the marriage license, it is spelled Roberson on all census records. According to Parker Watters, who married a descendant of Thomas, the family in Coosa Co., Ala. spelled the name Roberson until a school-teacher informed them that the name should be Robinson. At present, both spellings are found in the families that descend from Thomas and Rebecca.

The Rober(t)sons first Alabama residence was in Bibb Co. They moved next to Talladega Co., finally settling in Coosa Co. by 1850. The children of Thomas are as follows:

1. Mordecai; m Eunice Roberson
2. Washington Bennett; 1810-1899; m Rachel Vardaman
3. Matilda; b 1812-1892; m Porter Vardaman
4. Elizabeth; b 1815- d by 1860; m Washington Vardaman
5. Thomas; 1816-1890 m Epsey Vardaman
6. Henry; 1818-1900; m Judith Meherg
7. Jeneral Jackson; 1825-1923; m Annie Burton
8. Nathan; 1817- m Elizabeth Watkins
9. William M.; 1829- m Mary Burton
10. Marion; 1836- m Lucinda Lee
11. Sanford; 1833-1919; m (1) Rutha Lee, (2) Rebecca Meherg (see below)
Sanford and Rebecca moved to Pangburn, Ark.

The children of the youngest son, Sanford, are:

1. William Richard; 1857-1931; m Molly Green
2. John Henry; 1859- ; m Emily Hyde
3. Caroline Louvenie; b 1861- d 1950; m Singleton Posey, grandson of Squire Posey (see Chapter Two)
4. Joel Thomas; b 1865; m Emma Roberson
5. Ada Eugenia; 1867-1882; accidentally killed by gunshot fired by her father.
6. Marion Lee; b 1874
7. Wiley; b 1871
8. Dixon b 1877; m Frances Gilbert

PENNINGTON

Most of the Penningtons in America are descendants of the Quaker family of Penningtons that came to the New World early in the 18th century. The exact lineage of the family of Levi Pennington is uncertain but they appear to have lived first in southeastern Pennsylvania, some branches moving into Virginia and North Carolina. The earliest known direct ancestor if Levi, Sr. He died in 1790 in Randolph Co., N.C. His age at death is not known but he had grown children. His wife was Martha. These Penningtons were still of the Quaker persuasion for a son and a daughter were dismissed from the Society of

Friends for marrying "out of union". Levi had the following children according to his will:

1. Elizabeth; m Beeson
2. Issac
3. Rachel; m Perry
4. Mary; m Graves
5. Levi, Jr.; d. 1808; m Elizabeth; moved to Spartanburg, S. C.; see below.

Levi Pennington, Jr. had the following children;

1. Levi III; b c1780-
2. Benjamin; b 1783-1868 in Ala.; m Catherine (see below)
3. Issac; b c1785- m Judith
4. Elizabeth; b c1787; m James Robins; moved to Overton Co., Tenn.
5. William; b 1788-; m Isabel ; moved to Fayette Co., Ala.
6. John; b 1793- m Sarah
7. Rachel; b 1795-
8. Sarah; b 1796
9. Jesse; b 1797; m Mary Surrat; moved to Fayette Co., Ala.
10. Joseph; b 1802-; moved to Fayette Co., Ala.
11. Soloman b 1804- m Mary; moved to Fayette Co., Ala.
12. Mary; b 1806
13. Noah; b 1807; m Elizabeth; moved to Fayette Co., Ala.

Benjamin Pennington, 1783-1868, had the following children:

1. John c1805- m Margaret; moved to Texas
2. Mary; m a McCusson
3. William; b 1809- m Elizabeth
4. Benjamin, Jr.; b 1811- m Sarah Lusk
5. Joseph; b 1814- m Mary or Nancy Hankins
6. Alfred; b 1820; d 1886 in La.; m Elizabeth Boswell
7. George; b 1818-1884 in Calhoun Co., Miss.; m Sarah Lusk (not the same as wife of brother, Benjamin); see below
8. Nancy; m Samuel Surratt
9. Viney; m William Winters
10. Ervin; 1828-
11. Franklin; m Cinda
12. Synthia; m Amos Pennington

George Pennington, 1818-1884, had the following children;

1. Rachel Catherine; b1838- m Issac Smith; see below
2. Nancy Caroline; b 1840; m John Morton
3. Frances M.; b 1842; unmarried
4. James Ervin; b 1843-d1907; m Rebecca Moore
5. Henry J.; b 1846; m Sarah; moved to Miss.
6. Angeline; b 1848; m David Holt; to Miss.
7. Robert Taylor; b 1848-; moved to Miss.
8. Mary Jane; 1850-1942; m Charles Cobb; to Yalobusha Co. Miss.
9. Franklin; b 1853; to Miss.
10. Barton; b 1855
11. Washington; b 1856-
12. Berry; b 1857

Children of Rachel Pennington Smith and Issac Smith are as follows:

1. William A. Smith; b 1858; m Elizabeth Shelnut
2. Henry Alexander Smith; b 1860
3. James Ervin Smith; b 1861
4. Frances C. Smith; b 1862
5. Louvisa Angeline Smith; b 1863; m William Shelnut (see below)
6. Stephen Franklin Smith; b 1865
7. George T. Smith b 1867
8. Nancy L. Smith; b 1868
9. Martha Jane Smith; b 1870
10. Mary Katherine Smith b 1872; m a Baker
11. Andrew Houston Smith; b 1874
12. Sarah Elizabeth Smith; b 1874; twin to Andrew; m a Frost
13. John Burton Smith; b 1877
14. Silvester Smith; b 1883

Children of Louvisa Smith Shelnut and William Shelnut are as follows:

1. Fendora Shelnut; 1881-1969; m Coan
2. Nancy Shelnut; 1882-1971; m Newman Watson
3. Susie Shelnut; m Kuykendall
4. Clara L. Shelnut; b 1886-; m Jim Baker
5. Martha Shelnut; b 1888
6. Willie Shelnut; b 1890; m John Andrew Posey, Sr., great-grandson of Squire Posey (see page 41)
7. Lillie Shelnut; b 1890, twin to Willie; m Athel Ford
8. David Shelnut; b 1892
9. Henry Shelnut
10. Franklin Shelnut; b 1895
11. Betty Shelnut; m Homer Ingram.

William Shelnut, above, was the son of David and Mary Benefield Shelnut. David was born 1826 in Ga. and Mary was born 1835 in Ga. Mary is a descendant of Needham Benefield, the Revolutionary soldier. Their children were as follows: (the order of birth is not certain)

1. L. J. Shelnut; b 1852
2. Nancy Shelnut; m Dickeson
3. Sarah S. Shelnut; m Huey
4. William J. Shelnut; m Louvisa Smith (see above)
5. Elizabeth; b 1859; m William Smith
6. Nathaniel M. Shelnut; b 1861
7. Mollie Shelnut; m Tom Burleson
8. Lucinda Shelnut; m Henry Woods
9. Susie Shelnut; m Jack Flippo
10. Generie Shelnut; m Bo Flippo
11. Missouri Shelnut; m John Davis
12. Lee Anna Shelnut; m Joe Coan
13. Henry Shelnut
14. Jane Shelnut; m Markham

The Shelnut, Smith, Benefield, and Pennington families were pioneer settlers of Fayette and Lamar Counties, Ala. The authors invite correspondence from persons interested in these families. Only the direct lines have been abstracted from the records and more information is available for anyone who is interested.

FLACK-McQUISTION

Thomas Flack, one of the pioneer settlers of the Rowan-Guilford County area of North Carolina, was born about 1735. It is believed that his birthplace was either North Ireland or Pennsylvania. He was one of several Scotch-Irish Presbyterians who moved from the Nottingham Colony in Southeast Pennsylvania into Central North Carolina about 1753.

Among the families who came were those of three McQuiston brothers, James, Robert, and Thomas. James had been born in Ireland about 1700 and was married to Janett Behol, born 1706 in Ireland. Their children were:

1. Jane; b 3/11/1735; m Thomas Flack (see below)
2. Sarah; b 4/12/1739; m James Coats
3. Lavinia; b 5/22/1742; m John Nelson
4. Mary; b 4/28/1744
5. Dorcas; b 3/12/1746; m John McQuiston, first cousin
6. Gustavus; b 5/21/1733; moved to Tennessee
7. Thomas; b 12/17/1731; d 12/9/1783; m Ann Mqody, a relative
8. James; b 3/12/1737; moved to Tennessee
9. Robert; b 9/11/1728; d 9/28/1758 in Ireland (did not come to America)

The children of Thomas and Jane McQuiston Flack were:

1. Andrew; b c1765; d 1845; m (3) Mary Waggoner (see below)
2. Thomas
3. Elijah; m Fanny Tate in Caswell Co., N.C.
4. James; m Agnes Ross; a Revolutionary soldier; moved to Ky.
5. Dorcas; m Samuel Daughtery
6. Jenny
7. Hannah; m John Daughtery
8. Elisha;

Thomas Flack served in the Revolutionary War as proved by his pay record, recorded in *Revolutionary Army Accounts*, Vol. VIII, page 75, Folio 2. His wife, Jane, is listed by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a "Patriot".

Andrew, son of Thomas and Jane Flack, was born about 1765 and died in 1845 in Guilford Co., N.C. He was married three times, first to a Dilworth, and thirdly to Mary Waggoner. Andrew's will, probated Nov., 1845, named his children as follows:

1. Minerva; m a Daughtery
2. Malinda; m George Foust
3. Levina; m Joseph Lambeth
4. Andrew Saunders; m Susan Webb (see below)
5. Jenny or Jane; m Robert Caffey
6. Elisha; m Anna Boone

Andrew Saunders Flack married Susan Webb of Rockingham Co., N.C. They lived in Guilford Co. until about 1850 when they moved to Carroll Co., Tenn. Andrew was dead by 1880 for Susan Flack was living with her family in Weakley Co., Tenn. as a widow at that time. Children of Andrew and Susan were:

1. Mary E. Flack; b 1843 N.C.; d 1880; m H. W. Grizzard
2. William A. Flack; b 1846 N.C.
3. Thomas W. Flack; b 1849 N.C.
4. Susie E. Flack; b 1851 Tenn.; d 1929 San Bernardino, Calif.; m Washington John Flack, who was born in New York. (It is not yet known whether the two Flack families are connected).

Children:

1. Warner Moore Flack; b 1878; d 1948; m Viola Maxwell, daughter of John Amos and Queen Smith Maxwell. John Amos was a son of Albert and Sally Winsett Maxwell.

Children:

1. Queenie Sue; m Russell Drake. Their daughter, Betty Sue, married Lloyd Franklin Posey, great-great-grandson of Squire Posey and they are the authors of this book.
 2. Warner Moore, Jr.
 3. John Maxwell Flack; b 1920; m Corrine Howard; two sons John and Robert.
2. Ethel Flack; 1880- ; m Henry Haines
 3. Herman.
5. Ada A. Flack; b 1856 Tenn.; m R. H. Hammerly

LAWRENCE-ELEY

Robert Lawrence, Jr. was a son of Robert and Elizabeth Lawrence of Middlesex, England. Robert, Jr. was born about 1639 and died in Isle of Wight Co., Va. after 1660. He married the widow, Jane Gay, maiden name unknown. Their children were:

1. Robert Lawrence; m Sarah Exum, a cousin and daughter of Jeremiah and Ann Lawrence Exum. (see below)
2. George
3. Henry
4. John; m Mary; Quakers

Robert Lawrence, III and Sarah Exum Lawrence had the following children;

1. Jeremiah Lawrence; unmarried; d in 1756
2. Samuel; m dtr. of Jacob Darden
3. Ann; m Edward Eley, son of Robert and Martha Daughtery Eley, and (2) William Joyner. (see below)
4. John ; d 1758
5. Robert IV. m Ann Council

Ann Lawrence Eley Joyner died about 1726. Her will named a daughter, Elizabeth Drake who was the wife of Tristram Drake, Sr. The Drake family follows below.

DRAKE

Richard Drake was in Isle of Wight Co., Va. before 1700. His wife was Margaret, maiden name unknown. Richard died in 1759, leaving the following children:

1. Martha Drake; b c1720; m Jacob Williams
2. Francis Drake; b c1720-d 1794
3. Matthew Drake; b c1722-d 1810 Nash Co., N.C.; m Milbrey
4. Tristram Drake; b c1725-d 1806; see below
5. Nathaniel; b c1726-d before 1790; m Delilah Floyd
6. William; b c1728; m Zilpah Kerby
7. Brittain; b c1730- d by 1763
8. Richard Drake, Jr.; b c1730
9. Edmond Drake; b c1732- d 1803; m Mary Mann
10. Margaret Drake; m Edmund Branch
11. Elizabeth Drake; m John Kerby

Tristram Drake, Sr., c1725-1806 , m Elizabeth Eley, above. Their children were:

1. Tristram Drake, Jr.; c1766-d after 1810; m Phoebe (); see below
2. Herbert Drake; b c1774-d by 1821
3. Jesse Francis Drake
4. Margaret Drake
5. Eli Drake; moved to Tennessee
6. Richard Drake; b 1762; d 1835 in Chatham Co., N.C.; m Louisa Drake
7. a daughter, name unknown

Tristram Drake, Jr., c1766-after 1810, married Phoebe, maiden name unknown. Their children were;

1. Hartwell Drake, c1798-1870; see below
2. Edmund Drake
3. Gilbert Drake
4. Henry Drake
5. Egbert Drake
6. Mourning Drake; m Zacheriah Cristy
7. Cordy Drake

Hartwell Drake was married twice. His first wife was Jane Norwood, mother of his first six children. He married Emaline Lewis in 1848 in Cass Co., Ga. Emaline moved with her family to the Winston-Lawrence Co. area of Alabama after Hartwell died in 1870. The children of Hartwell were:

1. son, name unknown
2. Ann R. Drake; m Daniel Collins. Ann was born 1836
3. William C. Drake; b 1838 Spartanburg, S.C.; Confederate soldier
4. Martha Drake; b 1839
5. Benjamin F. Drake; b 1841; a physician and Confederate soldier; d 1923.
6. Margaret Drake; b 1842
7. Savannah Vashti Drake; b 1849; m Robert Compton
8. Esther Drake; b 1857; m Alonzo Pool
9. Henry SheHayne Drake; b 1860; m Martha Cansada Curtis
10. Burrus Hartwell Drake; b 1867; d 1924; m Mary Malisa Curtis (see below)

Burrus Drake grew up in Winston-Lawrence Co., Ala. where he became a merchant. He married Malisa Curtis, daughter of William V. and Martha Lyle Curtis (see below). Their children were:

1. Ada Picola Drake; b 1888; living 1971; unmarried
2. Oscar Pinkney Drake; b 1890; m Julia Howell
3. Effie Dean Drake; d. 1963; m O. D. Dodd; no children
4. Wreno Guy Drake; d 1954; m Miriam Archibald
5. Cora Lilly Drake; m B.B.Campbell
6. Russell Hanna Drake; b 3/20/1903; d Nov. 1957; m (1) Queenie Sue Flack, and (2) Molly B. Price
Children:
 1. Betty Sue Drake; b 11/16/1924; m Lloyd Franklin Posey
 2. Mary Michelle Drake; b 1951
7. Noble Drake; b 1903; twin to Russell; died as infant
8. Leo Madge Drake; m William K. Wilson

CURTIS AND LYLE

Solomon Curtis was born in 1797, probably in Buncombe Co., N.C. He enlisted in Andrew Jackson's army in Lincoln Co., Tenn. He married in Clarke Co., Ala. on Feb. 18, 1819. His wife was Charlotty Heaton, believed to be a daughter of Thomas Heaton. Charlotty was born in 1808, the place of birth uncertain. She married at the age of 11. The Curtises lived in Mississippi and Alabama, settling in Winston Co., Ala. in 1855. Solomon died in 1860, but Charlotty lived on until 1893. The Curtises were not Secessionists but stood with the Union. Three of the four older sons were killed by the "Home Guard".

Children of Solomon and Charlotty were:

1. George Washington Curtis; 1822-1862; killed for refusing induction in Confederate Army; m Nancy Jane Jones
2. Joel Jackson Curtis; b 1825- d 1863; m Lucinda Irma Barker; executed at Jasper, Ala. jail by Home Guard.
3. William Velpeau Curtis; b 1827- d 1892; m Martha Jane Lyle, daughter of Hezekiah C. Lyle of South Carolina.; see below
4. Thomas Pinkney Curtis; 1830-1864; m Mary Martha Taylor; tortured to death by Home Guard for refusing to surrender the county treasury which he held as Probate Judge.
5. James G. Curtis; m Priscilla Spain; Union soldier ; died in Wayne Co., Tenn.
6. Benjamin Franklin Curtis; 1835-1927; m Eliza Taylor
7. Darrell Hollis Curtis; 1837-1908; m Martha Baughn and Mandy Steele.
8. Louisa Curtis; 1841-; m Charles A. Taylor
9. John Wesley Curtis; 1842-1916; m Maria Jane Shipman
10. Jasper Newton Curtis; 1846-1910; m Rebecca Shipman

William Velpeau Curtis served as state representative from Lawrence Co., Ala. He was a merchant and taught school. His family was reared in the Gum Pond community on the Winston-Lawrence Co. line. His children were;

1. Robert Curtis; b 1852; died young
2. Louisa Curtis; b 1853; m Francis Revis
3. Sarah Jane Curtis; b 1855; m Peter West
4. George Ann Curtis; b 1857; m Samuel B. Slayton

5. James Solomon Curtis; m 1859; m Mina Holsomback
6. Cordelia Alvatine Curtis; b 1873; died young
7. William Calvin Curtis; b 1861; d 1949; m Lola Blackwell
8. Martha Cansada Curtis; b 1864; m Hayne Drake
9. Mary Malisa Curtis; b 1866; d 1940; m Burrus Hartwell Drake; see above
10. Armelia Curtis; b 1868; m Will Riddle
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