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A SUPPLEMENT

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PREFACE

When I published Our Ancestors: Greens, Wathens, Byrnes, Hoehns, and Others in 1975 I described a family history as a jigsaw puzzle. This Supplement is intended to furnish a few of the missing pieces of the puzzle and to correct some errors. The material is arranged in the same order as that used in the original work.

The contributions of the many people with whom I have corresponded since 1975 are acknowledged in the sections dealing with their families.

In referring to the 1975 work, I have abbreviated the title to Our Ancestors.
THE GREENS

THOMAS GREENE, second governor of provincial Maryland, had four sons. Three of these sons married and fathered sons and daughters. These sons of THOMAS GREENE were born in the 1640's, and there are now thousands of descendants. Additional information about some of these descendants has come to my attention since publication of Our Ancestors.

ROBERT GREEN (b. c. 1755; d. 1833)

Some of the descendants of THOMAS GREENE the governor moved west to Washington County, Kentucky, as early as 1790. Our ancestor ROBERT GREEN was the only one I found who moved to what is now Missouri. He settled in the vicinity of Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, in late 1799. The Bethel Baptist Church was founded about two miles southwest of Jackson in 1806. It was the first Baptist church in what is now Missouri. (Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, pp. 150, 319, 549-50) Minutes of Bethel Church for the years 1806-1867 record the family names Cox, Randol, Sheppard, and Daugherty. These minutes also include the names of Negroes who were members of the church. Among these black members was one listed as Dick Green.

The Bethel congregation was inactive during the Civil War and deaths which occurred during that period were recorded after the war had ended. One of these entries reads:

Brother Dick Green a black man age 103 departed this life in 1864. (Minutes of the Bethel Baptist Church, p. 80)

I am persuaded that this is "old man Dick" concerning whom David Green wrote to the heirs of ELIZABETH (REEDER) GREEN in 1840, urging them to sign a paper requesting the probate judge to permit a private sale of the slaves so that they might choose their owners. David Green asked especially that "the old man Dick we wish to remain where he please clear of charge in any way or form." If my surmise is correct, Dick was 79 at the time the letter was written. He remained with the David Green family and outlived David by some twelve years.

An entry made in June 1861 leaves me in some doubt as to whether the sympathies of the congregation were for the Confederacy or the Union:

Having learned that Bro. S. B. Pheelin has left home and gone off and has joined the army without a cause, for which we have excluded him for we don't fellowship no such conduct. (Minutes, p. 79)

The Bethel church building served in 1814-1815 as the meeting place for sessions of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace. (Goodspeed, p. 319) ROBERT GREEN was one of the judges of these courts from 1805-1815. The function of the courts is described in a recent Missouri history:
Lemuel Sheppard moved to Doniphan in 1883. He was still living, at the home of his son Jesse in Doniphan, in 1912.

Four times a year the justices of the peace in each district combined to form the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Peace. This court had jurisdiction in all criminal cases that did not involve capital offenses. In addition to its judicial functions it served as the principal administrative agency in each district, levying local taxes, approving district expenditures, and authorizing contracts for the construction of roads, bridges, jails, courthouses, and other public buildings and works. (William E. Foley, A History of Missouri, University of Missouri Press, 1971, vol. 1, 1873-1880, p. 90)

Judge Jesse Cox Sheppard married Olive A. White June 3, 1885, and they had three sons: Arnot L., Albert D., and a son Robert who died in infancy. Albert D. Sheppard, born in Doniphan September 16, 1896, became one of the best known citizens of Ripley County. During the eighty-two years of his life he served overseas with distinction in both World Wars, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel; he organized the National Guard in Doniphan in 1906; he helped in recruitment and organization of the Missouri State Highway Patrol when it was founded in 1931 and served as Commander of Troop E of the patrol; and he served as adjutant general on the staff of four Missouri governors. He retired from this post with the rank of lieutenant general in 1965. He died in Doniphan September 25, 1978. (Robert S. Douglass, History of Southeast Missouri, 1912, pp. 1282-83; Prospect News, Doniphan, Missouri, Sept. 28, 1978)

In Missouri to this day the executive units performing these administrative functions are designated County Courts.

For additional material about ROBERT GREEN's residence in (West) Virginia, see page 5 of this Supplement.

JANE (GREEN) BYRNE (1785-1835)

I copied the date of death of JANE (GREEN) BYRNE, May 15, 1835, from her tombstone, which was erected some time after her death. I have since found that her sons Peter and Luke Byrne made application for letters of administration for her estate on April 28, 1835, in New Madrid County, Missouri. I think it likely that her death occurred some time in April 1835.

General Albert D. Sheppard (1896-1978)

One of the principal rewards of genealogy is meeting new cousins. Most of these we get to know only through correspondence. My husband and I had the pleasure of meeting in person General Albert D. Sheppard, great-great-grandson of ROBERT and ELIZABETH (REEDER) GREEN.

Tom Bellis, my husband, moved with his parents from Jay County, Indiana, to Ripley County, Missouri, in 1910. Tom's father, John W. Bellis, now lives in Doniphan, county seat of Ripley County. On one of his visits with his father, Tom met General Albert D. Sheppard and his wife, and he learned that General Sheppard was a Green descendant through Elizabeth, daughter of ROBERT and ELIZABETH GREEN, who married John Sheppard in Cape Girardeau County around 1815.

The Sheppard connection with Ripley County began nearly a century ago, when Jesse Cox Sheppard, father of Albert D. Sheppard, came to Doniphan to practice law. The father of Jesse Cox Sheppard was Lemuel Sheppard, a farmer, son of John and Elizabeth (Green) Sheppard. (Lemuel Sheppard was born in Cape Girardeau County October 31, 1821.) Lemuel Sheppard sent his son Jesse to the State Normal School in Cape Girardeau--now the Southeast Missouri State University. Jesse went on to the University of Missouri in Columbia, was graduated in 1880, and was admitted to the bar the same year.
After publishing *Our Ancestors*, I learned that some of the personal property tax assessment records for (West) Virginia counties have been preserved in the Virginia State Archives in Richmond. An examination of these lists for Monongalia, Randolph, and Harrison Counties for the 1783-1814 period made it possible to trace the movements of several of our Reeder kin.

**SIMON REEDER, SR. (b. c. 1724; d. prob. c. 1794)**

I found no Reeders on Monongalia County tax lists before 1792, but in that year the names of both SIMON REEDER and his son-in-law ROBERT GREEN appeared. The following year, 1793, ROBERT GREEN appeared on Randolph County lists. He remained there until he and his wife, ELIZABETH (REEDER) GREEN moved west to Spanish Louisiana in December 1799. SIMON REEDER did not appear on tax lists for Harrison, Monongalia, or Randolph Counties in 1793, but in 1794 both SIMON REEDER, SR., and Simon Reeder, Jr., were on the Randolph County lists. In 1795 only one Simon Reeder appeared as a taxable in Randolph County. This may indicate that SIMON REEDER, SR., died in late 1794 or early 1795.

**Simon Reeder, Jr. (b. c. 1757?; may have d. c. 1803)**

A Simon Reeder continued to be listed as a taxable in Randolph County until 1802. He was tax commissioner in 1798 and 1799 and possibly other years. The name Simon Reeder did not appear on Randolph County lists in 1803 or 1804, but it appeared again in 1805. Is it possible that Simon Reeder, Jr., died around 1803, and that the Simon Reeder who is listed in 1805, 1806, and 1807 in Randolph County and in 1811 and following years in Harrison County, was his son? Was it the son of Simon Reeder, Jr., who married Phoebe Hall, widow of John Hall, in Harrison County on September 3, 1810? This should be regarded as a possibility. By the early 1800's there were several taxables named Reeder in western Virginia, among them John, Joseph, Abel, James, Elizabeth, Thomas, Jesse, and Abraham. Some could have been our kin. Others seem to have been descendants of Joseph Reeder who settled in New England during the colonial period.

**Benjamin Reeder (b. c. 1756; d. 1843)**

I have continued to find material demonstrating that Benjamin Reeder was an unusually energetic man whose contribution to the development of western Virginia was substantial.

Although Benjamin Reeder bought (West) Virginia lands as early as 1793, his name first appeared on the Monongalia County tax lists in 1795. He was still taxed in Monongalia County in 1809, but in 1810 and following years he was taxed in Harrison County, and he died in Harrison County in late 1842 or early 1843.
On August 24, 1819, Benjamin Reeder was appointed U. S. Marshal for western Virginia and he held that post until December 22, 1831. (Register of U. S. Marshals, National Archives) Western Virginia covered approximately the area now known as West Virginia. This marshalship was a responsible position. U. S. Marshals were officers of the U. S. District Courts, and one of their duties in the early days was to take the census. The U. S. Marshals appointed assistant marshals for each county to assist in census taking and to perform other duties. On the 1820 Virginia census records for Wood County you will find the name "B. Reeder, U. S. Marshal." The Assistant U. S. Marshal for Wood County was Richard Reeder, brother of Benjamin. The Assistant U. S. Marshal for Harrison County was Thomas S. Reeder, son of Benjamin. The 1830 census reports also show Richard Reeder as Assistant U. S. Marshal for Wood County. John W. Patton was Assistant U. S. Marshal for Harrison County.

I feel sure that it was common practice at the time for U. S. Marshals to appoint relatives to the post of Assistant Marshal. And I am just as sure that the census records for those years reflect the intelligent guidance of Benjamin Reeder. The names are recorded clearly; they appear in alphabetical groupings; last names appear first. They are a joy to genealogists! My curiosity led me to look at the 1840 Wood County census, when Benjamin Reeder was no longer U. S. Marshal. In this post-Reeder census names appear in random order, with first names first.

In addition to buying and selling land and serving as U. S. Marshal, Benjamin Reeder engaged in many other activities in western Virginia. In 1805 he was Justice of the Peace in Monongalia County. (Maryland Chancery Records, B63:625-68)

In 1815 Benjamin Reeder employed men to survey and lay off the town of Buckhannon (then in Harrison County) for the owner, Robert Patton. Robert Patton had a survey made on January 16, 1795, of a tract of 50,029 acres on the Elk River, Randolph County, "by virtue of Land Office Treasury Warrant 1007." Patton allowed this land to be sold for taxes September 24, 1869. (French Morgan. Yesterdaysof Buckhannon and Upshur. Buckhannon, 1963, pp. 73-75)

Benjamin G. Reeder of Morgantown wrote me recently: "I was interested in your comments about Benjamin Reeder, my great-grandfather. He was a resident of Morgantown for many years and operated a store almost across the street from where my law office is. He owned 17 acres of land which is now the heart of the Old Campus of West Virginia University. Your comment that he was a wheeler-dealer intrigued me and you may be interested in knowing that he traded a bay mare and a copper kettle for a land warrant for 400 acres of land. He took up the 400 acres at the location of what is now the town of Reader in Wetzel County near New Martinsville. This 400 acres included one of the richest oil fields in West Virginia."

Benjamin Reeder also served as one of the judges of the county court in Monongalia County, and in 1805 he was instrumental in procuring a bell for the new courthouse. The story of the bell is told in an article by Chape Wilson. The incident came to Mr. Wilson's attention as the result of the Creative Work Program of the Works Progress Administration of the depression era. The article was printed in Morgantown newspapers, and it is to be found in the West Virginia section of the library of the University of West Virginia. I have shortened it, but the words are those of Mr. Wilson:

Three Years Required to Get Courthouse Bell

By Chape Wilson

Readers of a recent article based on the old court records now being examined and indexed will recall that the new courthouse, completed late in 1804, was bedecked with a cupola. The County Court had appropriated $300 for its construction. Whether its primary purpose was ornamentation or utility we do not know—perhaps both.

Benjamin Reeder, one of the justices of Monongalia, seems to have been the moving spirit in the purchase and installation of a bell for the courthouse.

In the County Court records for May 1805, an old paper yellow with age, in very bad state of preservation, with both sides completely covered with writing, reads as follows:

"To the Worshipful Court of Monongalia County: ... I would recommend to the court that a Bell be bought for the use of the courthouse ... If the court should think proper to purchase a Bell, I would undertake it, as I am going below in about two weeks ... I am clearly of the opinion that a Bell may be purchased ... B. Reeder, 13 May 1805."

"Entered May 1805: Ordered that Benjamin Reeder purchase a Bell not less than 140, nor more than 175 pounds weight for the use of the Courthouse, out of the money he has to receive for criminal charges, and pay the balance of that money to the contractors for building the courthouse, taking their receipts."

The various steps by which the bell finally reached its high perch in the courthouse will appear from the following quoted courthouse orders and accounts turned in to the court:

"Ordered that a sum not exceeding thirty dollars be appropriated for Carriage and Hanging of the courthouse bell."
"Ordered that Benjamin Reeder employ some person to bring the courthouse Bell from Rockingham County, likewise employ a workman to do the necessary work for hanging the same.

"Ordered that Benjamin Reeder be allowed six dollars and 63 cents for Drayage Boxing and carriage of the courthouse Bell from Norfolk to Winchester and that the sheriff pay the same out of the levy of 1807.

"Ordered that William Postle be allowed six dollars and Sixty seven cents for Bringing the courthouse Bell from Winchester to Morgan Town and that the sheriff pay the same out of the Tax for 1807."

On the reverse side of the paper containing the two foregoing orders appear the various items making up the amounts allowed, and by which the bell can be literally tracked from Norfolk, where it was doubtless purchased, to Morgantown. The account runs:

"Carriage of courthouse Bell from Norfolk to

Richmond

Drayage and case 1.50
Carriage to Rockingham 2.50
Carriage to Winchester 1
Carriage from Winchester to Morgantown 6.67
Rope for hanging the Bell .63
Total $13.30

Monongalia County, To A. & S. Woodrow, Dr., 1808 To Iron and Smith work and hanging the Courthouse Bell $6.70

Monongalia County, To George Hite, Dr., To Frame and hanging Bell for Courthouse $10.00"

It seems to have taken about three years, from the time Benjamin Reeder went "below" and purchased the bell, to get it to hang and ring in the cupola of the new courthouse. But when we reflect that merely to go from Morgantown to Norfolk and return involved traveling overland a distance of 1,000 to 1,200 miles, over poor roads, crossing mountains and fording streams, we should not wonder at the seeming slowness of the task. It was accomplished, and that is the essential fact. So we must leave the bell to hang and ring. But it would be interesting to know where (and when) it went from there. Is it still hanging and ringing in some church or schoolhouse heretofore?

Sources:

These are the principal sources that I uncovered in a brief search for records concerning Eleanor Clifton (Slaughter) Reeder. Many more can be located through Swem's Virginia Historical Index.

Fairfax County, Virginia--

Will Book C, No. 1:225-233. Will of Elizabeth Clifton, widow of William Clifton, Nov. 26, 1772; proved May 7, 1773. This will names daughter Ann Slaughter; granddaughters Elizabeth Brent Slaughter and Eleanor Clifton Slaughter; cousins Henry, Ann, Robert, George, and William Brent.

Will Book G, No. 1: 412-415. Will of Ann Slaughter, widow of Thomas Slaughter, Mar. 1, 1791; proved Dec. 10, 1790. Ann Slaughter disposed of her property to her daughters Mary Ann Seymour Slaughter, Elizabeth Brent Hammersley, and Eleanor Clifton Reeder; her grandchildren Sarah, Francis, Thomas, George, and Henry Hammersley; and her grandchildren Ann Clifton Reeder and Benjamin Franklin Reeder.
Deed Book X, No. 2: 19-23. Deed of Reeder and Eleanor Clifton his wife land to James Patton of Alexandria. The land was that inherited by Eleanor from Elizabeth Clifton, her grandmother. (James Patton married Mary Ann Seymour Slaughter, Eleanor's sister.)

Deed Book L, No. 2: 204-208. Deed of partition dated Aug. 17, 1811, of land granted to George Brent, for 555 acres, under date of Nov. 3, 1877. This is the land willed by Elizabeth Clifton to her granddaughters Elizabeth Brent Slaughter and Eleanor Clifton Slaughter.

Stafford County, Virginia--
Records covering the sale of land in Stafford County by Eleanor Clifton (Slaughter) Reeder no longer exist.


Chilton, W. B. "The Brent Family," in Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 1905-1914 (Vols. 12-22, incl). This work includes material from England, Virginia, and Maryland on Brents, Cliftons, Seymours, Slaughters, and many other families. It consists of copies of wills, deeds, land grants, chancery proceedings, parish registers, and other documents.

Mitchell, Beth. Beginning at a White Oak. Fairfax County, Va., 1977. This publication includes accounts of various land patents, among them grants made to Brents and Cliftons.


A correction: I used the name Slaughton in Our Ancestors, based on an erroneous Maryland marriage record. The name should be Slaughter.

Richard H. Reeder (1776-1878)
It is through several Reeder cousins that I learned of Richard H. Reeder, and I think that there is sufficient evidence to add him to the list of children of Simon Reeder and his wife Sarah (Green) Reeder. (It is possible that instead he was a grandson, the son of Simon Reeder, Jr.) Richard H. Reeder deserves a more complete story than I can write about him, and I feel sure that one of his descendants now doing research on his life will write his story.

Family records show that Richard H. Reeder was born August 7, 1776, in Montgomery County, Maryland. He bought 95 1/2 acres of land in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, on March 27, 1797, from Cornelius and Sarah Bogard. He probably did not live on this land, since he sold it back to Cornelius Bogard the following year. (Randolph County, West Virginia, Deeds, 1:502; 2:12)

Richard Reeder married Urah Butcher in Randolph County October 11, 1801. The marriage was performed by Father Robert Maxwell, a Catholic priest. (Randolph County Marriage Books, 1:6)

Richard Reeder's name appeared on Randolph County tax lists for the first time in 1800, and he is listed from 1800 through 1807. The record for 1806 is missing, and in 1809 no Readers at all appeared on the Randolph County tax lists. In 1808 Richard paid his own tax and also the tax levied against Simon Reeder. (Perhaps his brother, Simon Reeder, Jr., or his father, Simon Reeder, Jr.?)

I did not check Wood County tax lists, since I learned of Richard Reeder's connection with our Reeder line after I had already made a trip to Richmond. It appears from records I have seen that Richard and Urah Reeder probably moved to Wood County around 1809/1811. Richard H. Reeder died in Wood County February 15, 1878, age 102. Urah had died eleven years earlier, on March 13, 1867. They are buried at Mineral Wells on the "old Uncle Dickie Reeder" farm.

Richard Reeder was active in civic affairs, and he helped found the first Catholic Church in Wood County and gave the land on which it was built. He and Urah had thirteen children, and in 1894 their known descendants numbered nearly four hundred. At that time most of their descendants lived in West Virginia, but now they are widely scattered.

The Reeder/Reeder Family Travelling Notebook
One of the problems of genealogical research is getting in touch with others who are working on the same families. Cathy Stahl has undertaken to solve this problem for Reeder researchers by means of a travelling notebook. She began by placing an ad in the Nov.-Dec. 1977 issue of the Genealogical Helper. People who wish to take part in the project are asked to furnish information about their Reeder research, but no charge is made for membership. The first of the notebooks began circulating in May 1978, and the project has succeeded in helping a number of Reeder descendants locate others working on their lines.

Anyone interested in the Reeder/Reeder Family Travelling Notebook should write to Mrs. Cathy Stahl, 155 Fern Ave., Collingswood, N. J., 08108, sending a self-addressed stamped envelope.

REEDER LINE OF DESCENT
I hope that in time we will have better dates for Simon and Sarah (Green) Reeder and their children. I am including data about Benjamin, John, and Richard H. Reeder, with a list of sources. There will be additions and corrections to this data, as several people are actively working on these lines.
Children of Benjamin and Eleanor Clifton (Slaughter) Reeder

Benjamin Franklin Reeder (b. c. 1787/1790); m. Hall
Benjamin Franklin Reeder moved from West Virginia to
Missouri, where he lived in Benton and Hickory Counties.
His cousin Elijah Reeder also moved to Missouri and died
in Benton County in 1880.

Ann Clifton Reeder (Nancy) (b. c. 1787/1790; d. 1828, Alexandria,
Va.); m. 1805 to Robert Patton, Jr. (d. Sept. 1826)
Children: Robert, Jr.; Eleanor Ann; Mary Seymour; Benjamin R.; Elisha; George R. There may
have been others. Order of birth was not determined.

Augustine T. Reeder (b. prob. c. 1791/1810)
Augustine Reeder moved to Houston, Texas, as a young man
and probably died there. The deed of Nov. 7, 1857, cited,
mentions children of Augustine Reeder but does not name them.

Thomas S. Reeder (b. Harrison County, (West) Va., Feb. 29, 1800;
d. Harrison County Jan. 31, 1873); m. Sept. 29, 1832,
Eliza Shinn.
Children: see following page.

Cecilia Reeder (Celia) (b. prob. c. 1791); m. Harrison County, Va.,
Mar. 24, 1818, Henry Watson.

Mary M. Reeder (b. c. 1791/1810)
Order of birth is not known. Since only the first two are mentioned
in the will of their grandmother, Ann Slaughter (Mar. 1, 1791), I
think that they are the oldest. (Fairfax County, Va., Wills,
G No. 1: 412-415)

Sources:
Will of Benjamin Reeder (see Our Ancestors, pp. 33-35)

Boswell, Albert S. History of Randolph County, West Virginia.

Sprague, Beth Moore. "Spring Bank," in Fairfax County Historical
Society Yearbook, 1973-1975, pp. 50-67. This is the story of the
Spring Bank house, acquired in 1805 by Robert Patton of Alexandria,
who married Ann Clifton Reeder in September of that year. It is
a well written and well documented account of Robert Patton and
some of his descendants.

Fairfax County, Va., Wills, O No. 1: 360-363. Will of Robert Patton,
Jr., of Spring Bank, Fairfax County, Nov. 10, 1813; proved Jan. 15,
1817.

Randolph County, W. Va., Deeds, 2: 450, Nov. 7, 1837.

Children of Benjamin Franklin (Hall) Reeder

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Benjamin Franklin Reeder moved from West Virginia to
Missouri, where he lived in Benton and Hickory Counties.
His cousin Elijah Reeder also moved to Missouri and died
in Benton County in 1880.

William Austin Reeder (b. Aug. 15, 1838)

Thomas S. E. Reeder (b. Jan. 7, 1840; d. 1852)

Sophia C. Reeder (b. Jan. 9, 1842); m. Mr. Helterman

Charles A. Reeder (b. Nov. 20, 1847; d. Enterprise, W. Va., 1903);
m. (1) Laura Ann Jarrett; (2) Bertha Myrtle Tucker (b. 1871; d. 1959)
Children of (2): Lloyd Reeder; other children who died young.

Sources:
Information about children of Thomas S. and Eliza (Shinn) Reeder is
based on records of Benjamin G. Reeder, 256 High St., Morgantown,
W. Va., 26505. Mr. Reeder, the son of Charles A. Reeder, wrote for his own
family a fascinating account of his own life as a West Virginia lawyer.
He has a large amount of data on his Reeder ancestors which he was kind
enough to lend me.

This work includes a picture of Charles A. Reeder and an account of his
winning of the Congressional Medal of Honor for service at Battery Gregg,
near Petersburg, Va., Apr. 2, 1865, for capture of the flag.

Shinn, Josiah H. History of the Shinn Family in Europe and America.
Chicago, 1903.
Children of John and Chloe (Green) Reeder

Ann Reeder (b. 1780, Md.); m. between 1800 and 1803, Thomas (t?) Adams (DAR Record #97236)

Elisabeth Reeder (b. 1786, Md.); m. John Burrows

Thomas Reeder (b. 1787, Md.; d. 1808, Alexandria, Va.) (Probate of estate of Thomas Reeder, Alexandria, Va.)

Lydia (Ela) Reeder (b. 1788, Md.); m. Dec. 26, 1817, Washington, D. C., Alvin Coats (District of Columbia Marriages, 11:1162-63)

Elijah Reeder (b. Mar. 15, 1791, Charles County, Md.; d. Feb. 18, 1880, Benton County, Mo.); m. Mar. 22, 1822, St. Louis, Mo., Sarah Parker (b. c. 1800; d. 1840/50, prob. Jefferson County, Mo.)

Elijah Reeder enlisted in the War of 1812 Sept. 22, 1812, Harrisonburg, Va.; he was discharged Sept. 22, 1817, Ft. Osage, Mo. He was described as age 21; gray eyes; fair hair; fair complexion; occupation blacksmith. (War of 1812 pension file, National Archives)

Children: see following page.

Frank H. Reeder (b. 1793)

Simon Thomas Reeder (b. prob. c. 1795)

William Reeder (b. prob. c. 1797); m. Sept. 18, 1816, Washington, D.C., Elizabeth Boswell (District of Columbia Marriages, 11:1162-63)

Other Sources:

Will of Chloe (Green) Reeder, Alexandria, Va., July 26, 1803; proved Nov. 23, 1813 (A:93-94). This will is also on file in Charles County, Mo. (AL12:197-198)

Will of Elijah Green (brother of Chloe (Green) Reeder), Charles County, Md., Aug. 9, 1800 (AL12:19). This will names--Sisters: Chloe Reeder, Nancy Green, Peggy Green, and "a deformed twin of Chloe Green whose name I do not at present recollect." Brother: John Green, deceased. Niece and nephew: Ann and Richard Reeder. Relationship not indicated: Elizabeth Berry, daughter of Thomas and Susannah Berry.

Chloe Reeder was named executrix.

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Parker) Reeder

_____ (daughter) (b. c. 1825/30)

Chloe Ann Reeder (b. c. 1827, Mo.; d. 1866/70, prob. Dallas County, Mo.); m. Jan. 12, 1843, Jefferson County, Mo., Jonah W. White

Children: Elijah P.; Susan; Virginia A.; George N.; Sarah E.; John W.; Joseph N.; Sebastian H.; James Y.

Mary Jane Reeder (b. c. 1831, Mo.); m. Dec. 1, 1850, Gasconade County, Mo., John Lucas

Children: Margaret E., Martha A., Sarah F.; probably others.

Martha Reeder (b. c. 1835, Mo.)

Joseph Reeder (b. c. 1836, Mo.; d. between 1872/76, prob. Benton County, Mo.)

Mary Jane Reeder (b. c. 1839, Mo.; d. Mar. 13, 1896, Benton County, Mo.) buried Mosby Cemetery; m. Mar. 21, 1869, Benton County, Mo., Mrs. Sarah Louise (Sapp) Dawson, widow of James J. Dawson who died of measles in 1865, Jacksonville, Tenn., while serving in the Civil War. Sarah and James Dawson were the parents of two children, William J. Dawson and Edward Dawson.

Children of William A. and Sarah (Sapp) [Dawson] Reeder:

John (b. Mar. 2, 1870; his twin brother died at birth); Clarinda M.; Adelia H.; Martha E.; George Arvil

Sources:

Information concerning descendants of John and Chloe (Green) Reeder is based on research done by Betty (Reeder) Hawkins, 15 Dow Lane, Novato, Calif. 94947. Mrs. Hawkins is a descendant of James Elbert Reeder, son of Joseph Reeder.

Tombstone, Mosby Cemetery, Benton County, Mo.

1830 Census: St. Louis, Mo.

1840 Census: Jefferson County, Mo.

1850 Census: Gasconade County, Mo.

1860 Census: Dallas County, Mo.

1870 Census: Benton County, Mo.

1876 State Census of Missouri: Benton County, Mo.

1880 Census: Benton County, Mo.

Marriages: Jefferson, Gasconade, Dallas, and Benton Counties, Mo.
Children of Richard H. and Urah (Butcher) Reeder

(All children were born in Wood County, W.Va.)

Thomas Hamilton Reeder (b. Apr. 28, 1803 or Dec. 23, 1802); m. Apr. 15, 1826, Dorothy Cockrell
Children: Mary Elizabeth, Martha, Albert, Simon

Simon Green Reeder (b. Mar. 22, 1805; d. May 15, 1892, Athens County, Ohio); m. Dec. 24, 1828, Bellie Sams
Children: Mary, Urah R., Simon, Green

Samuel Butcher Reeder (b. July 12, 1807); m. (1) Sarah Sams; (2) Nov. 28, 1829, Margaret Caplinger
Children of Samuel Butcher Reeder and Margaret Caplinger:
Mary, Elizabeth, Urah, Richard W., Edward O., Ellen, Samuel, Martha Elizabeth, Albert Peyton, Sarah Ann, Isabelle Angeline

Elizabeth Reeder (b. June 8, 1809; d. June 1, 1890); m. Aug. 27, 1828, Thomas Graham
Children: Carolyn Louise, Eleanor Evelyn, Richard Benjamin, William, Frances Isabel, Alfred Harrison, George, Robert Brown, Clermont Thaw, James Asbury

Priscilla C. Reeder (b. Nov. 4, 1811); m. (1) Oct. 21, 1831, David Lee; (2) May 1836, Dr. Wm. L. Carder
Children: (1) Lodemi G., Clementine Jane, Anderson, Laura; (2) Eleanor; perhaps Hannah Francis

Sarah Green Reeder (b. May 28, 1813); m. Nov. 28, 1833, Daniel Sams
Children: Priscilla, Olive Teresa, F. O., Deborah Anna, Laura J., Daniel Reeder

Alfred Drake Reeder (b. June 11, 1814; d. 1913); m. (1) Aug. 6, 1838, Eleanor C. Melrose; (2) Mar. 6, 1862, Mary Ann Lemley
Children: (1) Mary Jane, Elizabeth Eleanor, Jane, Richard, Matilda Ann, Margaret Frances, Hannah Mehitabel, Helen Violetta, Uree Lodesa, Infant; (2) Virginia Barbara, Samuel A.

Benjamin Franklin Reeder (b. May 10, 1817; d. c. 1869/69, Sumnerfield, Ohio); m. Wood County, W. Va., Dec. 10, 1837, Rachel Jane McCoy
Children: Urah, John Franklin, Ella, Flora

Hannah Clifton Reeder (b. Jan. 9, 1819; d. Feb. 22, 1915); m. Aug. 24, 1838, William Melrose
Children: Marian J., Matilda Ann, Lavinia Priscilla, James Samuel, Mary, Sarah Ellen, William T.

Jane Ellen Reeder (twin of Hannah Clifton) (b. Jan. 9, 1819; d. Mar. 8, 1910); m. Feb. 10, 1846, Harmon Noble
Children: Rosilla, Peyton A., Jacob, Mary Ellen, Charles

Sources:
Marjorie (Graham) Lunneborg (Mrs. Ralph E.), 1010 W. Holt, Apt. 6C, Pomona, Calif. 91768. Mrs. Lunneborg is a direct descendant of Elizabeth (Reeder) Graham. She has prepared a well-documented and beautifully illustrated history of her own line and has data on collateral kin.
Gladys Lott (Mrs. Roy R.), 1350 N. Howard St., Apt. 204, Akron, Ohio, 44310. Mr. Lott is a direct descendant of Hannah Clifton (Reeder) Melrose. Mrs. Lott has done research on the entire line, and it was she who first wrote me about Richard H. Reeder and his descendants.
Ann (Brevoord) Reeder (Mrs. Graham Reeder), Rt. 1, Box 381, Palmetto, Fla. 33561. Mrs. Reeder's husband is a descendant of Benjamin Franklin Reeder. Mrs. Reeder has collected extensive documentation on the Richard H. Reeder line.
THE WATHENS

JOHN WATHEN (d. 1705)

The office of the City Clerk, Bristol, England, has manuscript records listing indentured servants who sailed from Bristol for foreign plantations during the years 1654-1686. Under date of September 10, 1670, in the record called Servants to Foreign Plantations, there appears this entry:

John Wathen bound to Hugh Thomas for three years in Maryland, in the Ship Francis and Mary. (Vol. II:191)

If the Francis and Mary had smooth sailing, JOHN WATHEN probably reached Maryland in late 1670 or early 1671. In April 1671 he built for Nicholas Grosse a house fifteen feet long and ten feet wide and made one bedstead and performed other work. John's master, Hugh Thomas, went to court in Charles County to collect a debt of 500 pounds of tobacco from Nicholas Grosse for this work performed by his servant JOHN WATHEN. The court found for Hugh Thomas, ordering that he be paid 350 pounds of tobacco plus costs of 240 pounds of tobacco. (Records of Charles County, Maryland, Court, 1671-1674, in Archives of Maryland, 60: 354-355)

Little did Hugh Thomas know, when he went to court to collect that debt, that he was creating a record that more than 200 years later would be consulted by JOHN WATHEN's descendants! This Charles County Court document establishes that the JOHN WATHEN who sailed from Bristol in 1670 reached Maryland safely. And it identifies him as a carpenter.

Three years later JOHN WATHEN had completed his service and was a free man. He soon became a land owner. Land Office Records contain this document:

John Wathen demands right for land due to him for his servitude within this province according to conditions of plantation now in force which right the 4th day of May was proved. May 12, 1674 ... Warrant then issued in the name of said John Wathen of St. Mary's County for fifty acres of land due for the consideration above said. (L 18, f. 16)

In addition to the record called Servants to Foreign Plantations, the Bristol Record Office has documents described as A Rough Volume of Apprenticeship Entries. This volume lists the names of three servants bound to John Wathen in Maryland, under date of October 16, 1684:

Christopher Gwynn of Abby Door in County Hereford, to John Wathen, for 4 years in Maryland, ship Comfort.

Thomas Williams of Dowchurch to the same for 4 years, same place and ship.
James Williams of the same place, to the same, for 1 years, same place and ship.

I think that this John Wathen is probably the JOHN WATHEN, carpenter, who came to Maryland as an indentured servant in 1670 and became a land owner in 1674.

A search at the Hall of Records in Annapolis of the proceedings of the Charles County Courts and of the Provincial Courts shows that John Wathen went to court many times to collect debts. I was not able to determine the nature of the debts or to identify this man as the indentured John Wathen who departed from Bristol for Maryland in September 1670. (Chancery Papers, 1680-1702; Provincial Court Judgments, 1698-1702)

In reviewing records from early Maryland I found one that clearly pertains to our ancestor. Assembly Proceedings of the House of Delegates for March 18, 1702, record a petition of John Wathen complaining that the vestry of King and Queen Parish in St. Mary's and Charles Counties "refused and delayed to pay him according to agreement for his work done to the church at Newport." John was advised to appear before the council at a later time, when the vestry would be represented. (Archives of Maryland, 23:212-213). Charles County probate records show that this debt was still unpaid at the time of JOHN WATHEN's death in 1705. The inventory of his estate included a debt due from the Vestry of King and Queen Parish for 1600 pounds of tobacco. The inventory also included some 140 items, among them a parcel of lumber; twelve locks for drawers; twelve dozen drawer rings; eleven dozen hinges; chisels; three trowels; iron; glass; carpenter's hooks; a vise; and saws. (Wills, 3:696-701)

Another Charles County record shows our ancestor in the role of a defendant. A jury in Charles County alleged that "John Wathen late of Charles County, carpenter, did stopp up the high road in Newport Hundred." (Charles County Land Records, 169, f. 163). I found no date on this document, but the documents following it referred to December 1702. Our ancestor JOHN WATHEN purchased Wathen's Adventure in this area in July 1702. (Patents, D99, f. 106; CD, f. 94)

John Waltham born in Barbados around 1660 to Henry Hudson and Ann (Hill) Hudson. The wife of JOHN WATHEN (d. 1705). She has been identified by some researchers as Susannah Hudson, the granddaughter of Henry Hudson the explorer. Here are a few facts I unearthed in my attempt to identify the wife of JOHN WATHEN (d. 1705).

Wathen's Adventure

In Our Ancestors I failed to include complete documentation to Charles County land records covering sale of Wathen's Adventure out of the Wathen family. Leonard Wathen sold the share he had inherited from his father, IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1757) to John Douglas, Sr., in 1764. (AD93, f. 513) John Wathen sold his share to Thomas Contee and wife in 1766. (OF93, f. 322) As noted on page 72 of Our Ancestors, IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1794) sold his share in 1792. (K 4: 206; 456)

The Tax Assessment of 1783, p. 15, seen at the Maryland Hall of Records, showed that in 1783 parts of Wathen's Adventure were owned by Richard D. Douglas; IGNATIUS WATHEN; SUSANNA WATHEN; Benjamin J. Contee; and William Chandler. This SUSANNA WATHEN was the mother of IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1804). From this I conclude that she died between 1793 and 1796. When IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1804) sold his share of Wathen's Adventure in 1796, his wife SUSANNA WATHEN signed the release.

Captain William Wathen

I wish to correct statements about William Wathen, captain of the ship Providence, who in 1668 proved his right to 400 acres of land for transporting eight settlers to Maryland. JOHN WATHEN, whom we now know came in 1670, was obviously not one of these settlers. Their names were Babury Jones, Joane Vincent, William Howell, Margaret Thomas, Ann Morris, George Read, Jenkins Jones, and Joseph Harding. I know of no documents indicating that Captain William Wathen was a relative of JOHN WATHEN (d. 1705). William Wathen assigned his right to this 400 acres of land to Daniel Jennifer. (Patents, 11:338) Captain Wathen did not settle in Maryland.

ANN (SUSANNAH) WATHEN

The will of JOHN WATHEN the immigrant refers to his wife as ANN WATHEN. She was born in Barbados around 1660 to Henry Hudson and Ann (Will) Hudson. She is reported to have been the granddaughter of Henry Hudson the explorer. Here are a few facts I unearthed in my attempt to identify the wife of JOHN WATHEN (d. 1705).

Henry Hudson the explorer was born in England around 1570. He made four voyages in search of the "Northwest Passage" to the Orient. The first voyages were made in 1607 and 1608 for English companies. The third voyage was made in 1609 for the Dutch East India Company. On this voyage he followed the Hudson River as far upstream as the present city of Albany and established the Dutch claim to the region.
Henry Hudson's final voyage, financed by the British East India Company, sailed from England in 1610 and wintered in Hudson Bay. In the summer of 1611 the crew mutinied and set Henry Hudson, his son John, and seven other men adrift in a small boat without food or water. They were never seen again.

In 1611 Katherine Hudson, widow of the explorer, asked the East India Company for employment for her youngest son, Richard. Richard sailed on the ship Samaritan and continued in the service of the company, making trips as far away as Japan and India. He died in 1648, leaving several children, some of whom emigrated to America.

Llewelyn Powy, author of Henry Hudson (Harper, 1928) named three sons: Oliver, John, and Richard, and states that beyond this all is conjecture. Oliver was already married in 1609; John was probably around 16 when he died in 1611. Richard was probably born around 1600.

Katherine Hudson, the widow of Henry Hudson, entered the East India trade and traveled to India herself, making remunerative deals in indigo and other commodities. She died in 1624, leaving her property to her sons Oliver and Richard. Her will provided that "in case the said Richard should not returne from the East India, that then her sonne Oliver should have all."

ANN (SUSANNAH) WATHEN, born around 1660, could not have been the daughter of Richard Hudson, since he died in 1648; and she was probably not the daughter of Oliver, who had been married more than fifty years in 1660. This leaves the possibility that she was the granddaughter of Richard or Oliver.

Records of early Virginia and Maryland show many Hudsons. Skordas in Early Settlers of Maryland shows 26 of them. A Susanna Hudson listed on page 243 of Skordas was transported in 1669. (17: 377) Servants to Foreign Plantations shows Hudsons who sailed from Bristol for Barbados: James Hudson, bound to William Cole of Bristol, merchant, appears under date of October 13, 1657; William Hudson, blacksmith, from Shippen, Gloucestershire, bound to John Keene, blacksmith, Barbados, is entered on June 2, 1659. (Gordon Ireland. "Servants to Foreign Plantations from Bristol, England, to Barbados, 1654-1665." Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, XIV: 206)

Henry Hudson would be an interesting ancestor. Perhaps some researcher will find records linking him with our ANN (Hudson) WATHEN, wife of JOHN WATHEN who died in 1705. Many Hudsons settled in Barbados, but so far relationship to the explorer is unproved.

James Cowley

James Cowley is mentioned on page 80 of Our Ancestors as a son-in-law of IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1804). His name appeared on records in Montgomery County, Maryland, in March 1804, and in Bardstown, Kentucky, in October 1806. On November 23, 1806, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, a Rebecca Wathen married James Cowley, whose mother and father were deceased. This James Cowley could be the grandson of IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1804), though additional research would be needed to establish this.

James H. Wathen

Another child of IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1804) was James H. Wathen, who was in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, in 1824 and in 1829. James H. Wathen may be the man who served as a private in Captain Edward Berry's Company, Kentucky Detached Militia, Colonel Gabriel Slaughter, commander, in the War of 1812. James H. Wathen married Sally Young in 1818 in Washington, Daviess County, Indiana. He bought land in Daviess County in 1818 and sold it the same year.

John Wathen (d. 1810)

I wrote on page 73 of Our Ancestors that John, brother of IGNATIUS WATHEN (d. 1804) "may be the John Wathen who died in Washington County, Kentucky, in 1810." This fact has now been established. This John Wathen married Henrietta Riney in Maryland. He was living in Randolph County, (West) Virginia in 1796, and he died in Washington County, Kentucky, in 1830. (Randolph County, West Virginia, Power of Attorney Book No. 1, July 1796 to September 1800 Court, p. 37) The above information about John Wathen was furnished by Mrs. Carol Collins, 2201 Riverside Drive, South Bend, Ind. 46616. Mrs. Collins has been doing research on the Wathen family for several years and has collected a great deal of valuable material.
When Morgan Byrne wrote his will in Cape Girardeau County on November 29, 1830, he stated that he was "about to commence a journey." This would tend to confirm that the move from Cape Girardeau to New Madrid County took place in late 1830 or early 1831. The will was offered for probate May 10, 1833, in New Madrid County. Property was left to the widow, Jane Byrne, and to the seven children: Peter, Luke, Maria Louisa, Napoleon B., Mary, Eleanor Ann, and Elizabeth Jane.

Luke M. Byrne (1813-1865)

Luke M. Byrne's military service with the Confederacy began July 1, 1861, and ended December 27, 1861. He served as captain in Company E, 1st Regiment Cavalry of the Missouri State Guards. (Confederate Archives, vol. 207 1/2, ch. 2, p. 245)

The HQ Commissary Department, 1st Division, Missouri State Guards, Camp New Madrid, paid Luke M. Byrne $39.50 for 790 pounds of beef at five cents a pound on December 5, 1861. James H. Howard, brother-in-law of Luke M. Byrne, also received $28.25 on November 20, 1861, for repairing magazines and for use of his blacksmith's furnace and coal, and $23 for the use of his shop and for repairing a magazine. (Microfilm, Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City: from DAR Genealogical Records Committee, Missouri Miscellaneous Records.)

Final settlement of the estate of Luke M. Byrne included proceeds from sale of lands in Newton County, Missouri, in the amounts of $765 and $977.65. This would suggest that when Luke M. Byrne attended the "Rebel Legislature" in Neosho, Newton County, Missouri, in October 1861 he may have bought land in that area. Whether he lived in Newton County during a part of the Civil War years is not known.

The Ramsay Settlement

On page 106 of Our Ancestors I referred to the Ramsay Settlement near Jackson, Missouri, and I noted further along that the Byrne children had all learned to read and write. Shoemaker wrote that the Mount Tabor School in the Ramsay Settlement, established in 1799, was the first English school west of the Mississippi. It seems likely that the Byrne children and the younger children of Robert and Elizabeth Green attended this school. (Floyd C. Shoemaker, "Cape Girardeau, Most American of Missouri's Original Five Counties," Missouri Historical Review, L (October 1955), 49-61)
I wrote in Our Ancestors that JOHN and SARAH (WALKER) AKIN had five children who grew to maturity, but I had the names of only three of them. I now have the names of all five:

THOMAS W. AKIN
Margaret Ford Akin
John W. Akin
Sally Myra Akin
Benton Akin

All of these children were living in New Madrid when THOMAS W. AKIN and John W. Akin applied for letters of administration on the estate of their father, JOHN AKIN, on June 6, 1842.

Goodspeed was the source of the information that JOHN and SARAH AKIN had five children who grew to maturity. Goodspeed also recorded that JOHN AKIN was "a native of Ireland, who, when a child, came to America with his parents and located in North Carolina." In 1977 I made a trip to North Carolina and did research at the State Library in Raleigh in an attempt to identify the parents of JOHN AKIN. I found many Akins and even more Walkers, but none I could link with our ancestors. It is probable that the Akins came from Ireland to some other state and later moved to North Carolina. There was little direct emigration from Europe to North Carolina.

I made several errors in Our Ancestors in the Akin narrative that I would like to correct. The "w" should be deleted from JOHN AKIN's name. I had confused him with his son. This also caused me to doubt the correctness of Goodspeed's date of death for JOHN AKIN, December 8, 1841. I see no reason now to question this date. And at the bottom of page 110, I wrote JOHN AKIN instead of THOMAS W. AKIN. This is a typographical error for which I am responsible.

I am indebted to Mrs. Gordon Brown of New Madrid, Missouri, for documents and family information which made it possible to straighten out some of the Akin puzzles. She is a descendant of JOHN and SARAH (WALKER) AKIN through their daughter Margaret Ford (Akin) Lewis.

Margaret Ford (Akin) Lewis (b. c. 1815; d. 1842)

Margaret Ford Akin was born in Cape Girardeau County. In 1835 she was married in New Madrid County to Warner Lewis (1810-1872), a kinsman of Thomas Jefferson and Meriwether Lewis. Margaret died October 15, 1842. She was the mother of three children:

Martha Jane Lewis (b. Aug. 22, 1836, New Madrid, Mo.; d. Feb. 9, 1921); m. (1) L. Webster Maulsby; (2) Mr. Burnett

John Randolph Lewis (b. Jan. 18, 1839, New Madrid, Mo.; d. Sept. 1, 1874); m. (1) Miss Lorimer; (2) on Dec. 31, 1872, Cordelia Finnell. (John Randolph Lewis was killed from the kick of his horse.)
Thomas Walker Lewis (b. Mar. 7, 1841, New Madrid, Mo.;
d. Jan. 11, 1910, Fredericktown, Mo.); m. Caroline
Sebastian (b. Apr. 19, 1845)

John W. Akin (d. c. 1846)

John W. Akin recorded a land purchase in New Madrid on
November 8, 1844. I do not know the date of his death, but final
settlement of his estate was made on May 9, 1848. Since his estate
was distributed to brothers and sisters, we are warranted in
believing that either he did not marry or that his wife had died
before he did, leaving no children.

Sally Myra (Akin) Sikes (d. 1840/48)

PETER HOEHN'S baptismal record shows that he came from the village
of Hundsangen. A letter to the burgomaster of that village brought in
reply a book on the history of the village, titled Hundsangen-Heimat.
The burgomaster translated my letter and published it in the local
newspaper, urging anyone who had interest in the family to write me.
This publicity generated a letter from Josef Becker, a distant cousin
living in Frankfurt am Main. Josef was born in the Hundsangen area,
and he and his wife were good enough to trace the family back three
generations through church and civil records. I learned that my grand-
father was the youngest of four children, that his mother died when he
was eight, and that his father was still living when PETER left Germany
in 1854 to seek his fortune in America.

Benton Akin (1831-1910)

Benton Akin died in New Madrid, Missouri, July 2, 1910. He
left a typewritten will dated June 4, 1910. Two daughters were living
at that time: Ola Rue (Akin) Shellenberger and Amanda Myra Akin, wife
of William L. Barnard.

Josef Becker wrote me that he was in the United States some 35
years ago, as a POW interned in Mississippi Delta prison camps. He
claims that the small stock of English which he has is characterized
by a 'cotton picking' accent.

An older member of Josef's family recalls that other members of
PETER HOEHN's family came to America around 1885, but we have not
determined their names. We think that they were probably not close kin.

My success in finding the name of the ship on which PETER HOEHN
came to America grew out of a conversation with my St. Louis friends who
have always been my faithful translators of German documents. Gertrude
and Marie Fiehler told me that their German ancestors came to Perry
County, Missouri, in 1839 through the port of New Orleans. The National
Archives has passenger lists of vessels arriving at New Orleans, 1820-
1902. They are not indexed, but they are in chronological order and
there are quarterly abstracts. Since I knew that PETER HOEHN
obtained his passport in Germany on March 23, 1854, I guessed that he left Germany
shortly after that. It took me only a few hours to find the passenger
list I wanted for the "Brem Bark" Adonis. It sailed from Bremen April 7,
1854, and reached New Orleans on the morning of June 1, 1854, eight weeks
later. The Adonis carried 363 passengers, most of them German immigrants
planning to settle in the Midwest. Shortly after their arrival they would
have boarded Mississippi River packets to continue their trips up river
to their new homes. My grandfather was bound for St. Louis.
The New Orleans Commercial Bulletin and the Louisiana Courier for June 1, 1854, provided information as to when the sailing ship Adonis left Bremen. They also gave an account of a terrific thunderstorm during the time the ship was sailing at the mouth of the river for a tug to tow it up to New Orleans.

It was only seventeen years later that PETER HOEHN did verbal battle with the Ku Klux Klan. He had served three years in the Union Army, he had married and was living in New Madrid, Missouri, with his wife and six children in his family, and he was the local postmaster.

The activities of the Ku Klux Klan had become so flagrant that President U. S. Grant in 1871 sent a special message to Congress asking for strong measures to protect the rights of citizens whose lives and property were endangered. In Southeast Missouri bands of lawless night riders, masked and dressed in long black and white striped robes, were spreading terror. Local officials were either afraid or unable to control them.

On July 7, 1871, PETER HOEHN, postmaster, wrote to Governor B. Gratz Brown of Missouri to report a particularly brutal murder which had gone unpunished. PETER HOEHN wrote that he himself had been the target of abuse: "A brickbat was thrown in at one of my windows last winter, striking and nearly killing one of my children when I was not aware I had an enemy. Shortly after, my barn and contents was burned."

Perhaps PETER HOEHN's letter made an impression on the governor. No doubt newspaper accounts of atrocities played a strong part in influencing the governor to act. In October 1871 he ordered out the militia in the neighboring counties of Dunklin and Stoddard. The lawless situation was gradually controlled.

(Details of travel on immigrant vessels, the Ku Klux Klan episode, and other facts of PETER HOEHN's life appear in "Peter Hoehn, German Immigrant (1829-1906)" which I wrote for the Louisiana Genealogical Register, June 1978.)

The passenger lists of the Adonis are preserved in the National Archives in Washington; the letters from PETER HOEHN to the governor are in Folder 4792, Missouri State Archives in Jefferson City; but recollections of PETER HOEHN's grandchildren give details that only they could furnish.

Information that Fannie (Hoehn) Hughson lived in Braymer, Missouri, following her marriage made it possible to trace her. Hughson descendants who still live in Braymer have told me that the family located there after moving from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, in 1871. (The Hughsons were among the Tories who moved to Canada during the Revolutionary War.) Fannie and her husband came to New Madrid during the final illnesses of Jennie (Hoehn) Thomas and PETER HOEHN. They returned to Braymer following the deaths of Jennie and PETER in late 1906. Fannie (Hoehn) Hughson died in Braymer in 1909; her husband lived until March 14, 1931. Fannie's daughter Ruth (Hughson) Neill, died in childbirth. Fannie's son, Ernest Hughson, lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

Since 1975 I have met all four of the daughters of Jennie (Hoehn) Thomas. They are the oldest of PETER HOEHN's grandchildren, and two of them can remember him. Belva (Thomas) Anderson and Erba (Thomas) Devers have told me incidents that make him seem more real to those of us who never knew him. I included three of these incidents in "Peter Hoehn, German Immigrant," and I am going to repeat them here:

When Peter Hoehn noticed that someone was stealing wood from his woodpile, he bored holes in some of the sticks and put in gunpowder. The sticks exploded in the thief's stove. Peter's woodpile was not bothered thereafter.

One of Peter Hoehn's granddaughters, when around ten, was left in charge of his store when he went out for a beer. A Negro woman came in to buy a stove pipe collar. The child, not being sure of the price, charged fifty cents. When her grandfather returned, she told him about the sale. Peter searched out the woman and refunded the forty cent overcharge.

Peter Hoehn continued to run a general store, and he supplemented his income by serving as justice of the peace from 1891 to 1906. He recorded with careful attention to detail the 47 marriages that he performed during that period. He usually brought the couples to his home for the ceremony, and he took them into the parlor. He sometimes permitted his little granddaughters to witness the ceremony. The parlor, reserved for special occasions, was decorated in typical Victorian style. White lace curtains and red drapes hung at the windows. A large red lamp stood on a black center table. A black ebony piano, a red velvet settee, a red velvet armchair, and a red velvet platform rocker completed the furnishings.

Those Victorian furnishings are long since gone, but the Marriage Record of Peter Hoehn, J. P., has been preserved. I prepared an index for it and furnished the index and Xerox copies of the record to the Missouri State Historical Society in Columbia, Missouri, and to the Recorder of Deeds, New Madrid County, Missouri.

Clarence Hoehn, youngest son of PETER HOEHN and JENNIE (WHITE) HOEHN, was quite talented musically. He played on the showboats that came to New Madrid, to the disappointment of his father, who did not regard this as a proper way to earn a living. Clarence once helped himself to some lumber his father had in the yard, built a raft of it, and took some of his young nieces with him onto the Mississippi River. Fortunately no one was drowned, but PETER HOEHN punished Clarence severely for this foolhardy conduct.

The St. Louis World's Fair of 1904, officially known as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, was a highlight in the life of all of our kin who lived during that period: my aunts, my parents, my husband's mother and aunts. Lulu Hoehn, PETER HOEHN's fourth daughter, wanted to see as much of the fair as possible, so she managed a booth. I hope she had a wonderful time. She died the following year, aged 30.

Another Hoehn death to be recorded comes much closer to me. My sister Louise (Hoehn) Campbell died of cancer July 27, 1976, in St. Louis. Louise was born June 4, 1909.
HOHN LINE OF DESCENT IN HUNDSANGEN, GERMANY

HOHN, JOHANN HENRICH (b. prob. c. 1740); m. ANNA

Their children: JOHANN CHRISTOPH HOHN and probably others

HOHN, JOHANN CHRISTOPH (b. prob. c. 1764); m. 1789 to KATHARINA HOFFMAN

Their children: JAKOB HOHN and probably others

HOHN, JAKOB (b. May 15, 1793; d. 1858); m. Oct. 11, 1814, to KATHARINA BERTRAM (b. Dec. 16, 1788; d. Jan. 23, 1837); daughter of PETER and ANNA KATHARINA (KUHN) BERTRAM

Children of JAKOB and KATHARINA (BERTRAM) HOHN

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Hohn, Johannes (b. May 15, 1819)
Hohn, Johannes Josef (b. Aug. 27, 1825; d. Oct. 24, 1851)
HOHN (HOHN), PETER (b. Oct. 15, 1829, Hundsangen, Germany; d. Nov. 29, 1906, New Madrid, Mo.)

Information about PETER HOHN'S family in Germany was furnished by Josef and Hilde Becker of Frankfurt am Main, who consulted church records in Hundsangen and civil records in Limburg.

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