

THE LESTER FAMILY  
OF  
FLOYD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
VIRGINIA

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## FOREWORD

My original intention, when I became interested in the Lester family, was to research and publish the family of Hulen Lester, youngest son of John and Catharine Lester and my great-great-grandfather. In the course of my searching, many, many new Lester names, previously unknown to me, came to light. As they were identified and put in their proper places, other branches of the family began to take shape and as I endeavored to fill in the missing names, eventually my project expanded to include the entire Lester family originating in Montgomery and Floyd counties.

John Lester I had eleven children. His descendants were likewise prolific and had large families. The size of the family took on major proportions and became almost unmanageable. This collection has over 3000 names and later generations have had to be limited, for which I am sorry. It could be broken up into several books but has been kept together in its entirety as I believe that the overall picture of the whole family is of value and interest.

The Lester family history is not yet complete and the search could go on and on but this is as far as I can go at the present time. I will be glad to hear from anyone and will be appreciative of additions and corrections.

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The numeral in front of each name represents the generation in the family to which the individual belongs, beginning with John Lester I as the first generation. The letter after the numeral indicates the order of birth of the individual in his immediate family. For example: "2i. Hulen Lester," the figure 2 shows that he is of the second generation, and the letter i (ninth in the alphabet) shows that he is the 9th child of his parents. "4c. George Lester," shows that he is the 4th generation, and the letter c shows that he is the third child in his family, etc.

### Abbreviations:

Floyd County (F)	Patrick County (Pat Co)	m. - married
Montgomery County (M)	Radford (Rad)	n.m. - never married
Roanoke County (Roa Co)	b. - born	bur. - buried
Pulaski County (Pul Co)	d. - died	ca. - about

In many instances the usual punctuation has been omitted to save space.

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LESTER

John Lester was the progenitor of the Lester family in Floyd and Montgomery counties, Virginia. John, Abner and Samuel Lester (believed to be brothers) settled in Botetourt County, Virginia, about 1770.

John Lester was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, according to family tradition. Hulen Lester, youngest son of John Lester, stated in the 1880 census that his father was born in Pennsylvania.

Intensive efforts have been made by family members and researchers over the years to locate John Lester's father and ancestors in Pennsylvania, but with no success up to the present time. Much attention has been given to the Peter Lester family in Pennsylvania whose genealogy has been compiled by Clarence V. Roberts in Early Friends Families of Upper Bucks (1925). So far a place has not been found in that family where John Lester belongs.

Roberts states: "He (Peter) was probably accompanied to this country by a brother or other relatives, as the will of George Lester, probated in Philadelphia, December 14, 1695, mentions him as a kinsman and makes him executor, and the will of William Lester of the Manor of Rockland County of New Castle, dated September 24, 1691, gives him a legacy as 'cousin' Peter Lester and also a legacy to 'kinsman' George Lester."

This establishes the fact that George, William and Peter Lester, cousins, were living in Pennsylvania at the same time and in the same vicinity and probably immigrated to this country together. It is possible that John Lester was descended from George Lester or William Lester. Their families have not been documented as was Peter's.

The question of John Lester's ancestor remains unsettled but I think it is safe to say that they were of the yeoman class who emigrated from England, probably Leicestershire, to Pennsylvania in the mid-1600s and that they probably belonged to the Society of Friends.

I am indebted to Betsy Owen (Mrs. James J. Owen, Blacksburg, Va.) for the following interesting information: Several families by the name of Heulings (Hewlings, Hulings, Hulins) lived in Bucks County near the Lester family, ca. 1680 through the 1700s. They also belonged to the Society of Friends but the record shows that some were dismissed. At least two marriages are recorded between the Lester and Heulings families.

John Lester named his youngest son Hulen, and William, son of John's brother Abner, named his oldest son Abner Hulen. The name has been spelled in so many different ways that it is impossible to determine the original spelling but it appears to have been Heulings or Hulings. The name seems to have had a special significance for the Lesters and if we knew the connection we would probably know more about the history of the family.

Other data found by Betsy Owen may furnish a link in the brothers' migration from Pennsylvania to Montgomery County. Records in Loudoun County, Virginia, show that in 1763, and for a few years following, John, Abner and Samuel Lester, as well as William, Thomas and Peter Lester, were residents of the county, taxpayers and slave holders. The coincidence of the names "John, Abner, Samuel" is significant and unusual. John Lester who came to Montgomery County would have been 12 years old in 1763 and not listed as a taxpayer but he could have been living with his brothers. There was another older John Lester in the county who may have been the one listed with Abner and Samuel. He continued to live in Loudoun County. It is also significant that their names disappeared from that county about the same time that they appeared in Botetourt County.

John, Abner and Samuel Lester migrated to Botetourt County, Virginia, about 1770 and settled on the frontier in what is now Wythe County. John Lester's name appears in 1771 in a list of Botetourt County tithables taken by Walter Crockett in the area of present Wythe County (New River Tithables, 1770-1773. Compiled by Mary B. Kegley, 1972). Samuel and Abner Lester are listed "in the Lower District of New River" (Ibid).

On March 13, 1771, John Lester was appointed Constable in place of William Pruett (Botetourt County court minutes).

In February 1774, a survey was made for John Lester for 175 acres of land in Fincastle County at the blue spring, the head of Cripple Creek, a branch of New River, part of the Loyal Company grant (Platt Book A, p. 247, Montgomery County records).

In 1774, John Lester was a soldier of the Fincastle County Militia in Col. Campbell's Company, and was paid 15 shillings for 10 days service (Soldiers of Fincastle County, Virginia, 1774, compiled by Mary B. Kegley, 1974). This part of Virginia, at that time was the Western Frontier and was under heavy attack by the Indians. It was a time of constant threat and stress for the settlers. Militia leaders in every community were called on by Governor Dunmore to enroll and equip their men preparatory to a march toward Point Pleasant. John Lester and his brother Samuel Lester fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant (Report of the Point Pleasant Battle Monument Commission to the West Virginia State Board of Control, 1927), called by historians the first battle of the Revolution. Their names are inscribed on bronze tablets at the base of the Point Pleasant Battle Monument. John Lester's service to his country began at this early date, October 10, 1774, and preceded his Revolutionary service by three years.

He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, serving as Private in Captain Daniel Trigg's Company of Montgomery County Militia. John, Abner and Samuel Lester were sworn into service between September 5, 1777, and April 1, 1778 (original report of Stephen Trigg, Senior Captain of Montgomery County

Militia). (Certificate of Military Service of John Lester was issued by A. B. Correll, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, at Christiansburg, dated July 15, 1936.)

John Lester and Catharine Plick (Plickinstalver, Blickensderfer) were married, probably in 1775 in Fincastle County. The marriage record has not been found. John was 24 years old and Catharine was 16. She was of German ancestry, the daughter of John Blickensderfer (the name of her mother is unknown), who lived on Meadow Creek in Montgomery County (see Blickensderfer).

It is not known when John Lester moved to Little River - perhaps about the time of his marriage.

John and Catharine built their log cabin home on a hill facing west (on present Rt. 602), overlooking Little River and the surrounding country. It was not far from the confluence of Brush Creek with Little River, and the Little River ford. A large bridge now spans the ford (present Rt. 617).

John's brothers, Abner and Samuel, left Montgomery County and moved west. John named his third and fourth sons for them.

John's first acquisition of land on Little River is not recorded. He obtained three land grants: 100 acres on Little River, 1785; 100 acres on Brush Creek, 1786; 100 acres on Little River & Brush Creek, 1796 (Land Office records, Richmond). He made other acquisitions.

John died in 1825 at the age of 73. Catharine died eight years later, aged 74. The inscriptions on their tombstones are now almost illegible as the stones have deteriorated over the years. They were buried on top of the knoll above their home (Lester Cemetery #1), probably the first to be buried there.

All of their eleven children left Montgomery County except Hulen, the youngest son, who established his home on Little River, below their home. Samuel went west, nothing further known of him or his family. Mary married and moved to Tennessee. John II, James, Abner, William, Susannah, Rhoda, Pamela, Catherine all moved to Floyd County. At one time the Lesters in Floyd County numbered in the hundreds. The Lesters moved back and forth across Little River (Little River formed the boundary line between Floyd and Montgomery counties) and their influence was felt in both counties. They were public-spirited men and conscientiously discharged their duties and responsibilities as good citizens. They farmed their land, raised large families and tried to ensure that their children would follow in their footsteps as honest and upright citizens.

John and Catharine Lester had 11 children, 83 (known) grandchildren, and 460 (known) great-grandchildren. Their descendants migrated to West Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, Idaho and other states. If there had been a gathering of the first four generations, what a throng!

BLICKENS DERFER - PLICKENSTALVER - PLICK

Catharine Flick, born 1759, married John Lester, date and place unknown, perhaps in 1775 in Fincastle County, Virginia.

She was the daughter of John Blickensderfer, a German. The name of her mother is unknown.

The name in German was Blickensdörfer or Blickensderfer, and became Plickenstalver in English. It was shortened to Plick, and that is understandable when one sees the various ways the name was spelled - or misspelled - since it seems to have been a difficult name for the early settlers to pronounce and spell. A few of the spellings found in records:

Pleickensdoerffer	Blickingstofer	Plickenstarvor	Pleckenstaker
Blickenstörffer	Bliggennderfer	Pleekenstopher	Plickinstorffer
Blickersterffer	Blickenstaffer	Pleckenstepher	Pleck and Stalver

The earliest known information on the Blickensderfer family in Germany begins on February 12, 1716, when the "Anabaptist" Blickensderfer purchased a Kohlacher estate in the Schifferstadt subdivision of the Electorate of Speyer of the Palatinate or Rheinish province of the kingdom of Bavaria. According to tradition, the Anabaptist was a disciple of Menno Simons in Switzerland and was expelled because of his religious beliefs. (An Anabaptist was one of a party which rejected infant baptism, held the church to be composed of true Christians baptized on confession of faith, and advocated separation of church and state.) A small hamlet near the city of Zug, Switzerland, called Blickensdorf, and the fact that many Blickensderfers resided in that vicinity lends credence to the tradition.

The given name of the Anabaptist does not appear in the records, nor the date of his birth and death. It is estimated that he was born about 1690, and certain facts seem to show that he died in 1767. At his death he conveyed the Kohlacher estate to the widow of his son (George?) in trust for his grandson John George, the son apparently having died in 1761-62, before the death of his father.

The name of his wife is unknown. They had six sons, five of whom emigrated to America. The six sons were: Christian (1724-1800), John, George?, Jacob, Ulrich, Jost (1735-1826). The order of birth is not known other than that Jost was the youngest and Christian probably the oldest.

Jacob was the first to emigrate to America, landing at Philadelphia on September 16, 1748. Tradition says that soon after his arrival in America he went West and lived among the Indians, nothing being heard from him for some years, when he suddenly appeared among his brothers in eastern Pennsylvania, dressed in full Indian costume. He did not remain in eastern Pennsylvania very




long and again went West among the Indians, and was never more heard from.

John Blickensderfer was born in Germany, no doubt on the Kohlhof, but the date of his birth is not known. He is supposed to have been one of the older brothers, and the date of his birth was probably somewhere between 1724 - 1730. John and his younger brother Ulrich emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia September 9, 1749, ship St. Andrew, James Abercrombie, master, from Rotterdam via Plymouth. Ulrich eventually settled in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where he married and raised a large family, and where he died.

They were followed by Christian and Jost in 1753. Christian lived and died in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Jost, or Yost in English, settled in Frederick County, Maryland, and died there.

Where John first settled is unknown, but he supposedly lived some time in eastern Pennsylvania or Maryland before moving south to Halifax County in the section that is now Henry County, Virginia. He perhaps married in Pennsylvania though the name of his wife is not known nor the date of his marriage.\*\*

The next date of record is July 19, 1762, when John Plickenstalver of Halifax County borrowed "two pounds nine shillings five and one-half pence current money" from William Satterwhite and Robert Hastie. John signed with his mark . The note was assigned to John Blevins; Blevins later settled in Montgomery County.

On May 15, 1767, there is the following entry in the Moravian records, Bethabara, North Carolina (near present Winston-Salem): "Johann Blickensdorffer came to bring a packet of letters. The man lives beyond Dan River on the so-called Horse Pasture." (Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, ed. by A. L. Fries, v. I, 1751-1771). The Horse Pasture is a creek in present Henry County.

Apparently he moved shortly after this date to Botetourt County (now Montgomery County), Virginia.

On April 26, 1769, John Plickenstalver acquired 50 acres of land by right of settlement below the mouth of Little River, Botetourt County. He is listed as a tithable in Botetourt County in 1770, 1771, 1772, and in Fincastle County in 1773. His son, John Plickenstalver Junr, is listed in 1772. In 1773, he bought 82 acres on Meadow Creek, waters of Little River in Fincastle County (now Montgomery County). This was surveyed in 1782 "on Little River,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile below Old Millstone Bottom." Meadow Creek rises near Riner and flows into Little River a short distance below Snowville. (These transactions are recorded in Kegley, Mary B., Early Adventurers on Western Waters, v. I.)

In 1774, John Plick, or Plick Stalver, served a total of 148 days in Captain Joseph Cloyd's Company and Captain James Robertson's Company in the Fincastle County Militia in "Dunmore's War." (Soldiers of Fincastle County, Virginia, 1774, comp. by Mary B. Kegley, 1974). It is not indicated if this is John Sr., or John Jr.

\*\* They had settled in Virginia by 1759 when their first child, Catharine, was born. Hulen Lester, son of John Lester and Catharine Blickensderfer, stated in the 1880 census that his mother was born in Virginia.

In 1774, John Blickensderfer wrote to his sister-in-law, Eva Blickensderfer, at the Kohlhof in Germany. Translation:

Methe-Crik (Meadow Creek), Virginia 1774

Dear and Beloved sister-in-law:

Thanks to God I myself and my two children are still well. My dear wife passed away three years ago. I had to lift and carry her for 3 years, because of a limb disease. Due to the circumstances I have fallen behind with my household, and also have fallen into debt. Therefore, because of these circumstances I need very badly that which I still have coming to me from you, so I would not lose my piece of land which would be very hard on me. If you could send something at this time, it would just be a great help in time of need. We shall acknowledge it with much thanks. The 90 fl. from my brother Christian have arrived correctly.

Your brother-in-law,

Johannes Blickensdörfer

In 1776, Yost Blickensderfer, then residing in Frederick County, Maryland, visited his brother John in Virginia. On his return to Maryland, Yost is reported as saying John had one son (John Jr.) living with him. John's other child, Catharine, had married John Lester, supposedly in 1775.

On April 4, 1789, the tract on Meadow Creek was surveyed and sold to James Simpkins by "Jno. Pleckenstaker & wife Elizabeth." This was John Plickenstalver Jr., as the elder Plickenstalver's wife died in 1771, as stated in his letter, and it is probable that John Sr., had also passed away by this date.

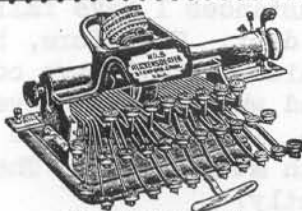
Nothing further is known of John Plickenstalver. The date of his death may have been ca. 1788, as his tract of land was sold by his son in 1789. John Jr. left Montgomery County and moved to Kentucky. Catharine was the only member of the family to remain in Montgomery County.

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Jacob Blickensderfer, born May 9, 1816, at New Philadelphia, Ohio, died February 26, 1899, Oakland, Missouri, was the great-grandson of Christian Blickensderfer, the oldest son of the Anabaptist. He had a distinguished career in railway service as a civil engineer. He was personally appointed by Abraham Lincoln to inspect the transcontinental railway lines. He was the father of 13 children. It is thanks to his knowledge and research of the family that we have this history of the Blickensderfer family.

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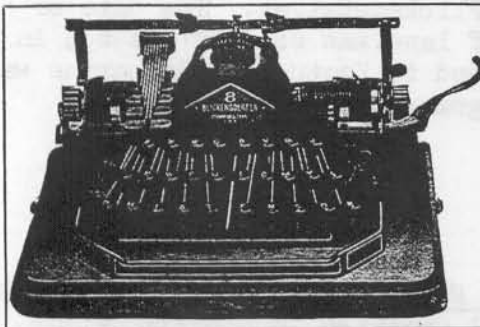
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## John Lester I

John Lester I

b. January 11, 1751  
(Bucks County, PA)d. January 29, 1825  
(Montgomery Co., VA)

bur Lester Cemetery #1

m. ca. 1775  
Fincastle Co.?  
Virginia

Catharine Plick (Blickensderfer)

b. 1759

d. September 15, 1833  
(Montgomery Co., VA)

bur Lester Cemetery #1

11 children

John II b. 1776 d. 1851 m. 1802 Mary Ann Terry	James b. 1779 d. 1860 m. 1815 Cloe Wilson	Samuel b. 1781? d. - m. 1815 Nancy Cox	Abner b. 1783 d. 1871 m. 1806 Rachael West	William b. 1785 d. 1865 m. 1809 Rebecca Simmons	Susannah b. 1788 d. 1859 m. 1806 William Richards	Mary b. 1790 d. 1876 m. 1806 Isaac West Jr.	Rhoda b. 1793 d. 1865 m. 1812 William Simmons	Hulen b. 1795 d. 1888 m. 1819 Eleanor Simmons	Pamelia b. 1797 d. 1835 m. 1816 Ira Howard	Catherine b. 1802 d. 1885 m. 1824 John Sowers
Hulen Matilda Malinda John III Amos Jacob Bird Wm. T. Catherine	Lynch Rhoda Lindsay James Jr. Mahala Lockie Leftwich Lewis Cloe Catherine Julia Ann		Fleming Pauline Abner Jr. Ann Sarah Elizabeth	Champ Charles Byer Susannah John Preston Delilah Boston Gordon Ballard Rebecca Wm. Jr.	Walter John Catherine Ona Mary Olivia Julia Ann Permelia Octavia	Warren Matilda Susan Charlotte Jeffrey Alethia Mary Ann Elizabeth	James L. Sarah Mary Adeline Calvin L. Harvey D. Erasmus Rhoda Wm. C. Permelia	Paradine Joshua Ira Aveline Eloyd Harvey Catharine James W. Charles D. Ellen	Asa L. Joseph L.	Hulen Joseph D. Timandra Eliza E. Asa Mary

## JOHN LESTER II

2a. John Lester II, b. March 7, 1776(M), d. Sept 21, 1851(F), bur Lester Cem #5, m. Oct 5, 1802(M), Mary Ann (Polly) Terry, b. Feb 3, 1781(M), d. Feb 14, 1862(F), bur Lester Cem #5, no stone, dau of Josiah Terry; 9 children: Hulen, Matilda, Malinda, John III, Amos T., Jacob, Bird, William T., Catherine Jane.

John Lester, first child and eldest son of John and Catharine, was named for his father. Even though he was John Jr., he is referred to in this history as John II. According to the custom of the time, he was often called John Lester Sr., when he was the eldest Lester living in the community, which causes some confusion.

John married Polly Terry, daughter of Josiah Terry, and lived for about eighteen years near his parents in Montgomery County. In 1820 he bought the large home tract of Charles Simmons and moved to present Floyd County. He lived about six miles north of the present town of Floyd. The house stood some distance behind the white frame house of George Simmons which was built years later and is now seen on the hill on present Route 8. Lester Cemetery #5 was on his place. It has since been destroyed.

John Lester was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Governor of Virginia in 1831 and was a member of the first Floyd County Court. He served the community in that capacity until his death. Men in that day dignified the office of Justice of the Peace and made its service one of honor and distinction. He also served as Sheriff of Floyd County, 1844-45. He was a prominent and influential citizen, a successful farmer, a large land owner and a slave owner. He owned a large property at the time of his death.

His will, dated April 19, 1851, probated October 16, 1851, names his wife Mary and his nine children. He appointed his sons John III and William T. as executors of his estate. John III died suddenly seven months after his father's death and the administration of the estate passed through several hands. The estate was not properly settled and much of it was dissipated. In 1890, years after John's death, some of the heirs brought suit to gain possession of their inheritance. Nearly all of the principals had died by that time but eventually a satisfactory settlement was reached. The suit furnished some previously unknown information about the family.

- 3a. Hulen Lester, b. 1803?(M), d. 1880 (Shelby Co, Ind.), m. (1) Feb 20, 1823(M), by Peter Howard (no further info), Margaret Snyder; Hulen m. (2) (Shelby Co, Ind.) Mary \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1814; 6 children first marriage, 3 children second marriage.

Hulen Lester was named for his father's youngest brother. He left Floyd County, date unknown but perhaps not many years after his first marriage, and moved to Ohio, later to Shelby County, Indiana, where he married the second time. Nothing is known about either his first wife or his second wife, and very little about his children.

First Marriage:

- 4a. Isaac N. Lester, lived in Tonti, Marion Co., Illinois  
 4b. John A. Lester, d. young  
 4c. Joseph Lester, b. 1837 (Ohio?), d. young  
 4d. Mary E. Lester, m. Daniel Faulkner. Lived in Wabaunsee Co, Kansas.  
 4e. Amanda M. Lester, d. ca. 1877, m. John Shanks  
 4f. Easton Lester, moved to Osage Co, Kansas

Second Marriage:

- 4g. Sarah E. Lester (Shoulty), b. 1847 (Shelby Co, Indiana)  
 4h. Mary Lester (Cooper), b. 1849 (Shelby Co, Ind)  
 4i. Martha J. Lester (Moore), b. 1852 (Shelby Co, Ind).

- 3b. Matilda Lester, b. 1805?(M), d. before 1851, m. Sept 23, 1825(M), Archelaus Weddle, son of Martin Weddle.

John Lester II left a bequest of \$100 to his granddaughter, Julia Ann Weddle, daughter of Matilda, and it is assumed that Matilda was not living in 1851 when her father made his will. According to family tradition, they moved to Lee County, Virginia - nothing further known.

- 4a. Julia Ann Weddle.

- 3c. Malinda Lester, b. 1807, d. 189-(F), (Malinda was listed in the 1890 census, Floyd County, as 83 years old - not listed in 1900), m. May 26, 1831(F), Riley Boothe, wid, b. 1801, d. 187-, son of Abijah & Rhoda Ellen (Howard) Boothe; 3 children. (Riley Boothe m. (1) Dec 2, 1823, Clarissa Akers).

- 4a. Virginia Ann Boothe, b. 1837, d. 188-, m. Oct 20, 1853(F), Anderson B. Akers, b. 1831, d. 189-, son of Bird & Elizabeth Akers; 10 children.

- 5a. Bennett S. Akers, b. 1855  
 5b. Amanda Melvina Akers, b. 1857, m. George H. Lester (see p. 126)  
 5c. Isabel A. Akers, b. 1860  
 5d. Angeline Akers, b. 1863  
 5e. Malinda E. Akers, b. 1865

- 5f. Calvin J. Akers, b. 1868
- 5g. George H. T. Akers, b. 1870
- 5h. Amy Virginia Akers, b. 1872
- 5i. Mary J. Akers, b. 1875
- 5j. Elmira S. Akers, b. 1878

4b. Mary Ellen Boothe, b. March 26, 1842(F), d. July 17, 1916(F), m. Nov 16, 1862(F), Charles Marion Pugh, b. Jan 7, 1839(F), d. 1912, bur in cemetery on his farm, son of William & Susannah (Hungate) Pugh; Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; 11 children.

- 5a. James M. Pugh, b. Aug 24, 1863
- 5b. Wiley M. Pugh, b. Sept 11, 1866
- 5c. Amos L. Pugh, b. Feb 25, 1868
- 5d. William Riley Pugh, b. Aug 27, 1870
- 5e. Elam A. Pugh, b. Nov 3, 1872
- 5f. Lula Alma Pugh, b. 1874
- 5g. Virginia M. Pugh, b. 1877
- 5h. Louisa Minniebell Pugh, b. 1880
- 5i. John T. Pugh, b. Jan 1882
- 5j. Flora E. Pugh, b. March 1887
- 5k. Rosetta C. Pugh, b. Dec 1890

4c. Monroe Boothe, b. 1845, d. young.

3d. John Lester III, b. Nov 1, 1808(M), d. April 1, 1852(F), bur Lester Cem #5, m. Nov 30, 1832(M), Mary Gardner, b. June 7, 1812(M), d. March 13, 1881(F), bur Lester Cem #5, no stone, dau of James & Elizabeth (Sigler) Gardner; 10 children: James G., Virginia Ann, Elmira J., Lucretia E., Octavia M., Dudley H., John W., Mary E., Matilda E., Rhodabelle.

John Lester III died suddenly at the age of 43, an untimely death. He suffered from heart trouble and was not well during the last part of March 1852. Dr. S.A.J. Evans saw him every other day. On March 31, he held Floyd County Court. He rode home in the rain, and died of pneumonia the next day, April 1.

He was prominent in the affairs of Floyd County: Justice of the County Court, 1833 (lifetime appointment); Commissioner of Revenue, 1843-45; Sheriff, March 1852.

His father willed him the plantation on which he lived. He was one of the executors of his father's will but died before it could be settled.

After John's death, Mary Gardner Lester managed the plantation and raised the family. She died at age 68.

- 4a. James Gardner Lester, b. Nov 24, 1833(F), d. Oct 4, 1911(M), bur Sunset Cem; Pvt, Co. I, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. Feb 22, 1855(F), Mary Ann Semones, b. Jan 28, 1830(F), d. July 26, 1916, bur Sunset Cem, dau of John & Phebe (Stegall) Semones; one son.

James G. Lester died at his home in Christiansburg. He had been sick for about two months with pneumonia and pleurisy ... He was proprietor of the Central Hotel in Floyd for a number of years, was an influential citizen, highly esteemed, a member of the Episcopal Church (Obituary in Floyd Press, Oct 12, 1911).

- 5a. Douglas Darius Lester Sr. (Dr.), b. Jan 16, 1856, d. Jan 30, 1924, bur Sunset Cem, m. Oct 12, 1881, Morgiana Anthony, b. Oct 20, 1853 (Henry Co), d. May 8, 1937, bur Sunset Cem; 9 children.

Dr. D. D. Lester was a dentist who practiced in Christiansburg. Present Lester Street was named for him. His home and office stood on the corner of Lester & Roanoke Streets. He was originally named Darius Dudley and changed his name to Douglas Darius.

- 6a. Mary Morgiana Lester, b. Sept 23, 1882, d. Aug 16, 1962, n.m.

- 6b. James Benjamin Lester (Dr.), b. Nov 18, 1884, m. Charlsie Crumpacker, b. Sept 11, 1899(M), d. Feb 10, 1994(M), bur Westview Cem, Blacksburg, dau of Charles A. & Sarah Ella Crumpacker; no children. (Charlsie m. (2) James Leslie Linkous, wid. She was owner of Yellow Sulphur Springs resort in Montgomery County.)

Dr. James Lester was a dentist, practiced in Christiansburg and Richmond.

- 6c. Martha Sue Lester, b. March 21, 1887.

- 6d. Homer Allan Lester, b. March 14, 1889.

- 6e. John Virgil Lester, twin, b. May 31, 1891, d. Jan 14, 1894.

- 6f. Douglas D. Lester Jr. (Dr.), twin, b. May 31, 1891, d. Jan 7, 1972(Bedford), bur Sunset Cem, m. Sept 18, 1919(M), Dr. Nelle Christiana Price, b. Oct 17, 1893(M), d. April 8, 1988 (Bedford), bur Sunset Cem, dau of James Crockett & Mary Christiana Price; one son.

Dr. D. D. Lester Jr, and his wife Nelle graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, and moved to Bedford in 1929; both practiced chiropractic there for their entire lives. D. D. Lester served as 2nd Lieutenant, US Army, WWI.

- 7a. Douglas D. Lester III, b. June 14, 1921, d. Oct 23, 1987 (Tenn), (died suddenly while on a trip), bur Sunset Cem, m. Sept 18, 1945, Ruth Zarndt, b. Feb 28, 1921; 4 children.

D. D. Lester was owner and operator of Lester's Photo Shop (est. 1948), in Christiansburg; Marine Sgt in WWII; a Mason; active in community affairs.

- 6g. William Anthony Lester, b. May 24, 1895, d. in Fort Worth, Texas.

- 6h. & 6i. Two children died in infancy: Jan 14, 1894, & Nov 8, 1897.



- 4b. Virginia Ann Lester, b. Sept 6, 1835(F), d. May 1900, bur Lester Cem #5, no stone, m. (1) March 9, 1854(F), George Taylor Shelor, b. Aug 2, 1827(F), d. July 23, 1862, of measles & heart attack, (Lynchburg); Pvt, Stuart's Horse Artillery, CSA; bur Lester Cem #5, son of Jacob & Ann Shelor; Virginia Ann m. (2) June 15, 1869(F), Madison P. (Matt) Fulcher, b. May 1845 (Patrick Co), d. Dec 1907(F), burned to death when his house burned up, son of R. & M. Fulcher; 4 children first marriage, 4 children second marriage.

After her first husband's death in the Civil War, Virginia Ann was left a young widow with four little children. Madison Fulcher assisted her in her affairs, and they were later married. They lived in the Alum Ridge neighborhood near her sister, Matilda, who married Taz Pugh. Virginia Ann Fulcher was postmaster of the Broad Shoals postoffice for 11 years (1878-1889).

First marriage:

- 5a. John William Shelor, b. Dec 5, 1855, d. Dec 25, 1939, m. Dec 4, 1878(F), Eliza Jane Grant, b. 1861, dau of George & Sarah A. Grant.
- 5b. Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Shelor, b. March 28, 1857, d. June 26, 1876, bur Lester Cem #5, m. Joseph M. Altizer; 2 children.
- 6a. Elizabeth Ann Altizer
- 6b. Willie Altizer
- 5c. Jacob Sidney Shelor, b. July 15, 1859, d. 1886.
- 5d. George Dudley Shelor, b. Nov 28, 1861, d. July 29, 1890, bur Lester Cem #5, m. Jan 18, 1888(F), Virginia Alice (Allie) Eller, b. Sept 1864, d. 1933, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of George & Nancy Eller; one son.
- 6a. George Dudley Shelor Jr., b. April 30, 1890(F), d. Jan 20, 1974(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. March 15, 1913 (Welch, W.Va), Louira A. Quesenberry, b. May 5, 1892, d. 1983, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Henry & Louemma Quesenberry; 5 children.

George Shelor was elected Clerk of Court, Floyd County (1920-27). His wife Louira Shelor succeeded him and served as Clerk of Court, Floyd County (1927-43); she was appointed to fill her husband's unexpired term and was elected for two terms; she was the first woman to serve as County Clerk in Floyd County.

Second marriage:

- 5e. Laura Ellen Fulcher, b. Nov 13, 1869(F), d. Aug 13, 1936(M), bur Pharis Cem, m. Dec 7, 1887(F), Leander Jackson Bishop, b. May 21, 1860, d. Sept 15, 1935, bur Pharis Cem, son of Obediah & Mary Catherine Bishop; 7 children.

- 6a. Ila G. Bishop, b. 1889, m. Elam Pugh
  - 6b. Luther D. Bishop, b. 1891
  - 6c. Virgie Bishop, b. May 1892
  - 6d. Hassie Bishop, b. April 1894
  - 6e. Ethel Bishop, b. May 1896
  - 6f. Allie Bishop, b. April 1898
  - 6g. Patie Bishop, b. May 1899
- 5f. David Elbert (Bert) Fulcher, b. May 1871, m. Oct 26, 1893(F),  
Nancy J. Thompson, b. Sept 1875, dau of Loyd & Nancy M.  
Thompson; 9 (known) children.
- 6a. Cora L. Fulcher, b. June 1894
  - 6b. Wm. Harvey Fulcher, b. Sept 26, 1895, d. Aug 28, 1969,  
bur Sunset Cem, m. (1) Myrtle V. Martin, b. Oct 26, 1895,  
d. Nov 26, 1962, bur Sunset; m. (2) Mettie Akers, b. 1888,  
d. Jan 31, 1981, bur Akers Cem, dau of John B. & Mary E. Akers
  - 6c. Glada G. Fulcher, b. Dec 1898
  - 6d. Odessie G. Fulcher, b. March 1900
  - 6e. Bessie Fulcher, b. 1901
  - 6f. Charles Fulcher, b. 1903
  - 6g. Paul Fulcher, b. 1904
  - 6h. Ada Fulcher, b. 1905
  - 6i. Sydney Fulcher, b. 1908
- 5g. Alice L. Fulcher, b. 1872, m. June 28, 1898(F), John P. Peck,  
wid, b. 1855. Moved to West Virginia.
- 6a. Sue Peck
  - 6b. Ocie Peck
  - 6c. Bob Peck
- 5h. Minnie B. Fulcher, b. Oct 10, 1874, d. Feb 24, 1880, bur  
Lester Cem #5.
- 4c. Elmira Jane Lester, b. Nov 8, 1837(F), d. Dec 16, 1881(F), bur  
Dobbins Cem(M), m. Aug 22, 1855(F), Anderson Parris Dobbins,  
b. Oct 3, 1834(M), d. Aug 29, 1907 (Pulaski Co), bur in family  
cem in Pulaski, son of Anderson & Letitia (Peterman) Dobbins;  
10 children (see The Peterman Family).
- 4d. Lucretia Emily Lester, b. Jan 5, 1840(F), d. Nov 2, 1853(F), bur  
Lester Cem #5.
- 4e. Octavia Malinda Lester, b. Dec 30, 1841(F), m. Feb 1, 1866(F),  
Gordon Dobbins, b. 1834(M), d. 1876, son of Martin & Polly Dobbins.
- 5a. Rice H. Dobbins, b. 1868
  - 5b. Millard Dobbins, b. 1870
  - 5c. Edward L. Dobbins
  - 5d. Lathiel Dudley Dobbins

- 4f. Dudley H. Lester, b. Feb 23, 1844(F), d. June 5, 1863, in Farmville hospital, of consumption contracted in war, bur Lester Cem #5, no stone; Pvt, Co. A, 24th Va. Inf., CSA, n.m.
- 4g. John W. Lester, twin, b. July 29, 1846, d. Nov 24, 1864, from a wound at Battle of Bulls Gap, Tenn, bur Lester Cem #5, no stone; Pvt, 4th Res., Co. H, I, CSA, n.m.
- 4h. Mary E. Lester, twin, b. July 29, 1846(F), m. Oct 2, 1865(F), Charles Felden Elder, b. 1843 (Breckenridge Co, Ky), son of Samuel T. & Susan Elder; one daughter. Lived in Louisville, Ky.
- 5a. Genevieve Elder, m. Judge Ledru Guthrie.
- 4i. Matilda Eleanor Lester, b. Oct 14, 1848(F), d. July 15, 1875(F), of consumption, bur Lester Cem #5, m. Dec 8, 1870(F), Tazewell (Taz) Pugh, b. March 21, 1848(F), d. Aug 23, 1928(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, son of Elam & Lydia (Sowers) Pugh; one son. (Taz Pugh m. (2) Susan Peterman).
- 5a. George Rufus Pugh, b. March 4, 1874(F), d. Nov 15, 1949, bur Westview Cem, m. Aug 8, 1894(M), Ardelia Vivian Lester, b. Jan 1, 1877(M), d. Jan 29, 1964, bur Westview Cem, dau of Guilford Dudley & Sarah Ellen (Bishop) Lester; 4 children. (see p. 138)
- 4j. Rhodabelle Lester, b. Sept 20, 1851(F), d. Jan 9, 1933(M), bur Riner Cem, m. May 18, 1870(F), George Sydney Williamson, b. Sept 15, 1846, d. Jan 9, 1935, bur Riner Cem, son of George & Malinda (Dobbins) Williamson; 8 children. Lived near Riner.
- 5a. James Leonard (Len) Williamson, b. March 11, 1871(M), d. May 3, 1857, bur Sunset Cem, m. Oct 26, 1904, Laura Addie Akers, b. Jan 25, 1877(M), d. April 28, 1928(M), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Andrew Jackson & Delilah (Mangus) Akers; 4 children.
- 6a. Alva James Williamson, b. Sept 25, 1906
- 6b. Latta Arnold Williamson, b. Feb 20, 1908
- 6c. Evelyn Belle Williamson, b. April 26, 1911, m. Sept 13, 1947, Wm. Harry Sutherland, b. Jan 29, 1915. Live in Richmond.
- 6d. Lila Vernon Williamson, b. Feb 28, 1914.
- 5b. Mary Ellen (Molly) Williamson, b. Nov 22, 1872, m. Sept 18, 1905, Alonza Wall.
- 5c. Florence Malinda Williamson, b. Sept 19, 1875(M), d. April 25, 1956(M), bur Riner Cem, m. Dec 27, 1892(M), William M. (Will) Lester, b. Jan 27, 1864(M), d. Sept 15, 1938, bur Riner Cem, son of Joshua P. & Catherine M. W. (Peterman) Lester; 5 children. (see p. 122)

- 5d. William Harvey Williamson, b. March 16, 1878, d. Nov 17, 1949,  
m. Sept 24, 1905, Laura Annie Burnett, b. June 19, 1883,  
d. Nov 8, 1975, dau of Abram & Julina (Cox) Burnett; 5 children.
- 6a. Hattie Lucile Williamson, b. Aug 5, 1906, d. Nov 11, 1964  
6b. Wm. Harvey Williamson Jr., b. May 7, 1908  
6c. Burnett Williamson, b. April 13, 1911  
6d. Anna Louise Williamson, b. Jan 21, 1914  
6e. Ruth Evelyn Williamson, b. Feb 25, 1916
- 5e. Zora Jane Williamson, b. Feb 11, 1880, d. Aug 21, 1964,  
m. Jan 26, 1911, Charles Ellett Atkins.
- 5f. George Sidney Williamson, b. Dec 4, 1884, d. March 15, 1975,  
m. Mary Copenhaver.
- 5g. Thurman C. Williamson, b. June 26, 1885, d. March 26, 1964,  
m. March 28, 1920, Edna Hall.
- 5h. John H. Williamson, b. Nov 10, 1892, d. May 5, 1973, m. July 26,  
1938, Massie L. Strickler.

- 3e. Amos Terry Lester, b. Nov 30, 1810(M), d. Feb 14, 1890 (Brown Co, Ind.), bur Bear Creek Cem, m. March 19, 1835(F), Susannah Jane Lester, b. Dec 14, 1814(M), d. Feb 15, 1888 (Brown Co), dau of William & Rebecca (Simmons) Lester; 10 children.

Amos & Susan Lester were first cousins. Shortly after their marriage, about 1837, they moved west to Shelby County, Indiana, and later to Brown County

- 4a. Pleasant Amos Lester, b. April 12, 1836(Va), d. Aug 1, 1861 (Brown Co), m. April 11, 1858 (Brown Co), Lydia Ward.
- 4b. Mary Ann Lester, b. 1838(Ind.), d. Oct 1907, m. (1) July 27, 1856 (Brown Co), Ruben Campbell; Mary Ann m. (2) Oct 1875(Ind.), Silas Boicourt.
- 4c. Rebecca Jane Lester, b. 1840(Ind.), m. May 3, 1860 (Brown Co), Columbus W. Richards.
- 4d. John Franklin Lester, b. 1842(Ind.), d. young?
- 4e. William Jackson Lester, b. Feb 10, 1844 (Shelby Co, Ind.), d. July 25, 1906 (Marion Co, Ind), bur Mt. Jackson Cem, m. Nov 27, 1867 (Morgan Co, Ind), Martha E. Wilson, b. Dec 2, 1846 (Morgan Co), d. Feb 1, 1906 (Morgan Co).
- 5-. Pearl A. Lester, b. Jan 1, 1870 (Morgan Co), d. Oct 22, 1917 (Marion Co), m. Oct 2, 1896 (Marion Co), James F. Brittain, b. March 26, 1872 (Coles Co, Ill), d. June 8, 1944 (Marion Co).
- 6-. Cora E. Brittain, b. July 6, 1899 (Marion Co), d. June 6, 1983 (Marion Co), m. April 7, 1917 (Marion Co), Harry E. Shaffer, b. Aug 23, 1892 (Marion Co), d. Dec 13, 1973 (Marion Co).
- 7-. Donna Laverne Shaffer, b. Aug 12, 1927 (Marion Co), m. Nov 25, 1948 (Marion Co), Donald Harvey McGuire Jr., b. Feb 28, 1926 (Marion Co).
- 4f. Martha Ellen Lester, b. 1846 (Ind), d. May 8, 1864.
- 4g. Tighlman Howard Lester, b. 1848(Ind), m. Jan 1, 1870(Ind), Catherine Bransetter.
- 4h. Amanda Melvina Lester, m. (1) March 7, 1872, Daniel Graves, m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Hartsook.
- 5a. Wm. J. Graves
- 5b. Amos T. Graves
- 4i. Fountain Pierce Lester
- 4j. Samuel Terry Lester

- 3f. Jacob Lester, b. 1812?(M), d. ca. 1842(F), m. Sept 4, 1834(F), Cynthia (Cynthy) Sumner, b. ca. 1815, d. 188-, dau of Owen & Sarah Sumner; 2 children. (Cynthia Lester m. (2) June 1, 1843(F), John W. Cox).

Jacob Lester died about the age of 30, cause of death unknown. John Lester III was appointed administrator of the estate in Feb. 1844. The appraisers, Isaac Moore, Riley Boothe, Topal O. Watkins, reported their appraisal of the estate as \$106.12½. The sale was held on March 8, 1844, which amounted to \$105.75. There was a delay of two years in settling the estate of Jacob Lester, and his wife had remarried in the meantime. The reason for the delay is not known.

- 4a. Emeline Lester, b. ca. 1835(F), d. Dec 3, 1877(F), of consumption, m. (1) March 5, 1856(F), Gordon Roop, b. ca. 1838(M), d. 1863, in Civil War in Georgia; Pvt, CSA; son of James & Elizabeth Roop; Emeline m. (2) Feb 4, 1869(F), Pleasant D. Epperly, b. ca. 1848(F), son of Solomon & Rachel Epperly; 3 children first marriage.
- 5a. Dolly Ann Roop, b. 1857(F), m. Nov 7, 1873(F), Giles Sumner, b. 1853(F), son of John & Mahala (Lester) Sumner.
- 5b. John Thomas Roop, b. March 1859(F), m. Nov 10, 1876(F), Ardelia E. Waitman, b. Jan 1859, dau of Charles H. & Tabitha Waitman.
- 5c. Gordon W. Roop, b. 1862(F).

- 4b. George Washington Lester, b. 1837(F), m. (1) March 23, 1855(F), Amanda (Manda) Roop, b. 1831(M), d. Feb 10, 1894, of dropsy, (Raleigh Co, W.Va), dau of James & Elizabeth Roop; George W. Lester m. (2) Nov 12, 1890 (Carroll Co), Lucy Diane Dillon b. Aug 27, 1868 (Pat. Co), d. July 16, 1948 (Warren Co, NC), dau of James D. & Exony Dillon; 3 children first marriage, 7 children second marriage.

George W. Lester was a miller, carpenter and farmer. They lived on Little River near his cousin Charles S. Lester. In 1860, Amanda and two children, James & Lafayette, were living with her parents. He fought in the Civil War: Co. A, 24th Va. Inf., CSA. In the 1870s they moved to Raleigh County, West Virginia. George Lester returned to Virginia and married the second time and raised a large family.

First marriage:

- 5a. James Russell Lester, b. 1856(F), m. July 15, 1877(M), Mary E. Bishop, b. 1858(F), dau of Samuel & Lucinda Bishop.
- 6a. Laura B. Lester, b. 1879
- 5b. George Lafayette Lester, b. 1858(F).
- 5c. Cordelia Ann Lester, b. May 20, 1865(F).

Second marriage:

- 5d. Posey Algar Lester, b. June 1889
- 5e. Roscoe Edgar Lester, b. Aug 21, 1891
- 5f. Jacob Elmer Lester, b. Oct 18, 1893, d. Nov 24, 1984
- 5g. Glory G. Lester, b. June 1895
- 5h. Josie Vera Lester, b. June 1897
- 5i. Susie O. Lester, b. Dec 1899
- 5j. Wilma Roosevelt Lester, b. 190-

- 3g. Bird Lester, b. 1815(M), d. ca. 1864? (W.Va), m. (1) Dec 16, 1835(F), Matilda Simmons, b. June 18, 1820(M), d. March 29, 185- dau of Thomas W. & Delilah (Boothe) Simmons; Bird Lester m. (2) July 6, 1858 (Wyoming Co, W.Va), Rowena Mahulda Lambert; Pvt, Co. H, 4th Va. Reserves, CSA; 8 (known) children first marriage.

Bird Lester moved to Mercer County, West Virginia, and later to Wyoming County. Information is taken from public records and very sketchy.

- 4a. Mary J. Lester, b. 1837, d. in Wyoming Co, m. Hugh M. Justice, b. 1833.
- 5a. Amanda E. Justice, b. 1855
  - 5b. Sebastian P. Justice, b. 1857
  - 5c. Roena O. Justice, b. 1858
  - 5d. Bird L. Justice, b. 1860
- 4b. Rowena M. Lester, b. 1838
- 4c. Joseph M. Lester, b. 1840
- 4d. Rieus Dudley Lester, b. 1847
- 4e. Martha E. Lester, b. 1849
- 4f. Luanna A. Lester, b. 1850
- 4g. Laura J. Lester, b. 1854
- 4h. Virginia R. Lester, b. 1856

- 3h. William Terry Lester, b. Jan 18, 1818(M), d. March 1, 1890(F), bur Lester Cem #5, m. March 2, 1841(F), Mary Amanda Simmons, b. Feb 20, 1824(M), d. Dec 11, 1887(F), bur Lester Cem #5, dau of Thomas W. & Delilah (Boothe) Simmons; 9 children: Serena M., John T., Hiley W., A. Willivan, Posey G., Arabella E., C.H. Dillard, Carey H., Permelia R.

William T. Lester was a farmer and blacksmith. He was Captain of Militia before the Civil War; he served as 2nd Lt., Col Robert L. Preston's Reserve Corps, CSA. His family's home place was about seven miles north of present Floyd, between present Beaver Creek Road and Beaver Creek Church Road, and he was a prominent figure in the community. Six of his children moved to Warren County, Iowa.

- 4a. Serena Matilda Lester, b. May 11, 1842(F), m. Feb 10, 1864(F), Charles C. Weeks, b. 1829(F), son of Joseph & Mary Weeks; 7 (known) children. Moved to Warren County, Iowa.
- 5a. Augustus W. Weeks, b. 1864
  - 5b. McClelland Weeks, b. 1866
  - 5c. Almetta T. Weeks, b. 1868
  - 5d. Aberg D. Weeks, b. 1870
  - 5e. Mary E. Weeks, b. 1872
  - 5f. Melinda F. Weeks, b. 1874
  - 5g. Amanda F. Weeks, b. 1878

- 4b. John Thomas Lester, b. Dec 23, 1843(F), d. Nov 10, 1895 (Iowa),  
m. Dec 14, 1865(F), Mary Ann Simmons, b. 1842(F), dau of James &  
Levina (Epperly) Simmons; Pvt, Co. A, 24th Va. Inf., CSA;  
moved to Warren County, Iowa.
- 4c. Hiley Washington Lester, b. Feb 22, 1846(F), d. March 23, 1912  
(Iowa), m. May 18, 1876 (Warren Co, Iowa), Mary Ellen Starbuck,  
b. June 23, 1856, d. March 4, 1881; one child. Moved to  
Warren County, Iowa.
- 5a. Frank L. Lester, b. Aug 10, 1878, d. Jan 21, 1930 (Iowa), m.  
Nellie Bassett Woods; 3 children.
- 4d. Asa Willivan (Will) Lester, b. Dec 23, 1848(F), d. June 1, 1926(M),  
bur Sunset Cem, m. (1) Sept 25, 1879 (Iowa), Mary Hunt;  
Will Lester m. (2) Oct 9, 1890(F), Mary Ellen Sowers Ridinger, wid,  
b. Feb 16, 1854(F), d. Dec 10, 1940(M), bur Sunset Cem, dau of  
Hulen L. & Margaret (Yearout) Sowers; 3 children first marriage,  
no children second marriage.
- A. W. Lester went West to Warren County, Iowa, where he married his  
first wife and where his three sons were born. After his wife's death  
he returned to Va. and married the second time. He lived for a time in  
the Pilot section, then on a farm near Radford, and finally in  
Christiansburg for the last years of his life.
- 5a. Victor Vinton (V.V.) Lester, b. June 20, 1880 (Iowa), d. June 3,  
1947(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. April 24, 1913(M), Kitty Emma Richard-  
son, b. April 24, 1887(F), d. March 18, 1986, bur Sunset Cem,  
dau of David L. & Nancy B. Richardson; 5 children.
- Victor Lester went to Moorecroft, Wyoming, about 1909, and lived  
for a year with or near his brother Dillard. He returned to  
Montgomery County and in October 1910, Victor and his father  
bought Capt. J. W. Shelburne's homeplace near Radford, 304 acres  
for \$10,000. Later he moved to Christiansburg.
- 6a. Stanley Asa Lester, b. 1914, m. Doris Rhodes; 2 sons (Bristol).  
6b. Rodney D. Lester, b. 1916, m. Georgia Parrish; 3 daughters.  
6c. Estelle E. Lester, b. 1920, m. (1) James Butner, 1 son;  
m. (2) Ivan Chandler, no children (Christiansburg).  
6d. Ralph R. Lester, b. 1926, m. (1) Jean Roberts, 1 son; m. (2)  
Janet Carper, 2 sons; m. (3) Lois Francisco, wid, no children.  
6e. William H. Lester, b. 1930, m. (1) Ava Lou Walters, 1 son;  
m. (2) Shirley Fisher, & div. (Christiansburg)
- 5b. Millard Hunt Lester, twin, b. July 24, 1884 (Iowa), d. July 25,  
1959, bur Camp Creek Cem, m. July 24, 1907(F), Fannie Lillian  
Williams, b. Dec 23, 1887(F), d. July 18, 1973 (W.Va), bur Camp  
Creek Cem, dau Ogden & Julia Ann Williams; 2 children.
- 6a. James Venton Lester, b. Sept 18, 1908, d. Nov 16, 1969.



6b. Frank William Lester, b. April 23, 1912, m. Laura Bells,  
b. Sept 11, 1912; 2 children.

7a. Bobby Eugene Lester, b. Sept 18, 1931, m. Nora Lee  
Cannaday; 4 children

7b. Betty Delores Lester, b. Jan 27, 1936, m. (1) Clancy  
Leo Rogers; m. (2) Joseph Keaton; 1 child first  
marriage, 5 children second marriage.

5c. Dillard Hess Lester, twin, b. July 24, 1884 (Iowa), m. Dec 23, 1909  
(Newcastle, Wyoming), Elsie Catherine Tibbetts; lived on a  
ranch at Moorecroft, Wyoming.

Elvira J. Lester, m. James J. Larch, adopted by A. W. & Mary  
Ellen Lester; named by Mary Ellen Lester in her will.

4e. Posey Green Lester (Elder), b. March 12, 1850(F), d. Feb 9, 1929(Roa),  
bur Evergreen Cem, m. June 22, 1898 (Reidsville, NC), Emmette Harris,  
b. Aug 23, 1865 (NC), d. Dec 3, 1936(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, dau  
of Elder James Masten & Annie (Robertson) Harris; 3 children.

Elder Posey G. Lester was a popular and well-loved man. He was a  
preacher, a writer, a singing master. At the age of 23 he entered  
the ministry of the Primitive Baptist Church and was one of the  
most extensively known of its ministers. He traveled and preached  
in 21 states and Canada, one year covering more than thirteen thousand  
miles on preaching trips. At the same time he served as pastor of  
churches in Kentucky and Virginia. He was Moderator of the New  
River District Primitive Baptist Association, which numbered  
26 churches and about 2000 members. For 40 years he was, first,  
associate editor, then editor-in-chief of Zion's Landmark, a  
leading church paper of the Primitive Baptist Church, published  
at Wilson, NC.

He was elected to represent the Fifth District of Virginia in the  
House of Representatives of the United States Congress and served  
two terms (1888-1892).

In 1920 he left Floyd County and moved the family to Roanoke where  
he became pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church there. Many baby  
boys were named for him.

5a. Posey Green (P.G.) Lester Jr., b. March 21, 1899(F), d. July 1,  
1981(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, n.m. Family historian.

5b. Masten Harris Lester, b. Dec 23, 1900(F), d. May 16, 1970, bur  
Evergreen Cem, m. Oct 6, 1937 (Winston-Salem, NC), Mabel Annie  
Stultz, b. 1911, d. July 5, 1995 (Lynchburg), bur Evergreen Cem;  
1 child.

6a. Maryanne Eunice Lester, m. Nov 23, 1980, James Edward Taylor, wid.

7a. Masten Taylor, b. Aug 16, 1984

7b. Amber Taylor, b. March 16, 1990

5c. Annie May Lester, b. Feb 23, 1903(F), d. Jan 11, 1983 (Fairfax, Va.) bur Evergreen Cem, m. Oct 1, 1923 (Roa City), Irby Noah Hollans Sr., b. May 16, 1896, d. July 1, 1969, bur Evergreen Cem, son of J. B. & Matilda Hollans; 3 children.

6a. Irby Noah Hollans Jr., b. Nov 3, 1930(M)

6b. Lester Harris Hollans, b. March 24, 1936(M)

6c. Harold Green Hollans, b. Sept 8, 1938(M)

4f. Arabella Emily Lester, b. June 19, 1853(F), m. Feb 18, 1875(F), Asa L. Boothe, b. 1854(F), son of Lewis & Nancy Jane Reed) Boothe. Moved to Warren County, Iowa.

4g. Charles Hugh Dillard Lester, b. July 20, 1855(F), d. Jan 12, 1926 (Indianola, Iowa), m. March 29, 1875(F), Mary Letitia Dobbins, b. June 3, 1856(F), d. Oct 12, 1924 (Indianola, Iowa), dau of Parris & Elmira (Lester) Dobbins; 6 children.

5a. Lilly Agnes Lester, b. Jan 23, 1876(F)

5b. Lafayette H. Lester, b. May 1878(F)

5c. Giles Maynard Lester, b. Jan 1880(F)

5d. Merlie Lester, b. Aug 14, 1884 (Iowa)

5e. William Orris Lester, b. Aug 1887 (Iowa)

5f. Orlin Lester, b. April 1900 (Iowa)

4h. Carey Houston Lester, b. Aug 21, 1858(F), d. May 3, 1898(F), m. Feb 8, 1888(F), Martha Laura Whitlock, b. Dec 13, 1866(F), d. July 3, 1962, bur Evergreen Cem, dau of Asa T. & Elizabeth Whitlock; 3 children. Carey Lester lived at the William T. Lester homeplace.

5a. Verbena Florentine Lester, b. Dec 3, 1889(F), m. Oct 15, 1911, Frank O'Donnell. (Roanoke)

5b. Casper Houston Lester Sr, b. Dec 17, 1892(F), d. April 14, 1936, bur Evergreen Cem, served in WWI, m. April 16, 1924, Martha Elizabeth (Mattie) Sigmon, b. Jan 11, 1896, d. May 15, 1989, bur Evergreen Cem.

6a. Martha Ann Lester

6b. James C. Lester

6c. Casper H. Lester Jr, b. Oct 12, 1935, d. May 22, 1938, bur Evergreen Cem.

5c. Mary Elizabeth Lester, b. June 27, 1895(F), m. Dec 22, 1920, Charles Tillman Braswell. (Norton, Va)

- 4i. Permelia Rosabelle (Jennie) Lester, b. Jan 3, 1861(F), d. Oct 24, 1915(F), bur Lester Cem #5, m. Feb 8, 1888(F), Joseph Albert Whitlock, b. April 5, 1858(F), d. Dec 19, 1928, bur Lester Cem #5, son of Asa T. & Elizabeth Whitlock; 5 children.
- 5a. Winnie Davis Whitlock, b. Dec 5, 1889(F), d. Dec 19, 1974, bur Sunset Cem, m. Nov 30, 1911(F), John Clifford Anderson, b. 1886(F), bur Sunset Cem, son of J. W. & Julia Anderson; 8 children.
- 6a. Beulah Louise Anderson, b. March 19, 1913, m. James Shelburne  
 6b. Howard Benson Anderson, b. Oct 28, 1914, d. infancy  
 6c. Mary Ruth Anderson, b. Feb 17, 1916, m. James Cruce  
 6d. Walter Gale Anderson, b. Sept 21, 1917  
 6e. Margie Lucille Anderson, b. Sept 8, 1919, m. John Francis Boschert (Baltimore)  
 6f. Vera Merlene Anderson, b. May 16, 1922, m. April 17, 1949(M), Charles Wilbert Page, son of Charles Frank & Lottie Page  
 6g. Katherine Davis Anderson, b. May 28, 1924, m. Oct 26, 1946(Radford), Rufus Harold Shelor, son of Rufus & Lura May Shelor.  
 6h. Blanche Whitlock Anderson, b. July 1, 1926, m. Clarence Raymond Workman
- 5b. Lester Benton Whitlock, b. June 30, 1892(F), m. Anna Beutler; soldier in WWI, lived in Colorado & California; 3 children.
- 5c. Merle Ellen Whitlock, b. Sept 3, 1895(F), m. Coy Raymond Ridinger, son of H. J. & Sarah A. Ridinger; 1 daughter.
- 6a. Merle Raymond Ridinger, b. April 29, 1937, m. (1) Richard Weingart (killed in car accident); m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Peery; lives in Tennessee.
- 5d. Ina Blanche Whitlock, b. April 29, 1898(F), m. Dec 7, 1923(M), Reginald H. Akers, b. Sept 16, 1900, d. Sept 1, 1953, bur Sunset Cem, son of George T. & Posie Inez (Lester) Akers; one son.
- 6a. Reginald H. Akers Jr, b. March 30, 1935
- 5e. Albert Vernon Whitlock, b. April 26, 1901(F), d. 1951, bur Fairview Cem, soldier in WWI, m. April 20, 1946(Roa), Thelma Jeannette Bondurant, b. 1908, dau of Charles Robert & Emma Jane Bondurant; no children.

- 3i. Catherine Jane Lester, b. March 13, 1823, d. Jan 30, 1902, m. Oct 10, 1842(F), James Boothe, b. May 18, 1820, d. Sept 5, 1863, son of Isaac Boothe Jr. & Nancy (McAlexander) Boothe; 10 children.
- James Boothe became deranged and shot himself. At the inquisition, Bird Lester, Catherine's brother, and Hulin Boothe, his son, testified.
- Catherine was bequeathed \$300 by her father in his will. Three children died in May 1853 (diphtheria?); one son died in infancy ca. 1856; two sons died of diphtheria in 1865; one son was killed in an accident in 1914.
- 4a. Isaac Booth, b. July 9, 1843, d. May 2, 1853
- 4b. John Booth, b. Jan 3, 1845(F), d. May 30, 1853
- 4c. Mary Ataway (Molly) Booth, b. Feb 8, 1847(F), m. Dec 31, 1873(F), Lafayette Roop, b. 1851(M), son of Samuel & Martha Roop
- 4d. Nancy Ann Booth, b. Nov 4, 1848(F), d. May 27, 1853
- 4e. James Hiley Booth, b. Jan 3, 1851(F), m. Feb 23, 1882(F), Nancy A. Moore, b. 1856(F), dau of Jacob S. & Julia Ann (Kitterman) Moore.
- 4f. Hulin (Hewlins) A. Booth, b. Feb 15, 1853(F), d. Aug 26, 1865, (diphtheria).
- 4g. Isabella Booth, b. Dec 19, 1854(F), m. May 8, 1877(F), John W. Bishop, b. 1853(M), son of Obediah & Catherine Bishop.
- 5a. Wm. K. Bishop, b. 1878
- 5b. Charlie P. Bishop, b. 1880
- 5c. Frank Bishop, b. 1882
- 5d. Posie Bishop, b. 1884
- 5e. Johnnie Bishop, b. 1886
- 5f. Gracie C. Bishop, b. 1887
- 5g. Luther Bishop, b. 1888
- 5h. Infant, b. 1890
- 4h. Charles T. Booth, b. July 14, 1856, d. infancy
- 4i. Giles H. Booth, b. Oct 20, 1858(F), d. Sept 7, 1865 (diphtheria).
- 4j. Jacob W. Booth, b. April 10, 1861(F), d. May 28, 1914 (killed by explosion of gasoline engine), m. May 30, 1878(F), LuEmma Johnson, b. 1862(F), dau of John S. & Lucinda Johnson.
- 5a. Jasper W. Booth, b. 1879
- 5b. Edgar L. Booth, b. 1880
- 5c. Percy J. Booth, b. 1881
- 5d. James L. Booth, b. 1883
- 5e. Jacob J. Booth, b. 1884
- 5f. Posie G. Booth, b. 1886
- 5g. Mina J. Booth, b. 1889

(End John Lester II family)



Amos T. Lester

and his wife  
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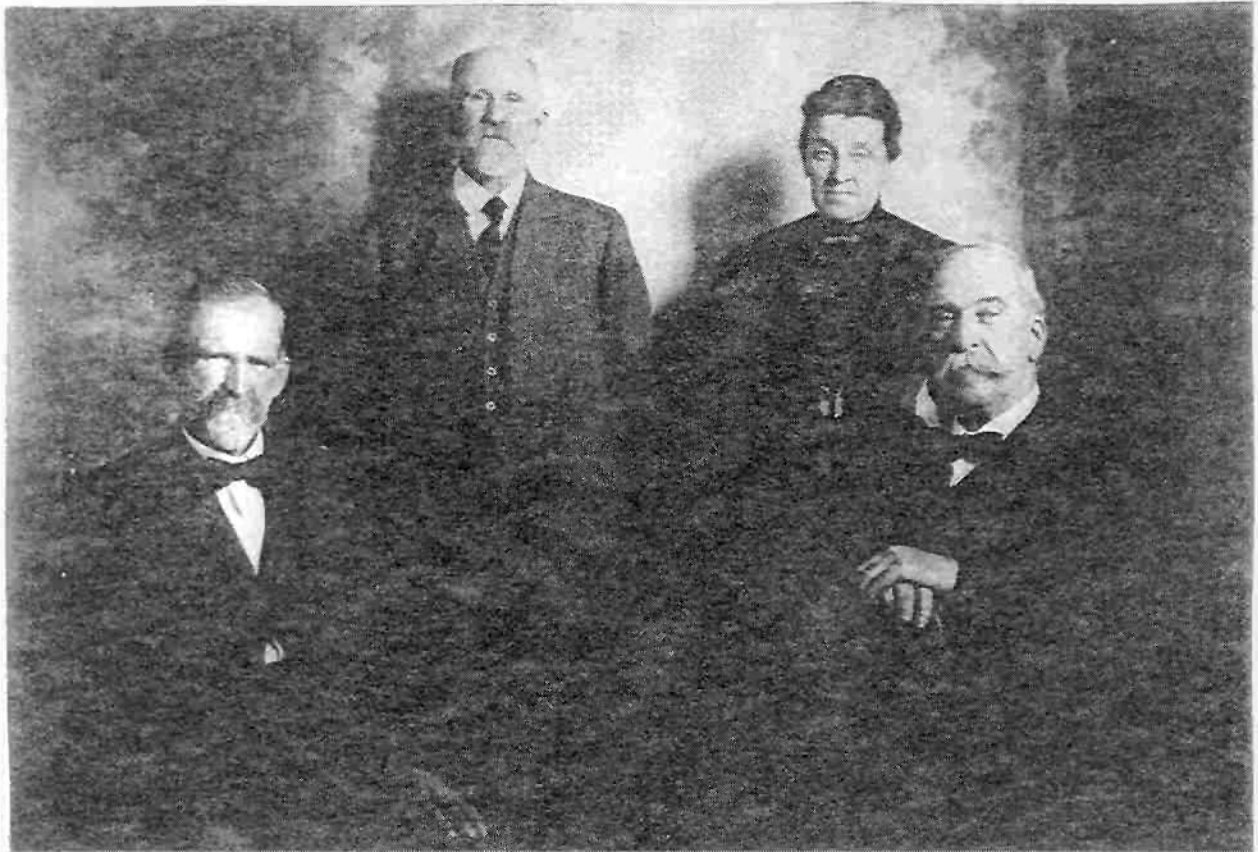
Susanna Jane Lester



Virginia Ann Lester Shelor Fulcher  
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Elder Posey Greene Lester  
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Standing: Hiley W. Lester, Jennie Lester Whitlock  
Seated: A. Willivan Lester, Posey G. Lester  
Brothers and Sister

	Isaac N. Lester John A. Lester Joseph Lester Mary E. Lester (Faulkner) Amanda M. Lester (Shanks) Easton Lester Sarah E. Lester (Shoulty) Mary Lester (Cooper) Martha J. Lester (Moore)
Hulen Lester _____ m. (1) Margaret Snyder (2) Mary _____	
Matilda Lester _____ m. Archelaus Weddle	Julia Ann Weddle
Malinda Lester _____ m. Riley Boothe	Virginia Ann Boothe (Akers) Mary Ellen Boothe (Pugh) Monroe Boothe
John Lester III _____ m. Mary Gardner	James G. Lester Virginia Ann Lester (Shelor) (Fulcher) Elmira Jane Lester (Dobbins) Lucretia Lester Octavia Lester (Dobbins) Dudley H. Lester John W. Lester Mary E. Lester (Elder) Matilda Eleanor Lester (Pugh) Rhodabelle Lester (Williamson)
John Lester II _____ m. Mary Ann (Polly) Terry	Pleasant Amos Lester Mary Ann Lester (Campbell) (Boicourt) Rebecca Jane Lester (Richards) John Franklin Lester William Jackson Lester Martha Ellen Lester Tilghman Howard Lester Amanda Melvina Lester (Graves)(Hartsook) Fountain Pierce Lester Samuel Terry Lester
Amos Terry Lester _____ m. Susannah Jane Lester	
Jacob Lester _____ m. Cynthia Sumner	Emeline Lester (Roop) (Epperly) George Washington Lester
Bird Lester _____ m. (1) Matilda Simmons (2) Rowena Mahulda Lambert	Mary J. Lester (Justice) Rowena Lester Joseph Lester Rieus Dudley Lester Martha Lester Luanna Lester Laura Lester Virginia Lester
William T. Lester _____ m. Mary Amanda Simmons	Serena Matilda Lester (Weeks) John Thomas Lester Hiley Washington Lester Asa Willivan Lester Posey Green Lester Arabella Lester (Boothe) Charles Hugh Dillard Lester Carey Houston Lester Permelia (Jennie) Lester (Whitlock)
Catherine Jane Lester _____ m. James Boothe	Isaac Booth John Booth Mary A. (Molly) Booth (Roop) Nancy Ann Booth James Riley Booth Hulen A. Booth Isabella Booth (Bishop) Charles T. Booth Giles H. Booth Jacob W. Booth

## JAMES LESTER

- 2b. James Lester, b. 1779(M), d. 1860(F), m. May 11, 1815(M), Cloe (Cloey, Cloah, Cloty)Wilson, b. 1793(M) d. May 11, 1856(F), dau of Benjamin & Sarah Wilson; it is not known where James & Cloe are buried.

James Lester was the second son of John & Catharine Lester. His age is given as 71 in the 1850 census, and as 81 in the 1860 census, which establishes 1779 as the year of his birth.

It has been mistakenly assumed that James was married twice because of the following license in Montgomery County records:

"June 5, 1792. James Lester m. Mary Elswick. William Lester, security."

Although the license does not give the parent's name, James Lester in this marriage was almost certainly the son of Abner Lester, brother of John. James & Mary Lester left Montgomery County. William Lester, stated son of Abner, who was security for James, married Rachel Scaggs in 1786, six years previously.

James Lester (the present subject) would have been 13 years old in 1792. His brother William would have been 7 years old. James's marriage to Cloe Wilson was his only marriage, according to the record.

It is not known when James Lester moved to present Floyd County and built his home - perhaps in 1817 when he bought 200 acres of land on the waters of Laurel Branch and Esthers (Easter) Creek. In 1834 he was given permission to build a water grist mill and dam on Laurel Branch. He owned land on both sides of the creek. James & Cloe Lester lived and raised their family on Laurel Branch. (Laurel Branch in Alum Ridge district, near the Montgomery County line, should not be confused with Laurel Creek which flows into Little River at Sowers, another part of the county.)

James became a large land owner over the years. During his lifetime he made gifts of land and property to all his children as recorded in a chancery suit after his death (Floyd County records: Sowers et als., vs James Lester Adm. et als., Oct 1870). When he died he still owned almost 400 acres.

Cloe died in 1856. James died in August or September 1860; he was living with his son Lewis at the time of his death. His oldest son Lynch was appointed administrator of the estate in Sept 1860. Richard Dulaney, George Boothe, Andrew J. Reed were appointed to appraise the estate. The sale of his personal property was held on Oct 2, 1860. With only a few exceptions, all of the items were bought by his sons and daughters. Among the items: one arithmetick (sic), one Bible, one dictionary, one book entitled "Columbia & Orator(?)." Daughter Julia A. Carroll and Joel, her husband, sold their interest in her father's estate to Lester McAlexander. Son James Lester Jr. was a convict in the State Penitentiary of Virginia at the time of his father's death.



The names of James' & Cloe's eleven children were recorded in the chancery suit: Lynch, Rhoda, Lindsay, James Jr., Mahala, Lockie, Leftwich, Lewis, Cloey, Catherine, Julia Ann. They had a fondness for names beginning with the letter L. Many of James Lester's descendants are living in Floyd County today.

- 3a. Lynch Lester, b. 1815, d. May 5, 1891(F), of dropsy; Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf., CSA, m. Feb 16, 1837(F), Lucy Sowers, b. May 1812, d. 190-, dau of Jacob & Catharine (Morricle) Sowers; their ages have been taken from census records, it is not known where they are buried; 7 children: Matilda, Malinda, Lynch S., Lucy Ellen, Catherine, Cloey, Ira.

Lynch Lester was respected in the community and active in public affairs. He was a Justice of the Peace, and filled the office of Constable at various times, beginning in 1833.

Lynch and Lucy Lester's first home may have been in the vicinity of White Rock Church on a tract of land given him by his father. They bought a tract of 200 acres in Alum Ridge on present Rt. 750 - date unknown when they moved there (before 1870). The house, no longer standing, was in a valley near a spring, some distance from the present road. The farm is now (1994) owned by Russell Akers. Lynch left this farm to his youngest daughter Cloey and her husband Ennis Akers, with the proviso that she pay her sister Malinda \$82, and her sister Lucy \$50. Lynch & Lucy lived with Cloey & Ennis Akers with the understanding that they would have full control of the home tract as long as they lived.

Lynch Lester made his will on August 8, 1885. He had previously divided up his land among his three daughters. Chrisley Duncan, his son-in-law, was designated executor. The will was probated on May 12, 1891. By that date Chrisley had "departed this life" and Griffith D. Reed was appointed executor. Lucy Lester died after 1900.

Lynch & Lucy lost three children, Matilda, Catherine & Ira, in September 1854. All died of flux. Their son Lynch S. Lester died in the Civil War in 1863. Only three daughters remained: Malinda, Lucy, Cloey.

- 4a. Matilda Lester, b. 1838. d. Sept 17, 1854, of flux, age 16 years.  
 4b. Malinda (Linda) Lester, b. 1842, d. 1889-1892 (Missouri), m. Jan 10, 1860(F), Chrisley L. Duncan, b. 1839, d. ca. 1891 (Missouri), son of George & Elizabeth (Morricle) Duncan; 8 children.

In 1886, Chrisley & Malinda Duncan sold their land on Lost Bent Creek and moved to Douglass County, Missouri. Malinda retained the tract of land deeded to her by her father which was to go to her children at her death. The disposal of this land caused a family quarrel which was settled in a chancery suit, thus furnishing information about the family members after they went west. All the children went with their parents except Lucy Arzella who had married Birdine Reed and remained in Floyd County. Chrisley Duncan

apparently died soon after the move (before 1891). Malinda died some time between 1889-1892. The children married after their move west; three, at least, moved on to Kansas.

- 5a. George W. Duncan, b. Jan 16, 1862(F), m. Dec 19, 1883(F), Eliza L. Reed, b. June 19, 1868, d. April 16, 1885, bur Lester Cem #3, dau of Madison D. & Elizabeth Reed.
- 5b. Lucy Arzella Duncan, b. April 2, 1865, d. Oct 20, 1889, bur White Rock Cem, m. Dec 16, 1880(F), Birdine D. Reed, b. July 14, 1858, d. May 5, 1942(F), bur Sunset Cem, son of Robert & Margaret Reed; 4 children. (Birdine Reed m. (2) March 1, 1891, Sarah E. Hurt.) Lucy Arzella died at the age of 24. She became seriously ill and was taken to Richmond for medical attention (unusual for that time) but the doctors couldn't help her.
- 6a. Jesse Garfield Reed, b. April 3, 1882. Moved to Iowa.  
 6b. Tiberias Ulysses (T.U.) Reed, b. Jan 27, 1884. Moved to Iowa.  
 6c. Hayze Hardin Reed, b. April 7, 1886. Lived in Roanoke.  
 6d. Chrisley Moler Reed, b. Mar 22, 1889, m. Bettie Mayberry. Floyd.
- 5c. Matilda C. Duncan, b. 1868(F), m. John M. Letsinger. Missouri.  
 5d. Ballard P. Duncan, b. 1871(F), m. Ella \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5e. Eliza E. Duncan, b. 1874(F), m. Isaac Hylton  
 5f. Lynch L. Duncan, b. 1877(F), m. Bettie \_\_\_\_\_. Coffey Co., Kansas.  
 5g. Elizabeth Duncan, b. 1880(F), m. Joseph C. Bashor. Morris Co., Kans.  
 5h. Samuel M. Duncan, b. 1883(F). Sumner Co., Kansas.
- 4c. Lynch S. Lester, b. 1844(F), d. Nov 19, 1863 (Georgia), Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; died in General Hospital, Marietta, Georgia.
- 4d. Lucy Ellen Lester, b. March 26, 1845(F), d. Oct 7, 1912(F), m. Dec 12, 1867(F), John Lewis Lester, first cousin, b. Nov 6, 1845(F), d. May 10, 1898, son of Lindsay & Caroline Lester; 7 children. (see 4c. John Lewis Lester, p. 39)
- 4e. Catherine Lester, b. 1848, d. Sept 23, 1854, of flux, age 6 years.
- 4f. Cloey (Cloah) Lester, b. Dec 6, 1850, d. Oct 7, 1938, bur Akers family cemetery on their farm, m. Aug 17, 1869(F), Ennis Akers, b. July 26, 1848, d. Feb 12, 1926, bur Akers cem, son of George & Lucy Akers; 5 children.
- 5a. Lucy Akers, b. 1870(F), d. (W.Va), m. March 10, 1887(F), J. Merritt Carroll, b. 1865, d. (W.Va), son of John L. & Timanda Carroll.
- 5b. George Akers, b. Dec 27, 1870, d. Dec 20, 1900, bur Akers Cem, m. Dec 30, 1888(F), Leona F. Dulaney, b. Oct 1871, dau of Addison & Elizabeth Dulaney; 4 children, all left Floyd County.
- 6a. Flora L. Akers, b. Oct 1889(F).  
 6b. Sidney T. Akers, b. Dec 1890(F), m. Feb 22, 1914(F), Mettie P. Simmons, b. 1898, dau W.H. & Sarah Simmons. Carthage, Ill.  
 6c. Posey A. Akers, b. Aug 1894(F), m. Mildred \_\_\_\_\_. Fresno, Cal.  
 6c. Ellen T. Akers, b. Nov 1896(F), m. Wallace Asher, Hancock Co., Ill.

- 5c. Marinda E. Akers, b. 1873, d. 1951, m. Nov 6, 1895(F), George W. Hurt, b. May 1871, d. ca. 1948, son of John W. & Bethena Hurt.
- 6a. Freddie L. Hurt, b. March 1897  
6b. Lissie F. Hurt, b. June 1899
- 5d. Lottie D. Akers, b. Oct 14, 1888(F), d. May 21, 1956, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. Sept 3, 1903(F), Albert Ellis Reed, b. Nov 2, 1879, d. Oct 11, 1959, bur Pleasant Valley Cem.
- 5e. Willie Lee Akers, b. Jan 1891, d. 1952, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. Jan 1, 1913(F), Mary Annie Bell Boothe, b. 1894, d. 1985, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, dau Abijah & Parthena V. Boothe.

After the death of Cloey & Ennis Akers, the four oldest children sold their share of the land they inherited to their brother Willie Lee Akers.

- 4g. Ira Lester, b. 1853(F), d. Sept 1, 1854(F), of flux, age 1 year.

(End Lynch Lester family)

- 3b. Rhoda Lester, b. 1815, d. 1895(F), bur Smith Cem, Alum Ridge, no stone, m. Oct 16, 1834(F), John Sowers, b. 1804, d. 1886, son of Jacob & Catherine (Morricle) Sowers; 11 children.
- 4a. Lucinda Sowers, b. 1836, d. 1886, m. Owen Sumner, wid.  
4b. Melvina Sowers, b. 1838, m. Pleasant Booth  
4c. Elizabeth Sowers, b. 1840, m. Jehu Sumner  
4d. Catherine Sowers, b. 1842, m. Joseph H. Booth  
4e. William Sowers, b. 1844, m. (1) Barbary E. Booth, m. (2) Emeline Catherine Thompson Thompson Walker, wid.  
4f. Cloey Ellen Sowers, b. 1846, m. Wm. L. Akers  
4g. John Sowers, b. 1848, m. Deililah Dulaney  
4h. Lewis Sowers, b. 1850, m. Vila Duncan  
4i. Eli Sowers, b. 1852, m. Lucy Edmonds  
4j. Darius Sowers, b. 1855, m. Virginia Adeline Thompson  
4k. Rhodabelle Sowers, b. 1858, d. 1862, of diphtheria

(See The Morricle Family book for more information)

(End Rhoda Lester Sowers family)

- 3c. Lindsay Lester, b. April 14, 1817, d. July 21, 1898(F), bur Lester Cem #3; Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. Oct 27, 1838(F), Caroline L. Belden, b. Feb 8, 1815, d. June 1, 1880(F), bur Lester Cem #3, dau of John & Hannah Belden; 7 children: Letitia, Wm. Harrison, John Lewis, James T., Narcissa Ellen, Lindsay Johnson, Albert A.

Lindsay Lester was a prominent citizen in Alum Ridge-Copper Valley. He filled the office of Constable many times, beginning in 1837. In 1884 he was appointed Deputy Treasurer, by the County Treasurer, for Alum Ridge. He was exempted from working on the public roads in 1875. He was a large landowner.

- 4a. Letitia Lester, b. 1839(F), d. before 1893, m. Jan 24, 1858(F), Lewis H. Harris, b. 1838(F), son of Thos. & Elizabeth Harris; 7 children.
- 5a. Nancy Adeline Harris, b. 1859(F), m. July 29, 1886(F), Peter Dickerson, b. 1858, son of James T. & Rhoda Dickerson.
- 5b. Louisa C. Harris, b. 1862(F), m. John Flinchum.
- 5c. Crockett Harris, b. 1865(F), m. Oct 26, 1882(F), Elizabeth Harris, b. 1866, dau of Joseph H. & Sarah Jane Harris.
- 5d. Miram Harris, b. ca. 1866, m. James T. Flinchum.
- 5e. Edmond Thomas Harris, b. 1868
- 5f. Ann Eliza Harris, b. 1869, m. Jan 16, 1888(F), Sylvester Reed, b. 1864(F), son of Crockett & Sarah Reed.
- 5g. Arranda Harris, b. 1870.
- 4b. William Harrison Lester, b. Aug 18, 1841(F), d. June 9, 1906(F), bur Lester Cem #3; Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. Dec 13, 1865(F), Sarah A. Reed, b. Dec 3, 1835(F), d. March 9, 1915, bur Lester Cem #3, dau of Griffith & Olivia Reed, 6 children.
- 5a. Amon Gideon Lester, b. Nov 21, 1866(F), d. Feb 20, 1944(F), bur Lester Cem #3, m. (1) Oct 10, 1888(F), Linnie A. Duncan, b. 1870(F), d. Aug 31, 1891(F), of consumption, bur Lester Cem #3, dau of Crockett & Nancy Duncan; Amon m. (2) March 14, 1895(F), Margaret Emmazetta (Zettie) Burnett, b. March 3, 1871(F), d. June 16, 1965(F), bur Lester Cem #3, dau of Josiah & Elizabeth (Duncan) Burnett; 1 child, first marriage; 7 children, second marriage. Amon Lester was a farmer and a miller.
- First marriage:
- 6a. Virgie A. Lester, b. Sept 1890(F), m. Nov 1, 1906(F), W. Taz Reed, b. 1881(F), son of Richard & M. F. Reed.
- Second marriage (Amon Lester):
- 6b. Lura Essie Lester, b. Jan 1896(F), m. Aug 27, 1927(F), Joseph B. Spicer, wid, b. 1882(M), son of William & Cintha Spicer. Moved to Powhatan, W.Va.

- 6c. Dessie E. Lester, b. July 1898(F), m. (1) Dec 27, 1921 (Radford), Fred D. Gordon, b. 1898 (Pulaski), son of J. W. & I. Gordon; Dessie M. (2) Levi A. Duncan, b. 1882, son of Callaway Duncan; lived in Radford.
- 6d. Elbert Harrison Lester, b. March 16, 1900(F), d. March 23, 1991, bur White Rock Cem, m. Nov 12, 1931(F), Essie Frances Weeks, b. Sept 7, 1906(F), d. Dec 9, 1986, bur White Rock Cem, dau of Fort & Tilda (Lester) Weeks; 7 children.
- 7a. Billy Alvin Lester, b. 1933, d. March 7, 1994(Rad), bur White Rock Cem.
- 7b. Bonnie Lou Lester, m. Willie Jarrells
- 7c. Elbert Lester Jr, m. Florence \_\_\_\_\_
- 7d. Emma Jean Lester, m. Tazewell Altizer
- 7e. Benny Lee Lester, b. 1940, m. July 22, 1963, Annie Ellen Salmons, b. 1944(F), dau of Edgar & Mattie (Dulaney) Salmons.
- 7f. Donald Lester, m. Marie Salmons
- 7g. Peggy Lester, b. July 1, 1948, d. Mar 1, 1996, bur White Rock.
- 6e. Gilbert Joesour Lester, b. Oct 21, 1901(F), d. Jan 5, 1946(F), bur Lester Cem #3, m. Feb 28, 1929(F), Mida L. Weeks, b. Sept 14, 1908(F), d. April 17, 1949, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, dau of Fort M. & Tilda (Lester) Weeks.
- 6f. India <sup>Reed</sup> Lester, b. July 14, 1903(F), d. May 21, 1958, bur Sunset Cem, m. June 3, 1925(F), Hollace McKinley Dickerson, son of Darius & Louisa Dickerson.
- 6g. Ora D. Lester, b. Jan 2, 1907(F), d. Oct 11, 1988(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Jan 28, 1925(F), Charles G. Reed, b. Oct 17, 1898(F), d. June 27, 1965(M), bur Sunset Cem, son of David P. & Savinda (Akers) Reed; 4 children. Charlie Reed was founder of Reed Lumber Company, Christiansburg.
- 7a. Charles Eugene Reed, b. Oct 16, 1926(F), m. July 30, 1950 (York, SC), Joyce E. Lester, (see p. 145); 1 child.
- 7b. June Reed, b. June 19, 1934(F), m. Dec 12, 1951 (York, SC), Quinton Simpkins, b. Dec 26, 1933; 2 children.
- 7c. Joyce Reed, b. Jan 26, 1947(F), m. June 26, 1965, Lonnie James Slaughter, b. Jan 15, 1946(Pat.), 3 children.
- 7d. Donna Reed, b. Jan 15, 1949(M), m. (1) James Daugherty; m. (2) Bobby Hayden; 1 son, first marriage.
- 6h. Paul Gideon Lester, b. July 28, 1910(F), d. Dec 2, 1994(F), bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. Dec 22, 1934(Radford), Mary Ellen Spence, b. Aug 10, 1910(F), d. Dec 5, 1991, bur Pleasant Valley Cem; 2 children.
- 7a. Lois Marie Lester, b. Aug 26, 1937(F), m. Dec 23, 1955(F), Curtis Lloyd Roop, b. Aug 23, 1932(M), son of Roy & Stella (Akers) Roop; 2 children.
- 7b. Corrine Ellen Lester, b. Sept 27, 1939(F), m. April 24, 1959(F), Harlan Heath Goad, b. 1939(F); 4 children.

(Wm. Harrison Lester, cont.)

- 5b. Enoch Levi Lester, b. July 5, 1868(F), d. Sept 27, 1916(F), bur Lester Cem #3, m. Aug 29, 1888(F), Arequilla Reed, b. May 11, 1869(F), d. March 21, 1948, bur Reed Cem on Kevin Mitchell farm, dau of Harrison & Sarah Reed; (Arequilla m. (2) Jan 17, 1926, J. L. Meredith, wid); 2 children d. infancy.
- 5c. Tabitha Ann C. Lester, b. Feb 15, 1870(F), d. Feb 17, 1935(F), bur Lester Cem #3, n.m.
- 5d. Luemma D. Lester, b. Nov 7, 1871(F), d. April 5, 1896(F), bur Lester Cem #3, n.m.
- 5e. Isabel M. Lester, b. 1873(F), d. infancy.
- 5f. Daisy Belle Lester, b. May 21, 1875(F), d. June 7, 1915, bur Akers Cem nr. John R. Poff, Rt. 750, m. March 2, 1899(F), Elijah Ephraim Akers, b. March 19, 1873, d. March 13, 1949, bur Akers Cem, son of Jesse & Sarah Akers; 6 children.
- 6a. Clara Akers, b. Feb 11, 1902, m. Styrel G. Scaggs
- 6b. Madaline Akers, m. Earnest Walker
- 6c. Nellie C. Akers, b. May 14, 1904, m. Daniel Edmond Poff
- 6d. Jesse Walten Akers, b. June 22, 1906, m. Livie Pearl Reed
- 6e. Maggie Ethel Akers, b. April 3, 1909, m. Grover Edgar Phillips
- 6f. Hattie B. Akers, b. Sept 30, 1912, m. Elias Akers

4c. Aaeline Lester, b. Sept. 24, 1843(F) d. infancy

- 4d. John Lewis Lester, b. Nov 6, 1845(F), d. May 10, 1898(F), bur Lester Cem #4, m. Dec 12, 1867(F), Lucy Ellen Lester, first cousin, b. March 26, 1845(F), d. Oct 7, 1912(F), bur Lester Cem #4, dau of Lynch & Lucy (Sowers) Lester; Pvt, Co. K, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; 7 children: Zebedee, Arabella, Matilda, Roena, Monroe, Malinda, John France.
- 5a. Zebedee Lynch Lester, b. Jan 1869(F), d. 1950(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Oct 18, 1888(F), Lurinda D. Reed, b. April 1867(F), d. 1938(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, dau of Andrew J. & Polly Reed; 3 children. Zebedee Lester built a big white house in a commanding location on top of Alum Ridge (Rt. 738), later bought by the Underwoods. Ollie Underwood lived there for many years.
- 6a. Atha L. Lester, b. Aug 1892(F), d. April 16, 1972(Roa), bur Restvale Cem, m. Dec 18, 1912(F), Lydia Alma Lester, cousin, b. May 1890(F), d. May 14, 1970(Roa), bur Restvale Cem, dau of Lynch Ira & Emeline Lester; 1 child.
- 7a. Eula Lester, b. 1914, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander, moved to Ohio.
- 6b. Linnie Mary Lester, b. April 1894(F), d. Nov 11, 1988(Salem), m. (1) Aug 11, 1917(F), Martin Luther Bowling, b. 1895 (Tazewell), son of James H. & M. E. Bowling; Linnie m. (2) C. Clayton Dulaney, son of Sam & Malinda Dulaney.
- 6c. Jennings B. Lester, b. Oct 1896(F), d. 1984, bur Roselawn, m. Oct 4, 1919(F), Bessie I. Dulaney, b. 1900(F), d. 1979, bur Roselawn, dau of Richard & Manda Dulaney.

- 5b. Arabella Lester, b. Feb 21, 1872(F), d. July 2, 1956(Ore.) m. Nov 25, 1896(F), Albert M. Akers, b. 1866(M), son of Daniel & Ellen Akers.
- 5c. Matilda May Lester, b. May 19, 1873(F), d. March 6, 1946(F), bur Lester Cem #4, m. April 16, 1893(F), Fort Monroe Weeks, b. July 2, 1873(F), d. Jan 6, 1942(F), bur Lester Cem #4, son of General W. & Peradine Weeks; 11 children.
- 5d. Roena Caroline Lester, b. June 8, 1875(F), d. Jan 22, 1945(F), m. Sept 28, 1899(F), Colonel Alfred (Al) Lester, cousin, b. May 27, 1879(F), d. Oct 22, 1953(F), son of Gordon B. & Rosabelle Lester.
- 5e. Monroe R. Lester, b. Dec 27, 1877(F), d. Nov 8, 1956 (LaGrande Ore), bur Grandview Cem, m. Sept 1, 1895(F), Rachael Reed, b. June 11, 1872(F), d. Jan 2, 1964 (Ore), dau of Peter & Susan Reed; 9 children
- 6a. Carly Clinton Lester, b. Sept 28, 1896(F), m. Lilly M. Lund
- 6b. Donney Curtis Lester, b. Aug 4, 1898(F), m. Christine Johnson
- 6c. Barney France Lester, b. Aug 5, 1900(F), m. Vera F. Helvey
- 6d. Amma Ellen Lester, b. March 11, 1902(F), m. Thomas J. Lovely
- 6e. Ruby Edith Lester, b. Nov 29, 1905(Ore), m. James Clark
- 6f. Nelda Jeannette Lester, b. Sept 22, 1910(Ore), d. infancy
- 6g. Dallas Lester, twin, b. Sept 17, 1912(Ore.), m. Dorothy Hutchison
- 6h. Doris Lester, twin, b. Sept 17, 1912(Ore.), d. infancy
- 6i. Albert Lynn Lester, b. Aug 16, 1915(Ore.), m. Norma E. Caldwell
- 5f. Malinda Ellen Lester, b. April 10, 1884(F), d. Aug 15, 1978(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Nov 16, 1904(F), William Harrison Peters, b. Aug 10, 1882(F), d. Feb 21, 1967, bur Sunset Cem, son of James B. & Miriam Ellen Peters; 8 children.
- 6a. Weda Effie Peters, b. Dec 16, 1905(F), m. Feb 29, 1928(F), Calvin Abijah Boothe, b. July 14, 1899(F), d. Aug 13, 1993, bur Beaver Creek Cem, son of Abijah & Parthena Boothe; 8 childre
- 6b. Lonnie Edgar Peters, b. Feb 14, 1908(F), d. Dec 27, 1980(F), bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. Aug 30, 1930(F), Velma Aleen Lester, b. June 21, 1911(F), dau of John H. & Delia (Reed) Lester.
- 6c. Lucy Florence Peters, b. Feb 10, 1912(F), d. Oct 7, 1990, bur Sunset Cem, m. May 18, 1935, James Edward Bower, b. 1913, d. June 15, 1990, bur Sunset Cem.
- 6d. Gertrude Ellen (Trudy) Peters, b. Nov 29, 1915(F), n.m.
- 6e. Ocie Gray Peters, b. Nov 22, 1918(F), n.m.
- 6f. Alvis Edward Peters, b. April 8, 1922, d. July 29, 1993, bur Sunset Cem; veteran WWII; ret. employee Roanoke City Mills, m. Dec 18, 1947(F), Jean Senora Graham, b. July 21, 1930, dau of Kenneth & Ruby Graham; 1 child.
- 6g. Nellie Ethelene Peters, b. July 29, 1924(F), d. June 26, 1929(F), aged 5, bur Lester Cem #4.
- 6h. Elsie May Peters, b. March 5, 1927(F), m. (1) Aug 2, 1946, & div. Posey Glenn Pugh Jr.; Elsie m. (2) July 5, 1956, Millard Bunch McFarland, b. March 23, 1924(M).

- 5g. John France Lester, b. June 17, 1886(F), d. Aug 22, 1967(F), bur Indian Creek Cem, m. March 8, 1908(F), Ella May Lester, cousin, b. Oct 9, 1889(F), d. June 29, 1987(F), bur Indian creek Cem, dau of Luther & Elmetta Lester; 10 children.
- 6a. Lelia Wanda Lester, b. Feb 1, 1909(F), m. Sept 17, 1928(F), Lewis E. Marshall, b. Aug 25, 1902, d. Jan 28, 1969, bur Big Sand Cem, son of Alexander & Lina (Huff) Marshall; lived in Radford.
- 6b. John Davis Lester, b. 1911(F), d. Aug 17, 1992, bur Roselawn Cem, m. Aug 23, 1930(F) Cora Lee Duncan, b. 1908, d. April 13, 1993, bur Roselawn Cem, dau of Thomas & Mattie Duncan.
- 6c. Ruby Ethel Lester, b. March 28, 1913(F), d. Feb 13, 1996, bur Cox Cem, m. (1) Oct 30, 1929(F), Jep Cox, b. June 8, 1905(F), d. Feb 6, 1936(F), bur Cox Cem, son of Flournoy & Susan Cox; Ruby m. (2) Sept 12, 1942(F), Clifton H. Harris, wid, b. March 29, 1893(F), d. May 27, 1959, bur Indian Creek Cem, son of Asa & Lucy Harris; Ruby m. (3) July 18, 1963(F), Early Wilson Harris, wid, b. July 19, 1893, d. Nov 20, 1979, bur Indian Creek Cem, son of Maston & Eunice Jane Harris.
- 6d. Ray Lester, b. March 1, 1915, m. Apr 2, 1950, Marie Bishop
- 6e. Ada Ellen Lester, b. Dec 30, 1916(F), m. Dec 28, 1935(F), Aaron Altizer, b. Dec 7, 1915, son of Clyde Calahill & Mary Altizer.
- 6f. Gay Lester, b. Nov 1, 1917(F), m. Walter Royal.
- 6g. Mary Lucille Lester, b. May 13, 1919, d. July 15, 1920
- 6h. Annie Mae Lester, b. June 27, 1921(F), m. (1) Ward Haley, m. (2) George Bower
- 6i. Hosea Elvin Lester, b. Nov 28, 1923(F), d. Nov 17, 1975, bur Indian Creek Cem, m. (1) Cora Dalton, m. (2) Dorothy Murdock; US Army WWII.
- 6j. William Dempsey Lester, b. Dec 23, 1925(F), d. June 23, 1976, bur Indian Creek Cem, MSgt US Air Force, WWII, Korea, Vietnam; m. (1) & (2) names unknown.
- 4e. James T. Lester, b. Aug 21, 1849(F), d. Nov 1, 1927, m. May 19, 1869(F), Mary Ellen Lane, b. July 7, 1851(M), d. Jan 3, 1928(F), dau of William & M. Lane; 2 children.
- 5a. Luther Naamon Lester, b. Oct 26, 1870(F), d. July 24, 1946(III.), bur in cemetery on Walter Reed place, m. Aug 15, 1888(F), Elmetta Reed, b. Dec 17, 1871(F), d. Nov 14, 1954, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, dau of Harrison D. & Sarah T. Reed; 3 children.
- Luther & Elmetta Lester lived on Present Rt. 750. Elmetta was postmaster of Elmetta postoffice for one year which may have been located at or near their home.



- 6a. Ella May Lester, b. Oct 9, 1889(F), d. June 29, 1987(F), bur Indian Creek Cem, m. March 8, 1908(F), John France Lester, cousin, b. June 17, 1886(F), d. Aug 22, 1967(F), (see p. 41).
- 6b. Osa Lester, b. June 18, 1901, m. (3) O. W. Armstrong, Fulton, Ill.
- 6c. Harrison Everett Lester, b. May 5, 1894(F), d. Oct 23, 1951(F), bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. July 13, 1913(F), Erdia Reed, b. April 6, 1892(F), d. April 5, 1983, bur Pleasant Valley Cme, dau of Griffith & Isabelle Reed; 4 children.
- 7a. Aluvia Lester, b. 1917
- 7b. Pauline Lester, b. 1920
- 7c. Virgil C. Lester, b. 1924
- 7d. Alton Lester, b. 1932
- 5b. Lindsay A. Lester, b. July 25, 1874(F), d. July 2, 1888.
- ~~4e. Narcissa Ellen (Sis Ellen) Lester, b. 1853(F), d. March 6, 1879, m. Nov 13, 1871(F), William A. Lane, b. 1849(M), son of William & Marinda Lane, no children. (See p. 53)~~
- 4f. Johnson A. Lester, b. <sup>Nov. 5, 1853(F),</sup> ~~Sept 28, 1855(F)~~, m. Feb 25, 1875(F), Victoria Virginia Alice Boyd, b. March 15, 1856, dau of Newberry T. & Martha Jane Boyd; 8 children. The family moved to Jefferson City, Tenn., in the late 1890s.
- 4g. Albert Augustus Lester, b. April 27, 1857(F), d. Sept 6, 1915(F), bur Lester Cem #3, m. (1) March 6, 1879(F), Mary Ann Reed, b. Sept 5, 1860 (Carroll Co), d. July 24, 1899(F), bur Lester Cem #3, dau of Madison D. & Elizabeth Reed; Albert m. (2) July 21, 1901(F), Mary Quesenberry, wid, b. 1857, dau of John & Elizabeth Nester; 2 children.
- 5a. Dora Alice Lester, b. Feb 27, 1880(F), d. Jan 9, 1923(F), bur Lester Cem #3, m. Jan 10, 1901(F), William A. Duncan, b. 1874, d. 1946, bur Sunset Cem, son of Beauford & Sarah (Simmons) Duncan; 3 children.
- 6a. Evie Alma Duncan, b. March 15, 1903(F), m. (1) Nov 20, 1924(F), Chrisley Duncan, b. 1902, d. 1937, bur Lester Cem #3, son of William Callaway & Julia A. Duncan; Evie m. (2) May 3, 1947(F), James J. Shelton, wid, b. 1884, d. 1969, bur Dublin Cem, son of Frank & Sarah V. Shelton; 2 children first marriage.
- 7a. Boy, d. infancy.
- 7b. Iris Colleen Duncan, b. 1929(F), m. Sept 11, 1947(F), Jack Willard Cox, b. 1926(F), son of Isaac L. & Vinicie (Hollandsworth) Cox; 7 children.

- 8a. Carlos David Cox
  - 8b. Joseph Lee Cox
  - 8c. Samuel Landon Cox
  - 8d. Alma Fay Cox
  - 8e. Mike Willard Cox
  - 8f. Andrew (Andy) Chrisley Cox, twin
  - 8g. Arthur Isaac Cox, twin
- 6b. Everett Duncan, b. 1905, m. Dolly Richardson
- 6c. Howard T. Duncan, b. 1908, m. (1) Dec 31, 1929(F), Ola Phillips, b. 1906, dau of Curtis & Lena Phillips; Howard m. (2) Polly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5b. William Harrison (Willie) Lester, b. June 1885, d. Jan 4, 1971, bur Cedar Lawn Cem; farmer, postmaster at Riner; m. July 28, 1906(M), Emma M. Akers, b. 1886(M), d. June 28, 1957, bur Cedar Lawn Cem, dau of A. P. & Jennie C. Akers; William Harrison m. (2) Mary Firestone
- 6a. Mary Elizabeth Lester, b. Dec 2, 1919, m. Aug 6, 1941 (Blacksburg), John Kimmel Allman Sr.
- 7a. John K. Allman Jr.
- 8a. Shannon Courtney Allman
  - 8b. Stephanie Allman

(End Lindsay Lester family)

- 3d. James Lester Jr., b. 1819, m. Sept 30, 1842(F), Ann Eliza Belden, b. 1821(M), dau of John & Hannah Belden; 3 children.  
(Ann Eliza Belden Lester m. (2) March 12, 1857, Samuel Harris, son of Thos & Elizabeth Harris; 1 dau, Hannah Rosabelle Harris, b. 1857).

James Lester was a convict in the penitentiary of Virginia when his father died in 1860.

- 4a. Mary Ann Lester, b. Feb 2, 1842(F), d. July 7, 1917, bur Reed Cem, m. Aug 22, 1863(F), Otey T. Reed, b. Aug 11, 1837, d. May 11, 1904, bur Reed Cem, son of Mark & Lucy Reed; Pvt, Co. B, 42nd Va. Inf, CSA
- 5a. Rosanne E. Reed, b. 1864, m. Nov 26, 1885(F), Willis L. Burgess, b. 1860(F), son of Harrison P. & Sarah A. Burgess.
- 5b. Lydia E. Reed, b. 1866(F), m. Sept 30, 1883(F), Henry M. Boyd, b. 1863(F), son of Newberry T. & Martha J. Boyd.
- 5c. Virginia E. Reed, b. 1869(F), m. Nov 18, 1886(F), James M. Boyd, b. 1865(F), son of Newberry T. & Martha J. Boyd.
- 4b. James Loyd Lester, b. 1845(F), m. Oct 10, 1865(F), Angeline Thompson, b. 1847(F), dau of Elswick & Lockie (Lester) Thompson; 11 children.  
Loyd Lester was postmaster at Veni, Mont. Co., June 13, 1881-1885.
- 5a. Ella Lester, b. Sept 18, 1866
- 5b. Toby Lester, b. 1868
- 5c. Pate Lester, b. 1869
- 5d. Minnie Lester, b. 1871
- 5e. Ida Lester, b. 1872, m. Apr 26, 1898(M), John A. Kirby, b. 1871.
- 5f. Lisa Lester, b. 1874
- 5g. Amy Lester, b. 1875, twin
- 5h. Una Lester, b. 1875, twin
- 5i. Norman Lester, b. 1877
- 5j. Biar Lester (boy), b. 1880
- 5k. James Lester, b. 1884, m. Dec 20, 1906(F), Emeline Akers, b. 1885.
- 4c. Harriet E. Lester, b. 1847, m. March 31, 1864(F), Jonathan Akers, b. 1840(M), son of James & Sarah Akers.
- 5a. Minerva F. Akers, b. 1866
- 5b. James Wallace Akers, b. 1868
- 5c. George W. Akers, b. 1869

(End James Lester Jr. family)

- 3e. Mahala Lester, b. 1821, d. 190-, m. Oct 4, 1843(F), John Sumner, b. 1823, d. 186-, son of Isaiah Sumner; 4 children.
- 4a. Rhoda B. Sumner, b. ca. July 1845(F), d. 19--. n.m.
- 4b. Eli Sumner, b. ca. 1847, m. Jan 21, 1869(F), Elizabeth F. Akers, b. 1850(F), dau of James & Sarah Akers.
- 4c. Tazewell Sumner, b. ca. 1849, m. May 2, 1867(F), Delphia Cox, b. 1849(F), dau of Ambrose & Dicey Cox.
- 5a. William Eli Sumner, b. 1869
- 4d. Giles Sumner, b. ca. 1853, m. Nov 7, 1873(F), Dolly A. Roop, b. ca. 1857(F), dau of Gordon & Emeline (Lester) Roop.
- 5a. Ezra F. Sumner, b. 1879
- 3f. Lockie Lester, b. ca. June 1823, d. 190-, m. Dec 18, 1845(F), Elswick Thompson, b. ca. 1822, d. 186-, Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf, CSA; 8 children.
- 4a. Lurena E. Thompson, b. 1846(F), m. Aug 24, 1870(F), Major Cumby, wid, b. 1834, son of Daniel & Mary Cumby; res. Giles County.
- 4b. Angeline Thompson, b. 1847, m. Oct 10, 1865(F), James Loyd Lester, b. 1845, son of James & Eliza Lester.
- 4c. Larkin Hamilton Thompson, b. 1850, m. Feb 1, 1872(F) Hannah Rosabelle Harris, b. 1857, dau of Samuel & Ann Eliza Harris.
- 5a. Silas G. Thompson, b. 1873
- 5b. Ephraim C. Thompson, b. 1878
- 4d. Adaline E. Thompson, b. 1851, d. young.
- 4e. Julia Ann Thompson, b. 1853, m. Feb 18, 1883(F), David C. Wade, b. 1857, son of Nathan & Martha Wade
- 4f. James C. Thompson, b. 1855
- 4g. Octavia Thompson, b. 1857
- 4h. Robert Bruce Thompson, b. Dec 31, 1859(F), m. (1) Dec 20, 1877(F), Louisa Fountain Reed, b. 1853, d. 187-, dau of Willis & Louisa Reed; Robert m. (2) Jan 11, 1883(F), Elizabeth Reed, b. 1862, dau of Jubal & Rhoda (Duncan) Reed. Moved to Tennessee.

- 3g. Leftwich Lester, b. 1824, d. 189-?, m. (1) Feb 13, 1844(M), Christina Bishop, b. 1823(M), d. 186-, dau of Abel & Mary Bishop; Leftwich m. (2) May 23, 1870(M), Eliza Jones, b. 1850 (Wythe Co), dau of Ro. & Nancy Jones; 10 children first marriage, no children (know second marriage).

Leftwich Lester was a miller and a farmer. In 1857 he purchased "a mill seat and mills on Easter Creek" but had the deed recorded in the name of his wife and 3 sons who were then minors (Christina, Samuel, Thomas and Abram). He lived in at least two places in Alum Ridge, not far from the Montgomery County line. Christina died sometime in the 1860s, perhaps at the birth of her twin daughters, April 1861. Between 1870-75, Leftwich moved to Montgomery County. When Martha Jane (second daughter) married in 1875, she married "at the house of Leftwich Lester in Montgomery County," as stated in the marriage license. Information is scanty about Leftwich and his family.

- 4a. Mary Miranda Lester, b. 1845(F), m. Dec 13, 1865(F), Riley Akers, wid, b. 1831(F), son of William & Nancy (Sowers) Akers.
- 4b. Martha Jane Lester, b. 1847(F), m. March 4, 1875(M), George Harris, b. 1857(F), son of John & Mary Harris.
- 4c. Samuel B. Lester, b. 1849(F), m. Nov 23, 1871(F), Jane Booth, b. 1857(F), age 14, dau of Abner & Nancy Booth; 5 children.
- 5a. Perl F. Lester, b. 1872(F), m. Sept 3, 1890(M), Daniel W. Spangler, wid, b. 1858(F), son of John & Harriet Spangler.
- 5b. Laura E. Lester, b. 1875, m. Feb 23, 1892(M), Gilbert R. Spangler, b. 1869(F), son of Tazwell & Lu Spangler.
- 5c. Mary M. Lester, b. 1877(M), m. Nov 3, 1906(M), Joseph Turner, b. 1875(M), son of Thomas & Cynthia Turner.
- 5d. Willie Lester, b. 1878(M), m. Dec 20, 1895(M), William M. Roop, b. 1876(F), son of Charles & Martha Roop.
- 5e. Luther W. Lester, b. Nov 1879.
- 4d. Emeline Joyce Lester, b. 1852(F), d. 1954, age 102, bur Brown Cem, Pulaski Co, m. Jan 10, 1872(M), William Nelson Elswick, b. Jan 14, 1843, d. May 24, 1920, bur Brown Cem, son of Thomas & Eliza Elswick; 2 children.
- 5a. Joseph P. Elswick, b. May 25, 1873, d. Aug 30, 1944, bur Brown Cem
- 5b. Willie Sue Elswick, b. 1875, d. 1893 (Belspring, Pul. Co), m. Dec 24, 1891 (Pulaski Co), Nathan D. Bane, b. 1869(M), son of James & Mary Bane; one child. (Nathan Bane m. (2) July 7, 1899 (Radford), Willie O. Surface, wid, b. 1869).
- Willie Sue died when she was 18 years old; she was walking between trains at Belspring and one of the trains ran over her.
- 6a. Myrtle Gertrude Bane, b. Nov 18, 1892, d. 1986, m. Jan 11, 1911 William Terry Carter; 3 children.  
Myrtle was 18 months old when her mother was killed. Grandmother Emeline raised her. She died in Shawsville Nursing Home, almost 95 years old

- 7a. Mildred Carter, b. April 2, 1912, m. (1) Howard M. Sifford; m. (2) James G. Bowyer; lives Roanoke.
- 7b. Willie Eileen Carter, b. 1915
- 7c. Elmer Eugene Carter, b. 1922
- 4e. Thomas W. Lester, b. 1853(F), m. Oct 1, 1874(M), Rachael Altizer, b. 1855(M), dau of Elias & Rachel Altizer.
- 4f. James Abraham (Abe) Lester, b. April 7, 1856(F), d. 1928 (Iowa), bur Maple Hill Cem, Lakota, Iowa, m. Feb 26, 1874(M), Calmona Ann (Callie) Peterman, b. Jan 2, 1858(F), d. 1931 (Iowa), bur Maple Hill Cem, dau of John L. & Aveline (Lester) Peterman; 12 children.
- Abe & Callie Lester lived in Montgomery County; in the late 1890s they moved west to Lakota, Iowa, where they bought a farm and lived a more prosperous life.
- 5a. Martha (Mattie) Frances Lester, twin, b. Dec 24, 1874, m. Dec 1, 1898, Tony Schaper.
- 5b. Hattie Mary Lester, twin, b. Dec 24, 1874, d. Dec 7, 1898, m. Dec 26, 1895, H. C. Reese.
- 5c. Ocie Ella Lester, b. Sept 8, 1877, d. March 12, 1950, m. Jan 11, 1894(F), Henry Ward Beecher Akers, b. 1871, son of Mary Akers.
- 5d. Arthur Michael Lester, b. June 1, 1880, d. Jan 20, 1951, m. Jan 3, 1901(F), Zilphia Lester, b. April 1883, dau of Gordon B. & Rosabelle Lester.
- 5e. Everett Lester, b. Aug 22, 1882, d. Feb 21, 1907, m. Aug 26, 1906, Lillie Hill.
- 5f. Clarence A. Lester, b. March 1, 1885, d. March 21, 1952, m. Mary Nance.
- 5g. George A. Lester, b. June 23, 1887, m. Dec 10, 1908, Hazel Wirtjes.
- 5h. Harlie J. Lester, b. July 19, 1888, d. 1918, m. Feb 4, 1910 (Butler, Mo.), Lillie Bishop, b. March 30, 1912 (Germania, Iowa), d. Dec. 22, 1914 (Buffalo Center, Iowa), dau of J. R. Bishop.
- 5i. Evie Lester, b. Oct 17, 1892, d. Dec 25, 1909.
- 5j. Annie Lester, b. May 26, 1894, d. Jan 23, 1910.
- 5k. Vancie Lester, b. Feb 22, 1896, d. Nov 17, 1903
- 5l. John E. Lester, b. Sept 20, 1901, m. July 19, 1924, Helen \_\_\_\_.
- 4g. Leftwich Lester Jr., b. Aug 16, 1858(F).
- 4h. Abel Lester, b. 1860(F)
- 4i. Sarah Malinda Lester, twin, b. May 8, 1861(F), d. June 7, 1910, bur Lester Cem #1, m. Feb 18, 1877(M), William I. Epperly, b. 1857(F), son of Solomon & Rachael Epperly; 1 (known) child. (William I. Epperly m. (2) Nov 1, 1914(F), Lillie P. Roop)

5a. Willie Epperly, b. 1879(F), m. (1) March 23, 1899(F), Charles L. Bower, b. 1876(F), son of Samuel & Sarah E. Bower; Willie m. (2) March 24, 1912(M), John E. Horton, wid, b. Dec 18, 1874, d. May 18, 1952, son of Frank & Ellen Horton; 2 children first marriage.

6a. Thurman Bower, b. 1904

6b. Roy Bower, b. 1907

4j. Octavia M. Lester, twin, b. May 8, 1861(F), d. Oct 3, 1882, bur Lester Cem #1, m. Dec 26, 1878(M), Hulen Berdine Lester, b. Nov 28, 1856(M), d. May 18, 1940, bur Sunset Cem, son of John Floyd & Susan (Chafin) Lester (see p. 141).

(End Leftwich Lester family)

- 3h. Lewis Lester, b. Sept 13, 1826, d. March 13, 1863(F), bur Lester Cem #2; Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. March 26, 1853(F), Mary Boyd, b. May 1834, d. Dec 28, 1903, bur Lester Cem #2, dau Newberry T. & Martha Jane Boyd; 4 children.

Lewis Lester's house was at the foot of the hill where Lester Cemetery #2 is located. He lived on land given him by his father, James. James Lester lived with his son Lewis after his wife, Cloe's death, and died there.

Lewis fought in the Civil War. He contracted smallpox but walked from Richmond to Floyd and died at home.

- 4a. Gordon B. Lester, b. April 24, 1854(F), d. July 5, 1937, bur Lester Cem #2, m. Nov 9, 1876(F), Rosabelle Reed, b. June 26, 1856(F), d. March 20, 1944, bur Lester Cem #2, dau of Jubal & Rhoda (Duncan) Reed; 11 children.  
Gordon Lester was born, lived and died on the same farm.
- 5a. Leander Lewis Lester, b. Aug 15, 1877(F), d. June 8, 1901 (Philippines), US Army, soldier in Spanish-American War, n.m.
- 5b. Colonel Alfred (Al) Lester, b. May 27, 1879(F), d. Oct 22, 1953(F), m. (1) Sept 28, 1899(F), Roena C. Lester, cousin, b. June 8, 1875(F), d. Jan 22, 1945; Alfred m. (2) Feb 20, 1947(F), Tryphena Reece Phillips, wid, b. 1886 (Carroll Co), dau of Jefferson & Elizabeth (Duncan) Reece; 2 children first marriage.
- 6a. Leander Dallis Lester, b. Nov 15, 1908, d. July 31, 1993, bur Lester Cem #2, m. Nov 22, 1933(F), Gemima Vivian Duncan, b. 1913(F), dau of J.B. & Vergie Duncan; no children.
- 6b. Basil Lester, b. 1912(F), m. Sept 19, 1936(Rad), Arnold McGuyer, b. 1913(M), son of Lacy & Alice McGuyer.
- 5c. Lemuel Parris Lester, b. 1881(F), d. in Iowa, m. Oct 4, 1901(F), Roena Weeks, b. 1882(F), d. in Iowa, dau of General & Peradine Weeks.
- 6a. Alvis Lester  
6b. Evie Lester, d. 1985, m. Harold Reed
- 5d. Zilphia Ann Lester, b. Apr 1883(F), d. in Iowa, m. Jan 3, 1901(F), Arthur Michael Lester, b. June 1, 1880(M), d. Jan 20, 1951 (Iowa), son of James Abraham & Callie Ann Lester.
- 5e. Louvinia E. Lester, b. Aug 1885(F), d. in Minnesota, m. Jan 12, 1904(F), Henry Schaper, b. 1883 (Iowa), son of Henry Schaper.
- 5f. William Ira Lester, b. April 23, 1887(F), d. Oct 29, 1952, m. Sept 15, 1909(F), Della A. Akers, b. Oct 15, 1892(F), d. July 26, 1971, dau of Brook & Louisa Akers, both bur Lester Cem #2.
- 6a. William Guy Lester, b. 1918  
6b. Dot I. Lester, b. 1922



- 5g. Posey Madison Lester, b. Aug 1890(F), d. Feb 12, 1962,  
m. Oct 19, 1911(F), India Elsie Weeks, b. 1892, d. May 29,  
1961, dau of W. E. & Martha E. Weeks.
- 6a. Raymond Carnell Lester, b. 1913, d. March 11, 1990, bur  
Sunset Cem, m. (1) Dec 14, 1936, Lillie Mae Hill, b. 1913,  
d. 1973, bur Sunset Cem; m. (2) Ella Sutphin.
- 6b. Gladys Imogene Lester, b. July 20, 1917, m. July 20, 1935(M),  
Draper Dulaney, b. 1912, son of Hiram & Lula Dulaney.
- 6c. Loraine Lester, b. 1922, m. Dec 2, 1939(M), Irvin Akers,  
b. 1916, son of Harve & Rosetta (Pugh) Akers.
- 6d. Dorothy Lester, b. 1927, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Semones
- 6e. Elton J. Lester, b. 1929
- 6f. Freda Alene Lester, b. 1932, m. April 7, 1950(M), Posey  
James Richardson, b. 1929, son of Henry & Minnie Richardson
- 6g. Doris Lester, b. 1935.
- 5h. Zachariah Taylor (Zack) Lester, b. Jan 5, 1893(F), d. March 3,  
1969, m. March 3, 1920(M), Olivia (Livy) Walker, b. Jan 20,  
1898, d. May 6, 1968, dau of A. H. Walker.
- 6a. Elvin G. Lester, b. 1921
- 6b. Irene Lester, b. 1923
- 6c. Maxine Lester, b. 1927
- 6d. Fred O. Lester, b. 1930
- 6e. Robert J. Lester, b. 1933
- 6f. Wm. W. Lester, b. 1935
- 5i. Mary Ollie Lester, b. Oct 1895(F), d. Feb 22, 1982(Roa), bur  
Lester Cem #2, m. Dec 29, 1915(F), Trigg Darius Burnette,  
b. May 25, 1891(F), d. Feb 12, 1979(Roa), bur Lester Cem #2,  
son of Josiah & Elizabeth (Duncan) Burnett.
- 6a. Edwin J. Burnette
- 5j. Gordon Washington Lester, b. Jan 29, 1897(F), d. July 14, 1970(Sa)  
m. (1) Nov 27, 1919(F), Tressie G. Altizer, b. Oct 24, 1898(F),  
d. Feb 14, 1937, dau of Jackson Altizer; Gordon m. (2)  
March 4, 1939(M), Nina Ella Thompson, wid, b. 1907.
- 5k. Cynthia Ellen Lester, b. May 20, 1900(F), d. Sept 28, 1993(F),  
bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Oct 30, 1920(F), Maynard M. Reed,  
b. May 15, 1899, d. Jan 13, 1975, bur Jacksonville Cem, son  
of I. A. & Susan E. Reed.
- 6a. Oris L. Reed, m. Lucille Quesenberry
- 6b. Betty Reed, m. Ward T. Smith

- 4b. Lynch Ira Lester, b. Feb 13, 1856(F), d. March 25, 1925(F), bur Lester Cem #2, m. Feb 1, 1877(F), Susan Emeline Reed, b. Feb 11, 1862(F), d. Dec 9, 1942, bur Lester Cem #2, dau of Esau & Timandra (Duncan) Reed; 4 children.
- 5a. Sebert E. Lester, b. Oct 23, 1878(F), d. Oct 2, 1939(F), bur Lester Cem #2, m. Feb 27, 1902(F), Cora M. Alley, b. March 28, 1885(F), d. Aug 28, 1987(F), age 102, bur Lester Cem #2, dau of Jonathan R. & Nettie Alley; 3 children.
- 6a. Roy Amos Lester, b. Feb 5, 1903, d. Oct 22, 1979, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. Feb 15, 1930(F), Allene Akers, b. Dec 30, 1913, dau of Willie Lee & Mary Annie Bell (Boothe) Akers; 1 child.
- 7a. Jerry R. Lester, m. (1) Phyllis Basham; m. (2) Susan Rector; 1 child first marriage, 1 child second marriage.
- 6b. Ralph Ira Lester, b. Aug 26, 1917, m. (1) Gladys Bishop; m. (2) Macie \_\_\_\_; 2 children first marriage, 1 child second marriage.
- 6c. Ras Jonathan Lester, b. 1919, d. June 24, 1971, bur Roselawn, n.m.
- 5b. John H. Lester, b. Nov 9, 1881, d. Jan 4, 1931(F), bur Lester Cem #2, m. July 26, 1906(F), Delia B. Reed, b. March 30, 1887(F), d. Sept 20, 1971(F), bur Lester Cem #2, dau Griffith & Isabelle Reed; 5 children.
- 6a. Alvah Lester, b. 1907(F), m. July 5, 1928(F), Clarence Reed, b. 1905(F), son of S. P. & Laura Reed.
- 6b. Ava Aldia Lester, b. March 30, 1909(F), d. July 2, 1991, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. Dec 10, 1938(M), Edward F. Akers, b. May 10, 1903(M), d. March 21, 1979, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, son of Darias & Mary Ellen (Wade) Akers.
- 6c. Velma Lester, b. June 21, 1911(F), m. Aug 30, 1930(F), Lonnie Edgar Peters, b. Feb 4, 1908(F), d. Dec 27, 1980, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, son of W. H. & Linda (Lester) Peters.
- 6d. John Marvin Lester, b. Oct 13, 1916(F), d. March 19, 1993, bur Pleasant Valley Cem, m. June 29, 1938(F), Alma Susan Mitchell, b. 1917 (Carroll Co), dau of Lebern & Nancy Mitchell; 2 children.
- 7a. JoAnn Shirley Lester, b. 1943(F), m. Aug 18, 1963(F), Alvin Joe (A.J.) Boyd, b. 1942(M), son of Ray & Eva Boyd.
- 7b. Brenda Lester (Hale)
- 6e. Ward Lester
- 5c. George W. Lester, b. Dec 1883(F), m. Dec 30, 1908(F), Laura A. Reed, b. 1886(F), dau Peter & Susan Reed. George was elected Supervisor, Alum Ridge District; later moved to Roanoke.
- 6a. Toye Lester, b. 1911, m. Jan 4, 1930(F), Willie Duncan, b. 1911, son of W. A. & Martha Duncan.
- 6b. George W. Lester Jr., b. 1915.

- 5d. Lydia Alma Lester, b. May 1890(F), d. May 14, 1970(Roa), bur Restvale Cem, m. Dec 18, 1912(F), Atha L. Lester, b. Aug 1892(F), d. April 1972, bur Restvale Cem, son of Zebedee and Lurinda Lester.
- 4c. Julia Ann Lester, b. Oct 17, 1858(F), d. Jan 26, 1885, bur Lester Cem #2, m. Jan 31, 1884(F), George Washington Guthrie, b. 1861(F), son of Wiley & Elizabeth Guthrie.
- 5a. Mary E. (Dollie) Guthrie, b. Jan 23, 1885(F), d. April 12, 1953(F) bur Lester Cem #2, m. Jan 12, 1905(F), George Taylor Akers, b. Nov 17, 1879, d. July 28, 1949, bur Lester Cem #2, son of Brook & Louisa Akers.
- 6a. Edith A. Akers, b. 1905, d. Dec 23, 1988 (Salem), bur Lester Cem #2, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Campbell.
- 6b. Golden D. Akers, b. 1909
- 4d. James L. Lester, b. May 4, 1861(F), d. April 2, 1924(F), bur Lester Cem #2, m. Aug 14, 1890(F), Emeline F. Hurt, b. Oct 1864(F), d. June 1928, bur Lester Cem #2, dau of William & Mary Bethany Hurt.

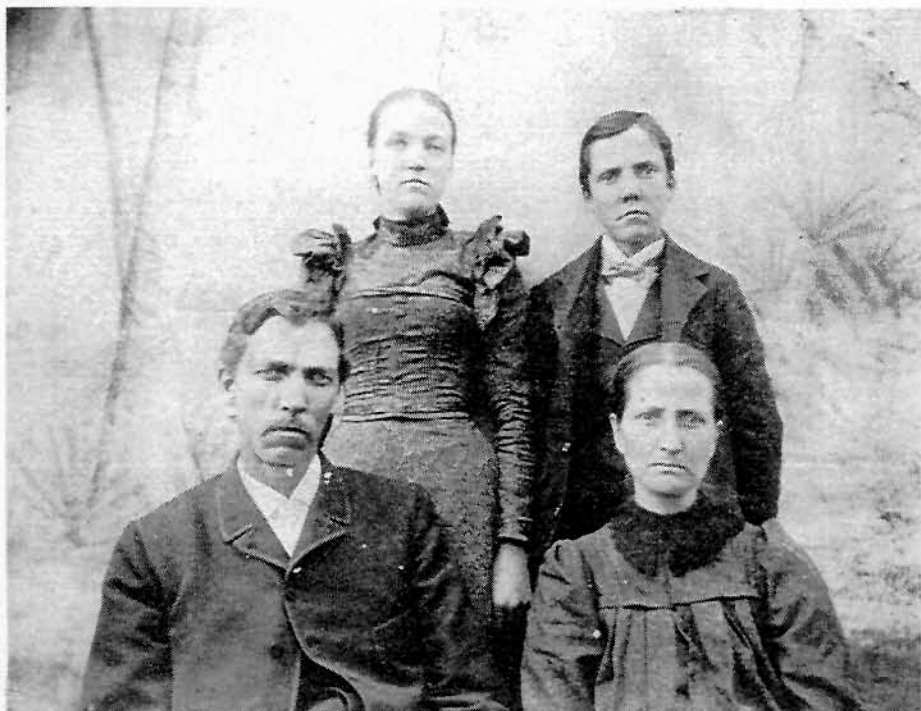
(End Lewis Lester family)

- 3i. Cloey Ann Lester, b. 1831(F), m. Oct 1, 1853(F), William Dobyns, b. 1831; 9 children.
- 4a. Millard Dobyns, b. 1855, m. May 16, 1873(F), Mary Akers, b. 1853, dau of George & Lucy Akers.
- 4b. Adeline Dobyns, b. 1856
- 4c. Delilah Catherine Dobyns, b. 1858, m. Aug 24, 1879(F), Jacob Wade, div, b. 1849, son of John C. & Nancy Wade.
- 4d. Riley Dobyns, b. 1860, m. Aug 11, 1881(F), Alley Wade, b. 1862, dau of John C. & Mary Wade.
- 4e. James Dobyns, b. 1862
- 4f. Lewis Dobyns, b. 1864
- 4g. Virginia Ellen Dobyns, b. Aug 4, 1866, m. Sept 25, 1887(F), General J. Akers, b. 1864, son of Joshua & Polly Akers.
- 4h. General Sherman Dobyns, b. Nov 31, 1867, m. Aug 15, 1900(F), Angeline Keith, b. 1865, dau of John & Catherine Keith.
- 4i. Mary Jane Dobyns, b. 1872, d. Sept 25, 1914, bur Lester Cem #2, m. July 16, 1891, Wm. Riley Dickerson, b. 1872, son of George W. and Mary J. (Clement) Dickerson.
- 3j. Catherine Lester, b. 1833(F), m. (1) Oct 17, 1853(F), Daniel Carroll, b. 1833 (Ky), d. 186-, son of John & Docia Carroll; Catherine m. (2) April 13, 1876(F), Jonathan Otey, wid, b. 1801 (Rockbridge Co), son of Thos & Elizabeth Otey; 6 children first marriage.
- \* 4a. Harman Carroll, b. May 23, 1855, m. July 31, 1873(F), Melvina (Vinie) Harris, b. 1857, dau of Joseph & Sarah Harris.
- 5a. J. Early Carroll, b. 1880
- 5b. Ernest Carroll, b. 1897
- 4b. Mary E. Carroll, b. 1858
- 4c. Artemisia Carroll, b. 1860
- 4d. Clotilda Carroll, b. 1862
- 4e. Matilda Jane Carroll, b. 1864
- 4f. Laura Bell Carroll, b. 1868
- \* Narcissa Ellen Lester b. 1853, d. March 6, 1879, m. Nov. 16, 1871(F), Wm. A. Lane, b. 1849, no children. [Sis Ellen was dau. of Catharine Lester, born before marriage.]
- 3k. Julia Ann Lester, b. 1836(F), m. July 14, 1859(F), Joel Carroll, b. 1838 (Ky), son of John & Docia Carroll; no children.

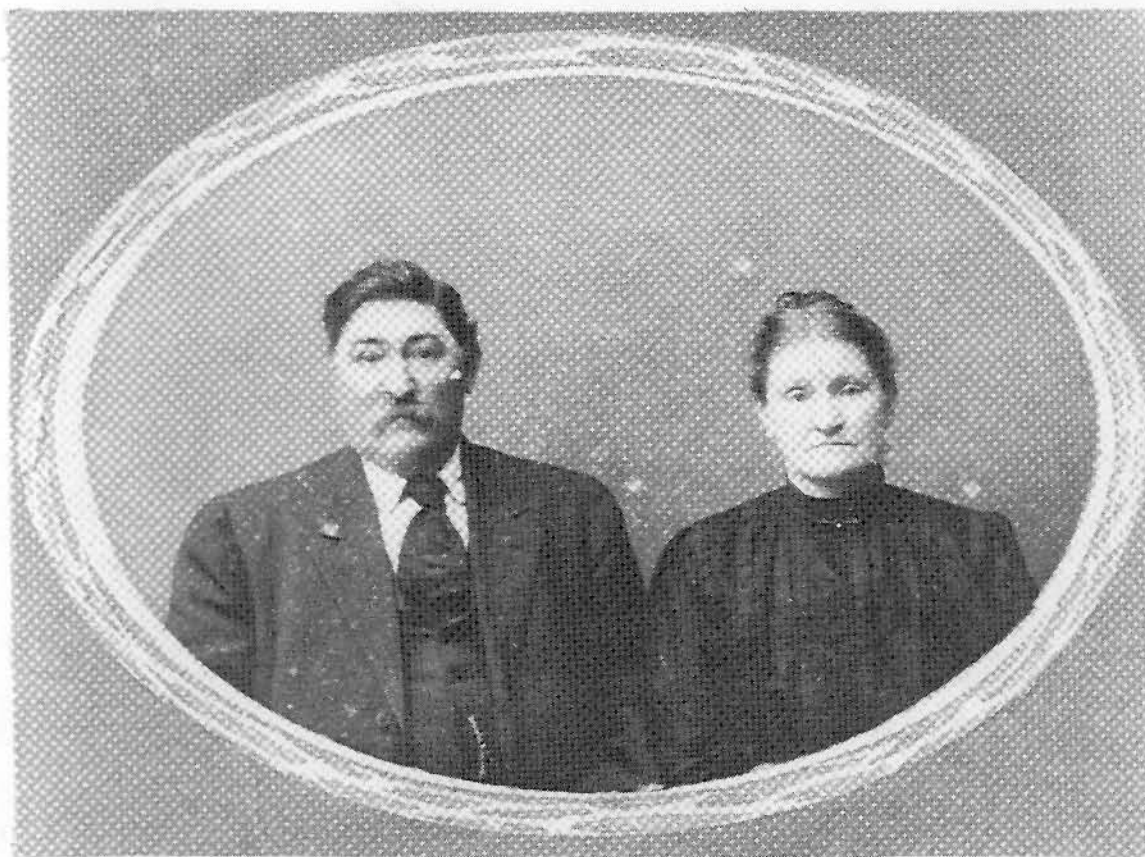
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William A. Duncan  
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Standing: Dora & Wm. (Willie) Lester  
Seated: Albert A. & Mary Ann (Reed) Lester  
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Lynch Ira, James L., Gordon B. Lester  
Sons of Lewis Lester  
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Standing: George W., Sebert, John H., Lydia Lester  
Seated: Lynch Ira & SusanEmeline (Reed) Lester  
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	Matilda Lester Malinda Lester (Duncan) Lynch S. Lester Lucy Ellen Lester (Lester) Catherine Lester Cloey Lester (Akers) Ira Lester
Lynch Lester m. Lucy Sowers	
	Lucinda Sowers (Sumner) Melvina Sowers (Booth) Elizabeth Sowers (Sumner) Catherine Sowers (Booth) William Sowers Cloey Ellen Sowers (Akers) John Sowers Lewis Sowers Eli Sowers Darius Sowers Rhodabelle Sowers
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	Letitia Lester (Harris) William Harrison Lester John Lewis Lester James T. Lester <del>Narcissa Ellen Lester (Lane)</del> Johnson A. Lester Albert A. Lester
Lindsay Lester m. Caroline L. Belden	
	Mary Ann Lester (Reed) James Loyd Lester Harriet E. Lester (Akers)
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James Lester m. Cloey Wilson	Rhoda B. Sumner Eli Sumner Tazewell Sumner Giles Sumner
Mahala Lester m. John Sumner	
	Lurena Thompson (Cumby) Angeline Thompson (Lester) Larkin Hamilton Thompson Adaline E. Thompson Julia Ann Thompson (Wade) James C. Thompson Octavia Thompson Robert Bruce Thompson
Lockie Lester m. Elswick Thompson	
	Mary Miranda Lester (Akers) Martha Jane Lester (Harris) Samuel B. Lester Emeline Joyce Lester (Elswick) Thomas W. Lester James Abraham Lester Leftwich Lester Jr. Abel Lester Sarah Malinda Lester (Epperly) Octavia M. Lester (Lester)
Leftwich Lester m. (1) Christina Bishop (2) Eliza Jones	
	Gordon B. Lester Lynch Ira Lester Julia Ann Lester (Guthrie) James L. Lester
Lewis Lester m. Mary Boyd	
	Millard Dobyms Delilah Dobyms (Wade) Riley Dobyms Virginia Ellen Dobyms (Akers) General Sherman Dobyms Mary Jane Dobyms (Dickerson)
Cloey Ann Lester m. William Dobyms	
	Harman Carroll Mary E. Carroll Artemisia Carroll Clotilda Carroll Matilda Jane Carroll Laura Bell Carroll
Catherine Lester m. (1) Daniel Carroll (2) Jonathan Otey	
Julia Ann Lester m. Joel Carroll (no children)	

## SAMUEL LESTER

2c. Samuel Lester, b. ca. 1781(M), m. Dec 5, 1818(M), Nancy Cox, b. Aug 17, 1798(M), dau of Ambrose N. Cox Sr., & Sarah (Reed) Cox.

Samuel was third child and third son of John & Catharine Lester. He left Montgomery County and went West, perhaps to Tennessee. Nothing further is known about the family.



## ABNER LESTER

2d. Abner Lester, b. 1783(M), d. April 1871(F), of pneumonia, m. Oct 14, 1806(M)  
 Rachael West, b. ca. 1875(M), d. Oct 1871(F), dau of Isaac West Sr. &  
 Rosanna West; 6 children: Fleming, Pauline, Abner Jr, Ann, Sarah, Elizabeth.

Abner was fourth child and fourth son of John & Catharine Lester.  
 Abner and his sister Mary married sister & brother.

Abner and Rachel moved to present Floyd County, date undetermined but probably about 1809 when he acquired a tract of 500 acres from Rachel's father, Isaac West Sr. This land was on Big Run on Middle Ridge. They lived at this place for about 40 years. All the children were born there and three married while they lived there: Pauline married Jacob Wickham, Abner Jr. married Mary Ann Helms and Sarah married James Kelly. Fleming moved to the town of Jacksonville about 1840 and married there.

About the year 1850, Abner bought land on West Fork Creek and moved near the Toncray furnace and iron mines, about one mile south of present Rt. 221. Abner Jr. and family moved with him and they lived within 100 yards of each other. Ann married James Ross from Patrick County, and Elizabeth married Levi Thompson, a near neighbor.

Apparently they were not happy in this place and in 1854 moved back to their old home neighborhood. Abner Sr. acquired a grant for 266 acres of land on Beaver Dam Creek and Little River. This was all in woods, and Abner Jr. hired John & George Goodson to clear an acre of land and to build a house. The house was a log house with a separate log kitchen and an entry between the two; it had a stone chimney. While the house was being built, Abner and Rachel lived on an adjoining tract in the double cabins called "the Bryant cabins" on old Bent road. When the house was completed, Abner Sr. and Rachel moved in with Abner Jr. and family.

Abner Sr. became crippled (cause unknown - arthritis?) and for the last 20 years of his life could walk only with two crutches and could do no work.

In October 1861, Abner Jr. was enrolled in the Confederate States Army and left home. According to his daughter, Barbara, he was uneasy and unhappy about leaving his family as his wife was critically ill and there was no one to care for his children but, she stated, Abner Sr. assured him that his wife and children would have a home and that the land would be theirs if he (Abner Sr.) died.

Abner Jr.'s worst fears were realized; his wife Mary Ann died in October 1861, shortly after his departure, and he died of fever seven months later. He died in Abingdon Hospital and his body was brought home by Parris Dobbins and buried in Pine Creek Cemetery (later moved). The children were left orphans. The youngest was two years old and the oldest was twenty-three. The children supported themselves "by their own hard labor," said Barbara.

John W. Lester was 18 when his father died. In a few months he also joined the Confederate Army and was away three years. He returned on leave several times to work the crops.

Abner Sr. and Rachel lived with their grandchildren and were supported and cared for by them. Rachel was often away visiting her children and spent much of her time with her daughter Elizabeth Thompson.

In July 1867, Fleming Lester "persuaded" his father to live with him in Jacksonville. Abner Sr. remained with Fleming until his death at the age of 88, in April 1871. Rachel died six months later in October 1871 at the home of her daughter Elizabeth. (Much of this account was given by Barbara, Abner Jr.'s oldest daughter, in a deposition.)

The disposition of the land owned by Abner Sr. became a matter of dispute in the family and had to be settled by a suit in Chancery Court.

- 3a. Fleming W. Lester, b. 1812, d. Nov 1, 1885, m. (1) Oct 20, 1840(F), Permelia Ann O'Bryan, b. 1816(Bedford Co), d. Jan 6, 1859(F), of consumption, dau of William & Rhoda O'Bryan; Fleming m. (2) Nov 28, 1861, Elizabeth Prillaman, b. April 18, 1834(Franklin Co), dau of Samuel & Permelia (Harbour) Prillaman; 4 children, first marriage: Emeline, Lucretia, Caroline, Susannah; 2 children, second marriage: Florence, William.

Fleming Lester was a land owner; he bought property in the town of Jacksonville in 1842 and became a leading figure in the affairs of the town. His house stood on Cross Street (North Locust Street) and the cabinet shop stood in the corner of the yard next to Oxford Street. Many years later this house became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Proffit. After their tenure it was torn down and the site became a parking lot. He was a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker, he took an important part in working on the second courthouse (1851) and in other construction in the town. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff in 1840 for 2 years; again in 1853 for 3 years; elected Constable for 2 years in 1864. He sold his property in town and bought a large acreage on Beaver Creek; in 1878 he became deranged. After his death his wife Elizabeth and 2 children left Floyd County and moved to Franklin County near her people.

Children of first marriage:

- 4a. Delilah Emeline (Emma) Lester, b. 1844(F), m. Nov 23, 1862(F), Edward C. Hatcher, wid, b. 1826 (Bedford Co), son of Thomas F. & Caroline N. Hatcher; 11 children.

The Hatchers lived somewhere north of town, probably near Beaver Creek. Edward Hatcher was not a landowner. They disappeared from the county after the 1880 census and it is assumed they moved to another county or state.

- 5a. Burgoyne B. Hatcher, b. 1863(F).  
 5b. Mittie E. Hatcher, b. 1864(F), m. Dec 25, 1883(F), Charles T. Simmons, b. 1859, son of Otey T. & Rachel Simmons.  
 5c. Cora Lee Hatcher, b. Feb 8, 1865(F).  
 5d. Edie Hatcher, b. Oct 15, 1866(F).

- 5e. Aubrey Hatcher, b. 1868(F)  
 5f. Mattie Hatcher, b. 1869(F), m. Nov 24, 1887(F), Armstead A. Boothe, b. 1852, son of Wm. C. & Luanna Boothe, moved to state of Washington.  
 5g. Hattie Hatcher, b. 1872(F).  
 5h. Sue Emma Hatcher, b. 1875(F).  
 5i. Callie G. Hatcher, twin, b. 1877(F), m. Nov 23, 1893(F), Emmett W. Long, b. 1871(M), son of James R. & Lucinda Long.  
 5j. Fannie Hatcher, twin, b. 1877(F).  
 5k. Brainard Hatcher, b. 1879(F)  
 (11 children born in 16 years)
- 4b. Lucretia J. (Crecy) Lester, b. 1846(F), d. 187-, (drowned in Earles millpond).  
 5a. General Worth (Wert) Lester, b. 1872(F), d. Jan 28, 1915 (Hinton, W.Va.), bur Reed Cem, nr Pleasant Valley, m. June 14, 1894(F), Rhoda Bell Boothe, b. 1855(F).
- 4c. Rhoda Caroline (Carrie) Lester, b. 1848(F), m. Nov 16, 1879(F), John Wesley Earles, b. 1853(F), son of Gordon C. & Elizabeth J. Earles; 6 children: Elmer, Clayton, Jennie, Stella, Mary, Dewey.
- 4d. Mary Susannah (Sue) Lester, b. 1850(F), d. Jan 5, 1886(F), bur. Simmons Cem. #1, m. Jan 7, 1875(F), Henry H. Earles, b. Feb 5, 1841(F), d. July 8, 1923(F), bur Simmons Cem. #1 (later moved to Beaver Creek Church Cem), son of Frances Earles, Pvt, Co. A, 24th Va. Inf, CSA; 8 children. (Henry Earles m. (2) Rosetta M. Cole).  
 - Sue Lester Earles died in childbirth. She left eight children, the two youngest died. She was "a wonderful woman," according to her step-daughter, India Earles Dickerson. All the children except the oldest son moved away from Floyd County.
- 5a. Albert Gordon Earles, b. Sept 27, 1875, d. Sept 8, 1956, bur Beaver Creek Church Cem, m. Jan 6, 1897(F), Lurinda F. Sumner, b. Aug 22, 1876, d. Oct 4, 1974, bur Beaver Creek Church Cem, dau of Eli Sumner.
- 5b. Anne A. Earles, b. 1877, m. Feb 14, 1893(F), Andrew J. Manning, b. 1874, son of James M. & Sarah E. Manning; moved to Abington, Illinois.
- 5c. William Ernest Earles, b. 1878, m. Abby \_\_\_\_; moved to Carthage, Illinois.
- 5d. Charles E. Earles, b. 1879, m. (1) Dec 2, 1901(F), Matilda Hurt, b. 1880, dau of J. W. & Bethena Hurt; m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Williams; moved to Perry, Iowa.
- 5e. Permelia May Earles, b. May 1881, m. (1) Walter Huff, moved to Fire Steel, South Dakota.
- 5f. Edgar E. Earles, b. March 1883, moved to Carthage, Illinois.
- 5g. & 5h. names unknown

## Children of second marriage:

- 4e. Florence Permelia Lester, b. April 24, 1866, d. Dec 23, 1945, m. April 12, 1888 (Franklin Co), Waddy Putzel Stanley, b. Sept 11, 1866 (Franklin Co), d. March 10, 1943.
- 5a. Olivia Pearl Stanley, b. April 24, 1897, m. March 15, 1943, William Alfred Prillaman, b. Dec 6, 1883.
- 4f. William W. Lester, b. 1872(F).
- 3b. Pauline Lester, b. 1815?, d. before 1871, m. Nov 3, 1835(F), Jacob B. Wickham, b. 1803, d. March 23, 1891(F), son of Nathaniel & Diana Wickham; 5 children.
- 4a. Jacob Wickham Jr., b. 1834, d. June 5, 1864, killed in Battle of Piedmont, Va., 2nd Lt. CSA, enlisted in Raleigh Co, Va., now W.Va.
- 4b. Robert L. Wickham, b. 1837?, enlisted in CSA in 1863, Princeton, W.Va; captured June 5, 1864, Piedmont, Va; d. Oct 26, 1864, of erysipelas, Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, Grave 1151, Green Lawn Cemetery.
- 4c. Fleming E. Wickham, b. 1840, moved out of Virginia.
- 4d. Sarah Idie Wickham, b. 1848, d. 1864, from fall off horse.
- 4e. Dinah L. Wickham, b. June 12, 1849, d. Aug 27, 1923, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. June 13, 1867(F), Tazewell W. Williams, wid, b. July 4, 1832, d. April 4, 1910, bur Jacksonville Cem, son of Eli M. & Mary Williams; 2 children.
- 5a. Milton Albert Williams, b. July 5, 1868(F)
- 5b. Annie M. Williams, b. 1879(F)
- 3c. Abner Lester Jr., b. Sept 18, 1818(F), d. May 27, 1862, of fever in hospital at Abingdon, Va; Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf.; CSA, bur Pine Creek Cem, body later moved to Old Jacksonville Cem; m. March 9, 1837(F) Mary Ann Helms, b. Feb 17, 1820, d. Oct 7, 1861, bur Pine Creek Cem, dau of Thomas & Mary Helms; 10 children: Green, Barbara, Nancy, John W. Sarah, Mary Ann, James L., W. Callohill, Rachel M., J.A.Ernest.
- 4a. Green W. Lester, b. 1837(F), d. ca. 185-.
- 4b. Barbara E. Lester, b. 1839(F), m. (1) Jan 5, 1865(F), Moses Dickerson, wid, b. Oct 21, 1810(F), d. 188-, son of Morrel & Elizabeth Dickerson; Barbara m. (2) Oct 2, 1884(F), Tazewell Puckett, wid, b. 1833 (Franklin Co), son of Jacob & Sallie Puckett.
- 4c. Nancy Ellen Lester, b. 1841(F), d. Nov 20, 1903(F), m. Sept 25, 1870(F), James Matthew Gray, b. 1840(F), d. 1889, son of James H. & Rody Gray.
- 5a. Byron Alphonso Gray, b. 1872(F), d. 1949, bur Williams Cem, m. July 9, 1903(F), Hattie Huldah Williams, b. April 28, 1877, d. April 9, 1957, bur Wms. Cem, dau of William & Albina Williams

- 5b. Horatio Bunyan Everett Gray, b. 1875, d. Dec 2, 1963 (Roa), bur Sherwood Cem, m. June 13, 1900(F), Gay Evelyn Williams, b. Oct 1879, d. July 3, 1959 (Roa), bur Sherwood Cem, dau of William & Albina (Young) Williams.
- 5c. Florence R. Gray, b. 1877.
- 5d. Elzora A. Gray, b. 1879.
- 5e. James Gray Jr., b. 1882, m. June 14, 1905(F), Margaret Arlington Rumberg, b. 1889, dau of J. K. & M. E. Rumberg.
- 5f. Odessa Gray, b. 1885.
- 4d. John William Lester, b. May 30, 1844(F), d. Sept 8, 1894(M), bur Pine Creek Cem; Pvt, Co. E, 25th Va. Cav, CSA; m. Aug 24, 1865(F), Louvenia Susan Wright, b. Sept 13, 1845(M), d. Jan 29, 1908, bur Pine Creek Cem, dau of James A. & Elizabeth E. Wright; 7 children: John W. Jr, William L., Thomas S., Boston O., Laura E., John B., Elbert J.
- John W. Lester lived about 6 miles from the town of Jacksonville near present Rt. 221. He owned more than 200 acres of land, farmed, raised tobacco and operated the Lester Mill on Beaver Dam Creek near Little River. He possessed a huge amount of farming and mill equipment and personal property. He became bankrupt in 1873. He moved to Peterstown, West Va., where he ran a barroom for two years. In 1877 he bought and operated a hotel in Blacksburg, Va. He became embroiled in a dispute with a man in Blacksburg who shot and killed him in 1894. He was brought back to Floyd and buried in Pine Creek Cemetery.
- After John Lester's death, Louvenia returned to Floyd and lived with her son Thomas Lester until her death. Thomas Lester continued to operate the Lester Mill on Beaver Dam Creek. It burned down in 1903, was rebuilt, and burned again for the last time in 1926.
- 5a. John W. Lester Jr., b. Dec 5, 1866, d. infancy.
- 5b. William L. Lester, b. Aug 17, 1868(F), d. April 12, 1916 (Phoenix, Ariz), m. July 18, 1897 (Okla), Julia Belle Bray, wid, b. Sept 7, 1871, d. June 7, 1934 (Okla); 1 child.
- W. L. Lester, whose name was recorded in the 1870 census when he was two years old as William Leonard, was later known as William Louis and was called Louis. He left Floyd County and went West to Indian Territory that became Oklahoma, date unknown, and married there. Years later he moved to Arizona for his health where he died at the age of forty-eight.
- 6a. Alfred Louis Lester, b. March 21, 1898 (Claremore, Indian Territory-Okla), d. Dec 28, 1979 (Tulsa, Okla); Pvt., US Army, WWI; m. Nov 22, 1921 (Missouri), Oma Bell Stone, b. Jan 19, 1901 (Missouri), d. Aug 15, 1962 (Tulsa, Okla); 3 children.
- 7a. Wanda Jean Lester, b. Oct 3, 1922 (Missouri), m. Bill Redford Green.

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7b. Mercedes Stone Lester, b. Dec 19, 1925 (Okla), m. Bobby Lee Barrett.

7c. Phil Douglas Lester, b. Dec 2, 1929 (Owasso, Okla), m. Dec 22, 1950 (Okla), Patricia Louise Bowman, b. July 28, 1931 (Okla), dau of Garrett & Virginia Bowman; one child.

Phil Lester retired after 37½ years' service with Getty/Texaco; now active in boating and boating education. Both Phil & Pat are part Cherokee Indian and are proud of their heritage; they are dedicated family history searchers.

8a. Lori Virginia Lester, m. Weldon Anthony McClane

5c. Thomas S. Lester, b. Oct 9, 1869(F), d. May 21, 1932(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. (1) Sept 24, 1906(M), Chloe Kathleen Cannaday, b. Dec 9, 1875, d. Jan 24, 1925, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau J. B. & Mary J. Cannaday; Thomas m. (2) May 4, 1927(F), Virginia Fannie Brammer, b. June 6, 1893(F), d. April 22, 1980, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Madison & Amanda (Shortt) Brammer; 3 children first marriage, no children second marriage.

6a. Stanley S. Lester, b. 1908, n.m.

6b. Nelva Margarett Lester, b. Jan 1, 1910, d. March 28, 1940, bur Jacksonville Cem, n.m.

6c. Thomas Cannaday Lester, b. April 10, 1913(F), d. Nov 21, 1991 (Roa), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. June 13, 1934(F), Myrtle W. Peters, b. Dec 31, 1910, d. Nov 19, 1985, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of W. E. & Willie (Brammer) Peters; one daughter.

7a. Margaret Lester, m. Joseph E. McDowell; 2 children

8a. Thomas E. McDowell

8b. Katherine McDowell

5d. Boston O. Lester, b. Nov 29, 1871, d. Sept 3, 1905, bur Pine Creek Cem, killed by a stray bullet in a fracas, Giatto, W.Va.

5e. Laura Ellen Lester, b. Dec 13, 1873, d. March 13, 1955, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. (1) Dec 20, 1893(M), John W. Brammer, b. Aug 1873, d. 1930, bur Jacksonville Cem; Laura m. (2) Chauncey B. Taylor, b. May 11, 1876, d. July 11, 1962, bur Jacksonville Cem; no children.

John Brammer was Sheriff of Floyd County (1916-1924), merchant, prominent business man. John & Laura Brammer moved to town of Floyd and lived in the Judge Dobyns brick house on Oxford Street, then moved to The Pines, one mile outside of town on present Rt. 221. John Brammer then purchased the large brick mansion on Main Street from Mrs. Nannie Harman Howard, where they lived until his death.

5f. John B. Lester, b. Apr 18, 1874, d. March 1, 1884, bur Pine Creek Cem. The first son who died in infancy was named John. Apparently this son was given the same name.

- 5g. Elbert Jackson Lester, b. March 29, 1878 (WVa), d. May 2, 1932(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Feb 8, 1900 (F), Katherine E. (Kate) Blackwell, b. March 10, 1879(F), d. Oct 6, 1935, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Isaac & Sarah (Holt) Blackwell; 3 children.

Elbert Lester ran a store & restaurant in Giatto, West Virginia, and later a restaurant in the town of Floyd.

- 6a. Clarence Holt Lester, b. Jan 2, 1905, d. March 2, 1906, bur Pine Creek Cem.
- 6b. Evelyn Thelma Lester, b. June 11, 1907 (Excelsior, W.Va), d. Sept 19, 1918, typhoid & pneumonia, bur Pine Creek Cem.
- 6c. Elbert Jackson (E.J. or Les) Lester Jr., b. Aug 8, 1915 (W. Va.), d. July 5, 1961 (Eagle Rock, Va), bur Old Drawyers Cem, Odessa, Del.; Capt., Co. C712 Mil. Police Bn., WW II; m. Aug 18, 1945 (St. Georges, Del.), Martha Vineyard, b. Apr 30, 1922 (Colon, Panama), dau of Oakley & Nellie (Long) Vineyard; one child.
- 7a. Faye Helen Lester, b. Oct 1, 1954 (Plymouth, NH), m. Jan 21, 1985 (St. Georges, Del.), Mark Gordon Johnston, son of Harold J. Johnston; one child.

- 8a. Devon Amanda Johnston, b. March 9, 1990.

Les was District Head Forest Ranger, Jefferson National Forest, US Govt., stationed in Botetourt County, Va. He went up in a helicopter as an observer of the electric company's method of spraying foliage around power lines. A high wind caused the helicopter to become entangled in wires and they crashed. Les was an outstanding young man of many sterling qualities with a promising future, cut short by this tragic accident.

- 4e. Sarah R. Lester, b. 1846 (F), m. Apr 15, 1869(F), William H. Wainwright, b. 1846(M), d. 1898, son of J. H. & I. Wainwright.
- 4f. Mary Ann Lester, b. 1848, d. ca. 185-.
- 4g. James L. Lester, b. 1851(F)
- 4h. Winfield Callohill Lester, b. Feb 1, 1854(F), d. Nov 19, 1921(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Dec 23, 1875(F), Louisa Texas Snead, b. May 1857 (Franklin Co), d. 1932(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Francis V. & Lucretia Caroline Snead; 3 children.

Callohill & Texas Lester lived near their mill on West Fork. Texas Lester was postmaster of Falcon postoffice (1890-96). They moved to town and built a white frame house on North Locust Street beside Floyd High School. Callohill Lester was killed at his sawmill on West Fork. Two of their children met early deaths.

- 5a. James A. Lester, b. Nov 5, 1876, d. Aug 18, 1892, bur Slusher Cem, killed at the age of 16 while hauling lumber.

- 5b. Loula Mae Lester, b. July 1879(F), d. 1951, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Oct 30, 1900(F), (Dr.) Martin L. Dalton, b. 1876 (Carroll Co), d. 1933, bur Jacksonville Cem, son of James & Hannah Dalton 4 children.
- 6a. Libby Pierce Dalton, b. March 12, 1904(F), d. April 8, 1993 (Illinois), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Nov 29, 1924 (Ironton, Ohio), George A. Garretson; 5 children.
- 6b. Lottie Dalton, b. 1907(F), d. April 6, 1994(M), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. (Dr.) Curtis Robert Foltz, dentist, b. 1902, d. July 8, 1985(Roa), bur Jacksonville Cem; no children.
- 6c. Martin Lester Dalton, b. April 29, 1908(F), d. May 24, 1995 (Blacksburg, Va), m. (1) & div. Virginia Dowdy, m. (2) May 20, 1938 (Dublin, Va), Ruth Evans, b. May 20, 1913 (Sullivan Co, Ind.), dau of Harry & Rosemary Evans; 2 children first marriage, 2 children second marriage.
- Children of first marriage:
- 7a. Martin L. Dalton, M.D.
- 7b. Elizabeth Dalton
- Children of second marriage:
- 7c. Jeffrey Dalton
- 7d. Nancy Dalton
- Lester Dalton was Associate Professor of Animal Husbandry at Virginia Tech, and for 30 years was County Extension Agent in Bath County where he actively participated in affairs of the community; he was an elder of the Presbyterian Church, a member of the Sons of Cincinnatus.
- 6d. James Heath Dalton, b. May 12, 1910(F), d. Oct 2, 1986, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. July 1, 1945(F), Sally Myers, b. April 21, 1916(Tenn), d. July 2, 1973, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of James & Mary F. (Mullins) Myers; 3 children.
- 5c. Hampton A. Lester, b. Oct 9, 1882, d. Dec 11, 1884, bur Slusher Ce
- 4i. Rachel Malinda Lester, b. April 1857(F), m. Aug 15, 1875(F), Joseph Robert Manning, b. May 1851(F), son of Cary & Mahala Manning; 10 children.
- 4j. Jacob Abner Ernest Lester, b. April 3, 1859, d. Dec 10, 1932(Patrick Co), bur Lackey Cem, m. (1) Sept 1882 (Patrick Co), Mary A. Turner, b. 1865, dau of Fleming & Nancy (Rakes) Turner; Ernest m. (2) Dec 9, 1886 (Patrick Co), Martha Malinda (Mattie) Thomas, b. 1865, d. May 24, 1894, bur Walter Thomas Cem, dau of Walter H. & Judith (Harbour) Thomas; Ernest m. (3) March 22, 1900 (Patrick County), Lillie Jane Lackey, b. April 11, 1879 (Patrick Co), bur Lackey Cem, dau of W. G. & M. J. Lackey; 1 child first marriage, 3 children second marriage, 1 child third marriage.



## First marriage:

5a. James A. Lester, b. 1883, d. 1947, bur Lackey Cem.

## Second marriage:

5b. Walter C. Lester, b. Feb 25, 1888, d. Feb 23, 1978 (Roa Co),  
bur Evergreen Cem, veteran WW I, m. Hazel Eulas, b. Jan 4,  
1895, d. Dec 28, 1971 (Roa), bur Evergreen Cem.

5c. Mary V. Lester, b. 1892(Pat. Co), d. Jan 15, 1990(Roa Co),  
aged 97, bur Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, m. May 15, 1919(F),  
William J. Linkous Sr, b. 1890(Dublin), son of W. E. & Ella  
Linkous; 2 children.

5d. Eleanor Lester, b. May 16, 1894, m. G. E. Umhau, Washington, DC.  
Her mother died when she was 8 days old.

## Third marriage:

5e. John Dewey Lester, b. Feb 26, 1900, d. July 18, 1920, bur  
Lackey Cem.

3d. Ann E. Lester, b. 1820, m. Nov 1, 1852(F), James B. Ross. Lived in  
Patrick County; sometime before 1871 they moved to West Virginia.

3e. Sarah (Sally) Lester, b. 1824, d. ca. 1863, m. Dec 16, 1850(F),  
James L. Kelly, b. 1829, d. 1882, son of George W. & Sarah Constant  
Kelly, Pvt, Co. H, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; 5 children. (James Kelly  
m. (2) Sally Anne Sowder).

Sarah Lester Kelly took her own life. During the Civil War while  
her husband was away fighting in the war, she was at home with the  
five children and they were having a hard time. They nearly starved  
to death. The dread disease diphtheria struck the family and on  
November 2, 1862, the three youngest children died in one day.  
Several months later on a cold afternoon the two remaining children  
were in the woods gathering firewood. Their mother came out to them  
and told them to come to the house before dark. When they went in  
they found their mother - she had hung herself.

4a. Nancy Mary Kelly, b. Sept 28, 1851(F), d. Jan 12, 1929(F), bur in  
family cem, m. April 25, 1872(F), (Rev.) Joseph Thomas Turner,  
b. 1843 (Franklin Co), d. Nov 3, 1931(F), bur in family cem,  
son of Constantine & Mary Turner; Pvt, Co. I, 54th Va. Inf., CSA;  
they had 8 children.

5a. Laura A. Turner (1873-1923)

5b. Mary A. Turner (1876-1877)

5c. John L. Turner (1879-1918)

5d. Wm. Conley Turner (1881-1965)

5e. Isaac J. Turner (1884-1902)

5f. James W. Turner (1887-1962)

5g. Eliza Jane Turner, b. Sept 19, 1889, d. Aug 1, 1970, m. April 12,  
1910, Arch Smith, b. Aug 22, 1887, d. Sept 19, 1972, son of  
Jackson & Mary Smith, both bur at Sunset Memorial, Beckley,  
W.Va; 7 children.

- 5h. Sallie Mae Turner, b. Dec 8, 1891(F), d. Aug 12, 1975(F), bur Restvale Cem, m. May 18, 1910(F), Artis L. Young, b. Jan 5, 1886(F), d. July 4, 1989(F), 103 years old, bur Restvale Cem, son of Jeffery & Mary (Smith) Young; 10 children.
- 4b. George F. Kelly, b. 1853, m. April 1, 1873(F), Octavia Richards, b. 1853; 2 children.
- 4c. Louisa A. Kelly, b. 1855, d. Nov 2, 1862, of diphtheria.
- 4d. Elizabeth Emmazetta Kelly, b. 1858, d. Nov 2, 1862, of diphtheria.
- 4e. J. A. Kelly, b. Feb 1862, d. Nov 2, 1862, of diphtheria.
- 3f. Elizabeth Lester, b. 1827(F), d. May 19, 1900 (Hancock Co, Ind), bur Crown Point Cem, m. Dec 16, 1852(F), Levi Thompson, b. 1833, d. Jan 17, 1894 (Hancock Co, Ind.), son of Elisha & Nancy Thompson; Pvt, Co. E, 25th Va. Inf., CSA; 9 children.
- Elizabeth & Levi Thompson & family left Floyd County and moved to Hancock County, Indiana, in 1876. Levi Thompson died when his horse ran away and his foot was caught in the reins and he was dragged to death. In 1921, their son Rice Thompson came back to Floyd for a visit after an absence of 45 years.
- 4a. Mary A. Thompson, b. 1854(F), d. Jan 8, 1862, diphtheria.
- 4b. Susan J. Thompson, b. 1855(F), d. Dec 25, 1861, fever.
- 4c. Missouri A. Thompson, b. May 30, 1856(F), d. Dec 18, 1861, fever.
- 4d. Martha R. Thompson, b. July 1, 1860(F), d. Dec 22, 1861, fever.
- The first four children died within 3 weeks of each other of diphtheria and fever.
- 4e. John Abner Thompson, b. 1862(F).
- 4f. James Monroe (Jim) Thompson, b. 1864(F).
- 4g. Riley Johnson (Rice) Thompson, b. April 8, 1866(F).
- 4h. Elizabeth J. (Lizzie) Thompson, b. May 11, 1869(F),
- 4i. Nancy (Nannie) Frances Thompson, b. April 20, 1872(F), d. Aug 25, 1913 (Shelby Co, Ind.), m. Nov 14, 1900, Charles Murnan.



Thomas S. Lester



John W. Lester  
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Laura Lester Brammer Taylor



Nelva, Thomas, Stanley Lester



Callohill and Texas Lester

Loula Lester, daughter

Mary Lester, niece

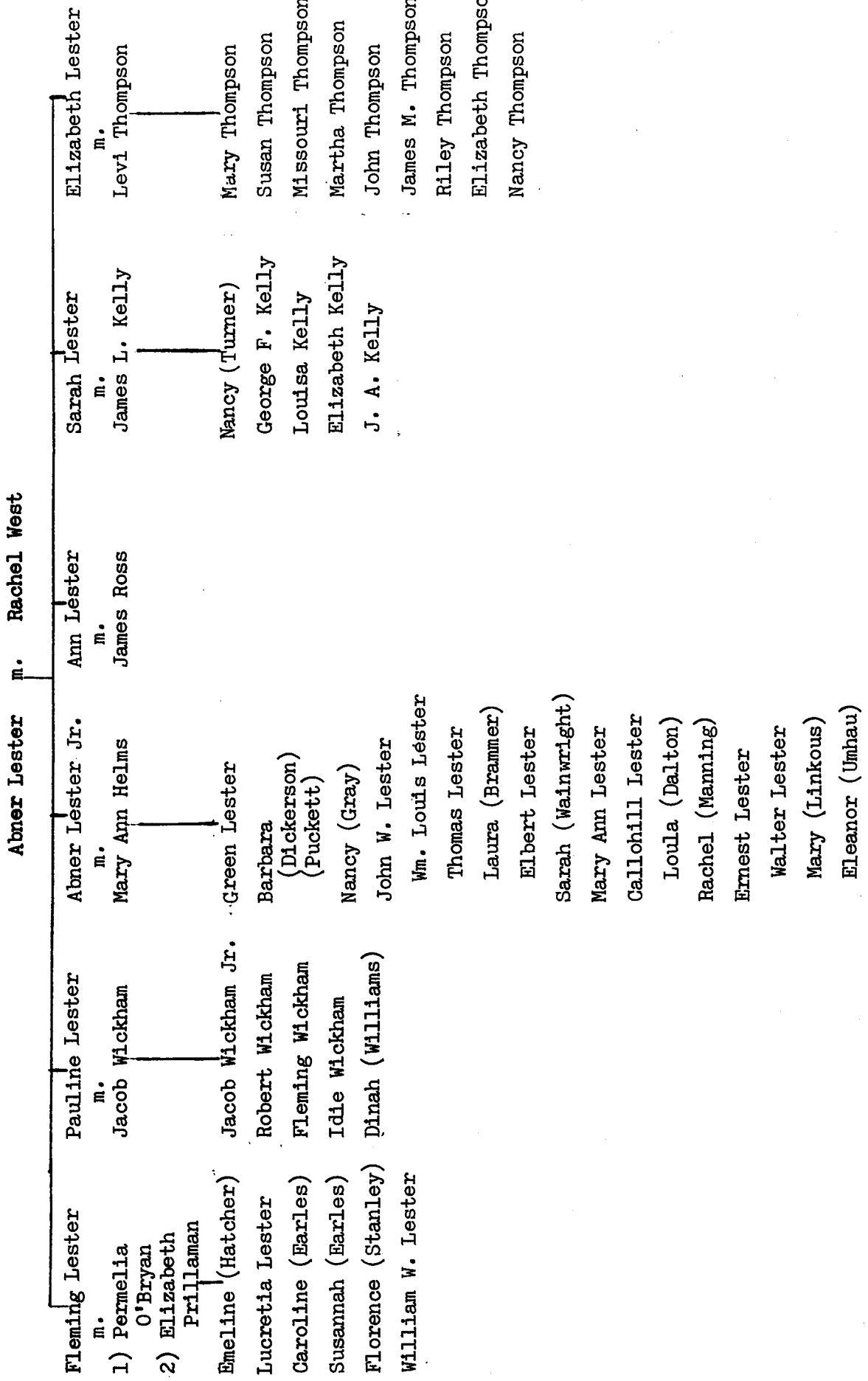
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Nancy Kelly Turner (right)  
Eliza Jane Turner and Sallie Turner  
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Sallie Turner Young  
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## WILLIAM S. LESTER

2e. William S. (Tugg) Lester, b. Oct 7, 1785(M), d. 1865(F), bur Simmons Cem #1, m. Jan 10, 1809(M), Rebecca Simmons, b. March 5, 1790(M), d. 186-, bur Simmons Cem #1, dau of Charles & Eleanor Simmons; 12 children: Champ, Charles, Byer, Susannah, John, Preston, Delilah, Boston, Gordon, Ballard, Rebecca, William S. Jr.

William & Rebecca Lester lived on Gap Branch, a branch of Beaver Creek. At that time there was a road connecting present Rt. 730 (Beaver Creek Church Road) with present Rt. 705 (Beaver Creek Road). It intersected Rt. 730 at William Simmons' house near the present Beaver Creek Church which did not then stand at its present location. William Lester's big log house was on that connecting road, within a few miles of William Simmons' home. William Lester married Rebecca Simmons and William Simmons married Rhoda Lester, brother and sister married brother and sister.

There is a tradition in the family that William Lester performed an outstanding act of valor during the War of 1812 by swimming across a body of water to deliver a message. I have not been able to confirm this - perhaps someone can contribute the story.

William Lester had the largest family of any of the children of John & Catharine Lester: 12 children and 88 (known) grandchildren. The two oldest sons, Champ and Charles, each had 16 children. Four sons (Champ, Charles, John, Preston) moved to West Virginia, one (William Jr.) moved to Oklahoma, three sons (Boston, Gordon, Ballard) died without issue, one daughter (Susannah) moved to Indiana, one daughter (Byer) to Patrick County, two daughters (Delilah, Rebecca), lived in Floyd County. As far as can be ascertained, there are no descendants of William Lester now (1995) living in Floyd County.

William Lester died "possessed of considerable property." He left no will. The property was divided among his children but the settlement of the estate was mismanaged and there was dissension among the heirs. The estate eventually had to be settled by a suit in Chancery Court.

William Lester died in 1865 at the age of 80. Rebecca died a few years later, exact date not known. They were buried in Simmons Cem. #1, according to their great-granddaughter, Irene McCormick; no stones.

Only the main outline of William Lester's family is given here. Members of his family have done extensive research and possess more detailed information than I have been able to collect. Everett McGrew supplied the family of Byer Lester McAlexander, Margaret Blatz contributed the family of Preston Lester, and Irene Wilson McCormick (now deceased) furnished the family of William Lester Jr.

- 3a. Champ Lester, b. Nov 3, 1809(M), d. Nov 9, 1888 (Raleigh Co, W.Va), bur Lester Cem, m. March 5, 1835 (Patrick Co), Rachel McAlexander, b. Dec 1, 1817 (Pat. Co), d. May 17, 1881 (Raleigh Co, W.Va), bur Lester Cem, dau of William and Tamer (Boothe) McAlexander; 16 children.
- Champ Lester moved his family from Floyd County to Raleigh County, Va/West Va, in 1855. The place where they settled later became the town of Lester, named for him.
- 4a. Samuel Lester, b. Apr 2, 1836, d. 1861, of measles, in the Confederate Army.
- 4b. Mildred (Milly), b. June 15, 1837, m. Sept 17, 1857 (Raleigh Co), William E. Gray, b. 1836, son of John & Milly Gray.
- 4c. Job Lester, b. Sept 8, 1839. Color Bearer, 36th Va. Regt, CSA.
- 4d. Lochona Lester, b. Jan 24, 1840(F), m. Aug 23, 1866 (Raleigh Co), John J. Hoylman, wid, b. 1820 (Botetourt Co).
- 4e. Perry Lester, b. April 26, 1841(F), Pvt, Co. A, 30th Va. Sharpshooter; captured at Winchester, Va, Sept 19, 1864.
- 4f. Paris P. Lester, b. Nov 13, 1842(F), Pvt. CSA, m. Jan 25, 1872 (Raleigh Co), Permelia Sesler, b. 1852, dau of Jacob & Mary Sesler.
- 4g. Tamer Lester, b. April 24, 1844(F), m. Sept 14, 1865 (Raleigh Co), Elijah C. Peters, b. 1852, son of Christian & Mary Peters.
- 4h. Daniel Lester, b. March 30, 1846(F). Wounded in the service of Confederate States Army, d. Aug 28, 1866, as result of wound, bur Lester Cem.
- 4i. Rebecca Lester, b. Nov 7, 1847(F).
- 4j. Victorine Lester, b. July 2, 1849(F).
- 4k. Gordon Lester, b. Nov 1, 1850(F), d. May 1, 1935(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Nov 5, 1874 (Raleigh Co), Mary Charity Gray, b. Aug 7, 1858(F), d. June 16, 1944(M), bur Sunset Cem; 8 children.
- 4l. Elevia Ellen Lester, b. May 3, 1852(F), d. Aug 15, 1925(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Jan 24, 1877 (Raleigh Co), Samuel Jackson Snuffer, b. Sept 28, 1849 (Franklin Co), d. Nov 29, 1921(M), bur Sunset Cem, son of Isaac & Malinda (Rakes) Snuffer. Moved from Raleigh County to Montgomery County in early 1900s.
- 4m. Champ Lester Jr, b. Jan 27, 1854(F), d. April 17, 1859 (Raleigh Co), bur Lester Cem; died of putrid sore throat.
- 4n. Rachel Isabella Lester, b. Dec 14, 1855 (Raleigh Co), d. Dec 27, 1856.
- 4o. William Lester, b. Dec 25, 1858 (Raleigh Co), d. April 19, 1859 (Raleigh Co), bur Lester Cem; died of putrid sore throat.
- 4p. Virginia Lester, b. May 15, 1860 (Raleigh Co), d. May 20, 1860, bur Lester Cem.

- 3b. Charles S. Lester, b. May 3, 1811, d. May 23, 1897, bur Lester Cem, Raleigh Co, m. June 15, 1833(F), Sarah Hornbarger, b. 1814, d. July 15, 1894, dau of George & Margaret Hornbarger; 16 children.

In 1864, the parents of Sarah Hornbarger Lester deeded her the Hornbarger Mill property. This is believed to be the first mill to be built on the site of what was later called the Sowers Mill. Charles Lester was worth \$4000 in real estate in 1870. They moved to Raleigh Co., W. Va., after the Civil War.

- 4a. Arminda Lester, b. 1836(F), m. March 5, 1856(F), Solomon Akers, b. 1833(M), son of William & Lydia Akers.
- 4b. Hornbarger B. Lester, b. 1838(F), Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA, m. Dec 20, 1860(F), Ann Miller Hall, b. 1834 (Pittsylvania Co), dau of William & Lucy Hall.
- 4c. Catherine Lester, b. 1839, d. Jan 20, 1862, of diphtheria.
- 4d. Arabella Lester, b. 1840, m. Dec 24, 1863(F), Joseph Weeks, b. 1842, son of George & Nancy (Morricle) Weeks.
- 4e. Nancy Lester, b. 1841(F), m. April 12, 1866(F), Joseph Preas, b. 1843 (Bedford Co), son of Joseph & Mahala Preas.
- 4f. Renar James Lester, b. 1843, Pvt, CSA, d. Jan 18, 1862, of typhoid fever, Montgomery White Sulphur Springs Hospital.
- 4g. Peter Lester, b. 1845(F); Pvt, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. March 19, 1875(F), Mary M. Booth, b. 1854(F), dau of Abner & Nancy Booth; moved to Pulaski.
- 4h. Susannah Lester, b. 1846, d. Jan 20, 1862, of diphtheria.
- 4i. Esdras Lester, b. 1847(F), m. Jan 26, 1871 (Pat. Co), Mildred A. McAlexander, b. 1855 (Pat. Co), dau of Samuel & Byer (Lester) McAlexander. (January 1880, Floyd County Court. Esdras Lester indicted for petit larceny, found guilty and sentenced to 15 stripes on the bare back.)
- 4j. Tillman Lester, b. 1849(F).
- 4k. Narcissa Lester, b. 1852(F), m. Oct 17, 1872(F), Harvey W. Trail, b. 1852 (Franklin Co), son of William & Margaret Trail.
- 4l. Franklin P. Lester, b. Oct 10, 1855, d. Jan 20, 1862, of diphtheria.
- 4m. Sarah J. Lester, b. March 6, 1858, d. Aug 16, 1866, of flux.
- 4n. Martha A. Lester, b. 1860, d. Jan 20, 1862, of diphtheria.
- 4o. Permelia Lester, b. 1863, m. John Brown.
- 4p. Levinia A. Lester, b. 1860 (adopted)



- 3c. Byer Lester, b. March 17, 1813(M), d. 1878 (Patrick Co), m. March 11, 1831(M), Samuel McAlexander, b. 1808 (Pat. Co), d. 1876, son of William & Tamer (Boothe) McAlexander; 13 children.
- Byer Lester had an unusual name, origin unknown. She gave many of her children exotic names.
- 4a. Parshandatha McAlexander, b. Feb 9, 1832 (Pat. Co), d. March 1, 1895 (Mercer Co, W.Va), bur Old Foley Farm, m. (1) Feb 28, 1848 (Pat. Co), Richard B. Foley, b. ca. 1818, d. ca. 1881 (Mercer Co), bur Old Foley Farm; Parshandatha m. (2) P. Nehemiah Matson, b. ca. 1814 (Harrison Co, Ohio), d. before 1895 (W.Va).
- 4b. Lester McAlexander, b. Nov 23, 1833 (Pat. Co), d. May 28, 1895 (Summers Co, W.Va), bur Bowling Farm, m. (1) July 7, 1857(F), Elizabeth Margaret Otey, b. 1836(M), d. Aug 12, 1871(F), bur Simmons Cem. #1, dau of Jonathan & Nancy Otey; Lester m. (2) Ellen Jane Roop, b. ca. 1849(M), d. ca. 1880 (F); Lester m. (3) Elizabeth Mosley Calfee, b. Nov 19, 1849(M), d. March 21, 1893 (Summers Co, W.Va), bur Bowling Farm.
- 4c. Poratha McAlexander, b. March 12, 1835 (Pat. Co), d. Jan 31, 1887 (Shackleford Co, Texas), bur Albany Cem, m. March 29, 1853 (Pat. Co), Crockett Roop, b. Feb 12, 1823(M), d. March 13, 1876 (Tarrant Co, Texas).
- 4d. Robert McAlexander, b. 1836 (Pat. Co), d. Sept 1, 1854(M), n.m.
- 4e. William McAlexander, b. 1837 (Pat. Co), d. before 1860, n.m.
- 4f. James C. McAlexander, b. 1839 (Pat. Co), d. 1903 (Nicholas Co, Ky), Pvt, Co. D, 51st Va. Inf., CSA, m. Oct 31, 1872, Susan Elizabeth Templeman, b. ca. 1851.
- 4g. Samuel McAlexander Jr., b. 1841 (Pat. Co), d. 1879 (Botetourt Co), m. Sarah C. Davis, b. 1844, d. before 1883.
- 4h. Darius McAlexander, b. Feb 4, 1844 (Pat. Co), d. Dec 14, 1861, Pvt, Co. D, 51st Va. Inf., CSA, n.m.
- 4i. Daniel R. McAlexander, b. July 27, 1846 (Pat. Co), d. Aug 15, 1918 (Clark Co, Missouri), m. Dec 15, 1882 (Mo.), Martha Jane Brammer, b. ca. 1858 (Mo.), Pvt, Co. D, 51st Va. Inf., CSA.
- 4j. John Floyd McAlexander, b. Feb 26, 1850 (Pat. Co), d. ca. 1925 (Illinc m. June 5, 1872 (Ky), Mary Snelling, b. Oct 26, 1854.
- 4k. Austacia McAlexander, b. 1852 (Pat. Co), m. April 9, 1874 (Pat. Co), George W. Conner, b. ca. 1848.
- 4l. Mildred Ann (Milly) McAlexander, b. 1855 (Pat. Co), m. Jan 26, 1871 (Pat. Co), Esdras Lester, cousin, b. 1847(F), son of Charles & Sarah Lester.
- 4m. Darena Emeline McAlexander, b. Sept 28, 1857 (Pat. Co), d. Kentucky, m. Patrick Howard.

- 3d. Susannah Jane Lester, b. Dec 14, 1814 (M), d. Feb 15, 1888 (Brown Co, Indiana), m. March 19, 1835(F), Amos T. Lester, first cousin, b. Nov 30, 1810(M), d. Feb 14, 1890 (Brown Co), son of John II & Mary Ann Lester; moved to Brown County, Indiana. (see p. 19)
- 3e. John Simmons Lester, b. Dec 1, 1816, d. Dec 27, 1882 (Raleigh Co, W.Va.), bur Lester Cem, m. March 12, 1850(F), Mary Akers, b. 1830, dau of Bird & Elizabeth Akers; 6 (known) children. John and family moved to Raleigh County, Va/W.Va., about 1855.
- 4a. Cass Lewis Lester, b. 1851, m. Nov 5, 1874 (Raleigh Co), Jennie L. Gray, b. 1854(F).
- 4b. Lynn C. Lester, b. 1854
- 4c. Paul A. Lester, b. 1855(F), d. Oct 3, 1855 (Raleigh Co).
- 4d. Laura Belle Lester, b. 1861, m. Aug 17, 1883 (Raleigh Co), Birdine Trail, b. 1859.
- 4e. Julia C. Lester, b. 1863
- 4f. John Rush Lester, b. Nov 23, 1865 (Raleigh Co).
- 3f. James Patterson Preston Lester, b. Nov 3, 1818(F), d. Nov 23, 1903 (Wayne Co, W.Va.), bur Family Cem, m. Dec 20, 1838(F), Sarah Howard Moore, b. Oct 8, 1824, d. May 13, 1904 (Wayne Co), bur Family Cem, dau of Isaac & Nancy (Howard) Moore; 12 children.
- Preston Lester was named for the Governor of Virginia. They moved to West Virginia after the war.
- 4a. Rowena Lester, b. Nov 19, 1839(F), d. infancy.
- 4b. Nancy Abigail (Abby) Lester, b. Jan 5, 1842(F), d. May 8, 1911 (Lawrence Co, Ohio), m. March 15, 1867, George Washington Stephens, b. March 12, 1842, d. July 19, 1902 (Cabell Co, W.Va).
- 4c. Benjamin Urias Lester, b. March 12, 1844(F), d. June 30, 1901, m. May 21, 1868, California Scaggs.
- 4d. Artiminca Vashti Lester, b. June 7, 1846, d. June 11, 1928, m. Jefferson Stephens.
- 4e. Isaac Moore Lester, b. Dec 28, 1848(F), d. Dec 19, 1935, m. Dec 3, 1868, Margaret Christian.
- 4f. Austacy Margaret Lester, b. Feb 16, 1851(F), d. Aug 30, 1913, m. Dec 16, 1869, Hugh Dick Bowen.
- 4g. Lurinda Ellen Lester, b. April 22, 1853(F), d. Jan 6, 1930.

- 4h. Julia Ann Lester, b. May 13, 1856(F), d. Aug 18, 1828, m. Jonas Puckett.
- 4i. Chelnessa Texas Lester, b. April 26, 1858(F), d. May 15, 1931, m. Wesley Ellis
- 4j. Arizona Lester, b. May 10, 1862(F), d. Jan 8, 1904, m. John Jenkins.
- 4k. Sarah Altony (Allie) Lester, b. April 8, 1865(F), d. March 8, 1948, m. Floyd Huff.
- 4l. Rufus Priam Lester, b. March 2, 1868(W.Va), d. Aug 29, 1952, m. Nov 30, 1889, Vinnie May Bloss.
- 3g. Delilah Lester, b. Nov 11, 1820(M), d. Oct 1888(F), m. April 10, 1849(F), William S. Weeks, b. 1816 (Bedford Co); 5 (known) children.
- Delilah died in Floyd County in 1888. Some of the children moved to Warren County, Iowa.
- 4a. Melinda Weeks, b. 1850, d. 189-, m. May 19, 1881(F), Elias Akers, wid b. 1843, son of Jackson & Evaline Akers; 6 children. (Elias Akers m. (1) April 13, 1871(F), Mary Dulaney).
- 5a. William Monroe Akers, b. 1882.
- 5b. Arizona Akers, b. 1884, m. Oct 29, 1907(F), C. W. Scaggs, b. 1874, son of Humphrey & Delia Scaggs.
- 5c. Delia E. Akers, b. 1886.
- 5d. Griffie Akers, b. 1888, m. Dec 20, 1909(F), Maude Akers, b. 1891, dau of Brook & Louisa Akers.
- 5e. Charlie J. Akers, b. 1890.
- 5f. Merritt Akers, b. 1894, m. Aug 28, 1912(F), Pearl Harris, b. 1895, dau of J. T. & Alice Harris.
- 4b. Warren Weeks, b. 1852, m. March 27, 1884(F), Barbara A. Booth, b. July 19, 1865, dau of Pleasant & Melvina Booth.
- 4c. Lethea Jane Weeks, b. April 23, 1854.
- 4d. Henry C. Weeks, b. 1857.
- 4e. William B. Weeks, b. 1861, m. June 26, 1902(F), Virginia A. Palmer, b. 1872, dau of Eden R. & Nancy (Akers) Palmer.
- 5a. Lucy I. Weeks, b. 1909.

3h. Boston Lester, b. Dec 25, 1822(F), d. 1900(F), bur Simmons Cem #1, m. April 18, 1854(F), Alethea (Leathy) Weeks, b. 1814 (Bedford Co), d. 1900, dau of Joseph & Mary Weeks, no children; Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA.

3i. Gordon C. Lester, b. March 23, 1825, d. Jan 8, 1853(F), bur Simmons Cem. #1, n.m.

3j. Ballard Lester, b. March 21, 1827, d. young, bur Simmons Cem #1.

3k. Rebecca Lester, b. May 31, 1829(F), m. March 22, 1855(F), Mahlon Turman, b. 1828(F), d. April 22, 1864, Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf, CSA, son of Matthew & Sally Turman.

Rebecca and children lived in Floyd County after Mahlon Turman's death in the Civil War. Her name appears in the 1880 census but not in 1890. It is not known if she died in Floyd County or went west with one of her children.

4a. Arrena T. Turman, b. 1856, m. March 9, 1876, James B. Fisher, b. 1854, son of Eli & Lavinia Fisher.

4b. Charles M. Turman, b. 1858, m. May 11, 1882(F), Malinda E. Whitlock, b. 1861, dau of Joseph & Sarah Whitlock.

4c. Edwin C. Turman, b. Nov 1859, d. young.

4d. Laura Henrietta Turman, b. Aug 10, 1861, m. Nov 25, 1880, John William Sowers, b. 1857, son of Jacob & Rebecca Sowers.

3l. William S. Lester Jr., b. Jan 23, 1832(F), d. Jan 1916 (Bristow, Okla), Pvt, Co. I, 54th Va. Inf., CSA, m. March 13, 1856(F), Frances Rebecca Cooper, b. 1834(M), d. ca. 1900 (Stillwater, Okla), dau of John & Mary Cooper; 6 children.

William and family moved to Missouri about 1879-80, later moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma. William Jr. & Rebecca had exactly the same names as his parents, William Sr. & Rebecca, which causes some confusion.

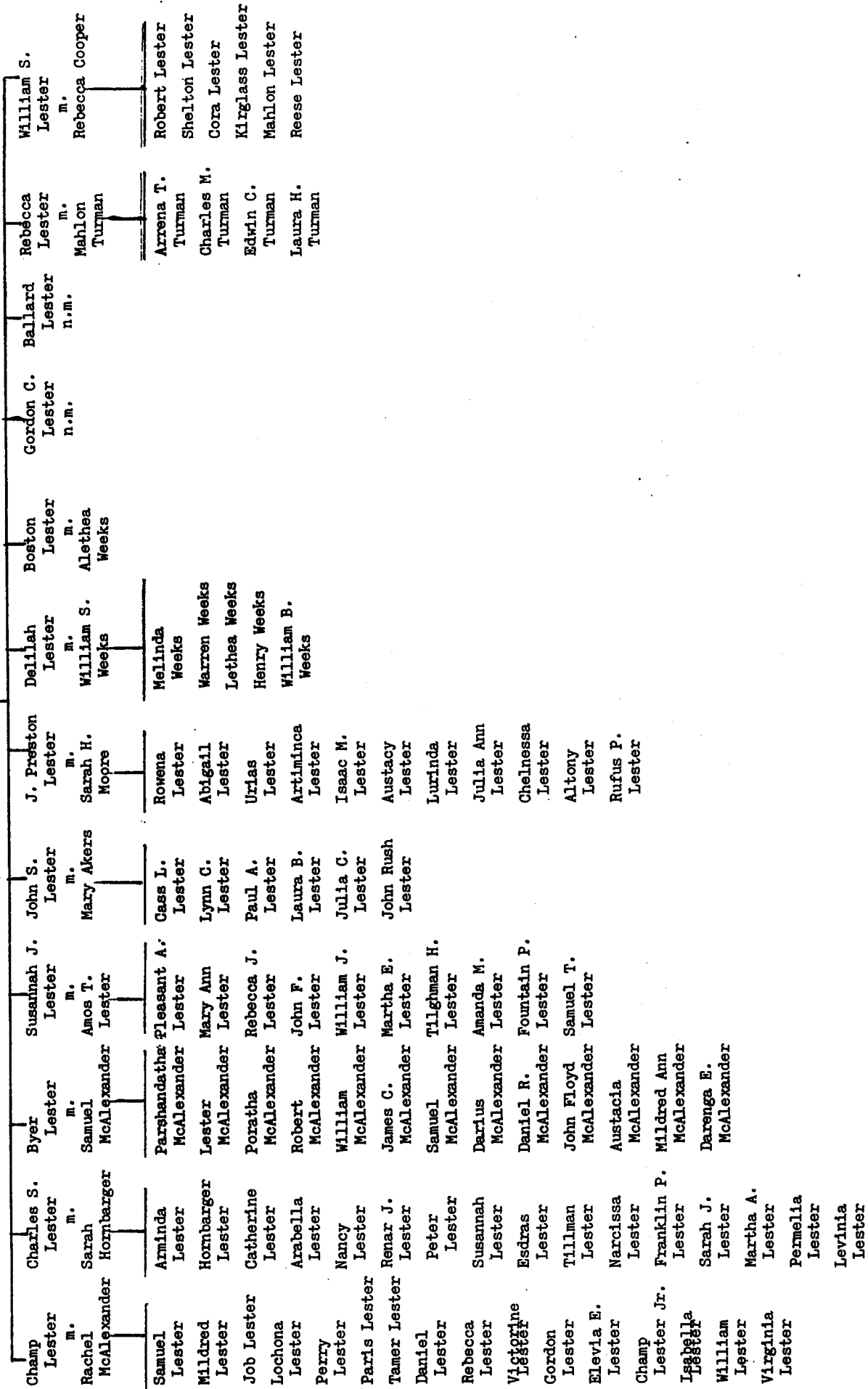
4a. Robert Lester, b. 1857(F), d. Bristow, Okla, m. Rosabel \_\_\_\_\_.

4b. Shelton Lester, b. Oct 20, 1861(F), d. June 17, 1905 (Kansas City, Mo.), bur Elmwood Cem, m. Alice Hogan.

- 4c. Frances Cora Lester, b. July 6, 1864(F), d. Jan 9, 1907 (Kansas City, Kansas), bur Maple Hill Cem, m. Nov 28, 1881, Bradford Marshall Wilson, b. July 4, 1847 (Quincy, Mo), d. Dec 15, 1915 (Kansas City, Mo), bur Mt. Zion Cem, Quincy, Mo.; 12 children.
- 5a. Carrah Myrtle Wilson, b. Oct 24, 1882, d. Nov 13, 1883, bur Mt. Zion Cem.
- 5b. Mattie Mable Wilson, b. Jan 25, 1884, d. Feb 5, 1904, bur Valhalie, Mo.
- 5c. Robert Leslie Wilson, b. April 25, 1885, d. Feb 11, 1959, bur Mt. Olivet Cem, Kansas City, Mo.
- 5d. William Wellington Wilson, b. Feb 10, 1887.
- 5e. Donald Floyd Wilson, b. 1889, d. Jan 1906, bur Maple Hill Cem, Kansas City, Kansas.
- 5f. Dovie Ellen Wilson, b. June 13, 1891.
- 5g. Minnie Corine Wilson, b. Feb 15, 1895.
- 5h. Lily Irene Wilson, b. March 27, 1898(Iconium, Mo), d. Oct 19, 1993, m. Feb 15, 1917 (Kansas City, Kan), Leo James McCormick, b. March 29, 1894, son of James H. & Mary McCormick; 3 children
- 6a. James Bradford McCormick
- 6b. Frances Marie McCormick
- 6c. Leo Lester McCormick
- 5i. Bradford Marshall Wilson Jr, b. Feb 24, 1900.
- 5j. Gladys Cleo Wilson, twin, b. Feb 23, 1902.
- 5k. Thomas Leo Wilson, twin, b. Feb 23, 1902.
- 5l. Glenn Wilson, b. & d. 1905.
- (Cora bore 12 children in 23 years; she was 18 when the first child was born and 41 when the last child was born. She died two years after the last birth, aged 42.)
- 4d. Kirglass Lester, b. July 15, 1867, d. 1916 (St. Joseph, Mo), m. Dora Miller.
- 4e. Mahlon Lester, b. 1869, d. ca. 1881 (Hickory Co, Mo).
- 4f. Reese Lester, b. Floyd, d. Bristow, Okla, m. Sadie \_\_\_\_\_.

(End William S. Lester family)

William S. Lester. n. Rebecca Simmons



## SUSANNAH LESTER

2f. Susannah (Susan) Lester, b. Dec 24, 1788(M), d. Nov 1, 1859(F), bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. March 4, 1806(M), William Richards, b. 1784?, d. March 26, 1844, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, son of Christian & Catherine Richards; 9 children: Walter, John, Catherine, Ona, Mary, Olivia, Julia Ann, Permelia, Octavia.

Susan's husband, William Richards, was a son of Christian Richards, an early settler, before 1772, in present Floyd County when it was part of Botetourt County. Christian Richards was a soldier in the War of the Revolution.

Susan and William Richards lived on their farm on modern Rt. 686, near present Red Oak Grove Church. Their children married and lived in that community and many of the family are buried in the Red Oak Grove Cem.

Susan apparently died of a stroke. The cause of death is given as paralysis; she was ill for 16 days.

- 3a. Walter Richards, b. 1808(M), d. 1864, m. Aug 13, 1833(F), Catharine Walter Bower, wid, b. April 1799 (New Market, Va), d. Feb 1874(F), bur Zion Lutheran Cem, dau of Rev. Martin Walter & Christina Clem; 1 child. (Catharine Walter m. (1) Oct 1, 1817, Christopher Bower).
- 4a. Amanda Richards, b. Feb 5, 1833(F), d. May 19, 1914(F), bur Zion Lutheran Cem, m. Jan 16, 1852(F), Josiah Smith, b. Aug 21, 1829, d. July 26, 1914(F), bur Zion Lutheran Cem, son of Luke & Mary (Naff) Smith; 8 children: John, Eliza, James, Jefferson, Josiah, Jerry Kyle, Rosa Bell, Emma.
- 5a. (Rev.) John William Smith, b. Feb 27, 1855(F), d. Feb 14, 1944 (Ephrata, Pa), m. Nov 24, 1887(F), Nancy Dorcas (Nannie) Phlegar, b. July 21, 1860(F), d. 195- (Ephrata, Pa), dau of Benjamin & Sarah Phlegar; 3 children: Fred, Margaret, Mary.
- 5b. Eliza A. Smith, b. Aug 17, 1856(F), d. Aug 17, 1886, m. Dec 14, 1880(F), William F. Turner, b. 1850; one son, Peter Turner.
- 5c. James H. Smith, b. April 4, 1858(F), d. Sept 15, 1908, bur East Hill Cem, m. Jan 13, 1881(F), Laragill Attoway (Lara) Epperly, b. Nov 29, 1860(F), d. Aug 1, 1935, bur East Hill Cem, dau of C. Marion & Magdalen Epperly; 5 children: Otho, Roy, Alvie  
Jim Smith was an employee of the N&W Railroad; he was killed instantly when run over by a freight train.

- 5d. Jefferson Davis (Jeff) Smith, b. March 10, 1860(F), d. Dec 10, 1921, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Jan 18, 1889(F), India Harman, b. June 25, 1867, d. Sept 9, 1908, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of David & Orlena Harman; no children.
- Jeff Smith was a prosperous cattle dealer.
- 5e. (Dr.) Josiah Sidney Smith, b. July 8, 1862(F), d. July 24, 1940 (Radford), bur Sunset Cem, m. May 2, 1888(F), Estelle (Stella) Phlegar, b. 1866, d. Oct 11, 1963 (Radford), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Benjamin & Sarah Phlegar; one son, Clarence.
- Josiah Smith was a practicing physician for fifty years and at the time of his death was president of the Virginia Medical Association.
- 5f. Jerry Kyle Smith, b. Oct 19, 1866(F), d. April 16, 1946, bur Zion Lutheran Cem, m. Dec 11, 1901(F), Nisenous Ellabell (Senous) Epperly, b. June 14, 1868(F), d. Aug 14, 1949, bur Zion Lutheran Cem, dau of C. Marion & Magdalen Epperly; 2 children: Myrtle, Mattie. Kyle Smith was a farmer.
- 5g. Rosa Bell (Rosie) Smith, b. March 12, 1868(F), d. Oct 18, 1959, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Nov 26, 1889(F), John Thomas Robertson, b. Oct 28, 1859, d. April 24, 1933, bur Jacksonville Cem, son of Isaac E. & Elizabeth Robertson; 3 children: Sadie, Edward, Irvin
- 5h. Emma Gay Smith, b. Feb 2, 1870(F), d. Oct 25, 1957, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Nov 25, 1897(F) William Shirey (Willie) Phlegar, b. May 15, 1869(F), d. June 22, 1953(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, son of Benjamin & Sarah Phlegar; 3 children: Sidney, John, Sarah
- 3b. John Richards, b. June 10, 1810, d. July 21, 1891, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. May 23, 1836(F), Martha Harris, b. May 14, 1814, d. Nov 27, 1905, bur Red Oak Grove Cem; 11 children.
- 4a. Susannah Richards, b. 1837
- 4b. William Richards, b. 1839, m. Jan 19, 1864(F), Elmira Hall.
- 4c. Walter Richards, b. March 1, 1841, d. April 1, 1928, bur Richards Cem, m. Dec 14, 1865(F), Cynthia Ann Rutrough, b. June 10, 1849, d. Nov 24, 1927, dau of Solomon & Evalene Rutrough; 4 children.
- 5a. Virginia Victoria Richards, b. Nov 19, 1866, d. Feb 14, 1898, bur Richards Cem, m. Sept 24, 1882(F), Elkanah (Cain) Sweeney, b. Dec 25, 1859, d. July 13, 1932, bur Richards Cem, son of Samuel & Margaret Sweeney. (Cain Sweeney m. (2) Lelia Yates).
- 6a. Posey Sweeney, d. infancy
- 6b. Lila Sweeney, d. Infancy
- 6c. Gay Sweeney, b. 1887, d. 1912
- 6d. Lula Jane Sweeney, b. Aug 5, 1890(F), d. Dec 19, 1995(F), aged 105, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Peter B. Radford.
- 6e. Carrie E. Sweeney, b. March 7, 1893
- 6f. Frank C. Sweeney, b. Oct 5, 1895.



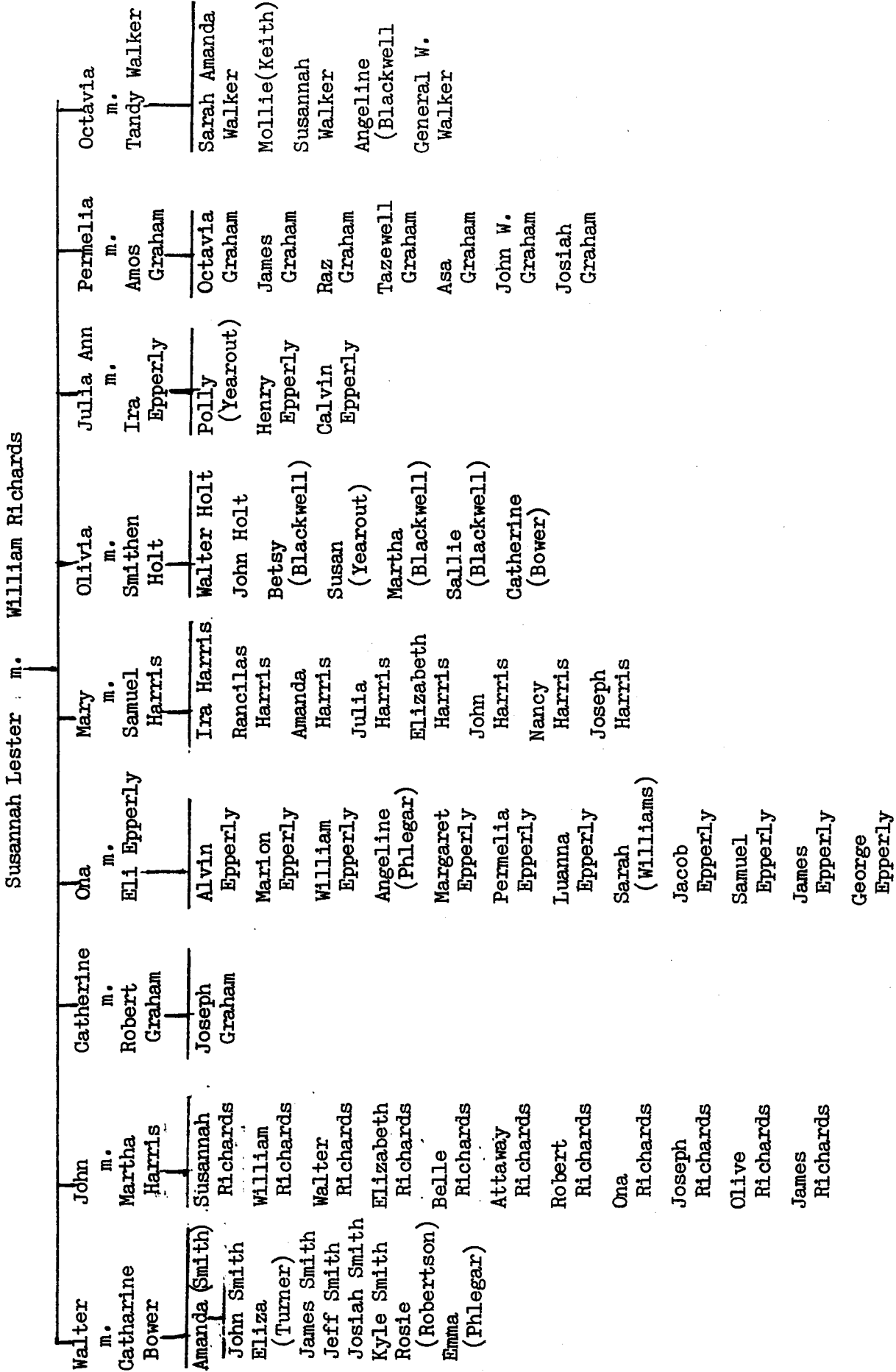
- 5b. Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Richards), b. June 15, 1868, m. Apr 21, 1887(F), James L. Wright, b. 1860, son of James A. & Elizabeth Wright.
- 5c. James W. Richards, b. Aug 15, 1870, d. Jan 17, 1953, bur Richards Cem, m. Nov 17, 1892(F), Ollie E. Dobbins, b. Dec 10, 1871, d. March 23, 1935, bur Richards Cem, dau of Ballard & Sarah Malinda Dobbins; 6 children.
- 6a. Eula D. Richard, b. Sept 11, 1893, d. May 6, 1973, bur Richards Cem.
- 6b. Lura N. Richard, b. Nov 24, 1895, m. Sept 26, 1914, James H. McNeil.
- 6c. Lena A. Richard, b. March 20, 1898, m. May 4, 1921(F), Kyle E. Whitlock.
- 6d. Wilma Richard, b. Jan 11, 1901, m. (1) May 10, 1924(F), Horace E. Whitlock, m. (2) Walter Kemp.
- 6e. Walter B. Richard, b. July 6, 1903, m. July 4, 1923(F), Annie Prillaman.
- 6f. Clarence W. Richard, b. Aug 14, 1909, m. (1) Eunice Board.
- 5d. John Solomon (Solly) Richards, b. May 1, 1877, d. Oct 19, 1911, bur Richards Cem, m. Feb 5, 1905(F), Mabel Thurman, b. 1882(F), dau of Wm. A. & Olive C. (Shank) Thurman.
- 4d. Elizabeth Richards, b. 1844
- 4e. Isabel (Belle) Richards, b. Nov 24, 1845
- 4f. Sarah Attaway Richards, b. 1848
- 4g. Robert J. Richards, b. March 1850
- 4h. Ona Richards, b. 1853
- 4i. Joseph L. Richards, b. 1855
- 4j. Olive Ellen Richards, b. 1856
- 4k. James H. Richards, b. 1860.
- 3c. Catherine Richards, b. 1812, m. Aug 31, 1831(F), Robert B. Graham, b. 1807.
- 4a. Joseph Graham, b. 1833
- 3d. Ona Richards, b. Jan 30, 1814, d. Feb 4, 1862, bur Zion Lutheran Cem, m. April 8, 1835(F), Matthias Eli Epperly, b. March 10, 1810(F), d. Aug 2, 1886, bur Zion Lutheran Cem, son of Christian & Elizabeth (Morricle) Epperly; 12 children.
- 4a. Alvin Epperly, b. June 17, 1836, d. Dec 4, 1850, bur Zion Luth. Cem.
- 4b. Christian Marion Epperly, b. June 27, 1837, d. May 27, 1904, bur Zion Luth Cem; Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. Jan 24, 1860(F), Mary Magdalen Phlegar, b. March 30, 1842(F), d. April 25, 1927(F), bur Zion Luth Cem, dau of Isaac & Sarah (Rutherford) Phlegar; 9 children.
- 4c. William M. Epperly, b. Sept 26, 1838, d. Nov 23, 1916, bur Zion Luth Cem, m. (1) Feb 15, 1866, Emeline Williams, b. Sept 6, 1844 (Bote-

- tourt Co), d. Sept 16, 1895(F), bur Zion Luth Cem, dau of Hector & Susan (Morricle) Williams; William m. (2) Oct 20, 1904, Mary B. Hatcher Wright, wid, b. 1859 (Patrick Co), d. 1925, bur Zion Luth Cem, dau of John B. & Keziah Hatcher; no children.
- 4d. Angeline Epperly, b. Feb 1, 1840, d. Nov 12, 1897, bur Church Hill Cem, m. Joseph Henry Phlegar, b. Aug 15, 1840, d. Jan 19, 1923, bur Church Hill Cem, son of Isaac & Sarah (Rutherford) Phlegar; 13 children.
- 4e. Margaret C. Epperly, b. May 3, 1844, d. July 23, 1862, bur Zion Luth (
- 4f. Permelia Adeline Epperly, b. March 1, 1846, d. Aug 25, 1862, bur Zion Luth Cem.
- 4g. Luanna Rosabelle Epperly, b. May 17, 1847, d. Aug 24, 1862, bur Zion Luth Cem.
- 4h. Sarah Amanda Epperly, b. July 5, 1848(F), d. Jan 15, 1921 (Texas), bur Pecan Grove Cem, m. Oct 4, 1866(F), George Monroe Dallas Williams, b. Sept 9, 1844(F), d. March 9, 1924 (Texas), bur Pecan Grove Cem, son of Powhatan & Elizabeth (Dickerson) Williams; 11 children.
- 4i. Jacob S. Epperly, b. March 9, 1850, d. Oct 4, 1864, bur Zion Luth Cem.
- 4j. Samuel A. J. Epperly, b. 1851, d. 1924 (Norfolk), m. (1) Feb 23, 1871(Alice Jane (Allie) Williams, b. June 18, 1852, d. Aug 7, 1883, bur Zion Luth Cem, dau of Hector & Susan (Morricle) Williams; no children (Samuel Epperly m. (2) Mary E. Boone).
- 4k. James T. Epperly, b. May 7, 1854, d. Aug 22, 1862, bur Zion Luth Cem.
- 4l. George D. Epperly, b. Sept 9, 1856, d. Aug 20, 1862, bur Zion Luth Cem  
Five children died in one month in 1862 in the diphtheria epidemic.  
Another child died two years later.
- 3e. Mary Richards, b. 1816, d. 185-, m. Nov 4, 1831(F), Samuel Harris, b. 1815; 8 children.
- 4a. Ira Harris, b. 1833
- 4b. Rancilas A. Harris, b. 1836
- 4c. Amanda Harris, b. 1838
- 4d. Julia A. Harris, b. 1840
- 4e. Elizabeth O. Harris, b. 1842
- 4f. John W. Harris, b. 1844
- 4g. Nancy Harris, b. 1846
- 4h. Joseph Harris, b. 1849.
- 3f. Olivia Richards, b. Aug 29, 1819, d. Feb 14, 1888, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. April 27, 1840(F), Smithen S. Holt, b. Jan 25, 1818, d. Sept 8, 1852, bur Red Oak Grove Cem; 7 children: Walter, John, Mary E., Susan, Martha, Sallie, Catherine. (3 Holts married Blackwells; 2 Holts married Bowers.)

- 4a. Walter Holt, b. 1841, m. (1) July 18, 1862(F), Ellen Mitchell, b. 1838, d. June 1, 1863, diphtheria; Walter m. (2) Dec 24, 1863, Julia C. Brown, b. 1840.
- 4b. John Holt, b. 1842, m. Oct 10, 1867(F), Matilda Bower, b. 1844, dau of David & Nancy Bower.
- 5a. James Wm. Holt, b. 1868
- 5b. Rosa V. Holt, b. Nov 1869
- 4c. Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Holt, b. March 29, 1844, d. Dec 19, 1916, bur Blackwell Cem, m. Nov 28, 1867(F), Abraham Gish Blackwell, b. May 18, 1843, d. Dec 24, 1928, son of Moses & Rebecca Blackwell; no children.
- 4d. Susan Holt, b. 1845, m. March 22, 1870(F), Thomas Yearout, b. 1848, son of Charles & Mary Yearout.
- 4e. Martha J. Holt, b. Nov 24, 1847, d. June 10, 1924, m. May 16, 1871(F), Lewis Blackwell, b. Oct 15, 1847, d. Jan 11, 1933, son of Moses & Rebecca Blackwell.
- 4f. Sarah Jackson (Sallie) Holt, b. July 25, 1849, d. March 11, 1933, m. Jan 14, 1873(F), Isaac Simon Blackwell, b. April 9, 1851, d. June 11, 1932, son of Moses & Rebecca Blackwell.
- 4g. Catherine Holt, b. July 23, 1851, d. May 26, 1924, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Dec 20, 1870(F), Zachary T. Bower, b. 1848, d. May 26, 1934, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, son David & Nancy Bower.
- 3g. Julia Ann Richards, b. June 1, 1821, d. Jan 31, 1844, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Feb 15, 1841(F), Ira Epperly; 3 children.
- 4a. Mary (Polly) Epperly, b. 1841, m. Jan 30, 1865(F), Jacob Yearout, b. 1837, son of Charles & Mary Yearout.
- 4b. Henry Epperly, b. 1842
- 4c. Calvin Epperly, b. 1844, m. Sept 2, 1873(F), Josephine Whitlock, b. 1858, dau. of Alvin & Barbara Whitlock.
- 3h. Permelia (Milly) Richards, b. Jan 28, 1825, d. April 4, 1893, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Oct 28, 1848(F), Amos A. Graham, b. Feb 20, 1825, d. Feb 11, 1904, bur Red Oak Grove Cem; 7 children.
- 4a. Octavia Graham, b. July 28, 1849, d. Dec 4, 1906, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Dec 9, 1869(F), Joseph H. Simmons, b. 1840, d. 1876, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, son of James & Levina Simmons.
- 4b. James W. Graham, b. 1851

- 4c. Ransalass (Raz) Graham, b. Feb 4, 1855, d. June 5, 1843, bur Knob Cem.
- 4d. Tazewell Graham, b. 1858
- 4e. Asa A. Graham, b. March 3, 1860
- 4f. John Wilborn Graham, b. May 21, 1863, d. Nov 21, 1902, bur Red Oak Grove Cem.
- 4g. Josiah Graham, b. Feb 1866.
- 3i. Octavia Richards, b. Aug 14, 1829, d. Feb 6, 1907, bur Jacob Keith Family Cem, m. Nov 7, 1854(F), Tandy Walker, wid, b. 1830 (Franklin Co), d. May 3, 1862 (Chimborazo Hospital, Richmond, Va), Pvt, Co. A, 24th Va. Inf., CSA (enlisted in March, died in May); son of Samuel & Sarah Walker; 5 children.
- 4a. Sarah Amanda Walker, b. Aug 6, 1855, d. Feb 13, 1928, bur Westview Cem, Radford.
- 4b. Mary Olivia (Mollie) Walker, b. June 1, 1857, d. Dec 16, 1919, bur Sunset Cem, m. Sept 23, 1879(F), Jacob F. Keith, b. Sept 8, 1858(M), d. Nov 9, 1934, bur Sunset Cem, son of B. Preston & Lydia Keith; 8 children. (Jacob Keith m. (2) Lucy Morton Long).
- 4c. Susannah Walker, b. April 6, 1859, d. June 10, 1861, fever.
- 4d. Angeline Victoria Walker, b. Sept 10, 1861, m. April 22, 1880(F), Daniel Thomas Blackwell, b. 1859, son of Thomas & Sarah Blackwell.
- 4e. General Washington Walker, b. 1865, m. Jan 3, 1894(F), Rowena J. Simmons, b. 1871, dau of James & Rebecca Simmons, 7 children.

(End Susannah Lester Richards family)



## MARY LESTER

2g. Mary Lester, b. May 2, 1790(M), d. Aug 28, 1876 (Rhea Co, Tenn), bur Concord Cem, m. Nov 4, 1806(M) Isaac West Jr., b. Jan 23, 1782(M), d. April 1, 1826 (Rhea Co), son of Isaac West, Sr.; 8 children.

Isaac & Mary West moved to Tennessee ca. 1809. Isaac owned a farm and mill in Rhea County. He was killed over a boundary dispute. Isaac was the grand-nephew of the artist Benjamin West.

3a. Warren West, b. ca. 1807, d. Jan 24, 1838, in Florida during an engagement in the Seminole War, m. Dec 20, 1827, Rachel Smith.

3b. Matilda West, m. John Barnett

3c. Susan West, m. Abraham Thompson

3d. Charlotte West

3e. Jeffrey West, b. ca. 1820, d. July 15, 1862, in Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, a Prisoner of War Camp for Southern prisoners, taken at Fort Donelson; m. Sept 24, 1843, Ollinda Smith.

3f. Alethia West, m. Gilbert Riggle

3g. Mary Ann West

3h. Elizabeth West, m. Francis A. Cash

(Information on this family furnished by Mrs. Jean W. Mueller, a great-great-great-granddaughter of Mary Lester West.)

(End of Mary Lester West family)

## RHODA LESTER

2h. Rhoda Lester, b. 1793(M), d. ca. 1865(F), probably bur Simmons Cem #1, no stone, m. May 5, 1812(M), William Simmons, b. Feb 3, 1788(M), d. Dec 28, 1851(F), bur Simmons Cem #1, son of Charles & Eleanor Simmons; 10 children: James L., Sarah, Mary, Adeline, Calvin L., Harvey D., Erasmus M., Rhoda L., William C., Permelia H.

(see Simmons, p. 209)

William and Rhoda Simmons lived on the north side of Wills Ridge. Their home stood on present Rt. 730, at the site of the present Beaver Creek Church.

William Simmons inherited land from his father, Charles Simmons, and he acquired additional acreage. At his death he owned considerably more than 1200 acres of land.

In his will he left each of his five sons (James, Calvin, Harvey D., Erasmus M., William C.) 226 acres of land or the equivalent, and cash to three daughters then living (Ada, Rhoda, Permelia). He directed that the remainder of his estate be sold and equally divided among his ten heirs. To Rhoda, his "beloved wife," he left one-third of his entire estate for her natural life, to be divided among all the children after her death.

William Simmons left to his youngest son, William C. Simmons, the homeplace and tract of land containing 155 acres. Rhoda Simmons continued to live there after William's death, with son William C. and daughter Permelia (Molly). William C. Simmons died in 1862, eleven years after his father's death, and in his will he left "one-half of my tract of land, including the buildings that my mother, Rhoda Simmons, now lives on," to his sister Permelia H. Simmons. The other half of his land he left to be divided among his brothers and sisters, and out of that tract he directed that one acre should be laid off for a graveyard. Presumably this is the graveyard on a hill opposite the present Beaver Creek Church and in which William Simmons and other members of the Simmons and Lester families were buried (this is designated Simmons Cemetery #1). It was originally called the Pine Tree Cemetery. A house now stands beside that site and the cemetery has grown up in trees and bushes.

After William Simmons' death in December 1861, his property was divided and sold according to his instructions. Four years later, on May 20, 1865, "the remainder of William Simmons' property" was sold by his executor. One must assume this was the third of the estate left to his wife Rhoda which was released by her death.

- 3a. James L. Simmons, b. Sep 1811, d. May 16, 1901(F), m. (1) June 15, 1835(F), Levina Epperly, b. 1815(F), d. Oct 8, 1860(F), of fever, dau of Christian and Elizabeth (Morricle) Epperly;  
 James m. (2) Dec 3, 1862(M), Debry V. Ratliff Arrington, wid, b. 1839, d. Nov 25, 1869, of consumption, dau of Elijah & Sarah Ratliff;  
 James m. (3) March 30, 1871(F), Dianah Dickerson, b. 1836(F), d. Dec 31, 1873, died in childbirth, dau of Moses & Elizabeth Dickerson  
 James m. (4) Dec 15, 1877(F), Timandra Sumpter Sumner, wid, b. May 8, 1826(F), d. Dec 14, 1912, dau of Richard & Catherine Sumpter;  
 9 children, first marriage; no children, second marriage; 1 child, third marriage; no children, fourth marriage.

James Simmons' father willed him "the tract of land he now lives on containing 226 acres." This was near the Montgomery County line on present Route 8 and was said to extend as far as Broad Shoals on Little River, where some family members say he first lived. If so, he moved and his later home was on the knoll opposite present Simmons Grocery on Route 8. The log house where his son Hosea lived is still standing.

James Simmons was Justice of the Peace in the Alum Ridge district for a number of years and was called Squire Jimmy.

He was married four times. He said he shod the horse all around.

James died May 16, 1901; his will was not probated until Jan 4, 1902; sons Gideon and James M. were appointed executors. To wife Timandra, he left one-third of the land and one-third of his personal property, this to revert to son Hosea at her death. To sons Gideon W. and James M., who had already received their share of his land, about 40 acres each, he left no more. To son Augustus W., he left 40 acres e of his house. To son Marion C., he left 40 acres south of his house. To youngest son Hosea he left the balance of his land; personal property a house and kitchen furniture was to be sold and divided as follows: daughter Sarah E. Duncan - \$100, daughter Diana J. Thompson - \$20, granddaughter Emily Bell Simmons - \$25. The balance of the estate to be equally divided among Gideon Simmons, James M. Simmons and Sarah Duncan.

Children of first marriage:

- 4a. Tazewell Simmons, b. 1836(F), d. Nov 4, 1861, in hospital, Montgomery White Sulphur Springs, Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; n.m.
- 4b. Sarah Elizabeth Simmons, b. Feb 14, 1838(F), d. Dec 25, 1907(F), bur Duncan Cem, m. Nov 24, 1857(F), Beauford Duncan, b. Nov 30, 1831(F), d. June 14, 1905, bur Duncan Cem, son of George & Elizabeth (Morricle) Duncan; 7 children.
- 4c. Joseph H. Simmons, b. 1840, d. 1876, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Dec 9, 1869(F), Octavia Graham, b. July 28, 1849(F), d. Dec 4, 1906, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of Amos & Permelia (Richards) Graham.
- 5a. Emily Bell Simmons, b. May 3, 1872, d. June 21, 1954, bur Knob Cem, m. March 13, 1890(F), Jacob J. Sumner, b. Aug 11, 1866, d. Nov 17, 1953.



- 4d. Mary Ann Simmons, b. 1842(F), m. Dec 14, 1865(F), John Thomas Lester, b. Dec 23, 1843(F), d. 1894 (Iowa), son of William T. & Mary A. Lester. Moved to Warren County, Iowa.
- 4e. Gideon William Simmons, b. Aug 7, 1844(F), d. May 16, 1911, m. Jan 17, 1867(M), Rachel Melvina Duncan, b. Dec 7, 1848(M), d. Jan 1923, dau of Lewis & Susan Duncan; 8 children.
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| 5a. Tazewell Simmons  | 5d. R. Jack Simmons     |
| 5b. Hattie A. Simmons | 5e. Mary E. Simmons     |
| 5c. Hiley Simmons.    | 5f. Sidney Simmons      |
|                       | 5g. Earl Simmons        |
|                       | 5h. Ezra Gideon Simmons |
- 4f. James M. Simmons, b. 1847(F)
- 4g. Marion Christian Simmons, b. 1849(F)
- 4h. Augustus W. Simmons, b. 1852(F)
- 4i. Hosea Rufus Simmons, b. Nov 29, 1854(F), d. Dec 16, 1842, bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. March 12, 1902(F), Sarah Frances Rebecca Thompson, b. Jan 20, 1869(F), d. June 19, 1933, bur White Oak Grove Cem, dau of Loyd & Nancy Thompson; 7 children.
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| 5a. Hosea G. Simmons, b. 1894  |
| 5b. Crosby Simmons, b. 1895  |
| 5c. Almetta Simmons, b. 1898   |
| 5d. James Nasby Simmons, b. 1900   |
| 5e. Kellie Simmons, b. 1902  |
| 5f. Lumon T. Simmons, b. 1904  |
| 5g. Zena Hazel Simmons, b. Dec 28, 1910, d. Jan 18, 1926, bur White Oak Grove Cem. |
- Child of third marriage:
- 4j. Diana J. (Pet) Simmons, b. Dec 31, 1873(F), d. Oct 6, 1951, bur Pharis Cem, m. William Charlton Thompson, b. Oct 29, 1864, d. March 3, 1947, bur Pharis Cem.
- 3b. Sarah (Sally) Simmons, b. July 4, 1813, d. June 30, 1849, bur Simmons Cem #1, m. Aug 5, 1832(F), Alvin Graham, b. April 26, 1810, d. July 17, 1883(F), bur Graham Cem, son of Jonathan & Mary Graham; 5 children. (Alvin Graham m. (2) Susan P. Fisher).
- Sally's children received her share of her father's estate (one-tenth).
- 4a. Tazewell T. Graham, b. 1833(F), d. 1884, m. Dec 8, 1864(F), Permelia A. Underwood, b. March 4, 1844(F), d. Jan 15, 1911(F), bur Pine Creek Cem, dau of Joshua & Delila Underwood. (Permelia Underwood Graham m. (2) Jan 21, 1890(F), Isaac F. Martin; Isaac F. Martin m. (2) Minnie Rakes; Minnie Rakes m. (2) John P. Cock).
- 4b. Samuel McDowell (Dow) Graham, b. 1835, d. before 1883, moved to Kentucky and married there.

- 4c. Julinah H. Graham, b. 1837(F), m. Jan 4, 1871(F), Benjamin W. Dobyms, wid, b. 1832 (Bedford Co), son of Abner & Elizabeth Dobyms. Moved to Carroll County and then moved to the West.
- 4d. Demarice Catherine Graham, b. Jan 19, 1842(F), d. April 23, 1925(F), bur Restvale Cem, m. April 13, 1858(F), (Dr.) Asa H. Cannaday, b. April 20, 1836 (Franklin Co), d. March 13, 1908, bur Restvale Cem, son of Charles & Mary Cannaday.
- 4e. Erasmus W. Graham, b. 1847, n.m. Commonwealth's Attorney of Floyd Circuit Court (1874-75).
- 3c. Mary (Polly) Simmons, b. April 4, 1815(F), d. Jan 19, 1897(F), bur Simmons Cem #1, m. Feb 6, 1831(F), Lawrence Graham, b. Feb 22, 1804(F), d. May 27, 1902(F), bur Simmons Cem #1, son of Jonathan & Mary Graham; 7 children.
- 4a. William S. Graham, b. 1832(F), d. before 1902, m. Dec 11, 1856(F), Caroline Poff, b. 1836(F), dau of James & Mary Poff.
- 4b. Joseph Vanburen Graham, b. 1835(F), d. before 1902, m. June 15, 1865(F), Mary Malinda Terry, b. 1842 (Pat. Co), dau of Joseph P. & Oney Terry.
- 4c. Catherine Graham, b. July 9, 1837, d. June 16, 1910(F), bur Dickerson-Sumpter Cem, m. Jan 10, 1856(F), Coffee Dickerson, b. Aug 9, 1833(F), d. July 27, 1900(F), bur Dickerson-Sumpter Cem.
- 4d. Lafayette A. Graham, b. 1844, d. after 1902, m. Sept 26, 1867(F), Octavia Susan Sumner, b. 1850, dau of Joel & Lucinda Sumner.
- 4e. Angeline Amanda Graham, b. Oct 27, 1848(F), d. March 31, 1945, bur Sunset Cem, m. William Hiley Altizer, b. 1844(F), d. 1929, bur Sunset Cem, son of John & Sarah Altizer.
- 4f. Calvin P. (Callie) Graham, b. Aug 24, 1851(F), d. May 21, 1913, bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Dec 5, 1872(F), Arabella Elizabeth Thompson, b. Feb 5, 1858(F), d. Sept 13, 1929, bur White Oak Grove Cem, dau of John & Mary Thompson.
- 4g. Hosea Lawrence Graham, b. Aug 8, 1855, d. Dec 1, 1861(F), bur Simmons Cem #1.
- 3d. Adeline (Ady) Simmons, b. 1818, d. in Kentucky, m. Dec 22, 1839(F), Joel Sowers, b. 1815(F), d. 1888 (Round Hill, Kentucky), son of George & Mary (Spangler)Sowers; 9 children. Moved to Kentucky ca. 1869.

- 4a. Emmet Sowers, b. 1841
  - 4b. William Stanton Sowers, b. 1842
  - 4c. Rhoda E. Sowers, b. 1846
  - 4d. Permelia Isabelle Sowers, b. 1848
  - 4e. Mary A. Sowers, b. 1850
  - 4f. Calvin Sowers, b. 1853
  - 4g. Leroy M. Sowers, b. 1855
  - 4h. Lorenzo J. Sowers, b. 1857
  - 4i. P. L. Sowers, b. May 14, 1860
- 3e. Calvin L. Simmons, b. 1822, d. 1868, m. Dec 16, 1851(F), Susan M. Carter, b. 1829, dau of Henry & Malinda (Agnew) Carter. After Calvin's death Susan and family left Floyd County in 1872 and moved to Missouri.
- 4a. Lavinda A. Simmons, b. 1853
  - 4b. Ellen P. A. Simmons, b. Sept 22, 1855
  - 4c. Julina S. Simmons, b. 1856
  - 4d. Mary Texas Simmons, b. 1858
  - 4e. Homer J. Simmons, b. July 4, 1860
  - 4f. Jefferson T. Simmons, b. Oct 20, 1861
  - 4g. Calla Lilly Alice Simmons, b. 1865
  - 4h. Melinda E. Simmons, b. 1867.
- 3f. Harvey D. Simmons, b. Nov 1825, d. after 1900; Pvt, Co. I, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. March 15, 1847(F), Nancy Bishop, b. Jan 1826, d. after 1900, dau of Abel & Mary Bishop.
- 4a. Calvin Simmons, b. 1848, m. (1) Cynthia Dewitt, m. (2) Dec 12, 1885(M), Alice Young, b. 1863. Moved to Indiana.
  - 5a. W. H. Simmons, b. 1880 (Ind.), m. March 1, 1903(F), Sarah E. Boothe, b. 1878, dau of Noah & Susan Boothe.
  - 4b. Sarah Ellen Simmons, b. 1850(F), d. young.
  - 4c. Noah Simmons, b. 1852(F)
  - 4d. Rhodabell Simmons, b. 1854(F), d. before 1900, m. Feb 13, 1879(F), Enoch Hill, wid, b. Feb 1850, son of Elijah & Sarah Hill.
  - 4e. John William (Bill) Simmons, b. March 16, 1857(F), m. April 22, 1881(F), Susan Adeline Dickerson, b. Oct 1863, dau of Elijah & Demaris (Williams) Dickerson. Moved to Blacksburg, then to Augusta Co., Va.
  - 4f. James D. Simmons (Cripple Jim), b. March 16, 1861(F), d. May 13, 1948, bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. (1) May 12, 1889(F), Nannie Hylton,

b. Nov 5, 1874 (age 15), d. Jan 21, 1904, bur White Oak Grove Cem, dau of Nathan & Dicey Hylton; James m. (2) Dec 7, 1905(F), Johnnie Agnes Thompson, b. 1886, dau of Sarah Thompson.

- 5a. Ida A. Simmons, b. July 1892
- 5b. Lettie W. Simmons, b. July 1894
- 5c. Harlis Simmons, b. March 1897
- 5d. James Simmons, b. June 1899
- 5e. Lathar Simmons, b. 1903
- 5f. Larence Simmons, b. 1909

4g. Harvey D. Simmons Jr., b. Jan 14, 1864, m. Nov 28, 1893(M), Alice Mills, b. 1876, dau of I. T. & Elizabeth Mills.

4h. George E. Simmons, b. July 1872, m. April 5, 1891(F), Eliza E. Thompson, b. March 1874, dau of Loyd & Nancy Thompson.

- 5a. Roy M. Simmons, b. March 1892
- 5b. Vivie L. Simmons, b. April 1893
- 5c. Versia V. Simmons, b. Sept 1895
- 5d. Oney C. Simmons, b. Nov 1897
- 5e. Ressie V. Simmons, b. Oct 1899

3g. Erasmus M. Simmons, b. 1827, d. 1897, bur Simmons Cem #1; Fifer, Co. I, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. Feb 13, 1851(F), Caroline M. Cochran, b. Feb 19, 1832, d. July 19, 1908, bur Simmons Cem #1, dau of Wm. B. & Rhoda Cochran; 8 children.

Erasmus & Caroline Simmons lived a few miles from his father on present Rt. 730 (Beaver Creek Church Road). He inherited the tract of land on which he lived from his father, also cash and some personal property.

4a. Alberta V. Simmons, b. 1852(F), m. Sept 21, 1871(F), Paris Akers, b. 1852(F), son of Andrew & Elizabeth Akers.

4b. Susan C. (Sooky) Simmons, b. March 15, 1853(F), d. Oct 11, 1928(F), bur Reed Cem, m. April 20, 1871(F), Peter A. Reed, b. June 28, 1850, d. July 6, 1907, bur Reed Cem, son of Isaac & Susannah Reed.

4c. Rosaltha Adilla (Dilly) Simmons, b. June 1855(F)

5a. Balsora V. (Ballie) Simmons, b. 1884, m. Dec 24, 1924(F), George Reed, b. 1878(F), son of G. W. & Peradine Reed.

4d. Samuel Wayne Simmons, b. April 6, 1858(F), d. Jan 31, 1929, m. July 22 1884(F), Lelia Vivian Albright, b. April 19, 1866(M), d. Sept 25, 1943 (Vinton, Va), dau of Calvin S. & Sallie Albright.

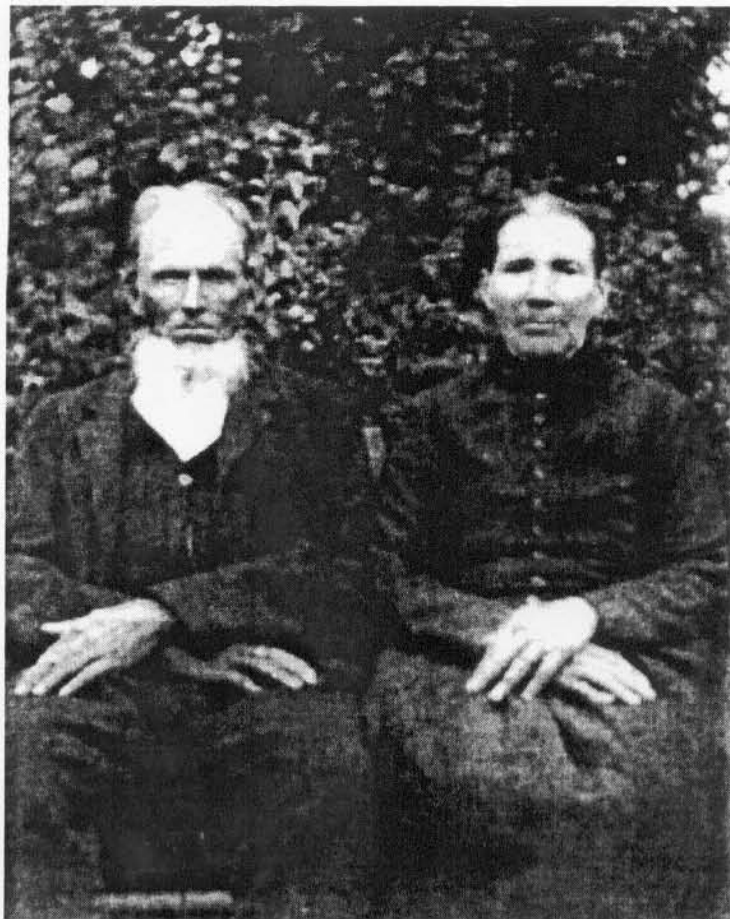
- 5a. Harry Litz Simmons, b. Feb 28, 1889, d. June 3, 1890.
- 5b. Erasmus Stratton Simmons, b. Nov 15, 1890, d. April 3, 1959.
- 5c. Arthur Wayne Simmons, b. Dec 16, 1892, d. April 8, 1941.
- 5d. Katherine Vivian Simmons, b. Nov 28, 1897, d. Aug 3, 1987
- 5e. Samuel Jabe Simmons, b. Aug 28, 1900, d. Feb 29, 1964.

- 4e. William Fulton (Fult) Simmons, b. 1861(F), n.m. Fult moved to Des Moines, Iowa.
- 4f. Erasmus J. P. (Ras) Simmons, b. 1867(F), n.m. Moved to Iowa.
- 4g. Rhoda Virginia (Jinny) Simmons, b. Jan 22, 1870(F), m. Feb 18, 1892(F), George A. Booth, b. 1868, son of George B. & Susan Booth. Moved to Indianola, Iowa, before 1907.
- 4h. George Hiley Simmons, b. 1872(F).
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- 3h. Rhoda L. Simmons, b. 1830(F), m. March 14, 1849(F), Abijah Boothe, b. 1828, d. before 1870.
- 4a. Joseph M. Boothe, b. 1850
- 4b. Texas M. Boothe, b. 1853
- 4c. Mary Alice Boothe, b. 1865
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- 3i. William Callaway Simmons, b. 1832(F), d. Jan 2, 1862, of bronchitis, m. Jan 1, 1860(F), Eliza Weddle, b. 1835, d. June 5, 1862, dau of Samuel & Mary Weddle; no children.
- William C., the youngest son, inherited the homeplace where he lived and died. He married Eliza Weddle in 1860. Two years later, 1862, he and his wife died within 6 months of each other. Presumably they were buried in Simmons Cem #1, the cemetery that he established.
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- 3j. Permelia H. (Molly) Simmons, b. 1835(F), d. 1870-73, m. Jan 3, 1867(F) Gordon Cloyd Earles, wid, b. 1830(F), d. 1873, son of Frances Earles; 3 children.
- Molly, the youngest daughter, lived at the homeplace with her brother, William C., and her mother. She did not marry until after her mother's death. She came into possession of the entire homeplace; one-half left to her by her brother and she purchased the other half. She died about the age of 35 and her husband died a year or so later, leaving the three children orphans. They were raised by members of the family.
- 4a. William Henry S. Earles, twin, b. Dec 17, 1867(F). Went to New Canton, Illinois.

- 4b. Kittie India Alma Earles, twin, b. Dec 17, 1867(F), d. Nov 27, 1964 (Pennsylvania), bur Manges Cem, m. Aug 26, 1888(F), Thomas Jacob Manges, b. March 18, 1857, d. June 14, 1923, bur Manges Cem, son of George K. & Delilah Manges; 9 children.
- 5a. Delilah M. Manges, b. 1889, m. June 5, 1912(F), O. E. Guthrie, b. 1887, son of James & Martha Guthrie. Moved to Eldora, Iowa.
- 5b. George Hassell Mangus, b. June 1891(F), m. June 1, 1921(F), Cora A. Eller, b. 1901, dau of David L. & Belle A. Eller.
- 5c. William Everett Mangus, b. Dec 1893, m. Oct 13, 1920 (Washington, D.C.), Mary E. Strong, b. 1898, dau of E. F. & Jennie Strong.
- 6a. Mary Mangus, b. 1928, m. Dec 12, 1946(F). J. Willard Teel, b. 1925, son of Shelor & Effie (Altizer) Teel.
- 5d. Clarence Elizabeth Mangus, b. 1895, m. April 4, 1920(F), Asa D. Reed, b. 1889, son of Peter & Susan Reed. Went to Warren, Ohio.
- 5e. Mary Alma Mangus, b. April 15, 1897, d. April 25, 1897, Manges Cem.
- 5f. Ida Lena Mangus, b. Feb 25, 1898, d. Jan 30, 1900, bur Manges Cem.
- 5g. Thomas E. Mangus, b. Nov 27, 1900, d. May 19, 1942, bur Manges Cem, m. July 27, 1940(F), Mae Stevens Walker, wid, b. 1895(F), dau of James & Adeline Willard Stevens.
- 5h. Mattie Mangus, b. 1903(F), m. Oct 22, 1924(F), Price L. Reed, b. 1901, son of H. L. & Rachel Reed. Lived in Collegeville, Pa.
- 5i. Reginald C. Mangus, b. Nov 17, 1905, d. Aug 1, 1925, bur Manges Cem (spelling of name changed)
- 4c. Erasmus Clinton Earles, b. June 15, 1870, d. Sept 17, 1934, bur St. Matthews Cem, m. Feb 28, 1904(F), Mary D. (Mollie) Simmons, b. Feb 18, 1880, d. May 9, 1953, bur St. Matthews Cem, dau of James & Rebecca Simmons.
- 5a. Elvin C. Earles, b. Sept 17, 1905, d. May 9, 1979, bur St. Matthews Cem, m. Juanita June Spangler, b. July 2, 1911.
- 6a. Shelby Earles
- 5b. Marvin Earles, b. Aug 31, 1909, d. Feb 4, 1982.

(End Rhoda Lester Simmons family)

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Sarah (Simmons) Duncan  
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Seated: Wayne & Lelia Simmons  
Standing: Stratton & Arthur Simmons  
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James L. Simmons m. (1) Levina Epperly (2) Debry Ratliff Arrington (3) Dianah Dickerson (4) Timandra S. Sumner	Tazewell Simmons Sarah Simmons (Duncan) Joseph H. Simmons Mary Ann Simmons (Lester) Gideon William Simmons James M. Simmons Marion C. Simmons Augustus W. Simmons Hosea Rufus Simmons Diana J. Simmons
Sarah (Sally) Simmons m. Alvin Graham	Tazewell T. Graham Samuel McDowell Graham Julinah H. Graham (Dobyns) Demarice C. Graham (Cannaday) Erasmus W. Graham
Mary (Polly) Simmons m. Lawrence Graham	William S. Graham Joseph V. Graham Catherine Graham (Dickerson) Lafayette A. Graham Angeline A. Graham (Altizer) Calvin P. Graham Hosea Lawrence Graham
Rhoda Lester m. William Simmons	Adeline Simmons m. Joel Sowers
	Emmet Sowers William Stanton Sowers Rhoda E. Sowers Permelia Isabelle Sowers Mary A. Sowers Calvin Sowers Leroy M. Sowers Lorenzo J. Sowers P. L. Sowers
Calvin L. Simmons m. Susan M. Carter	Lavinda A. Simmons Ellen P. A. Simmons Julina S. Simmons Mary Texas Simmons Homer J. Simmons Jefferson T. Simmons Calla Lilly Alice Simmons Melinda E. Simmons
Harvey D. Simmons m. Nancy Bishop	Calvin Simmons Sarah E. Simmons Noah Simmons Rhodabell Simmons (Hill) John William Simmons James D. Simmons Harvey D. Simmons Jr. George E. Simmons
Erasmus M. Simmons m. Caroline M. Cochran	Alberta V. Simmons (Akers) Susan C. Simmons (Reed) Rosaltha Adilla Simmons Samuel Wayne Simmons William Fulton Simmons Erasmus J. Simmons Rhoda Virginia Simmons George Hiley Simmons
Rhoda L. Simmons m. Abijah Boothe	Joseph M. Boothe Texas M. Boothe Mary Alice Boothe
William Callaway Simmons m. Eliza Weddle (no children)	
Permelia (Molly) Simmons m. Gordon Cloyd Earles	William Henry Earles Kittie India Alma Earles Erasmus Clinton Earles



## HULEN LESTER

- 2i. Hulen Lester, b. May 6, 1795(M), d. June 27, 1888(M), bur Lester Cem #1, m. June 3, 1819(M), Eleanor (Nellie) Simmons, b. Feb 12, 1801(M), d. Sept 28, 1881(M), bur Lester Cem #1, dau of Charles & Eleanor (Boothe?) Simmons; 10 children.

Hulen Lester was the youngest son and ninth child of John & Catharine Lester.

He had an unusual first name and if we could know the background of this name, we would know more about the history of the family. So many different spellings of the name can be found in the records of Montgomery and Floyd counties that it is difficult to determine the original spelling but it is believed to have been Heulings or Hulings. As previously stated, records show that the Lesters and Heulings lived in the same community in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and adjoining New Jersey in the 1700s. Some of them intermarried. This was a name which appears to have had a special meaning to John Lester as he gave it to his youngest son. Could it have been his mother's maiden name? The name was carried on in the family by Hulen's older brother John and his sister Catherine who each gave it to their first sons, and by later generations. As for Hulen himself, the name appears most often as it is written here. This is the spelling in the census records, in the signature to his will, and on his tombstone, though it must be borne in mind that Hulen did not read or write and only made his mark.

Hulen Lester and Eleanor (Nellie) Simmons were married June 3, 1819. Nellie was 18 and Hulen was 24. Nellie was the daughter of Charles & Eleanor Simmons (see SIMMONS, p. 209). This was the third marriage between the Lester and Simmons families.

Hulen was the only one of the eleven children of John & Catharine Lester to establish his home in Montgomery County. He built a two-story, white frame house (date unknown) on Little River, about a mile below his parents' log home and below the first Lester Cemetery. The house stood between the road (present Rt. 602) and the river and was not far from the confluence of Brush Creek & Little River. His youngest son, Charles D. Lester, inherited this property and lived there. After Charles D.'s death his son Letcher Lester lived there until 1913 when the house burned up and all its contents - no trace of its location can now be found.

Hulen Lester was a man of property and large land holdings. At one time he owned more than 1000 acres of land. He gave each of his children a farm or the equivalent. Son James died at the age of 15 and was too young to receive any property; daughters Catharine and Ellen were given money and personal property. All his children lived near him - Harvey later went West.

Hulen Lester was an invalid with a "spinal disease" (as stated in the 1880 census) for at least the last 8 years of his life and was bedridden for some years before his death. Catharine and Ellen appear to have devoted themselves to nursing their parents.

Nellie died in 1881 at the age of 80; she and Hulen had been married 62 years. Hulen died at the age of 93, an unusually long life for that time. He was the last of his family.

Hulen and Nellie Lester had 10 children, 54 grandchildren, and 223 (known) great-grandchildren. Their children: Paradine, Joshua, Ira, Aveline, Floyd, Harvey, Catharine, James, Charles D., Ellen.



Paradine Lester Peterman  
First Child of Hulen & Eleanor Lester

- 3a. Paradine Lester, b. March 31, 1820(M), d. Feb 24, 1902(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Feb 5, 1840(M), Daniel L. Peterman, b. May 1, 1816(M), d. Dec 22, 1862 (White Sulphur Springs Hospital, Montgomery County); bur White Oak Grove Cem; Pvt, Co. E, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; son of Daniel and Susannah (Lucas) Peterman; 10 children: Octavia, George, Ellen, William, Dudley, Susan, Giles, Virginia, Harvey, Catherine.

Paradine was the eldest child of Hulen and Nellie Lester. The name was usually spelled Peradine, and pronounced that way; however, it was spelled Paradine in Hulen Lester's will and she had a card printed with her name spelled that way.

After their marriage, Daniel and Paradine Peterman lived in Montgomery County and all their children were born there. In 1860 they bought land and moved to the White Oak Grove section in Floyd County.

Daniel enrolled in the Confederate States Army in 1862 and eight months later died of diphtheria in Montgomery White Sulphur Springs hospital. Paradine brought him back to the White Oak Grove cemetery for burial.

Paradine lost her husband, her oldest son, and her son-in-law in the Civil War. Years later she applied for and received a pension as the widow of a Confederate soldier. The amount was \$100 a year, now considered a pittance but a good income for that time and it meant a great deal to her. She had the farm but, as her granddaughter said, "It was all she had to go on."

Paradine had a difficult time making ends meet after Daniel's death. She ran the farm with the help of her teen-age sons. In 1870 Hulen and Eleanor Lester made the payments for the farm and deeded it to Paradine.

A young girl named Vinie Ratliff came to live with the family and to help with the work, and this became her permanent home. She was called Aunt Vinie by the grandchildren who all loved her.

In the last years of her life, Paradine's grandson Willard Pugh and his wife Sally lived with her and ran the farm. After her death it passed out of the family's ownership. The house was destroyed by fire on December 24, 1943.

(The family of Paradine Peterman has been given in greater detail in The Peterman Family; the main outline is given here.)

- 4a. Octavia Elizabeth (Tavie) Peterman, b. Dec 16, 1840(M), d. Feb 3, 1914 (Blue Rapids, Kansas), bur Fairmont Cem, Blue Rapids, m. (1) Aug 22, 1858(M), Michael H. Surface, b. Feb 11, 1840(M), d. April 17, 1863 (Petersburg, VA), of typhoid fever, bur Riner Cem; Pvt, Co. E, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; son of George & Catherine Surface; Octavia m. (2) Feb 28, 1866(F), John Jackson Akers, b. Sept 1845(M), d. Aug 1, 1925 (Blue Rapids), bur Fairmont Cem, son of James & Eliza Akers; 2 children first marriage, 6 children second marriage.

## First marriage:

- 5a. Charles William Surface, b. May 20, 1850(M), d. Oct 10, 1937(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Dec 27, 1862(M), Laura V. Feathers, dau of Joseph D. & Abigail Feathers; 3 children.
- 5b. George D. Surface, b. Dec 15, 1860(F), d. Aug 19, 1933, bur Sunset Cem, m. Jan 6, 1881 (Washington Co, Va), Julia Eliza Akers, dau Martel L. & Elizabeth Akers; 4 children.

## Second marriage:

- 5c. James L. Akers, b. Feb 17, 1867(M), d. Aug 4, 1950 (Texas), n.m.
- 5d. John J. Akers, b. June 1868(M), d. before 1900
- 5e. Eliza A. C. Akers, b. Oct 1869(M), d. before 1900
- 5f. Mary P. Akers, b. 1872(M), d. before 1900
- 5g. Bertha O. Akers, b. 1874(M), d. Texas?
- 5h. Arthur L. Akers, b. June 16, 1877(M), d. April 16, 1956 (Cal.)
- 4b. George Floyd Peterman, b. July 31, 1842(M), d. Dec 2, 1861 (Montgomery White Sulphur Springs Hospital), bur White Oak Grove Cem; Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; n.m.
- 4c. Sarah Ellen Peterman, b. July 1, 1844(M), d. May 11, 1932(M), bur Riner Cem, m. Aug 24, 1865(F), Benjamin Frank Horton, b. Oct 1844 (Russell Co) d. Nov 17, 1921(M), bur Riner Cem, son of Robert A. & Nancy Horton; Pvt, Co. C, 37th Va. Inf., CSA; 11 children.
- Frank & Ellen Horton lived on a farm south of Riner on present Rustic Ridge Road, where they raised their large family.
- 5a. Mary Margaret (Maggie) Horton, b. May 18, 1866(M), d. Sept 4, 1952(Road) bur Fairview Cem, m. Dec 5, 1891(M), Charles E. Moore, b. 1870, d. 1964, bur Fairview; 5 children.
- 5b. Thomas Stone Horton, b. Dec 18, 1867(F), d. Feb 19, 1924, bur Westview Cem, m. June 3, 1892(M), Dora E. Mitchell, dau of William & Mary J. Mitchell; 3 children.
- 5c. Lacy Wilmot Horton, b. Sept 27, 1869, d. Sept 20, 1946, bur Sunset Cem, n.m.
- 5d. Dudley J. Horton, b. March 17, 1871, d. June 2, 1894(M), by drowning, bur Riner Cem, n.m.
- 5e. William (Will) Charles Horton, b. Nov 30, 1872, d. May 3, 1945, bur Evergreen Cem, m. Sept 30, 1903, & div. Agatha Olya Altizer, first cousin, dau of John & Kate (Peterman) Altizer; 3 children.
- 5f. John E. Horton, b. Dec 18, 1874, d. May 18, 1952, m. Willie Bower, wid, dau of William I. & Sarah Malinda (Lester) Epperly.
- 5g. Frank Gilbert Horton Sr, b. Dec 30, 1876, d. Jan 15, 1967, bur Sunset Cem, m. March 2, 1902(M), Nannie Nora Lucas, dau of Jacob & Celia Lucas; 3 children.

- 5h. Sidney S. Horton Sr, b. Dec 22, 1879, d. Feb 18, 1973, bur Woodlawn Cem, Bluefield, m. Rebecca Rudd; 7 children.
- 5i. Jeffries D. Horton, b. July 22, 1881, d. Oct 7, 1967, m. Aug 29, 1904, Blanche Lawrence.
- 5j. Nellie G. Horton, b. June 4, 1884, m. Feb 18, 1904, Jas W. McMilan, Rainier, Oregon; 2 children.
- 5k. Kate H. Horton, b. May 20, 1887, d. Oct 2, 1962, m. Harry C. Fisher, Indiana.
- 4d. James William (Will) Peterman, b. March 11, 1846(M), d. Aug 6, 1896 (Fort Worth, Texas), bur Fort Worth, m. June 30, 1891, Della Champe, b. Oct 8, 1860 (Groveport, Ohio), d. May 22, 1941, bur Groveport Cem, dau of G. P. & Demaris Champe; one child.
- 5a. Lester Champe Peterman, b. June 20, 1892 (Groveport), d. Dec 23, 1978 (Texas), bur Groveport Cem, m. Aug 4, 1917, Ann Hunter, b. Aug 24, 1893, d. Aug 1976, bur Groveport Cem; 3 children.
- 4e. Ira Dudley Peterman, b. Jan 22, 1848(M), d. March 20, 1920(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Sept 19, 1872(F), Virginia (Jennie) Pitzer Williams, b. March 4, 1851 (Bot. Co), d. March 31, 1946(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Hector & Susannah (Morricle) Williams; 3 children.
- 5a. Ocie Idella Peterman, b. Sept 25, 1874(F), d. March 3, 1958(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. June 3, 1903(F), Martin Emmet Bower, son of Daniel & Elizabeth (Smith) Bower; no children.
- 5b. Jessie May Peterman, b. July 26, 1879(F), d. June 2, 1977(Roa), bur Jacksonville Cem, n.m.
- 5c. Alice (Allie) Sheffey Peterman, b. March 5, 1888(F), d. Feb 9, 1969 (Roa), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Sept 19, 1906(F), (Rev.) J. Marshall Tise, b. April 6, 1872 (Davidson Co, NC), d. Sept 4, 1942(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, son of Jacob & Sylvina (Reitzel) Tise; 3 children.
- 6a. Virginia Alice Tise, b. June 12, 1909 (Shenandoah Co, Va).
- 6b. Marguerite Irene Tise, b. March 9, 1913 (Roanoke Co).
- 6c. Jessie Idella Tise, b. Oct 24, 1916 (Augusta Co, Va).
- 4f. Susan (Sue) Melvinie Peterman, b. April 6, 1850(M), d. Nov 4, 1923(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Aug 16, 1876(F), Tazewell Pugh, wid, b. March 21, 1848(F), d. Aug 23, 1928(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, son of Elam & Lydia (Sowers) Pugh; 3 children.
- 5a. Willard Roscoe Pugh, b. Aug 27, 1878(F), d. Oct 22, 1955(F), bur Sunset Cem, m. Dec 20, 1899(F), Sallie Kate Thompson, dau of Rufus & Ellen Thompson; 3 children.
- 5b. Edwin Mattice Pugh, b. Jan 15, 1880(F), d. Sept 18, 1901(F), typhoid fever, bur White Oak Grove Cem, n.m.
- 5c. Otho Cline Pugh, b. Oct 11, 1887(F), d. Feb 18, 1957(F), bur Sunset Cem, m. Nov 19, 1913(F), Evie Gladys Sumner, dau of Miles F. & Bettie J. Sumner; 3 children.

- 4g. Giles Gordon Peterman, b. Dec 11, 1851(M), d. Dec 28, 1950(F), bur Graham Cem, m. June 16, 1878(F), Malita Alice Graham, dau of Amos & Wilmeth Susan (Hall) Graham; 4 children.
- 5a. Laura Alma Clarence Peterman, b. July 17, 1879(F), d. July 17, 1909(F), bur Graham Cem, n.m.
- 5b. Beulah Peterman, b. July 27, 1882(F), d. Dec 4, 1947(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Sept 27, 1911(F), Charles Preston Phlegar, wid, son of Callahill M. & Delcrutha (Carter) Phlegar; one child.
- 5c. William Ernest Gold Peterman, b. May 24, 1885(F), d. Oct 23, 1960(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Feb 11, 1909(F), Argenia Blanche Goodson, dau of Thomas M. & Sarah (Ridinger) Goodson; 3 children.
- 5d. Nina Doris (Dot) Peterman, b. Oct 12, 1889(F), d. Jan 18, 1984(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Oct 9, 1912(F), William Herbert Rutrough, son of Lee Davis & Theodis Emmazetta (Epperly) Rutrough; 4 children.
- 4h. Virginia (Jennie) Ann Peterman, b. Jan 16, 1854(M), d. Sept 20, 1922(F), bur Goodykoontz Cem, m. March 11, 1875(F), Lafayette (Fayette) Phlegar, b. Sept 25, 1846(F), d. Sept 23, 1922(F), bur Goodykoontz Cem, son of Isaac & Margaret (Harman) Phlegar; 3 children.
- 5a. Lillian Ivva Phlegar, b. Aug 6, 1877(F), d. May 8, 1967(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. (1) Sept 6, 1899(F), Stephen A. Graham, son of A. J. & Senora Graham; m. (2) Dec 24, 1914(M), Lebanon Ward Lovell, one child first marriage.
- 5b. Ethel Isaac Phlegar, b. May 23, 1879(F), d. Feb 28, 1941, bur Daleville Cem, m. Oct 15, 1908 (Bot. Co), Edward Layhue Dooley, son of Henry M. & Louvinia Ann Dooley; 5 children.
- 5c. Flora Kate Phlegar, b. June 4, 1883(F), d. April 1, 1961(F), bur Greasy Creek Cem, m. Nov 30, 1922(F), Eli Wade, wid, son of John & Ruth Wade, no children.
- 4i. Harvey Stanton Peterman, b. Feb 14, 1856(M), d. Sept 15, 1913, bur Knoll Kreg Cem, Abingdon, Va, m. July 21, 1878(F), Angeline Arabell Earles, b. 1861(F), d. 1937 (Erwin Tenn), bur Knoll Kreg Cem, dau of Jackson & Octavia Earles; 5 children.
- 5a. Egbert Roscoe Peterman, b. May 13, 1879, d. Dec 17, 1944, m. (1) Janie Killip; m. (2) Elizabeth \_\_\_\_; 8 children.
- 5b. Estelle (Stella) Irma Peterman, b. June 9, 1883, d. Aug 18, 1966, m. (1) William Lottie Smith; m. (2) Essie Walker Price; 3 children.
- 5c. Willie Eulalia Peterman, b. Sept 11, 1886, d. Feb 20, 1966, m. Robert Lewis Likens, 3 children.
- 5d. Ollie Virginia Peterman, b. May 7, 1888, d. May 3, 1967, m. Edmund Thomas Evans; 2 children.
- 5e. Glenna Admonia Peterman, b. March 30, 1896, d. Dec 17, 1930, m. Edward Peyton Staniforth, 2 children.

- 4j. Rhodabelle Catherine (Kate) Peterman, b. Oct 23, 1858(M), d. Feb 3, 1943(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Feb 27, 1878, John Lafayette Altizer, b. Feb 12, 1857, d. April 13, 1902, bur Sunset Cem, son of John E. & Sarah Altizer; 5 children.
- 5a. Agatha Olya Altizer, b. June 5, 1879, d. Feb 6, 1966(Roa), bur Sunset Cem, m. Sept 30, 1903, & div, William Charles Horton, first cousin, son of Benjamin Frank & Ellen (Peterman) Horton; 3 children.
- 5b. Walter S. Altizer, b. Sept 10, 1881, d. Nov 5, 1882.
- 5c. Earnest G. Altizer, b. Jan 3, 1884, d. June 13, 1884.
- 5d. Otho Webb Altizer, b. Jan 3, 1888(M), d. June 14, 1957(Roa), bur Sunset Cem, m. March 1, 1924(Roa), Ruth Blaine Patterson, dau of Leon Stewart Patterson; 1 child.
- 5e. Mervyn Gray Altizer, b. Nov 3, 1893(M), d. Dec 15, 1968(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Nov 17, 1932, Mary Thelma Thompson, dau of Amos & Mattie (Nixon) Thompson; 4 children.

(End Paradine Lester Peterman family)



- 3b. Joshua P. Lester, b. Oct 4, 1821(M), d. Feb 10, 1901(M), bur Lester Cem #1, m. Jan 19, 1848(F), Catherine Mary Wilson Peterman, b. July 31, 1828(M), d. June 29, 1908(M), bur Lester Cem #1, dau of George A. & Mary (Lucas) Peterman; 10 children; George, Giles, Mary Jane, Harvey, Christina, Samuel, William, Sidney, Oscar, Helm.

Joshua was the first son, second child, of Hulen & Nellie Lester. Joshua and Catherine lived about 4 miles south of Riner on what is now called the Rustic Ridge Road. Catherine inherited some of the land from her father's estate; Hulen gave Joshua a tract of 111 acres.

Joshua ran the farm and turned the younger boys (William, Sidney, Oscar, Helm) over to his oldest son, Giles, to raise (according to his grandson, Elbert Posey). Giles ruled with a rod of iron - he was foreman. He carried out what Joshua told him to do. The boys looked to him for advice when they grew up. Joshua and Catherine left the place to the three youngest boys, Sidney, Oscar, Helm; William bought them out. William lived there and ran the farm until he moved to Riner. The original house was torn down and a square white frame house now stands on the site.

They lost their two little girls, their only daughters (Mary Jane, aged 9, and Christina, aged 4) and their baby boy (Samuel aged 1), in a diphtheria epidemic in 1863. George, their first-born, died of typhoid fever in 1871, a young man. Six sons lived to adulthood: Giles, Harvey, William, Sidney, Oscar, Helm.

- 4a. George H. Lester, b. April 24, 1849(M), d. April 22, 1871(M), bur Lester Cem #1, n.m.
- 4b. Giles Pleasant Lester, b. April 11, 1851(M), d. Jan 25, 1913(M), bur Riner Cem, m. Dec 19, 1877(M), Mary Elizabeth Walter, b. Aug 4, 1858 (Pulaski Co), d. Jan 25, 1920(M), bur Riner Cem, dau of Samuel & V. Walter; four children.
- "Giles Lester, an aged and highly esteemed citizen living near Riner, died suddenly Sunday morning of heart trouble" (Floyd Press, Jan 30, 1913).
- 5a. George Early Lester, b. Feb 14, 1879(M), d. July 21, 1955 (Shenandoah, Va), bur U.B. Cem, m. (1) May 10, 1905, Addie Fuga (Fugie) Simpkins, b. Sept 3, 1878(M), d. Sept 5, 1910 (Newport News, Va), dau of J. Daniel & Mary A. (Feathers) Simpkins; Early m. (2) June 26, 1912, Mary E. Plough, b. March 23, 1877 (Carlisle, Pa), d. Oct 16, 1951 (Shenandoah, Va), bur U. B. Cem; one child first marriage, one child second marriage.
- Early Lester was Yardmaster for the Norfolk & Western Railwa and moved from place to place: Christiansburg, Pulaski, Newport News, Shenandoah. After his wife Mary died he went in Grottoes Nursing Home, Shenandoah, where he died.
- 6a. Mary Catherine Lester, b. Aug 25, 1907, m. July 5, 1927, Dewey H. Richards. Moved to Dallas, Texas.

- 6b. Virginia Plough Lester, b. April 10, 1913, m. Nov 2, 1935, Luther T. Partlow; one child. Lived in Fairfax, Va.
- 5b. Ernest Clyde Lester, b. Aug 21, 1882(M), m. Jan 10, 1906, Rosa Taylor, b. 1883; no children. Lived in Newport News, Va.
- 5c. Eustace Julius Lester, b. Jan 8, 1886(M), d. April 6, 1957(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, m. March 26, 1911, Evar Elizabeth Goodson, b. 1885, d. Feb 16, 1948, bur Evergreen Cem; 2 children. Lived in Roanoke City.
- 6a. Earl Douglas Lester, b. March 16, 1915, d. Oct 30, 1957, bur Evergreen Cem, m. June 20, 1936 (Roa City), Evelyn Elizabeth Cronk, b. 1914, dau of Walter E. & Rosa Cronk.
- 6b. Eustace J. Lester Jr., b. Jan 7, 1915, d. July 11, 1916, bur Riner Cem,
- 5d. Elbert Posey Lester, b. May 3, 1888, d. Shenandoah, Va., n.m. Elbert worked for the railroad; left Montgomery County in 1922 for Shenandoah, Va, and lived there until he died.
- 4c. Mary Jane Lester, b. Oct 24, 1853(M), d. March 2, 1863(M), bur Lester Cem #1, died of diphtheria.
- 4d. James Harvey Lester, b. Oct 19, 1856(M), d. April 27, 1920(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, m. Aug 10, 1881(M), Ann Hauze Baker, b. Dec 13, 1858(M), d. Jan 1, 1934(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, dau of Ed. & C. Baker; 8 children.
- 5a. Curtis Francis Lester, b. 1882, died in Bluefield, m. Virna D. Baker; 2 children.
- 6a. James Maury Lester Sr, b. 1913, d. June 7, 1983, bur Duncan Cem, m. March 23, 1933 (Bluefield), Zell Albert; 11 children.  
James Lester retired from Hercules, Inc., Radford. Zell Lester lives (1995) at the end of the Broad Shoals Road on Little River in the house built by Harvey Lester, son of Floyd.
- 7a. James Maury Lester Jr., b. 1935, d. Dec 1, 1970.
- 7b. Mildred Lester, m. William Memitt
- 7c. Curtis Victor Lester Sr, d. Sept 3, 1995, m. Peggy Marshall
- 7d. Ronald Sidney Lester
- 7e. Barbara Lester, m. Kenneth Kenley (Radford)
- 7f. Audrey Lester, m. James Underwood (Riner)
- 7g. Janice Lester, m. Claude Miles
- 7h. Benny Lester, d. young
- 7i. Ann Lester, m. Ray Morgan (Pilot)
- 7j. Iris Lester, m. Dean Sowers (Christiansburg)
- 7k. Joyce Lester, m. & div. Jimmie Roop (Radford)
- 6b. Wilma Juanita Lester, b. 1917 (Bluefield), m. Edward Joos (Mich.)

- 5b. Hampton L. Lester, b. 1885
- 5c. Hunt H. Lester, b. 1888
- 5d. Mary (Mamie) C. G. Lester, b. 1890
- 5e. Nellie E. L. Lester, b. 1893
- 5f. Lonis Lester, b. 1895
- 5g. Willie Pearl Lester, b. 1898
- 5h. Anna D. Lester, b. 1902

4e. Christina Elinor Lester, b. Jan 17, 1859(M), d. Feb 26, 1863(M), bur Lester Cem #1, died of diphtheria.

4f. Samuel Letcher Lester, b. Feb 15, 1862(M), d. March 12, 1863(M), bur Lester Cem #1, died of diphtheria.

4g. William Michael (Will) Lester, b. Jan 27, 1864(M), d. Sept 15, 1938, bur Riner Cem, m. Dec 27, 1892(M), Florence Malinda Williamson, b. Sept 19, 1874(F), d. April 25, 1956(M), bur Riner Cem, dau of George R. & Belle (Lester) Williamson; 5 children.

Will Lester was named for his uncle, his mother's brother, Michael George William Peterman, Co. E, 4th Va. Inf, Stonewall Brigade, CSA, killed in action, Chancellorsville, May 1863, (related by Elbert Posey Lester).

Will Lester lived at the Josh Lester place and ran the farm. They moved to Riner in 1909. Their son Cletus lived on the farm after them. Will wrote an unpublished history of the Lester family.

5a. Pegie Eva Lester, b. Jan 7, 1894(M), d. Jan 22, 1894(M), bur Riner Cem.

5b. Paul Earl Lester, b. Feb 11, 1895(M), d. Feb 12, 1990(Roa), bur Sherwood Cem, m. (1) Feb 22, 1917(F), & div. Lila Reed, b. 1895, d. March 14, 1934, dau of Andrew & Susan Reed; Paul m. (2) July 1, 1942(Roa), Mabel Lorene Wright, wid, b. 1900, dau of John & Mamie Almond; Paul m. (3) Evelyn Bowers Hogan, wid, b. 1909(F), d. Jan 19, 1988(Roa), bur Sherwood Cem, dau of C. H. C. & Kittie (Epperly) Bowers; 3 children first marriage.

6a. Pegie Eva Lester, b. Dec 19, 1918, m. Jan 14, 1939, Elmer L. McGuire, b. July 7, 1912(Salem); 5 children. (Troutville)

6b. Pauline Virginia Lester, b. Sept 24, 1922(M), m. Oct 18, 1943 (Roa), Leon James Flanary, b. 1916; 4 children. (Maryland)

6d. Glenilene M. Lester, b. June 5, 1926, m. Jan 18, 1944, E. Norris Dent; 3 children. (Roanoke)

- 5c. Marvin Lidru Lester, b. March 22, 1897(M), d. April 11, 1972  
(Veterans Hosp, Salem), bur Birchlawn Mem Park, Narrows, Va.,  
m. July 25, 1929, Carrie E. Frazier; 3 children.
- 5d. Cletus Emzy Lester Sr., b. April 8, 1900(M), d. Dec 18, 1968,  
bur Roselawn Mem Gardens, m. April 26, 1922, Cora Thelma  
Taylor, b. Dec 17, 1904, d. Dec 12, 1986, bur Roselawn;  
8 children. Cletus lived at the Josh Lester homeplace.
- 6a. James Mawyer Lester, b. March 30, 1923, d. Oct 5, 1989,  
bur Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, m. April 10, 1948(F),  
Carrie Ellen Phillips, b. Aug 14, 1929, dau of Perry &  
Arzonia (Moore) Phillips; 2 children.
- 6b. William Gray Lester, b. July 2, 1925, d. Jan 27, 1994, bur  
Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, m. April 5, 1946(F), Lillie  
M. Phillips, b. Oct 1, 1926, dau of Perry & Arzonia (Moore)  
Phillips; 4 children. William was an ordained Baptist  
minister.
- 6c. Virginia Eileen Lester, b. March 30, 1927, m. Leslie  
Craiggett; 2 children.
- 6d. Thelma Marie Lester, b. Sept 30, 1928, m. Lee Higgs;  
5 children.
- 6e. Naomi Frances Lester, b. July 26, 1930.
- 6f. Cletus Emzy Lester Jr., b. Oct 24, 1932, m. Lila Bishop, dau  
of George & Livie Bishop; 4 children.
- 6g. Shirley Jean Lester, b. April 26, 1935, m. Harold Bishop,  
son of George & Livie Bishop; 4 children.
- 6h. Betty Lou Lester, b. April 28, 1939, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gilbert.
- 5e. Walter Gold Lester, b. July 13, 1905(M), d. June 6, 1956,  
m. (1) Feb 2, 1938, Elsie Church, d. April 19, 1941;  
m. (2) Rinda \_\_\_\_\_, d. Dec 22, 1971; 5 children. (Florida)
- 4h. Sidney Gordon Lester, b. June 15, 1866(M), d. Nov 26, 1932,  
m. May 6, 1891(Roa), Laura W. Webster, b. Sept 10, 1872, d. Oct 17,  
1898, dau of Henry & Eliza J. Webster; 4 children.
- 5a. Daisy Ellen Lester, b. Aug 31, 1892(M), died in Cleveland, Ohio,  
m. June 15, 1921(M), Samuel Swanson Emerson, b. March 29, 1896  
(Franklin Co), d. Oct 13, 1966, son of W. A. & M. Emerson;  
2 children.
- 6a. Mary Katherine Emerson, b. April 1, 1922, m. (1) Jan 19, 1940,  
Clarence Paul Williams, b. Aug 14, 1917, d. Feb 9, 1971;  
Mary m. (2) Aug 23, 1958, Dean Alen Hoffman, b. 1923;  
4 children first marriage; 1 child second marriage.
- 6b. Clarence Hamilton Emerson, b. June 23, 1923, m. April 12, 1946,  
Betty Lou Williams, b. April 6, 1929; 2 children.

- 5b. Olivia (Ollie) Mae Lester, b. May 24, 1894, d. May 20, 1971, m. (1) G. David Bolen, wid, b. March 1882, son of Harvey & Mary J. Bolen, (David Bolen, m. (1) Ida M. Lester, dau of Charles D. Lester), moved to Pennsylvania; Ollie m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Richardson.
- 6a. Roy Bolen  
6b. Raymond Bolen  
6c. David Bolen  
6d. Donald Bolen
- 5c. Tressie Beatrice Lester, b. May 18, 1896, d. June 2, 1910, of consumption, was sick only two weeks.
- 5d. Cleora Isabel Lester, b. Aug 18, 1898, d. Sept 1898.
- 4i. Oscar J. Lester, b. Sept 6, 1868(M), d. May 21, 1927, bur Sunset Cem (took his life, grieving over his daughter's death), m. May 7, 1900(M), Bessie Florence Charlton, b. March 2, 1879, d. Aug 24, 1959, bur Sunset Cem, dau of Robert & Lizzie Charlton; 2 children.
- 5a. Edna Mae Lester, b. Jan 29, 1902, d. April 17, 1923 (in childbirth) bur Sunset Cem, m. 1919 J. Nelson Gray.  
6a. Howard Oscar Gray, b. & d. April 17, 1923.
- 5b. George Leslie Lester, b. 1907, d. Sept 15, 1936, killed in truck accident, bur Sunset Cem.
- 4j. Helm Theodore Lester, b. Nov 26, 1870(M), d. April 5, 1910, bur Lester Cem #1, m. Jan 24, 1900(M), Laura E. Basham, b. Nov 28, 1876(F) d. March 13, 1960, bur Sunset Cem, dau of J. R. & Oney J. Basham; one son. (Laura m. (2) Aug 8, 1917, W. Clay Roop, wid).
- 5a. Harry T. Lester Sr., b. Oct 17, 1900(M), d. June 14, 1972, bur Sunset Cem, m. (1) Alpha B. Arrington, b. April 6, 1910, d. Sept 13, 1953, bur Sunset Cem; Harry m. (2) Helen Harris, b. May 6, 1922, d. Dec 13, 1986, bur Sunset Cem.  
6a. Harry T. Lester Jr.

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- 3c. Ira H. Lester, b. Oct 14, 1823(M), d. March 18, 1878(M), bur Lester Cem #1, m. Sept 28, 1852, Amanda Ann Guy, b. April 29, 1831, d. June 13, 1902(M), bur Lester Cem #1, dau of John & Nancy Guy.

Ira Lester, second son and third child of Hulen & Nellie Lester, married Amanda Guy, who was the oldest of eleven children. Her parents, John & Nancy Guy were then living in the Pilot section of Montgomery County; both parents died within a few years after her marriage. (Guy family information obtained from Elmer E. Guy, Elizabeth, NJ).

Ira Lester was a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker, as well as a farmer. He and his brother Harvey served an apprenticeship and learned the trade from their first cousin, Fleming Lester, in Floyd.

In 1862, Hulen & Nellie gave Ira & Amanda 93 acres of land on present-day Clarence Road, adjoining the farm of Ira's brother Joshua. Ira bought some additional acreage. Their first home was a small frame house (2 or 3 rooms) but with a growing family they soon needed a larger home. Ira built a large white frame house for the family (date unknown) beside the original cottage. They must have been proud of their handsome new home: 8 rooms finished with pine paneling, an oak staircase, a porch all around the house, a large attic. In 1914 when it was advertised for sale by his son Albert, it was described as: "Farm of 127½ acres of land, 3½ miles south of Riner, known as Ira Lester's home place. Eight-room dwelling, barn and all necessary out-buildings, plenty of water, large old and young orchards, also pear, peach and cherry trees, grapes and berries, and lays well." The house is still standing but has not been occupied for a number of years and has been allowed to deteriorate.

Ira died in 1878 at the age of 54, cause of death unknown. The three oldest sons, Monroe, George, Charles, married and left home before their father's death. Albert, fourth son, lived at home and took over the farm, and his mother continued living there until her death in 1902. Albert bought out his brothers and sisters and became sole owner. In 1914 he sold the farm to Moses I. & Elizabeth Dickerson for \$5500.

Ira and Amanda Lester had 13 children. The 7 sons were big men and were known as the "fighting Lesters." The 13 children were born in 20 years, 6 were born in the first 7 years of their marriage, 3 died in infancy, 10 lived to adulthood: Monroe H., John W., George H., Charles M., Albert M., Tazewell H., Martha A., Elizabeth A., Floyd J., Cephas Bunyan, Ira Elmer, Sallie Amanda, Mary B. V.

- 4a. Monroe Harvey Lester, b. May 13, 1853(M), d. July 20, 1919(M), bur Surface Cem, Riner, m. March 1, 1877(F), Susan O. (Biddie) Mitchell, b. Dec 1853(F), d. after 1920, in Idaho, dau of John & Lydia Mitchell; 3 children.

After their marriage, Monroe & Biddie lived on a farm adjoining his father's. In 1885, they bought a farm in the Laurel Ridge section of Floyd County where they lived until 1902, when they sold the farm to Joseph & Mary Nixon Howell and moved to Riner. After Monroe's death, Biddie was living alone in Radford in 1920. She moved to Idaho to be with her children and died there.

- 5a. Cora E. Lester, b. March 1878(M), m. Jan 3, 1900(F), David P. Altizer, b. 1870(M), son of Jesse R. & Polly Altizer (half brother of Jacob Altizer who married Monroe's sister Addie). At the time of their marriage, David gave his residence as Carthage, Illinois. Presumably he took his bride back there after their marriage where they lived for some years, and then moved to Idaho.
- 5b. Milton C. Lester, b. Sept 1882. Went west to Idaho.
- 5c. Ferrell Newman Lester, b. Jan 1896. Moved to Richmond.
- 4b. John Wesley Lester, b. April 6, 1854(M), d. 186-.
- 4c. George Henry Lester, b. Oct 10, 1855(M), d. Sept 27, 1949(Radford), bur Westview Cem, m. (1) April 13, 1876(F), Amanda Melvina (Mellie) Akers, b. May 3, 1857(F), d. Jan 17, 1913, bur Westview Cem, dau of Anderson B. & Virginia Ann (Boothe) Akers; George m. (2) July 4, 1913(Radford), Lucy Akers Lindsay, wid, b. Sept 1, 1878, d. Oct 12, 1918, of influenza, bur Westview Cem, dau of Wade & Sary Jane Akers George m. (3) April 19, 1919(Radford), Gracie M. Graham, b. 1888 (Pulaski), d. 1948, of heart failure, bur Westview Cem, dau of D. R. & Henrietta Graham; 10 children first marriage, no children second marriage, 2 children third marriage.

George & Mellie Lester lived in Floyd County in Alum Ridge district, where he farmed, until 1900. They moved to Radford where George found employment in the "Pipe Shop" (The Radford Pipe & Foundry Co.), and also as a carpenter.

George's second wife Lucy, daughter Myrtle, son Harley and son Oakley all died in the flu epidemic of 1917-18.

George was described by his daughter as an outgoing man who liked to meet people and loved to talk. He died in 1949, nearly 94 years old, of blood poison in the foot as a result of an injury.

First marriage:

- 5a. Mattie Rose Althea Lester, b. May 29, 1877(F), d. Nov 28, 1948(Roobur Surface Cem, no stone, m. Dec 19, 1894(M), George Hamilton (Ham) Roop, b. 1875(F), d. ? bur Surface Cem, no stone, son of H. N. & Elizabeth Roop; 5 children.

They lived in Riner; Mattie was a seamstress, Ham Roop was Chief of Police.

- 6a. Wilford H. Roop  
 6b. Beatrice Roop  
 6c. Florence Roop  
 6d. Roy G. Roop  
 6e. Nellie Roop

- 5b. Virginia A. (Jennie) Lester, b. Aug 10, 1880(F), d. June 27, 1966. (Roa), bur Fairview Cem, m. (1) Feb 21, 1903 (Radford), Harvey G. Whittaker, wid, b. April 10, 1862, d. April 1, 1912, bur Central Cem, Radford, son of James & Hulda Whittaker; Jennie m. (2) March 19, 1921 (Radford), William F. Dixon, b. 1867 (Rockingham, NC), d. April 21, 1939, bur Fairview Cem, son of Robert & Louisa Dixon; no children.
- 5c. Alice Gay Lester, twin, b. Sept 4, 1882(F), d. July 21, 1962, bur Westview Cem, m. Feb 9, 1903 (Radford), George Materson Durman, b. April 14, 1871, d. Jan 20, 1935, bur Westview Cem, son of Thomas & Melvina Durman.
- 6a. Georgia May Durman, b. July 25, 1911, m. Joseph Long
- 7a. Alice Long, b. April 8, 1940, m. William Edward Weeks.
- 5d. Malinda May Lester, twin, b. Sept 4, 1882(F), d. ? bur Westview, m. Feb 25, 1903 (Radford), Thompson Ritter, b. 1879, son of J. M. & E. C. Ritter; 3 children. Moved to Norfolk.
- 6a. Artie Ritter
- 6b. Agnew Ritter
- 6c. Boy
- 5e. Nannie D. Lester, b. Aug 1884(F), d. 1981, bur Westview, m. Aug 14, 1905 (Radford), Calvin A. McGraw, b. 1882 (Carroll Co), son of George & Emeline McGraw; Nannie m. (2) April 19, 1910(Rad), Robert M. Hurd, div, b. 1882 (Wytheville), son of James S. & Ellen Hurd; Nannie m. (3) March 22, 1947(Rad), Bentley Robinson Shelburne, wid, b. June 11, 1881 (Snowville), d. Nov 20, 1953, bur Westview, son of Joseph S. & Martha Jane Shelburne; 1 child first marriage, 3 children 2nd marriage.
- 5f. Carrie Myrtle (Myrtie) Lester, b. June 11, 1887, d. 1917, bur Westview, m. July 24, 1905 (Rad.), Joseph Wilson, b. 1880, son of John & Mary Wilson; 4 children.
- 5g. Georgia E. Lester, b. Dec 2, 1890(F), d. Sept 24, 1913, bur Westview, m. Sept 7, 1910 (Rad), David Smith Myers, b. 1887; 1 child.
- 5h. Harley Luther Lester, b. July 8, 1893, d. Feb 19, 1917, bur Westview, n.m.
- 5i. William McKinley Lester, b. June 16, 1896, d. Norfolk.
- 5j. Oakley P. Lester, b. March 28, 1899, d. Oct 5, 1918, bur Westview, n.m.
- Third marriage:
- 5k. Frances Viola Lester, b. July 22, 1922 (Radford), m. Sept 21, 1940 (Radford), Lewis Edward Newby Sr., b. Oct 25, 1917 (Pulaski), d. Feb 17, 1978, bur Highland Mem. Gardens, Dublin, son of John & Rachel (Moore) Newby; 4 children.
- 6a. Betty Louise Newby
- 6b. Linda Newby
- 6c. Lewis Edward Newby Jr.
- 6d. Phillip Wayne Newby
- 5l. Paul Graham Lester, b. Nov 5, 1920(M). Went to Newport News.



- 4d. Charles Montgomery Lester, b. Dec 15, 1856(M), d. July 23, 1904, of typhoid fever, bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Oct 12, 1876(F), Rowena Simmons, b. Nov 19, 1850(F), d. Feb 7, 1916, bur White Oak Grove Cem, dau of Thomas R. & Tamar H. Simmons; 8 children.

In 1883, Charles & Rowena bought land in the Laurel Ridge section adjoining the farm of his brother Monroe. The farm was on both sides of the county line, part in Floyd and part in Montgomery; they lived on the Montgomery side. Disaster struck the family in 1904 when Charles and the youngest daughter, Hovie, died of typhoid fever. His obituary in the Floyd Press, July 28, 1904:

Chas M. Lester of Laurel Ridge, died of typhoid fever last Saturday morning. He was about 50 years of age and a much respected citizen. He leaves a wife and several children, the youngest of which is now at the point of death with the same disease. He was buried at White Oak Grove, he being a member of the Baptist church. We sympathize with the grief-stricken family.

- 5a. James T. Lester, b. Aug 1877(M), m. Sept 12, 1901(F), Mallie M. Dickerson, b. 1878(F), dau of Geo. R. & Elizabeth J. Dickerson.
- 5b. Laura A. Lester, b. June 1878, d. infancy.
- 5c. Tamar M. Lester, b. June 15, 1879, d. March 29, 1934, bur St. Matthew's Cem, m. March 24, 1903(F), John Martin Flinchum, b. March 15, 1880(M), d. March 8, 1959, bur St. Matthew's Cem, son of Wm. & Lizzie Flinchum.
- 5d. Arana M. Lester, b. March 30, 1881(M), d. June 26, 1904, bur St. Matthew's Cem, m. Dec 23, 1902(M), Sidney L. Ferris, b. 1883(Roa), son of J. H. & Penelope Ferris.
- 5e. Augustus Lester, b. March 1884, d. young.
- 5f. Rosetta A. (Donie) Lester, b. Sept 4, 1886(M), d. Oct 9, 1960, bur White Oak Grove, m. March 31, 1908(M), John J. McDaniel, b. Oct 12, 1873(F), d. March 24, 1943, bur White Oak Grove Cem, son of John & Elizabeth McDaniel; 3 children.
- 5g. Angeline A. (Angie) Lester, b. 1890(M), m. Jan 2, 1909(M), Davis D. McGuire, b. 1890(M), son of J. E. & Angeline McGuire.
- 5h. Hovie A. Lester, b. Sept 9, 1892, d. Aug 1, 1904, of typhoid fever, bur White Oak Grove Cem. Hovie died 9 days after her father's death.

- 4e. Albert Marion Lester, b. Nov 15, 1858(M), m. Dec 9, 1891(M),  
Susan Altizer, b. July 1862(M), dau of Elias R. & Rachel Altizer.

Albert & Susan Lester lived at the Ira Lester homeplace. He bought out his brothers and sisters and became sole owner. In 1914 he sold the farm to Moses I. & Elizabeth Dickerson for \$5500. Family sources say they moved to Salem, Va., then to Missouri.

- 5a. Ira D. Lester, b. Dec 1892  
5b. Allie Lester, b. Sept 1894  
5c. Aubrey Lester, b. 1896  
5d. German Raymond Lester, b. Oct 1898  
5e. Mosby Lester, b. 1906

- 4f. Martha Alice (Mattie) Lester, b. Sept 30, 1859(M), m. Edward Moore,  
moved to Pennsylvania.

- 4g. Tazewell M. Lester, b. Feb 5, 1861(M), d. infancy.

- 4h. Elizabeth A. (Lizzie) Lester, b. Aug 20, 1862(M), d. Jan 16, 1948  
(Roa), bur Sherwood Cem, m. Dec 12, 1886(M), Samuel H. Cromer,  
b. May 30, 1865(M), d. Jan 24, 1937, bur Sunset Cem, son of Jonas  
M. & Sarah E. Cromer; 10 children.

The Cromers lived on Little River in Montgomery County, about 5 miles up the river from the Jacob Altizer family. They moved to Roanoke where the sons worked for the N&W in lifetime jobs. Sam Cromer had a US Government job as Whisky Gauger, and was stationed in New Jersey; he came back to Roanoke at frequent intervals.

- 5a. Bernard Clyde Cromer, b. April 7, 1888(M), d. infancy.  
5b. Russell Dean Cromer, b. Aug 3, 1889(M), went to Cherryville, Ind.  
5c. Roscoe Conklin Cromer, b. Nov 22, 1890(M), m. Nov 27, 1919 (Roa  
City), Leonora Wills, b. 1894(Roa), dau of W. A. & Sarah Wills.  
Roscoe was conductor on the N&W.  
5d. Wilburn Harrison Cromer, b. Nov 22, 1892(M), d. May 3, 1959(Roa),  
bur Sherwood Cem; Cook, Btry B, 60 Arty, CAC, WWI; m. (1) & div  
Willie A. Mays; m. (2) April 8, 1943, Clara Gertrude Scott, b.  
Aug 3, 1909, d. July 12, 1991, bur Sherwood, dau of Chas. W. &  
Luvenia Scott. Wilburn was brakeman on the N&W.  
5e. Walter Harless Cromer, b. Oct 27, 1894(M), d. May 15, 1979(Roa),  
bur Fairview, m. Aug 26, 1926 (Bristol, Tenn), Sally M. Johnson,  
b. July 6, 1907 (Stokes Co, NC). Walter was conductor on the N&W.  
5f. Clifford Bullard Cromer, b. March 4, 1896(M), d. Sept 24, 1977,  
bur Sunset Cem, m. Virginia Nixon, dau Alfred P. & Mary E. Nixon.  
Clifford was brakeman on the N&W.  
5g. Dorce (Dot) Ellie Cromer, b. Nov 14, 1898(M), m. Charles Tate.  
5h. Samuel Ira Cromer, b. April 16, 1901(M), d. Nov 25, 1956, bur  
Sherwood, m. Madeline Irene Lovelace, wid, b. March 3, 1911  
(Lovingston, VA), d. March 13, 1945, bur Sherwood, dau of  
John J. & Josephine Stevens. Sam was brakeman on the N&W.

- 5i. Guy Elliott Cromer, b. Aug 5, 1904(M), d. June 28, 1993(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, m. April 20, 1927 (Roa City), Helen A. Bland, b. Feb 4, 1905, d. Oct 21, 1983, bur Evergreen, dau of Harry E. & Mary F. Bland, no children.  
Guy Cromer was a member of Christ Episcopal Church; he was a Conductor on the N&W, retired with 46 years service; served in the US Navy, four years on the U.S.S. Maryland.
- 5j. Trigg Mosby Cromer, b. Dec 19, 1907(M), d. ca. 1992, m. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4i. Floyd Jackson Lester, b. March 30, 1865(M), d. Feb 26, 1920, of Bright's disease, bur Westview Cem, m. Sept 16, 1896 (Radford), Bettie Simpkins, b. Feb 11, 1878, d. May 23, 1940, bur Westview Cem, dau Andrew Jackson & Jane Simpkins; 4 children. (Bettie Lester m. (2) May 4, 1921, Walter Gray Lucas).  
Floyd Lester was a brick mason.
- 5a. Ruby Virginia Lester, b. June 20, 1905 (Rad), d. Sept 4, 1966, bur Westview Cem, m. July 20, 1928 (Rad), Herbert Elton Huddle, b. May 9, 1893 (Pulaski), d. Nov 18, 1963, bur Westview, son of John & Laura Huddle.
- 5b. Mabel Ann Lester, b. Feb 9, 1907 (Rad), m. Aug 11, 1928 (Rad), Truman Lewis Furrow, b. 1906 (Rad), son of Robert & Georgia Furrow.
- 5c. Guy Jackson Lester, b. 1909, d. 1982, bur Arlington National Cem.
- 5d. Mildred Blanche Lester, b. March 5, 1912 (Rad), m. Aug 30, 1935 (Rad), Rudolph Richards, b. 1911, son of Art. & Flora Richards.
- 4j. Cephas Bunyan (Bun) Lester, b. Nov 1, 1866(M), d. June 21, 1943(F), bur White Rock Cem, m. Feb 13, 1899(M), Dora Agnes Altizer, b. Sept 1, 1875, d. Dec 12, 1936, bur White Rock Cem, dau of Jesse & Polly Altizer; 7 children.  
Bun & Dora Lester and family lived in Copper Valley, about 3 miles from White Rock Church. He farmed and raised tobacco.
- 5a. Marlie Dennis Lester, b. Oct 1, 1899(F), d. June 12, 1936, m. & div. Ollie May Duncan, b. April 1, 1903, d. Feb 14, 1988 (Tenn), dau Wm. A. & Martha (Wade) Duncan; 4 children.
- 6a. Charlie Lester  
6b. Mary Edith Lester  
6c. Glendon Carlos Lester  
6d. Fay Lester
- 5b. Damon Ira Lester, b. May 23, 1900, d. March 5, 1939, bur Big Sand Cem, m. Sept 25, 1929(F), Clydia Mae Cox, b. Dec 12, 1904(F), dau Damon & Rebecca (Duncan) Cox; 2 children. Lived at Galax.

- 6a. Geneva Lester, m. Clarence Boyer
- 6b. Glory Mae Lester, m. Donald Ray Hornbarger
- 5c. Dotha Adra Lester, b. Oct 13, 1903, d. Sept 4, 1994 (Arlington, Va), bur White Rock Cem, m. Oct 18, 1919, & div (1952), Roscoe Hollands Duncan, b. Nov 4, 1900, son of Wm. A. & Martha (Wade) Duncan; 5 children.
  - 6a. Beulah Duncan
  - 6b. Roscoe Harless Duncan
  - 6c. Homer Austin Duncan
  - 6d. Eula May Duncan
  - 6e. Thelma Duncan
- 5d. Ruby Dale Lester, b. April 23, 1906, d. Dec 4, 1989, bur Sunset Cem, m. Arthur (Boss) Wade, b. March 25, 1901, d. March 6, 1981, bur Sunset Cem, son of James A. & Martha (Burton) Wade; 7 children.
  - 6a. Oden Gene Wade
  - 6b. Arthur Dale Wade
  - 6c. Barnie Cephas Wade
  - 6d. Ila Wade
  - 6e. Edith Wade
  - 6f. Alma Wade
  - 6g. Alta Wade
- 5e. Elva Berdell Lester, b. 1909, m. Horace Reed. Moved to Eagle Rock.
- 5f. Martha Charity Lester, b. 1912, n.m.
- 5g. Margie Carnell Lester, b. July 28, 1916, m. Oct 31, 1935(F), Willie Oscar Cox, b. June 12, 1909, d. 1993, bur Maryland, son of Vander B. & Elizabeth Cox; 5 children. Lothian, Md.
  - 6a. Dora Frances Cox
  - 6b. Willie Kathleen Cox
  - 6c. Alice Jewell Cox
  - 6d. Walker Oscar Cox
  - 6e. Iva Jo Cox

- 4k. Ira Elmer Lester, b. July 30, 1868(M), d. Feb 13, 1948 (Natural Bridge), bur Cecil Chapel Cem, m. Jan 1, 1891(F), Alberta (Bertie) Underwood, b. Dec 20, 1871(F), d. April 1, 1936 (Buchanan), bur Cecil Chapel Cem, dau Noah B. & Harriet E. Underwood; 12 children.

Elmer Lester farmed in the Hiwassee district of Pulaski County. He served as Constable for several years. In 1935, Elmer & Bertie and their two youngest daughters moved to Buchanan, Va. After Bertie's death, Elmer and his daughter Lizzie moved to Natural Bridge where Elmer died. Both Elmer and Bertie were taken back to Pulaski County to be buried in Cecil Chapel Cemetery.

Elmer was described as being an outgoing man who liked to talk and to be with people. He read his Bible regularly. As far as can be ascertained, all of his family have left Pulaski County.

- 5a. Other Dallas Lester, b. Oct 21, 1891(F), d. Oct 24, 1954, bur Cecil Chapel Cem, m. Dec 23, 1924 (Pulaski), Emma Odell, b. 1904, dau of H. E. & J. Odell.
- 5b. Donald Claude (Don) Lester, b. Feb 24, 1894(M), d. Feb 28, 1970 (Nampa, Idaho), m. Bessie Thompson.
- 5c. Lonnie McKinley Lester, b. Feb 1, 1896(M), d. Nov 12, 1969 (Bluefield, W.Va), m. Bessie Robinett, b. June 29, 1906, d. Jan 15, 1967.
- 5d. Beulah Maude Lester, b. March 7, 1898 (Pulaski), d. Dec 28, 1912, bur Cecil Chapel Cem.
- 5e. Bertha Gertrude Lester, b. Oct 7, 1900 (Pulaski), d. July 20, 1911, bur Cecil Chapel Cem.
- 5f. Woodie Elmer Lester, b. Feb 27, 1902 (Pulaski), d. March 27, 1922, bur Cecil Chapel Cem.
- 5g. Bessie May Lester, b. Feb 29, 1904 (Pulaski), d. April 12, 1985 (Watford City, N.D.), m. Frank Frising, d. Sept 25, 1951.
- 5h. Hovie Victoria Lester, b. June 15, 1907 (Pulaski), m. John Bolt, b. 1901, d. 1957. Hovie living in Staunton (7/20/95).
- 5i. Robert Lee Lester, b. Oct 12, 1909 (Pulaski), d. Feb 23, 1984, m. Hattie Puckett.
- 5j. Luther Thomas Lester, b. May 8, 1912 (Pulaski), m. Dora Hylton. Living in Botetourt County (7/20/95).
- 5k. Lizzie Gerlton Lester, b. May 7, 1914, m. Charlie Newcomb, d. June 2, 1989. Lizzie living in Rockbridge County (7/20/95).
- 5l. Lottie Florence Lester, b. May 28, 1917, m. April 15, 1936 (Fincastle), William Henry Walker, b. Nov 7, 1910, d. Feb 15, 1978. Lottie living in Botetourt County (7/20/95).
41. Sarah Amanda Addison (Addie) Lester, b. March 15, 1870(M), d. Nov 28, 1937, bur Sunset Cem, m. Jan 1, 1889(M), Jacob Sumpter Altizer, b. Dec 19, 1863(F), d. Oct 28, 1948(M), bur Sunset Cem, son of Jesse R. & Octavia (Sumpter) Altizer; 8 children.

Addie Lester Altizer had two nicknames, Addie and Sallie, most often called Addie. She was a devoted mother and housewife. She died of diabetes and a heart attack. Jacob Altizer was a respected and well-liked man. He was Supervisor of Montgomery County and had many influential friends. People in the community went to him for advice and counsel. Jacob and Addie lived on Little River on Chestnut Ridge in a big log house that was his father's home. In 1913 they built a large white frame house to replace the log house. The present owners have remodeled this house and it is now a show place.

- 5a. Genia Agnes Altizer, b. Jan 1890(M), d. May 23, 1974, m. March 23, 1912(M), Charles Nixon, b. Sept 22, 1883, d. Apr 8, 1952, son of Alfred P. & Mary Ellen Nixon; 3 children. Charles Nixon was Sheriff of Montgomery County, 1924-31.
- 6a. James Russell Nixon, b. Jan 14, 1914, d. June 7, 1955, m. April 21, 1946, Hilda Mae Bonham, no children.
- 6b. Ruth Emma Nixon, b. Aug 16, 1917, d. May 27, 1973, m. Dec 26, 1942, (Dr.) Ray Edward Burger, b. Jan 28, 1912; 3 children.
- 6c. Sally Ellen Nixon, b. June 5, 1927, m. April 24, 1950, Roger Roland Neal; 2 children.
- 5b. Gertrude Gladys Altizer, b. April 1892, d. April 8, 1975, bur Sunset Cem, m. Oct 24, 1923(M), (Dr.) Samuel Henry (Sam) Nixon, b. Sept 6, 1893, d. March 11, 1955, bur Sunset Cem, son of Alfred P. & Mary Ellen Nixon; 2 children.  
At the time of their marriage, Dr. Nixon was Fellow in Surgery at Mayo Clinic. He practiced medicine in Montgomery County.
- 6a. Julia Joan Nixon, b. Jan 22, 1931, m. July 5, 1952, Robert Justin Styne, b. Nov 27, 1927; 2 children.
- 6b. Samuel Henry Nixon Jr., b. June 30, 1933, m. Aug 2, 1958, Nancy India Bane; 2 children.
- 5c. Amanda Edith Altizer, b. Sept 1895, d. in Florida, bur Westview Cem, m. (1) Sept 7, 1937(M), & div. Clifford R. Painter; Edith m. (2) Nov 30, 1940 (Radford), Joseph Thornton Dixon, b. 1875 (Ohio), son of Caleb & Sarah Dixon; no children.
- 5d. Lacy M. Altizer, b. May 18, 1899(M), m. July 1922 (Tenn), Johnie Dabney Allen, b. March 16, 1905 (Tenn), d. Feb 24, 1981 (Roa County), bur Evergreen Cem, dau of John & Betty Allen; 2 children.
- 6a. Lacy Linton Altizer  
6b. Betty Frances Altizer
- 5e. Iva Altizer, b. Nov 12, 1901, d. April 18, 1918, typhoid fever.
- 5f. Jacob Ray Altizer, b. Nov 20, 1903, d. Feb 17, 1966, bur Kentucky, m. Marjorie \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5g. Fred Curran Altizer, b. June 5, 1905(M), d. April 3, 1996(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. April 3, 1929(F), Ruby Sutphin, b. Nov 11, 1908(F), dau of Osborne & Belle Sutphin; 2 children.
- 6a. Kenneth Altizer  
6b. Fred Curran Altizer Jr.

- 5h. Jesse Allen Altizer, b. Nov 5, 1909(M), d. Nov 26, 1964(F),  
bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Jan 26, 1935(Roa), Virginia Katherine  
Epperly, b. April 30, 1913(F), dau of Callohill M. & Linnie  
(Cannaday) Epperly; 1 child.
- 6a. James Allen (Jim) Altizer, b. July 4, 1942, m. Dec 19,  
1964(F), Patricia Fay Hale, b. Nov 1, 1941(F), dau of  
Cody & Edith (Clower) Hale; 2 children.
- 7a. Jay Allen Altizer, b. Oct 28, 1970
- 7b. Carson Hale Altizer, b. June 30, 1973
- 4m. Mary Bell V. Lester, b. June 26, 1872(M), d. 188-.

(End Ira Lester family)

- 3d. Aveline Lester, b. Jan 3, 1825(M), d. Dec 21, 1902(F), bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. July 13, 1842(M), John Lucas Peterman, b. April 20, 1826, d. after 1884, son of George A. & Mary (Lucas) Peterman; 8 children.

Aveline and John were both 16 when they married. It is likely that they lived with his mother as he owned no property at that time. His father died in 1834 when he was eight years old. The estate was not settled until 1850, when commissioners were appointed to apportion the farm to the heirs, which comprised 487 acres. John received 80 acres as his inheritance which he sold immediately. In 1866, Hulen & Nellie Lester gave their daughter Aveline a 40-acre farm at White Oak Grove. This became the permanent home of John & Aveline. Hulen referred to this farm as the "Shop Tract" in his will.

John L. Peterman had the reputation of being a difficult person. In 1883 he got into serious trouble and, rather than stand trial, left the county for parts unknown. He never returned and the date and place of his death are not known.

Aveline lived on the home farm and in 1902, shortly before her death, deeded her share of the place to Mrs. George W. Richardson in return for being taken care of.

The family of Aveline & John L. Peterman has been recorded in detail in The Peterman Family and only the main members are given here.

- 4a. William Crockett Peterman, b. 1844, d. ca. 1863 in the Civil War; Pvt, Co. E, 54th Va. Inf., CSA, n.m.
- 4b. Mary Ellen Peterman, b. May 6, 1847, d. Jan 26, 1912, bur White Oak Grove Cem, n.m.
- 4c. Christina Emily (Teeny Em) Peterman, b. April 27, 1850, d. Aug 2, 1925, bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Bradford, m. (2) Miles K. Albert, m. (3) C. S. Williams.
- 4d. Orlena (Ollie) Peterman, b. 1853, d. 1921, bur Fiske, Saskatchewan, Canada, m. Jan 6, 1878(F), Joseph (Joe) Daniel Burke, b. 1859, d. 1932; 4 children.
- 5a. Hattie K. Burke, b. Feb 1880
- 5b. Walter Jackson Burke, b. June 12, 1885
- 5c. John Harvey Burke, b. 1888
- 5d. Lura Burke, b. ca. 1891
- 4e. Rosabelle (Bell) Peterman, b. 1855, d. May 25, 1920, m. (1) Oct 21, 1877(M), J. William Pharis; m. (2) John Henry Underwood.
- 4f. Calmona Ann (Callie) Peterman, b. Jan 2, 1858(F), d. 1931 (Iowa), bur Maple Hill Cem, Lakota, Iowa, m. Feb 26, 1874(M), James Abraham (Abe) Lester, b. April 7, 1856(F), d. 1928 (Iowa), bur Maple Hill Cem, son of Leftwich & Christina (Bishop) Lester; 12 children.  
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- 4g. John Thomas Peterman, b. Oct 31, 1862, d. Feb 13, 1942, m. Oct 18, 1887(M), Annie Isadore Cooper, b. Aug 27, 1869, d. June 10, 1935, dau of Robert G. & Octavia Cooper; 7 children. Moved to Maryland.
- 4h. Josephine (Josie) Catherine Peterman, b. June 16, 1865, d. Sept 1, 1929, bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Oct 16, 1881(F), James Merritt Roop, b. Nov 14, 1859, d. May 18, 1937, bur White Oak Grove Cem, son of Floyd & Mary Roop; 8 children. (Merritt Roop m. (2) Sept 21, 1931, Martha Ashworth).
- 5a. Evert Wert Roop, b. Sept 9, 1882, d. Dec 5, 1882.
- 5b. Lillie Prince Roop, b. April 7, 1884, d. April 22, 1969, bur White Oak Grove Cem, m. Nov 1, 1914(F), William Isaac Epperly, wid; one child.
- 5c. Edgar Vanson Roop Sr., b. Jan 22, 1888, d. March 16, 1970, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Dec 23, 1911, Leah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Epperly, dau of John W. & Nancy Epperly; 4 children.
- 5d. Ottie C. Roop, b. & d. Aug 9, 1890
- 5e. Zora Mettie Roop, b. July 28, 1892, d. July 12, 1915, m. Apr 21, 1915(F), John Floyd Duncan Jr, no children.
- 5f. Emily Ora Roop, b. March 10, 1895(F), d. July 18, 1985, bur Beaver Creek Church Cem, m. June 4, 1919(F), Harry William Farmer, b. June 13, 1895 (Pulaski Co), d. May 3, 1983, bur Beaver Creek Ch. Cem, son of F. W. & Mary E. Farmer; 2 children.
- 5g. James Herman Roop, b. April 16, 1897, d. March 16, 1974, bur Blue Ridge Mem. Gardens, m. June 6, 1923(F), Annie Dulaney, b. 1904, dau of Sam W. & Loula Dulaney; 3 children.
- 5h. Virginia Ellen Roop, b. Nov 10, 1901, d. March 3, 1902.

(End Aveline Lester Peterman family)

- 3e. John Floyd Lester, b. Aug 25, 1828(M), d. Dec 21, 1899(F), bur Lester Cem #1, m. April 15, 1852(F), Susan Chafin, b. March 11, 1827(M), d. Oct 20, 1868(M), bur Lester Cem #1, dau of John & Sarah Chafin; 6 children: Guilford Dudley, James Wesley, Hulen Berdine, Harvey Leander, Sarah E., John Dow. John Floyd served as Pvt, Co I, 54th Va Inf., CSA.

Floyd and Susan Lester lived in Auburn Township, Montgomery County. Hulen Lester deeded his son Floyd a tract of 118 acres in 1862. Their house stood near the Riner road (present Rt. 8) and present Camp Carysbrook road.

Susan died in 1868. Guilford Dudley, the oldest child, was 15 years old, and John Dow, the youngest, was 5 years old. In 1885, Floyd divided up his property (over 300 acres) among his six children, and in 1888 he moved to Floyd County to live with his son Hulen Berdine, where he died in 1899.

In 1902, a portion of this farm, "known as the Floyd Lester land," was purchased by George T. Akers, whose wife was Posie Lester, daughter of Charlie D. Lester. The purchase price was \$2500.

- 4a. Guilford Dudley Lester, b. Feb 25, 1853(M), d. 1897(M), bur St. Matthew's Cem (no stone), m. Dec 24, 1871, Sarah Ellen (E1) Bishop, b. April 1851, d. 1934, bur Dublin Cem, dau of Obediah & Catherine Bishop; 12 children.

Dudley Lester married at the age of 18 and died at the age of 44; he left 12 children, the youngest 5 years old. It was said that his wife Ellen did the work of a man, and managed to raise the children. They lived near Pilot.

- 5a. Rufus K. Lester, b. June 2, 1873, d. Jan 10, 1900 (W.Va), bur Thompson Cem, m. Feb 27, 1895(F), Lillie E. Thompson, b. Oct 1874, dau of J. Stillman & Mary Ellen Thompson; 2 children. (Lillie m. (2) March 3, 1903, Lonnie A. Cummings, wid; 3 children: Ova, Woodson, Brown).

Rufus Lester moved to West Virginia to work in the mines. He was killed in a mine disaster the first day he went to work.

- 6a. Bessie E. Lester, b. Dec 1896, d. 1980 (Birmingham, Ala), m. (1) Robert Reece, m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.
- 6b. Fannie F. Lester, b. April 1899, d. Aug 13, 1983, bur Sunset Cem, m. & div. Clarence Thomason; 2 children.

7a. Virginia Thomason

7b. Ralph F. Thomason

- 5b. Silas E. Lester, b. March 7, 1874(M), d. April 3, 1958 (Pulaski), bur Dublin Cem, m. Aug 11, 1895(F), Minnie Flora Agnew, b. July 20, 1872(F), d. Nov 21, 1951 (Pulaski), bur Dublin Cem, dau of Jacob T. & Nancy Agnew; 13 children, 11 lived to adulthood. (Many of the dates for this family have been taken from census records and may not be exact).

- 6a. Ethel M. Lester, b. Feb 1897(F), m. June 26, 1915 (Pul.),  
J. Frederick Ritter, b. 1895, son of Isaac & Eva Ritter.
- 6b. Jennie T. Lester, b. June 1898(F), m. Feb 2, 1920 (Pul.),  
Bernard M. Anderson, b. 1896, son of J.H. & L.T. Anderson.
- 6c. Herman Gilford Lester, b. Jan 20, 1900, d. Feb 1, 1991, bur  
Dublin Cem, m. (1) & div.; m. (2) Dec 27, 1956 (Rad), Dove  
Phillips Wray, wid, b. 1898, dau of Andrew & Lena Phillips.
- 6d. Kate Ellen Lester, b. 1902(F), m. Aug 21, 1925(M), Charles  
Lewis Craig, b. 1900, son of Charles J. & Sallie Craig.
- 6e. Gertrude Lake (Gertie) Lester, b. 1904 (Pul.), m. Nov 3, 1923,  
James B. Brillhart, b. 1903, son of J.W. & Gillie Brillhart.
- 6f. Florence Lottie Lester, b. 1906, m. Clayton Williams.
- 6g. Josie Lester, twin, b. 1908, d. March 10, 1988, bur Highland  
Mem. Gardens, m. Kenneth Graham.
- 6h. Ocie Evelyn Lester, twin, b. 1908, m. May 9, 1931 (Pul), (Dr.)  
Norman E. Maxwell, b. 1899, son of W.B. & Caroline Maxwell.
- 6i. Laura B. Lester, b. 1911, m. Samuel Wilson
- 6j. Howard A. Lester, b. 1913, m. Lottie Ann \_\_\_\_\_. Went West.  
7a. Allan Lester  
7b. Donald Lester
- 6k. Kittie Lee Lester, b. 1916, m. Hargess Sisk.
- 5c. Susan Catherine (Nan) Lester, b. 1876(M), m. Sept 7, 1894(M),  
Burman W. Reed, b. 1874(M), son of G. E. & Millie Reed;  
10 children: Evie, Roxie, Paul, Hazel, Forrest, Florence,  
Ralph, Garnet, Edna, Marvin - all born in Illinois.  
Her sister couldn't say her name and called her "Tooten Nan."  
She was always called Nan; she didn't know her full name until  
she applied for Social Security. Mary Susan is the name on her  
marriage license. Nan & Burman went West and lived in Carthage  
and Plymouth, Illinois.
- 5d. Ardelia Vivian Lester, b. Jan 1, 1877(M), d. Jan 29, 1964, bur  
Westview Cem, m. Aug 8, 1894(M), George R. Pugh, b. March 4,  
1874(F), d. Nov 15, 1949, bur Westview Cem, son of Tazewell &  
Matilda (Lester) Pugh.  
George Pugh farmed in Alum Ridge near his father; he moved to  
Pulaski County, then to Radford in 1923 where he lived the rest  
of his life; he was incapacitated by sick headaches; 4 children.
- 6a. Winfred Egbert Pugh, b. Jan 31, 1895(F), d. Dec 12, 1983, bur  
Westview, m. Aug 16, 1917(F), India Akers, b. Jan 16, 1894,  
d. Oct 24, 1990, bur Westview, dau Eli G. & Elizabeth Akers.  
7a. Madeline Pugh m. Glenn Fulbright  
7b. Vera Pugh m. Fleetwood Agee

6b. Alva Ellen Pugh, b. Sept 20, 1896(F), d. Feb 16, 1903(F), of meningitis, bur White Oak Grove Cem.

6c. Claude Edwin Pugh Sr., b. May 11, 1904(F), m. Aug 30, 1925 (Bristol, Tenn), Ocie Mae Conrad, b. Jan 28, 1903, d. Dec 29, 1993, bur Westview Cem.

Claude went to Radford in 1923 and worked at the Pipe Shop, Central Lumber Co., Clover Creamery - he delivered milk house to house for 25 years; US Postoffice, 10 years. He is a fine cabinet maker and after retirement made more than 50 grandfather clocks.

7a. Claude E. Pugh Jr.

7b. Elsie Pugh m. Curtis Lewis

6d. Verna Avith Pugh, b. Jan 27, 1910, d. Nov 27, 1984, bur Westview, m. June 2, 1934, Charles Brown Vaughan, b. May 17, 1908, d. May 8, 1981, bur Westview, son of Abraham & Edith Vaughan.

7a. Mary F. Vaughan, m. Ray Lewis

5e. Alvis Staples Lester, b. 1878, d. young, aged 4 or 5 years, as a result from fall from barn loft.

5f. James Harvey Lester, b. July 1879. He was killed by a shotgun blast while hunting squirrels; he filled the shotgun too full of powder and the bullet went through the center of his forehead. After being shot, he crossed the bridge and walked home. He lived a few weeks, he was blind but knew people.

5g. Rosella Florence Lester, b. March 25, 1881(M), d. March 15, 1909, of consumption, bur St. Matthew's Cem, m. Jan 1, 1901(M), Jackson Bower, b. Sept 1879, d. 1955, bur Sunset Cem, son of Samuel E. & Sarah E. (Martin) Bower; 2 children. (Jackson Bower m. (2) Ocie Jennings, m. (3) Ruth Farmer).

Florence died at age 28. Her two children were raised by their Grandmother Lester.

6a. Laura Bower, b. 1903, m. M. Irwin Howard, b. 1901, son of Edward W. & Millie Howard.

6b. Herman Gilford Bower, b. Nov 23, 1904(M), d. June 21, 1990, bur Highland Mem Gardens, m. April 1, 1926, Margaret McDaniel, b. 1906.

5h. William J. (Will) Lester, b. 1883, m. (1) Bernice Meyer, m. (2) (unknown); 6 children. Moved to Iowa.

6a. Jack Ronald Lester

6b. William Lloyd Lester

6c. Helen Jean Lester

6d. Guy Estes Lester

6e. Dorothy Bernice Lester

6f. Betty Eldora Lester

- 5i. Guilford Hosea Lester, b. June 30, 1885(M), d. April 19, 1918, m. June 20, 1907(M), Josie M. Martin, b. 1884, dau of Madison & Modilla (Sutphin) Martin; 6 children. Moved to Illinois.
- 6a. Virginia Thelma Lester, b. April 26, 1908, d. Sept 18, 1968.
- 6b. Arnold E. Lester, b. Oct 4, 1909 (Pul), m. Dec 15, 1933 (Roa), Rebecca Helena Spangler, b. Aug 25, 1913(F), dau of John Lee & Liddy (Ferrell) Spangler.
- 7a. James A. (Jim) Lester
- 6c. Carnice Martin Lester, b. Nov 23, 1911, d. Aug 13, 1912.
- 6d. Harold Payton Lester, b. Oct 25, 1912, d. Sept 14, 1922
- 6e. Yvonne May Lester, b. March 22, 1915
- 6f. Gilfred (note spelling) Hosea Lester, b. March 28, 1918, d. March 11, 1986.
- 5j. Dora Alice Lester, b. March 9, 1887(M), d. July 14, 1913, bur St. Matthew's Cem, m. George B. Edwards, b. June 27, 1883(F), d. June 11, 1964, bur St. Matthew's Cem, son of John & Sallie Edwards; 4 children. (George Edwards m. (2) Cliffie Bishop.)
- 6a. Dudley Edwards
- 6b. Herman Edwards, b. March 20, 1907(M), d. 1986, bur St. Matthew Cem, m. Oct 1, 1930, & div. Mary Mosby Bower, b. 1910(M), d. Nov 21, 1994(M), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Samuel E. & Rosa (Conner) Bower; 2 children. (Mosby m. (2) April 23, 1868, Lebanon Ward Lovell, d. May 16, 1970).
- 7a. Barbara Edwards
- 7b. Richard Edwards
- 6c. George Lawrence Edwards, b. Dec 4, 1910, d. Aug 19, 1913, bur St. Matthew's Cem.
- 6d. Payton Carnice Edwards, b. Feb 9, 1913, d. June 23, 1913, bur St. Matthew's Cem.
- 5k. Charlie Edward (Edd) Lester, b. Feb 1890, d. 1951 (Galesburg, Ill), m. Dec 23, 1908, Blanche Sullivan
- 6a. Nathan Lester
- 6b. Alvin Lester
- 6c. Wilbur G. Lester
- 6d. Clarence Lester
- 6e. Norman Lester
- 5l. John Payton Obadiah (Paty) Lester, b. Jan 14, 1892(M), d. Jan 14, 1973, m. Aug 13, 1914 (Rad), Annie Elizabeth Ritter, b. Apr 2, 1892 (Pul.), d. Jan 20, 1959, dau of Isaac & Eva Ritter; 8 childr
- 6a. Lawrence Payton Lester, b. Sept 16, 1916
- 6b. Robert Basil Lester, b. Nov 15, 1918
- 6c. Jada Elizabeth Lester, b. Feb 29, 1920
- 6d. Helen Marie Lester, b. Jan 1921
- 6e. John Payton Lester Jr., b. & d. 1924
- 6f. Olen McNeal Lester, b. Oct 9, 1926
- 6g. Betty Jane Lester, b. Oct 29, 1929
- 6h. Mac Edward Lester, b. Feb 20, 1932

- 4b. James Wesley (Jim) Lester, b. Oct 30, 1854(M), d. 1929, m. Dec 27, 1883(M), Sarah Virginia Cooper, b. May 1864, d. 1956, dau of Robert & Octavia Cooper; 7 children.

Jim Lester and family lived in Radford until some time after 1900. They moved to Salisbury, Maryland, and little is known about the family.

- 5a. Ivy S. C. Lester, b. Aug 1890, d. Aug 12, 1981, m. Elmer McBee  
 5b. Ila S. V. Lester, b. May 1892, m. Nov 3, 1911, Oscar Jehu Fooks  
 5c. Inez E. E. Lester, b. May 1894, d. 1969, m. (1) Fred Pusey,  
 m. (2) Carroll Marvel  
 5d. Iris M. M. Lester, b. Aug 1896, d. 1932, m. J. Henry Gully  
 5e. Irene Lester, b. 1900, m. May 16, 1925, William McElreavy  
 5f. Shelbourne Lester, b. 1902, d. 1951, m. Enola Dryden  
 5g. India Lester, b. 1904, d. 1991, m. George Broughton

- 4c. Hulen Berdine Lester, b. Nov 28, 1856(M), d. May 18, 1940(F), bur Sunset Cem, m. (1) Dec 26, 1878(M), Octavia M. Lester, b. May 8, 1861(F), d. Oct 3, 1882(M), bur Lester Cem #1, dau of Leftwich & Christina (Bishop) Lester; Hulen m. (2) Oct 16, 1884(F), Nanzella (Zilla) Duncan, b. Feb 26, 1860(F), d. Oct 15, 1946 (Roa), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Benjamin & Nancy (Burnett) Duncan; 2 children first marriage, 4 children second marriage.

Hulen Berdine Lester was named for his grandfather. Hulen and Octavia lived in Montgomery County near his father. After his second marriage, Hulen B. moved to the Alum Ridge section of Floyd County in 1888, where he lived until his death. His home, a white frame house, is still standing.

- 5a. Ora Alva Lester, b. Nov 20, 1879(M), m. (1) Feb 10, 1904(F), David B. Pulliam, wid, b. 1856 (Carroll Co), son of Jasper H. & Annie E. Pulliam; Ora m. (2) Jan 22, 1916(M), Charles R. McDaniel, wid, b. 1873(M), son of Ed. & F. McDaniel; 3 daughters first marriage.  
 5b. Ottis S. Lester, b. Sept 28, 1881(M), d. Aug 5, 1905, bur Lester Cem #1, n.m. Went West to Iowa with Abe Lester, his uncle, and was killed in a threshing machine accident.

Second marriage (Hulen Berdine):

- 5c. Leonard Green Lester, b. April 18, 1887(M), d. July 31, 1972 (Roa), bur Fairview Cem, m. (1) July 22, 1909 (Roa City), Zoe Olga Ellwood, b. June 13, 1886 (North Manchester, Ind.), d. May 3, 1923 (Roa), bur Fairview Cem; Leonard m. (2) Feb 2, 1924 (Roa City), Hazel Irene Altizer, b. 1896(M), d. 1971 (Roa), bur Fairview Cem, dau of J. M. & Alice E. Altizer; 4 children first marriage, 1 child second marriage.

## First marriage (Leonard Lester):

- 6a. Ruth Elizabeth Lester, b. Sept 18, 1910 (Roa), d. April 9, 1958 (Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, m. (1) Oct 27, 1927 (Roa), Irwin Leslie Francis, b. 1905, son of J. A. & Alice Francis Ruth m. (2) Randolph Ward McCoy, b. 1909, d. 1980; no child
- 6b. John Paul Lester, b. Sept 15, 1912 (Roa), d. July 30, 1913 (Roa), bur Fairview Cem.
- 6c. Mary Katherine (Mary Kay) Lester, b. Feb 16, 1918 (Roa), m. May 16, 1942, John Robert Cooper, b. 1917, d. March 12, 1994, bur Fairview Cem, son of John J. & Fannie Cooper.
- 7a. John R. Cooper Jr.
- 7b. Edwin L. Cooper
- 6d. Benjamin Hulen Lester, b. Aug 12, 1919, m. Catherine Rucker.

## Second marriage (Leonard Lester):

- 6e. Richard E. Lester, b. 1927, d. Oct 24, 1977, bur Blue Ridge Mem. Gardens, m. Rose McNeace.
- 7a. Mark R. Lester

- 5d. Wilmer Hulen Lester, b. May 4, 1891(F), d. April 9, 1953, bur Sunset Cem, m. (1) Feb 25, 1912(F), Juanita Iris Lester, b. July 3, 1896(F), d. Jan 15, 1919, bur Sunset Cem, dau of J. Letcher & Abigail Lester; Wilmer Lester m. (2) April 30, 1921(F), Grace A. Richardson, b. Aug 9, 1895(F), dau of David L. & Nannie Richardson; 2 children first marriage, 1 child second marriage.

Iris Lester died at the age of 22, when her children were very small. They were raised by their grandmother, Abby Howell Lester.

First marriage:

- 6a. James Curtis Lester, b. Dec 19, 1912(F), d. May 23, 1988 (Chesapeake, Va), bur Green Lawn Gardens, m. June 29, 1934(M), Annie Mae Simmons, b. June 28, 1914(F), d. May 1986, dau of James W. & Callie (Edwards) Simmons; 3 children.
- 7a. Jerry Curtis Lester, b. June 27, 1936
- 7b. Fredric Arnold Lester, b. Dec 26, 1938
- 7c. David Alan Lester, b. July 24, 1945
- 6b. Vera Evelyn Lester, b. June 13, 1918, d. Nov 24, 1991(M), m. Oct 2, 1943(M), Harvey M. Watson, b. 1917, son of Harvey & Laura (Sawyers) Watson.

Second marriage:

- 6c. Anita Joyce Lester, b. June 16, 1925, m. Dale McDowell
- 5e. Isa Ellen Lester, b. June 8, 1896(F), d. July 23, 1980(Pa.), bur New London, Pa, m. Aug 25, 1917, Lathie Windot Lester, b. Nov 1, 1893(F), d. Nov 20, 1977(Pa), bur New London, Pa, son of J. Letcher & Abigail Lester; 7 children. (see p. 151)
- 5f. Iva Gladys Lester, b. Dec 22, 1899(F), d. Aug 12, 1981 (Richmond), bur Blue Ridge Gardens, m. Sept 10, 1932(F), Claude E. Patterson, b. 1907, son of J. H. & Dora Patterson; 2 children.
- 6a. James H. Patterson
- 6b. John Lester Patterson

- 4d. Harvey Leander Lester, b. Jan 9, 1859(M), d. March 1, 1940, bur Pharis Cem, m. (1) Dec 30, 1879(M), Elizabeth Catherine Bishop, b. 1863, d. Nov 23, 1886, dau of Obediah & Catherine Bishop; Harvey m. (2) Dec 23, 1886(M), Ida Azalee Scaggs, b. Aug 23, 1867, d. May 18, 1938(M), bur Pharis Cem, dau of Wm. & Miram P. Scaggs; 3 children first marriage, 9 children second marriage.

After his first marriage, Harvey and Catherine lived with his brother Dudley and Ellen for a short time. Their wives were sisters. It is not known how long they lived together but at some date Harvey built a two-story white frame house on Little River near Broad Shoals. This was his home with his second wife Ida and their large family. The house is still standing and occupied by Zell Lester.

First marriage:

- 5a. Kyle B. Lester, b. Oct 26, 1880(M), d. June 1, 1958 (Rad), bur Westview Cem, m. (1) March 6, 1898, Cora B. Sowers, b. Sept 1878(F), d. 1908, dau of George W. & Elizabeth Sowers; Kyle m. (2) Grace Likens, b. June 2, 1884, d. Feb 6, 1967, bur Westview Cem; 3 children first marriage.

After Cora's death, Kyle worked for a construction company outside of Virginia for a number of years. He married Grace, his second wife, during that time. They moved back to Radford several years before his death.

- 6a. Ernest H. Lester, b. Jan 1899, d. young.  
 6b. Vada Lester, b. Aug 23, 1900, d. March 7, 1977, bur Westview Cem, m. (1) & div. James Vandergrift, m. (2) Isaac Swain; no children.  
 6d. Pearl Mae Lester, b. April 24, 1908, d. April 3, 1991 (Rad), bur Westview Cem, m. Garnett William DeHart, b. Aug 4, 1906, d. May 30, 1949, bur Westview Cem, son of Luther & Lula DeHart; 4 children.

Pearl Lester's mother died at her birth or shortly afterward.

- 7a. Dolly DeHart, b. April 30, 1926, m. Forest Ray Deyerle  
 7b. Corinne DeHart, b. March 11, 1928, m. B. J. Dolinger  
 7c. Dorothy DeHart, b. Oct 31, 1934, m. Albert Lee Likens  
 7d. Kyle William DeHart, b. May 22, 1940, m. Peggy Mathena  
 5b. John Obediah (Obe) Lester, b. March 3, 1882(M), d. May 23, 1962, bur Westview Cem, m. Dec 20, 1904 (Pul.), Rebessie (Bessie) Lillian Sowers, b. June 9, 1887(F), d. March 19, 1962, bur Westview Cem, dau of George W. & Elizabeth Sowers; 4 children.

Obe was a carpenter & worked in the Pipe Shop, Radford.

- 6a. Virgie Lillian Lester, b. 1908, m. (1) Percy Flinchum, m. (2) Rudolph Howell  
 6b. Alva Louise Lester, b. June 24, 1911, d. Jan 2, 1992 (Pul), bur Newbern Cem, m. Roy Gilbert Andrews



- 6c. Loriene Lester, b. 1915, d. 1935, bur Westview Cem.
- 6d. George Harvey Lester, b. 1920, bur Westview, m. May 1, 1937(M), Mary Vernon Thompson, b. 1916, dau of Luther J. & Lucy Thompson; 2 children.
- 7a. Ronnie Lester  
7b. Carolyn Lynn Lester
- 5c. Posey Leander Lester, b. Nov 22, 1884(M), d. July 10, 1957, bur Monte Vista Cem, m. Jan 7, 1906(M), Addie Ellen Edwards, b. Dec 27, 1889(M), d. March 14, 1978, bur Monte Vista Cem; 3 children. Moved to Bluefield in 1913.
- 6a. Roy Virgil Lester, b. May 26, 1907, d. Sept 3, 1924  
6b. Pearl Estell Lester, b. July 25, 1910  
6c. Addie Louise Lester, b. May 6, 1921
- Second Marriage (Harvey & Ida Lester):
- 5d. Cora Virgie Lester, b. Oct 9, 1887(M), d. Oct 25, 1915(M), died young, bur Pharis Cem, m. June 30, 1906(M), Montie Jackson Lucas b. 1883(M), d. 1952(M), bur Roselawn Mem Gardens, son of Jacob & Celia Lucas; 4 children. (Montie Lucas m. (2) Margie Ethelma Lester, Virgie's sister).
- 6a. Randolph Garland Lucas, b. 1907, m. Evia Thompson.  
7a. Randolph G. Lucas Jr.
- 6b. Ralph Clinton Lucas, b. Dec 27, 1908(M), d. July 20, 1994(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. June 10, 1932 (Bristol, Tenn), Fannie Sue Akers, b. July 8, 1908 (Rad), dau of Wade H. & Maude (Thompson) Akers; no children.  
Ralph & Fannie Sue Lucas celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1992. They lived near Riner on present Camp Carysbrook Road.
- 6c. Raymond Jacob Lucas, b. 1911(M), m. Dec 19, 1934(M), Mary Lillian Akers, b. 1917(M), dau of Wade H. & Maude (Thompson) Akers; 1 child.  
7a. Samuel Joseph Lucas, b. March 31, 1937
- 6d. Pearl Irene Lucas, b. 1913(M), m. Dec 21, 1932(M), Gold Thompson, b. 1909, son of John R. & Lura Thompson; 5 children  
7a. Kenneth Thompson  
7b. Corinne Thompson  
7c. Betty Ruth Thompson  
7d. Johnnie Thompson  
7e. Mary Thompson
- 5e. Urban Harrison Lester, b. March 25, 1889(M), d. May 21, 1966, m. Georgia McCullen. Moved to Idaho.
- 5f. Pearl Zonia Lester, b. April 25, 1892(M), d. May 29, 1981 (Cleveland, Ohio), bur Sunset Cem, m. June 7, 1914(M), Frank M. Akers, b. April 7, 1886(M), d. May 17, 1962, bur Sunset Cem, son of M. T. & M. E. Akers; 2 children. Frank Akers had a store for many years on present Route 8 at the intersection of the Camp Carysbrook Road.

- 6a. Paul Akers
- 6b. Rudolph Akers
- 5g. Bentley Hobert Lester, b. April 14, 1897(M), d. May 22, 1987(M), bur Roselawn Cem, m. Dec 26, 1928(F), Georgia G. Bishop, b. 1905(F), d. April 8, 1990(M), bur Roselawn Cem, dau of Charles W. & Susan (Duncan) Bishop; 2 children.
  - 6a. Janice Lester, m. & div Wilson Dickerson
  - 6b. Joyce Evelyn Lester, b. Nov 22, 1929, d. Aug 14, 1993, bur Sunset Cem, m. July 30, 1950 (York, SC), Charles Eugene (Gene) Reed, b. Oct 16, 1926, son of Charles G. Reed.
- 5h. Margie Ethelma Lester, b. June 21, 1899(M), d. Nov 22, 1982(M), bur Roselawn, m. Montie Jackson Lucas, wid, b. 1883(M), d. 1962(M), bur Roselawn, son of Jacob & Celia Lucas; 4 children.
  - 6a. Mary Virginia Lucas, b. 1917(M), m. July 19, 1939(M), Donnie D. Altizer, b. 1914, son of George W. & Vergie Altizer.
    - 7a. Fred Altizer
    - 7b. Paul Lane Altizer
  - 6b. Ida Mae Lucas, b. 1924, m. March 22, 1945(M), Kyle Newton Bishop, b. 1921(M), son of Kyle & Nannie Bishop
    - 7a. Dickie Bishop
    - 7b. Marjorie Bishop
  - 6c. Nora Imogene Lucas, b. 1925, m. Nov 22, 1947(M), Colen Clide Teel, b. 1921(M), son of Sidney C. & Lela Mae Teel.
    - 7a. Joan Teel
    - 7b. Alice Teel
  - 6d. Thelma Jacqueline (Jackie) Lucas, b. 1937(M), m. March 16, 1956(M), James Robert Shelton, b. 1935(M), son of Frank & Edith Shelton
    - 7a. Todd Shelton
- 5i. Olya Edith Lester, b. May 28, 1902(M), d. May 22, 1993, bur Sunset Cem, m. Feb 21, 1922(M), Roy Harrison Sutphin, b. Sept 24, 1900(F), d. Sept 4, 1958, bur Sunset Cem, son of Osborne & Belle Sutphin, 3 children. Lived in Newcastle.
  - 6a. Arlene Sutphin
  - 6b. Lester Sutphin
  - 6c. Norma Jean Sutphin
- 5j. Fred Marvin Lester, b. Jan 13, 1906(M), d. Aug 10, 1983(M), bur Sunset Cem, n.m. Fred lived and worked for many years in Caldwell, Idaho. He returned to Virginia several years before his death.

- 5k. Nellie Kent Lester, b. Feb 22, 1908(M), d. Feb 14, 1991(F), bur Gardner Cem, m. Sept 26, 1929(M), Charlie Herman Bishop, b. 1900(F), d. 1971, bur Gardner Cem, son of Charles W. & Susan (Duncan) Bishop; 4 children.
- 6a. Larry Bishop  
6b. Fred Bishop  
6c. Elsie Bishop  
6d. Marlie Bishop
- 5l. Roy Gray Lester, b. Jan 30, 1912(M), d. May 1, 1987(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Sept 1, 1937(M), Dora Gae Reynolds, b. Oct 24, 1919(M), dau of Dennis G. & Bessie Mae (Akers) Reynolds; 1 child.
- 6a. Norman Gray Lester, b. 1938(M), m. Sept 11, 1959(M), Loretta Mae Young, b. 1940 (Rad), dau of Judson H. & Ruth Young.
- 7a. Lori Ann Lester  
7b. Theron Lester
- 4e. Sarah E. (Sallie) Lester, b. July 4, 1861(M), d. Jan 7, 1939, bur Riner Cem, m. Aug 27, 1880(M), Hiram Crockett (Crock) Howard, b. Aug 1861(M), d. Jan 20, 1938, bur Riner Cem, son of Reuben & Rhoda Howard; 8 children. They lived in Riner.
- 5a. Reuben Lester Howard, b. Dec 8, 1881(M), d. April 2, 1953, bur Sunset Cem, m. Dec 3, 1919(M), Nannie Estelle Martin, b. May 20, 1898, d. Feb 9, 1974, bur Sunset Cem, dau of J. T. Martin; 8 children. Reuben Howard was Postmaster at Riner.
- 6a. Rangeley L. Howard  
6b. Edgar Rudolph Howard  
6c. Wavie Pauline Howard, b. 1925(M), m. June 19, 1942(M), Roy Ellett Lindsay, b. 1922 (Blue Ridge, Va). (Richmond)  
6d. Lillie Mae Howard, m. Philip Hines. (Texas)  
6e. Sarah Adeline Howard, b. 1929(M), m. Dec 17, 1948(M), Nathaniel Burwell Harvey Jr., b. 1926 (Mann, W.Va). (Bedford)  
6f. Hiram J. Howard  
6g. William Martin Howard  
6h. Marjorie Howard, m. A. Warren Webb (Richmond)
- 5b. Lillian Virginia (Lillie) Howard, b. July 1883(M), m. Bud Hall; 3 sons. Moved to California.
- 5c. Mary S. (Mamie) Howard, b. May 19, 1885(M), d. Aug 14, 1911, in childbirth, bur Riner Cem, m. Tracy McClain.
- 5d. Annie Myrtle Howard, b. Sept 1, 1887(M), d. April 23, 1905, bur Riner Cem, n.m.
- 5e. William Crockett (Willie) Howard, b. April 1890(M), m. Osana Joubert; 5 children. Moved to Montana. Served as Congressman from Montana.

- 5f. Frank Marshall Howard, b. Aug 1893(M), m. Oct 17, 1919(M),  
Minnie Elizabeth Cromer, b. 1890(M), dau of Charles W. &  
Lucy Cromer; 4 girls. Lived in Radford.
- 5g. Oakley Tyler Howard, b. Nov 1895(M), m. Jessie Lowman; 2 boys.  
Lived in Danville.
- 5h. Loraine Ethlyn Howard, b. June 3, 1898(M), d. Feb 16, 1950,  
m. Charles Lee Akers, b. July 20, 1894, d. Feb 28, 1950, both  
bur Riner Cem;ll children. Lived in Riner opposite the Metho-  
dist Church. Charles ran an automobile repair shop.
- 6a. Edith Howard Akers, b. Jan 11, 1920, m. 1943, O. Dempsey Sled;  
2 sons. Live in Radford.
- 6b. Charles Lee Akers Jr., b. 1922
- 6c. Lillian Eileen Akers b. 1924
- 6d. Winston Elsworth Akers, b. 1926
- 6e. William Ward Akers, b. 1928
- 6f. Frank Tyler Akers, b. 1930
- 6g. Roberta Anne Akers, b. 1932
- 6h. Donna Jean Akers, b. 1934
- 6i. Aleta Dalene Akers, b. 1936
- 6j. Sallie Jane Akers, b. 1938
- 6k. Ronald Akers, b. 1940
- 4f. John Dow Lester, b. Dec 20, 1863(M), d. Dec 5, 1926, bur Lester  
Cem #1, m. Sept 30, 1886(M), Parthenia Arbelia Scaggs, b. Feb 12,  
1865(M), d. July 10, 1937, bur Lester Cem #1, dau of Andy & P.  
Scaggs; 6 children.
- 5a. Montie Everett Lester, b. Dec 19, 1887(M), d. June 2, 1962, bur  
Lester Cem #1, m. (1) Sept 7, 1912(M), Bertie Gay Richardson,  
b. May 4, 1890(F), d. Sept 24, 1915, bur Lester Cem #1, dau  
of David L. & Nancy Richardson; Montie m. (2) Woodie Mae  
Reed Cooper, wid, b. Feb 16, 1899(F), d. June 12, 1988, bur  
Sunset Cem, dau of Daniel & Mary Jane (Duncan)Reed; 2 children  
first marriage, 1 child second marriage.  
(Woodie Reed m. (1) Feb 15, 1922, Willie H. Cooper, d. March 24,  
1922, one month after their marriage due to spinal meningitis;  
Woodie m. (3) March 3, 1969(M), Warren Alfonso Correll, wid,  
b. 1894, d. 1988, bur Sunset).
- Montie Lester went to Oregon in 1903, returned to Montgomery  
County and married Bertie Richardson who died three years after  
their marriage. His second wife was Woodie Mae Cooper.
- First marriage:
- 6a. Ruby Lake Lester, b. 1914, m. March 3, 1934(M), Clet Sowers,  
b. 1902(M), son of Osborne & Alice (Howery) Sowers. Moved  
to West Virginia.
- 6b. Luther Evans (Buster) Lester, b. 1915, d. Oct 4, 1975(M), bur  
Lester Cem #1, m. Ruby \_\_\_\_; 8 children.

Second marriage:

6c. Peggy Ann Lester

- 5b. Lillie May Lester, b. Aug 1889(M), m. May 11, 1911(M), John Montgomery (Gum) Cooper, b. 1875(M), son of Robert & Octavia Cooper, Lillie & Gum both buried in Mt. View Cem, Vinton; no children.

"Gum Cooper who has been 8 years in the West and in the Philippine Islands in the US Army, has been discharged."  
(Floyd Press, Dec 1910).

Lillie & Gum lived in Troutville with her sister Kittie Lester Jones, and with her brother Waitman Lester in Vinton.

- 5c. Sherman Luther Lester, b. Aug 22, 1891, d. April 11, 1949, bur Oakwood Cem, Pulaski, m. Aug 14, 1913 (Bristol, Tenn), Nannie Pernie Weddle, b. May 1, 1895, d. Aug 22, 1951, bur Oakwood Cem dau of Jabez & Nancy (Harter) Weddle; 3 children.

6a. Ray E. Lester, b. Feb 15, 1915, m. Oct 10, 1934, Bernadine Groseclose.

7a. Carol Lee Lester

7b. Ray E. Lester II

7c. Mary K. Lester

6b. Arnold K. Lester, b. Sept 7, 1921, m. March 30, 1946, Erline Kegley.

7a. Ellen N. Lester

7b. Arnold K. Lester Jr.

6c. Marvin E. Lester, b. March 4, 1928, m. Aug 21, 1948, Betty Jo Hanks.

7a. Marvin E. Lester Jr, b. Jan 23, 1954

7b. Jay Sherman Lester, b. June 23, 1957

5d. Gilbert Dudley Lester, b. Aug 1896, m. Moselle Bishop, wid, d. Oct 31, 1993 (Ft. Wayne, Ind).

5e. John Waitman Lester, b. Aug 5, 1902, bur Mt. View Cem, n.m.

5f. Kittie Ella Lester, b. March 14, 1907(M), d. May 14, 1988(Roa), bur Mt. View Cem, m. May 30, 1934 (Roa City), Emmett Lee Jones, b. Oct 9, 1904 (Franklin Co), d. June 25, 1985(Roa), bur Mt. View Cem.

Kittie was the mainstay of the family and her sister and brothers depended on her.

6a. Jack L. Lester

6b. Thomas E. Jones

(End John Floyd Lester family)

3f. Harvey S. Lester, b. Feb 2, 1831(M), d. in Idaho, n.m.

Harvey had a falling out with his father, left home and went West to Idaho. He was thought to be a wealthy man. His nephew, Giles Peterman, and one of the Lester cousins went by train to Idaho to see him - exact date unknown, perhaps about 1912. They found that he was a recluse living up in the mountains near Pocatello.

This is Giles Peterman's account: We walked mile after mile up a mountain. We came to a habitation and asked directions of the man living there, who said, "I'll be damned if you will ever find the house. I would go with you and show you but I'm baking my bread." We walked a long way up the mountain before we came to Harvey's dwelling. He came to the door and we asked if he knew who we were. He looked at us and said, "Well, you must be my nephews from Virginia." He was living in a cabin in poverty - the account of his wealth was a myth.

Later when he died he didn't have enough to bury him and the undertaker sent to Giles Peterman asking for funds!

3g. Catharine Lester, b. Oct 8, 1833(M), d. 1888-1900, n.m.

Little is known about Catharine. She never married and never left home. She and her sister Ellen cared for their parents. Hulen was at pains to make special provision for her and her sister in his will. The date of her death is unknown, sometime between 1888 and 1900. She was almost certainly buried in Lester Cemetery #1 but there is no stone.

3h. James W. Lester, b. Oct 27, 1836(M), d. Jan 2, 1852, age 15, bur Lester Cem. #1.

- 3i. Charles David Lester, b. Dec 29, 1838(M), d. Nov 14, 1911(M), bur Lester Cem #1; Pvt, Co. E, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; m. April 7, 1868(F), Mary Ellen Wright, b. Dec 3, 1842(F), d. Jan 14, 1910(M), of consumption, bur Lester Cem #1, dau of James A. & Elizabeth E. Wright; 7 children: Letcher, Alma, Grace, Posie, Frank, Minnie, Ida.

"Charlie D." Lester, as he was called, married and lived at the home place with his parents. He inherited the place at his father's death. In his will, made in 1878, ten years before his death, Hulen Lester made this bequest:

"I give to my son Charles D. Lester, five hundred and fifty acres ... it being all the land I now own in the county of Montgomery, reserving the control of it to myself and wife Elenor (sic) as long as each of us may live ..."

In April 1880, Hulen deeded 316 acres to Charles D., "the land on which he now lives," in return for which Charles D. was to maintain Hulen and Eleanor until they died.

A very steep hill near their home place on present Rt. 601 was called the "Charlie D. Hill."

Charles' wife, Mary Lester, died Jan 14, 1910; daughter Ida died Jan 26, 1910; daughter Posie died July 21, 1911; and Charles died Nov 14, 1911, all within less than two years. A combined memorial service was held for Mary Lester and daughter Ida Lester Bolen at St. Matthews Church on Sunday, Oct 30, 1910.

After Charlie D. Lester's death, his son Letcher bought the place and moved his family there. On March 23, 1913, the house and its contents burned up; it was insured for \$1000.

- 4a. Joseph Letcher Lester, b. March 15, 1869(F), d. Nov 16, 1930 (Harrisonburg, Va), bur Sunset Cem, m. Dec 15, 1891(F), Hetta Abigail (Abby) Howell, b. July 4, 1871(F), d. July 6, 1942 (Lenover, Pa), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Joseph & Mary F. (Nixon) Howell; 4 children.

After their home burned up in 1913, Letcher and Abby Lester moved to a farm at Oxford, Pa. He was killed in a car accident at Harrisonburg, Virginia, on a trip back to Montgomery County.

- 5a. Lencie Stanley Lester, b. Oct 8, 1892(F), d. Dec 9, 1925, bur Sunset Cem, m. June 20, 1920 (Bristol, Tenn), Weeta Stanford Altizer, b. Sept 7, 1891, d. June 22, 1975 (Pa.), bur Oxford, Pa., dau of Asa & Hassie Altizer; one child. (Weeta m. (2) William Hall, father of her sister-in-law, Verna Hall Lester.)

- 6a. Janice Nixon Lester, b. Oct 31, 1921(M), m. April 4, 1941 (Bel Air, Md), Ray Hansen Clanton, b. Oct 20, 1916.

- 5b. Lathie Windot Lester, b. Nov 1, 1893(F), d. Nov 20, 1977 (Pa.), bur New London, Pa, m. Aug 25, 1917(M), Isa Ellen Lester, b. June 8, 1896(M), d. July 23, 1980, bur New London, Pa, dau of Hulen B. & Nanzella (Duncan) Lester; 7 children.

In 1930 Lathie & Isa Lester moved to Pennsylvania. The Great Depression had struck Montgomery County - no jobs. They bought land near Lincoln University, Pa., and after much backbreaking labor built it up into a prosperous farm and made it pay.

- 6a. Doris Eva Lester, b. Dec 30, 1918, m. William Jones Nichol, b. 1915, d. 1989; 4 children.

- 7a. William Lester Nichol, b. 1937  
 7b. Janet Ellen Nichol, b. 1940  
 7c. Judith Ann Nichol, b. 1946  
 7d. John Allen Nichol, b. 1948

- 6b. Harold Thaxton Lester, b. June 1, 1920, d. 1986, m. Lillian Rebecca St. John, b. 1921, d. 1983; 1 child.

- 7a. Harold Thaxton Lester Jr., b. 1956

- 6c. Forrest Lincoln Lester, b. Jan 31, 1922, m. Hattie Susanna St. John, b. 1926, d. 1988; 5 children.

- 7a. Robert Forrest Lester, b. 1953  
 7b. Joseph Richard Lester, b. 1956  
 7c. Sharon Louise Lester, b. 1957  
 7d. Kathleen Suzanne Lester, b. 1959  
 7e. Barbara Ellen Lester, b. 1964

- 6d. Howard Leigh Lester, b. April 22, 1925, d. 1975, m. Sylvia Evelyn Gray, b. 1928; 2 children.

- 7a. Sandra Margaretta Lester, b. 1953  
 7b. Susan Ruth Lester, b. 1955

- 6e. Joan Elizabeth Lester, b. Jan 3, 1928, m. John Reuben St. John Jr., b. 1927; 5 children.

- 7a. Carol Ann St. John, b. 1954  
 7b. James Michael St. John, b. 1956  
 7c. John David St. John, b. 1957  
 7d. Jill Elizabeth St. John, b. 1959  
 7e. Kelly Marie St. John, b. 1966

- 6f. Nancy Zella Lester, b. Jan 13, 1930

- 6g. Charles Duncan Lester, b. June 7, 1939, m. Laura Elizabeth Carter, b. 1944; 4 children.

- 7a. Elizabeth Ellen Lester, b. 1969  
 7b. Kristina Marie Lester, b. 1974  
 7c. Charlene Debra Lester, b. 1976  
 7d. Chad Michael Lester, b. 1978



- 5c. Juanita Iris Lester, b. July 3, 1896(F), d. Jan 15, 1919, of flu & pneumonia, bur Sunset Cem, m. Feb 25, 1912(F), Wilmer Hulen Lester, cousin, b. May 4, 1891(F), d. April 9, 1953(M), bur Sunset Cem; 2 children. (Wilmer Lester m. (2) Grace Richardson.) (see p. 142)

Iris Lester died when her children were very small, Vera was only 7 months old. They were raised by their grandmother, Abby Lester.

- 6a. James Lester, b. 1912  
6b. Vera Lester, b. 1918

- 5d. Fred Lawrence Lester, b. April 10, 1904(F), m. Aug 14, 1930 (Chester Co, Pa), Verna Georgia Hall, b. Nov 6, 1909

- 4b. Alma Florence Lester, b. Oct 27, 1870(M), d. June 3, 1929(M), of heart trouble, bur Sunset Cem, m. Jan 20, 1897(M), in Pilot Methodist Church, Henry Clay Earles, b. Jan 1871(F), d. April 30, 1934, bur Sunset Cem, son of John & Mary J. Earles; no children. (Henry Earles m. (2) Annie Wright.)

Alma Earles ran a popular boarding house on Franklin Street in Christiansburg. She was a good manager and had a successful business.

- 4c. Grace H. Lester, b. Nov 22, 1872(M), d. May 23, 1951, bur Sunset Cem, m. April 19, 1924(M), William A. (Will) Phlegar, b. Jan 6, 1862(F), d. Dec 1941 (Salem), bur Church Hill Cem, son of Joseph & Angeline (Epperly) Phlegar; no children.

Grace Lester established her own home before her marriage. She lived in a bungalow near the top of the Charlie D. hill (present Rt. 601), not far from the Ira Lester place. She gave a home to her sister Posie's children, Hazel and Mary Akers. She married in 1924 and moved to Salem. She was Will Phlegar's third wife. After his death Grace lived with her niece, Mary Myers, and died in her home.

- 4d. Posie Inez Lester, b. Dec 16, 1874(M), d. July 21, 1911(M), bur Lester Cem #1, m. June 14, 1897(M), George Thomas Akers, b. Sept 26, 1874(M), d. Nov 25, 1944, bur Westview Cem, son of Andrew Jackson & Delilah Akers; 5 children.

Posie Lester died at the age of 37. Her five children were given homes by her relatives.

- 5a. Audrey G. Akers, b. April 19, 1898(M), d. Aug 26, 1975, in Shawsville Nursing Home, bur Westview Cem, m. Dec 20, 1917(M), James H. Bolen, b. June 19, 1878(F), d. Dec 8, 1963, bur Westview Cem, son of J. Harvey & Mary J. Bolen; one foster daughter. Lived in Radford.
- 6a. Ella May Bolen, b. 1921, m. Jesse T. Bishop, b. 1918, d. 1983, bur Westview Cem.
- 5b. Reginald Harold Akers, b. Sept 16, 1900, d. Sept 1, 1953, bur Sunset Cem, m. Blanche Whitlock, b. April 29, 1898, dau of Albert and Permelia (Lester) Whitlock. Lived in Roanoke.
- 6a. Reginald H. Akers Jr.
- 5c. Raymond Temple Akers, b. Dec 7, 1903, m. (1) Bernice Dobbins, b. Sept 19, 1903(M), dau of Kyle & Lucy A. Dobbins; m. (2) May \_\_\_\_\_, (Knoxville, Tenn).
- 5d. Mary Mangus Akers, b. Nov 30, 1905(M), m. July 12, 1926(M), James Albert Hagy, b. April 12, 1901 (Tazewell Co), son of Joseph A. & Sarah Hagy. Moved to Birmingham, Alabama.
- 5e. Hazel Akers, b. Sept 28, 1909, m. Gilmer Howery, b. March 3, 1901; 2 children.
- 4e. Frank Hulen Lester, b. Sept 26, 1877(M), d. June 1, 1967, bur Sunset Cem, m. (1) Feb 19, 1901(F), Addie Eulalia Argabright, b. Jan 3, 1879(F), d. March 30, 1931, bur Sunset Cem, dau of W. R. & Henrietta J. Argabright; Frank m. (2) March 20, 1932(F), Livia J. Thompson, b. 1889, d. Sept 5, 1940, bur Sunset Cem, dau of Rufus & Pearl Thompson; 2 children first marriage, no children second marriage.
- First marriage:
- 5a. Randal Marvin Lester, b. March 12, 1903(M), d. Oct 26, 1981, bur Sunset Cem, m. Sept 1, 1927(M), Ova Beatrice Cummings, b. Aug 10, 1904, d. Feb 2, 1992 (Roa), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Lonnie & Lillie (Thompson Lester) Cummings; one child.
- 6a. Randal M. Lester Jr., b. May 19, 1928, d. May 24, 1941, bur Sunset Cem.  
d. May 30, 1996, bur Sunset,
- 5b. Houston H. Lester, b. June 4, 1907, /m. Aug 14, 1932(F), Amie O. Thompson, b. June 4, 1907, d. Feb 13, 1991 (Roa), bur Sunset Cem, dau of Rufus & Pearl Thompson; no children.

- 4f. Minnie Rose Lester, b. June 15, 1880(M), d. Jan 9, 1936, bur Sunset Cem, m. Dec 11, 1901(M), David Thomas Howell, b. July 26, 1878(F), d. July 18, 1967, bur Sunset Cem, son of Joseph & Mary (Nixon) Howell; one child.
- 5a. Mary Edna Howell, b. Dec 19, 1910(F), d. Nov 10, 1970(M), bur Sunset Cem, m. Aug 24, 1928(M), James Clayton Myers, b. Feb 25, 1906(M), d. June 28, 1965(M), bur Sunset Cem, son of E. A. & Mary P. Myers; one child.
- 6a. David Clayton Myers, b. Aug 18, 1943(M).
- 4g. Ida M. Lester, b. Jan 26, 1883(M), d. Jan 26, 1910, age 27, bur Lester Cem #1, m. Nov 21, 1904(M), G. David Bolen, b. March 1882(F), son of J. Harvey & Mary J. Bolen; no children.  
(David Bolen m. (2) Ollie Lester, dau of Sidney Lester, moved to Pennsylvania.)

(End Charles D. Lester family)

- 3j. Ellen F. Lester, b. Oct 13, 1841(M), d. Aug 26, 1893(M), bur Lester Cem #1, m. Feb 15, 1877(M), Roland A. Akers, wid, b. 1849(M), son of James & Eliza Akers; no children.

Ellen was the youngest child of Hulen & Nellie Lester.

There is some mystery concerning her marriage to Roland Akers. They were married Feb 15, 1877. He was working in Raleigh Co., W. Va., but it is not known if she ever went to West Virginia with him. One year later in July 1878, when Hulen Lester made his will, he stated, "Ellen, who married Rowland (sic) Akers sometime ago and who is not living with her at this time, is to have a home and support as long as she lives absent from the said Akers." He continued, "All personal property, money and bonds that my daughter Ellen receives under this my last will and testament are to be held, managed and controlled by her and that she see Rowland (sic) Akers is to have no interest whatsoever in them."

She is listed as Ellen Akers in the 1880 census, living in her father's home. She died in 1893 and the name on her tombstone in the Lester Cemetery is Ellen F. Lester. There is no record of a divorce. Her marriage license is missing from the records in Montgomery County Clerk's Office.

Roland Akers enlisted in the Confederate States Army on April 1, 1863, in Wytheville. He served in Co. B, 21st Va. Cavalry, and Co. K, 24th Va. Inf. He was captured & taken prisoner of war on May 10, 1864, at Cloyd's Mountain, and was received at Camp Chase, Ohio on May 26, 1864. He was transferred to City Point on Feb 25, 1865, date of release not given.

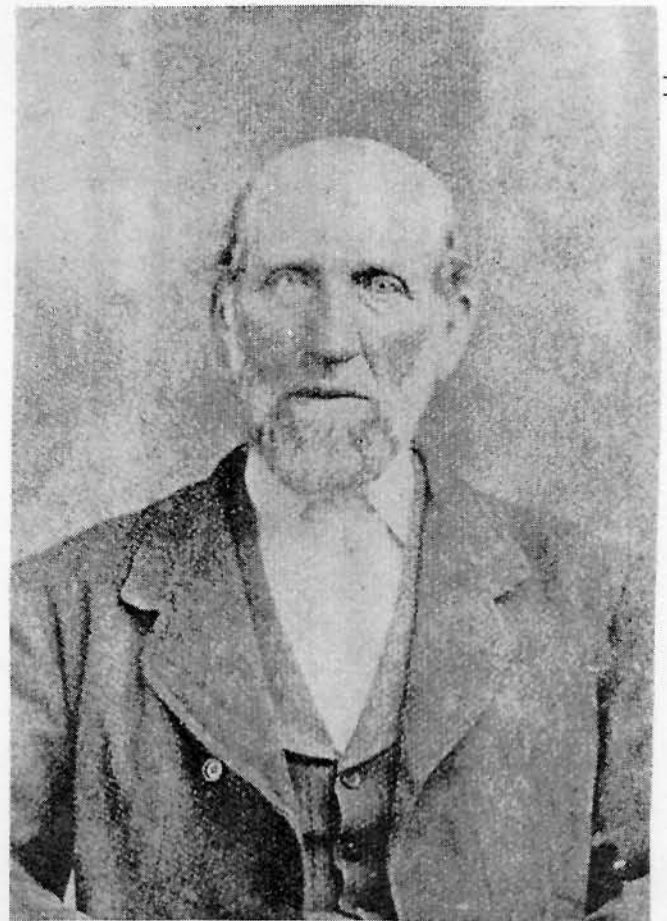
In December 1874, he was indicted for felony in the Circuit Court of Floyd County. Presumably he was cleared as he married Ellen Lester three years later.

Ellen Lester and her sister Catharine devoted their lives to taking care of their parents in their last years and Hulen Lester desired to provide for his two daughters, as attested by his will.

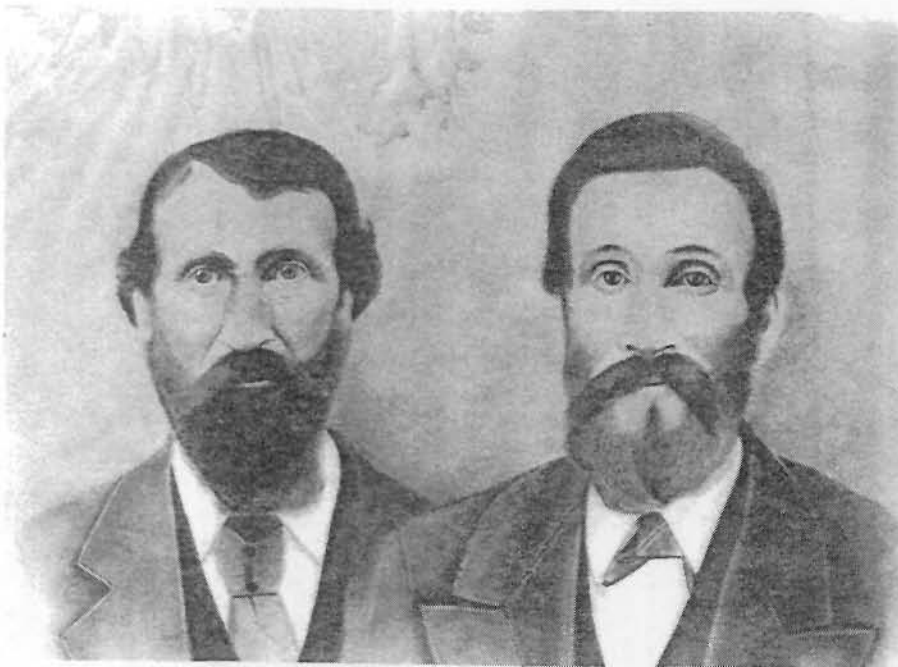
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Paradine Lester Peterman



Joshua Lester



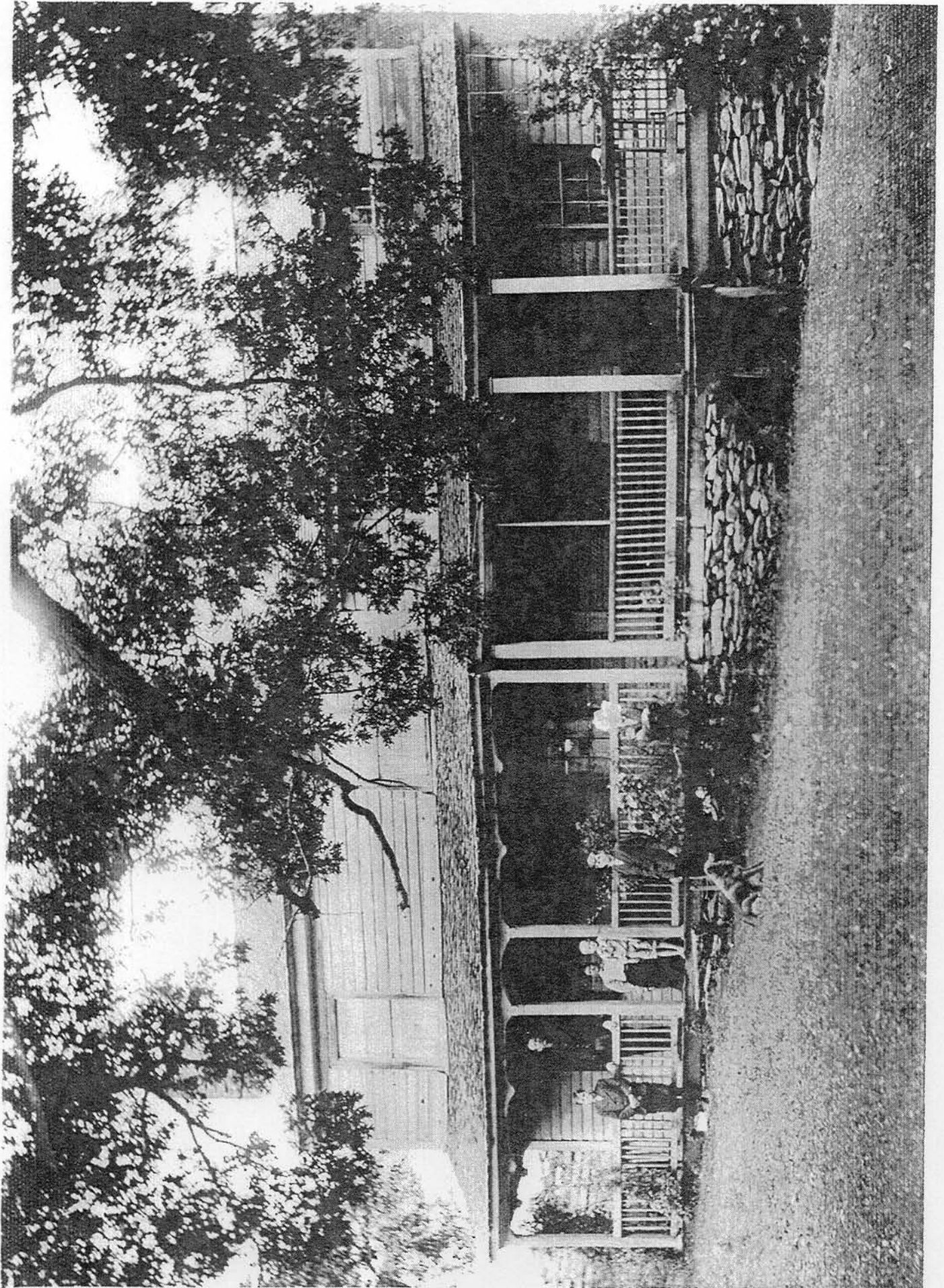
Harvey Lester

John Floyd Lester

Brothers and Sister

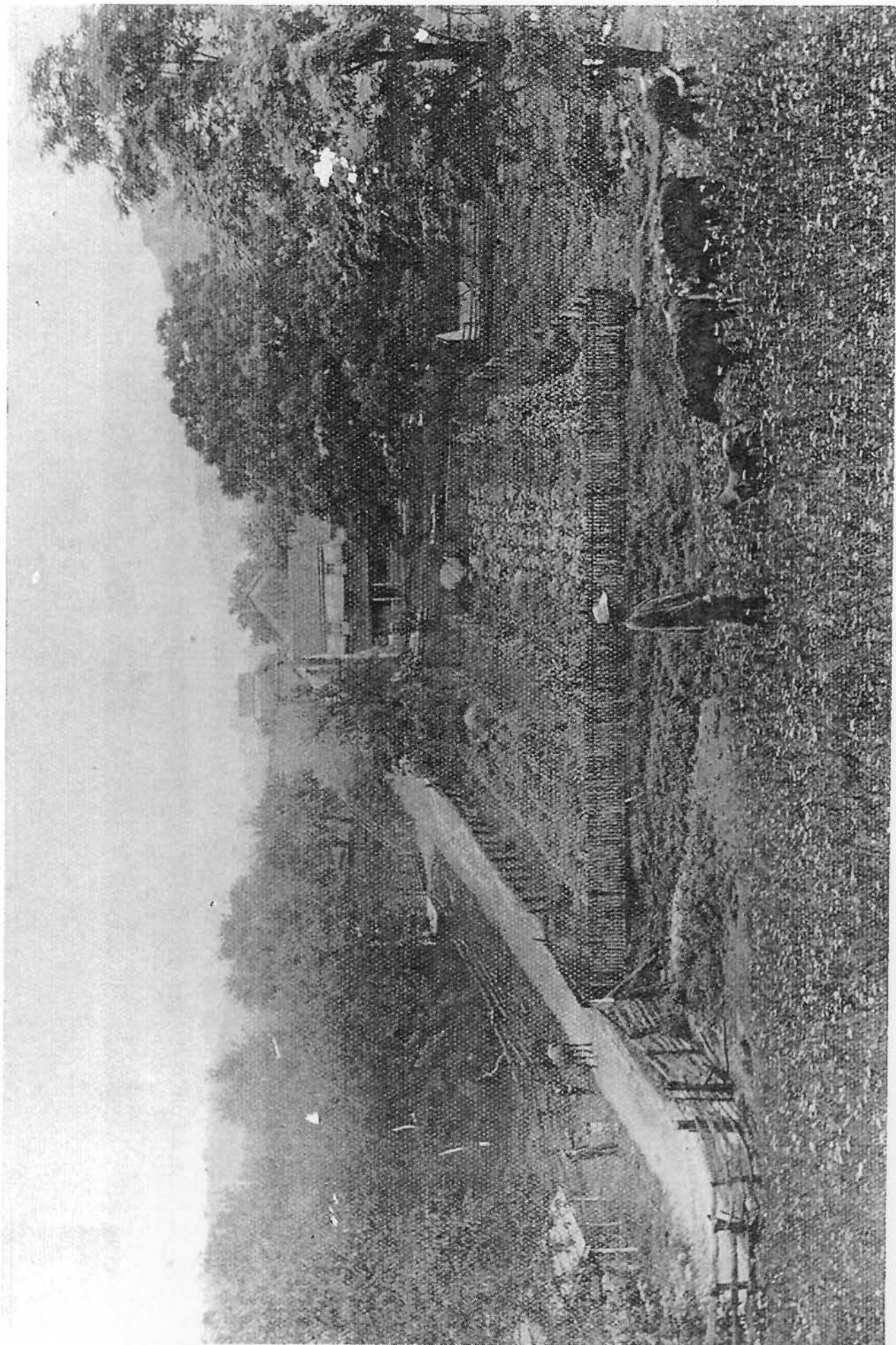


Charles D. Lester



Homeplace of Joshua & Catherine Lester  
Will & Florence Lester & family (on porch)

Joshua Lester homeplace  
Will Lester in foreground





Ira Lester Homeplace



George H. Lester  
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Addie Lester Altizer  
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Cephias Bunyan Lester family  
 Back row: Damon, Dennis, Dotha  
 Front row: Ruby, Cephias Bunyan Lester, Elva, Dora (Altizer) Lester, Martha  
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Jacob S. Altizer family  
 Back row: Gertrude, Agnes, Edith  
 Front row: Ray, Jacob Altizer, Fred, Addie Lester Altizer, Lacy, Iva,  
 Allen (on mother's lap)  
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Harvey L. Lester & his first wife, Catherine (Bishop) Lester

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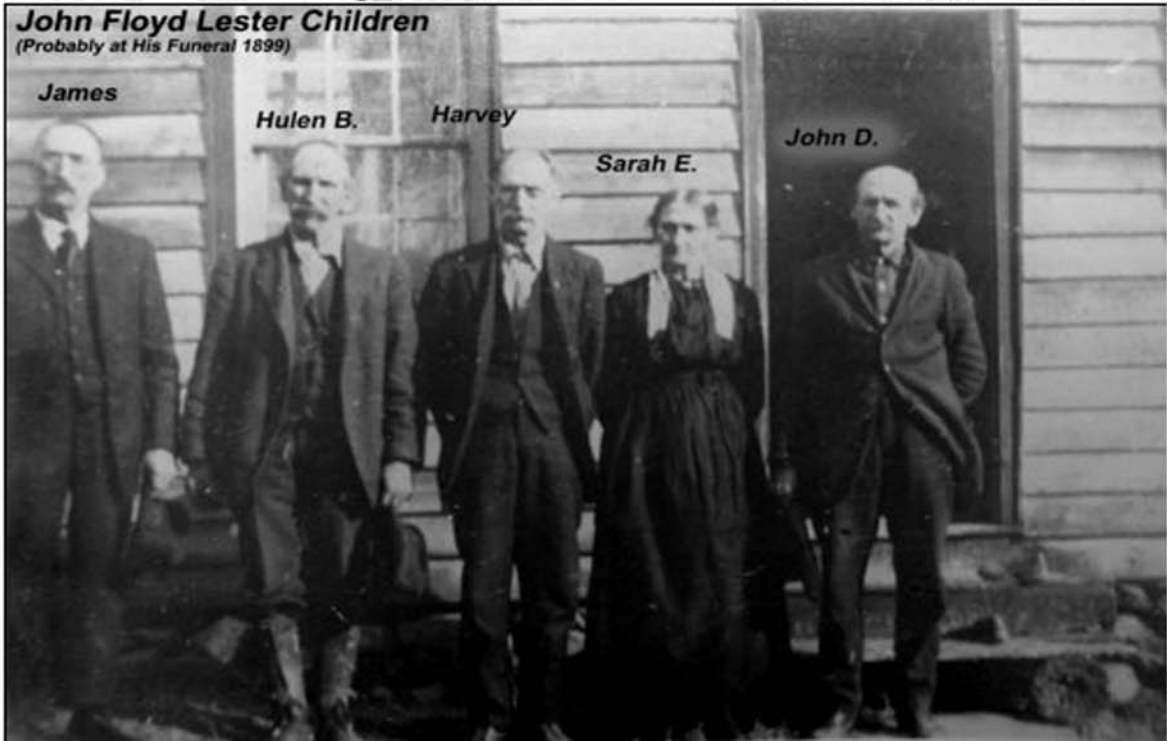


John Floyd Lester (on left), Hulen B. Lester (center), Nanzella Lester  
 Standing: Ottis Lester, Ora Lester  
 Seated: Leonard Lester, Wilmer Lester

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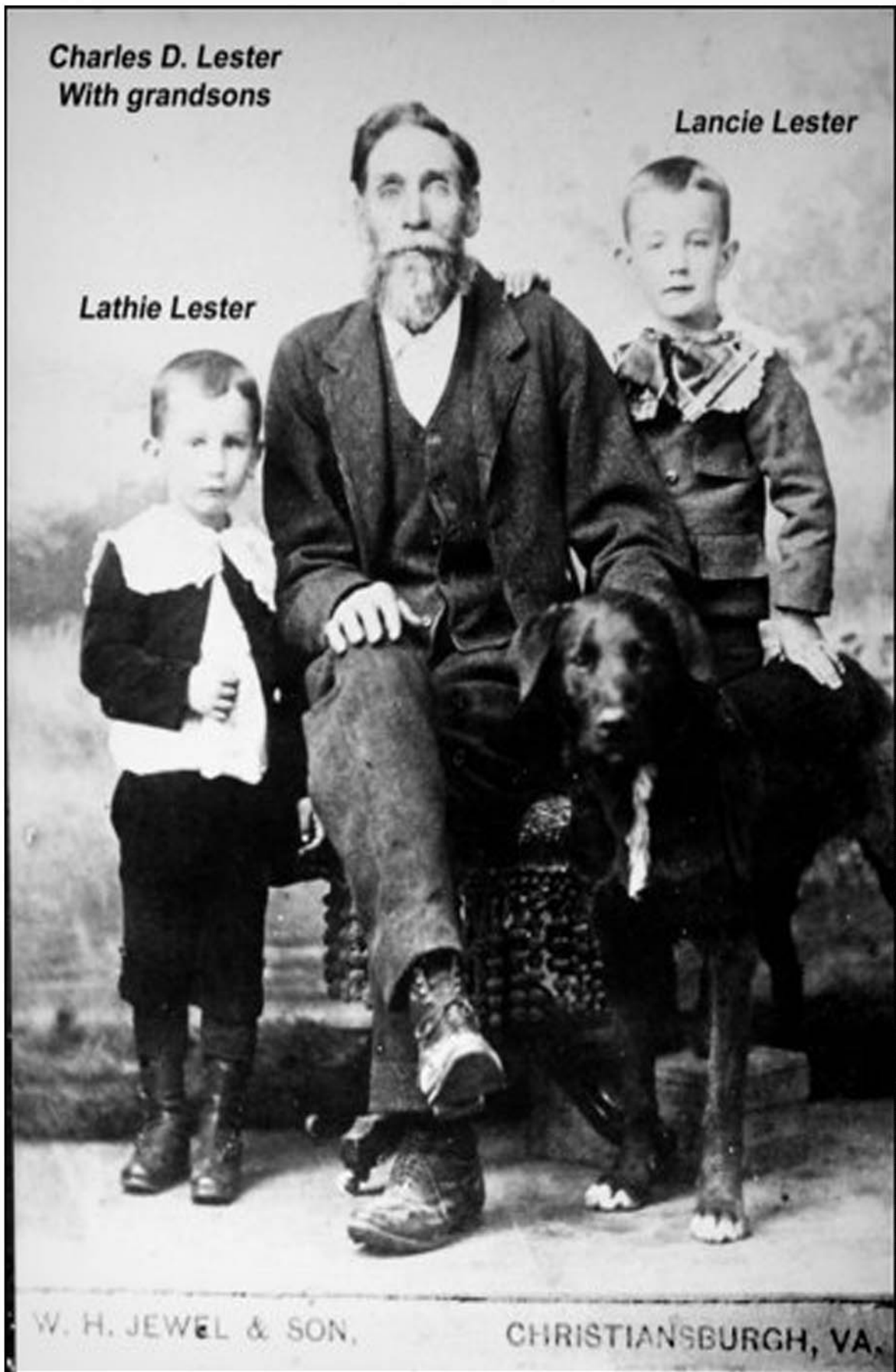
Hulen B. Lester & wife Nanzella  
 Standing: Leonard & Wilmer  
 Seated: Isie & Gladys



(l. to r.) James W. Lester, Hulen B. Lester, Harvey L. Lester,  
Sarah Ellen Lester Howard, John Dow Lester  
Brothers and Sister



Hiram Crockett Howard & Sarah Lester Howard  
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**Charles D. Lester  
With grandsons**

**Lencie Lester**

**Lathie Lester**

W. H. JEWEL & SON,

CHRISTIANSBURGH, VA.

Charles D. Lester and his Grandsons

Lathie Lester

Lencie Lester



Alma Lester Earles  
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Joseph Letcher Lester Family  
& Daughter and Law, Isa

Fred Lawrence Lester

Isa Ellen Lester  
m. Lathie

Joseph Letcher Lester

Hetta Abigail Howell Lester

Seated: Abigail & Letcher Lester  
Standing: Isa Lester, Fred Lester  
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Hulen Lester  
 m.  
 Eleanor Simmons

Paradine Lester  
 m. Daniel Peterman

Octavia Peterman Surface  
 George Peterman  
 Ellen Peterman Horton  
 William Peterman  
 Dudley Peterman  
 Susan Peterman Pugh  
 Giles Peterman  
 Virginia Peterman Phlegar  
 Harvey Peterman  
 Kate Peterman Altizer

Joshua Lester  
 m. Catherine Peterman

Giles Lester  
 Harvey Lester  
 William Lester  
 Sidney Lester  
 Oscar Lester  
 Helm Lester

Ira Lester  
 m. Amanda Guy

Monroe Lester  
 George Lester  
 Charles Lester  
 Albert Lester  
 Martha Lester Moore  
 Lizzie Lester Cromer  
 Floyd J. Lester  
 C. Bunyan Lester  
 Elmer Lester  
 Addie Lester Altizer

Aveline Lester  
 m. John L. Peterman

Crockett Peterman  
 Mary Ellen Peterman  
 Christina Em Peterman Williams  
 Ollie Peterman Burke  
 Bell Peterman Underwood  
 Callie Peterman Lester  
 John T. Peterman  
 Josie Peterman Roop

John Floyd Lester  
 m. Susan Chafin

G. Dudley Lester  
 James Wesley Lester  
 Hulen Berdine Lester  
 Harvey Leander Lester  
 Sarah E. Lester  
 John Dow Lester

Harvey Lester  
 n.m.

Catharine Lester  
 n.m.

James Lester  
 n.m.

Charles D. Lester  
 m. Mary Ellen Wright

Letcher Lester  
 Alma Lester Earles  
 Grace Lester Phlegar  
 Posie Lester Akers  
 Frank Lester  
 Minnie Lester Howell  
 Ida Lester Bolen

Ellen Lester  
 m. Roland Akers

## PAMELIA LESTER

- 2j. Pamelia Lester, b. 1797(M), d. Jan 25, 1835, bur Pine Creek Cem, m. Dec 3, 1816(M), Ira Howard, b. Oct 6, 1797(M), d. May 21, 1865(F), bur Old Jacksonville Cem, son of Peter & Sarah (Strickland) Howard; 2 children: Asa L., Joseph L. (Ira Howard m. (2) Dicey Emmaline O'Bryan).

Ira and Pamelia Howard lived on Little River until their move to Jacksonville in 1832.

Pamelia died of consumption at the age of thirty-eight, an untimely death.

Ira Howard was a merchant, farmer and slave owner. He held several public offices in the Floyd County government and was a member of the State Legislature for 12 years. In 1832 he bought three lots (almost an entire block) on Cross Street (North Locust Street) in the new county seat of Jacksonville and opened a mercantile store. The store stood at the corner of West Main Street and Cross Street, across the street from the courthouse. After Ira's death in 1865, the store was taken over and run by his son, Joseph L. Howard, who replaced the original structure with a large square building that housed the store on one side and their home on the other side. It was destroyed by fire in 1896.

- 3a. Asa L. Howard, b. March 12, 1819(M), d. Aug 18, 1858(F), bur Helms-Cannaday Cem, m. Dec 28, 1843(F), Ellen M. Helms Headen, wid, b. Dec 4, 1815 (Patrick Co), d. Dec 13, 1891(F), bur Helms-Cannaday Cem, dau of Jacob & Eliza (Smith) Helms; 4 children: Eliza, Laura, Charles, Adelaide (Addie). (Ellen Helms m. (1) Dr. John Headen).

Asa Howard operated "the Tavern" (its only name) that stood on the corner of Main Street and South Cross Street, opposite his father's store. The Tavern, one of the first buildings to be erected in the new county seat, was built by Col. Jacob Helms in 1832 on two lots that extended down West Main Street. After Col. Helms' death in 1835 the Tavern came into the possession of his daughter, Ellen Helms Headen. Asa and Ellen moved to Roselawn (date not known, perhaps about 1855), the house erected by her father on the Dugspur Road near present Falling Branch (still standing).

- 4a. Eliza A. Howard, b. 1845, d. July 2, 1854, of fever, bur Old Jacksonville Cem.



- 4b. Laura Green Howard, b. Jan 11, 1849(F), d. April 13, 1928(Roa), bur Fairview Cem, m. Nov 9, 1869(F), (Capt.) Peter Fowler Shelton, b. 1840 (Henry Co), d. 1920(Roa), bur Fairview Cem, son of Peter & Magdalene Shelton; Capt, Co. A, 42nd Va. Inf., CSA; 5 children.
- 5a. Lucy E. Shelton, b. 1872, d. 1949, m. June 3, 1903(F), John S. Lawrence, b. 1875.
- 5b. Harry H. Shelton, b. 1875, m. Eloise Sevier. Lived in Bristol, Va.
- 5c. Thomas Henderson Shelton, b. Sept 13, 1878(F), d. Nov 10, 1945 (Maryland), m. Nov 9, 1908(Roa. City), Dolie T. Kitterman, b. July 1, 1877(F), d. Jan 1, 1934 (Md), dau of George & Elizabeth (Kirby) Kitterman.
- 5d. Peter Maurice Shelton, b. 1883(F), d. 1952, bur Fairview Cem.
- 5e. Magdalene Shelton, b. Dec 4, 1890(F), d. Dec 7, 1974(Texas), bur Fairview Cem, m. Nov 5, 1913, Asa Howard Cannaday, b. Nov 1, 1887(F), d. Jan 23, 1955(Roa), bur Fairview Cem, son of Taz & Julie Cannaday.
- 4c. Charles Albert Howard, b. June 20, 1854(F), m. Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Earles, b. 1856 (Illinois). Lived in Roanoke.
- 5a. Asa W. Howard, b. Jan 5, 1874(Ill.), m. Ruth Samuels.
- 5b. Clarence A. Howard, b. Aug 23, 1875 (Ill.), m. March 16, 1898, Mamie Ethel Lawrence, b. ca. 1874, dau of James & Elizabeth Lawrence.
- 5c. Mary Ellen Howard, b. Feb 11, 1878, d. May 16, 1923, m. William Hughes Clark.
- 5d. Dennis L. Howard, b. Nov 1881, m. Elizabeth Welch.
- 4d. Ellen Adelaide (Addie) Howard, b. Feb 2, 1857(F), d. Oct 29, 1918, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Oct 6, 1874(F), (Judge) William Dennis Vaughan, b. May 31, 1848 (Charlotte Co, Va), d. March 19, 1932, bur Jacksonville Cem, son of (Rev.) C. R. & Elvira A. Vaughan; 10 children.
- 5a. Katherine Lane (Kate) Vaughan, b. Sept 15, 1875, d. Aug 12, 1970, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Oscar Taylor Wright, b. Nov 3, 1876, d. May 26, 1955, bur Jacksonville Cem.
- 5b. George Dennis Vaughan, b. Aug 14, 1877, d. Dec 30, 1943, bur Richmond, Va, m. Oct 23, 1907, Lillian Cason.
- 5c. Elvira Ann Vaughan, b. Oct 1, 1879, d. June 10, 1964, bur Jacksonville Cem, n.m.
- 5d. Asa Clement Vaughan, b. Aug 4, 1881, d. Jan 5, 1924, bur Jacksonville Cem.
- 5e. Charles Albert Howard Vaughan, b. April 20, 1883, d. Feb 27, 1919, m. March 23, 1906, Lucy Carty.

- 5f. William Dennis Vaughan Jr., b. Dec 10, 1885, d. Oct 16, 1918,  
m. Nov 17, 1917, Sallie Royster. Lived in Lynchburg.
- 5g. Phlegar Vaughan, b. May 24, 1888, d. May 29, 1888.
- 5h. Archa Vaughan, b. June 17, 1889, d. July 11, 1969, bur Jack-  
sonville Cem, m. Oct 18, 1916(F), Beulah Slusher, b. March 14,  
1896 (Carroll Co), d. Feb 21, 1991 (Salem), bur Jacksonville  
Cem, dau of (Dr.) Lafayette & Cordelia Slusher; 6 children.
- 6a. Peggy Ann Vaughan  
6b. Archa Vaughan Jr.  
6c. Clement S. Vaughan  
6d. Maurice Vaughan  
6e. William Vaughan  
6f. George Vaughan
- 5i. James Dupuy Vaughan, b. March 18, 1892, m. Feb 21, 1912,  
Melissa Hall. Lived in Florida.
- 5j. Peter Shelton Vaughan, b. April 2, 1898, m. Jewel M. Asbury.

- 3b. Joseph Lane Howard, b. March 2, 1821(M), d. May 7, 1889(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. May 19, 1847 (Pittsylvania Co), Ann Amanda Smith, b. Feb 3, 1830 (Pittsylvania Co), d. Dec 18, 1883(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of John Jr. & Elizabeth (Tuck) Smith; 13 children.

A few years before the Civil War, Joseph Howard and family moved from Floyd to Pittsylvania County; soon after the end of the war, the family moved back to Floyd. Joseph Howard was a merchant, farmer, cattle dealer, slave owner. He represented Floyd County in the House of Delegates in 1874. They had a large family; Ann Amanda bore 13 children in 24 years.

- 4a. Homer W. Howard, b. 1848, d. Richmond, m. in Pittsylvania Co., Mattie Clement.
- 4b. Isabelle L. (Belle) Howard, b. Aug 9, 1850, d. Sept 10, 1892(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. April 14, 1868(F), Peter Latham Howard, cousin, b. Sept 1, 1832, d. Sept 16, 1893(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, son of Major & Caroline Amanda (Latham) Howard; 8 children.
- 5a. Hope Chapman Howard, b. July 20, 1869, d. Nov 23, 1875, bur Jacksonville Cem.
- 5b. Horatio S. Howard, b. Jan 28, 1873, d. May 11, 1938, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. \_\_\_\_\_, 8 children.
- 5c. Peter L. Howard, b. 1875, d. Oct 1, 1914 (California).
- 5d. Gertrude Christian Howard, b. Feb 1881, d. 1940, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Feb 18, 1908(F), Robley Robertson (Doc) Wood, b. 1877, son of Richard J. & Judith Wood.
- 5e. Grover Latham Howard (Dr.), b. May 16, 1884, d. 1926 (Miami), m. Feb 18, 1908 (Prestonburg, Ky), Mary Elizabeth Harkins.
- 5f. Maidai Ethel Howard, b. July 1886, m. July 14, 1915(F), William C. Trenor, b. 1879, attorney, Giles Co. Lived in Roanoke.
- 5g. Ola A. Howard, b. Feb 1889, m. David Briggs, Richmond.
- 5h. Anna Belle Howard, b. April 1892, m. Oct 30, 1915(F), Herman J. Carr, b. 1892. Lived in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 4c. Ella Howard, b. May 19, 1852, d. Aug 22, 1853.
- 4d. Waller Lane Howard (Judge), b. April 22, 1854, d. March 15, 1910(F) bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Feb 8, 1882(F), Nannie A. Harman, b. Feb 1861, d. 1936, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of William H. & Mary Etta (Yearout) Harman; 9 children.

"Waller Howard was a full six feet three inches tall & well proportioned. He attended the schools at Floyd; graduated from VMI in June 1877; studied law at Richmond College (1877-78). On March 11, 1879, he was admitted to the bar. He practiced law in Jacksonville and formed a partnership with his younger brother, Brown G. Howard, in the firm known as W. L. & B. G. Howard. In January 1886 he was made Judge of the County Court of Floyd County, which position he filled until February 1904, when the County Courts were abolished.

He then entered more actively in the practice of law, developing rapidly as a criminal lawyer. In a celebrated case, Judge Howard spoke for more than four hours, after which he was taken quite ill and was never a well man afterwards." (Obituary, Floyd Press, March 24, 1910.)

- 5a. Virginia (Jennie) Harman Howard, b. Dec 2, 1883(F), d. Oct 26, 1963 (Reidsville, NC), bur Greenview Cem, m. June 1, 1905(Roa), Samuel Griggs Jett, M.D., b. May 31, 1881, d. June 11, 1938 (Reidsville, NC), bur Greenview Cem; one daughter.
- 6a. Virginia Howard Jett.
- 5b. Carlotta Lee (Lottie)Howard, b. Nov 1, 1885(F), d. Sept 4, 1975 (Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, m. 1901, Fred Stigleman Hobard, b. April 7, 1873, d. April 22, 1938, bur Evergreen Cem, son of Andrew & Mollie W. Hoback; 4 children
- 5c. Mary Amanda Howard, b. April 26, 1887(F), d. Jan 13, 1969, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Jan 30, 1923 (Roa), Samuel Green Proffit, b. Jan 20, 1864, d. April 17, 1959, bur Jacksonville Cem, son of Joseph P. & Mary Anne Proffit; no children.
- 5d. Waller Lane Howard Jr., b. June 1, 1889(F), d. Oct 20, 1923 (Roa), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. July 12, 1916, Lucy Stump, b. 1892, d. Feb 7, 1951, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau Wade T. & Mattie (Howard) Stump; 2 children.
- 6a. Waller Lane Howard III
- 6b. Nan Howard.
- 5e. William Joseph (Bill) Howard, b. May 1, 1891(F), d. Oct 30, 1923(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, US Army WWI, n.m.
- 5f. Nancy (Nan) Lucile Howard, b. Feb 1, 1893(F), d. Oct 16, 1916, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. July 27, 1909, Russell Albert Harman, b. Feb 22, 1889(F), d. Feb 18, 1972, bur Belmont, Mass; no children
- 5g. Lillian Katherine (Kate) Howard, b. Sept 1895(F), d. 1981, m. June 20, 1917(F), Henry G. Shores, b. 1891, son of Edward W. & Bernetta L. Shores; 2 children. Lived in Keyser, W.Va.
- 5h. Elizabeth Sutherland Howard, b. May 9, 1897(F), d. April 28, 1981, bur Jacksonville, m. 1916 (Washington, DC), Miles Glenn Conduff, D.D.S., b. Sept 20, 1890(F), d. July 2, 1967, bur Jacksonville, WWI, son of Silas Garrett & Nancy (Harman) Conduff; 3 children.
- 6a. Miles Glenn Conduff Jr.
- 6b. Joseph Howard Conduff
- 6c. Elizabeth (Betty) Conduff
- 5i. Sue Phlegar Howard, b. Nov 5, 1900(F), d. Nov 18, 1983 (Reidsville, NC), bur Greenview Cem, m. (1) Sept 23, 1919 (Wash., DC), F. Paterson Proffit, b. 1893, d. 1927, bur Jacksonville, US Army WWI, son of Joseph P. & Nannie Proffit; no children; Sue m. (2) Oct 7, 1933 (Roa), John Nicholas Hester, D.D.S., b. July 17, 1898, d. Oct 18, 1964 (Reidsville), bur Greenview Cem, son of John N. & Minnie Hester; no children.

- 4e. Lillie Dale Howard, b. July 4, 1856(F), d. May 28, 1946(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, m. Nov 18, 1870 (Mt. Airy, NC), Wilson Thompson Lawson, b. May 15, 1841 (Patrick Co), d. Nov 15, 1913 (Pat. Co), bur Lawson family cem; Pvt, Co. C, 24th Va. Inf., CSA, served four years throughout the Civil War, he was in Pickett's Charge at battle of Gettysburg, and present at surrender of Gen. Lee at Appomattox; son of Elder William L. Lawson & Anna Thompson Lawson; 5 children.

She was named Lily Jane by her father because of her lily-like complexion, which she retained all of her long life. She later changed her name to Lillie Dale.

- 5a. Lena Ellen Lawson, b. Aug 19, 1874 (Meadows of Dan), d. April 11, 1960(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, n.m.

She was a much-loved Principal of Floyd High School, and was a teacher in Highland Park School and Lee Junior High School in Roanoke.

- 5b. Harry Leland Lawson, b. Aug 29, 1877 (Meadows of Dan), d. Nov 16, 1948(Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, m. Dec 21, 1904 (Chattanooga, Tenn), Effie Lee Proffit, b. Aug 3, 1878(F), d. Jan 15, 1964 (Roa), bur Evergreen Cem, dau of Joseph P. & Mary Anne (Via) Proffit; 4 children.

He was a prominent business man in Floyd County and in the city of Roanoke; engaged in the wholesale and storage business.

- 6a. Harry Leland Lawson Jr.  
6b. Sue Lawson  
6c. Green H. Lawson  
6d. Joseph P. Lawson

- 5c. Lottie Ruth Lawson, b. Sept 15, 1880 (Meadows of Dan), d. May 30, 1939, bur Mt. Carmel, Halifax Co, Va., m. May 19, 1903(F), William Fielding Tulloh Sr., b. March 1, 1871 (Halifax Co), d. Feb 10, 1936, bur Mt. Carmel, son of N. H. & Mary Tulloh; 2 children.

- 6a. Lily Dale Tulloh  
6b. William Fielding Tulloh Jr.

The following account was published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch: "Floyd C. H., Va., May 19 - At the hospitable home of Mrs. L. D. Lawson this morning at 8 o'clock Miss Lottie Ruth, her beautiful and accomplished daughter, was given in marriage to Mr. William Fielding Tulloh, of Halifax. Grouped around the improvised altar were the near relatives of the bride and groom, and the scene presented was worthy of a painter's brush. The vows were spoken which united the twain for life.

"After receiving the congratulations of the assembled company the happy pair drove across the country to Christiansburg, where they boarded the vestibuled train for Washington and other cities north and expect to be at home, Mount Carmel, Halifax county, Va., after June 1st.

"The bride wore a blue traveling suit of etamine, hat and gloves to match, and carried a shower bouquet of lillies of the valley. Miss Nettie Lawson, sister of the bride, who was maid of honor, was gowned in white mull, wearing a large picture hat, and carried roses.

"The bride is one of the most popular and accomplished ladies of Floyd county, with traits of character as lovely as her winsome person. The groom is a prominent and successful merchant of Halifax, and held in high esteem by the people of that county, where he has lived all his life. He is postmaster at Mount Carmel village, where he conducts a flourishing mercantile establishment."

- 5d. Nettie Bland Lawson, b. March 31, 1882 (Meadows of Dan), d. Dec 29, 1980 (Richmond), bur Emory & Henry Cem, Emory, Va, m. Oct 27, 1909(F), (Rev.) Robert Baxter Platt Jr., b. May 15, 1882 (Ala.), d. Dec 29, 1979, bur Emory & Henry Cem, son of Robert B. Platt Sr., & Lucy A. Platt; 2 sons.
- 6a. Joseph Lawson Platt, twin  
6b. Robert B. Platt III, twin
- 5e. Anna Howard Lawson, b. March 31, 1892(F), d. April 25, 1980 (Pomona, Cal), bur Greenwood Cem, Knoxville, Tenn., m. Sept 17, 1913(F), William R. Barnett Jr., b. 1883 (Lee Co, Va), son of Wm. R. & R. M. Barnett.
- 6a. H. Reagan Barnett
- 4f. Asa F. Howard, b. Nov 1860(F), d. Jan 6, 1913, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Oct 20, 1885, Beulah M. Spencer, b. Feb 1868, dau of Howard D. & Martha J. Spencer
- 4g. Albert Tappe Howard, b. May 4, 1862(F), d. July 9, 1934, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. March 6, 1888(F), Minnie Ella Simmons, b. June 19, 1870(F), d. July 18, 1940, bur Jacksonville, dau of Obadiah & Eliza Simmons; 6 children.
- 5a. Lamar Howard, b. Nov 19, 1888(F), d. July 24, 1889, bur Carey Simmons Cem.
- 5b. Claude Swanson Howard, b. March 5, 1890(F), d. May 12, 1957
- 5c. Joseph Lane Howard, b. Oct 15, 1893(F), d. Aug 14, 1924, bur Jacksonville Cem, n.m.
- 5d. Glenn William Howard, b. Aug 29, 1896(F), d. Nov 3, 1975, bur Jacksonville Cem; Pvt, US Army, World War I, n.m.
- 5e. Mary Ella Howard, b. Dec 18, 1899(F), d. Sept 13, 1978 (Asheville, NC), m. July 1, 1925(F), (Rev.) Henry Rufus Poole, b. Oct 12, 1898 (Mooresville, NC), d. June 18, 1975 (Asheville, NC), son of \_\_\_ & Sarah L. Poole.

- 5f. Kent Simmons Howard, b. March 26, 1904(F), d. Oct 25, 1961(F),  
bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Oct 12, 1944, Eva Bray, b. April 7,  
1911 (Granger Co, Tenn), dau of George & Nancy Bray; 2 children.
- 6a. Nancy Howard  
6b. Kent Howard Jr.
- 4h. Maude Lee Howard (twin), b. April 16, 1865(F), d. March 26, 1946,  
bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Sept 19, 1882(F), (Dr.) Thomas Henry  
Howard, cousin, b. Dec 7, 1834, d. July 9, 1910, bur Jacksonville  
Cem, son of Major & Caroline (Latham) Howard; Surgeon, 1st Sgt,  
Co. I, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; 3 children.
- 5a. Hunter Cleveland Howard, b. May 3, 1884(F), d. Nov 13, 1973,  
bur Jacksonville Cem, n.m.
- 5b. Thomas Henry Howard Jr., b. 1886(F), d. 1911, of consumption,  
bur Jacksonville Cem, n.m.
- 5c. Gretchen Annamanda Howard, b. Jan 16, 1889(F), d. Dec 1, 1976,  
bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Dec 16, 1914(F), John Hargrove  
Munsey, b. May 17, 1890, d. Jan 13, 1964, bur Jacksonville  
Cem, son of (Rev.) Isaac Newton & Susan Munsey; 4 children.
- 6a. Mina Ray Munsey  
6b. Randolph Munsey  
6c. Kinloch Munsey  
6d. Evelyn Munsey
- 4i. Carrie Augusta Howard (twin), b. April 16, 1865(F), d. Nov 8, 1940,  
bur Jacksonville Cem, m. March 28, 1882(F), & div., Frazier Otey  
Dobyns, wid, b. Nov 12, 1842, d. Jan 14, 1903(NC), son of Samuel  
& Antonette Dobyns; 3 children.
- 5a. Maude Lee Dobyns, b. Nov 26, 1885(F), d. Nov 22, 1907, m.  
April 17, 1907(F), Arthur Kyle Roop, b. 1881, son of F. S.  
& Sarah N. Roop.
- 5b. Joseph Frazier Dobyns, b. Sept 17, 1891(F), d. Sept 18, 1951,  
bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Jan 24, 1920(F), Mary A. Winter,  
b. Aug 16, 1895(F), d. Jan 16, 1955, bur Jacksonville Cem,  
dau of Albert Grant & Annie L. (Gibson) Winter; 2 children.
- 6a. Annie Catherine Dobyns  
6b. Joseph F. Dobyns Jr.
- 5c. Alice Dobyns, b. March 19, 1893(F), d. March 2, 1948, m. Aug 27,  
1919(F), Loring R. Kenley, b. March 9, 1890, d. March 18, 1941,  
son of J. L. & Martha E. Kenley.

- 4j. Brown Grattan Howard Sr., b. April 2, 1867(F), d. Sept 3, 1936, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. July 7, 1897, Katherine (Kate) Sutherland, b. Sept 3, 1869 (Hillsville), d. July 30, 1953, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Wm. H. & Emily (Anderson) Sutherland; 2 sons.
- 5a. Brown Grattan Howard Jr., b. May 2, 1899, d. Feb 26, 1937, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Aug 20, 1922(F), Alice Katherine Smith, b. Nov 26, 1898, d. April 13, 1984, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of John & Maggie M. (Stigleman) Smith; 3 children.
- 6a. Brown G. Howard III  
6b. William Joseph Howard  
6c. Katherine Howard
- 5b. Leo Sutherland Howard, b. Sept 23, 1901, d. June 13, 1953, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Evelyn Virginia Gerald; no children.
- 4k. Carlotta P. Howard, b. Sept 11, 1869(F), d. Oct 23, 1873, bur Jacksonville Cem.
- 4l. Pattie Lucile Howard (twin), b. Aug 11, 1872(F), d. Oct 21, 1920 (Hillsville), bur North End Cem, m. April 14, 1892(F), Walter Scott Tipton, b. Aug 13, 1859 (Carroll Co), d. Aug 6, 1951 (Wytheville), bur North End Cem, son of James S. & Catherine (Sutherland) Tipton; 4 children.
- 5a. Ethel Dale Tipton, b. March 1, 1893, d. Jan 24, 1964 (Pulaski), bur North End Cem, Hillsville, m. March 1, 1917 (Carroll Co), Edmund Madison Chitwood, M.D., wid, b. April 5, 1889 (Carroll Co), d. Oct 22, 1959 (Wytheville), bur North End Cem, son of Randolph & Ellen (Smith) Chitwood; 3 children.
- 6a. Walter Randolph Chitwood, M.D., b. Oct 21, 1920, d. Jan 24, 1993, m. Sept 16, 1944, Ruth Anna Reed, b. Nov 1, 1922, dau of William Ernest & Edna Dove (Cox) Reed; 3 children.
- 6b. Edmund Madison Chitwood, Jr., b. Aug 15, 1923.
- 6c. Pattie Tipton Chitwood, b. April 18, 1935.
- 5b. James Walker Tipton, b. June 13, 1894, d. April 21, 1964, m. July 23, 1919, Alpha Heath Johnson, b. Dec 29, 1889, d. May 18, 1951, dau of Harlow H. & Sallie Johnson; no children.
- 5c. Joseph Stephen Tipton, b. ca. 1896, d. ca. 1926, m. Mary Bones, no children.
- 5d. John Albert Tipton Jr, D.D.S., b. May 28, 1899, d. Jan 19, 1947, m. Oct 17, 1925, Elizabeth F. Peters, b. March 13, 1899, d. Oct 1975, dau of Harry D. & Lelia (Hodges) Peters; 4 children.



The following account of Pattie Howard's wedding appeared in the Mountain Boomer, Floyd, Va.:

"A Brilliant Wedding. Miss Pattie Howard of this place to Commonwealth's Atty. Walter S. Tipton, of Hillsville.

"One of the most brilliant weddings that ever transpired in Floyd County was that at the residence of Dr. & Mrs. T. H. Howard on last Thurs. evening at eight o'clock.

"In breathless silence did the numerous guests await the appearance of the bridal party, while in sweet strains the wedding march, as played by Mrs. F. O. Dobyms, reverberated in the Howard mansion. Little Miss Maud Dobyms, bearing the flowers, ushered in the contracting parties, the bride leaning on the arm of her intended. Never were bride and groom so aptly paired, and we could not say that his handsomeness equalled her beauty, but each shone forth like stars in the first magnitude. Miss India Howard acted as maid of honor with W. D. Tompkins of Hillsville as best man to the groom.

"The ceremony was performed in a beautifully solemn and impressive manner by Rev. J. K. Harris, pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place; after which from the congratulations, one would think heaven's windows of joy had been opened upon Floyd's social circles. The happy moments flew by until the guests were bidden to the marriage feast, which to describe would do injustice to the appetite of every reader. Everything that skill could provide, money buy or the epicurean's taste desire, from the icy regions to the tropical climes, was provided.

"The cutting of the wedding cake resulted in Miss Alice Kirby getting the ring and Hon. P. G. Lester the thimble.

"The bride was attired in a beautiful costume of white silk mull and real duchesse lace, her veil was caught up with a fleur de lis of diamonds and she carried a bouquet of white lilies, typical of her pure young loveliness. Miss India Howard, as maid of honor, wore pink mull and lace and carried a bouquet of white hyacinths. Mrs. Dr. T. H. Howard, the charming hostess, looked very handsome and stately in black silk jet, Jacqueminot roses. Mrs. F. O. Dobyms, black net and lace, La France roses. Mrs. Judge Waller Howard, crepe de chine and lace, pearl ornaments. Mrs. Dr. Pendleton, white albatros and diamonds. Miss Lucy Dillard Penn, of Patrick, yellow silk and chiffon. Miss Lillian Pendleton, blue cloth and lace. Misses Lelia and Minnie Kirby, tan cloth & surrah. Miss Kate Tompkins, cream albatros and lace, gold ornaments. Miss Anna Burwell, cream mull and lace. Miss Ruby Hartwell, heliotrope nuns veiling and lace. Misses Alice and Gay Kirby, grey cloth and pink chiffon, diamond ornaments. Miss Lena Lawson, Nile green mull and lace.

"The bride was the recipient of many valuable and handsome presents, among which was an elegant watch and chain, the gift of the groom.

"The Boomer offers heartiest congratulations."

- 4m. India Annie Howard (twin), b. Aug 11, 1872(F), d. May 3, 1917, bur South End Cem, m. Sept 20, 1893(F), Edward Wygal Early, wid, b. Feb 21, 1864 (Carroll Co), d. May 11, 1935 (Mt. Airy, NC), bur South End Cem, son of James & Rhoda (Wygal) Early; 6 children.
- 5a. Joseph Howard Early, b. Nov 6, 1895, d. Jan 17, 1965, bur South End Cem, m. Sept 30, 1923, Myrtle Worrell, b. March 6, 1905, dau of Joseph T. & Lucy Ann Worrell; 1 child.
- 5b. James Kent Early, b. July 11, 1897, d. Jan 13, 1959, bur Evergreen Cem, Charlotte C.H., m. June 16, 1920, Katherine Fulton Tompkins, b. Feb 18, 1899, d. March 23, 1973, dau of William D. & Sallie (Green) Tompkins; 3 children.
- 5c. Annie Lucille Early, b. May 5, 1899, d. Nov 14, 1978, m. (1) Dec 27, 1922, Platt A. Harp, b. ca. 1892, d. Feb 1, 1926, son of W. J. & Laura Harp; Annie m. (2) Sept 14, 1934, James Glenn Cox, M.D., b. Aug 1900, son of James E. & Valeria Cox; one child first marriage, one child second marriage.
- 5d. Lillian Dale Early, b. Aug 7, 1901, d. Jan 15, 1940, m. Oct 21, 1921, Garland Hale, b. Oct 12, 1895, son of Burt & Annie E. Hale; 1 child.
- 5e. Lula Mae Early, b. Sept 6, 1906, m. June 29, 1940, John Apostolides, b. April 1, 1901, d. Oct 17, 1963; 1 child.
- 5f. Edward Wygal Early Jr, b. Oct 12, 1909, d. ca. 1965, m. Audrey Long Mathers; no children.

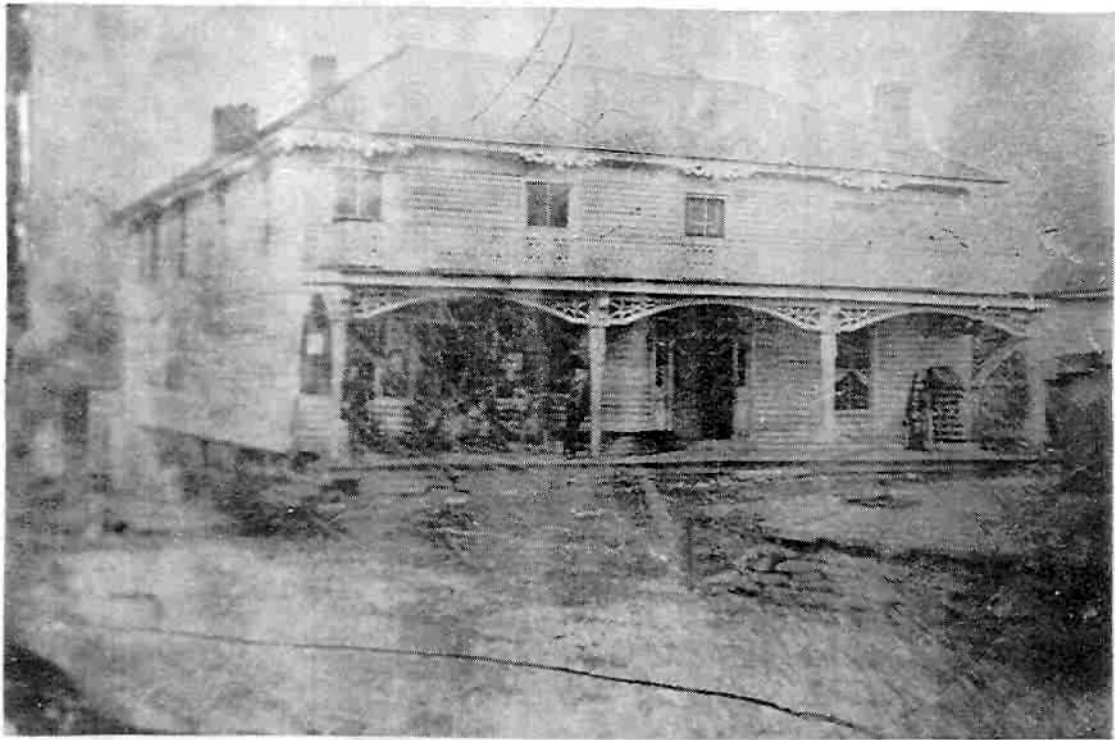
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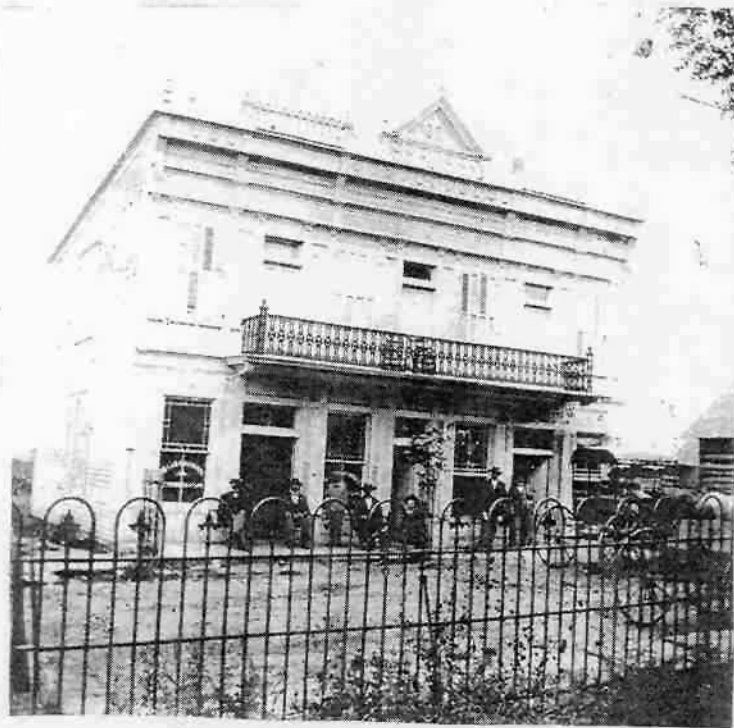


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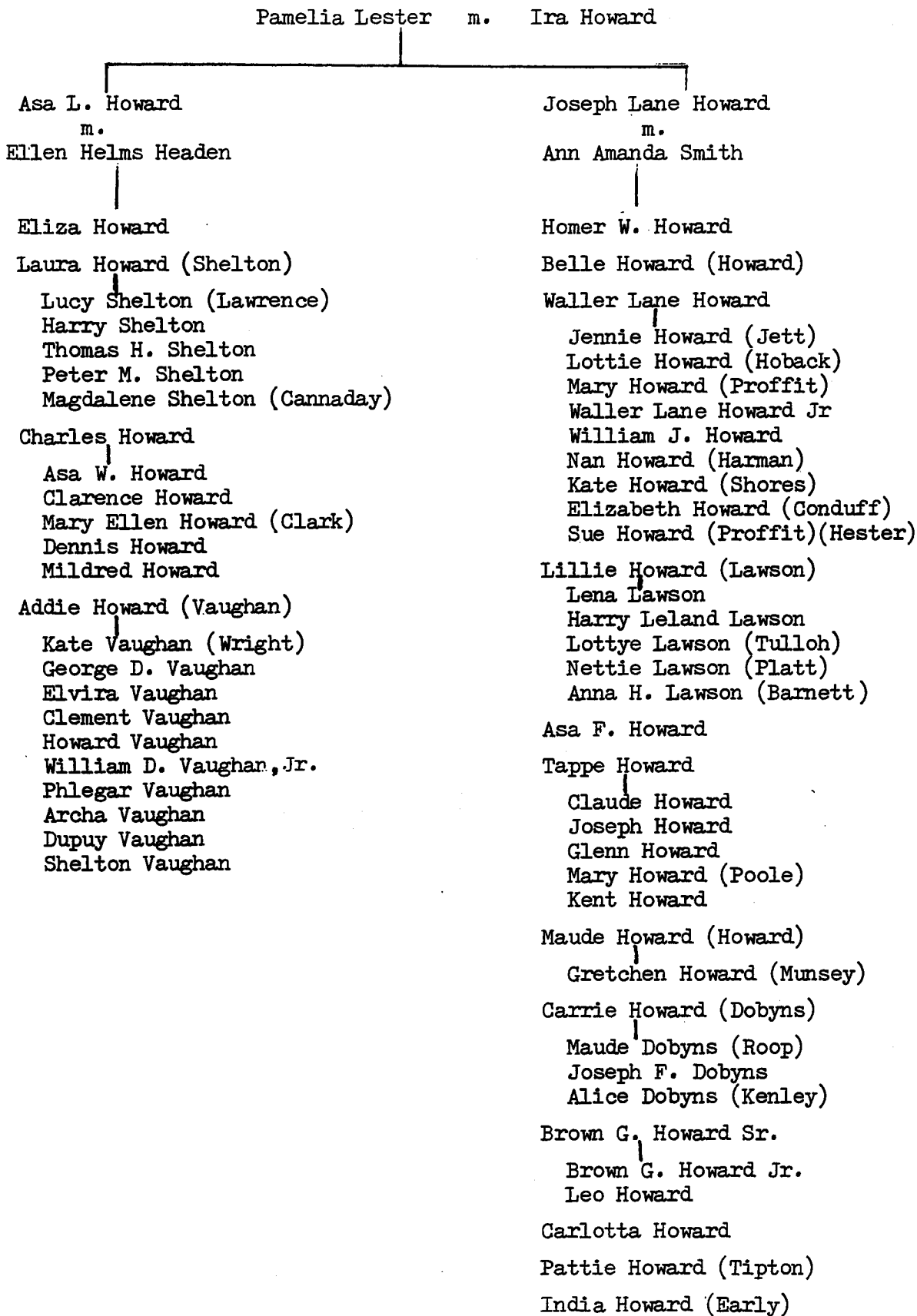
Howard Store and Residence  
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Howard Building  
Law Office (left) Post Office (right)

Waller Howard & Brown G. Howard  
seated at door



## CATHERINE LESTER

2k. Catherine Lester, b. 1802(M), d. March 5, 1885(F), bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. April 10, 1824(M), John H. Sowers, b. Sept 12, 1797, d. Dec 1, 1876, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, son of Henry & Mary Sowers; 6 children: Hulen, Joseph, Timandra, Eliza E., Asa L., Mary.

Catherine's husband, John Sowers, was the youngest son of Henry & Mary Sowers. Henry Sowers, one of the pioneer German-American settlers of present Floyd County, settled on Little River about 1793. It is believed that he came from Frederick County, Maryland. Henry was a charter member and faithful attendant of Zion Lutheran Church, founded in 1813. John was baptized in that church.

Henry left his son John a large tract of land in the Red Oak Grove section. Many of the descendants of John and Catherine Sowers are living in Floyd County today, as well as in adjoining counties.

3a. Hulen L. Sowers, b. 1826, d. ca. 1864, of pneumonia in hospital, Staunton, Va.; Pvt, Co. H, 51st Va. Inf., CSA; m. July 16, 1849(F), Margaret J. Yearout, b. March 29, 1829, d. Dec 25, 1914(F), bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of Charles & Mary E. (Todd) Yearout; 8 children: James Asa, Joseph Andrew Jackson, Mary Ellen, Catherine, John W., Virginia, Nancy E., Amanda. (Margaret Yearout Sowers, m. (2) Dec 24, 1872(F), Jacob Lampe, wid).

Hulen was named for Catherine's brother Hulen, a family name of some significance. He died in the Civil War.

4a. James Asa Sowers, b. 1850, d. 1932(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Aug 13, 1878(F), Eliza Adaway Lesueur, b. Oct 17, 1852, d. 1940(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of James & Nancy Lesueur; 4 children. James Asa was appointed Surveyor of Floyd County and filled this position for many years.

5a. Mary Alma Sowers, b. 1879, d. 1972, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. May 17, 1924 (Warren, Pa), Arthur Winchester, no children.

5b. Ruby Sowers, b. 1881, d. 1966, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. J. T. Akers, no children.

5c. Joseph A. Sowers, b. April 8, 1883, d. March 23, 1967, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Lucy (Bea) Scott, b. Dec 1, 1894, d. Jan 11, 1979, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Nathan Breckinridge & Lucy (Via) Scott; 6 children: Frank, Malcolm, Scott, Ralph, Lucy Joe, Paul.  
Joe Sowers was cashier of the Floyd County Bank for many years.

- 5d. Edwin Frank Sowers, b. Nov 14, 1885, d. Aug 10, 1970(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Sept 19, 1912(F), Elizabeth Pearl Munsey, b. June 17, 1892 (Marion Co, Tenn), d. April 2, 1967, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of (Rev.) Isaac Newton & Susan Munsey, no children.
- 4b. Joseph Andrew Jackson (Little Joe) Sowers, b. June 22, 1852, d. Oct 24, 1927, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Jan 21, 1875(F), Malinda E. Lampe, b. June 18, 1854, d. Sept 23, 1904, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of Jacob & Nancy Lampe.
- 5a. William Letcher Sowers, b. Jan 16, 1879, d. Sept 1943, m. Jan 16, 1902(F), Pearl Lillian Howery, b. April 10, 1882, d. Dec 22, 19... dau of John & Alice Howery.  
Joseph Sowers raised Letcher Sowers, his nephew, and gave him a home.
- 4c. Mary Ellen Sowers, b. Feb 16, 1854, d. Dec 10, 1940(Christiansburg), bur Sunset Cem?, m. (1) Oct 19, 1876(F), John W. Ridinger, b. July 1854, d. June 8, 1888, bur Red Oak Grove Cem; Mary Ellen m. (2) Oct 9, 1890, Asa Willivan Lester, wid, b. Dec 23, 1848, d. June 1, 1926, bur Sunset Cem, son of William T. & Mary A. Lester; no children
- 4d. Catherine (Kitty) Sowers, b. Sept 16, 1856(F), d. June 14, 1914 (Texas) m. Aug 25, 1878(F), Abraham Bower, b. 1856, d. Dec 30, 1924, son of Jacob & Susan Bower; 5 children:  
In 1903 they sold their property and moved to Eliasville, Texas.
- 5a. D. E. Bower, b. 1880  
5b. Nancy E. Bower, b. 1883  
5c. James A. Bower, b. 1886  
5d. Posie L., b. 1888)  
5e. Flora E., b. 1888)
- 4e. John William Sowers, b. Sept 15, 1858, d. March 19, 1939, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Caldonia Lampe, b. 1857, d. Jan 28, 1921, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of Jacob & Nancy Lampe; 8 children.
- 5a. Charles W. Sowers, b. April 1879  
5b. Maud Sowers, b. 1881  
5c. Houston James Sowers, b. March 1883. Went to Kansas.  
5d. Fitz Lee Sowers, b. Dec 1886  
5e. Jacob Sowers, b. July 1888 (Bud)  
5f. Everette Sowers, b. July 1890  
5g. Ernest Sowers, b. Nov 1894 (Cricket)  
5h. Shelley Sowers, b. March 1896. Went to Wyoming.
- 4f. Virginia Sowers, b. 1860, d. 1865.
- 4g. Nancy Elizabeth Sowers, b. Dec 1, 1862, d. Feb 10, 1885, consumption, bur Red Oak Grove Cem.



- 4h. Amanda H. Sowers, b. Feb 26, 1865, d. Jan 28, 1934, m. (1) Apr 18, 1882(F), Samuel T. Rutrough, b. Feb 20, 1863, d. Aug 6, 1887, son of Solomon & Evelina Rutrough; Amanda m. (2) April 9, 1891(F), J. Harley Cummings, b. Jan 31, 1866, d. July 6, 1941

First marriage:

- 5a. Noah Rutrough, b. Nov 1882  
 5b. Fred Rutrough, b. March 1884  
 5c. Margaret Rutrough, April 1885

Second marriage:

- 5d. Mary E. Cummings, b. Feb 1892  
 5e. Ruth P. Cummings, b. Oct 6, 1893  
 5f. Eva E. Cummings, b. March 1895  
 5g. Clayton N. Cummings, b. April 1897  
 5h. James L. Cummings, b. June 1899

- 3b. Joseph Dawson (Big Joe) Sowers, b. Nov 3, 1829, d. May 4, 1907, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. (1) June 28, 1855(F), Julia Ann Slusher, b. Nov 22, 1934, d. Sept 24, 1872, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of David & Mary Slusher; Joseph m. (2) Jan 14, 1875(F), Lurinda Abigail (Abbie) Turner, b. Feb 12, 1852, d. May 22, 1928, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of Charles H. & Violet Turner; 6 children first marriage, 7 children second marriage, 66 (known) grandchildren.

First marriage:

- 4a. Dillard Wise Sowers, b. Aug 16, 1858, d. June 3, 1922, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Jan 13, 1881(F), Ann M. Spangler, b. Jan 13, 1852, d. Jan 3, 1925, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of William & Hannah Spangler; 4 daughters.
- 4b. Letha Elizabeth (Bettie) Sowers, b. June 28, 1860, d. Nov 5, 1913, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, n.m.
- 4c. Osborne Walter Sowers, b. Sept 24, 1862, d. Aug 17, 1951, bur Huffville Cem, m. March 11, 1886(F), Mary Alice Howery, b. Oct 18, 1869, d. Dec 2, 1943, bur Huffville Cem, dau of Preston & Elizabeth Howery; 12 children.
- 4d. Ella P. Sowers, b. March 26, 1865, d. April 1, 1895, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. Jan 22, 1882(F), John Rutrough, b. Oct 19, 1859, d. after 1901; 4 children.
- 4e. Eliza T. Sowers, b. Sept 18, 1868, d. May 1927, m. May 5, 1891(F), Morrison Solomon Martin, b. 1868, son of William & Evaline (Cole) Martin; 8 children.
- 4f. Wesley Bernard Sowers, b. Sept 14, 1870, d. May 26, 1871.

Second marriage:

- 4g. Frazier Tuggle Sowers, b. Oct 8, 1875, d. July 22, 1951, m. Feb 27, 1898(F), Flora Ann Martin, b. July 22, 1872, d. April 25, 1946, bur Wilson Cem, dau of William & Evaline (Cole) Martin; 6 children.

- 4h. Archie Frank Sowers, b. June 7, 1879, d. Nov 3, 1974, m. Dec 10, 1902(F), Callie Spangler, b. Dec 13, 1876, d. March 12, 1955, dau of Henderson & Lydia Spangler; 2 (known) children.
- 4i. Inez May Sowers, b. Jan 30, 1881, d. Feb 12, 1975, m. Feb 10, 1898(F), J. Kyle Cole, b. June 27, 1875, d. Jan 29, 1975, bur Cole Cem, son of Harvey & Cynthia Cole; 9 children.
- 4j. Posey Lee Sowers, b. Oct 10, 1885, d. Nov 5, 1936, bur Martin Cem, m. Dec 22, 1907(F), Addie E. Howery, b. Feb 14, 1889, dau of John & Alice (Lesueur) Howery; 7 children.
- 4k. Kate Lenora Sowers, b. Feb 11, 1888, d. Oct 9, 1942, m. April 14, 1910(F), John Rufus Burke, b. April 26, 1882, d. April 29, 1961, son of Charlie & Nora Burke; 6 children.
- 4l. Flora Ardella Sowers, b. Jan 1, 1890, d. Jan 1952, m. March 3, 1909(F) Otho Martin, son of Asa & Sarah Martin; 1 son.
- 4m. Harley Dorson Sowers, b. May 17, 1892, m. Dec 27, 1911(F) Bessie Mary Howery, b. June 7, 1893, d. March 31, 1977, dau of John & Alice (Lesueur) Howery; 7 children.
- 3c. Timandra Sowers, b. 1833, d. June 1866, n.m.
- 3d. Eliza Ellen Sowers, b. 1836, d. Feb 13, 1922, bur Huffville Cem, m. Oct 24, 1872(F), David Winter, wid, b. 1824, d. ?, bur Hale Cem, son of Paulus & Sarah (Little) Winter; no children.
- 3e. Asa L. Sowers, b. May 13, 1840, d. Oct 18, 1863, of pneumonia, General Hospital, Montgomery White Sulphur Springs; Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; bur Red Oak Grove Cem, n.m.
- 3f. Mary (Polly) Sowers, b. May 3, 1842(F), d. May 26, 1912(M), bur Huffville Cem, m. March 21, 1865(F), Benjamin C. Wickham, b. June 10, 1842(F), d. Sept 27, 1915(M), bur Huffville Cem; Pvt, Co. A, 54th Va. Inf., CSA; son of L. Calvin & Nancy Wickham; 7 children. They moved to Cambria, Montgomery County.
- 4a. William Homer Wickham, b. 1868.
- 4b. James Marion Wickham, b. 1870.
- 4c. Lily Alma Wickham, b. 1872, m. Flem Jennings.
- 4d. John Tilden Wickham, b. 1876, d. 1933, bur Huffville Cem.
- 4e. L. Kyle Wickham, b. April 1, 1879, d. July 23, 1917, bur Huffville Cem
- 4f. Ocie D. Wickham, m. James Smith
- 4g. George C. Wickham.

(End Catherine Lester Sowers family)

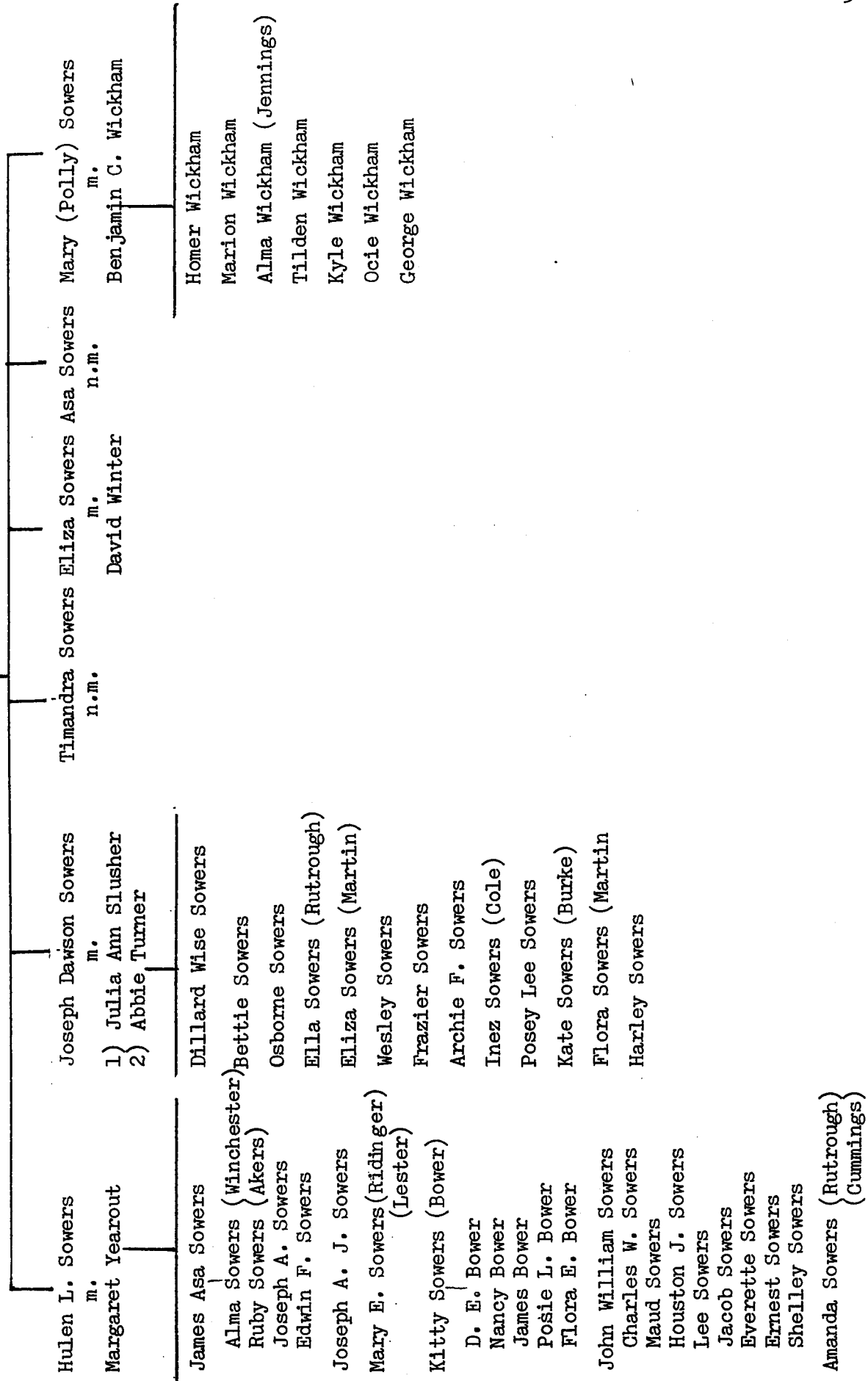


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Catherine Lester m. John H. Sowers



Hulen L. Sowers m.

Margaret Yearout

Joseph Dawson Sowers m.

1) Julia Ann Slusher  
2) Abbie Turner

Timandra Sowers n.m.

David Winter

Mary (Polly) Sowers m.

Benjamin C. Wickham

Dillard Wise Sowers

Bettie Sowers

Osborne Sowers

Ella Sowers (Rutrough)

Eliza Sowers (Martin)

Wesley Sowers

Frazier Sowers

Archie F. Sowers

Inez Sowers (Cole)

Posey Lee Sowers

Kate Sowers (Burke)

Flora Sowers (Martin)

Harley Sowers

James Asa Sowers

Alma Sowers (Winchester)

Ruby Sowers (Akers)

Joseph A. Sowers

Edwin F. Sowers

Joseph A. J. Sowers

Mary E. Sowers (Ridinger)

(Lester)

Kitty Sowers (Bower)

D. E. Bower

Nancy Bower

James Bower

Posie L. Bower

Flora E. Bower

John William Sowers

Charles W. Sowers

Maud Sowers

Houston J. Sowers

Lee Sowers

Jacob Sowers

Everette Sowers

Ernest Sowers

Shelley Sowers

Amanda Sowers (Rutrough)

(Cummings)

Homer Wickham

Marion Wickham

Alma Wickham (Jennings)

Tilden Wickham

Kyle Wickham

Ocie Wickham

George Wickham

APPENDIX

SIMMONS

Charles Simmons was an outstanding man in Floyd County. He was the owner of several thousand acres of land, and he was the head of a large family, yet all the vital data about him are missing. There is no record of the date and place of his birth, date of death, place of burial, names of his two wives, dates of his marriages, the names of his parents. No family record has survived and no official record can be found. The account given here represents my research, and the conclusions reached are the results of that research. This contradicts what has been previously established in some instances and may not be acceptable to everyone.

Charles Simmons was born in Maryland, according to the statement of his daughter, Eleanor Simmons Lester (Hulen's wife), in the 1880 census. A search has been made in Maryland, both in the eastern part of the state particularly around Baltimore County, and in the west in Frederick County. Although several Simmons families have been located, it has not yet been possible to connect Charles Simmons with any one of them.

It is estimated that Charles was born about 1750. In 1824 he was exempted from the payment of county levy and poor rate taxes in Montgomery County on account of old age and infirmity.

Charles Simmons probably came to the Floyd County area, then Botetourt County, Virginia, about 1772-73. A land survey was made for him in 1774, and in 1775 his name appears on a Botetourt County list of tithables.

It seems likely that Charles married in Maryland and that his young wife accompanied him to Virginia. Her name is not known. Will Lester, (son of Joshua Lester, great-grandson of Charles Simmons), stated in an unpublished manuscript written in 1919, that Charles Simmons' first wife was a Miss Shoat. He does not give the source of his information - perhaps furnished by an elder member of the family living at that time. Shoat is a Maryland name. This has not been verified.

Two, probably three children were born of the first marriage:

(1) John Simmons (1775?-1814), who left the county, married and lived in Cabell County, Virginia, now West Virginia; he was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died of wounds received at the Battle of New Orleans.

(2) Edward (Ned) Simmons (1780?- ), who moved to Indiana, married and raised a large family.

(3) Sarah Simmons (1786?- ), who married John Ferrill, September 30, 1807, in Montgomery County, Charles Simmons, security. Because of the

uncertainty as to the date of her birth, the date of the death of Charles' first wife, and the date of his second marriage, it cannot be definitely stated that Sarah was the child of the first marriage, but indications point to that conclusion. Sarah evidently died a few years after her marriage as the records show that John Ferrill married again on March 9, 1815.

Charles Simmons' wife died, date unknown, perhaps about 1786?.

Charles married the second time, Eleanor (Nellie) \_\_\_\_\_, ca. 1787?. The marriage record has not been found. There is some evidence and at least one source that she was Nellie Boothe. In 1929, my grandmother, Virginia Williams Peterman, told me that to the best of her knowledge Charles Simmons married a Boothe. Her sources of information would have been her mother-in-law, Paradine Lester Peterman, granddaughter of Charles Simmons, and her husband (my grandfather), Dudley Peterman, great-grandson of Charles Simmons.

In Descendants of George Boothe, 1737-1813, Montgomery County, Virginia, by Col. Lucian D. Boothe (1948), he records that Nellie Boothe, daughter of George Boothe, married Hulen Lester. His informant knew the connection but confused the generations. Nellie Boothe married Charles Simmons, their daughter, Nellie Simmons, married Hulen Lester.

George Boothe (1737-1813), father? of Nellie Boothe, lived in Rye, Westchester County, New York. His wife was Millicent Wright and they had nine (known) children. He and his brother Stephen Boothe moved to Montgomery County, Virginia, shortly before 1787 (Virginia Appalachian Notes, February 1983: "The Boothe Family of Floyd County, Virginia," by George Pesely). According to family tradition they lived for three years in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, before reaching Montgomery County.

George Boothe acquired more than 1300 acres of land in Montgomery County and appears to have lived, at least for the last years of his life, in the present White Oak Grove section (near Charles Simmons?). He died in 1813 and is buried in the Boothe Cemetery (also known as the Simmons Cemetery).

This cemetery is on the ridge above the former home of Daniel Simmons (great-grandson of George Boothe) on Little River, later the home of his son Everett Simmons. Everett Simmons maintained and took care of this cemetery during his lifetime. His daughter, Elizabeth Simmons Viers (b. September 14, 1919), in an interview on July 21, 1997, stated that her father had pointed out George Boothe's tombstone to her. She said it was a small stone down next to the fence under a big tree. She said that she could read the name of George Boothe and the inscription though she did not copy it at the time. The stone is now worn smooth by the weather and nothing remains of the inscription. Elizabeth Viers is the first and only person I have known who actually saw the name of George Boothe on the tombstone and can attest to its existence.

The first deed of record found for Charles Symonds (Simmons) is dated May 26, 1774, for a survey of 110 acres of land on Little River, made by the Loyal Land Company (Botetourt County records). This tract of land was in the present White Oak Grove section and was his first home. He later deeded it to Edward Simmons (son of his first marriage) and Charles Simmons (grandson, son

of John of his first marriage), (Floyd County records: DB A, p. 190; DB B, p. 25; DB E, p. 377; DB R, p. 292; WB F, p. 486; DBL, p. 292. See also WPA Historical Inventory for Floyd County, 1938, #35, Jimmie Roop homeplace).

In 1782, Charles Simmons was listed as a member of Capt. Eason's Company in Botetourt County "for the purpose of carrying into execution this state's quota of Troops to serve the United States Army for the Term of three years, or during the War." His service record, if any, is not known.

Charles Simmons became a large landowner. In partnership with Thomas Hill, he acquired large tracts of land on the waters of Lost Bent, Easter & Little Camp Creeks and Skaggs Branch, making a total of approximately 2160 acres of land.

In 1795, he was given "leave to include his several claims of land on the waters of Beaver Creek, etc." The inclusive survey of 1460 acres on waters of Beaver Creek and Little River was recorded in 1799 (Montgomery County records).

Charles and Nellie Simmons moved to the Beaver Creek section, six miles north of the present town of Floyd, date unknown but perhaps in the 1790s. The tract of land on which they lived joined Hezekiah Sumner (in 1987 owned by the Lawson family). In 1820, Charles Simmons sold this place to John Lester II, 500 acres on the waters of Beaver Creek and the waters of West Fork, "being a part of the said Simmons inclusive survey and the former residence of the said Simmons," adjoining the land of Ezekiah (sic) Sumner (DB G, p. 516, Aug 5, 1820, Floyd County records).

John Lester II built another home for his family, date unknown, on the hill across the river from the Simmons place.

It appears that Charles and Nellie moved to their son William Simmons' place when they sold their home in 1820. Nellie may have died about 1821-22. The last deed she signed was on September 21, 1821. Charles may have died about 1834. The last official record is a deed, January 18, 1834, to John Lester II.

It is probable that they were buried in the Pine Tree Cemetery, later called the Simmons Cemetery, on the hill opposite the present Beaver Creek Church on Rt. 730, where William Simmons and other members of the Simmons and Lester families were buried. Field stones mark many graves. The cemetery is now overgrown with bushes and trees.

Charles and Ealoner (sic) Simmons joined Pine Creek Baptist Church on November 5, 1803. It is possible they were buried in Pine Creek Cemetery, if so, no tombstones have been found.

Charles Simmons disposed of all his property before his death and left no will. Large tracts were sold, and he deeded various pieces of property to his sons.



The land at White Oak Grove, his first? home, he deeded to his son Edward and grandson Charles (son of John), children of his first marriage.

Sons William, Carey and Thomas were given land on Beaver Creek. Carey sold his land and moved to West Fork. In November 1833, "in consideration of the love, goodness and affection which I bear toward my loving son William Simmons," he deeded to him all goods and chattels and all remaining property in his possession.

We have to assume that he gave his daughters cash settlements.

Previous research which has been done on the Simmons family purports to show that Charles Simmons descended from William Symonds, an emigrant from England who arrived in this country in 1635 and lived in James City County in eastern Virginia. The line is traced down to Charles Simmons I, whose will was probated in Campbell County, Virginia, in 1794 (WB I, p. 264), in which he names his children, among them his son Charles Simmons II, who was supposed to be Charles Simmons of Floyd County. At that time there was a Charles Simmons living in Campbell County, two, perhaps three, men by the name of Charles Simmons living in Franklin County, and it is possible that one of them could have been the son named in the will of Charles Simmons I of Campbell County. The statement of Nellie Simmons Lester in 1880 that her father was born in Maryland contradicts the connection with Charles Simmons of Floyd County.

Two marriages are recorded in Montgomery County records:

June 23, 1796, Mary Cummings and Joseph Payne.

Parents: Charles & Elnor Simmons

Charles Simmons & John Simmons, securities.

August 28, 1797, Betsy Cummings and John Willson.

Parents: Charles and Nelly Simmons

Charles Simmons and Edward Simmons, securities.

It is my conclusion that the two Cummings girls were foster daughters of Charles and Nellie Simmons. Their names and the names of their husbands cannot be found again in Montgomery County and it is assumed that after their marriage they moved to Kentucky or some other state.

Much in the life of Charles Simmons is based on conjecture, as positive proof is lacking. Perhaps records will some day come to light which will fill in the gaps and answer some of the questions.

(End Simmons)

## Will of Hulen Lester

I, Hulen Lester, being of sound mind and sane memory and knowing the certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament revoking all wills previously made.

1st, I want my body decently buried and all my honest debts paid.

2nd, I give to my son Joshua Lester the tract of land on which he resides, already deeded to him, by his paying one hundred and fifty dollars to my daughters Catharine and Ellen to be equally divided between them.

3rd, I give to my son I. H. Lester's (who is now dec'd) children the tract of land his widow Amanda Lester now lives on, already deeded to them.

4th, I give to my son John F. Lester the tract of land on which he lives, already deeded to him, by his paying one hundred dollars to my daughters Catharine and Ellen to be equally divided between them.

5th, I give to my son H. S. Lester sixty-two acres of land lying in the county of Floyd adjoining the land of Simmons and others.

6th, I give to my daughter Paradine Peterman sixty-six acres of land in the county of Floyd known as the White Plains, her lifetime, and at her death to her children.

7th, I give to my daughter Aveline Peterman and her heirs forty acres of land in Floyd County known as the Shop Tract.

8th, I give to my son Charles D. Lester five hundred & fifty acres, be the same more or less, adjoining the lands of Altizer and others, it being all the land I now own in the County of Montgomery, reserving the control of it to myself and wife Elenor as long as each of us may live and with the distinct understanding that my two daughters Catharine and Ellen are to have a home with my son Charles and a support from the land given to him by this clause of my will as long as they live single, and Ellen, who married Rowland Akers sometime ago and who is not living with her at this time, is to have a home and support as long as she lives absent from the said Akers.

9th, I give to my daughters Catharine and Ellen after the death of myself and wife Elenor all of my personal property, money and bonds, to be equally divided between them and all personal property, money and bonds that my daughter Ellen receives under this my last will and testament are to be held, managed and controlled by her and that she see Rowland Akers is to have no interest whatever in them.

Lastly, I appoint my sons John F. and Charles D. Lester my executors to carry out the provisions of this will. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 6th day of July 1878.

/s/ Hulen (x) Lester      Seal

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other.

Test: J. H. Altizer  
C. Lawrence

(cont.)

Codicil to the Last Will and Testament of Hulen Lester, made on the 6th day of July 1878, and signed, sealed and delivered in presence of J. H. Altizer and C. Lawrence.

I, Hulen Lester, still being of sound mind and sane and disposing memory and wishing to further provide for the sustenance and comfort of my two daughters Catharine and Ellen, already spoken of in the 2nd, 4th, 8th and 9th clauses of my said Last Will and Testament, to which this is a Codicil (without revoking anything in said Will touching their interests) do hereby express my wish and desire that my said daughters Catharine and Ellen shall be allowed to keep one cow on the premises on which I now reside with its increase for their own behoof and benefit and that they be allowed proper sustenance for same. I further desire and hereby bequeath to them separate apartments in the house in which I now reside or that they have erected for them on my said premises a comfortable dwelling where they can reside alone and undisturbed, having their support provided for them and enunciated in my said last will and testament, together with firewood for all necessary purposes, so that they may have their own provisions alone to cook for themselves free from molestation by any person or persons whatsoever.

At Montgomery County Court July term 1888, a paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Hulen Lester, dec'd, was presented in Court by J. F. Lester, one of the executors therein named and proven by the Oath of J. H. Altizer and C. Lawrence, the two subscribing witnesses thereto who testified that the deceased signed and acknowledged the said will in their presence they being together with the testator, the said will having a codicil attached, the codicil was proved by the oath of Lafayette Graham, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who testified that the said Hulen Lester signed and acknowledged the said codicil in his presence and in presence of Wm. S. Simmons, the other subscribing witness, they being together, and that said Wm. S. Simmons is not now a resident of this State, and it is ordered that said will and codicil be recorded.

Teste: Geo. W. Wilson, D.C.

(Reference:  
Montgomery County records,  
Will Book 12, p. 321)

Cemeteries in Floyd and Montgomery Counties

Lester Cemetery #1, Rt. 602, Laurel Ridge Road (M), (John Lester I)  
 Lester Cemetery #2, Rt. 742, nr Rt. 739, Alum Ridge (F), (Lewis Lester)  
 Lester Cemetery #3, Rt. 601, Copper Valley (F), (Lindsay Lester)  
 Lester Cemetery #4, Rt. 738, Alum Ridge (F), (John L. Lester)  
 Lester Cemetery #5, Rt. 8 (F), (John Lester II) - no longer in existence

Akers Cemetery, Rt. 750, Alum Ridge (F), (Ennis Akers)  
 Akers Cemetery, Rt. 631, nr Rt. 750, Alum Ridge (F)  
 Akers Cemetery, Rt. 750, nr Rt. 730, Alum Ridge (F)

Big Sand Cemetery, Rt. 787, Indian Valley (F)  
 Blackwell Cemetery, Rt. 612, nr Rt. 221 (Stonewall) (F)  
 Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, 5727 Airport Rd., Roanoke  
 Brown Cemetery, Belspring, Pulaski County

Camp Creek Cemetery, Rt. 615, Camp Creek (F)  
 Cecil Chapel Cemetery, Rt. 669, nr Rt. 693, Pulaski County  
 Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, 5069 Cove Road, N.W., Roanoke  
 Church Hill Cemetery, Palmer Street at Bailey, South Salem  
 Cox Cemetery, Indian Valley (F)

Dickerson-Sumpter Cemetery, Rt. 698, nr. Rt. 8 (F)  
 Dobbins Family Cemetery, Rt. 605, Pulaski County  
 Duncan Cemetery, Rt. 730, Old Smith Farm, Alum Ridge (F)  
 Duncan Cemetery, Broad Shoals, nr Rt. 8 (M)

East Hill Cemetery, Salem  
 Evergreen Burial Park, Summit Ave. & Brighton Rd., S.W., Roanoke

Fairview Cemetery, 3300 Melrose Ave., N.W., Roanoke

Gardner Cemetery, Rt. 738, Alum Ridge (F) - formerly called Thompson Cem.  
 Goodykoontz Cemetery, Rt. 729 nr Topeco Church (F)  
 Graham Cemetery, Rt. 681, Franklin Pike (F)  
 Greasy Creek Cemetery, Rt. 750 (F)

Hale Cemetery, Rt. 612 nr Stonewall (F)  
 Helms-Cannaday Cemetery, Rt. 722 nr Falling Branch (F)  
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 Huffville Cemetery, Rt. 610 (F)

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