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Introduction



THE TULLIS TRACER has received several very nice reviews in various genealogical publications for which we are grateful. These kind people have brought the TULLIS TRACER to the attention of still more Tullis researchers. Therefore, we wish to formally acknowledge and thank them for their considerate words.

Mrs. Margaret C. Fahy - THE BULLETIN of the Southern California Genealogical Society

Mr. Rodney Hartwell - THE COLONIAL GENEALOGIST

Mr. Willard Heiss - GENEALOGY - a publication of the Indiana Historical Society

Mr. Willis C. Tull - TULL TRACING

We have placed several libraries and societies on our mailing list in hopes of contacting people who are researching the Tullis family. However, it appears that this effort had led to some unforeseen problems. We have received dozens of requests for THE TULLIS TRACER from individuals who are not interested in the Tullis family, but merely wish to take advantage of its free status. Therefore, it was been decided to establish an annual subscription fee of \$3.00 to all those subscribing after January 1st, 1976. To all those on our mailing list prior to that date, FREE. This drastic action is necessary because of the ever-increasing printing costs and now increased postage.

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A Tullis Line

John Tullis
 b.
 w.
 d. Still living in 1834
 w.



John Arthur Layton
 b. 20 May 1813
 w. Clark Co., Ohio
 m. 26 Dec. 1834
 w.
 d. 25 March 1877
 w. Clark Co., Ohio

= Evaline Tullis
 b. 1814 or 1815
 w. Ohio
 d. 1890
 w. Clark Co., Ohio

William Arthur Layton
 b. 15 Nov. 1845
 w. Clark Co., Ohio
 m. 30 Dec. 1869
 w.
 d. 14 April 1918
 w. Yellow Springs, Ohio

= Angeline Ann Wolf(e)
 Daughter of Michael Wolf(e)
 and Sarah Rupert
 b. 7 Aug. 1847
 w. Clark Co., Ohio
 d. 5 May 1921
 w. Clark Co., Ohio

Charles M. Layton
 b. 16 Oct. 1873
 w. Clark Co., Ohio
 m. 25 Dec. 1905
 w.
 d. 11 Dec. 1970
 w. Clark Co., Ohio

= Dora Almira Ady
 Daughter of J. Byron Ady
 and Loretta E. Sowle
 b. 4 July 1877
 w. Wells Co., Indiana
 d. 30 June 1952
 w. Bath Twp. Greene Co.,
 Ohio

Ada Elizabeth Layton Lewis
 b. 13 December 1912
 w. Clark Co., Ohio
 m. 4 May 1935

PHOTO CONFUSION

The picture appearing in Volume 1, Number 1, page 5 was thought to be Moses Groom Tullis and his wife Mary Summerset. After publication and mailing, we received a delightful letter from Dewey and Garnet Tullis. They advised that they had inherited a photograph of Moses and Mary Tullis and that the picture published was definitely not them.



MOSES GROOMS TULLIS & MARY SUMMERSET
[Taken about 1875]

We retraced the origin of the mistaken picture and discovered that it was from a collection of family pictures which was owned by Walter Hercules Tullis. It was marked "Grandfather and Grandmother Tullis". However, upon close examination, it appears that they were indeed the Grandparents of Walter Tullis, but on the maternal side. We base this on a comparative analysis between the mistaken photo and a picture of Henrietta Clay Ogle, Walter's Mother. The similarity is quite defined.

We feel that when the photo was marked it was known to be the Grandparents of Walter, but it was assumed that it was the Tullis'.

Our special thanks to Dewey and Garnet for supplying us with the correct photograph and calling this error to our attention.

????? "QUERIES" ??????

JOHN b. 1780/1790; lived in Greene Co., Ohio in 1830;
TULLIS He had children: Frank, Armstrong, Thompson
Perry, Harriet, Melissa, Evaline. (See "My
Tullis Family" this issue). Who were parents of
John Tullis? Who was his wife? Mrs. Ada E.
Lewis, 1606 West North St., Springfield, Ohio
45504

JOHN Were John Tullis and Eveline Tanner who were
TULLIS married Nov. 21, 1829 in Hannock County, Ohio,
the parents of Mary Orilla Tullis who married
Benjamin Clark Spahr on January 1, 1856?
Mary Orilla Tullis was born April 5, 1835 Han-
cock Co. Ohio, and died July 18, 1901. Mrs.
Jim Seiler, 1398 Union City Road, Greenville,
Ohio 45331.

My Tullis Family

by: Mrs. Ada E. (Layton) Lewis

1. JOHN TULLIS
 He is found in the 1830 Federal census for Miami twp., Greene Co., Ohio. His parentage is unknown. His grandson, William A. Layton (17) wrote in a biographical sketch that his maternal grandfather was John Tullis.
Children:
 2. Frank Tullis [a]
 3. Armstrong Tullis [a]
 4. Harriet Tullis [a & b]
 5. Melissa Tullis [a]
 6. Thompson Perry Tullis
 7. Evaline Tullis

6. THOMPSON PERRY TULLIS
 He was born January 13, 1814 and died May 16, 1871. He was buried in the Honey Creek Cemetery, Pike twp., Clark Co., Ohio, with his second wife. He married firstly on January 7, 1836 (Clark Co. Ohio records) to Cinda Layton who was born on July 25, 1818 and died July 4, 1850. She was buried at Minnich Cemetery, Bethel twp. Clark Co. Ohio. He married secondly on December 12, 1850 to Mary Davis who was born on September 5, 1822 and died November 24, 1857. He married thirdly to Mary Jenkins, date of birth and death unknown.
Children: (1st wife)

8. John Arthur Tullis	b. 11 Nov. 1836
9. Minerva F. Tullis	b. 16 Feb. 1844
10. Harriet Evaline Tullis	b. 20 Aug. 1846
11. William J. Tullis	b. 04 Apr. 1849

Children: (2nd wife)

12. Sarah Tullis	b. 1852
13. Warren Tullis	b. 1854
14. Mary Tullis	b. 1857

7. EVALINE TULLIS

She was born in 1814 or 1815 in Ohio (Census record) and died in 1890 at Mad River twp. Clark Co. Ohio. She married on December 26, 1834 (Greene Co. Ohio records) to John Arthur Layton, who was born May 20, 1813 at Bethel twp. Clark Co. Ohio and died March 25, 1877 at Bethel twp. Both Evaline and John are buried at Glen Forest Cemetery, Yellow Springs, Miami twp. Greene Co. Ohio. John Layton was the brother of Cinda Layton Tullis, wife of Thompson Perry Tullis, No. 6 above.

Children:

- 15. a son - died before 1850 said to be 12 years old at the time
- 16. Lucinda M. Layton - b. 1841 or 1842
- 17. William Arthur Layton - b. 15 Nov. 1845

8. JOHN ARTHUR TULLIS

He was born Nov. 11, 1846 at Bethel twp. Clark Co. Ohio and died June 20, 1899. He married Mar. 31, 1851 to Susan E. Denton who was born in 1840 and died in 1914.

Children:

- 18. Addie Tullis - b. 1860, married ____ Smith and lived in Spokane, Washington. They had no children.
- 19. Anna Tullis - b. _____ married Theron Hulburt who died on Mar. 25, 1855. They lived in Painsville, Ohio.

Children:

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| John Hulburt | Howard Hulburt |
| Rachel Hulburt | Theron Hulburt |
- 20. Mable Tullis - b. _____ she d. April 3, 1856 unmarried.

10. HARRIET EVALINE TULLIS

She was born on Aug. 20, 1846 and died on June 30, 1915. She married on Nov. 25, 1869 to John Kessler who was born June 11, 1845.

Children:

- 21. Warren Edward Kessler - b. 1870 d. 1872/3

22. Clara Etta Kessler - b. 14 Apr. 1874 and was married on January 9, 1902 to John Fleming. He was born on May 9, 1874 and died July 11, 1944. She died Feb. 2, 1952.

Children:

Edna Fleming Harold Fleming

11. WILLIAM J. TULLIS

He was born on April 4, 1849 and died February 14, 1897. He was married on May 20, 18__ to Elizabeth Baldwin, who was born in 1851 and died in 1933. Both are buried in Honey Creek Cemetery, mentioned earlier.

Children:

23. Harriet E. Tullis - b. 01 July 1873 and died 12 February 1878
24. Sarah Etta Tullis - b. d. she married Perry Huddleston. No children.
25. Warren Elmer Tullis - b. 01 April 1876 and died February 18, 1878
26. Minnie Elnora Tullis - b. Dec. 4, 1877 and died Sept. 20, 1937. She married Solomon Walborn on Dec. 23, 1894. He was born March 9, 1876 and died Sept. 17, 1947.

Children:

Harry Edward Walborn
William Walborn
Grace Walborn
Herman Walborn
Edith Walborn

27. Effie Ora Tullis - b. 13 July 1879 and died 12 July 1929. She married on Sept. 13, 1902 to Horando Cutler who was born Sept. 4 1880 and died Nov. 10, 1947.

Children:

Ethel May Cutler
Elma Leona Cutler

Ruth Marie Cutler
 Howard J. Cutler
 Elizabeth Jane Cutler

28. Charles Jackson Tullis - b. 19 Dec. 1882,
 d. 1 June 1903
29. Frank William Tullis - b. 19 Nov. 1884 and
 d. 9 Jan. 1912. He married
 Ona Lukins
Children: Vernon Tullis
30. Sylvia Jane Tullis - b. 1886 and died Mar.
 9, 1916. She married Elmer
 Minnich.
Children:
 Paul Ted Minnich
 Ethel Minnich
 Infant son, un-named
31. Alvie Howard Tullis - died in infancy.

13. WARREN TULLIS

He was born in 1854 and married Lillie Gibbs.

Children:

32. Mary Tullis - married Henry Boblet. They
 lived in Vaccaville, Calif. in
 1950.
Children:
 Thelma Boblet
 Austin Boblet
33. Minnie Tullis - married Frank Williams.
Children:
 Esther [a] Barbara [a]
34. Rachel Tullis - married _____ Stevenson.

[a] No authority

[b] There is a marriage record in Xenia, Greene Co.
 Ohio which reads: "William Woodward and Harriet
 Tullis were married on the 16th day of May 1833
 by Saml. A. Latta VDM."

Acknowledgement: Mrs. Lewis wishes to thank Mr. Cecil
 Brown, Mrs. Harlan Greer and Mr. Herman Walborn for
 their assistance in preparing this genealogy. All three
 are descendants of Thompson Perry Tullis.

JOEL TULLIS PIONEER

Joel Tullis was born in Hardin County, Kentucky on April 3, 1800 to Joel Tullis Sr. and his wife Catherine Poppin Tullis. When he was quite young he moved with his parents to Ohio. In 1818, he migrated to Indiana where he met and married his wife. On April 26, 1826, Joel took possession of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 2 of what is now Schuyler County, Illinois. It was on this farm that most of his children were born. He had married Miss Cassie McKee, the daughter of William McKee in Crawford County, Indiana on June 17, 1824. From this union were born 13 children:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Hannah Tullis | = John McKee (he stayed in |
| 2. William Tullis | - died age 3 mos. Calif.) |
| 3. Minerva Jane Tullis | = Mr. Greenwell |
| 4. Joel Tullis | - died age 2 mos. |
| 5. Sarah Tullis twins | - died 1847 at The Dalles, Ore. |
| 6. Mary Tullis | - died 1847 at The Dalles, Ore. |
| 7. Amanda Tullis | - died 1847 at The Dalles, Ore. |
| 8. Cassie Tullis | - died 1847 at The Dalles, Ore. |
| 9. Horea Balou Tullis | - died in Ford Co. Kan., a
Civil War Vet. |
| 10. John Henry Tullis | - died in 1916 in Kan. a
Civil War Vet. |
| 11. James Harding Tullis | - died in Kan. a Civil War Vet. |
| 12. Elizabeth Catherine Tullis | - died in Kansas |
| 13. Harriet Ellen Tullis | = A. Scott, and lived in Kan. |

During the Blackhawk War (April 26 to Sept. 21, 1832) Joel served in the Militia. It is said that he was one of the only two men strong enough to lift a cannon which was used to test the strength of the soldiers camped near Chicago. Joel was only 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed 185 pounds. He could endure much more of the hardships of his day than most of his peers.

During the late 1840's a missionary names Marus

Whitman had succeeded in taking a two-wheeled cart across the great plains and the Rocky Mountains to Oregon. At the same time the American Fur Traders were making a concerted effort to hold Oregon from the British Fur Company which laid claim to the same territory. To encourage migration to Oregon, over-bright stories were systematically spread through the country to accomplish this aim. It appears that these stories were the cause of Joel Tullis giving up his fertile farm in Buena Vista Township, Illinois for the prospects of a better life in Oregon.

Perhaps Joel Tullis felt he was better suited for the life of a pioneer than that of a farmer, or perhaps the love of adventure led him on. Regardless of his private motives, he sold his farm to one Charles Moore, loaded a caravan drawn by horses, oxen and cows, and started for Oregon in the Spring of 1847. Unfortunately, there is no record of who besides Joel Tullis's family and a son-in-law, John McKee. (John McKee had married Joel's eldest child, who had just died after childbirth, leaving John to care for the infant daughter they had named Mary.)

The Tullis caravan was probably joined along the route to Oregon by other groups much like themselves. They successfully passed through the great plains and over the Rocky Mountains with nothing more interesting than an occasional raid on their stock by Indians and the loss of a few animals by drowning during the many river crossings. Upon reaching Oregon though, tragedy came in such magnitude that even these sturdy pioneers were deeply affected.

Several of the party contracted a fever (any ailment that they couldn't diagnose was declared Mountain Fever). During that fever epidemic, Joel's daughter Mary Tullis died. This was followed a few weeks later by a measles epidemic which caused the death of three more of Joel's daughters: Cassie, Sarah and Amanda, and John McKee's infant daughter, Mary McKee.

Looking back on the drastic effects a measles epidemic had, it can be safely assumed that the entire Tullis party was weakened by the hardships of their trans-

continental journey and by drinking the alkali water found in the mountain deserts. All of these dead were buried near the Columbia River at The Dalles, Oregon.

Before getting settled in their new environment, Joel discovered that the farm equipment and supplies they had brought across the country were worth a great deal more in Oregon than in Illinois. Joel sold every bit of their equipment and then did a little prospecting, finding some gold. He had enough to book passage on a ship bound for New Orleans, and river boat passage to Illinois. After that expenditure, he still had enough money left over to re-establish a farm. John McKee, Joel's son-in-law, bought some of the equipment and moved on to California.

Joel and his family made the passage to Illinois, arriving at Frederick in early 1850. (They are listed in the 1850 Census for Schuyler County, Illinois, which was taken in mid-summer.)

Upon arriving they were met by Joel's Father-in-law, William McKee, who had brought a wagon and a carriage. For the children, this must have been the most impressive of the entire trip. Meeting their grandfather, and again hearing the stories about the old homestead and friends and relatives. The boys rode in the wagon, while the girls rode in the faster, more comfortable carriage.

Joel bought the Swan farm and settled down, now that there were no new lands to be explored in the United States. He eventually became a Justice of the Peace and was known as Squire Tullis.

His wife of 46 years, Cassie McKee Tullis, passed away on the 30th of March 1870. Joel remarried and was very unsuccessful in this new venture. His second wife was also named Cassie McKee. She was the daughter of Thomas McKee, brother of the aforementioned William. Unfortunately, this marriage ended in divorce.

After the Civil War, in which Joel's sons Horea, John Henry and James fought, the boys in his family migrated to Hutchinson, Kansas.

Joel at first appears to have stayed in Illinois, where many of his neighbors had never seen an Indian and did not know a pirogue from a pin cushion. Joel knew Illinois when a man needed only his rifle to supply most of his needs, but lived there to see a poorhouse built. In his later years, Joel moved to Hutchinson, Kansas, and lived with his son. He died at Hutchinson on October 26, 1888.

The details related in this story came from an article published in The Book of McKee and was written by Mr. Herman Ansel Whitson. And, a substantial amount of information was furnished by Miss Janet K. Pease. Our thanks to both of them.



THOMAS SUMMERSET TULLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Cole of Iowa were kind enough to have a copy made of the original for this publication.

A Tullis Bible Record

The following record was extracted from the Tullis-Purdum Family Bible and kindly sent to this publication by Mrs. Howard McGee of St. Louis. She advised that the Bible was a Kimber and Sharpless Stereotype Edition, printed in 1824.

THE RECORD

MARRIAGES

John Tullis and Rebecca Doll was married Sept. 30, AD 1824
 Samuel Purdum and Rebecca Tullis was married Oct. 18th, AD 1827

BIRTHS

John Tullis son of A ___ and Elizabeth Tullis was born July 28th, Anno Domini 1799
 John Walter Purdum son of Samuel and Rebecca Purdum was born Aug. 1st, AD 1828
 Martha Jane Purdum daughter of Samuel & Rebecca Purdum was born June 30 AD 1830
 Rebecca Doll daughter of Abraham and Ann Doll was born January 25th Anno Domini 1803
 Elizabeth Ann Tullis daughter of John and Rebecca Tullis was born August 15, Anno Domini, 1825
 Abraham Purdum, son of Samuel and Rebecca Purdum was born June __ A.D. 1832
 Samuel Purdum, son of Walter and Prissilla Purdum was born Sept. the 10th, AD 1801
 Meshach Purdum, son of Samuel and Rebecca Purdum was born April the 26th, AD 1835
 Walter Purdum, son of John and Kiziah Purdum was born the 12th of May AD 1865
 Samuel Purdum, son of Samuel and Rebecca Purdum was born October the 21st, AD 1837
 _____ Purdum, son of Samuel and Rebecca Purdum was born December 29th, 1839

DEATHS

John Tullis departed this mortal life October 4th, 1825, aged 26 years, 2 months, and 11 days in the faith of Jesus.

DEATHS continued:

Rebecca Purdum departed this life April the 28th, 1842, aged 39 years, 3 months and 3 days

John Walter Purdum departed this mortal life October 15th, AD 1856 aged 28 years, 2 months, 15 days in the faith of Jesus.

NOTE: There were additional entries too faint to read.

Mrs. McGee has compiled a list of places that were omitted from the Bible record:

MARRIAGES

John Tullis and Rebecca Doll were married in Ross Co. Ohio.

Samuel Purdum and Rebecca Doll were married in Ross Co. Ohio.

BIRTHS

John Tullis was born in Ohio

John Walter Purdum was born in Ross County, Ohio

Martha Jane Purdum was born in Ross County, Ohio

Rebecca Doll was born in Ohio

Elizabeth Ann Tullis was born in Ross County, Ohio

Abraham Purdum was born in Ross County, Ohio

Samuel Purdum was born in Montgomery County, Maryland

Meshach Purdum was born in Ross County, Ohio

Walter Purdum was born in Frederick County, Maryland

Samuel Purdum, Jr. was born in Hamilton County, Indiana

James Purdum was born Dec. 29, 1839 in McDonough Co.,
Illinois

DEATHS

John Tullis died in Ohio

Rebecca Purdum died in McDonough County, Illinois

John Walter Purdum died in Illinois

Editor's Note: We would love to publish any old Tullis family bible records you may have. Just send a photocopy or a transcript of the record and a little blurb on the printing of the bible and its present ownership to us.