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# IN MEMORIAM

*Susan Tullis Hall*  
1902 - 1977

THIS ISSUE IS RESPECTFULLY  
DEDICATED TO HER MEMORY

## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

**T**he new cover design was created at the request of several of our readers. Their contention was that the same cover on each issue of THE TULLIS TRACER made it difficult to find a specific issue. So, we decided to take their advise and will change covers annually. The amount of work that goes into designing a new cover is too extensive and time consuming to permit us to change each quarterly issue.

Donald & Linda (Tullis) Moran  
Editors

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## TULLIS BIBLE RECORDS



This Bible Record was submitted by Betty Barrington of Baytown, Texas, and is owned by Katie McMahon Scott of Spring, Texas. The Bible was printed by Isaac Collins of Trenton, New Jersey in 1807 and was noted as being a stereotype edition. Betty Barrington descends from Moses Tullis and his wife Polley Blalock as does Katie Scott. They are related thru Betty's Grandfather who was Katie's uncle.

### BIRTHS

MOSES TULLIS, Senior	8 Feb. 1779
POLLEY BLALOCK [Moses's wife]	25 Oct. 1783
JOHN BLALOCK TULLIS [their son]	27 Oct. 1801
MOSES TULLIS, Junior [their son]	9 June 1804
ELIZABETH TULLIS [their daughter]	22 Oct. 1808
ELIJAH TULLIS [their son]	25 Aug. 1810
GIPSON TULLIS [their son]	10 Mar. 1813
CATHERINE TULLIS [their daughter]	8 Nov. 1815
THOMAS JEFFERSON TULLIS [their son]	3 Aug. 1818
JAMES MONROE TULLIS [their son]	22 June 1822
MARTHA TULLIS [their daughter]	8 Mar. 1824
NEWELL HILL TULLIS [14th son & 20th child]	4 Mar. 1828
PENLOPY MAYO [wife of Gipson Tullis]	10 Oct. 1818

### MARRIAGES

MOSES TULLIS & POLLEY BLALOCK	24 Dec. 1800
JOHN BLALOCK TULLIS & ?	Dec. 1822
ELIZABETH TULLIS & JOHN McGLOWN (McGlaun)	17 Nov. 1825
MOSES TULLIS, Jr. & MARIAH H. MADDOX	10 Aug. 1825
GIBSON TULLIS & PENLOPY (Penelopy) MAYO	11 Aug. 1835
CATHERINE TULLIS & BENJAMIN LANGFORD	10 Dec. 1835
MARTHA TULLIS & ALFRED COOK	23 Dec. 1841

### DEATHS

THOMAS JEFFERSON TULLIS	24 Sept. 1818
ELIZABETH TULLIS McGLAUN	27 Aug. 1830
POLLEY TULLIS	23/25 Dec. 1839
MOSES TULLIS, Senior	11 Jan. 1844

Note: The reference found next to Newell Tullis's name indicates that the Bible was not kept up over the years and several children's names were omitted.

# AARON TULLIS, Senior

## and the Berkeley Rifles



Aaron Tullis, Senior, was no different then the rest of the backwoodsmen of what is now, W. Va. They rallied to the shot heard 'round the world .

The BERKELEY RIFLES were a company made up of these volunteers, one of whom was Aaron Tullis. The Company was commanded by Captain Hugh Stephen-

son and consisted of ninety-eight (98) hand picked marksmen. In a 1942 edition of RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT, it stated that the volunteers were ordered to shoot at the noses of a portrait one hundred yards away, and all ninety-eight hit the target "Right-on-the-Noses" - hence that now famous expression. This story remains unconfirmed , however, it is an interesting co-incident that the Company numbered exactly ninety-eight men! Could it be that marks man ship was a requirement for admittance to the Company?

On July 17th, 1775, the ninety-eight volunteers from the panhandle Counties started their long march to Boston, 600 miles away. The march has since become known as the "Bee-line March" and was used as an example of what men could do under the proper inspiration and leadership. The entire Company arrived near Boston and where cordially welcomed by General George Washington. This occurred on August 11th, twenty-five days to cover six-hundred miles !

It is said that at a perilous time during the war, General Washington revived the spirit of some of his counselors by saying: "Leave me but a banner to plant upon the mountains of West Augusta and I will gather around me the men who will lift our bleeding Country from the dust and set her free." (Virgil Lewis's "HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, page 99). Was he referring to the men of the calibre of the Berkeley Rifles?

A bronze marker is now mounted on a background of two enormous hewed stones, which should be classed as a monument instead of a marker. It is located on W. Va. route 48 one-half mile south of the junction of routes 45 and



48. The marker lists the names of the Fifteen Officers of the Berkeley Rifles and other interesting information regarding the now famous "Bee Line march". The marker was erected by the Pack Horse Ford chapter of the D.A.R.

**BERKELEY RIFLEMEN**  
The Berkeley Riflemen from Eastern Panhandle counties, under Capt. Hugh Stephenson, were first southern troops to join Washington in 1775 at Boston. In a "bee line" from Morgan's Spring, they marched 600 miles in 26 days.

Located on U.S. Highway 11 in Martinsburg, W.Va. is yet another monument to the Berkeley Rifles and shown to the right.

On September 7th, 1831 seventy-seven year old Aaron Tullis filed for a pension in Miami County, Ohio. This application is so graphic we have elected

to use it in it's entirity, correcting only the grammar and obvious spelling errors.

Miami County Common Pleas Court, Sept.7,1831  
Troy, Ohio

AARON TULLIS, Sr. before me, Honorable George B. Holt, presiding Judge and James Fenner, John Wilson, Thomas Adams, Esq., and his Associate Judge of Court of Common Pleas of the County of Miami.

DECLARATION OF PENSION

Aaron Tullis, age 77 years, Occupation - Farmer.

Act of 18 March 1818, was passed granting pensions to Revolutionary Soldiers and application was made May 1, 1820.

Enlisted for one year, discharge was lost, but enlisted directly after the Battle of Bunker Hill, in Berkeley County, State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Hugh Stinson (Stephenson) in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, to be continued to serve in the said County until the expiration of the term of service when he was discharged from the service on Staten Island in the State of New York. That his name is not on the rolls of any state except that of Va.

John G. Telford  
Clerk

And the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: - - That he is by occupation a farmer and has heretofore been able to support himself, but that now the infirmities of age have rendered him unable to do so and that he is therefore now compelled to apply to his Country for support. And in pursiance of the first of May, 1820, I do solely swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818. That I have not since that time by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with the intent thereby to deminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War". Passed the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not had any person in Trust to me,

any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule herewith annexed and by me subscribed.

That no material changes have taken place in my property since the 18th day of March 1818, but such as must necessarily occur in the term of thirteen years and in the natural course of events and in the support of myself and family, except since that time I have lost several horses. That his family consists of his wife Mary, who is old, seventy one years of age, and a girl named Catherine Dorr, aged seventeen years, but that he has no control over her as Guardian or Master and she is liable to leave him at any time.

signed: Aaron Tullis

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the 16th day of September 1831.  
John G. Telford, Clerk.

This application for pension was rejected on the 19 of November, 1831, but two years later Aaron made a 2nd attempt, stating in addition to the information related above:

"..... A short time after his enlistment, he marched in said Company (which was a rifle Company) under the Command of the said Captain Stinson, directly to Boston, or as near as they could get, and that when he arrived there his Company and two other rifle Companies one under the Command of Captain Morgan, and the other Commanded by Captain Crissup. They were the only rifle Companies there at that time. That this applicant continued with the Army which invested Boston, and that about the beginning of March, 1776, General George Washington directed the erecting of a redoubt upon Dorchester Heights, which commanded the town of Boston. Everything necessary for the purpose was prepared before hand with much secrecy, such as preparing all the necessary timber, fortification material, fascines, etc., and that the purpose of deceiving the enemy a cannonading was kept up against them for three successive nights, on the third night, the redoubt was started and finished. The British under the Command of General Howe seeing their danger immediately prepared to leave the town, and on the second day said redoubt was erected, they embarked on board their fleet and set sail. A day or two after the British evacuated Boston, this applicant with his Company and the other rifle

Company under the Command of Captain Crissup marched directly to New York, and after remaining there three or four days they marched to Staten Island.

The day after their arrival they received the information that there was a party of the British from a Man-O-War lying near on the island getting fresh water. This applicant with his Captain and about twenty-three others of the riflemen set out for the purpose of capturing said party of the enemy. Having come in sight they advanced upon the enemy at full speed. The Watering Party, as soon as they perceived their danger, retired with all speed to their boats. Their pursuers sprang into the water after them and drew their boats back to shore and made them all including one tory, prisoners of war. They were well armed but made no resistance. The British never landed on the island again to get water while the applicant remained there, which was some time in July as he believed being the time at which his term of service expired, and the day on which the British fleet began to sail, he went to New York when and where he was discharged from the service aforesaid.

signed: James Coe & James Harrison  
John C. Telford  
Clerk of Court for the  
County of Miami, Ohio

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## The Descendants of Aaron Tullis



ARON TULLIS was the son of Moses Tullis and Mary Elizabeth (Van Dyke?). He was born on the State of New Jersey on September 25th, 1753, and when a little child moved to Berkeley County, Virginia. After some years he removed to Redstone (Redston) and then to Kentucky, near Danville, then again moved to a place near Lexington, Kentucky. The next move was to Lebanon, Ohio, and finally to Miami County, Ohio where he lived for thirty-odd years.

On the next three pages are the descendants of Aaron Tullis, Senior to and including his known grandchildren, of which he had SEVENTY-THREE!

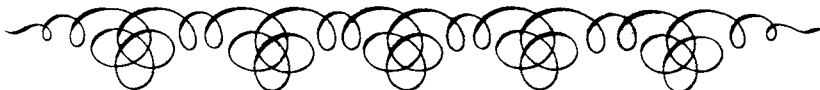


1. AARON TULLIS, Sr. b. 25 Sept.1753 - son of Moses and Mary Tullis. d. 29 Oct.1840 and is buried at Troy, Ohio. He was married three times:  
First Wife: JEAN ? . their children:
  2. MOSES TULLIS = d. in infancy
  3. SARAH TULLIS b. 17 Jan. 1779 = unknown
  4. AARON TULLIS, Jr. b. 13 Mar. 1782 married 3 times:  
First Wife: Mrs. Hathaway. their children:
    12. JAMES TULLIS
    13. ELIZABETH TULLIS
    14. ANNA TULLISSecond Wife: Mary MacKey = ca.1809 - children:
    15. AMANDA TULLIS = George Murray
    16. NANCY TULLIS = d. in infancy
    17. ELIZABETH TULLIS = d. age 22
    18. JAMES TULLIS = Mary Tullis?
    19. SARAH TULLIS = David DorseyThird Wife: Elizabeth Tullis (his cousin):  
 married 17 Feb.1820 -Lebannon, Ohio.
    20. FRANKLIN TULLIS = Mary Martin
    21. ELIZA TULLIS = Elliot Miller
    22. HIRIAM TULLIS = Albert Shackelford
    23. AARON B. TULLIS = d. age 2 years
    24. EMMA TULLIS = William Van Dyke
5. STEPHEN B. TULLIS, b. 14 Oct.1783 - Ky. married Dorothy Barbee on 2 Aug. 1802 - Warren Co. Oh. He d. 23 Dec.1859 - their children:
  25. JOHN B. TULLIS = Cynthia Ann Adams
  26. MILTON TULLIS = Sarah Marshall
  27. SARAH TULLIS =
  28. THOMAS TULLIS =
  29. MARY A, TULLIS =
  30. Three other children not identified.
6. JOHN F. TULLIS,+b. 11 Sept.1785 - Ky. m. \_\_\_\_\_.  
  31. HARRIET TULLIS = William Woodward
  32. THOMPSON P. TULLIS = Cinda Layton
  33. EVALINE TULLIS = John A. Layton
  34. FRANK TULLIS =
  35. MELISSA TULLIS = James A. Sefevar
  36. ARMSTRONG TULLIS =
 + see Vol.11, No. 1 for his descendants.
7. WILLIAM TULLIS. b. 5 July 1787 - Ky. = 10 Sept. 1810 to Sarah (a/k/a/ Sally) Barbee. He d. 27 Jan. 1868, she.d. 2 Dec.1857, both are buried at Rose Hill, Troy, Ohio - their children:

37. ELIZA TULLIS =  
 38. SILAS TULLIS =  
 39. WILLIAM TULLIS =  
 40. SOPHONIA TULLIS =  
 41. SARAH S. TULLIS = Oliver M. Tullis #59  
 42. AUGUSTUS TULLIS = Harriet E. Harlin  
 43. WILLIAM B. TULLIS =
8. CATHERINE TULLIS, b. 6 Apr. 1789 - Ky. married 23 Aug. 1805 to Andrew Thompson in Montgomery Co. Ohio, s. d. in 1861 - their children:  
 44. JANE THOMPSON =  
 45. SARAH THOMPSON =  
 46. ELIZA THOMPSON =  
 47. DAVID THOMPSON =  
 48. AARON THOMPSON =  
 49. JOHN F. THOMPSON =  
 50. JOEL T. THOMPSON =
9. DAVID R. TULLIS, b. 23 Feb. 1791 - Ky. married 11 Nov. 1815 to Sasanna Barbee in Miami Co. Ohio. He d. 25 Aug. 1867, She in 1864 - their children  
 51. CLARISSA TULLIS = James C. McKaig  
 52. not identified =  
 53. ADDISON TULLIS =  
 54. DAVID A. TULLIS =  
 55. MARY JANE TULLIS = Luke Dorsey  
 56. WILLIAM TULLIS =  
 57. HARRIET TULLIS = George F. Morris  
 58. CHARLES E. TULLIS =
10. JOEL TULLIS, b. 14 Feb. 1793 - Ky. married 24 Sept. 1814 to Mary Jane Hannah in Warren Co. Ohio. Their Children:  
 59. OLIVER M. TULLIS = Sarah Tullis # 41  
 60. not identified =  
 61. not identified =  
 62. not identified =  
 63. SYLVESTER TULLIS = Elizabeth R. Campbell  
 64. CATHERINE E. TULLIS = Joseph Wright
- SECOND WIFE: The second wife of AARON TULLIS, Senior was Sarah Thompson. She was b. in 1756 and d. July 1816 and is buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, in Troy, Ohio. Their children:
11. JOHN THOMPSON TULLIS, He was b. 14 July 1794 in Georgetown, Franklin Co. Ky. and d. 25 Aug. 1877 at Troy, Ohio. He married 5 Aug. 1816 to Margaret Murray, b. 6 Jan. 1796 d. 1875. Children:

- 65. SARAH TULLIS
- 66. JAMES WATSON TULLIS = Mary Lindsey
- 67. GILBERT TULLIS = d. age 23
- 68. HENRY G. TULLIS = d. age 5
- 69. CHARLES B. TULLIS = d. age 20
- 70. not identified =
- 71. MARY TULLIS = Never married
- 72. Not identified =
- 73. Not identified =

Third Wife: The third wife of AARON TULLIS, Senior was Mary Smith Barbee, the widow of William Barbee. They were married on 3 Oct. 1816. She bore him no children and died on Sept. 7, 1845. She is the wife mentioned in AARON'S pension application.



## TULLIS NEWS



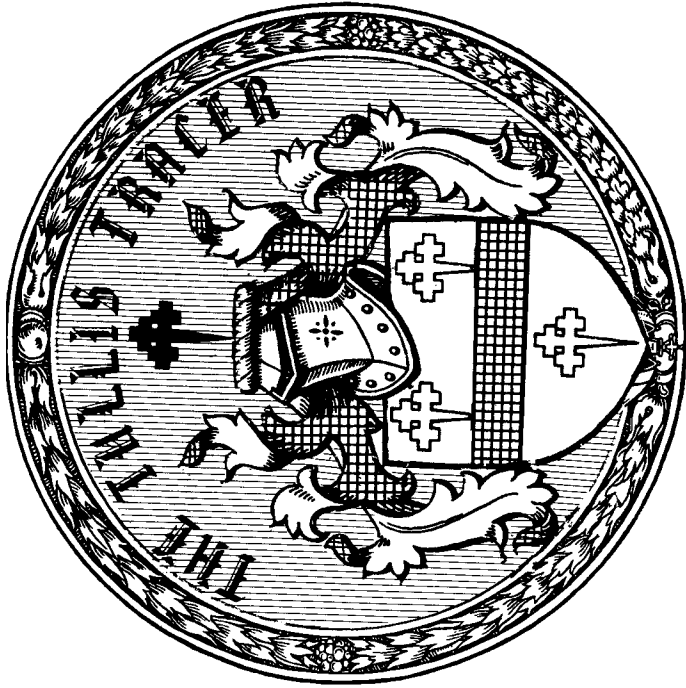
ENSSELAER, Indiana. The Farm of C. Owen Tullis has been awarded the Hoosier Homestead Award as the oldest farm in Jasper County, Indiana. The 126 Year old farm was purchased by C. Owen Tullis's grandfather, Cornelius Hutton, who sold a farm he had inherited and bought the present place. Cornelius served in the 10th Kentucky Mounted Infantry and fought with William Harrison, who later became president of the United States. Hutton fought in the Battle of Tippecanoe and a Battle in Canada in which the famous indian chief, Tecumseh was killed.

The Hoosier Homestead Award certifies farms that have been in the same family for more then one hundred years, and the program was conceived as a Bicentennial project.



Editor's note: If an interesting or unusual event appears in your local newspaper concerning a Tullis, let us know, as today's happenings are tomorrows history.

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