

Jessee Family Newsletter

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Dear Cousin,

This work has proven to me that we are all cousins, we just need to discover how. This is my sixth Jessee Family Newsletter, and its third anniversary. It is still a young sprout, even if this editor isn't. Interest in the newsletter has been steadily growing. We have a mailing list of nearly 100, a copy of which you may request as desired. Since several new members have joined, I thought I would repeat an introduction of myself and a restatement of purpose for this newsletter. Please forgive any repetition.

I have worked on the Jessee family genealogy for over thirty years. My Chico, Butte Co., California branch of the family is descended from my gggg-grandfather, John Jessee (1750-1815), and Frankey Lea (1752/61-1836) of Cobb's Creek, Caswell County, North Carolina and Carr's Creek (today Mill Creek) in Reed's Valley, Russell County, Virginia. Most of the Jessee cousins with whom I correspond are descended from this John and Frankey. All of us living at this time who are their descendants are about fifth or sixth cousins, or even closer kin.

Of their 15 children, my ggg-grandfather is their first son, John JESSEE Jr. who married Mary ARMSTRONG of Caswell County, NC, then their first son Joseph Jessee who married Cynthia SMYTH (SMITH), then their first son John Tivis Jessee who married America Elizabeth BICKLEY, all of Russell County. John Tivis and America Bickley moved with several other Russell Co. families to Champaign Co., Illinois after the Civil War.

My great-grandfather John Tivis Jessee, was one of Robert E. Lee's officers and served under Lee with his two brothers, Ephraim Kiser and Timothy Jessee, in the 29th Virginia Volunteers. John Tivis was badly wounded and Timothy died from wounds received in combat. John Tivis surrendered with Lee at Appomattox. He named his first son Robert E. Lee Jessee, who became a doctor and prominent figure in Philo, Champaign Co., Illinois history.

There is a family belief that Frankey Lee was a close kin of Robert E. Lee. This is doubtful by virtue of the Robert E. Lee family genealogy which does not appear to have a Frankey or Frances Lee at the right time and place to be our ancestor. Dozens of Jessee family members fought throughout the Civil War under Robert E. Lee in various Virginia regiments, and many gave their lives. The family reverence for him is unquestioned, whether we can prove kinship through our Frankey Lea or not.

John Tivis' youngest son, Norval Clarence (N. C.), married Blanche Hester RICHMAN of Douglas County, Illinois. They moved in 1908 to Chico in Butte County, California. Chico is 172 miles north of San Francisco in the Sacramento Valley. N. C. Jessee was an orchardist; he pioneered almond farming, water well drilling, and farm equipment manufacturing in Butte County. They had eight sons whose descendants add substantially to the California Jessee representation.

Their seventh son, Earl Wilson Jessee, married Frances Sylvia BROWNFIELD of San Francisco, CA, whose BRAUNFELD and SHLOMKOWICZ family from Czestochowa, Poland are but a few family survivors of the Holocaust. My folks met and married in Chico, shortly after W.W. II, then had me and my sister, Julie Ann Jessee. My father was a farm laborer, my mother a nurse, and I grew up on the Jessee Home Ranch, where I was much surrounded by uncles, aunts, and cousins as a child.

I am James Wilson Jessee and married to Nelda Faye MELINE whose family is also deeply rooted in Butte County's history. We have two children Earl Wilson and Emma Elizabeth Jessee. By virtue of my mother, I venture to guess that my own family may be the only Jewish Jessee family in America. I would be greatly interested to learn of another.

Besides my avid interest in local history (I am a board member of the Butte County Historical Society), I have visited Russell County three times in 25 years, each time for only one or two days. This only whetted my appetite for exploring, even living in that beautiful country. This is one of my ambitions for retirement--too far away. My many years of research into the family history of Russell County make me feel at home there. I also have Bickley family in Castlewood, on the Clinch River, and Richmond family in the beautiful Hinton area of West Virginia on the New River. I research my immediate ancestors: the Bickley, Armstrong, Smyth/ Smith, Porter, Duncan, Richman/Richmond, and Barrick families; and other families who have intermarried with the Jessees and come from this area of the country including: the Banner, Browning, Burk(e), Counts, Fuller, Gose, Kiser, Stone, and Vermillion families. I have an abiding interest in family history.

That is why, in part, I like to do this work.

James Wilson "Jim " Jessee

This Newsletter

Through this newsletter, I volunteer to facilitate the exchange of information and copies of significant documents. As part of this effort, I will edit this newsletter, until relieved of duty, maintain the mailing list, and enter all genealogy information provided into a Jessee Family Data Base (over 12,000 records now). I will share the mailing list, charts, or data files with you when asked.

I would like to discover and record all of the descendants of the 15 children of John Jessee and Frankey Lea to the fullest extent my time and resources will allow. We now have descendants of 10 of John Jessee's children represented on our mailing list. This is admittedly a monumental chore. I am giving myself the rest of my life to accomplish it, and may he live so long! The fun is in the learning and the friendships I develop along the way. I am rewarded all the time by the visits, conversations, and correspondence I have with you.

I am asking, if you haven't done so already, to verify your continuing interest by responding to this newsletter with responses to questions, your own contributing materials, and, of course, information about your own branch of the family. If you are not interested or do not have the time, please make copies or give this newsletter to someone who does. Your comments on how to improve this newsletter are also welcome.

Please feel free to correct anything I may have wrong or wrongheaded. I have seldom met a Jessee without a definite opinion nor afraid to share it. Please provide me additional names and addresses of others who may be specifically interested in this effort. I am not looking for a huge list with every family member, just those who are willing to help exchange information and/or represent their branch of the family or area of the country.

I do my work with *Personal Ancestry File* on a DOS computer. I can provide and receive genealogy information using

the GEDCOM format on IBM or Mac diskettes and by electronic mail via Internet. I am available on Internet at JJESSEE@OAVAX.CSUCHICO.EDU, and welcome correspondence via this medium. There are a considerable number of Jessee descendants using Internet via America On-Line or Compuserve. I welcome their participation in this newsletter as well.

I need and very much appreciate your donations in defraying the considerable cost of research, printing and postage of this newsletter and the other materials I send out. \$10 a year will sustain the newsletter, more will help support the effort. However, I do not want to exclude anyone with real interest who can't afford to contribute either. Please share what you can. Those who have been especially generous are helping those who can't. Please see the Thank You Honors List in this newsletter.

Frankey Lea Research

Many of the Jessees in America are descended from John Jessee (1750-1816) and Frankey Lea (1752/61-1836). Much research effort by several generations of genealogists, and perhaps even more generations of family lore has tried to identify our Frankey Lea with respect to the prominent Leigh, Lea and Lee families of Virginia and North Carolina.

In the last two newsletters, I asked, *Will the Real Frankey Lea Please Stand Up*, then had to follow that with *Will Some of You Frankey Leas Please Sit Down?* I have met new researchers, been privileged to receive extensive documentation thanks to the generosity of Col. Howard G. Jessee and some others. I received a great deal of additional information on the Lea and Lee Families, read and studied all of it, but feel no closer to the answer.

There are at least seven "Frankey" Leas/Lees identified in the research, family lore, or speculation, and the possibility that she is none of the above. Most of these were discussed more completely in the last two newsletters.

Your choices are:

1. Frances "Frankie" Lee, (b. 1752)

Some unknown relation of Robert E. Lee
or other Virginia Lees.

2. Frances "Frankey" Lea (b. 1755)

da. of John Lea of Country Line Creek
and Winneyfred.

3. Francis Lea (b. after 1752)

da. of Henry Lea
and Elizabeth Lea

4. Frankey Lea (b. after 1752)

da. of James Lea of Cobbís Creek
and Elizabeth Lea.

5. Frances "Frank" Lea (b. 12/ 2/ 1761)

da. of George Lea and Lucy Tolbert.

6. Frankey Lea, (b. abt 1752)

unknown da. of William Lea of Cobbís Creek,
and an assumed Mary (Archer?)

7. Frances "Frankie" Lee (b. aft 1750)

da. of Richard Lee, b. 1725 and
Lillie, b. 1727, of Edgecombe Co., NC.

The first four choices are, in my opinion, doubtful based on the information and opinion of others that I have received. #3 and #4 may be the same person. I have seen nothing to disprove #5, and it is my favorite speculation. #6 is the speculation of Tom Rudder and deserves investigation (See attached chart).

The latest information comes from Harlan Stanley of Lexington, KY, who identifies a more specific #7, Frances Lee, daughter of a Richard and Lillie Lee of Edgecombe Co., NC. The county name and the specific birthdates for Richard and Lillie is new information for me that also deserves investigation.

I put a lot of store in the traditions of naming children after close kin and other loved ones. These generations in particular deliberately named their children after their ancestors, and often honored the mother's family with first names. Many such first names exist in the Jessee, Lea and related families, such as Archer, Armstrong, Fleming, Browning, Fuller, Herndon, Wilson, Lea and Jessee too. The fact that neither names Richard or Lillie appear in any of John and Frankey's children or grandchildren casts doubt for me of a Richard or a Lillie being in their pedigree. I would look for a Henry, John, Archer, William, David, Francis, James or a George Lea for a brother, father, grandfather, or uncle, and a Boedicea, Mary, Frances, Sarah, Elizabeth or Rebecca for a sister, mother, grandmother, or aunt of our John Jessee and Frankey Lea.

I invite your continued research, analysis, critique, and correction of the Lea Family information. We still have much to do to establish Who is our Frankey Lea?

Other Jesse(e) Families in America and The World

I once believed that all of the Jessees in America, certainly in Russell County, were descended from John Jessee and Frankey Lea. My research, correspondence, and many responses to this newsletter has proven otherwise. There are several Jesse and Jessee families in America, even in Russell County, who are not descendants and their relationship is unknown.

There are Jesse families in England, France, and Germany, and perhaps Poland and Moravia, if not more countries in the world. There are "Jesse" families who are descended from John and Frankey, and there are "Jessee" families who are not. I believe we are all related through common ancestors. I hope this newsletter will inspire the research we all need to discover the missing links.

I providing here, as an ongoing feature, some of the information I have regarding other Jesse and Jessee in America and the world.

1. THE RUSSELL COUNTY DESCENDANTS OF "OLD" PHILLIP AND GABRIEL JESSEE.

Thanks to a delightful correspondence with Irene Jessee Perry, I have learned about the descendants of "Old Phillip" Jessee, who researchers have oft encountered in census and cemetery records, marveled at his advanced age of 108 in the 1850 Census, and wondered how he is related. Gabriel Jessee was his son and many of his descendants remained in Russell Co. in the Honaker area. They have further intermarried with the same Russell Co. families as did

our John Jessees, perhaps even with John Jessee's own descendants. See "Old Phillip's Descendants Chart" attached.

Gabriel Jessee family lore indicates that Phillip lived to be at least 116, was believed to be a brother of our John and perhaps Henry Jessee too. They believe there is a Jessee family Bible somewhere that proves this. Irene agrees to keep on the lookout for that item, as it would be an important document for all of us.

Here is an excerpt from my correspondence with Irene, who is an accomplished artist, as well.

Dear Irene,

I recently began to study the Gabriel Jessee family, based on the reported location of the Gabriel Jessee Cemetery near Honaker, VA, (See Tom Rudder's map, May 1994 Newsletter) and information provided to me about Gabriel Jessee from Donald Dortch, a fellow researcher. The latter information was creating a problem for me. Donald Dortch shows Gabriel Jessee as a son of John Jessee Jr., the first son of John Jessee and Frankey Lea of Caswell County NC and Russell Co. VA. This happens to be my branch of the family, and we had no previous record of a Gabriel being the son of John Jessee Jr. although by age he could fit into this family as one of the first born children.

Your information indicates that Gabriel is the son of Phillip and Rachel Jessee, who would be contemporaries of John Jessee and Frankey Lea. John and Phillip could be brothers or cousins or even no relation, although based on the common spelling of Jessee and location, I am inclined to believe they are related, descended from an even more distant Jessee ancestor. You assuredly debunk the myth that all Jessees in Russell Co., nay America, are descended from John Jessee and Frankey Lea. I have shared that illusion. I hope you will help us with research on the origins of Phillip and Rachel. What evidence do you have of them?

There are no artists that I know of in my immediate family, nor have I seen much reference to such historically for the Jessees. Perhaps that gene did not follow the John Jessee line! However, many members of the family are unusually skilled in the trades of metal and woodworking, with many machinists, welders, sheet metal workers, woodworkers, carpenters and cabinet makers and so forth in the family. I have seen several of these folks do work which would be considered art in the sense of creativity and mastery of a medium, albeit utilitarian. I am inclined to think that the Jessee's have special talent at seeing things spatially. I would like to be able to see more of your work and that of your family. A BFA degree is quite an accomplishment and I was glad to learn of your achievements.

Jim

2. OTHER VIRGINIA TRACKS AND TRAILS

Alan Selig's research provides us several tracks and trails of other Jessees in Virginia which may be clues in discovering our common Jessee ancestors. He has provided us the following information.

FROM: *Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774,*
by Muretje June Clark, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983.

Pg. 240: His Majesty's Ship Windsor Muster Book: Supernumeraries being officers and soldiers belonging to Captain William Merrick's Independent Company, June 6, 1740-1741. #22 Private Jessey, Geo: Remarks: D (discharged) 17 June 1740, Pr Royal.

Pg. 450: Size Roll of Seventh Company of the Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Captain Joshua Lewis July 1757. #52

Jessee, W:m age 20, 5'7", from Virginia, trade: Planter, Enlistment: drft, Isle White.

Pg. 451: A Necessary Roll of the Necessities* Belonging to the Seventh company of the Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Captain Joshua Lewis, July, 1757.

#54 Jessy, W:m.

Pg. 465: Payroll of Captain Joshua Lewis' Company, for June, July, August 1757. #25 Jessey, William. Remarks: Rec'd by Philip Reed.

Pg. 472 & 478: Returns for the months of September and October of Necessities Belonging to the Seventh Company of the Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Captain Joshua Lewis, 1757. #51 Jessee, W:m.

*Note: The Several Species of Necessaries were firelocks, bayonets, cartridge boxes, belts and frogs, swords and belts, coats, waistcoats, britches, shirts, stocks, shoes, stockings, hats, cockades, blankets, canteens, shoe buckles, knee buckles, buckles and garters, combs, haversacks, knapsacks, which were issued to each man shown above. See manuscript for number.

Attest: J. Baker, G. Weedon, Coleby Chew.

FROM: *Marriages of Some Virginia Residents, 1607-1800*: 1964, Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, St. Park Ave., Naugatuck, Connecticut.

Jesse, John, m. 4 Aug., 1782, Catherine Beamon, Christ Church*, p. 208.

Jessey, Mary, m. Samuel Godwin (1st wife).

*Note: Christ Church refers to *The Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1653-1812*, published by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia, 1897.

FROM: Batly, Elizabeth Petty, *Virginia Marriage Records*; Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1984: September 23, 1786--Jesse, Thomas & Sarah James, Amelia County.

FROM: *The First US Census, 1790*.
Jane Jessee, Middlesex County VA,
listed as head of household

There is evidence of other Jesse(e) individuals in nearby counties of Virginia. Harold Dorton, of Martinsville, VA, responded to the last newsletter indicating that his research, and that of cousin Mary Anne Hale Myers, of Rosedale, VA, indicates evidence of several other Jesse(e) individuals or families who lived before or during the same time in Spotsylvania, Middlesex, and Fincastle Counties in VA.

Mrs. Zella Detweiler suggests we research the John Jesse who witnessed some deeds in Spotsylvania Co., VA in the 1740s and to keep on the lookout for a Jesse(e), surveyor or chain carrier, on some old land grants. His signature would be important. It could be compared with the Russell Co. signature of our John Jessee.

All of the Jesse(e)s noted here are antecedents or contemporaries of our John and Frankey, and their relationship is unknown. Old Phillip, Gabriel, and our John Jessee may have been part of a larger family who was well established in Virginia for several generations.

3. THREE JESSE BROTHERS FROM ENGLAND

Every family seems to have a three brothers story. The Lees, even have a three brothers story where each decided to spell their name differently, Lee, Lea, and Leigh. Zella Detweiler tells a story about three Jessee brothers from Scotland. Here is a real three brothers Jesse story.

Victor DeWitt of Albany, CA has shared with me his Jesse family pedigree. He is descended from one of three Jesse brothers, John, Samuel, and George who came to Iowa in the 1860's from England. I have attached a descendants chart which illustrates the roots of this English Jesse family in America.

4. THE ADOLPH JESSE FAMILY OF GERMANY

Reverend Henry Jesse has written me about his family, which is from Hamburg, Germany. His letter and "genogram" are attached as well.

In future Newsletters, I will share more information about various Jesse and Jessee families in America and the world whose relationship to ours is yet to be discovered.

John Jessee and Frankey Lea Memorial

Thanks to Tom Rudder, we have established an account, #0695903777, at Bank of America in Sacramento, CA dedicated to establishing a John Jessee and Frankey Lea Memorial at the site of their burial in Reeds Valley. Tom and I are the first trustees of this account, and will add others as they join us. We have deposited \$100 and have some additional pledges recorded. We need your help. Any contribution you designate for this fund will be deposited in this account and a full accounting made of all expenditures when appropriate. We will take no money for administration.

Tom visited Russell County this fall and again tried to formalize permission to establish the memorial with Dr. Roy and Mrs. Catherine Sampson Smith. We have their verbal permission, but understand that Catherine's family is selling the property and we would like to formalize permission in writing to establish this memorial in the Counts and Bramsen Cemetery on the property. We need help in Russell County from someone who would take the lead for doing this, determining specific cost for a memorial, and make local arrangements. We would like to do this as part of some kind of formal dedication, perhaps with a potluck picnic on the site. Please volunteer.

Tom Rudder has recorded for us some 18 or more Jessee Family cemeteries in Russell County on a map provided in the May 1994 Newsletter, along with other evidence about this burial location. The last newsletter included several testimonials as to the location of this grave. I am including one more here, an excerpt from a recent letter from Ruth Skeen Going of Russell Co., who is now living in Sacramento, CA. She writes.

I believe I wrote you that I was born, went to school, and taught 7 years within a few miles of my great-great-grandfather (George Lee or Lea Jessee) and great-great-grandmother (Elizabeth Counts) home. At the time I was in high school I spent a night there with my high-school friend, Dolly Counts, daughter of E. K. Counts, who had purchased the property. (Tom [Rudder] said he gave you a picture of it and you mentioned that the Smiths own it now. Catherine Sampson Smith is a friend of mine. I had a letter from her recently. I taught her youngest brother and sister.)

George Lee Jessee's son, Noah, was my great grandfather and Noah's son, Franklin, was my grandfather. His daughter Eliza, was my mother.

You mentioned Eliza McReynolds Turner in your Newsletter [May 1994]. She was my great aunt and lived near the Jessees all her life in just such a house as the Jessees house. I spent much of my childhood with Aunt Eliza and remember much of what she told me about hers and the Jessee families. My great-great-great-grandfather, Robert McReynolds, was born on the "high seas" on their way from Tyrone County, Ireland to

America.

They were in Pennsylvania first and he grew up and married Martha Rich there. He moved to Caswell Co., NC. There Joseph was born; enlisted in army at 16; married Rebecca Boren (or Boring) of Caswell County. Moved to Virginia: first to Burkes Garden (in what is now Washington County) and then to Reeds Valley where he built the home. His father, Robert, later came and died there.

I have heard my great aunt Eliza say the my gr-gr-gr-grandfather John McReynolds and gr-gr-gr-grandfather John Jessee were good friends in NC. and came to Virginia together.

Since my great aunt Eliza knew the Jessees as neighbors all her life, you can believe her as to their burial location. I have not been to the graves, but I know where they are.

I do not remember dates of John's and Joseph's service in the Revolutionary War but I do know that Joseph was only 16 and was wounded in the ankle and slightly crippled all his life. I do believe you could trust Aunt Eliza's accounts (and mine, as well) since we are the only ones of those you've quoted who lived near there. Aunt Eliza was the only one who knew them personally and I consider her completely intelligent and reliable. She was 95 when she died (at our home at Cleveland) and never appeared to be senile and had a wonderful memory. She died Nov. 4, 1941.

I agree with Tom Rudder that the original John Jessee house must be within the one of the picture because I can remember Aunt Eliza saying George and Elizabeth Jessee raised their family there.

If you go ahead with a memorial for John and Frankie, let me know. I will contribute.

I am proposing this wording for the memorial.

JOHN JESSEE 1750-1816
FRANKEY LEA JESSEE 1752-1836

This memorial is dedicated to John Jessee, Revolutionary War soldier, and his wife Frankey Lea, early Russell County settlers who are buried here near the site of their original home, by the descendants of their 15 children:

John Jessee Jr. 1775-1834
Archer Jessee 1776-1862
William Jessee 1779-1841
Lea Jessee 1781-1842
David Jessee 1783-1856
Boedicea Jessee Gose 1785-1850
Mary Jessee Kiser 1787
Frances Jessee Stone 1790
Sarah Jessee Vermillion 1792-1857
James Jessee 1794-1850
Elizabeth Jessee Gose 1796-1827
Rebecca Jessee Burk 1796-1860
George Lea Jessee 1798-1862
Martin Jessee 1801-1879
Jane Jessee Fuller 1803

Missing Links

While I have had great success in linking many Jessee family members who have called, written or even emailed me questions about their heritage, I have not been able to do so for all. The following subscribers would like our help in

establishing the missing links to show how they are related to the Jessee family.

1) Robin Kimzey and Mitchel Wade Jessee want to know how they are related to the Jesses of Russell Co. Mitch's Jessee pedigree is as follows. He is the son of Jimey Jack Jessee, who is son of Woodrow Wilson Jessee, son of, William Albert Jessee, son of a Miss Jessee, who never married William's father, believed to be a Mr. Smith. They believe these roots go back to Russell Co. and all those names are certainly Jessee family names. In essence we are looking for a Jessee daughter born about 1851, never married, who had a son William Albert Jessee.

My records show four possibilities, all of which are conjecture and require more research. They are:

- a) Eunice Jessee b. 5-9-1851, da. of Joseph Jessee and Cynthia Smyth (near kin to me), who, however, is shown to have indeed married an Abel Smith;
- b) Rachel Jessee b. 10-8-1851, youngest daughter of Gabriel Jessee (discussed above and not a descendant of John and Frankey), with no marriage record; and
- c) Martha Jessee, b. 1851, daughter of Fleming Burk Jessee. Can we help Robin and Mitch?
- d) None of the above

2) James Sherman III wants to know how Archer Catron Jessee is related to the Jesses?

Jim provided very interesting information on his gr-gr-gr-grandfather Archer Catron Jessee. He was b. December 25, 1821 in Russell Co. He moved to Missouri with his parents, and remained with them until 1842, when he married in Atchison Co., MO, Mary Harbin, a native of Tennessee. A. C. Jessee farmed in Missouri until 1846, when he and his wife joined a party going to California. First settling at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, CA, he soon enlisted under John C. Fremont as a first lieutenant, took part in the battle on the Salinas plains and a skirmish at San Fernando. He was a member of the Bear Flag Party and served through the Mexican War, discharged in 1847. He figured prominently in the early history of the State.

He then led a very successful ranching and business life in Napa Co., Lake Co., San Luis Obispo Co., San Bernardino Co., and lastly gambled it all on an unsuccessful mining operation in Florence, AZ in 1876. He died August 19, 1877. His widow and 12 children returned to California and settled in the Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara Co. He has many California descendants.

Archer Catron is of the generation which would make him a possible grandson of John and Frankey Jessee. Their only son who moved from Virginia was Lea Jessee who married Barbara Gose and moved to Missouri. Lea Jessee's sister Frances who married William Stone also moved to Missouri about this time, as did many Russell Co. families. I do not show an Archer Catron as one of Lea's children, but it is very possible by virtue of his birthdate, he fits comfortably between their known children. This is only speculation as I do not have very much information on Lea Jessee and his family. Archer is clearly a family name and other Jesses in Russell Co. intermarried with the Ketron or Catron families.

3) Alan Selig asks how these Jesses are related? S. Jessee (female, age 29) listed in 1875 Kansas census for Nemaha County. Information says she migrated there between 1869 and 1871 apparently from Virginia. Robert Jessee, Buchanan County, Mo. County Judge 1850-52 and a ferry operator 1855.

Research Opportunities

Several of you have expressed willingness to do research if we could give you a specific opportunity or lead. Others have provided specific problems or conundrums discovered in their research with which they need help. As a regular feature of

the Newsletter, I would like to share those and request your help with research, opinion, or documentation on the issues.

1) The Moravian or other church connections in NC might be a clue to who is our John Jessee and Frankey Lea.

This question was discussed more thoroughly in the May 1994 Newsletter. These questions remain. Were John and Frankey married within the Moravian Baptist or another Church in Caswell Co., NC, or how about a church in Edgecombe Co., NC.?

Tom Rudder provides a reference to a book, I would like to locate. It is: *Records of Moravians in North Carolina*, Raleigh, NC State Printer, 1922, by Adelaide L. Fries. A Rucker Family genealogist, Barbara Bonham, of Caswell Co. NC, tells me that all the Moravian deeds and historical records are recorded in Forsyth Co., NC. This is where Winston-Salem and original Moravian Church in Old Salem is located as well.

Mrs. Zella Detweiler suggests we explore the church records of the following for evidence of John Jessee and Frankey Lea and other Lea and Jessee ancestors.

- a) Bethel Hill Baptist Church, located in the northern part of Person Co. NC, which was constructed in 1774.
- b) Wheeler's Primitive Baptist Church org. bef. 1791.
- c) Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, organized in 1875, but may have earlier records.
- d) Flat River Church, the oldest in Person Co., NC.

2) The origins and parentage of our John Jessee remains as much of a mystery as does Frankey's. Dr. Dean Cornell Jessee has provided the pedigree for John Jessee which traces him through Henry to a series of grandfathers named John, Henry, several Richards and the earliest progenitor, Peter Jessee b. abt 1550. This is largely based on research by a professional genealogist in England.

Speculations that Henry is John Jessee's father are not proven, nor Henry's pedigree. We know John and Frankey Jessee witnessed Henry's Will in Caswell Co. in 1781, and are in association with him on several other records, but Henry could be an older brother, uncle or cousin as well.

Zella Detweiler indicates that she read somewhere that "three Jessee brothers came to this county from Scotland." Robin Kimzey Jessee reports that her father-in-law thinks it is Basque in origin. Margaret Jessee Young reports that her family tradition believes they came as religious refugees, perhaps Moravians, from France.

The following quote from the letters of Mrs. Mamie Jessee Clay (now deceased) to Mrs. Zella Detweiler offers much fruit for thought. Note some editorial comments by Mrs. Detweiler-ZD, and me-JJ..

John Jessee Sr. left that home [the alleged ancestral home in Wales, England-JJ] and came to America, and he is the only one (Jessee, I mean) that ever came. [Note: I've found several- ZD] He never owned any land 'til he and Frances went to Caswell Co., NC. In Spotsylvania Co. John Jessee Jr., who was my great grandfather, and Orange Co. seems that he had some land in both of those counties. He was born in 1775 [that has to be wrong-ZD] and Archer his brother in 1776. [Note: This John would be the John who married Mary Armstrong and the first child of John and Frankey-ZD.]

John Jessee Sr. came to Russell Co. in 1778, and in 1791 he bought more land from Thomas Price.... When he came from Caswell Co., NC he brought the grandfather clock which I now have, and is was said by the older folks in the family he

brought the clock from England when he came to Westmoreland Co., VA, worked on the Lee farm and took Frances for his wife. When he built the big log house he built one below the house for the Lea or Lee to live in, and a 2 room house on what is now the Candler place....

All this information challenges some ideas we have held about John Jessee and his origins. It provides several leads for additional research too.

3) Several of John and Frankey's children require additional research. In particular, we need to discover the descendants of:

a) Lea Jessee and Barbara Gose who may have moved to Missouri, and who is the subject of speculation in the Missing Links article above.

b) Boedicea Jessee and Stephen Gose Jr.

c) Frances Jessee and William Stone, who had five children and moved to Browning, Missouri. We need research in Browning and Jackson Co., MO. for these and other Jessees.

d) Sarah Jessee and Wilson Vermillion

e) James Jessee and Jane Burk

f) Elizabeth Jessee and George Gose

g) Rebecca Jessee and William Burk(e)

h) Jane Jessee and Henry Fuller

Several of these deserve research into the Gose, Burk(e), Stone, Vermillion, and Fuller families of Russell County.

4) There is confusion in our records regarding the several Thomas Jefferson Jessees who all lived about the same time. Carin Vance writes:

In the book John Counts of Glade Hollow, it covers the marriage of Thomas Jefferson Jessee and 1)Sarah Browning. He m. 2)Nannie B. Candler. It states his parents were George Lea Jessee and Elizabeth Counts.

We show another Thomas Jefferson Jessee who m. Obedience Stinson and Lucy Jane Thompson with these parents. I think we have the parents switched, and I have changed them in my data base. I have also eliminated Obedience Stinson from this marriage as she is the mother of Sarah Browning above.

I am enclosing two "heavily edited" descendants charts for George Lea and Archer Jessee, who are two of John and Frankey' 15 children, and perhaps the most prolific, at least with respect to recorded descendants. I must take care anymore when printing such charts involving these two families, it is like hitting a main artery, and the paper just keeps flying out of my printer. These charts reveals the information I have recorded on at least three Thomas Jefferson Jessees, and where they fit into the family. I would like your help in determining what information is correct, if indeed I have any of these families incorrectly placed, and to provide the documentation we need to prove it.

5) John Plaat provides us three puzzlers to consider.

He writes: *In, "How I'm Kin to Whom, the Lea's", Elizabeth Lea is shown as being married to Zachary Taylor in 1731. In the genealogy of Robert E. Lee, Elizabeth Lee, a twin of Hancock Lee, married Zachary Taylor after 1737. It shows Elizabeth Lee as being b. April 17, 1707 in Orange Co., Virginia, and d. circa 1767. I assume the Robert E. Lee genealogy is correct, but can you shed any light on this.*

George Lee Jessee's daughter, Frances Jessee, is without a husband in my records. In some Vermillion genealogy records, I find a James Vermillion m. a Frances Jessee. I don't know if this is the same Frances, nor do I know which James Vermillion this is. Do you have any information on this?

I show Frankey Leas daughter, Rebecca Jessee as m. to a William Burke (1797-1850). In the Vermillion genealogy at the LDS, it shows a Rebecca Vermillion m. to William Burke, b. 11-18-1797, d. 2-2-1850. Do you know anything about this conundrum?

6) Tom Rudder asks us to consider how the Jessee and Vermillion families may have been related over the years before the known Vermillion marriages to two of John and Frankey's children. Is this coincidence?

1671 Thomas Jessee transported to Maryland
1752 Jessee Vermillion Jr. born in Calvert Co., MD
1762 Jessee Vermillion Sr. removes to Caswell Co., NC.
1770 John Jessee removes to Caswell Co., NC.
1783 Jessee Vermillion Jr. removes to Russell Co. VA.
1788 John Jessee removes to Russell Co. VA.
1803 William Jessee, son of John Jessee,
marries Mary Vermillion, daughter of William Wilson
Vermillion, granddaughter of Jessee Vermillion Sr.
1817 Sarah Jessee, daughter of John Jessee,
marries Wilson Vermillion, son of Jessee Vermillion
Jr., grandson of Jessee Vermillion Sr.

The Browning family also employs the name Jesse as a first name before they intermarry with the John Jessee family as well. Yes I know, Jesse is a good biblical name, and we have no corner on it, but still I wonder.

7) I ask, who are those Archer, and Fleming, Fuller, Gibson, and Wilson grandfathers, whose names are echoed in the family naming traditions too? What about that name Tivis? I believe it is the Welsh form of the names Tavish and Tavis, which are Scotch and Irish. It appears in several family lines beginning about 1820 and runs for several generations. My own family has five generations of John Tivis Jessee as a name, and I know several other more distant Jessee families have this naming tradition as well.

Thank You Honor Roll

Several of you have written to express support of the Newsletter, provided me vital materials, and monetary help for which I am most grateful. I am discovering more and more Jessee descendants and other genealogists who wish to join

us. In response to queries from new members, I carefully record new information and send back charts and other materials requested, as well as provide past newsletters. I have been able to help several find a complete Jessee pedigree back to John and Frankey Jessee. I look forward to my mail every week. I have had wonderful letters, and many stimulating phone calls with several of you. I simply love that.

I am glad to do these things and front the costs, but I am beginning to be pinched. Each newsletter costs about \$175-200 for the first issue, and the cost of coping and mailing old newsletters and other materials is in addition to that. I am afraid the postage and phone bills are a bit more than I imagined. But, I remind my wife, I could be blowing all this money on a bass boat and fishing gear, or bowling balls, beer and pizza... kinda makes ya think.

Below is the honor roll of those who have made donations to this newsletter in 1994. I thank you for helping me break even this year.

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WILLIAM LEA OF COBB'S CREEK
DESCENDANTS CHART

1 - William of Cobb's Creek LEA - 5259

Born - Abt 1680 England

Died - 1762 Cobb's Creek/Hyco, Orange Co., NC

Note - According to Albert Casey this William Lea in 1729, after the death of his father, chooses John Key his brother-in-law as his guardian. In 1746 William and Mary move to Cobb's Creek/South Hyco Creek area, Orange Co., NC., later to become Caswell Co. Harold Dorton's interpretation of the Ben Rose material states William Lea was born in England about 1680 as noted in John Jessee Bible, one of 24 individuals imported from England by William Byrd in 1703. He settled for a time in King and Queens Co., VA where he was granted 100 acres in 1714 on Maddison's Mill Swamp, then he removed to Orange Co., NC before 1755 and settled on Cobb's Creek. This William Lea would not be the son of Captain John Lea/Leigh, but could be a brother. Per Ben Rose, Mary (Archer?) may have been his second wife with Henry, Zachariah, Barnett and Richard his children from the first marriage or an error..

sp- Mary (Barnett?) - 11221 (375)

2 - Henry LEA - 7224

Born - Aft 1700

Note - Henry Lea may be the child of a first marriage of William Lea of Cobbs Creek. His wife is also disputed. She is indicated here as Elizabeth Lea, but Zella Detweiler suggest she may be Elizabeth McNeil. In his Will, he makes "his beloved friend, James Lea my Brother in law" and Anne McNeil executors. Elizabeth Lea, here indicated as the daughter of William Lea of South Hico had no brother James. Henry may have a half-brother James Lea, son of his father's second marriage, or he could be refering to the husband of a sister who married another James Lea. The will is witnessed by a John Lea, James Roberts and Thomas McNeil, who could have been the husband of a sister Anne. Source: Wills in Caswell Co.: 1774, LEA, HENRY.

sp- Elizabeth LEA - 7223 (242)

Born - Aft 1730 Caswell Co., NC

Dau of William of South Hico Creek LEA Captain & Frances

3 - Francis "Frankey" LEA - 7227

Born - 1752/1760 only daughter

Note - "Francis, a daughter", is named in the will of Henry Lea, at his death in 1774. She could have been age 12 to 20, making her birth between 1752 to 1760 and therefore, a possible candidate to be the Frankey Lea who marries John Jessee after the death of her father.

2 - Zachariah LEA - 5284

Born - Aft 1700 St. Stephans Par, King & Queen Co., VA

Died - 1792 Caswell Co., NC

Note - Source: Wills in Caswell County. 1792 January, LEA, ZACHARIAH, Ann (wife); Vincent, Henry, George, Rachel, and Sarah; Mary Bangston (daughter)._

sp- Ann UNKNOWN - 5290 (183)

Mar. - Abt 1752 Orange Co., NC

3 - Mary Ann LEA - 5291

Born - Abt 1753 Orange Co., NC

sp- Unknown BANKSTON - 5297 (183)

3 - Vincent LEA - 5292

Born - Abt 1755 Orange Co., NC

3 - Henry LEA - 5293

Born - Abt 1756 Orange Co., NC

3 - George LEA - 5294

Born - Abt 1758 Orange Co., NC

3 - Rachel LEA - 5295

Born - Abt 1759 Orange Co., NC

3 - Sarah LEA - 5296

Born - Abt 1761 Orange Co., NC

2 - Richard LEA - 7238

Born - Aft 1700 St. Stephans Par, King & Queen Co., VA

2 - Barnett LEA - 5286

Born - Aft 1700 St. Stephans Par, King & Queen Co., VA

Died - Aft 1830 Jackson Co., TN

Note - Caswell County Heritage information indicates that Barnett died in Caswell, Co. NC in 1824. Amite County material

indicates he was living in Jackson, Co. TN in 1830.

sp- Mary (Archer?) - 5283 (182)

Born - Aft 1712 VA

Mar. - 1732 King & Queen Co., VA

Died - 3 Nov 1784 Cobbs Creek/Hyco, Caswell Co., NC

Note - Source: Wills in Caswell County. 1785 April, LEA, MARY, children (not named) except Sarah Runnals (Runnels).

2 - Sarah LEA - 5288

Born - Aft 1730 St. Stephans Par, King & Queen Co., VA

sp- George (Reynolds) RUNNELS - 5331 (184)

Mar. - Abt 1761 Orange Co., NC

2 - James of Cobbs Creek & South Hico LEA - 5289

Born - Aft 1730 St. Stephans Par, King & Queen Co., VA

Died - 1816 Person Co., NC

sp- Elizabeth LEA - 7223 (242)

Born - Aft 1730 Caswell Co., NC

Mar. - Abt 1764 Orange Co., NC

Dau of William of South Hico Creek LEA Captain & Frances.

3 - Abner LEA - 5333

Born - Aft 1750 Orange Co, later, Person Co., NC

3 - Richard LEA - 5334

Born - Aft 1750 Orange Co, later, Person Co., NC

3 - Benjamin LEA - 5335

Born - Aft 1750 Orange Co, later, Person Co., NC

3 - Frankey LEA - 5336

Born - Aft 1750 Orange Co, later, Person Co., NC

Note - This Frankey may be the same child as Francis, the only daughter of Henry Lea and Elizabeth, from her first marriage.

3 - Naamah LEA - 11209

Born - Aft 1750

3 - Eunice "Nicey" LEA - 5337

Born - Aft 1750 Orange Co, later, Person Co., NC

sp- CHANDLER - 7235 (242)

3 - Anness LEA - 5338

Born - Aft 1750 Orange Co, later, Person Co., NC

2 - John LEA - 7233

Born - Aft 1730 St. Stephans Par, King & Queen Co., VA

Died - Aft 1810 Person Co., NC

sp- UNKNOWN - 7232 (184)

Mar. - Abt 1770 Orange Co., NC

3 - Absolem LEA - 7230

Born - 1771 Orange Co., later Person Co., NC

sp- Frances MUZZELL - 7229 (242)

Mar. - 30 Apr 1794 Caswell Co., NC

sp- Peggy SATTERFIELD - 7228 (242)

Born - 1754

Mar. - 11 Jul 1809 Person Co., NC

2 - George LEA Colonel - 5301

Born - Aft 1730 Orange Co., NC

Died - Bef Apr 1830 Caswell Co., NC

sp- Jeannette Logan DOUGLAS - 5308 (183)

Mar. - 24 Feb 1785 Caswell Co., NC

3 - William Archer LEA - 5309

Born - 26 Jul 1786 Caswell Co., NC

Died - 4 Sep 1843 Leasburg, Caswell Co., NC

sp- Susanna COCHRAN - 5310 (183)

Born - Abt 1789 Caswell Co., NC

Mar. - 1809 Caswell Co., NC

4 - William Archer LEA Jr. - 11249

Born - Aft 1805

3 - Mary Logan LEA - 7236

sp- JOHNSTON - 11225 (374)

4 - Jennette Logan JOHNSTON - 11226

4 - Sally JOHNSTON - 11227

sp- STANFIELD - 11228 (374)

2 - Frances "Frankey" LEA - 11310

Born - Abt 1752

Note - This alleged "Frankey" is complete conjecture by Tom Rudder, who proposes that this Frankey is the one who marries John Jessee, based on the family names in this family being so common to the ones used by John and Frankey to name their children, and the fact that not all of William Leas children, by any wife, are recorded. He further suggest that this mother, an alleged Mary Archer, is the source of the Archer name in the family.

**THREE JESSE BROTHERS FROM ENGLAND
WHO IMMIGRATED TO IOWA IN THE 1860'S**

1-- JESSE-12157 (Abt 1810 in England)

2-- John JESSE-12158 (1829 in England)

sp-Catherine SHEPHERD-12161 (1845)

3-- Mary E. JESSE-12162 (1862)

3-- James F. JESSE-12163 (1864)

3-- Ann JESSE-12164 (1866)

3-- Ida M. JESSE-12165 (1869)

3-- John W. JESSE-12166 (1871)

3-- Fred JESSE-12167 (1876)

3-- Joseph JESSE-12168 (1878)

2-- Samuel JESSE-12159 (1837 in England)

sp-Sarah E.-12169 (1838)

3-- William JESSE-12170 (1866)

3-- Mary A. JESSE-12171 (1868)

3-- Frank E. JESSE-12172 (1869)

sp-Annie BAUER-12178 (1875)

4-- Bertha M. JESSE-12179 (1894-1989)

sp-Edward BROST-12186 (1894)

5-- Bernice BROST-12187 (1915)

sp-Bert TOWNSEND-12190 (1915)

6-- Linda TOWNSEND-12191

sp-Mike GRUNENFELDER-12194

6-- Donna TOWNSEND-12192

sp-Larry YUNG-12195

6-- Thelma TOWNSEND-12193

sp-Stan YUNG-12196

5-- Ruth BROST-12188 (1915)

sp-Robert DALRYMPLE-12197

6-- Edward DALRYMPLE-12198

5-- Ann BROST-12189 (1915)

sp-John DEWITT-12199

6-- Ted J. DEWITT-12200

6-- Christine DEWITT-12201

6-- Vivian DEWITT-12202

6-- Victor DEWITT-12203

4-- Mary J. JESSE-12180 (1895)

sp-BENJAMIN-12204 (1895)

5-- Avis Ilene BENJAMIN-12205 (1915)

sp-Joe LEACH-12206 (1915)

4-- Maud JESSE-12181 (1895)

4-- Frank JESSE-12182 (1897)

sp-Bessie-12185 (1902)

4-- Lillian A. JESSE-12183 (1908)

4-- Raymond E. JESSE-12184 (1913-1993)

3-- Powell JESSE-12173 (1870)

3-- Rebecka JESSE-12174 (1873)

3-- Albert JESSE-12175 (1873)

3-- Effie JESSE-12176 (1876)

3-- Maud JESSE-12177 (1876)

2-- George JESSE-12160 (1843 in England)

sp-Emily J.-12207 (1850)

3-- Ernest A. JESSE-12208 (1869)

3-- Ethel M. JESSE-12209 (1870)

GEORGE LEA JESSEE DESCENDANTS CHART

1-- George Lea JESSEE-390 (1798-1882)

sp-Elizabeth "Betsy" COUNTS-517 (1799-1880)

2-- Martin Counts JESSEE-524 (1828)

sp-Katherine GOODWIN-5177 (-1920)

3-- Mary Frances JESSEE-4799 (1861-1937)

sp-Thomas Jefferson "Big Jeff" JESSEE-1454 (1855-1929)

2-- Thomas Jefferson JESSEE-1461 (1835-1884)

sp-Lucy Jane THOMPSON-5900 (1837-1905)

3-- James Asbury JESSEE-5901 (1859-1882)

3-- John Washington Glen JESSEE-(1861-1928)

sp-Sarah M. SENTER-5910 (1864-1910)

3-- Thomas M. JESSEE-5903 (1863)

sp-Maggie EDMONDSON-5911

3-- Francis Calvin "Frank" JESSEE-(1865-1959)

sp-Vesta Cordelia HOLLIS-5912 (1880-1951)

3-- Laura Elizabeth JESSEE-5905 (1868-1950)

sp-James Bird KELLY-5913 (1871-1948)

3-- Lewis Vencil "Went" JESSEE-(1870-1940)

sp-Margaret L. BAKER-5914 (1875-1907)

3-- Mary Lucy Jane JESSEE "Puss"-(1873-1941)

sp-Oliver BROWDER-5915 (1862-1938)

3-- Finis C. JESSEE-5908 (1878-1908)

3-- Susie Alice JESSEE-5909 (1880)

sp-Frank GRAY-5916 (1879-1930)

ARCHER JESSEE DESCENDANTS CHART

1-- Archer "Archable" JESSEE-379 (1776-1862)

sp-Nancy BROWNING-434 (1781-1826)

sp-Elizabeth MUNSEY-1369 (1807)

2-- Vincent JESSEE-438 (1800-1877)

sp-Elizabeth CANDLER-1370 (1803-1876)

3-- Thomas Jefferson JESSEE- (1834-1914)

sp-Sarah "Sally" BROWNING- (1836-1877)

4-- Elbert Preston JESSEE-1340 (1855-1929)

sp-Cynthia JESSEE-4058 (1857)

4-- Martha Adalis JESSEE-1341 (1857-1943)

sp-Joseph Franklin SHELL-4549 (1856-1925)

4-- Eliza Adalid JESSEE-1342 (1858-1859)

4-- Thomas D. Kernan JESSEE-(1860-1941)

sp-Louisa Ida COUNTS-4555 (1866-1946)

4-- Jefferson Davis JESSEE-1344 (1862-1865)

4-- John Fletcher JESSEE-1345 (1862-1868)

4-- William S. JESSEE-1346 (1864-1865)

4-- Joseph S. "Red Joe" JESSEE-1347 (1866)

sp-Eliza Ellen JESSEE-1351 (1866)

4-- Ezekiel Page JESSEE-1348 (1868)

4-- Arnold Fernando JESSEE-1349 (1870)

4-- Thadiaz C. JESSEE-1350 (1872-1902)

4-- Frederick Winfred JESSEE-1308 (1874)

sp-"Nannie" or Mary JESSEE-1309

sp-Mary DOTSON-1310

sp-Nannie B. CANDLER-1338 (1838-1901)

sp-Sarah C. YOUNG-1339 (1835)

2-- James Browning JESSEE-440 (1803)

sp-Nancy B. CHANDLER-3375 (1808-1874)

3-- Thomas J. JESSEE-3391 (1842-1862)

"OLD PHILLIP" JESSEE DESCENDANTS CHART

1 - Phillip "Old Phillip" JESSEE - 6863

Born - Abt 1742 Halifax Co., VA

Died - 26 Dec 1858 Russell Co., VA

sp- Rachel - 6864 (224)

Born - Abt 1780

2 - Mary JESSEE - 7864

Born - 1802 Botetourt Co., VA

Died - Aft 1850 Russell Co., VA

sp- MCKINNEY - 7863 (48)

3 - John MCKINNEY - 7900

Born - 1830 Russell Co., VA

3 - Susannah MCKINNEY - 7868

Born - 1835 Russell Co., VA

3 - Tabitha MCKINNEY - 7891

Born - 1836 Russell Co., VA

3 - James H. MCKINNEY - 7862

Born - 1936 Russell Co., VA

3 - William G. MCKINNEY - 7866

Born - 1939 Russell Co., VA

3 - Cosby MCKINNEY - 7885

Born - 1842 Russell Co., VA

3 - Mary MCKINNEY - 7939

Born - 1843 Russell Co., VA

2 - Gabriel JESSEE - 6250

Born - 24 Feb 1804 Franklin Co., VA

Died - 8 May 1886 Russell Co., VA

Note - Gabriel received a Warder's Grant of 1,000 acres of land around Honaker in 1830 where he built a home and raised his family.

sp- Nancy Lee WALLIS - 6251 (209)

Born - 12 Aug 1812 Caswell Co., NC

Died - 6 Apr 1887 Russell Co., VA

Bur. - Gabriel Jessee C, Russell Co., VA

Dau of John (II) WALLIS Elder & Elizabeth FULLER

Note - Mrs. Judy Glock states that Nancy Lee is the daughter of John Wallis III, but the birthdates for John III and Nancy Lee are only 10 years apart. It is more likely that they are brother and sister, and that is how I have recorded it here. More research and verification is required.

3 - Mary J. JESSEE - 6252

Born - 1831 Russell Co., VA

sp- Helms SMITH - 8319 (282)

Mar. - Russell Co., VA

3 - Leetha L. JESSEE - 6253

Born - 1833 Russell Co., VA

sp- Gillespie SMITH - 8320 (282)

Mar. - Russell Co., VA

3 - Lucinda JESSEE - 6254

Born - 1836 Russell Co., VA

3 - Irene JESSEE - 6255

Born - 1838 Russell Co., VA

sp- William C. FLETCHER - 8321 (282)

Mar. - Russell Co., VA

3 - Ceily JESSEE - 6256

Born - 1840 Russell Co., VA

3 - John Deward JESSEE - 6257

Born - 25 Apr 1841 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 3 Aug 1895 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Bur. - Jessee Cemetary, Rt. 80, Honaker, VA

Note - John Deward Jessee was born and died in the same house, in sight of his burial site, Jessee Memorial Cemetery, 1 1/2 miles north of Honaker on Rt. 80. He served in the Confederate Army from 8-11-1863 to 6-12-1865; Company 1, 22nd Regiment, Russell Co. Paroled in Charleston, WV, June 12-1865.

sp- Sarah Frances WILLIAMS - 6264 (209)

Born - 24 May 1842 Russell Co., VA

Mar. - 19 Feb 1867 Russell Co., VA

Died - 7 Sep 1931 Russell Co., VA

Bur. - Gabriel Jessee C, Russell Co., VA

4 - Vacey Rita JESSEE - 6865

Born - 18 Dec 1868 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 17 May 1953 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Tom RATCLIFFE - 6870 (222)

Born - Abt 1868

5 - June RATCLIFFE - 8840

sp- MCREYNOLDS - 8797 (313)

4 - George Washington JESSEE - 6265

Born - 16 Aug 1869 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 20 Jul 1949 Russell Co., VA

Note - George was born and lived his entire life in the home built by his grandfather, Gabriel Jessee, in Honaker.

sp- Lilly Susie BALL - 6266 (209)

Born - 22 Oct 1880 Richlands, Russell Co., VA

Mar. - 25 Jan 1911 Richlands, Russell Co., VA

Dau of Francis Marion BALL & Louisa GRIFFITH

5 - Ethel Cumi JESSEE - 6267

Born - 20 Nov 1911 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Norman Wyatt GOODMAN - 6268 (209)

Born - 22 Apr 1897 Bedford Co., VA

Mar. - 19 Jan 1952 Richmond, VA

Died - 13 Apr 1977 Richmond, VA

Son of Robert GOODMAN & Lee Anna TUCK

5 - Electa Mayo JESSEE - 6869

Born - 13 May 1916 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- William Remley HOWARD - 6952 (233)

Mar. - 13 May 1942 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

4 - Nancy JESSEE - 6866

Born - Abt 1871 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - Abt 1871 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

4 - Mary Preston JESSEE - 6867

Born - 27 May 1873 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 18 Jun 1917 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Thomas DAVIS - 6871 (221)

Born - Abt 1873

4 - Henry Dobbin JESSEE - 6868

Born - 17 May 1878 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 22 Sep 1955 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Laura Catherine WALLACE - 6872 (221)

Born - 25 Dec 1878 Russell Co., VA

Mar. - 29 Sep 1900 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 6 Dec 1962 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Dau of George Hatfield WALLACE Elder &
Sarah Elizabeth WALDRON

5 - Arnold Deward JESSEE - 6873

Born - 16 Jul 1901 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 14 Dec 1975 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Muphus BARNHART - 6889 (231)

Mar. - 3 Mar 1923 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

6 - Hester Irene JESSEE - 6890

Born - 7 Jan 1924

Died - Richmond, VA

sp- Joseph Franklin PERRY - 6894 (231)

Born - 12 Oct 1921

Mar. - 7 Aug 1942

Died - 4 Feb 1988

7- Lana Josephine PERRY - 6895

Born - 12 Aug 1944

sp- Herbert BERRY - 6900 (231)

8 - Tami Josephine BERRY - 6901

Born - 21 Dec 1964

7 - Brenda Kay PERRY - 6896

Born - 12 Jun 1946

sp- Lawrence WHITE - 6902 (231)

8 - Lori Kay WHITE - 6903

Born - 10 Jun 1964

sp- Norman S. TILLER - 6905 (231)

9 - Christian fKay TILLER - 6906

9 - Sarah Catherine TILLER - 6907

9 - Christopher Lawrence TILLER - 6908

sp- Walter Warren ROBINSON - 6904 (231)

7 - Joseph Franklin "Frank" PERRY Jr. - 6897

Born - 2 Feb 1948

sp- Lynn LOWNSBERY - 6909 (231)

8 - Joseph Franklin "Joey" PERRY III - 6910

7 - Timothy Jessee PERRY - 6898

Born - 18 Nov 1962 Richmond, VA

sp- Cindy Jo ALLEE - 6911 (231)

Born - Cedar Falls, IA

8 - Jessee Marie PERRY - 6912

8 - Timothy Jessee PERRY Jr. - 6913

7 - Kimberly Jane PERRY - 6899

Born - 18 Nov 1962 Richmond, VA

6 - Arnold Deward JESSEE Jr. - 6891

Born - 4 Jul 1929

sp- Hazel Faye MARTIN - 6916 (232)

7 - Debra Gayle JESSEE - 6917

sp- Steven LONG - 6921 (232)

8 - Collin LONG - 6923

8 - Erin LONG - 6924

sp- Daniel CARTER - 6922 (232)

7 - Rhonda Lynn JESSEE - 6918

sp- Richard HYDEN - 6925 (232)

8 - Amanda HYDEN - 6926

8 - Jeremy HYDEN - 6927

7 - Martin Brent JESSEE - 6919

sp- Kathy - 6928 (232)

8 - Morgan JESSEE - 6929

8 - Brian JESSEE - 6930

7 - Catherine Regina JESSEE - 6920

sp- Paul BOCKLEMAN - 6931 (232)

8 - Jessee BOCKLEMAN - 6932

6 - Carl Bernard JESSEE - 6892

sp- Betty Ruth PERRY - 6915 (232)

Dau of PERRY

7 - Carl Bernard JESSEE Jr. - 6933

sp- Bonnie HURD - 6935 (232)

8 - Gabriel JESSEE - 6936

8 - Sage JESSEE - 6937

8 - Jecoliah Christine JESSEE - 6938

7 - Pamela Ruth JESSEE - 6934

sp- Stanley Edward HILL - 6939 (232)

8 - Stanley Aaron Edward HILL - 6940

8 - Nathan Israel HILL - 6941

8 - Summer Elizabeth HILL - 6942

8 - Emily Ruth HILL - 6943

8 - Rebecca Catherine HILL - 6944

6 - Janice Sue JESSEE - 6893

sp- Dewey Lee TILLER - 6945 (232)

7 - Tabitha Regina TILLER - 6946

sp- Charles DAVIS - 6948 (233)

8 - Jessica DAVIS - 6949

8 - Jennifer DAVIS - 6950

sp- Bob HANSON - 6951 (233)

7 - Deward Lee TILLER - 6947

Born - 28 Jul 1963

5 - Ruby Marie JESSEE - 6874

Born - 24 Mar 1904 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 8 Nov 1981 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Henry G. DUTTON - 6878 (217)

Mar. - 25 Dec 1926 Gate City, Russell Co., VA

5 - Pearl Hazel JESSEE - 6875

Born - 26 Apr 1905 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 22 Sep 1941 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Roy ROARKE - 6879 (193)

Mar. - 27 Apr 1927 Bristol, TN

6 - 6 Children ROARKE - 6880

5 - Leona Lee JESSEE - 6876

sp- JESSEE - 6881 (141)

6 - 2 Children JESSEE - 6882

5 - Mattie Annette JESSEE - 6877

Died - 1983

sp- Wilfred EDMISTER - 6883 (105)

6 - Thomas EDMISTER - 6884

6 - Cathy EDMISTER - 6885

sp- CRABTREE - 6886 (230)

7 - Holly CRABTREE - 6887

3 - Martha JESSEE - 6258

Born - 1844 Russell Co., VA

sp- Robert HOWARD - 8322 (282)

Mar. - Russell Co., VA

3 - Susannah C. JESSEE - 6259

Born - 4 Mar 1846 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - 8 Aug 1877 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

sp- Unknown JESSEE - 8177 (278)

Note - This Jessee is allegedly a son of William Jessee, a grandson of John Jessee, according to the letters of Mamie Jessee Clay of Johnson City, TN.

4 - Charlie Bruce JESSEE - 8178

Born - 1867 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

Died - 1910 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

sp- Dora Bell YATS - 8179 (278)

Born - Aug 1875 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

Mar. - 1892 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

Died - 1963 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

5 - Bertha JESSEE - 8181

Born - Jan 1894 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

5 - Celia E. JESSEE - 8445

Born - Oct 1895 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

5 - Lizzie JESSEE - 8446

Born - Feb 1897 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

5 - Paul JESSEE - 8447

Born - Oct 1899 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

5 - Two Children JESSEE - 8448

Born - Aft 1900 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

5 - Henry Edd JESSEE - 8180

Born - 1901 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

Died - 1960 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

sp- Flora DYE - 8182 (278)

Born - 1909 Russell Co., VA

Mar. - 21 Dec 1929 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

6 - James Charlie JESSEE - 8183

Born - 1930 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

sp- Nellie Ruth RASNAKE - 8188 (278)

Born - 1934 Dickenson Co., VA

Mar. - 1952 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

7 - Sandra Ruth JESSEE - 8189

Born - 1953 Lebanon, Russell Co., VA

sp- Burton J. MARSH - 8190 (278)

Born - Abt 1952

6 - Clifford A. JESSEE - 8184

Born - 1932 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

6 - Jack F. JESSEE - 8185

Born - 1933 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

6 - Henrietta JESSEE - 8186

Born - 1942 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

6 - Carolyn JESSEE - 8187

Born - 1943 New Garden, Russell Co., VA

3 - Polly JESSEE - 6260

Born - 1849 Russell Co., VA

sp- MCKENNY - 6888 (231)

3 - Sarah JESSEE - 6261

Born - 1850 Russell Co., VA

3 - Nancy Lee JESSEE - 6262

Born - 1852 Russell Co., VA

3 - Rachael JESSEE - 6263

Born - 8 Oct 1851 Honaker, Russell Co., VA

Died - Jan 1871