

# Jessee Family Newsletter

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**Dear Cousin,**

I believe we have another interesting and valuable newsletter thanks to so many of you who sustain this effort through generous contributions of information, photographs, documentation, and money. My spirits are always lifted by your wonderful letters, email, and phone calls.

I am steadily reducing my mailing to include those who have expressed interest and have helped in some way over time. I will continue to include everyone who simply asks to be kept on the mailing list, who have made some form of contribution, who are valuable resources for other researchers, or are family treasures. If you are getting this newsletter, you are at least a treasure.

I have a health problem that may affect my ability to continue developing the Jessee family database and to do this newsletter. My computer time has been significantly limited and, in particular, my regular data entry routine has stopped. It would seem that after twenty-five years of working at a keyboard and mouse of one type or another, I have developed repetitive motion syndrome and a cervical disc problem which makes any prolonged time typing or keying data a very painful prospect. After more than a month of doctor ordered rest from my computer, the pain, tingling, and numbness is reduced, and so I ventured to finish this newsletter.

I am uncertain about the future, but intend to continue the newsletter, although I may need help. I would welcome having someone take it over and letting me be a contributor and/or handle the printing and mailing. Worse, I am afraid that my ability to do extensive data entry (we have over 24,000 records in the database at this time) may be curtailed. If need help here, too.

*-Jim Jessee*

## Featured This Edition

**Donald Coleman** provides information for descendants of Richard Jesse, b. 1768 in Middlesex Co., VA; **Patty Jesse Knutson** details the family of Samuel Jesse, Sr., b. abt 1770, Shenandoah Valley; and others offer more on American, French, German, and Hungarian **Origins of the Jessee Family**.

**Bev Jesse and Harry Shuptrine** are pleased to announce the publication of their book *William Morgan Jesse and His Descendants*.

**John L. McGhee** offers significant information regarding the VA origins of, and **Irene Jessee Perry** provides documentation for, descendants of **Phillip and Rachel Jessee**, and their son Gabriel Jessee of Russell Co.

**Henry Davis** offers vital help to create a Jessee Family Association dedicated to preserving the memory of and the cemetery where **John and Frankey Lea Jessee** are buried. **Hope Davis** provides documentation of Henry Jessee's estate and more.

Many offer new insights and extensions of information for many of **John and Frankey's fifteen children (I-XV)**, including our first contacts with two descendants of **Frances Jessee Stone**. Many of our faithful and several new contributors provide corrections, new information and documentation, wonderful photos, and appropriate caution regarding the use of the Internet and this database.

**Freida Davis** and **Michael Jones** each provided a complete list of Jesse(e)s found in *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers* in a special section on **Confederate Jessee Records**.

**Correspondence** is rich with news, inquiries, and some sobering comments that give us pause about this computer revolution, use of the Internet, and the ethics of genealogy research.

## Origins of The Jesse(e) Family

There are many "Jessee," "Jesse," even "Jessie" families in the United States and Canada that we know are descended from families whose American origins are in Virginia. There are many Jesse, Jessee, Jessie, Jessey and, perhaps, Jaci, Jacy, and Jacie families in the world whose kinship is unknown. I believe we are all cousins and welcome you. As "Jesse" and "Jessee" are the two most frequent spellings of this family name, I shall adopt the convention of using "Jesse(e)" in reference to the larger family.

Please see Newsletter #10 for an extensive discussion and summary of what we know so far about the origins of the Jesse(e) families in America. The many clues there lead us to several new avenues of research on the origins of the Jesse(e) families in, at least, Amelia Co., Cumberland Co., Essex Co., Isle of Wight Co., King and Queen Co., King William Co., Lancaster Co., Middlesex Co., and Spotsylvania Co., VA, just to start. Here are more clues.

**Donald Jesse Coleman** provides ([djcoleman@cysource.com](mailto:djcoleman@cysource.com), 1-31-1999) over 200 descendants of **Richard Jesse**, b. 29 Feb 1768, Middlesex Co., VA, who married **Frances Chowning**, b. 2 Oct 1766. They had six children and migrated to Woodford Co., KY and then Clay Co., MO. Donald states, "Most of my data on JESSE

came from the work of **Katherine Gentry Bushman** in her book *William Vance*, 1962. My mother was a Jesse and I carry on the name as a middle name." With Donald's permission, I have provided his information on our Jessee Web page.

**Patty Jesse Knutson** provides, 1/30/99, ([Patty.Knutson@SDInc.com](mailto:Patty.Knutson@SDInc.com)) information regarding her ggg-grandfather:

**Samuel Jesse, Sr.**, b. abt 1770 (supposedly in the Shenandoah Valley, VA). He was married to Catherine George on 2 Dec 1793 in Lancaster Co., VA. Their children were:

Thomas M. Jesse b. abt 1794

Samuel G. Jesse b. 25 Aug 1796

Ephraim G. Jesse b. 14 Dec 1797

Warner B. Jesse b. 1 Jan 1801

Silas O. Jesse, b. abt 1804 (my gg-grandfather)

David Addison Jesse, b. abt 1805

James M. Jesse, b. abt 1807

John Louis Jesse, b. abt 1810

Frances Felicia Jesse, b. 18 Nov 1816

Mary Louisa Jesse, b. abt 1817

Mary Elizabeth Jesse, b. abt 1819

Samuel Sr. was a Baptist minister who moved from Middlesex Co., VA about 1813 to Woodford Co., KY, and then to Shelby Co., KY between 1820-30.

It is the editor's speculation that Richard Jesse and Samuel Jesse are brothers.

**Melinda McLemore Strong** provides, 2/1/99 ([strong@texasl.net](mailto:strong@texasl.net)) more on the German origins of the Jessee surname with this.

My Jesse ancestor is **George Jesse**, born 1832 in Prussia. He was married to **Mary Klesert** born 1838 in Mecklenburg. In 1880, they lived in St. Joseph Co., Mich. They married Nov 24, 1859 in the US. They had five children: Andrew, Anna, Wilhelmina, Julia, and Augusty.

**Terry Jessee** ([jessee@mcn.net](mailto:jessee@mcn.net)), writes,

1-11-1999, with some lore about her branch of the family who believe the family is of French origin. While Terry is actually a descendant of Archer Jessee, via his son William Jessee, Sr., and his son Lilburne Monroe Jessee, this family story may have some clues regarding our Jessee roots.

January 11, 1999

Dear Jim,

According to my grandmother, and now my father, our family was originally from France. They were royalists during the French Revolution, so found it necessary to emigrate in 1789. They moved to Ireland (Catholics) and fought with the British for awhile until that, too, became unhealthy. In about 1821, they moved to Virginia and settled in. My grandmother remembers stories about a member of the family fighting for the South during the Civil War ....

Sometime during the Civil War our great grandfather moved with the family to Texas. His name was Lilburne Monroe Jessee. Our grandfather, Lilburn (sic) Arvel, was born in Texas and married my grandmother, Elizabeth Pratt (daughter of William), about 1913. They had three sons, Lilburne Wyatt (first-born sons got that "Lilburne" handle), Ollie Russell (my father), and JP (who later changed his name to Jerry Prescott). My Dad was raised partly in Texas, but grew up primarily in southern New Mexico. He moved to California in the late thirties, and to Montana in 1949. He's been here ever since. ....

Best, Terry Jessee

**Carlyne Ritter** shares her family lore regarding our Jesse(e) family origins.

1-10-1999

Jim,

When my grandma, Ethel Weaver, was alive she told me we had ancestors—two brothers—who left an estate in England—something to do with religion—and hid out in Holland two years before coming to America and fighting under George Washington. Until recently I didn't know which side of the family she was speaking of. Now that we've determined that the BLACK (grandma's side of the family) immigrated from Germany, it appears she was speaking of the JESSEEs. Grandma didn't spin yarns—a simple and straight-forward, but gentle type. ...

Carlyne also provided correspondence with another Jesse family whose origins are German. **Ludwig Jesse** and his son **August Jesse** are the root of a Wisconsin Jesse family. In another letter to Carlyne, **Mabel Jessee** writes to indicate that her Kentucky Jessee family are of Hungarian origin, with the original name being **Yesztrebski**.

## **William Morgan Jesse**

**Bev Jesse and Harry Shuptrine** are pleased to announce the publication of their book *William Morgan Jesse and His Descendants* (July, 1995. Revised August, 1996). This book was published by Gateway

Press, Inc., of Baltimore, Maryland. William Morgan Jesse was the third son of **John Jessee (1766-1808) of Cumberland Co., VA**, and is known to have three brothers: **John P. Jesse**, b. 1789 who moved to Wilkes Co., GA; **Thomas Hall Jessee**, b. 1791 who moved to Shelby Co., KY; and **Samuel Jesse**, b. 1800. The authors comment.

We have been working on this book for many years. It is a major revision and update of the facts that were first presented in Rev. John Samuel Jesse's booklet, "**The Jesses**", that he published in 1928. There are about 5500 relatives covered in this updated book, which is 4000 more people than were known in 1928.

Thanks to the cooperation of many family members, this new book has 310 pictures of the people involved. It will be good to browse through, as well as to study, for the pictures alone. It contains 730 pages, including 70 pages of alphabetical index which will make it easy to find the person or family you are interested in. It has a high quality, gold embossed hard cover and spine and the pages are 6" X 91" of quality paper stock that will resist yellowing for many lifetimes to come. This book will look good on a book shelf or on a living room or library table. We feel it is a book you will be proud to own.

This book is being offered at \$40.00 per copy, which includes the cost of packing and shipping to any address in the United States. This price also includes a bound "Addendum" to the first edition. The "Addendum will be shipped to all who have purchased copies of this book... Orders from addresses in the state of California must add 7 3/4% to these quoted prices to cover the California State Sales Tax, which makes the price per book \$43.10 when shipped to California addresses.

Harry and Bev Shuptrine have been kind enough to provide me a copy of their beautiful book and a GEDCOM file of this extensive work. It will be posted on the Jessee Genealogy Service Website. They made a small private printing, but there are still some copies left of this very handsome and valuable set of books. You may order one directly by writing to:

Harry and Bev Jesse Shuptrine  
4851 Royce Road  
Irvine, CA 92612-2233

## **Phillip and Rachel Jessee**

**John L. McGhee**, whose grandmother, **Della Mae Jessee**, is descended from a Phillip Jessee, believed to be b. in Botetourt Co., VA. before 1780, who married a Rachel. Phillip and Rachel had a son **John Jessee**, b. Mar 1800, in Franklin Co., VA. John married twice, to Rachel Minex and Lucy Akers, and had sons George, Richard D. and John H., and a grandson Gaberal (sic) Jessee among several others. John provided extensive descendants information. He believes that John is the son of Phillip and Rachel Jessee, who moved to and died in Russell Co., VA. John McGhee's Jessee family stayed for the most part in Franklin Co., but family lore indicates some of their Jessee kin, including their Phillip and Rachel

moved to Russell Co., VA. He further provides as evidence the *Franklin Co., VA Death Records, 1853-1896*, which lists "Jesse, John, d. 22 Jun 1865, Franklin Co. of typhoid fever, aged 65yr, 3mo, s/o Phillip & Rachael Jesse, b. Franklin Co., sp. of Lucy Jesse."

This sounds strongly like our "Old Phillip," b. ostensibly in 1742 in Halifax Co, although some dispute this and believe him to be born later. Tom Rudder finds a Phillip Jessee recorded in Bedford Co. in 1787 on a tax list. Our Russell Co. Phillip spent time in Botetourt Co., VA, where his da. Mary Jessee McKinney was born abt. 1792/1802. A Phillip Jessee appears on the 1810 Botetourt Co. census, although listed as under 45, which would have made him born after 1765. This could be another son named Phillip. Phillip of Russell Co. had a wife Rachel. Phillip and Rachel settled with son Gabriel Jessee, b. 1804 in Franklin Co., VA, in the Honaker area of Russell Co., VA before 1820.

This is a significant clue to possible common origins of our John Jessee and Phillip Jessee, and certainly entertains the possibility that Old Phillip had more children who stayed behind in Franklin Co., VA, or that he had a son Phillip, Jr. who stayed behind and was the father of John McGhee's John Jessee, b. 1800, Franklin Co., VA. This is all speculation.

**Irene Jessee Perry** provided a variety of documentation she has collected regarding her ancestors **Philip, Gabriel, and John Deward Jessee**, and some for the John and Frankey Jessee family, too. Irene provided an extract from the 1790 Orange Co., NC, Tax List, she found on RootsWeb which lists a "Philips Jesse"; an extraction of Jessees found in Russell County Virginia Deed Books 2-4, which documents several John, Archer, and David Jessee land transactions; and a wonderful letter written, 12/12/1972, by **Ethel Cumie Jessee Goodman**, as an introduction to her "partial history of the Jessee family." Ethel began the family search.

In subsequent correspondence, Irene shared photos of a grave she found in the Gettysburg Memorial Section of the famous Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, VA. It is the grave of **Jefferson B. Jessee**, s. of Jefferson Jessee, s. of John Jessee, Jr. He died in the battle for Culp's Hill at age 20, the Color Bearer for Co. E, 37<sup>th</sup> VA Inf., CSA. He is one of 18,000 buried there.

## John and Frankey Lea Jessee

Many Jessees in America are descended from **John (1750-1815)**, and **Frankey Lea Jessee (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. They had fifteen children. There are many "Jessee," "Jesse," even "Jessie" families in the United States and Canada who are known descendants of those fifteen children. All of us living descendants, including most of the subscribers to this newsletter, are about fifth or sixth cousins, or even closer kin.

I will report here new information with respect to each of the fifteen (I-XV) children in the newsletter, and rely upon special requests and the new Jessee Family Website to provide the detailed genealogy

information to those specifically interested in any particular branch. For those who provide me a donation and request a new listing, I will provide one by return mail. Contributors may also request descendants or pedigree charts of anyone mentioned in this newsletter (maximum 50 pages, please).

**Barbara Rouse Cogburn**, (6628 Bonnie View Dr., San Diego, CA 92116) extends our knowledge of John Jessee Jr. by providing us nearly 200 descendants of **Beverly Floyd Jessee**, s. of James Mathias Jessee who moved to Texas and was the s. of Jefferson Jessee, s. of John Jessee, Jr. These have been included in the family database.

**Henry A. Davis, Jr.** wrote the most encouraging letter in the last newsletter, offering his legal assistance to whomever would wish to join him and **Rev. Vernon Cecil Jessee** in saving the John and Frankey Lea Jessee Cemetery, where George Lea and a number of George Lea Jessee's family are also buried. It is on the original John Jessee land, and is also known as the Branson Cemetery. So far we have had no response.

Nevertheless, Henry provided me a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for another Family Association that he has prepared. We could use the exact same format to establish a similar Jessee Family Association, a non-profit corporation, and all contributions would be tax deductible. Henry offers his legal services pro bono to anyone who would join several of us to form a corporation and establish a board of directors. We need several from Russell Co.

Henry or I will gladly share a copy of these documents with anyone who is interested in creating such an organization. The purpose of this association would be something like the following, taken directly from his example, but adapted for our situation.

The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is exclusively for service to the community and other similar non-profitable purposes, as contemplated by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. More specifically, the purposes of the Corporation are as follows:

- (1) To collect, authenticate, analyze and preserve information pertaining to the family of the Revolutionary War Patriot, John Jessee and his wife Frankey Lea;
- (2) To assemble in a central location all types of public and private published and unpublished family biographical and genealogical material;
- (3) To publish by newsletter, periodicals, publications, books and other media such data which shall have been collected by the Association, and to distribute such materials to libraries, historical societies, members and interested organizations;
- (4) To stimulate interest and provide oral and printed advice and guidance relative to engaging in active and productive historical and genealogical research, and

(5) To restore or contribute to the restoration of homes, buildings, or structures associated with any families or groups in which the association may have an interest.

We would need the interest of at least fifty cousins who would be willing to join as active members. Active members would elect a board of directors at an annual meeting which would require at least 10% of the total membership to be present to form a quorum. We especially need cousins in Russell Co. to join and help.

**Hope Davis**, Henry's wife, sent me a copy of the Henry Jessee Will and an "Inventory of the Estate of Henry Jessee," dated 1781, Caswell Co., NC. The Will leaves his estate to his wife Elizabeth and the Will is witnessed by John Jessee and Frankey Jessee. This is the basis of our speculation that Henry was John's father, but we have no proof. Among the items inventoried in his estate are: 2 Feather Beds, 1 old Chest, 8 Pewter Plates, 1 Dish, 1 bottom of a Dish, 5 old Chairs, 6 Cows and Calves, 2 Mares, 1 Yearling Colt, 5 Sheep, 1 Sow and 11 Shotes, 1 old Plough hoe, 1 Mattack, 1 old Jointer, 1 old Drawing knife, and several other hand tools, 2 Bells, 4 small hides of Leather in Tan, and 1 old man's Saddle.

**The Caswell County, North Carolina Tax Lists, 1777, 1780, and 1784** (Copyright 1990 by T.L.C. Genealogy, PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369) provides the facts that Henry and John Jessee (spelled variously Jessey in 1777 or Jesse in 1780 and 1784) are found together on the 1777 and 1780 rolls, but Henry is missing in 1784. These tax lists also provide evidence of several Lea families, one of which must be that of our Frankey Lea.

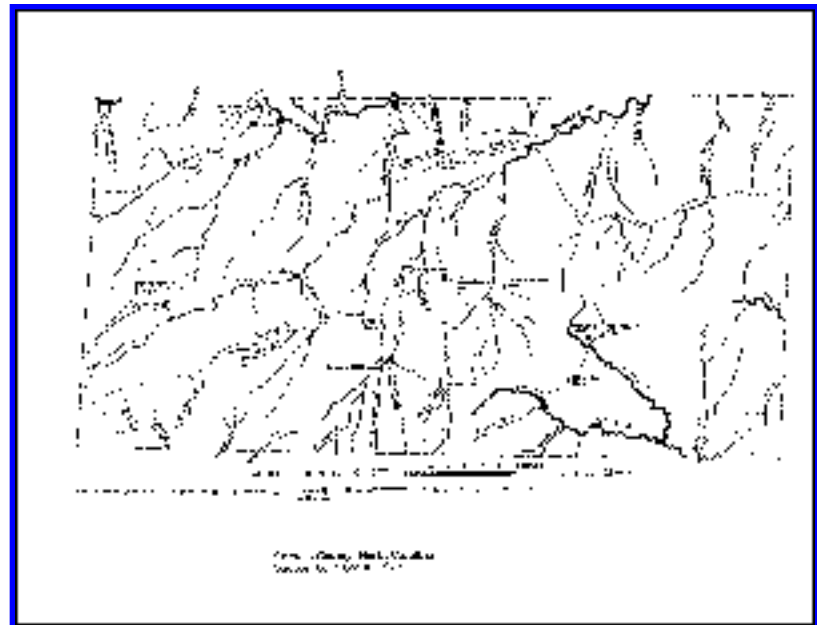
Lastly, this publication included the following map of Caswell Co., NC, in 1777, illustrating the area in which the Jessee and Lea families lived, on Hico and Cobbs Creeks.

## I. John Jessee, Jr

John Jessee, Jr. (1775-1834) married **Mary "Polly" Armstrong** (1780-1840) and they had six children. This is the editor's line.

**Beckie Browning** ([jlbrowning@naxs.net](mailto:jlbrowning@naxs.net), 1-30-1999) provided new descendants information for **Eliza Jessee**, b. 28 May 1849 (da. of **John Tivis Jessee**, s. of **Joseph Jessee**, s. of John Jr.), who married John T. Browning.

**Cheryl Eure** ([eure4nc@gibraltar.net](mailto:eure4nc@gibraltar.net)) provided new information on another heretofore unknown branch of the John Jessee, Jr. family.



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January 1, 1999

Hello, WOW! What a site. I see a tremendous amount of work you have put in to the Jessee page. I am just beginning take a look in the family tree. A Carlyine Ritter Jessee referred me to your site.

Here I am concerning the Jessees—do I fit here anywhere? My mother is Marilyn Eve Jessee, my grandpa is Roland Rallph Jessee, "Hooter," my grandmother is Inez Kiser. Information my mother printed for me shows my g-grandpa was Allen Jessee, gg-grandfather to be Cowan Jessee, and ggg-grandfather, Stanford Lea Jessee, gggg-grandfather, Jefferson Jessee, ggggg-grandfather, John Jessee, Jr.

Any connections? Cheryl

Indeed, Cheryl, indeed—The Editor

## I. John Jessee, Jr. Cont.

**Debbie McCoy** ([dmccoy@mounet.com](mailto:dmccoy@mounet.com)) contacted me, 2-24-1999, with additional information regarding descendants of her g-grandmother **Martha Elizabeth Jessee**, da. of **George Cowan**, s. of **Stanford Lea**, s. of **Jefferson**, s. of John Jessee, Jr.

**Patti Kiser** ([kkiser@scia.net](mailto:kkiser@scia.net)) wrote, 3-1-1999, with this request. "I need you to add the rest of the marriages of **Millard Combs "Red" Kiser**, my husband, and our daughter **Katherine Virginia Kiser**." I found that Roy Combs Kiser has one of those amazing Russell Co. pedigrees. He is descended from four of John and Frankey's children: John Jr. and George Lea on his mother's side. She was **Sarah Katherine Jessee**, da. of Thomas Jefferson "Big Jeff" Jessee and Mary Frances Jessee; and, on his father's side, from Archer Jessee and Mary "Polly" Jessee Kiser, by **Roy Ernest Kiser**, s. of Elihu Kiser and Nancy Browning Jessee.

**Janice Stanley** ([jant40@hotmail.com](mailto:jant40@hotmail.com)), a descendant of **Eliza Jessee**, da. of **Joseph Jessee**, s. of John Jessee, Jr. As the editor is a descendant of Joseph Jessee and Cynthia Smyth, da. of John Smyth and Tabitha Porter, Janice and I are relatively close cousins. Janice kindly shared a great deal of information regarding the descendants of Eliza Jessee who married John L. Browning, s. of Jessee Browning. That Browning, Smyth, Porter, and Dunking connection, makes us related to at least another quarter of Russell Co.

**Peggy Akers Simmers**, of Rising Sun, MD, is doing her genealogy research the good old fashioned way, with paper and pen, writing letters, doing basic research to get birth, marriage and death records, and plugging along persistently. She has not yet got into computers, but she has children and grandchildren encouraging her to do so. I am glad she found, through Tom and Shirley Rudder, and wrote to me the old fashioned way. She has a great deal figured out, and knew that her father's mother,

**Mariah Jessee**, was a double Jessee. With the information she shared I was able to find her place in the family and produced one of those Russell Co. pedigrees that take your breath away.

Mariah Jessee is the daughter of **Andrew Habern Jessee**, s. of William, s. of Archer,. Andrew married **Nancy Jane Jessee**, da. of Joseph, s. of Jefferson, s. of John Jessee, Jr. That was how she was a called a double Jessee, and meant that her father, **Daniel W. Akers**, s. of **Ransom Akers**, was descended from two of John and Frankey's children, John Jr. and Archer. This pedigree also brought in the Habern, Browning, Stinson, and Counts families, making her a cousin of my wife Nelda, too.

I surprised Peggy when I informed her that her mother, **Eula Monk**, da. of **John E. Monk** and **Carrie Ann Gose**, made her mother a Jessee , too. Carrie Ann Gose was the daughter of **Henry Gose** and **Mary "Polly" Meade**. Mary "Polly" was the da. of **Nathan Meade** and **Mary Elizabeth Jessee**, da. of **Martin Jessee**. She had no idea that her parents were distant cousins. We joked about that cousin thing so prevalent in those of us with Russell Co. origins. When I printed out her pedigree chart it was well over 20 pages, and we haven't begun to explore the Akers and Monk connections!

**Sandy and Lloyd Jessee** of Virginia ([SWJandLNJ@aol.com](mailto:SWJandLNJ@aol.com)) provided the following important letter. This is an example that you must not trust everything you may find in any database, you must prove and verify your information through good old-fashioned genealogy work. Lloyd is descended from three of John and Frankey Jessee's children. He is a grandson of Samuel Winfred Gibson Jessee, s. of Joseph Jessee, s. of Jefferson, s. of John Jr. Samuel married Saphronia "Sophia" Kiser, da. of Elihu Kiser and Nancy Browning Jessee, da. of Archer L. Jessee, s. of Archer Jessee. Elihue Kiser is the s. of Elihue Kiser, s. of Abednego Kiser and Mary "Polly" Jessee.

**Dear Mr. Jessee,**

Let me start out by refreshing your memory. On Monday (4/5/99) I sent to you an email requesting information on the JESSEE family, to which you promptly replied and ask for my husband's lineage. You suggested that I visit your Webpage, <http://www.jessee.org>, for further family insight.

To say that I was surprised at finding so many JESSEE'S listed on one web page, is an understatement, but after scrolling through the index and list of surnames then, actually finding the names of my husband's Parents; his Aunts and Uncles and even the name of his Grandparent's mentioned, I was totally shocked!

Editor's Note: This shock is not always a pleasant one. Some feel their privacy has been violated. I am in a quandary about this issue.

You see, all I was truly hoping for was perhaps the name of one or two distant cousins, still living in Russell County, Virginia, that I could contact, for my real goal was to learn "something" about my

husband's family, other than the few names and dates I have always had available.

As you have probably guessed by now, "genealogy" is not my forte! When I mentioned to you that I was working on my husband's "family tree", I simply meant that I had recently purchased the "Generations" deluxe edition family tree software program and had intended on finally organizing and recording the names of my family members and that of my husband, so I could pass this information on to our daughter's and our grandchildren. The thought of actually "researching" our families never occurred to me.

Now, I'm sure your asking yourself, if I'm not a dedicated Genealogist, then why did I bother to send all of the enclosed notes and family photos? Actually, it was my husband and several family members that urged me to write and, with respect for you and your expertise, say that we think you have several errors in your reference to this particular branch of the JESSEE family, and to ask that you please read the enclosed data and if possible, correct your listing so that in the future, when someone who is a true family researcher like yourself comes along and reads information about "this" Jessee family, they will have correct information available as reference.

My information is based simply on the handwritten notes found in the family Bible of my husband's Grandmother, where she personally listed the birth of her children. I also have the Bible of my late mother-in-law, where she too recorded the birth, marriages and the death of family members. And, perhaps the greatest "link" to his family history, is my husband's Aunt and Uncle, who live just down the road from us.

As my notes indicate, my husband is Lloyd Jessee, son of Lacy Earnest and Nova Rasnake-Jessee. Lacy was the son of Samuel Winfred Gibson Jessee and his wife, Sophronia "Sophia" Kiser-Jessee. My husband's uncle is Samuel Curtis Jessee, the last living child of Sam and Sophia Jessee.

With all of that said, please note the following, where I have listed the few small errors in "our family history" that we thought should be amended:

- (1.) The correct full name is, SAMUEL WINFRED GIBSON JESSEE, not "Wesley" like you have listed.
- (2.) Sam and Sophia Jessee had 12 children (see enclosed notes). We have no idea who this "Susan Jessee" (your ID# 1623) might be, but I assure you she is not one of their children.
- (3.) Lacy's wife's name was Hattie Canova, but everyone just called her NOVA and the correct way of spelling her last name is RASNAKE.
- (4.) The correct spelling is CUMMINS, not "Cumming"
- (5.) Sophia Jessee's Father may have been named "Elihue Kiser", that would account for the name of

their 6th son but, I seriously think you should search further as, the Elihue Kiser and Jane "Jennie" Skeen (1811-1900) you have listed, would have probably been too old to give birth to Sophia, who was born 7 June, 1878. NOTE: Sophia was da. Elihue, Jr., s. of Elihue, Sr. and Jennie Skeen.

(6.) The correct dates on Elihue Kiser Jessee (6th son of Sam and Sophia) should read, born 22 April, 1911 and he died in July, 1977".

(7.) Mattie Jessee's first husband was Newman Sutherland and this marriage ended in divorce. Her second husband was R. O. Brewster.

(8.) Lena Ruth Jessee was first married to Lemuel Bolton Robinson and this marriage ended in divorce. Her second husband was Denny Edison Jessee. Lena Ruth passed away in Sept 1976 (you have her passing away in 1986?) and the dates I have listed for Edison Jessee are, b. 4 Oct 1893 and he died in Feb 1975 You have him listed as being born 9 Aug 1897 and died 10 June 1988. They were both living in Tennessee at the time of their deaths.

I apologize for sending you only a partial list of information on our family. When I saw your web page Monday evening I got so excited I phoned several relatives that live out of state and ask that they send me their share of family information, but so far I have not heard from them. However, I do hope I have sent enough information so that you will see that my husband, Lloyd is indeed part of the true Jessee family of Russell County, Virginia and you will take our claim seriously. And if our request to correct part of your research has in any way offended you or your colleagues, please except my apology.

On behalf of "this" Jessee family, we thank you and if you should have any questions or comments, please write or email.

I am sorry to report that in subsequent correspondence, Sandy reported the death of Lloyd's Uncle Samuel Curtis Jessee, 7 May 1999. Sandy provided a wonderful photo of the Samuel Winfred Gibson Family, below, and other photos and information. This photo was probably taken by a traveling photographer around 1918 at their home in Carterton, Russell Co., VA. The original photo is in the home of Samuel Curtis Jessee. I am grateful to helpers like Sandy and Lloyd who take the time to write, correct errors, provide new information, and treasures like this.

## II. Archer Jessee

Archer Jessee (1776-1862) married three times: **Nancy Browning** (1781-1826); **Rachel Herndon** (1790-1833); and **Mary Jane "Polly" Owens** (1803-1884) and had fifteen children.

**Dave Gilliam** posted information regarding **Kemper Gilmer Jessee** married to **Laura Belle Buckles** in 1925, Russell County, VA, which was provided in the last newsletter. I outlined the problem that I have

two Kemper Gilmer Jessees, both born in 1904, with different pedigrees. Each are descendants of Archer Jessee via different sons. Kemper Gilmer #1 is the son of **Edward Thomas Jessee**, son of **William Jr.**, son of **William Sr.**, son of Archer. Kemper Gilmer #2 is the son of **Winfield Scott Jessee** (who married **Bertha L. Gilmore**) son of **Vincent Jr.**, son of **Vincent Sr.**, son of Archer Jessee. This Kemper Gilmer #2 is also a descendant of **John Jessee Jr.** via a daughter of **Joseph Jessee, Mary Elizabeth Jessee** who married **Daugherty Gilmer**. I asked, can anyone straighten me out?

**Woodrow R. Thompson** wrote immediately in response to this question.

Your newsletter's Kemper Gilmer Jessee #2 never married, he died in an auto accident in 1931 on the road from Lebanon, VA to Bristol, VA. He is buried in Lebanon, VA. Uncle Scott Jessee was my mother's brother, Louise Ellen Jessee Thompson, b. 1878, d. 1957. I new cousin "Kemp" well. Uncle Scott and Aunt Bertha ran the Jessee Hotel in Lebanon, VA.

**Michael B. Jones**, Houston, TX, provided copies of several Montgomery Co., IN, resources which provide information on the **James Browning Jessee** family, s. of Archer Jessee. Among the sources cited are a handwritten manuscript, "Deaths in Southwestern Part of Montgomery Co., IN," by Pauline (Randel) Walters, 1971; "Obituary Dates and Your Family Ties over 140 Years in Montgomery Co., IN"; "History of Montgomery Co., IN together with Historic Notes on the Wabash Valley," by H. W. Beckwith, 1881; "History of New Ross and Vicinity, 1829-1967," by Crystal Pauline Randel Walters, Selby Publishing and Printing, all available on microfiche from the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT.

**From "History of Montgomery Co., IN together with Historic Notes on the Wabash Valley," by H. W. Beckwith, 1881, pg. 379:** "James B. Jessee, farmer (retired), New Ross, was born in Russell County, Virginia, October 13, 1803, and was the son of Archie and Nancy (Browning) Jessee, both natives of Old Virginia. James studied his book but forty or fifty days, his education being derived by looking over the shoulders of others, and gathering from observation. He adapted himself to any trade, now farming, then carpentering or blacksmithing, or sat on the bench of a shoemaker.

"Mr. Jessee was married in September 1827, to Nancy Candler, daughter of Squire John Candler, of Virginia. She was born in April 1808. In 1829 Mr. Jessee, wife and babe, emigrated to Indiana and settled in Montgomery County. His uncle, Wilson Browning, came the same year and entered the land on which New Ross now stands, and Mr. Jessee having nothing but a few household goods and \$8 in cash, lived the first year with his uncle, whose wife being lame, Mr. Browning proposed that Mrs. Jessee keep house, and all live together, which was agreed to by the second party. Some three or four years after, Mr. Jessee received from his brother \$60, which was due him, and by putting what he had to this and borrowing \$20, and paying 120 per cent interest, he purchased eighty acres of land on which he still lives. He added to his farm until he owned 240 acres. He now lives with his son, I. W. Jessee, on the homestead, about one fourth of a mile south of New Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Jessee had seven children: Martha, Dorothy, Jane, Dosah A., now Mrs. G. T. Dorsey; Thomas, who died at Pittsburg Landing, during the late Civil War; James M., now of Aurora, Illinois, who enlisted three times in the Civil War,

and I. W. at home. Mr. Jessee has always been a warm Whig or Republican. He and wife are Methodists. His memory is still fresh, and he remembers well the War of 1812, in which his father was Captain of a light horse company. His father was also a member of the Virginia Legislature for twelve or fifteen years, and his grandfathers Jessee and Browning were in the Revolution, the latter having been a Captain and having lived to be 102 years of age. Mr. Jessee has been a prominent man in this vicinity for fifteen years, and was Justice of the Peace. In his old age he is a great reader and good converser. His settlement of Montgomery County is further noticed in the general history of Walnut Township."

**From "History of New Ross and Vicinity, 1829-1967," by Crystal Pauline Randel Walters, Selby Publishing and Printing, pg. 29:** "In 1829, Wilson Browning and wife, Rebecca, and children, and his nephew, James B. Jessee and wife Nancy (Candler) Jessee and baby Martha, came from Virginia to what is now New Ross. .... Wilson Browning's wife was ill, and needing help, they asked James and Nancy (Candler) Jessee to spend the winter with them, so that Nancy could do cooking and housekeeping chores for them. James and Nancy were glad to do this, for they only had \$8 when they came here in 1829. In 1830 Wilson Browning became ill, and he wanted to go to Kentucky to see. Dr. Dudley, so accompanied by James B. Jessee they started out, but when they reached Indianapolis, Indiana, Wilson became seriously ill, and died September 1830. He was buried in Indianapolis. It was the first death of any settler who had come to Walnut Township, Montgomery County, Indiana. His widow, Rebecca, married James Anderson 1832, and left here."

**H. John Plaat** sent an obituary for **Robert Jessee** (1916-1998), s. of Tyler Rem "TR" Jessee, s. of John Allen Jessee, s. of Archer L. Jessee, s. of Archer, which in turn led me to his brother **Jerry Jessee** of Westwood, CA, his parents **John and Aletha Jessee** of Sacramento, CA, and uncle **Kenneth Jessee** and his daughter **Kathy Jessee Frazier** of Idaho, who have provided new information.

Too illustrate what a small world it can be, not only does Jerry live close to Chico, he went to Chico State, as does his son Glen, currently. He said he was always able to get checks cashed in Chico because of the reputation of the Jessee family here [whew!]. Jerry's wife, Sue, is an acquaintance of my office mate, Claudia Vinsonhaler, who also so ably proofreads this newsletter for me, and is an excellent editor in her own right. Jerry is an Industrial Arts teacher at Westwood High School and knows my wife's cousins, Mike and Ron Rabo, who are also shop teachers in this area. My wife, Nelda, is a high school teacher, as well

**Canie Burns Litton, Jr.** ([canieb@aol.com](mailto:canieb@aol.com)) provided, 3-3-1999, descendants information for his ggrandmother **Elizabeth "Puss" Jessee**, da. of **Vincent and Elizabeth Candler Jessee**, s. of Archer Jessee. He wrote initially with an inquiry about the **Dickenson** Family, and then in cooperation with an additional researcher, **Max Ervin** ([maxervin@prdigy.net](mailto:maxervin@prdigy.net)) provided me extensive information on the Dickenson family, which I will need time to fully digest one day. I believe we have much more to share on the Litton family research, as well.

**D. Bea Peden Price** ([lprice@tscnet.com](mailto:lprice@tscnet.com)) wrote, 1-31-1999, with information and photos that include the family of **Benjamin H. "Harry" Jessee** and **Gladys Lucetta McDannalds**, with sons **Warren** and

**Harold Jessee** at a **David Walker McDannald** family gathering, Thanksgiving Day, 1914, in Santa Ana, CA, featured on the newsletter cover. Benjamin H. Jessee is the s. of Abraham Lincoln "Link," s. of Archer, s. of "Little Dave," s. of Archer and Nancy Browning Jessee.

**Terry Jessee** ([jessee@mcn.net](mailto:jessee@mcn.net)) communicated, 1-12-1999, with information about his father, **Ollie Russell "Bud" Jessee**, and his Montana branch of the family. Ollie Jessee is the s. of Lilburn Arvel., s. of Lilburn Monroe, s. of William, s. of Archer and Nancy Browning Jessee.

**Diane Callahan Wallis** ([wally@cyberstreet.com](mailto:wally@cyberstreet.com)) provided, 1-28-1999, descendants information for her gg-grandmother, **Elizabeth "Eliza" Jessee**, da. of Archer L., s. of Archer and Nancy Jessee. Elizabeth married **James Monroe Counts**, s. of **James Counts** who ma. **Eva "Lou" Banner** and was the s. of **John Counts of Glade Hollow**.

**Nadine Walker** ([nwalker@nqks.com](mailto:nwalker@nqks.com)) provided descendants information, extensive documentation, and copies of photos of her husband Ray Walker's ancestor **John Trigg "Taz" Jessee** (1824-1887) s. of Vincent Jessee, s. of Archer, who married first **Mary M. Burk**, da. of William Burk and Rebecca Jessee, and second, **Louise Ellen Kelly**. Taz, or sometimes "Tase," Jessee moved to Claiborne Co., TN. Ray Walker is descended from Louise Kelly.

### III. William Jessee

William Jessee (1779-1841) married **Mary "Polly" Vermillion** (1785-1879), and they had fourteen children. This family moved to Lee Co., VA.

**Sharlene Boyer** and cousin, **Dan H. LeVan, Jr.** have provided photos, marvelous stories, maps, and other materials regarding **Elisha Bishop Jessee**. Elisha Bishop was the son of Oliver Jessee, a son of William and Mary Vermillion Jessee. Here is Sharlene's letter.

Hi Jim, 5-6-1998

The mail yesterday brought the copies of past Jessee Family Newsletters, and I stayed up late last night to read them all. Thank you so much for the time you put in doing all of the work--it boggles my mind how you can keep track of so many of us. I am looking forward to keeping up with the family news in future newsletters.

I was interested in the items about Jessee Civil War Veterans, and would like to send on the information I have about my great-grandfather. Elisha Bishop Jessee was the son of Oliver Jessee, who was the son of William J. Jessee, who was the son of John Jessee, Sr. My copy of his military record spells his name as Jessie, Jesse and Gessie. He served as a Corporal in Company H of the First Missouri Cavalry of the

Confederate Army. He was captured 17 May 1863 at the Battle of Big Black River during the siege of Vicksburg. He was interned in Vicksburg and Fort Delaware, sent to Point Lookout (Maryland) for exchange and then to Elmira (New York) for processing his pardon. He was among the 3,038 Confederate officers and men exchanged 13 February 1865. He was 25 years old when he was captured.

Dan LeVan provided the following, along with a map of the campaign described below, and a copy of the Prisoner of War Records for Elisha Bishop Jessee.

Great Grandfather, Elisha B. Jessee, a corporal in the Confederate States Cavalry was captured at Big Black River. This information was recorded on his Prisoner Of War internment papers. After checking the index pages of more than thirty Civil War book I looked through a Bruce Catton book, "Never Call Retreat" and discovered references to Big Black River on pages 194, 198, 199, 201, and 203 in this book.

Big Black River flows into the Mississippi river a short distance south of Vicksburg, Mississippi, on the Louisiana, Mississippi border at a location called Grand Gulf. The Big Black that passes Vicksburg a few miles to the east figured in many skirmishes, and defensive battles of both the Union and Confederate origin during the battle, siege, and loss of Vicksburg to General Grant's invading Army. Grant's campaign began in mid-April 1863. Elisha was captured on May 17th when General Sherman captured important high ground on the Big Black, and General Grant's vanguard came up to the Big Black River and overwhelmed Pemberton's rear guard. General Pemberton then pulled his forces into the Vicksburg fortification lines, and held-off a siege until, 8 July 1863. The Union forces had the Confederates completely encircled for almost three months. Elisha's capture, in a way, could have been a stroke of bad luck, since one of Pemberton's requirements for surrender was for Grant to parole all Confederate troops in the Vicksburg area, and take no prisoners since it would be difficult to move some 31, 000 prisoners up river. Grant accepted the proviso.

Dan LeVan, 12 July 1996

## **ELISHA BISHOP JESSEE**

1. Born in Lee County, Virginia\* on July 2, 1838.
2. Finished high school and attended college in Virginia.
3. Served in the Confederate Cavalry during the Civil War during the ages of 21 to 24 Corporal in Co. "H" of the First Missouri Cavalry.
4. Captured at Big Black River, Mississippi.



5. Married to first wife, Sara Ann Muncy, of Lee County, Virginia.

6. Had two daughters, Nancy Ann (born in Virginia), and Mary Lee (born in Harrison County, Missouri).

7. Wife Sara died in 1872 at the age of 32 (1840-1872).

8. Listed as a teacher in Harrison County, Missouri.

9. Married second wife, Nancy C. Glendenning, in 1880 in Harrison County, Missouri.

10. Eight children were born to this marriage.

11. This family stayed in Missouri until 1886.

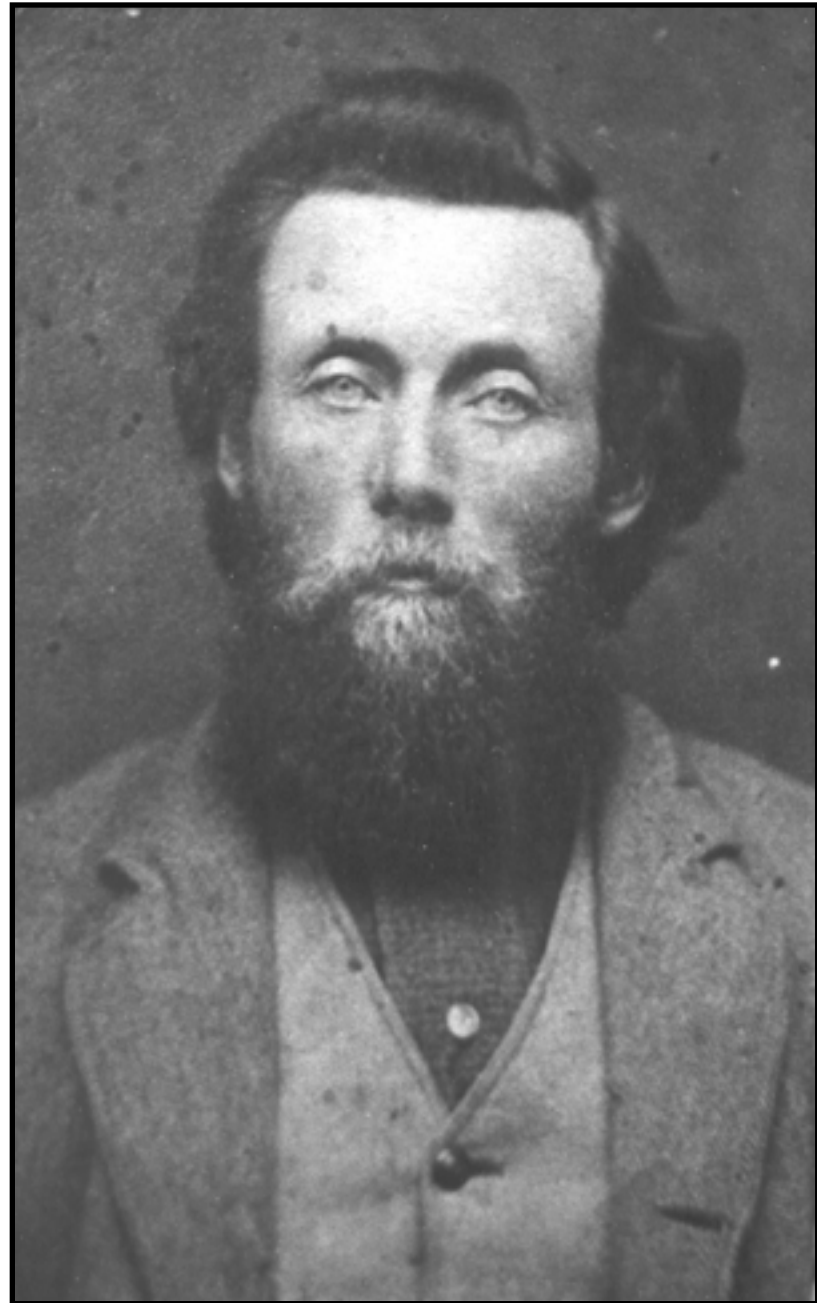
12. On January 21, 1884 arrived alone in Caldwell, Idaho with the intention of settling.\*

13. September 25, 1886 Elisha's wife and family arrived in Caldwell and were immediately taken to nearby Star, Idaho where Elisha was employed as a teacher.

14. Divorced from Nancy around 1888.

15. Second son, Asher W. Jessee, was killed in a mine explosion in the Florida Mountain Tunnel of the Dewey Mine in Silver City, Idaho on May 26, 1900. Elisha went to Silver City with a horse drawn wagon to retrieve Asher, and returned him home to Nampa, Idaho. +

16. Died November 24, 1912. Elisha's death certificate listed him as a common laborer of the age 74, and with the cause of death as cystitis. He was buried in the Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho on November



**Elisha Bishop Jessee**

26, 1912. The death certificate, Dist. 3, file 3325 Reg. 112 was signed by William H. Jessee, first son of Elisha. Asher is buried in Koyhler Lawn Cemetery, Nampa, ID.

\*From "The Caldwell Tribune" 1884, and 1886. (micro film)

+ From newspaper story printed in Silver City, Idaho.

Compiled by Dan H. LeVan Jr., grandson of Mary Lee (Jessee) LeVan.



**Daughters Mary Lee and Nancy Ann Jessee**

In follow-up correspondence, Sharlene Boyer provided, 5/5/1999, extensive pedigree information and ancestral charts for Eliasha Bishop Jessee. Sharlene asks our help with the family mysteries. "Did Stephen Bishop marry Mercy Slawson or Mercy Pierson? I have changed my mind from my original research, and now think he married Mercy Pierson.."

## **IV. Lea Jessee**

Lea Jessee (1781-1852) married **Barbara Gose** (1788-1862), da. of **Stephen Gose** and **Barbara Catron Gose**, and they had ten children. This family moved to Missouri.

## **V. David Jessee**

Reverend David Jessee (1783-1856) married **Catherine "Katie" Banner** (1788-1860) and had thirteen children.

**Kathryn Burke Greever**, with additional census data provided by **Tom and Shirley Rudder** have conclusively determined that **Stephen G. Jessee** (1824-1899), s. of David Jessee, married **Rebecca Vermillion**, da. of Jessee Vermillion (1787-1862) and Nancy Burk, da. of Fleming Burk Sr. and Rebecca Miller. Kathryn, **Imogene Burke Verbal**, and **Jack Hockett's** book on the Burk(e) family (see Rebecca Jessee Burk) will provide extensive descendants information for this branch of Rev. David's family.

**Cyndi P. Valencia** (bubbs93@ix.netcom.com) provided descendants information for **Nathaniel Daugherty** (1829-1896) and his wife, **Sarah J. Jessee** (1841-1937), da. of Rev. John Jessee, s. of Rev.

David Jessee and Katie Banner. Cyndi provided specific information for their sons **Benjamin M.** and **James Lee** and James' son **Charles William Daugherty** (Cyndi's grandfather). Nathaniel Daugherty was the second of three husbands for Sarah J. Jessee.

## VI. Elizabeth Jessee Gose

Elizabeth Jessee Gose (1785-1827) married **George Gose** (1786-1861), son of **Stephen Gose** and **Barbara Catron Gose**, and they had twelve children. Please see the discussion under Rebecca Jessee Burk below.

**Paul Alexander** (palexander@rotacare.org) provided, 2-8-1999, information and a GEDCOM file on the **William Gilmer Alexander** family. William married **Elizabeth Gose**, da. of George Gose and Elizabeth Jessee.

My Alexander ancestry begins in the US in Russell Co., VA in 1795-1797. We are connected through Elizabeth Gose, b. 1821, da. of George Gose and Elizabeth Jessee. She married William Gilmer Alexander, b. May 5, 1814, Russell Co., VA, son of David B. Alexander and Margaret Gilmer. After a few years in TN, where their first son, George Gose Alexander was born, they settled in Linn Co., MO in about 1843. Elizabeth died during or just after the birth of twins of January 25, 1845. One twin survived named David Brawley Alexander. William G. Alexander remarried in November 1847 and had six more surviving children. I am descended from this second marriage.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES - BENTON TOWNSHIP,

*History of Linn County, Missouri.* Birdsall and Dean. 1882. Page 756.

WILLIAM G. ALEXANDER (Deceased), was born in Russell County, Virginia, May 5, 1814. In 1842 he moved from Tennessee to Missouri, and settled on section twenty-nine, township sixty, range twenty, in Linn county, and died there on the twenty-ninth of April, 1865. He was a member of the Southern Methodist Church, having joined in 1853. Mr. Alexander was twice married. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Gose, by whom he had two sons. He was again married in November 1847, to Miss Mary J. Seaman, who came with her mother and brother to this State in 1843. She was born in Powell Valley, Berkley county, Virginia, and is of Welsh-Irish descent. Mr. Alexander was also of Irish ancestry. By his last union, Mr. A. had six children, named as follows: Maggie J., John R., Jonah S., Isaac T., William G., and Mary F. There was also another that died in infancy, and was never christened. Mrs. Alexander is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. She still resides on the old homestead, and some of her children live with her; the others are married, and more of them reside near their mother.

**Michael Jones**, reminds us that not all Jessees served in the CSA during the Civil War.

31 March 1999

**James C. Osborn**, s. of Caleb and Dicy Gose Osborn, died while serving in the 54<sup>th</sup> Indiana Vol. Infantry (Source: A Portrait and Biographical Record of Boone & Clinton Counties, IN, 1895, Bowen, A. W. & Co.). Dicy Gose Osborn was a da. of George & Elizabeth Jessee Gose.

## VII. Mary "Polly" Jessee Kiser

Mary "Polly" Jessee (1787-1836) married **Abednego Kiser** (1784-1814), who died in the War of 1812, and later married **James Chafin**, They had four children and are the ancestors of many a Kiser from Russell Co.

Polly Jessee Kiser's gggg-granddaughter, **Vivian Bales** (Marion, OH) is a faithful contributor to this newsletter. She constantly works at ferreting out little bits and pieces of information she gathered over a lifetime, and sends them my way. I attempt to keep up with her by keying her information into the database. Here she often provides some good advice, memories and stories, and insight into her colorful life, but, unfortunately, not this edition.

## VIII. Frances Jessee Stone

Frances Jessee (1789-1860) married **William Stone** (1789-1860), son of **Jeremiah Stone**. They had ten children. This family moved to Missouri.

**Jackie Ross Jones** [jacknbill@newwave.net] sent me, 3-6-1999, the following email. Jackie is the first descendant of Frances Jessee to contact us.

Hello Jim,

I just discovered the Jessee Web Site and am most delighted. After scanning over just a little of it, I decided to fill in a blank concerning a grand daughter of William Stone & Frances Jessee.

My line is: William Stone & Frances Jessee, their daughter, Mary Chaney Stone & Noah Milburn Reynolds, their daughter Sarah Ann Reynolds & Jonas Powers, their son, Wade Hampton Powers and Ida Shuff, their daughter, Rebecca Powers & Zachariah Taylor Ross, their son, Muss Ross & Cleo Evelyn Jack, and me, Elva "Jackie" Ross Jones.

The info that I have for Sarah Ann is: born: 14 March 1833 Scott Co., Va died: 2 Sept 1892 Wayne Co., WV m 1848 to Jonas Powers born: 1 Sept 1820 Scott Co., VA died: 1 Oct 1899 Wayne Co., WV. Both are buried at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Wayne Co., WV. Jonas served in the Civil War, Union, Co E, 29th KY Inf'ty. Jonas s/o Forrest M. Powers & Mary "Polly" Alley.

Their son Wade Hampton Powers born: 7 Jan 1851 Scott Co., VA died: 8 Aug 1924 Wayne Co., WV married b/4 1882 Ida Shuff. Ida born: 19 Jan 1867 Lawrence Co., Ohio died: 2 Aug 1947 Cabell Co., WV d/o Smith Shuff and Minerva Sarah Allen. Both Wade H. & Ida are buried at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Wayne, WV (near Jonas & Sarah).

Their daughter Rebecca Powers born: 5 Feb 1883 Wayne Co., WV died: 25 March 1964 Wayne Co., WV married 4 Oct 1905 Zachariah Taylor Ross. Taylor born: 26 April 1878 Wayne Co., WV died: 1 May 1952 Wayne CO., WV. Taylor s/o James Madison Ross, Jr. and Mariah Jane Osburn. Both Rebecca & Taylor are buried at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Wayne Co., WV. They were the parents of 9 daughters and 1 son, my father, Muss Ross.

Muss born: 21 Dec 1913 Wayne Co., WV died Jan 12, 1997 Cabell Co., WV married 2 Sept 1938 Boyd Co., KY to Cleo Evelyn Jack. Cleo born: 3 Sept 1920 Cabell Co., WV died 22 June 1996 Cabell Co., WV Cleo d/o Clarence Cecil Jack & Zetta Ann Arthur. Both Muss & Cleo are buried at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Wayne Co., WV.

Thank you so much for all your efforts concerning this site. I know that I will really enjoy searching through all the material and finding more relatives.

**Laura Jane Jarrell Mitchell**, a cousin of Jackie Jones, became the second Frances Jessee Stone descendant to contact us, and she provided additional descendants information. Laura is the da. of Roger Arlyn Jarrell, s. of Elmer Roger Jarrell, s. of George Washington Jarrell and Effie Ritter Reynolds, da. of Noah Christopher Reynolds, s. of Stephen Nathaniel Reynolds, and Mary Chaney Powers, da. of Sarah Ann Reynolds and Jonas Powers (they were first cousins). Stephen and Sarah Reynolds were children of Noah Milburn Reynolds and Mary Chaney Stone, da. of Frances Jessee Stone.

## **IX. Sarah Jessee Vermillion**

Sarah "Sallie" Jessee (1790-1851) married **Wilson Vermillion**, son of **Jessee Vermillion, Sr.** and **Mary "Polly" Scott**. They had three children.

**Jack Hockett**, of St. David's Place, PA is a descendent and the main contributor to research on this branch of the family. His work has appeared in previous issues of this newsletter, and in several significant genealogy publications. He has been collaborating for a number of years with **Kathryn Burke Greever** and **Imogene Burke Verbal** on genealogy research, which has greatly benefitted the Jessee family. Please see the discussion under Rebecca Jessee Burk below.

**Kathryn Greever** recently provided me descendants information for **Elihu Vermillion** who married **Eliza Browning**, the Brownings and Vermillions being the main subject of their research. Elihu Vermillion is the son of Sarah "Sallie" Jessee and Wilson Vermillion. Heretofore I had no descendants

information for Elihu and Eliza.

## X. Boedicia Jessee Gose

Boedicia "Dicey/Dicy" Jessee married **Stephen Gose Jr.** (1792-bef. 1842), son of **Stephen Gose** and **Barbara Catron Gose**. They had eight children. This family moved to Iowa

## XI. James Jessee

James Jessee (1794-aft 1846) married **Jane Burk** (1795-aft.1846), d. of **Fleming Burk, Sr.** and **Rebecca Miller**. They had four children.

**Linda Roudebush** ([roude@iei.net](mailto:roude@iei.net)) may have extended our information regarding James Jessee descendants with this inquiry.

January 21, 1999

Hi Jim,

My name is Linda Jessee Roudebush. My father is **James D. Jessee** and his father was **Wright Jessee**. Wright's father was **Johnson Jessee**, and his wife was America (not Bickley). Johnson's father was Christopher. They all lived in Lee County, Virginia. I have not been able to find anything about Christopher or Johnson Jessee. Do you have any information you can share with me?

I speculated that Christopher is **Christopher A. Jessee**, b. 1845, s. of Fleming Burk Jessee, s. of James Jessee and Jane Burk. I indicated that I also had a Christopher Jessee, b. 1900 in Lee County (two generations too late to be her Christopher) who married Rebecca Johnson, and had a son Creed Jessee and grandson Lloyd Jessee. Linda replied,

Jim, thanks for all the info! Creed, (CP) was my Dad's first cousin. His father Christopher was a brother of my grandfather Wright. My mom gave me a lot of info on Creed. Lloyd was named after both his grandfather, Christopher Jessee, and Lloyd Scott (Lloyd Scott is my mother's uncle.) Creed's first wife was Nevada (Veda pronounced Vayda) Scott. They had 16 children with one twin dying at birth or shortly after. Creed married a second time. I have more on them if you are interested. My sister is going to try and find a census record for Christopher (1845) listing his children so that we can be doubly sure he is the right one and hopefully it will list a son named Jonson/Johnson. Creed's father Christopher

married Rebecca Johnson, a sister of my father's mother Myrtle who died when my Dad was 12 (1935).

## **XII. Rebecca Jessee Burk**

Rebecca Jessee (1796-1860) married **William Burk** (1797-1850), son of **Fleming Burk, Sr.** and **Rebecca Miller**. They had ten children.

**Kathryn Burke Greever, Jack Hockett, and Imogene Burke Verbal**, as reported in the last newsletter, have made a major contribution with years of collaborative research and imminent publication of their book,

***Some Descendants of John Burk, 1656-1699, Middlesex Co., Virginia.*** It details, among many others, the descendants of Fleming Burk, Sr. Four of his children married Jessees, two children and two grandchildren of John and Frankey Lea Jessee. Jane Burk married James Jessee, William Burk married Rebecca Jessee, Fleming Burk, Jr. married Nancy Ann Jessee, daughter of David Jessee, and Robert Burk married Anna Gose, daughter of Elizabeth Jessee and George Gose. They have added important information for each of these Jessee lines. Their notations and documentation of sources are tremendous. A simply great effort. We will provide complete ordering information in the next newsletter.

This book alone includes well over 1000 descendants of Rebecca Jessee and William Burk. None of this material has been keyed into a genealogy database program of any kind. It is a daunting chore and we need help! Following their publication I would like to work with any volunteers who would be willing to help key in this information into an appropriate database.

## **XIII. Jane Jessee Fuller**

Jane Jessee (1797-1869) married **Henry Fuller** (1792-1872), son of **Abraham Fuller** and **Mary Sargent**. They had ten children. This family moved to Illinois.

While I have a scant amount of descendants information, I do not correspond with any descendant of Jane Jessee Fuller. This is a family that needs much research.

## **XIV. George Lea Jessee**

George Lea Jessee (1798-1882) married **Elizabeth "Betsy" Counts** (1799-1880), da. of John Counts, Jr. "of Glade Hollow" and Margaret "Peggy" Kelly. They had fourteen children.

Many George Lea Jessee descendents are subscribers and have contributed very much information to the

database. It is one of our best researched and recorded branches of the family.

**Rev. Vernon Cecil Jessee** encourages us to establish a national Jessee family reunion and provides important documentation for some descendants of George Lea Jessee, as well as a visit to his father's cousin, and oldest known living Jessee, **Grady Lee Jessee**.

**Feb. 2, 1999**

**Dear Jim and Family**

We will have the **JESSEE REUNION** at the Sugar Hollow Campground, just off Lee Highway, Bristol, Virginia, the third Saturday in August this year, 1999. Hope you can make it. [Seriously folks, there is nothing I would love more, but that week is the start of the fall semester for the University and I am more than on duty that week.] I would like to see it develop into a **National Annual Jessee Reunion**, and take place in Russell Co., VA, where our roots are.

I wanted to let you know that I have a birth record of my Grandmother **Nannie Maryanne( Jessee) Jessee** that proves she was a daughter of John Counts Jessee and Margaret Cross Jessee. .... I have thought of what my Dad told me on different occasions about his grandfathers, and he told me when we visited with him just about 3 or 4 years before he died, that their names were John and "Jeff" and that they were brothers.

**February 3, 1999**

**Dear Jim,**

I am sending the birth record of my grandmother Nannie Maryann (Jessee) Jessee. As I promised. I don't know if I told you before, anyway I will tell you that my daughter and I visited with **Grady Jessee, Sr.**, last spring, if he lives until June 10, 1999 (which I hope he does), he will be 103 years old. We found by talking with him and his wife, Mattie, that he is a son of my Grandmother's (Nannie Maryann) brother, Charles Benson Jessee. So Grady would be a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin to my Father Dennie Edison Jessee, and also my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin. Grady Jessee, Sr. lives at Lebanon, VA.

Rev. Vernon C. Jessee

**Frank Jessee** ([Frj345@aol.com](mailto:Frj345@aol.com)) was referred to me by his cousin Vernon, and he provided a bit more information regarding his branch of the family. Frank is the s. of Frederick Winfred (by his second wife, Mary Dotson), who is the s. of Thomas Jefferson, s. of George Lea, making him a gg-grandson of John and Frankey Lea Jessee, two generations closer than I.

**February 16, 1999**

**Back to you, Jim**



I truly enjoyed the information you sent. I had a lot of it, but this helped me to fill in the gaps. I guess I am getting hooked on this family history thing. I retired about six years ago, got nothing but time and this is great fun and interesting. You asked about my family. I have three sons: Gary, 38; Westley, 28; and Franklin, 26. Only four of us in our original family are living: Russell, Virginia, 78; Henry, 76; and myself, 65. Clarence the eldest, Margret, Woodrow, and Paul are all deceased. I went back over to Russell County the other day to browse around, came back through Mill Creek. Could almost see the old folks walking through the valley. Sure wish I could go back, but I guess that is what dreams are for. Hope to find out all I can about them, now that I have lots of time. If you come up with any new tidbits, give me a holler as they say here in Bristol.

Keep in touch,  
Frank Jessee

## **XV. Martin Jessee**

Martin Jessee (1801-1879) married first **Virginia Jane Price** (1801-1853), da. of David and June Price and they had eleven children. He married second **Mary Jane Darnold** (1834-1907), and they had seven children.

**Dave Dollard** ([dollard@cdmnet.com](mailto:dollard@cdmnet.com)),

2-27-1998) provided me the obituary for **James Gilmer "Gil" Jessee**, s. of Ira Millard Jessee, s. of Martin Van Buren Jessee, s. of Martin Jessee.

WISE, VA—James Gilmer "Gil" Jessee died Monday (Jan. 12, 1998) at Heritage Hall in Big Stone Gap, VA. A life long resident of Wise County, VA, he was a retired coal mine operator, and was also a farmer. He attended the First Church of God, Wise, VA. He was the son of the late Ira and Mollie Gilliam Jessee. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Mary Frampton Jessee (1993); and infant daughter, Joyce Ann Jessee; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Collins and Mrs. Nola Dotson; four brothers, Willie Jessee, Alex Jessee, Millard Jessee, and Charlie Jessee; and a half-brother, John Griffey. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Collins, Mrs. Agnes L. Hunsaker, Wise, VA, and Mrs. Doris A. Baker of Kingsport; five sons, James G. Jessee, Jr., Bristol, VA, William E. Jessee, Oklahoma City, OK, Wayland M. Jessee, and Harrison C. Jessee, both of Wise, VA, and Charles V. "Doc" Jessee, Hillsville, VA; 25 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a brother, Dewey E. Jessee, Raleigh, NC; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

**Louis G. Riddle** ([RidRed@aol.com](mailto:RidRed@aol.com)), who is a descendant of both Martin Jessee and Archer Jessee, wrote 2-8-1998 with the following.

It was certainly a pleasure to find your site with the help of some kind soul who saw my name on the message board for Family Tree Maker. My grandmother was **Mary Catherine Jessee**, the wife of **John William George Washington Riddle** of Wyndale, VA (Washington Co.) She was the daughter of **Archer Samuel Jessee**, b. 3-11-1823. I am researching the Riddle, Jessee, and Worley families of VA.

**Mary Catherine Jessee (1853-1927)** is the da. of Archer S. Jessee, s. of Vincent Jessee, s. of Archer Jessee and Nancy Browning. Her mother is Christina Jessee, da. of Martin Jessee and Virginia Jane Price. Her pedigree looks like a who's who of Russell Co. pioneers. I hope future correspondence will provide more detailed information on this family.

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## **NO FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF TIME**

(Author unknown)

It's nice to come from gentle folks  
Who wouldn't stoop to brawl,  
Who never took a lusty poke  
At anyone at all.  
Who never raised a raucous shout  
At any country inn,  
Or calmed an ugly fellow lout  
With a belaying pin.  
Who never shot at a revenuer  
Hunting for a still,  
Who never rustled cattle and agreed with  
Uncle's will.  
Who lived life as they ought without uncouth distraction,  
And shunned like leprosy a thought of taking legal action.  
It's nice to come from gentle folks  
Who've never known disgrace  
But oh, though scandal is no joke  
It's far easier to trace!

## **Confederate Jessee Records**

**Freida Davis and Michael Jones** provided the following index of Confederate Jesse(e)s taken from *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865*, edited by Janet B. Hewett, Broadfoot Publishing Co., Wilmington, NC, 1996, Vol. 8, p. 430. There are over 100 Jesse(e)s here, the vast majority from Virginia. No wonder there is such a reverence for the Old Dominion, why so many of their daughters were named Virginia and sons after Jefferson Davis or Robert E. Lee.

Jesse (Indian) NC Inf. Thomas Legion

Jesse 1st Creek Mtd.Vol. Co. E

Jesse Deneale's Regt. Choctaw Warriors Co. B

Jesse, David L. KY 2nd Mtd.Inf.

Jesse, Elihu VA 21st Cav. 1st Co. E

Jesse, Elisha B. MO 1st Cav. Co. H Cpl.

Jesse, George L. VA 11th Inf. Co. H Cpl.

Jesse, Griffin T. VA 30th Inf. Co. P

Jesse, James NIS 24th Inf. Co. G

Jesse, James VA 30th Inf. Co. F

Jesse, James M. VA: 1st Arty. Co K

Jesse, James M. VA Arty. LF. Jones' Co.

Jesse, Joseph B. VA 22nd Inf. Co. B, G Cpl.

Jesse, M. TX 3rd Inf. 2nd Co. A

Jesse, Marc TX 24th Cav. Co. I

Jesse, Richard T. VA 30th Inf. Co. F

Jesse, Stephen G. VA 22nd Cav. Co. A

Jesse, Tboomas H. GA 15th Inf. Co. A

Jesse, Tboomas P. VA 1A.Arty. Pollock's Co.

Jesse, Vincent VA 22nd Cav. Co. D Sgt.

Jesse, W.H. VA 9th Cav. Co. D

Jesse, William P. VA 28th Inf. Co. F

Jessee (Col.) SC Cav.Bn. Holcombe Legion

Co.A Cook

Jessee TN Inf. 154th Sr.Regt. 2nd Co. B Serv.

Jessee (a Creek) Ist Cherokee Mtd.Rifles Co. P

Jessee 1st Choctaw Mtd.Rifles Co. B

Jessee 1st Creek Mid.Vol. Co. G

Jessee 1st Seminole Mtd.Vol.

Jessee, A.H. Conf.Cav. 6th Bn. Co. E

Jessee, A.J. KY 1st (Butler's) Cav. New Co. H

Jessee, A.J. Conf.Cav. 6th Bn. Co. E

Jessee, Albert VA 29th Inf. Co. G

Jessee, Andrew J. KY Cav. Buckner Guards

Jessee, Andrew J. VA 22nd Cav. Co. A

Jessee, Andrew J. VA 6th Bn.Res. Co. G Cpl.

Jessee, Archer L. VA 22nd Cav. Co. A

Jessee, Archer S. VA 22nd Cav. Co. A

Jessee, A.S. VA 72nd Mil. Sgt.

Jessee, B. AL Chas. A. Herts' Co.

Jessee, C.B. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, C.C. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Charles B. VA 22nd Cav. Co. A Sgt.

Jessee, Charles C. VA 29th Inf. Co. G Cpl.

Jessee, David VA 25th Cav. Co. F

Jessee, David A. VA 48th, Inf. Co. K

Jessee, David C. VA 6th Bn. Res. Co. G

Jessee, David L. TN 1A.Arty. Burroughs' Co.

Jessee, David L. VA 29th Inf. Co. A Cpl.

Jessee, Davis A. VA Cav. Ferguson's Bn.

Stevenson's Co.

Jessee, D.C. VA 72nd Wil.

Jessee, E.B. KY 10th Cav. Co. P

Jessee, EX VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Elihu VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Elihue VA 48th Inf. Co. C

Jessee, Elihu K. VA 16th Cav. Co. A Cpl.

Jessee, Elihu K. VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, Ephraim K. VA 29th Inf. Co. G Sgt.

Jessee, F.H. Conf.Cav. 6th Bn. Co. E

Jessee, Pullen H. VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, George L. VA 48th Inf. Co. C

Jessee, George M. KY Jessee's Bn.Mtd.Riflemen

Co. A Capt.

Jessee, George M. Conf.Cav. 6th Bn. Co. A

Lt. Col.

Jessee, George T. VA 22nd Cav. Co. A

Jessee, James M. KY Cav. Buckner Guards

Jessee, James M. VA 9th Cav. Co. B

Jessee, James P. VA 37th Inf. Co. C

Jessee, Jefferson B. VA 37th Inf. Co. C

Jessee, Jefferson D. VA 37th Inf. Co. C

Jessee, J.H. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, John C. TN Lt. Arty. Burroughs' Co.

Jessee, John C. VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, John P. MO 12th Cav. Co. H

Jessee, John T. TN Cav. 5th Bn. (McClellan's)

CO. C

Jessee, John T. VA 29th Inf. Co. A 1st Lt.

Jessee, Joseph VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, Joseph VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Martin VA Cav. Ferguson's Bn. Steven son's Co.

Jessee, Martin V. VA 22nd Cav. Co. A Sgt.

Jessee, M. C. VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, M. C. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, M. V. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Noah VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, Noah VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Noah YL VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, Noah R. VA Cav. Ferguson's Bn. Steven

son's Co.

Jessee, Samuel VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Samuel P. VA 64th Mtd.Inf. Co. A

Jessee, Stanford L. VA 29<sup>th</sup> Inf. Co. A

Jessee, Thomas MO 16th Inf. Co. E Sgt.

Jessee, Thomas J. VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, Timothy S. VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, T.S. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, V., Jr. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, Vincent VA 29th Inf. Co. G

Jessee, Vincent VA 48th Inf. Co. C

Jessee, William VA 26th Inf. Co. C

Jessee, William F. VA 6th Bn.Res. Co. G

Jessee, William F. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, William Gray VA 9th Cav. Co. B Cpl.

Jessee, William L. VA 72nd Mil.

Jessee, W.L. VA 29th Inf. Co. A

Jessee, W.W. MO 12th Cav. Co. F

Jessen, Christian TX 36th Cav. Co. F

Jessey, John VA Cav. 37th Bn. Co. G

Jessey, William. H. MO 9th (Elliott's) Cav. Co. A

Jessie 1st Choctaw Mtd.Rifles Co.vH

Jessie, Elihu K. VA Cav. Ferguson's Bit. Stevenson's Co. Cpl.

Jessie, John VA 9th Mil. Co. A

Jessie, John A. VA Res. Forces Clark's Co. Cpl.

Jessie, John A. VA Res. Forces Thurston's Co. 1st Sgt.

Jessie, John T. TN 2nd (Ashby's) Cav. Co.13

Jessie, Matson AL Talladega Cty.Res. L Stone's Co. I Co.



## Correspondence

The following are only a few of the many communications I am fortunate to receive. These, in particular, give color to our work, address problems, provide new information, corrections, or updates, and both answer and ask new "missing links" questions.

**Gloria Robbins** ([1stfbc@gte.net](mailto:1stfbc@gte.net)) followed up her inquiry in the last newsletter with more information.

My interest in the Jessee family begins with **Clarence Jessee** who is my husband's biological father. My husband, John, was adopted out when his mother became pregnant by Clarence Jessee who was presumably killed overseas in WWII. We researched and found my husband's biological mother who told us about his father, Clarence Jessee. His mother was from Russell Co., VA where she met Clarence; presumably his Jessee family lived in Richlands, where his father may have been the town manager. Neither Clarence nor his family knew John was born, as his mother moved away and gave up the baby for adoption. My husband was born in December 1943 so it would have been that Clarence was killed during that year. If anyone knows anything about a Clarence Jessee from Richlands, VA, I'd love to know about it.

Thanks, Gloria

**Donna Bogue** sent information provided her by **Carolyn Jessee** ([carolyn@dcache.net](mailto:carolyn@dcache.net)).

Thomas Jefferson Jessee was the father of my g-grandfather Frederick Winfred Jessee who was married to my g-grandmother Nannie Maryanne Jessee. Nannie Maryanne Jessee was the daughter of John Counts Jessee (brother of Thomas Jefferson) which made Frederick and Nannie Maryanne first cousins. They were the parents of my grandfather Denny Edison Jessee. Nannie Maryanne died in April 1910. Family stories say that she was found on her back porch with her throat cut and it was called a suicide. We have a copy of her birth record but cannot find any proof of how she really died.

Donna ([donnabogue@earthlink.net](mailto:donnabogue@earthlink.net)) also provided extensive information regarding the **Meade family** of Russell Co. with pedigree information back to an original Phillip Meagh b. bef. 1350 in England. She also makes reference to a Web site by **Geoffrey Andrew Shrieves, The Meades of Ireland and Virginia**, at [members.xoom.com/gdweb/html/meadedc.htm](http://members.xoom.com/gdweb/html/meadedc.htm).

**In another correspondence Donna shared this.**

**January 22, 1999**

**Hi Jim,**

I was just looking through some of grandma's things and found her funeral book along with her father's Edward Meades's funeral too. This is a log of names in g-grandpa's book. He died 2-14-1982. He must have known everyone in Russell Co. Names like: Honaker, Jessee, Hill, Meade, Sheets, Williamson, Salyer, Gibson, Aldridge, Cox, Mitchell, Taylor, Hall, Puckett, Brooks, Porter, Beavers, Johnson, Parks, Hays, Sizemore, Sutherland, Vance, Barrett, Whittaker, Hester, Austin, Sparks, Conley, Dotson, Young, Wyatt, Pinter, Brown, Billings, Spencer, Ginther, Pauley, Boothe, Edmonds, Osborne, Yost, Wolfe, Dumford, Hunt, Marrs, Wooland, Hoch, Graham. I find Bascom Jessee, Lorraine Jessee Salyer, Jimmie Jessee. Do you have any of these three names in your family file?

And lastly, Donna provided information on the descendants of Elijah Castle, b. 1798, and points out a problem in my database. Census and marriage register materials provided by Donna (1/4/1999) indicate that Lydia O. Buckles, who married 1) Burgess Bradley (20 Jun 1860: Burgess B. Bradley, age 19, single, b. Russell Co., s/o Lewis and Rachel Bradley, married Lydia Buckles, age 19, single b. Johnson Co., TN, d/o Edward and Mary Buckles. Couple was married by A. F. Shannon.), and 2) Jacob Castle (06 Feb 1865: Jacob Castle, age 22, single, b. Russell Co., s/o Elijah Castle, married Lydia O. Bradley, age 23, widowed, b. Sullivan Co., TN, d/o Edward and Mary Buckles. The couple was married by Alexander Little) and she was the daughter of Edward L. and Mary Buckles as evidenced by both her recorded marriages (Russell Co. Marriage Register #2) and was not the daughter of Abraham and Milly Buckles as I have it recorded in my database.

Additional evidence that Lydia is the daughter of Edward L. Buckles is provided by the 1860 Russell Co. Census, where Burgess and Lydia Bradley with no children, household # 1486, are neighbors of Edward L. and Mary J. Buckles, household #1488, and assumedly her parents. In the household of Edward L. Buckles, age 61, we find: Mary J., 40; James A., 17; Louisa N., 16; Margaret L., 14; Francis V. (F), 12; John C., 10; Martha C., 8 twin; Edward, 8 twin; Mary J., 6; Nathaniel D., 3; Ellan C. A., 2 mo.

While the above may indicate a serious error here, I have maintained the recorded pedigree, with Abraham Buckles shown as the father, as I have very complete information for his family, and he may indeed have a daughter Lydia Elizabeth Buckles. However, there may be two Lydia Buckles, Lydia Elizabeth, da. of Abraham, as shown here and another Lydia O. Buckles, perhaps a cousin, and the daughter of Edward L. Buckles, who married as recorded here. We may have two individuals confused or some other problem. Can anyone help us clarify this?

**Mickey Kearbey** writes in response to the last newsletter to clarify the record.

**February 5, 1999**

**Hey there, Jim,**

As usual your Newsletter was great, and thanks for the article you did on us! One little mistake, however, and I don't want to mislead anyone. I didn't live in Nashville for many years. My siblings and I were taken to TN after being orphaned. I lived there a short time but my brother is still there, and sis lives in MS, just 25 mi. south of Memphis, TN. I did most of my music work with Cliffie Stone, Grandpa Jones, and others, while in the LA area of CA. I was booked into packages that were touring out that way. We did record our last album in Nashville and I'm very glad you liked it. ...

A great big thank you also as, last night I received a phone call from a man named **Michael B. Jones**, and I learned I have a double cousin, through both the Jessee and Gose lines. I was so excited I could have cried. He's from CA but works for Exxon and they have him in Houston, TX now. We're sending each other our family history and I hope to keep in touch.

I love your Website. I checked into your new Website and printed all your newsletters... I really enjoy them. I am confused though. It speaks of Stephen Yancy Gose as being elected Court Justice in Aug 10, 1865 (News #10). I thought Stephen Yancy was in Iowa at that time?... I found out last night that Stephen and Dicy Jessee Gose lived in IN and I didn't know that! This is both fun and exciting at the same time.

Your cousin,  
Mickey

**Carlyne Jessee** sent an obituary appearing in a Portland newspaper, approx. April 3, 1996, and asks who is this?

**Donald C. Jesse**, a Cornelius berry and nursery farmer and past president of Forest Hills Farms, Inc., died April 1, 1996, of injuries from a farm accident. He was 62. Mr. Jesse was born Oct 1, 1933 in Hillsboro, where he graduated from high school in 1951. He attended Portland State College and Vanport College and drove gravel trucks and other heavy equipment for his father.

He married Jean Furby in 1954 and they bought a small farm. In 1957 he became a full-time farmer, growing berries, beans, corn, wheat, trees and nursery stock. In 1978 his son joined him in the business that became Forest Hills Farms, Inc. Mr. Jesse had been a director of the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District since 1984 and was on the board of Norpac Foods Inc. from 1985 to 1994.

**Diana Bostic Hyde** ([dhyde@cyberback.com](mailto:dhyde@cyberback.com)) asks, "Do you have any information on a **Thomas Jessy** that married **Laura Belle Blankenship** in the early 1900s. It might have been in Buchanan County, VA."

**John Taze Jessee** (Sunrise Assisted Living, 3520 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22304; Club3520@aol.com) asks our help.

I am John Taze Jessee, born in Richlands, Tazewell Co., VA in 1923. My mother's surname was Joyce, her mother was a Stevenson from either Tazewell or Buchanan Co. My father's mother's surname was Jessee, and she married a Jessee. Not sure of my grandfather's name, I believe his name was Noah."

I have speculated that he could be descended from Noah Taze Jessee, s. of Noah K., s. of George Lea Jessee, and Cornelia Belle "Cora" Jessee, da. of Martin Jessee.

**Joseph Harold Jessee, Jr.** sent an invitation to his folks 50th wedding anniversary, 4/20/1949. Congratulations, Joseph Harold "Doodle" and Thema Ernestine (Honaker) Jessee. Harold, a descendant of John Jessee, Jr., and Ernestine treated me to the finest hospitality when I visited Russell Co., and their son Joe was an excellent tour guide. I am grateful for their friendship.

**Vivian Bales** finds "the only Jesse in the book" in the following abstract from *Pike Co., KY Marriages 1822-1865* by Clyde Runyon.

File No 641. License issued Feb 4, 1840—for Marriage of Benjamin Lewis and Anna Jesse, with necessary certificate from Anna Jesse. Bond signed by Benjamin Lewis, Jarret Pinson. Letter dated Feb 2, 1840, requesting license for me, Anna Jassy—signed with Anna Jassy, written like that. Benjamin Lewis and Anna Jesse, m. Feb 4, 1840 by Russell Clevenger, Minister of the Gospel.

**Jack Hockett**, always helpful to the endeavor, provided a handwritten abstract of the 1900 Missouri, Arizona, New Mexico, and Georgia census of Jesse(e)s with origins in VA or TN. I was able to place and extend my information for several families, mainly the family of **Francis Browning Jessee**, s. of Vincent Jessee, s. of Archer Jessee, and several of his children. I was unable to place the following and ask your help.

## FROM 1900 MISSOURI CENSUS

Jackson Co: **Jessee, Frank**, Mar 1873, 27, VA.

Cass Co: **Jesse, Frederick N.**, Sep 1870, 29, VA.

Jackson Co: **Jessee, Hobern**, Aug 1866, 33, VA; Fannie, Nov 1870, 29, MO; C. Odie, Dec 1893, 7, MO.

Clay Co: **Jesse, Mary**, Jun 1836, 63; Saml. Apr 1869, 30, MO (son); Boone, Sep 1873, 26, MO (son); Parlee, Feb 1866, 34, IL (da.).

Boone Co: **Jessee, R. H., Sr.**, Mar 1853, 47, VA; Eddie, Mar 1856, 43, MO (wife); Richd. H., Jr., Jan 1884, 16, MO; Mary Polk, Oct 1886, 14, LA (da.); Caroline E., Aug 1888, 12, MO; Wm.

P., Mar 1891, 9, LA; Adaline, Aug 1892, 7, MO; Bredellia, Oct 1894, 6, MO.

Lexinton Co: Jessee, **Richard G.**, Jan 1839, 61, VA; Sarah T., Feb 1834, 66, KY.

Audrain Co: **Jessee, Royal A.**, Apr 1836, 69, VA; Jane P., Apr 1852, 48, MO; Lucy W., Dec 1870, 29, MO; Charlotte A., Nov 1874, 25, MO.

Callaway Co: **Jessee, Samuel**, 1830, 70, VA. State Lunatic Asylum not patient.

Audrain Co: **Jessee, Wm. J.**, May 1820, 72, VA; Manerva, Aug 1828, 71, MO; Sallie M., Jul 1860, 39, MO; Tinsley, Eugenia, Jun 1871, 28, Dau; Lela J., Jul 1890, 9, gdau; Brown, Charlie H., Oct 1886, 13, gson.

FROM 1900 NEW MEXICO CENSUS

None from VA or TN

FROM 1900 ARIZONA CENSUS-NONE

None from VA or TN

FROM 1900 GEORGIA CENSUS

Fulton Co (Atlanta): **Jessey, Henry C.**, Apr 1846, 54, VA; Mary J., Nov 1855, 44, NC; Selena, Dec 1892, 7, GA.

Fulton Co (Atlanta): **Jessee, Henry D.**, Jul 1851, 49, TN; Addie J., Nov 1853, 47, VA; Abilee J., Aug 1880, 19, TN; Charlie A., Sep 1883, 17, TN; Lewis C., Jul 1890, 10, TN.

**Carin Vance** passed along in 1996 this "just found" information shared with her from Freddy Brown (freddybrown@juno.com) that is of interest.

**November 17, 1996**

**Hi Carin,**

As far as I know, I have no family ties to the Jessees, but since several of my family members lived around John Jessee's family the Gose family, etc., I think that I may need to know more about them. Does anyone know where the Jessee family resided before Russell County? I think I told you that my Grants and Browns came from Loudoun Co. to Bedford Co. to Giles/Montgomery Co. line and then to

Russell Co. before moving on to the TN/KY area around 1809.

Here is a brief about some Jessee contacts that my families had in Russell

Daniel Kirk bought land from John Jessee and Mary (I assume John Jr.?) Feb 26, 1805, Deed Bk. 3, pg. 592, north side of Copper Ridge. Daniel then sold it to Archelus Jessee on Jul 7, 1807.

Oct 1806, Court Bk. 1799-1808, pg. 568: ordered the indentures between John Jessee binding him to Polly Hinds (who is she?) be cancelled and given up and that she be taken care of by John Grant according to law.

John Grant, who ran a mill in Russell, owned 130 acres in Russell Co. in 1806. He sold 97 ac. to John Candler. Henry and Mary Kirk also sold their land to John Candler on Sinking Creek—part of John Burter's (?) orig. Patent. John Grant had left by 1808/9.

John Grant had married Edith Brown (apparently a widow) in Bedford Co. in 1794. They (his kids and her kids) moved to Giles/Mont. Co. line for a few years before coming to Russell Co. One of her kids, George Thomas Brown, kept his family in Russell Co. after all the rest had left. Geo. Thomas died there in 1815. In his estate settlement is mentioned: Lee Jessee, John Jessee, Archa Jessee, as purchasers of personal property. When Geo. Thomas died he had 3 infants (orphans) named Elizabeth, George, and Ann Brown. Their older brother, Truelove Brown, would be their guardian with James Jessee his security.

**Ron Hambel** (3689 Fossil Lane, Columbus, OH 43204) provided this information and asks who is **Arena Jesse?**

Arena JESSE [probably Jessee] married **Martin Van Buren Ball** born about 1836 Russell Co., VA, son of **John Tunnel Ball** and **Margaret Honaker**, born 1-13-1817, Russell Co., VA. Margaret's father **Martin Honaker** married **Lydia Musick**.

**Terry A. Tester** ([testern@preferred.com](mailto:testern@preferred.com)) writes for some help finding **Luther Jessee**.

**January 23, 1999**  
**Greetings,**

I am new at this to say the least. Any information would be appreciated. My grandmother was Mabel Virginia Jessee, born 9-27-1915 in Wise County, Virginia. Her father was Luther E. Jessee, died November of 1961. He was married to Lena Stoen, born 1-29-1897, died 10-6-1973.

Thanks in advance,  
Terry A. Tester

I have four Luther Jessees in my database, born between 1884 and 1897.

1. **Luther, b. abt 1893**, s. of Willam Austin Jessee and Minnie Cooper, is the s. of Martin Jessee. I have this Luther recorded as married to Lenna Whorley. Perhaps that is the error.

2. **Luther E., b. 1893**, s. of William D. Jessee, b. 1873 and Minnie E. William D. is the s. of John Jessee, b. 1849, s. of James Jessee, b. 1813, ostensibly in Russell Co, but of unknown origin! I speculate that this James Jessee could be the same person as James Jessee, b. abt 1810/15, s. of Thomas Jessee, b. 1754 in Amelia Co., VA, alleged s. of Lazarus Jessee, discussed in Newsletter # 13. I have no marriage information for this Luther.

3. **Luther Jessee, b. 1897**, s. of Edward S. Jessee, s. of David Counts Jessee, s. of George Lea Jessee. This Luther married Alta Campbell and had two recorded children, Fannie Ellen and Paul Jessee.

4. **Luther Emmett Jessee, b. 1884**, s. of Fletcher Bickley Jessee, s. of Martin Counts Jessee, s. of George Lea Jessee. I have no marriage information for this Luther.

Anyone able to give Terry an assist?

**J. Dan Skean, Jr.**, on his Internet site (<http://incolor.inetnebr.colm/jskean/p-1846letr.htm>) provides transcriptions of two letters. One is from his ggg-grandfather, **Johnathan Skeen** to his son, dated August 25, 1846, which makes reference to **Caty and Abslom**, who "could not come with her [as] he had hired to work such a length of time with **Archer Jessee**". The other appears to be to Johnathan Skeen or his son from **Joseph Jessee** who says, "I want you to write to me as soon as you get these lines whether I could sell good Tobacco well in your country or not. Write to me how it would sell & what kind of hay could be got for the same. I have about five hundred pounds I would bring out if the prospect is good there immediately."

**Caroleta Rogers** on February 15, 1999 (crogers@weatherford.isd.tenet.edu) wrote:

I am searching for our lost Jessie family. We have Robert Lee Jessie, born 1928 in Oklahoma, Dosman Jessee, (1908-1931), and Paul Jessie. They were/are full-blood Indians. Dosman and Paul are though to be from Louisiana, possibly Lake Charles. Does any of this fit in any of your lines?

**Michael A. Dye** (m.a.d.man@worldnet.att.net), editor of the Russell Co. VA RootsWeb Listservice and Russell County Web Page, provided these corrections and comments regarding the Jessee database.

I'm writing concerning your database entry on **Francis Browning Jessee, son of Vincent Jessee &**

**Elizabeth Candler and Tabitha Anne Dye.** I have seen widely distributed, including your database, that they were married in MO, which is incorrect. They were married 29 Nov 1883 in Washington Co., VA. I noticed also that you had that Francis had moved to MO in 1856. I guess it's possible that he could have moved to MO and after his first wife's death came back to SW VA, but this might need further research. According to your database, Francis & Tabitha's first child, Grover Cleveland Jessee, was born in Russell Co., in 1884.

**Barbara Jessee** (bjessee@jes.win.net) inquired, 3-3-1999, with the following.

I have perused your newsletters with great interest, hoping to find my husband's family, but so far I've found nothing. I realize this is not a forum, but I would like to help him find his family. What the family has is very scant. His father was Edward Jessee b 1886 in KY, son of Benjamin Jessee b 1837, son of Billy (or William perhaps), date of birth unknown. They do say the family came from VA and settled in Adair and Metcalfe Cos., KY. Benjamin served in the Civil War (Union).

I responded with a guess that her husband's family may be related to Lazarus Jessee, some of whose descendants may have moved to Adair Co., KY. She wrote with more clues about this family.

Thank you for such a speedy response! Since I wrote you concerning Benjamin Jessee, I have found some more information from an answer on GenForum. According to this source, Thomas Jessee is Billy's (William) father. However, there must be two Thomas Jessees. Her details are: Thomas Jessee b abt 1791 and Millie Janes b 1800, Ohio. The Janes surname fits in with this family as in four generations there are almost exclusively these surnames: Jessee, Sparks, England, Mosby and Janes (this includes both his father's family and his mother's). My source is a descendant of Mordecai (b. 1818) who is a brother to Billy and also the father of Paulina Jessee who married Benjamin Jessee in 1824. That makes Thomas and Millie Janes Jessee both paternal and maternal grandparents of Benjamin. As I relate my information to my husband, he begins to remember what he heard as a child from his parents. Please do include this inquiry in your newsletter as I am anxious to see what can be found.

**Cindy P. Valencia** (bubbs93@ix.netcom.com) provided, 3-23-1999, the following commentary with information taken from *Early Settlers of Lee County, Virginia*, and asks many questions.

Dear Jim,

Let me reintroduce myself I am great great great granddaughter of Rev. John Jessee's. His daughter Sarah J. Jessee married a Nathaniel Charles Daugherty. I have read and re-read your "Jessee Family Newsletter's" you sent me with the greatest of enthusiasm. I am simply amazed on how much work you and others have done on the family line.

I realize often times you've encouraged the readers to respond to your thoughts and help prove or disprove your conclusions. I'd like to review some info with you and your readers using information taken from a book called the "Early Settlers of Lee County Virginia" by Hattie Muncy Bales.



I found several petitions filed between 1792 and 1817 that indicated several Lee and Jessee signatures but no Lea's. My Daugherty ancestors can also be found on a petition that was filed to form Lee County Virginia (December 10th 1792) by dividing Russell County into two distinct counties.

Petition#1... filed (October 6th 1794) to provide a wagon road for Lee County and signed by citizens of Lee County, signed by James Lee, Moses Lee, William Lee, John Lee, and William Daugherty.

Question???...I read in Newsletter 11 pg.11 Giles Lee migrated to Virginia with 18 children can these be his sons?

Petition#2... filed (Nov. 22nd 1813) this petition was made to form a new county Scott County on this petition we find the signatures of Rubin Lee, Thomas Jessee, and James Jessee.

Question??? We find the name Rubin used in descendants of John and Frances Jessee; what information do we have on a Rubin Lee?? Could this Thomas Jessee be the same Thomas mentioned in Number nine Newsletter?

Petition#3... filed (Dec 9th 1813) by the citizens of Russell to start a school called "Amity Hall Academy" we have signatures of James Lee, John Jessee, Archer Jessee and Archy Jessee.

Question??? Which Archer Jessee is the son of John Jessee and who is the second Archy Jessee since Archable Jessee Jr. the son of Archable Sr. would not of been old enough to sign this petition???... Could this Archibald be John Jessee's brother and Archy be Johns son??? Isn't Archibald Jessee found in the Bible pages "Archibald Jessee his Testament", along side of John Jessee boy 1750; here's a twist could this Archibald be John father and not brother??? This may explain why his second son was named Archibald and out of fifteen children not one is named Henry... obviously this needs to be explored.

I have also found some interesting information in the following Wills...

Will of Thomas McNeil... "In the Name of God Amen I Thomas McNeil of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina...do this twentyeth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand sevenhundred eighty one make this my last will and testament...after the death or marriage of my loving wife be by three honest men equally divided amongst my eight children (or the survivors of them) to it, John, Thomas, Benjamin, Elizabeth Roberts, Nancy Vermilion, Mary, Patsey Hubbert & Lois...Lastly I do nominate my loving wife Ann, my son John, my son in law Wilson Vermilion and George Lea (son of William) Executors of this my last Will and Testament"....

\*\*The Execution of the within Will was duly proved in open court by the oaths of George Lea and Lucy Lea two of the subscribing witness...

Question??? Could "Lois" be Lucy Lea??... Making this George Lea's wife Lois McNeil not Lucy

Talbert??... Note\*Anne McNeil who is mentioned in Henry Lea's Will is Thomas Sister, is Henry our William brothers??? Could this Wilson Vermilion be the Wilson Vermilion who married Sarah Jessee ??... If this George Lee/Lea is married to McNeil then Wilson Vermilion and George's children are related through marriage...Then Frances Lea number 5 may need to sit down!

Will of William Lee "In the name of God Amen I William Lee of Russell County and State of Virginia... I give and bequeath the following things-to my son Abner Lee which I had by my former wife I give and bequeath one dollar in addition to what I had formerly gave him-To my daughter Franky Whitely I give and bequeath unto her one cow worth five dollors in addition to what I formally gave her-I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hobbs a certain parcel of hogs none by the name of the sold blue cows gang-I give and bequeath to my grandson William Hobbs one colt called the Jackson Colt-I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Lee...I give and bequeath to my three sons Joseph Gold Lee, Alvey Lee, Ephraim Lee, the whole of my estate except was is before given...when my son Ephraim comes of age and my Will is that my said mentions three sons and my loving wife comfortable maintain brother John Lee and my son George Lee during their life"...

\*\*At a court held for Russell county this will was proven by the oaths of Henry Dickenson Senr and James Hobbs Junr two witnesses thereto and order to be recorded June 5th 1810.

Question???... Could this William Lee/Lea's (d. 1810) be the son of William who died in 1762 Orange County N.C. (wife Mary Barnett)??... (Note\* this William Lee is same William who signed petition #1)... This William's Will indicates his daughter is married to a Whitely (Possibly Joseph Whitely)... I believe this is your "Franky" number 6; and maybe she needs to sit down????

Some interesting Marriage information.

Washington County Virginia:

James Belsher and Fanny Lee, 10 August 1786 by Thomas Woolsey

Mary Lee and John Lee 24 April 1787 by Thomas Woolsey

Question???...Who is this Fanny Lee??...Which John Lee is this one??

Scott County Virginia:

Jason Bowen ae19 b. N.C. m. Ruth Ann Lee ae24 b. Caswell County N.C.

29th November 1854 parents Jesse and Sally Bowen and Archibald Lee.

Question???...What do we know about this Archibald Lee is this Archibald Lee related to our Frances??? They came from Caswell Co. Virginia??

Henry County Virginia:

Robert Shackelford m. Rachel Lee b. Aug 11th 1823

Question???...Who is Rachel's father??? Note\*

A Thomas Jesse married an Elizabeth Shackelford Dec 1828 in Middlesex County Virginia.

Lee County Virginia:

Henry Burchett m. Anna Fay Jessee b. Feb 5th 1883 daughter of John Ralston and Frances (Munsey) Jessee.(F.Y.R. only)

Julia Hamblen m. John Lee no date given...

Some Banner info:

I notice several articles regarding "Jacob Banner" in your Newsletters. Obviously I am also a descendant of David Jessee and Catherine Banner; however I have no information on the Banner side of my family. I did find in the book "Early Settlers of Lee County Virginia" some info on a "David J. Banner son of Jacob Banner". Stating "Jacob Banner was the ancestor of the Banner family (wife Phebe Tinnie or Finny); and most likely first settled in Scott County then Russell County". They have numerous descendants of this "David J. Banner".

I not sure what information you already have regarding George Gose; I noticed under Research Opportunities Newsletter #8 you were requesting information on George Gose family. I will snail mailed a copy of his Will and some information on his daughter Barbara that was taken from this book.

Newsletter Vol 2 #2 (Letters from Mrs. Mamie Jessee Clay) I interpret her as saying John Jessee Jr was born in 1775 not Sr, which is true. I also wondered if anyone followed the lead on Westmoreland County Virginia where she states John Sr worked on the Lea/Lee farm???

Sincerely Yours

Cousin Cyndi Valencia

**Carlyne Ritter** (PO Box 1115, Winchester Bay, OR 97467-0809) asks to be connected with any researchers working on the **Hayton/ Heburn/Habern** family. Her g-grandmother **Eunice Monroe Habern** married **William Jessee, Sr.**, s. of Archer Jessee.

**Carin Vance Rhoden** (Lebanon, OH) writes after a long "time-out" from her genealogy pursuits, sharing news of her Aunt **Judi Vance Bultema** of Redding, CA, and offering her help once again to the cause. Many of us are happy Carin has returned to the fold. Carin, would you like to take over the Jessee Web Page, again?

**Iris Lambert Hall**, who is among our very best family researchers (done the old-fashioned way), a real genealogy professional, a wonderful person, and one of this newsletters most faithful contributors gives me much food for thought and offers valuable caution.

**March 31, 1999**

**Dear Jim,**

Et Tu ... James

At this late date in my research (40 years) and with all the family sheets I have (in the hundreds), I prefer to not move my research onto a computer, despite regular urging to do so by my son, but do correspond with several who do all their work on computers.

I am sure there is much good information to be found on the Internet, but several of those I correspond with, who do have computers but continue to correspond with me by "snail mail", write me that they are often disappointed with the quality of information showing up on a regular basis.

Quite a bit of information is shared with me and in the last few years I have attempted to contact three different Internet users who have put out information I feel is in error. I was able to get names and mailing addresses of these three and sent copies of documentation on these three family lines. I requested that they write to me and possibly we could share information and get a good record. I have not heard from any of these people I wrote to and I understand the erroneous information is still on Internet.

I was glad to read that you are going to try to continue with the newsletter. Last year I dropped out of a family group that is going completely online and will no longer publish newsletters for those of us who do not use a computer... also two county societies that are going online and will discontinue newsletters. I will miss them all ... but some I contributed information to on a regular basis through the years... so just maybe they will miss me a little too.

I might have a little on the Andrew Jackson Jessee names (Vol. 14, pg. 8). The obituary appears to refer to Andrew Jackson Jessee who was the son of Archer and Mary. I have that he died May 21, 1922 ... possibly obituary appeared May 26th. He is buried at Andrew Jackson Jessee Cemetery, Mill Creek Church, Roads 640/645, Russell Co. Va. The children listed in obituary are those of Andrew Jackson

Jessee and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth (Munsey).

While my husband and I were researching in Carter County, Kentucky, we found an Archer Jessee (son of John and Mary Armstrong Jessee) and his wife, Eleanore (Nelly) Smythe Jessee. They had a son, Andrew J. Jessee, who was born ca. 1831 in Russell Co. Va., and was married to a Rachael McKinney. After the death of Archer Jessee, Eleanore Smythe Jessee md. 2nd Daniel E.P. Jessee in Kentucky.

My good wishes to you,  
Iris Lambert Hall

**Tom Rudder** sent us a map illustrating the route our ancestors followed in the Battle of Kings Mountain, during the American Revolution. His information is amplified by a Web site devoted to the same battle discussed later in the newsletter, under Jessee Resources on the World Wide Web.

**Jack Hockett** well illustrates the nitty gritty of genealogy work with the following materials. These are the flotsom and jetsom from casting your nets wide into the ocean of genealogy research.

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\*\*\*We need the map here\*\*\*

## RCV [some WCV] RELATED (?) "TIDBITS"

**Jack Hockett, 270 Iven Ave., 2-c, St. Davids, PA 19087, 30 Apr 1999**

[Taken from rough notes; typing/transcription not checked = caveat emptor!]

### General

\* 1910c, Collin Co. TX: JESSEE, John A., 19, VA; Lue, 18, GA; Garland, 10/12; Maggie, 19, VA [sis]

\* 1920c, Brown Co. IL: VERMILLION, Stephen D., 64, VA; Rena, 60, IL; Geo. D., 36, IL; Bertha J., 33, IL

\* 1900 \_\_\_\_\_ Co. IA: MONK, George, Dec 1834,65, VA [father-in-law of Charles Murphy]

\* 1900, Dubuque Co. IA: MUNCY, John, Apr 1822,70, VA; Jennie, Apr 1871, 29, IA

\* "1880, Jackson Co. TN: SNEED, John Jr., 30, TN; Mary, 32; Sidney S., 18 [ss]; Fannie 1., 9; Elia P., 7; Jerryemiah, 4; Daisy D., 1; Warren W., 1/1

\* Washington Co. VA [WCV] WB 26:361-2: Jefferson Dye Settlement: Jul 1898: Geo. Price; King Poston; Andy Cumbo; James Farris; Chas. Dye; Joel Yost; Sarah Dye, wid.; Kestner & Sisk; G. Wm. Peavler (?); Dr. W. L. Davenport; Dr. J. T. Williams; Dr. H. A. Boyer; E. W. Snodgrass; W. O. Booker

\* WCV WB 26:78 [27 Oct 1897 - 24 Jan 1898]: Alex. Little Will: Dau., Lyddia Akers; dau., Nancy A. Davenport; Dau., Tabitha Barnett; dau., Rachel Crosswhite; gns., Bruce Little [Pmt. from A. G. Barrett]; son, John E. Little; son, James B. Little; son, L. H. Little; son, Wm. P. Little

\* WCV WB 27:377: Sarah Dye sale [p. 378]; inventory (p. 377); see also pp. 399 & 402

\* WCV WB 29:71-72: Lydia E. Litton, will; same p. 74 L. R. Litton; M. W. Litton; L. M. Litton

\* WCV WB 22 [1884-871, p. 144: Branson Dye Settlement, Creed F. Dye, admr.; Sep 1884; Adm. to record [ATR] 28 Feb 1885

[Births/Deaths read in Richmond - very difficult film to read.]

- Leah Price, 67y, d. in WCV of "dropsy of abdomen" Mar 1896, d/o Joshua Bordwine; rep. By J. L. Price, husb.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boardwine [male], d. in WCV at age 1 day in Dec 1896, cause "not known", s/o David C. & Willie; rep. by J. A. (or H.) Boardwine, grandfather

- Laura Amen, 62y, d. Apr 12 (?) 1871, WCV, Rich Valley, d/o Wm. & F. Cara Arnett single
- Annie [Anna?] Crosswhite [Anna Stultz], 73y, b. NC, d. of bronchitis in WCV, 08 Mar 1871...
- Mary Ann Taylor, 21y, d. 06 Jun 1871, "river d/o I B. & Nancy Kieth
- Margaret Craine [Crane], d. 27 Jun 1873, WV, no age stated, d/o N. & B.
- Anna E. Sasher, no age given, d. in WCV, 27 Mar 1873, of "pateachia" [petechia?], d/o Charles & - Sasher
- Rachel Arnett, "child!", d. 23 May 1875 in WCV, 23 May 1875, d/o Wm. L & Rebecca...
- Carrie B. Dye, d. in WCV, Jul (?) 1884, 1 yr & 1 mo old, d/o W. A. & S. Dye
- Emeline Darnell, 38, d. in WCV, 15 May 1885, d/o Benj. & Mary [McNewl Johnson
- Mathew Hickey [m. Rachel Lucinda Dye] d. in WCV 1885, s/o D. & S.
- Andrew Patrick, d. in WCV 25 May 1888, Lindell, 70 yrs old, old age, parents "unk'
- Mary Worley, d. in WCV 13 Oct 1888, Meadowview, 29yrs, consumption, d/o \_ &
- Matilda Patrick; Robt. Worley, husb.
- Alessis Helton, d. in WCV 04 May 1889, Hazel Springs, 1 yr old, d/o Lou & Malinda Helton; rep. by "Lew" Helton
- Isaiah Dye, d. in WCV 20 Jun 1889, Hayters Gap, 38, "hart in breast! ", s/o Jeferson & Sarah [Price], b. RCV, husband of Ellen Dye
- Parthenia Worley, d. in WCV 09 Dec 1890, "hart disease", 3 1 y, d/o Calvin & E. Whitaker
- Charles W \* Dye, d. in WCV 14 Oct 1891, flux, 13y 2m, s/o Isaiah & Ellen, b. in RCV
- Kistner, Nancy A., d. in WCV 14 Feb 1893, paralysis, 65y, 7mo, wife of J.
- Ellen Cawood, d. in WCV 09 May 1894, gen. deb., 86yrs, wid. of Thomas
- Joseph M. Crane, d. in WCV 14 Jun 1894, shot accidentally at E. Cumberland Gap, TN, 13y, 5m, s/o



## Nathan & Hannah [Herndon]

- Phoebe Eastridge, d. in WCV 04 Aug 189-4, old age, 108y, wict rep by Eliza Perkins, gdau.

## Jessees b. in VA or TN and in KY 1920c

- Madison Co. KY: JESSEE, Wm. W., 56; Sallie, 49, KY
- Grayson Co. KY: JESSEE, Rachel, 90,, VA, gmo. of Harry Counts.
- Warren Co. KY: JESSEE, Palmer Co., 44, VA; Maymont [Maymort?], 46, KY (wife); H. Davids, 29, VA [bro]; TAYLOR, Mariah, 78, KY [mo-in-law]
- Bell Co. KY: JESSEE, Laver, 33, b. TN; Hallie, 31; Viola, 8; Minnie, 7; George, 4 4/12; Ethel, 1 1/12; Houston, 15, TN - all b. TN
- Fleming Co. KY: JESSEE, James R., 70, VA; Sarah C., 69, KY Samuel J., 30, KY; Oscar B, 20 (gsn), KY
- Jefferson Co. KY: JESSEE, James M., 53, VA; Maria S., 43, NY
- Jefferson Co. KY: JESSEE, James, 81, VA; Edith F., 64, AL; PENNY, Rena, 62, AL [sis-in-law]
- Pike Co. KY JESSIE, Henry, 2 1, stepson of Thos. Jackson; ditto, Harrison Jessee, 21

## Some Jessees in MO, 1920c

- Andrews Co. MO: CLOUSE, Albert S., 33, VA; Ethel F., 33, VA; Ollie, 14, VA; Beryl, 12 [f]; Jesse R., 9 VA [m]; Charles H., 7, KS; Francis N., 5, mo; Alice M., 2 11/12, MO; Anna, 11/12, MO
- Nodaway Co. MO: JESSIE, Henderson L., 39, VA, living with cousin, FARMER, Wm. G. [see Vol. 73, e.d. 18 1, sheet 4, line 9 11]
- Howell Co. MO: JESSEE, Arch, Nov 1859, VA; Mary J., May -1862, 38; Jennie, Apr 18 8 1, 19; Robert, Oct 1882, 17; Walter, Jun 1889, 10
- Linn Co. MO: JESSEE, Charles C., Jul 1836,63, VA; Judah, Jul 1842,57, VA
- Linn Co. MO: JESSEE, David C., Nov 1860, 39, VA; Sarah D., Dec 1869, 30; Naomi I., Aug 1891, 8
- Browning Co. MO: JESSEE, Francis B., Nov 1825, 74, VA; Annie, Mar 1857, \_\_, VA; Grover C., Nov

1884,15, MO; Goldie E., Aug 1889, 10, MO; Laura N., Jul 1891, MO

- Jackson Co. MO: JESSEE, Frank, Mar 1873, 22, VA, boarder with Margaret J. Perdue
- Cass Co. MO: JESSE, Frederick N., Sep 1870,29, VA [son-in-law of HOOTS, James]
- Jackson Co. MO: JESSEE, Hobern, Aug 1866,33; Fannie, Nov 1870,29, MO; C. Odie, Dec 1893,7
- \_\_\_\_\_ Co. MO: JESSEE, Jerial D., Aug 1852,47; Susan E., Feb 1855,45; Levy A., May 1878, 22; Floy B., Jul 1881, 18; Chloe A., Dec 1884, \_; Walter B., Nov 1886, 13; Zens, Nov 1888, 11 [son]; Claudia M., Dec 1890, 9; Leona D., Apr 1894, 6; Eugene P., Sep 1893, 1 — all ch. b. MO
- Clay Co, MO: JESSE, Mary, Jun 1836,63; Saml., Apr 1869, MO [son; Boone, Sep 1863, 26, MO; Parlee, Feb 1866, 34, IL [dau] -
- Boone Co. MO: JESSEE, R. H. Sr., Mar 1853,47, VA; Eddie, Mar 1856,43, MO [wife]; Richd. H., Jr., Jan 1884,16, MO; Mary Polk, Oct 1886,14 [dau], LA; Caroline E., Aug 1888, 12; Wm. P., Mar 1891, 9; Adaline, Aug 1892, 7; Bredelle, Oct 1894, - [dau] and 4 other non-related persons in HH
- Lexington Co. MO: JESSEE, Richard G. (?), Jan 1839,61, VA; Sarah T., Feb 1834,,66, KY
- Audrain Co. MO: JESSEE, Royal A., Apr 1831, 69, VA; Jane P., Apr 1852,48, MO; Lucy W., Dec 1870, 29, MO; Charlotte A. Nov 1874, 25, MO
- Callaway Co. MO: JESSEE, Samuel, unk 1830,70, VAState Lunatic Asylum [not a patient]
- Audrain Co. MO: JESSEE, Wm. J., May 1820,72, VA; Manerva, Aug 1828,71, MO; Sallie M., Jul 1860, 39, MO; TINSLEY, Eugenia, Jun 1871, 28 [dau]; Lela (?) J., Jul 1890, 9 [gdau]; BROWN, Charlie H., Oct 1886,13 [gsnj]

### **Some Jessees in TN, 1900c**

- McDonald Co. TN: JESSEE, John W. G., Jun 1860, 39; Sarah M., Aug 1864, 35; Cora C., May 1887, 13; Thos. M., Oct 1891, 8; Frank, Oct 1865, 34 [broj; Dela, Dec 1878, 20 [sis-in-law]
- McDonald Co. TN: JESSEE, Lucy, May 1837, 63; Tims C., Aug 1879, 20, MO [son]; GRAY, Susan A. L., Dec 1880, 19; Frank N., Oct 1879, 20, Arkansas

### **Some Jessees in ID, 1900c**

- Wallace Co.: JESSIE, David H, Aug 1841, IL, lodger with Frdinand Eppniger

- Canyon Co. ID: JESSE, Elisha B., Jul 1837, VA, 62; Nancy C., Nov. 1852, 49, MO; Roscoe D., Oct 1887, 12, 115; Grace, May 1891, 9, ID; DRAKE, Fredrick, Dec 1889, 10, ID [gsn]; Esther N., Dec 1892, 7, ID [gdau]

### **Some Jessees in Mississippi, 1900c**

- Holmes Co. Miss.: JESSE, G. T., Mar 1847,53 [VA?], living alone
- Oktibbeha Co., Miss.: JASEY, Mary, Oct 1824, VA; SHROPSHIRE, Shellie, Dec 1875, gsn, 24, Miss

### **Some Jessees in GA, 1900c**

- Fulton Co. GA [Atlanta]: JESSEY, Henry C., Apr 1846,54, VA; Mary J., Nov 1855,44, NC; Selena, Dec 1892,7, GA
- Fulton Co. GA [Atlanta]: JESSEE, Henry D., Jul 1851, 49, TN; Addie J., Nov 1853,47, VA; Abilee J., Aug 1880,19, TN; Charlie A., Sep 1883, 17, TN; Lewis C., Jul 1890, 10, TN

### **Some Jessees in CO, 1900c**

- Kit Carson Co. CO: JESSEE, Abrain V., Jun 1872, 27, KS, boarding with Elvira Yarnell
- El Paso Co. CO: JESSIE, Earnest J., May 1875, 25, MO - alone Pueblo Co. CO: JESSE, Edward, Jun 1862, 37, "unk" Ella, Dec, 1862, 37, IN
- Weld Co. CO: JESSE, Hensley, Dec 1876, MO, boarder with Hanson P. Nelson
- Huerfano [La Veta] Co. CO: JESSIE, Thomas, ?, 65, TN with "bro", Robert Harve
- Rio Grande Co. CO: JESSE, Thos N., Apr 1835, KY soldiers' & sailors' home inmate

### **Some Jessees in OR, 1900c**

- Crook Co. OR: JESSE, John W., Aug 1864,36, MO; Liza, Oct 1869, OR
- Crook Co. OR: JESSIE, Remick c., Jun 1857, 42, MO; Nettie, Aug 1861, 28, OR; Lula, Jan 1888,12, OR

- Rosebury (?) Co. OR: JESSE, Woodford, Aug 1871, 28, MO; Emma, Jul 1875, 25; Ella M., Nov 1895, 4; Fred, May 1877, 23

## Jessee Resources On The World Wide Web

The World Wide Web or Internet is a revolutionary and remarkable resource for genealogists. From time to time I will provide here pertinent information regarding Web resources and other links of interest to the Jesse(e) family. I invite you to provide me with addresses for Web pages developed by family members and other resources of interest, too.

**RootsWeb** is the premier genealogy resource on the Internet and is worthy of your support. **The USGenWeb Project** discussed below is one of many RootsWeb genealogy endeavors. There you can subscribe to the Jessee Family or Russell Co. VA Mailing List Services, too. Visit their site at [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com).

**Michael A. Dye** has created and is responsible for **The Russell County Page** of the VAGenWeb division of the USGenWeb Project. This is an award winning site, and a terrific resource for all families whose sojourn in America included time in Russell Co., VA. Michael has been instrumental in assembling a vital on-line depository of Russell Co. records, indexes and abstracts, genealogical data, historical maps, local history, and lore. We thank you. You can join the Russell Co. List Server. This is a must see site for Jessee researchers at [www.rootsweb.com/~varussel/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~varussel/).

**The Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild (ISTG)** is growing by leaps and bounds, as reported in the *RootsWeb Review*, 2-2-1999. Nearly 500 volunteers are transcribing ship passenger lists that will be posted on the ISTG Web site. ... More than 300 passenger lists are now posted on the Web site and new passenger lists are posted weekly. <http://istg.rootsweb.com>

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, the Mormons, have done more for genealogy than any organized effort in the history of mankind. They have now made their extensive genealogy records available at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

**Cyndi's List of Genealogical sites on the Internet** represents one of the greatest efforts by an individual, Cyndi Howell, to compile and catalog genealogy websites ever. Her work has been

exhaustive. See her award winning website at [www.cindyslist.com](http://www.cindyslist.com)

**The National Genealogical Society** is also available on the Internet at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

**The National Archives and Records Administration** listing of genealogy resources can be found at [www.nara.gov/genealogy/genindex.html](http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/genindex.html)

**Virginia Records** are a must for Jessee family researchers. A good place to look for guidance on sources is the Library of Virginia, which houses the Virginia archives. Be sure to check its Web site at the following.

[www.vsla.edu/lva.html](http://www.vsla.edu/lva.html)

**John "JD" Jessee** ([jjessee@mounet.com](mailto:jjessee@mounet.com)) has developed a site dedicated to perhaps our oldest living Jessee, **Grady Lee Jessee**. See this Website at <http://john.jessee.com>

**The Battle at King's Mountain** involved several of the pioneers of Russell Co., VA. The following Web link includes timelines, list of commanders, pictures, bios, lineages, and more regarding this historical event.

[www.shelby.net/fjr/kmnmp](http://www.shelby.net/fjr/kmnmp)

**Melungeons** are people of mixed Native American, African, and European ancestry, including English, Irish, Welsh, Spanish or Portuguese (especially Sephardic Jews or Conversos escaping the Inquisition), Arab, Moor, or even Turkish peoples, who already lived in the southern Appalachians when our European ancestors arrived. Some have speculated that **Frankey Lea Jessee** may have been a Melungeon. This could be a reason why we are having such difficulty tracing her heritage. This is soundly disputed by others who argue that the Melungeons are a myth. Several of our ancestral Jessees married Melungeons, and the Melungeon people are very much part of the history of SW Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, and most certainly part of the Jessee family gene pool. Here is "A Melungeon HomePage."

[pluto.clinch.edu/appalachia/melungeon/](http://pluto.clinch.edu/appalachia/melungeon/)

**The Mystery of the Melungeons** is further explored in the October and November issues of the Newsletter of the International Internet Genealogical Society, whose page is worth exploring as well.

[www.iigs.org/newsletter](http://www.iigs.org/newsletter)

**If your ancestors arrived in California before 1880**, as did the descendants of Archer Catron Jessee, s. of Lea Jessee, you will want to visit the California Pioneers Project site at <http://compuology.com/cpl>

**Kindred Konnections, Inc.** has a commercial genealogy site worth a look at

[www.mytrees.com](http://www.mytrees.com)

An 1895 map of the United States, with details down to the State and County level is available on-line at the following address.

[www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm](http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm)

## The Purpose of This Newsletter

I believe that we are, indeed, all cousins, and that we can be colleagues and friends, too, sharing information and helping each other know what it means to be part of an extended family and to appreciate our common heritage. To these aims I dedicate this newsletter.

I research my own JESSEE ancestors, including the Armstrong, Smyth/ Smith, Porter, Duncan, Bickley, RichmOND/RichmAN, BARTEE and Barrick families; and many other SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA FAMILIES who have intermarried with the Jessees, including: the Banner, Browning, Burk(e), Counts, Fuller, Gose, Kiser, Stone, and Vermillion families. I have an abiding interest in family history.

I would like to discover and record all of the descendants of the fifteen children of John and Frankey Lea Jessee, and assist other Jesse(e) family members with their research. 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.

The purpose of this newsletter is to facilitate the exchange of information and documents relative to the genealogy of the Jessee and related families whose roots may be found in Southwest Virginia. I will enter all genealogy information provided me into a Jessee Family database. I will share charts or data files with you on request.

I am asking you to respond to this newsletter with answers to questions, documentation, your own materials, and, of course, current information about your branch of the family. Please feel free to correct anything I may have wrong.

I am providing this newsletter free to anyone who has asked for it, provided me information, or has expressed serious interest in this work. You are welcome to provide addresses of others that may be interested in our effort and would like to help. I am looking for those willing to provide and exchange information or represent their branch of the family or area of the country. I can provide and receive genealogy data by diskettes and via Internet by e-mail.

## How To Help

I need and appreciate your donations in defraying the considerable cost of research, printing and postage of the newsletter and other materials I send to inquirers. I am asking for a minimum donation of \$10 a year for two issues of the newsletter; more will help support the effort and those who can't afford to pay.

## Newsletter Reprints

At the request of many, I have now collected Jessee Family Newsletters #1-7, #8-9, #10-11, #12-13, and #14-15 into separate sets of reprints (without some attachments that have become obsolete). You may request these, as well as specific pedigree or descendants charts for \$10 a set, or \$40 for all back issues and the current year. Your additional donations to help me defer the costs of research, printing, copying, and postage are very much welcome.

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**An unknown source has provided this genealogist's prayer,**

**"God grant me the serenity to accept the ancestors I cannot find,  
the courage to find the ones I can, and the wisdom to document thoroughly."**

**Photo courtesy of D. Bea Peden Price.**

The family of **Benjamin H. "Harry" Jessee** and **Gladys Lucetta McDannalds**, with sons **Warren** and **Harold Jessee** at a **David Walker McDannald** family gathering, Thanksgiving Day, 1914, in Santa Ana, CA.