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Jessie Ellen (Lynn) and Jackson Scott CHILDRESS, Their Ancestors and Descendants, compiled by Lottie Wherry McWhorter, Longview, TX
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Childers/ Childress Family Asso., Inc. 1999 - Annual Meeting

October 7 - 10, 1999, Frankfort, KY

Fri. Oct. 8: Meeting Room open 8:00 A.M.

1:00 P.M. Registration (until 8 P.M.)
3:00 - 4 P.M. Committee Meetings
4:00 - 6 P.M. Board of Trustees Meeting
7:30 P.M. General Membership Meeting

Sat. Oct. 9th:

8:00 A.M. - 5 P.M.: Registration

8:00 A.M. Blue Licks Dedication for the people who are making the trip.

8:30 A.M.: Buses leave the hotel,
10:30 A.M.: Arrive at the Blue Licks Battlefield.
10:45 A.M.: Dedication Service
12-1 PM: Lunch at the Park dining room.
1:15 PM: Buses leave for Frankfort. (arriving at 3 P.M.)

Informal exchange until 5 P.M.

5:45 P.M.: Group picture (place to be announced.)

6:00 P.M. Annual Banquet
(Tickets & reservations at registration.)

Sunday: Oct. 10th: 8:00 A.M. Informal exchange

9:00 A.M.: Devotional Service

Chaplain: Rev. Jesse CHILDERS, (& Necrology Report)
12 noon: Adjourn

Hosts: Garland and Leda CHILDRESS, Louisville, KY

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Eighteenth Annual Meeting - CFA

The officers of the CHILDERS/ CHILDRESS Family Association invite all members and friends to join with them for their eighteenth annual meeting.

Date: October 7 - 10, 1999

Place: Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza, Frankfort, KY
405 Wilkinson Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 875 - 7147

Room rates: \$65.00 (until Sept. 8, 1999)

Banquet: Saturday evening: Oct. 9; Holiday Inn

Hosts: Garland & Leda CHILDRESS
4105 Riveroaks Lane, Louisville, KY 40241 - 1736

Garland wrote: "For those flying to the meeting, you will land at Lexington, and the distance to our hotel is 19 miles. I will be happy to send transportation to the airport for anyone who will write and inform me of their arrival date and time. I also will return anyone to the airport on Sunday to meet their flight. There is no complimentary transportation at our hotel.

The distance from Frankfort to Blue Licks is 60 miles each way. Therefore, we would board the coach early on the day we travel to the Battlefield. This coach trip will be along a lovely drive through a scenic and historic area.

The ceremony at Blue Lick Battleground will take place on Saturday, Oct. 9. This will be an inspiring ceremony to dedicate the monument. Garland first brought this project to the Association at the Houston meeting. The contribution from the association was voted on at that time. Many members have given their time and money to the realization of this memorial. Garland has worked for the fulfillment of this project with great dedication. Please plan to attend this historic program.

Kentucky Honor Roll - Civil War

Captain James M. CHILDERS

I Company, 52nd Regiment, KY Mounted Volunteers, USA

** discharged Bowling Green, KY

** died 18 November, 1866 - Bowling Green, KY

James M. married 1st **Sarah TAYLOR**. Sarah died in 1857, Brownsville, KY.⁵ Her parents listed on her death certificate were Samuel and Mahala TAYLOR. Sarah is buried in the old Brownsville Cemetery.

William J. CHILDRESS, born 1849, d. 1885 Warren Co., KY

Mary L. CHILDRESS born 1851 (probably d. as infant)

John Wesley CHILDRESS, born 1852, d. 1874 Warren Co., KY

Samuel Thomas CHILDRESS, born 1854, d. 1867 Warren Co., KY

Veachel A. CHILDRESS, b. 1857 - Brownsville, KY (probably died as infant)

James M. married 2nd **Elizabeth TAYLOR** on 29 April 1858, Brownsville, Edmonson Co., KY

The children of James M. and Elizabeth (Taylor) CHILDRESS were:
(listed in widow's pension application dated 1891)

** *under age 16 at the time of his death in 1866:*

(John W. b. 1852 - child of 1st wife)

(Samuel T. b. 1854- child of 1st wife)

James M. CHILDRESS, Jr., born 1858

Andrew B. CHILDRESS, born 1862, d. 1887

George Anderson CHILDRESS, born 1866 *after his father's death.*

After death of James M. Childress, wife Elizabeth married Denny YOUNG. In 1891 Elizabeth YOUNG (age 52) applied for the widow's pension in Taney Co., MO.

Buried at Old Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Church of Christ, Warren Co., KY:
William J. CHILDRESS 1849- 1885; Dixie L. CHILDRESS
1882-1883; Herbert E. CHILDRESS, son of Hughey and Roxa
CHILDRESS 1889, George A. CHILDRESS 1866-1873.⁶

⁵ *Beyond the Crossroads*, 1981, pages 77-79.

⁶ *Beyond the Crossroads*, 1981, page 84

Childers

By Virginia Childers Hanks and Reta Childers King

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The Childers families originated in Yorkshire, England, coming to Virginia 1600-1690. The earliest families settled on the James River in Henrico County, later Goochland County. Descendants of these families migrated into the KY region following the Revolutionary War. In 1790 tax lists include **two** families, **Drewry Childers** in Bourbon Co., KY and **Goldsby Childers** in Lincoln Co., KY.

By 1800 there were **thirteen** Childers/Childress families in KY, eight in adjoining Garrard and Madison Counties, two in Pendleton County and one family each in Pulaski, Shelby and Mercer Counties. By 1810 there were **eighteen** Childers/Childress families in KY, including ten families in Pendleton County and one in adjoining Harrison County.

In the 1820 Census (the year Grant County, KY, was created out of Pendleton County), there were **31** Childers households in KY, including thirteen in Grant County, two in Pendleton County and one in Harrison County. Some of these families are the grown children (and grandchildren) of **Henry Childers**, born about 1730 in Virginia. He married **Susannah Goolsby**, daughter of **Thomas and Tabitha Goolsby** in VA about 1755. Henry and Susannah moved to Garrard County, KY where he died about 1810 and she died at a later date.

With other Childers families residing in the area and known to be related in some degree to the family of Henry and Susannah, it is difficult to distinguish positively between brother versus cousin or father and son versus uncle and nephew. However, based on the total area and sources available, the ten children of Henry and Susannah (Goolsby) Childers are believed to be:

1. **Goolsby Childers**, born January 1757, probably in Albermarle County, VA, a **Revolutionary War veteran**, married **Nancy Swinney** 28 February 1782 in Amherst County, VA. Goolsby resided in Garrard County, KY, but died at the home of a daughter in Trimble County, KY, 25 May 1842. He is believed to be buried in Garrard County.

2. **Abraham Childers**, born in VA.

3. **Robert Childers**, born about 1762 in Amherst County, VA, married **Nancy Pryor** 27 March 1783 in Amherst County. Robert was a charter member of the Old Baptist Church on the Dry Ridge, organized 1791 in then Woodford County, VA now Grant County, KY. Robert married a second time, **Nancy Coleman** 27 June 1822 in Grant County. Robert died here in 1831. He is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 143 of the 1820 Census as "Robert Childers, Sr." A more detailed history of this family follows in a separate article.

4. **Solomon Childers**, born about 1765 in VA, married **Elizabeth Richardson** on 3 April 1800 in Madison County, KY. They moved about 1810 to Pendleton County, Ky. where he is believed to have died about 1838. A more detailed history of this family follows in a separate article.

Continued: Family of Henry /b. ca. 1730, VA/ and Susannah (Goolsby) Childers

5. **Henry Childers**, born 8 July 1767 in Amherst County, VA, married **Mary C. Thompson** 6 July 1791 in Greenbrier County, VA. Henry died 26 March 1852 in Grant County, KY. He is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 140 in the 1820 Census as "Henry Childers, Sr." A more detailed history of this family follows in a separate article. (See page 183)

6. **Sarah Childers**, born about 1774 in VA, married 29 December 1794 **William Huffman**, a native of VA, in Lincoln County, KY. This family resided in Grant County, KY for several years before moving to Adams County, IL about 1829. Sarah died before 1850 in IL.

The six known children of William and Sarah (Childers) Huffman were:

(a) **Nelson Huffman**, born 1796, married in Switzerland County, IN **Susannah Childers**, daughter of **Thomas G. and Polly (Richardson) Childers**. They and Nelson and Susannah moved to Franklin County, MO by 1830:

(b) **Mary/Polly Huffman**, born 1800 married 1824 in Grant County, KY **Reuben Childers**, son of **Reuben and Margaret (Hudson) Childers**. Reuben and Mary/Polly(Huffman) Childers moved to Adams County, IL:

(c) **Elizabeth Huffman**, born 1801, married 1820 in Pendleton County, KY to **Henry P. Childers**, son of **Robert and Nancy (Pryor) Childers**. Henry P. and Elizabeth farmed on Grassey Creek in Grant Co., KY, later moving to Adams Co., IL:

(d) **Henry Huffman**, born 1805, married in Franklin County, MO to **Sarah Childers**, daughter of **Thomas G. and Polly (Richardson) Childers**. Henry Huffman died soon without issue;

(e) **Susannah Huffman**, born 1808, married in 1825 to **James P. Childers**, son of **Robert and Nancy (Pryor) Childers**. They moved to Franklin County, MO:

(f) **Catherine Huffman**, born 1822 in Grant County, KY, married in Adams County, IL to **James Riley Enlow**.

7. **Joshua Childers**, born 29 August 1777 in VA, married **Lucy Richardson** 29 April 1799 in Madison County, KY. Joshua married a second time, **Malinda Coleman**, on 11 May 1854 in Grant County, KY. He died 6 October 1856 in Grant County. He is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 143 in the 1820 census as "Joshua Childers". A more detailed history of this family follows in a separate article. (See page 187)

8. **William G. Childers**, born about 1780 probably in VA, married **Elizabeth Graham** 8 June 1805 in Garrard Co., KY. This family resided in Pendleton Co., KY from 1812 until 1821 when they moved to Garrard Co., KY and then moved to Gasconade County, MO about 1825.

The five children of William G. and Elizabeth (Graham) Childers were:

(a) **Elizabeth F. Childers**, born 1806; (b) **Henry Graham Childers**; (c) **Thomas Griffin Childers**, born 1810; (d) **Johnson Childers**, born 1811; and (e) **Spicey Childers**.

Continued: Family of Henry /b.ca.1730 VA/ and Susannah (Goolsby) Childers

8 con't : William G. Childers died in **1834** while traveling between KY and Gasconade Co., MO. Elizabeth died in Franklin County, MO in **1857**.

9. **Thomas Goolsby Childers**, born 3 January **1781** probably in VA. He married **Polly Richardson** on 3 December **1799** in Madison County, KY. This family moved to Pendleton County, KY in 1810. Thomas G. Childers served under Colonel William Mountjoy's Kentucky Volunteer Regiment in the **War of 1812**. Thomas G. and Polly were members of the Old Baptist Church on the Dry Ridge. He is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 140 in the 1820 Census as "Thomas Childers". Shortly thereafter this family moved to Franklin County, MO.

The seven known children of Thomas G. and Polly (Richardson) Childers were:

- (a) **Daniel Childers**, born ca. 1804;
- (b) **Susannah Childers**, born 1807;
- (c) **Henry Childers**, born 1811;
- (d) **Mary Childers**, born 1814;
- (e) **Sarah/ Sally Childers**;
- (f) **Milton R. Childers**, born 1820;
- (g) **Benjamin G. Childers**, born 1822

Polly died in **1856** and Thomas G. Childers died 21 December **1858** in Franklin County, MO

10. **Betsy Childers**, probable daughter of this family, born about 1784 in VA. She married **Daniel Davis** 26 September 1804 in Garrard County, KY.

Childers

By Reta Childers King and Virginia Childers Hanks

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Henry CHILDERS / 1767 VA - 1852 KY/ wife, Mary C. THOMPSON

Henry Childers was born 8 July 1767 in Amherst County, Va., a son of Henry and Susannah (Goolsby) Childers. He was married 6 July 1791 to Mary C. Thompson, a daughter of James Thompson of Greenbrier County, Va., a soldier of the American Revolution. Henry and Mary settled in Garrard County, Ky., moving in 1810 to Dry Ridge in what would become Grant County, Ky. Here Henry owned a farm and operated an inn. He died in 1852 and Mary died in 1858.

The nine children of Henry and Mary C. (Thompson) Childers were:

1. James Childers, born 1794, married Elizabeth Tungate in 1823 and had a daughter Elizabeth Childers. He served in the War of 1812.

2. John Childers, born 1797, married Jane Pierce in 1822, daughter of William and Margaret (Orr) Pierce. John died in 1840.

The ten children of John and Jane (Pierce) Childers were:

(a) Thompson Childers:

(b) William Henry Childers, born 1825, married 1847 to Joanna Swards, daughter of Daniel-Swards.

(c) Elizabeth H. Childers, born 1825, married 1843 John L. Glasscock:

(d) Asa McMatten Childers, born 1827:

(e) James F. Childers, born 1830:

(f) Ruth Ann Childers, born 1832, married 1848 to Tully Swards, son of Daniel Swards:

(g) Susannah J. Childers, born 1834, died 1852:

(h) Martha Ann Childers, born 1838:

(i) Mathew Childers, born 1838, died in childhood:

(j) Mary Margaret Childers, born 1840, married 1857, Thomas J. Stroud.

3. Susannah Childers, born 1799, married Nathaniel Henderson in 1818.

The three known children of Nathaniel and Susannah (Childers) Henderson were:

(a) Robert A. Henderson

(b) Mary Jane Henderson, born 1822, married Robertson J. Dyas:

(c) Elizabeth A. Henderson, married in 1846, James M. Proctor.

After Susannah died, Nathaniel Henderson married Polly Ann Evans in 1834.

4. Elizabeth Childers, born 1802, married John Harrison in 1822. They had one child. (a) Elizabeth Jane Harrison, who married Benjamin J. Nichols. After Elizabeth died in 1823, John Harrison married Evaline Tungate, daughter of Uriah and Sarah (Lawless) Tungate.

*Continued: children of **Henry** / 1767-1852 / and **Mary C. (Thompson) Childers**.*

5. **Robert Childers**, born 1805, married (1st) **Mary Ashcraft**, daughter of **James and Elizabeth (Wortman) Ashcraft**.

The two children of Robert and Mary (Ashcraft) Childers (his first wife) were:

(a) **James H. Childers**, born 1827, married in 1854 **Nancy Pierce**, daughter of **George and Martha (Childers) Pierce**

The ten children of James H. and Nancy (Pierce) Childers were:

Orasse T. Childers, born 1856:
Martha B. Childers, born 1857:
Mary A. Childers, born 1859:
William Harvey Childers, born 1863:
Ruth E. Childers, born 1865:
Vienna C. Childers, born 1867:
Amanda M. Childers, born 1869:
Lucille Childers:
Alpheus Childers:
Frank Childers.

(b) **William Harvey Childers**, born 1830, who married **Lucy Pierce**, another daughter of **George and Martha (Childers) Pierce**.

The seven children of William Harvey and Lucy (Pierce) Childers were:

Rufus Allen Childers, born 1853:
Jennie Childers, born 1859:
James D. Childers, born 1860:
William Prior Childers, born 1861:
Sarah E. Childers, born 1864:
Sue Emma Childers, born 1868:
Albert Lesley Childers, born 1872).

5 con't) **Robert CHILDERS** (B.1805) married a second time, **Emily Belew**, in 1834, a daughter of **Thomas Belew** of Pendleton Co., Ky.

The six children of Robert (b. 1805) and Emily (Belew) Childers were:

(c) **Thomas G. Childers** who went to **Missouri**:

(d) **Mary A. Childers**

(e) **John Wesley Childers**:

(f) **Robert P. Childers**:

(g) **Sarah Allen Childers**

Note: These four all went to **Texas**.

(h) **Alexander Childers**, who died young.

6. **Rebecca Childers**, born 1807, was unmarried.

7. **Mary Childers**, born 1810, believed to have died young.

8. **Sarah Childers**, born 1813, believed to have died young.

Continued: children of Henry /1767-1852/ and Mary C. (Thompson) Childers.

Judge Henry CHILDERS (1816-1899)
Grant County, KY

9. **Henry Childers**, born 1816, married 1838 **Elizabeth Bryan Conyers**, daughter of **James and Catherine (DeHart) Conyers**. Henry served twice as **Judge of Grant Co. KY**

The thirteen children of Henry and Elizabeth B. (Conyers) Childers were:

- (a) **Mary Catherine Childers**, born 1841 married **William W. Dunlap**:
- (b) **Robert Harvey Childers**, born 1843 married **Sarah Elizabeth Conrad**:
- (c) **Newton Childers**, born 1846:
- (d) **Ann Louisa Childers**, born 1848:
- (e) **Alice W. Childers**, born 1850 married **Benjamin H. Dunlap**:
- (f) **Martha Jennie Childers**, born 1853 married **Darius P. Brewer**:
- (g) **Marion Childers**, born 1854, married **Rosella Ambler**:
- (h) **Elizabeth D. Childers**, born 1856 married **John Beard**:
- (i) **Emma Louise Childers**, born 1858 married **Joseph Marcum**:
- (j) **Flora B. Childers**, born 1859:
- (k) **William C. Childers**, born 1860:
- (l) **Nancy C. Childers**, born 1862:
- (m) **Albert Sidney Childers**, born 1867 married **Laura Webster**.

Judge Henry Childers died in 1899 and Elizabeth B. (Conyers) Childers died in 1900.

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Joshua CHILDERS (1777-1856) and wife Lucy RICHARDSON

Joshua Childers was born 29 August 1777 in VA, a son of **Henry and Susannah (Goolsby) Childers**. He was married 29 April 1799 in Madison County, KY to **Lucy Richardson**, daughter of **Amos and Martha (Bailey) Richardson**. By 1809 Joshua and Lucy settled in the part of Pendleton County, Ky. that would later become Grant County.

The six children of Joshua and Lucy (Richardson) Childers were:

1. **Mary/Polly Childers**, born 1800 married **William P. Childers**, son of **Henry and Elizabeth (Pryor) Childers**.
2. **Martha/Patsy Childers**, born 1804, married **George Pierce**, son of **William and Margaret (Orr) Pierce**.

The five children of George and Martha (Childers) Pierce were:

- (a) **Mary/Polly Pierce**, born 1834, married **Jackson Isaacs**:
- (b) **Lucy C. Pierce**, born 1836, married **William Henry Childers**, son of **Robert H. and Mary (Ashcraft) Childers**:
- (c) **Nancy Pierce**, born 1838, married 1854 **James H. Childers**, son of **Robert H. and Mary (Ashcraft) Childers**:
- (d) **Martha H. Pierce**, born 1841, married 1858 **William Henry Templeton**, son of **William and Mary (Childers) Templeton**:
- (e) **Amanda Pierce**, born 1844.

3. **Squire Childers**, born 1806, married **Rebecca Conyers**, daughter of **Denis Conyers**. Squire was appointed **Constable of Grant County** in 1830.

The eight children of Squire and Rebecca (Conyers) Childers were:

- (a) **Nancy Jane Childers**, born 1818, married 1846 **Thomas Arthurs**:
- (b) **William G. Childers**, born 1830:
- (c) **Elizabeth Margaret Childers**, born 1832, married 1856 **John W. Gaugh**, son of **Francis and Mary (Evans) Gaugh**:
- (d) **Levianth Childers**, born 1835, married 1859 **Sarah E. Gaugh**:
- (e) **Mary A. Childers**, born 1838:
- (f) **Cordelia Childers**, born 1841:
- (g) **Albert Joshua Childers**, born 1842, married 1867 **Cordelia Collins Reed**:
- (h) **Martha A. Childers**, born 1846, married 1869 **Thomas P. Evans**.

4. **Nancy Childers**, born 1811, married 1836 as the second wife of **Harmon Childers**, son of **Robert and Nancy (Pryor) Childers**. Nancy died at her home in Stewartsville in 1880, her clothing catching on fire while heating a large tub outdoors to wash clothes.

The five children of Harmon and Nancy (Childers) Childers were:

- (a) **Sarah Childers**, born 1838, married 1855 **Jesse P. Coleman**:
- (b) **Jasper Childers**, born 1843:

Joshua CHILDERS (1777-1856) and wife Lucy RICHARDSON

4 Continued: The five children of Harmon & Nancy (Childers) Childers were:

- (c) **Warren Childers**, born 1844:
- (d) **Lucy Childers**, born 1847:
- (e) **Robert J. Childers**, born 1848, residing in Grant County, KY in 1880 with a wife named **Isa K.** and children **Lutheria** and **Maud**.

(con't: # 5 & 6 -children of Joshua & Lucy Richardson Childers were:)

5. **Sarah/Sally Childers**, born 1819, married in 1844 to **W. S. Ayers**, and moved to Washington, KS.

6. **Joshua Childers, Jr.**, born 1820, married in 1842 **Amanda Vance**, daughter of Robert and **Elizabeth (Pierce) Vance**. After the death of Joshua Jr. in 1852, Amanda married **Elisah Isaacs** to which a daughter, **Sarah/Sallie Isaacs**, was born in 1853.

The three children of Joshua and Amanda (Vance) Childers, Jr. were:

- (a) **Lucy Jane Childers**, born 1844, who married a **Mr. Clemons**:
- (b) **Atha Ann Childers**, born 1845:
- (c) **Martha/Mattie Ann Childers**, born 1843, becoming the second wife of **John Wesley Billiter**, son of **Elijah and Marella (Childers) Billiter**.

Lucy (Richardson) Childers died in 1842 and **Joshua Childers, Sr. married a second time, Malinda Coleman**. He died in 1856.

-- NOTES --

Childers

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Robert CHILDERS (1762/VA - 1831) and wife Nancy PRYOR

Robert Childers was born in 1762 in VA., a son of **Henry and Susannah (Goolsby) Childers**. He was married 27 March 1783 to **Nancy Pryor**, who was born in 1765, a daughter of **F. Nicholas Pryor** of Amherst County, VA.

Robert and Nancy came to Kentucky circa 1790. Here Robert was a charter member Of the Old Baptist Church on the Dry Ridge, a church of the "old faith and order," i.e. Predestinarian, organized in August, 1791.

Robert bought land on Grassy Creek, a tributary of the south fork of the Licking, from **John Hunt**, as evidenced by a deed recorded in Harrison County, KY. in 1795. On the same date, a Henry Childers, husband of **Betsy (Pryor) Childers** and thought to be a cousin of Robert, bought land from John Hunt abutting Robert Childers. **John A. Pryor** also recorded a land purchase at this time. **Nancy Childers, Betsy Childers** and **John A. Pryor** are believed to be siblings. Nancy died circa 1821 in Grant County, KY. Robert married a second time, **Nancy Coleman** in 1822. The 1830 Census for Grant County shows that Robert was a widower at that time. He died in November or December, 1831.

The ten known children of Robert and Nancy (Pryor) Childers were:

1. **William H. Childers**, born in VA. in 1784, married in 1806 in Pendleton County, KY to **Elizabeth Taylor**, daughter of **Robert and Betty Taylor**. Both William H. and his wife died in Grant County in 1853. This is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 141 of the 1820 Census as "William Childers". A more detailed history of this family is planned for a later issue of "*Footsteps of the Past*." (See pp. 197-198)

2. **Sarah/Sally Childers**, born in VA. in 1786, married in 1805 in Pendleton County, **James J. Thomas**, son of **Thomas Thomas**. They moved to Adams County, IL and then to Cass County, MO.

3. **John P. Childers**; born in VA in 1787, married in 1810 in Bourbon County, KY. **Catherine Ament**, daughter of **Philip Ament**, a veteran of the American Revolution. In 1834 John P. married **Eliza Asbury**, daughter of **Henry Asbury**. John P. Childers died in Pendleton County in 1870.

4. **Goolsby Childers**, born in Va. in 1790, married in 1812 in Bourbon County, **Mary Elizabeth Thomas**, daughter of **Thomas Thomas**. In 1852, Goolsby married in TX. a widow, **Sara Allen**. He was called **Captain Goolsby Childers** in TX. A more detailed history of this family is planned for a later issue of "*Footsteps of the Past*." (See pages 192-193)

*Continued: Ten children of **Robert** /1762*VA- 1831/ & **Nancy (Pryor) Childers**:*

5. **Joseph Childers**, born in 1792, married **Mary/Polly J. Landrum**, daughter of **John and Mary (Collins) Landrum**. He served in the **War of 1812** and owned land on Grassy Creek. This is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 141 of the 1820 Census.

The five children of Joseph and Mary/Polly (Landrum) Childers were:

(The first four were born in Pendleton/ Grant Counties, KY)

- (a) **John Pryor Childers**, born 1816:
- (b) **Sarah Allen Childers**, born 1818:
- (c) **Robert Lyon Childers**, born 1821;
- (d) **Oliver Perry Childers**, born 1824.
- (e) **Martha Ann Childers**, was born in 1832 in **Indiana**.

The family moved to Clark Co., MO where Joseph died circa **1835** and Mary (Polly) died in **1855**.

6. **Harmon Childers**, born in 1795, married in 1814 in Pendleton County, **Sally DeHart** daughter of **Acklin and Mary (Patten) DeHart**. He was a veteran of the **War 1812**. This is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on Page 141 of the 1820 Census.

The five children of Harmon and Sally (DeHart) Childers are:

- (a) **Louisa Childers**, born 1817, married **Nathaniel McClure**, son of **Nathaniel and Jane (Porter) McClure**, resided in Boone County, KY and Iowa:
- (b) **Martha Childers**, married **Chesley Bennett**;
- (c) **Silas Childers**, born 1821, had a wife named Vanna, , lived in MO and Iowa:
- (d) **Woodford Childers**, married **Louisiana Beverely**, died soon after;
- (e) **Newton Childers**, born 1830, believed to have gone to MO., where, in 1853 he married **Martha Ann Childers**, daughter of **Robert and Sarah A. (Landrum) Childers**.

After Sally's death, Harmon married in 1836, in Grant County, **Nancy Childers**, daughter of **Joshua and Lucy (Richardson) Childers**.

The five children of Harmon and Nancy (Childers) Childers were:

- (f) **Sarah Childers**, born 1838, married 1855 **Jesse P. Coleman**:
- (g) **Jasper Childers**, born 1843:
- (h) **Warren Childers**, born 1844:
- (I) **Lucy Childers**, born 1847:
- (J) **Robert J. Childers**, born 1848, residing in Grant County in 1880 with wife named **Isa K.**:
Harmon died about **1863** and Nancy died in **1880**.

7. **Robert Jr.**, born in 1798, married in 1818 in Pendleton County, **Sarah/Sally Landrum**, daughter of **John and Mary (Collins) Landrum**. This is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 143 of the 1820 Census. Robert Jr. was member of the Old Baptist Church on the Dry Ridge, and after 1826, the Williamstown Particular Baptist Church. This family later moved to Illinois and then to Scotland Co., MO. A more detailed history of this family is planned for a later issue of "*Footsteps of the Past*".(See pp.195-196)

Continued: Ten children of Robert /1762*VA -1831 / & Nancy (Pryor) Childers:

8. **Henry P. Childers**, born circa 1799, married in 1820 in Pendleton County, **Elizabeth/Betsy Huffman**, daughter of **William and Sarah (Childers) Huffman**. This is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 143 of the 1820 Census. In 1829 this family moved Adams County, IL where Henry P. died in 1849 and Betsy died in 1878.

The children of Henry P. and Elizabeth (Huffman) Childers were:

- (a) **Robert Childers**, born 1822:
- (b) **Elizabeth H. Childers**, born 1824:
- (c) **Sarah Ann Childers**, born 1826:
- (d) **Henry Goolsby Childers**, born 1831:
- (e) **John James Childers**, born 1833:
- (f) **daughter Childers**, born 1835, died in infancy.

9. **Nancy Childers**, born in 1802, married 1822 in Grant County, **Jesse Conyers**, son of **Denis Conyers**. They were lifelong residents of Grant County, where Jesse died in 1860 and Nancy died in 1888. A more detailed history is planned for a later issue of "*Footsteps of the Past*."

10. **James P. Childers**, born in 1805, married in 1825 in Grant County, **Susanna Huffman**, daughter of **William and Sarah (Childers) Huffman**. They went to Franklin County, MO about 1830. James P. served in the Mexican War and the Civil War. Susannah died in 1872 and James P. died in 1882.

The children of James P. and Susanna (Huffman) Childers were:

- (a) **Mahala Childers**, born 1826:
- (b) **Clarissa Jane Childers**, born 1829:
- (c) **Sarah Childers**, born 1830:
- (d) **James Childers**, born 1832:
- (e) **Henry Childers**, born 1843:
- (f) **Thomas Childers**, born 1846:

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Solomon CHILDERS (ca.1765- ca. 1838) and wife Elizabeth RICHARDSON

Solomon Childers was born about 1765 in VA to **Henry and Susannah (Goolsby) Childers**. He married in Madison County KY. 3 April 1800, **Elizabeth Richardson** daughter of **Amos and Martha (Bailey) Richardson**. They moved to Pendleton County, KY about 1810 and resided in Grant County, KY. about 1827. About 1830 they moved to Rockcastle County, KY where Solomon is believed to have died about **1838**.

The eight children of Solomon and Elizabeth (Richardson) Childers were:

- 1 **Harrison Childers**, born ca 1803, died in infancy.
2. **John Childers**, born 1805, married **Catherine Shore** in Jo Davies County, IL.
3. **Amos Childers**, born 1808, married **Susannah Hicks** in 1831 in Adams County, IL.
4. **Bailey Childers**, born 1809, married **Elizabeth Taylor**, daughter of **James and Sarah (Hicks) Taylor** in 1832 in Madison County, KY.

5. **Sally Childers**, born ca 1810, married in Grant County, KY in 1824, **George Landrum**, son of **John and Mary (Collins) Landrum**. They are believed to have moved to Illinois.

6. **Lucy Childers**.

7. **Wes(t)ley Childers**, born ca 1815, married in Grant County, KY. in 1833, **Lucy Childers**, daughter of **William H. and Elizabeth (Taylor) Childers**.

The three children of Lucy (Childers) Childers were:

- (a) **Elizabeth Childers**, born 1834, married 1853 **Thomas R. Blackburn**;
- (b) **William Harrison Childers**, born 1840, married **Louisa Simon**, daughter of **Francis and Eliza (Musselman) Simon**;
- (c) **Westly Ann Childers**, born 1841, married **Richard McAtee**.

After Wes(t)ley died in 1841, his widow, Lucy, married **James B. Smith**. She died shortly thereafter. (See page 198 .)

8. **Daniel Harrison Childers**, born 1823, married 29 March 1843 **Marilla C. Thomas**, daughter of **John P. and Marinda (Childers) Thomas** in Grant County, KY.

The five children of Daniel Harrison and Marilla C. (Thomas) Childers were:

- (a) **William Bailey Childers**, born 1846, married **Selia A. Ferguson**, daughter of **Henry and Sally A. Ferguson**:

- (b) **Alner Childers**, born 1852:
- (c) **Daniel H. Childers**, born 1855:
- (d) **James Perry Childers**, born 1839, married **Susan Ellen McKinsey**:
- (e) **Augusta Childers**, born 1862.

After Daniel Harrison Childers died in 1864 in Grant County, KY, his widow Marilla, married **William Lewis Landrum**, son of **Richard and Elizabeth (Frakes) Landrum**. A daughter, **Mary Alice Landrum**, was born to this marriage in 1868.

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Goolsby CHILDERS (1790-1853) and wife Elizabeth THOMAS

Goolsby/Goldsby Childers was the fourth child of **Robert Childers Sr. and Nancy Pryor**. He was born January 31, 1790 in Amherst County, VA. He grew up in Pendleton County and Grant County, KY. On February 13, 1812, he married **Elizabeth Thomas**, called "**Betsy**" by her father **Thomas Thomas**, as he gave his consent for her marriage. They were married in Bourbon County, KY.

Goolsby served in the **War of 1812**, in the Company of **Capt. Thomas Childress**, thought to be a cousin. He was a Sergeant in the **4th Regiment, Mounted KY Volunteers**, commanded by **Colonel William Mountjoy**. He was captured as a spy early in the war and released at the signing of the Treaty of Ghent. He made his way back to KY to his family who had not seen him for three years.

Goolsby/Goldsby Childers was on the Grant County Tax List in 1821 through 1823 for land on Eagle Creek Watershed, and from 1825 through 1828 for land on the Grassy Creek watershed. He is listed on a road crew for Grant Co. in 1821, 1822, and appointed as a patroller in 1826.

In 1828, Goolsby/Goldsby, Betsy and their seven children left KY for Adams County, IL because his brother **Henry P. Childers** and family were already there. Another brother **Robert Childers, Jr.**, would follow in 1835.

During the years Goolsby/Goldsby Childers and his family were in Adams County, IL, they managed to be called "a nice family" in the ADAMS COUNTY, IL HISTORY. He served on both Petit and Grand Juries in 1832. He ran a farm, and made hats. And three daughters were born there. He joined in the **Blackhawk War in 1831-1832**. His records show he attained rank of Sergeant. He may have had a battlefield promotion to Captain, for after the war he was called **Captain Goldsby Childers**.

In 1833, Goolsby/Goldsby Childers and his family went to TX by wagon train. In the Spring of 1834, Capt. Childers claimed his colonial headright, as did sons Thomas, Robert, and Frank. The Childers family were colorful pioneers of TX and managed to fight many Indian wars. Only one child was born to them in TX.

The Goolsby/Goldsby Childers family consisted of eleven children:

(1) **Thomas Childers**, born 1813 in KY, accidentally shot in 1836, Parker Fort, TX:

(2) **Robert Childers**, born 1815 KY, died 1895, Temple, TX. He married **Adeline Moore**:

(3) **James Franklin Childers**, born 1818, KY, died January 2, 1837, in the Elm Creek Indian fight:

(4) **Catherine Childers**, born 1820, KY, died 1892, Coryell County, TX. She married **E. Lawrence Stickney**, son of **Henry and Lydia Stickney**, AL:

(5) **Pryor/Prior Childers**, born 1822, KY, died 1869, Coryell County, TX. He married **Julia Ann Friley**, daughter of **Hiram and Elizabeth (Bowlin) Friley**:

(6) **Amanda Childers**, born 1824, KY, died ca. 1900, Bell County, TX. She married **Capt. John Craddock**, who fought in the San Jacinto War:

Continued: Family of Goolsby/Goldsby & Elizabeth (Thomas) CHILDERS

(7) **Caroline Childers**, born 1826 KY, died ca.1912, Coryell County, TX. She married **Judge O. T. Tyler** from Mass.:

(8) **Mary Childers**, born 1829, Adams County, IL, was buried an infant:

(9) **Elizabeth Childers**, born 1831, Adams County, IL, died Burleson County, TX, 1840:

(10) **Mary Jane Childers**, born 1832, Adams County, IL, died in TX:

(11) **William Presley Childers**, born 1836, TX, died in the Civil War, near Clarksville, TX.

Elizabeth/Betsy (Thomas) Childers died in 1840. Goldsby remarried in 1852 to **Mrs. Sarah Allen**. He died circa 1853 in Coryell County, TX.

This is to certify I hereby give my assent
and consent for my Daughter Betsy Thomas
to enter into the holy state of Matrimony
with Goldsby Childers Given and my hand
this 22 day of January 1812

Teste
Joseph Childers

Thomas Thomas

Received from
26 July 1986

BETTY JO DENTON HEICK
CLERK BOURBON COUNTY COURT
P. O. BOX 312
PARIS, KENTUCKY 40361

Know all men by these presents, That we Goldsby Childers and Joseph Childers, — are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the just and full sum of fifty pounds, current money, to the payment of which, well and truly to be made, to the said Commonwealth, we and each of us bind ourselves, and every of our heirs, and executors, administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this 22nd day of Jan^y 1812.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound Goldsby Childers and Betsy Thomas — of Bourbon county. Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Attest:
[Signature]
Joseph Childers (SEAL.)
Goldsby Childers (SEAL.)

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By Virginia Childers Hanks

*Grant County News (KY), Footsteps of the Past, October 3, 1996, Page 19***Major CHILDERS and wife Hannah BALLEW**

Major Childers, believed to be the Grant County, Kentucky resident by that name listed in the 1820 Census, was born in 1774. He was the son of **Joseph and Mary (Faris) Childers** of Amherst and Greenbrier Counties, Virginia. Major's first wife was **Hannah**, daughter of **Stewart Ballew**, who he married in Amherst County in 1796.

Major's second wife was **Nancy (Williams) Woodyard**, daughter of **Bennett Williams** and widow of **Walter Woodyard**. They were married in Pendleton County, Kentucky in 1815. She was born about 1790 in Virginia and died in Clark County, Missouri.

Major was a charter member of the FreeWill Baptist Church at Dry Ridge (later known as the Dry Ridge Missionary Baptist Church), organized in 1817. Major owned land in Grant County until 1835 which was located on the west side of the Dry Ridge in the Clarks Creek-Eagle Creek watershed.

The children of Major and his first wife, Hannah (Ballew) Childers were:

- (a) **Nancy Childers**, born 1796, married **Andrew Anderson** in Garrard County, Kentucky:
- (b) **Joseph Henry Childers**, born 1798, married in 1820 in Grant County, **Margaret Conyers**, daughter of **Denis Conyers**. **Joseph H. Childers** married secondly **Mary McClone** in Adams County, Illinois:
- (c) **John Childers**, born 1801:
- (d) **Joanna Childers**, born 1804:
- (e) **Major Childers, Jr.**, born 1806:
- (f) **Elizabeth Childers**, born 1809.

Major Childers died in 1845 in Clark County Missouri.

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By Virginia Childers Hanks

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Robert CHILDERS, Jr. / b. 1798 KY/ and wife Sarah A. LANDRUM

Robert Childers Jr. was born on 1798 in the part of Campbell County, Ky. that would become Grant County. His parents, **Robert and Nancy (Pryor) Childers**, came from Virginia to Kentucky with a Baptist Church Group of "the old faith and order" in 1791.

Robert married 24 January 1818 in Pendleton County, to **Sarah A. Landrum**, daughter of **John and Mary (Collins) Landrum**. Robert owned and farmed land on the Grassy Creek watershed near that of his father and brothers. He served as tax collector for the county in 1827 and as surveyor of a road crew in 1831.

Robert was one of the remaining members of the Old Baptist Church on the Dry Ridge who assisted in reorganizing it as the Williamstown Particular Baptist Church in 1826. He was a Deacon of the church in 1827 and a trustee in 1828, and received letters of dismissal (he had left Kentucky) in November 1836.

Robert was a friend and fellow traveler with William Conrad, minister of the church, accompanying him on his 1832 trip to Illinois, as described in The Journal of Elder William Conrad. Robert's brothers, **Henry P.** and **Goolsby/Goldsby**, and his sister, **Sarah Thomas**, had settled in Illinois. Robert went there also in 1834, then moved on to Scotland County, Missouri. Robert and Sarah were listed on the 1850 Census of Scotland County, MO. Their death dates are unknown.

The eight oldest children of Robert and Sarah were born in Pendleton County or Grant County, KY:

(1) **Mary/Polly Collins Childers** was born in 1819 and married **Granville Allen Draper**, son of **Martin and Susannah (Landrum) Draper** 1835 in Switzerland County, IN. Polly died 1848 in MO. Granville returned to Kentucky and remarried, to **Margaret A. (Moore) Ratliff**, a widow. They lived in Pendleton County.

(2) **James Perry Childers**, born 1822, married **Mary Jane McDowell**. After serving in the Confederate Army, James moved his family to Oregon in 1863. He died 1898 in Union Co., OR.

(3) **Elizabeth Childers** married **Fountain Fox Goldsberry**, and died after the birth of her only child in 1844.

(4) **Sarah Ann Childers**, born 1826, married **William Martin McLain**. She lived in Scotland and Schuyler Counties, MO. She died 1901.

(5) **Richard Childers**, born 1829, is thought to have died on a trip around Cape Horn en route to the California gold fields. He and his brother James were traveling together.

(6) **William Allen Childers**, born 1831, lived in Scotland County, MO. He married **Ellen J. Justice**. He died 1885.

(7) **Rebecca Evalina Childers**, born 1832, married **Macajah Wood**, and is the daughter mentioned in the Journal of Elder William Conrad. She lived in Clark County, MO where she died 1860.

Continued: children of Robert /b.1798 KY/ and Sarah A. (Landrum) Childers

(8) **Robert P. Childers** was born in 1834 before the family migrated. He married in Missouri to **Mary Jane Williams**, who was born 1839 in Kentucky. She was a daughter of **Thomas and Jane (Finley) Williams** who lived in Pendleton and Grant Counties, KY before moving to Missouri in 1852. Both Robert P. and Mary Jane died in **1872** in Scotland County, Missouri.

These children were born in Missouri.

(9) **Martha Ann Childers**, born 1836 MO, married **Newton Childers**, possibly the son of **Harmon and Sally (DeHart) Childers** of Grant County. They went to Oregon. After Newton died, Martha married **Jacob Skirvin**, son of **John Skirvin** who is believed to be a native of Grant County, KY. Her third husband was **Alfred Howk**. Martha died **1903** in Clackamas County, Oregon.

(10) **John A. Childers** was born 1838 in MO:

(11) **George Childers** was born 1841 in MO, and was **unmarried**, living in Union County, Oregon in 1870:

(12) **Katherine Jane**, called "**Kitty**", was born 1841 MO and remained in Scotland County. She married **Joseph Leonard Barker**, born 1844 Grant County, KY., son of **Thomas Holman and Rebecca (Boegle) Barker**. Kitty died **1906** in Scotland County, MO.

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William H. CHILDERS and wife Elizabeth TAYLOR

William H. Childers was born 1784 in Virginia, the son of **Robert and Nancy (Pryor) Childers**. William H. owned land on the Grassy Creek watershed adjacent to that of his father and brothers. He married 1806 in Pendleton County, KY to **Elizabeth/ Betty Taylor**, daughter of **Robert and Betty Taylor**. Elizabeth was born in 1785 on a ship at sea and died 1853 in Grant County. William H. died the same year.

William H. and Elizabeth/ Betty had at least five children:

(1) **Marinda Childers**, born 1807, married **John P. Thomas**, son of **Thomas Thomas**.

The three children of John P. and Marinda (Childers) Thomas were:

(a) **Marilla C. Thomas**, born 1833, married **Daniel Harrison Childers**, son of **Solomon and Elizabeth (Richardson) Childers**. After he died, Marilla C. married **William Lewis Landrum**.

(b) **Anmarias Thomas**, born 1834, married 1851 **Thomas J. Nichols**:

(c) **Narcissus Ann Thomas**, born 1837 married 1853 **Richard Lucas**, son of **Manoah Lucas**.

After Marinda died, John P. Thomas married **Margaret Ferguson**.

The three children of John P. and Margaret (Ferguson) Thomas were:

(a) **Sarah Thomas**, born 1841,

(b) **Thomas H. Thomas**, born 1843

(c) **Cordelia Thomas**, born 1847.

After John P. Thomas died, Margaret (Ferguson) Thomas married **H. H. Hand**.

(2) **Marella Childers**, born 1809, married **Elijah Billiter**, son of **Mark and Mary/Polly (Owens) Billiter**. Elijah was a farmer and a minister in the Old Baptist Church.

Their four children were:

(a) **Sythia Billiter**, born 1835:

(b) **Jane Billiter**, born 1839:

(c) **John Wesley Billiter**, born 1841, married first **Susan Catherine Rennaker**, daughter of **David L. and Mary Ann (Lafferty) Rennaker**, and second, **Martha/ Mattie Ann Childers**, daughter of **Joshua and Amanda (Vance) Childers**:

(d) **Elizabeth Billiter**, born 1848.

(3) **Mary Childers**, born 1814, married **Squire Lucas**, who was a store keeper, son of **Richard and Sarah D. Lucas**. Squire's second wife was named **Martha E**.

The five children of Squire and Mary (Childers) Lucas were:

(a) **Elizabeth E. Lucas**, born 1836, married 1862 **J. F. Lowe**:

(b) **Mary Louisa Lucas**, born 1840, married 1860 **Thomas M. Combs**:

(c) **Adeline E. Lucas**, born 1844, married **James P. Webb**, who in 1886 took a second wife **Julia E. Harrington**:

(d) **Queen Victoria Lucas**, born 1848:

(e) **Prudence M. Lucas**, born 1850.

Continued: Family of William H. & Elizabeth (Taylor) CHILDERS

(4) **Lucy Childers**, born 1815, married **Wesley Childers**, son of **Solomon and Elizabeth (Richardson) Childers**. Wesley died 1842 and Lucy then married **James B. Smith** in June, 1852. She died in September of that year (1852). Wesley was a Deacon in the Williamstown Particular Baptist Church in 1841. (See page 191)

The three children of Wesley and Lucy Childers were:

- (a) **Elizabeth Childers**, born 1834 married 1852 **Thomas R. Blackburn**;
- (b) **William Harrison Childers**, born 1840 at Dry Ridge. { **Civil War -Confederate cavalry 1862-65**}, married **Louise Simon**, daughter of **Francis and Eliza (Musselman) Simon** of Corinth;
- (c) **Westly Ann Childers**, born 1841, married 1866 **Richard McAtee**.

(5) **William J. Childers**, born 1823, married **Mary/Polly Landrum**, daughter of **Boswell and Sally (Frakes) Landrum**. William J. owned land on Broad Ridge.

The seven children of William J. and Mary (Landrum) Childers were:

- (a) **Laura Jane Childers**, born 1848, married 16 April 1868 in Grant County, **William F. Tully**, born 1834; (b) **Sarah J. Childers**, born 1850, died 1867;
- (c) **Amanda Alice Childers** born 1852, married 26 February 1874 in Grant County, **A. W. Boyce**, born 1844; (d) **Augusta Ann Childers**, born 1853, died 10 June 1928 at Williamstown, married 14 July 1879 **Charles William Barnes**, born 1850, died 1939;
- (e) **Susan Jane Childers**, born 1854;
- (f) **Marilla Louise Childers**, born 1856;
- (g) **William Merion Childers**, born 1858.

William H. Childers was called "Hatter" in Grant County records. He was a farmer but he may have made and repaired hats as well.

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Henry CHILDERS, (1765-1839) and wife Betsy PRYOR

Henry Childers was called "**Harry**" or "**Henry Sr.**" on some Grant County records to distinguish him from other, younger Henry Childers who also lived in the county. He is the Harry Childers believed to be listed on page 141 of the 1820 Grant County Census.

He was a veteran of the **War Of The Revolution**, and in his statement for pension in 1833 he gave Albermarle County, Virginia as his birthplace and the year as 1765. He enlisted from Amherst County, Virginia and served first under Capt. Samuel Hickenbottom. He was discharged, then re-enlisted as a substitute for William Nightbowls and served under Capt. William Tucker. Henry claimed to have been a resident of Kentucky for about 34 or 35 years. Testifying as to Henry's identity and his character were **William Arnold** and **Joshua Childers**.

Henry married in Greenbrier County, Virginia, license dated September 10, 1787, to **Betsy Pryor**. She is believed to be a sister or cousin of **Nancy Pryor** who married **Robert Childers**, **Lucy Pryor** who married **William Arnold**, and **John A. Pryor** who registered a land purchase June 6, 1795 in Harrison County, Kentucky. Henry Childers' land purchase from **John Hunt** of fifty acres on the south fork of the Licking was registered May 6, 1795 in Harrison County, KY. Robert Childers also bought land from John Hunt and registered it the same day. (Book H page 14). The deeds stated they were residents of Harrison County, KY at the time.

The land description of Robert's deed placed his land with a common corner to William Arnold and adjacent land of Henry Childers. This furthers the assumption that the wives of Henry, Robert and William were closely related. Henry and Robert lived next door to each other through several county boundary changes and in 1820 became residents of the **newly-formed County of Grant**. Henry's tax records place his land on the Grassy Creek watershed, on the east side of the Dry Ridge road. He lived there until his death in 1839.

The Kentucky Act establishing Grant County provided (a) the first meeting of the County's seven justices of the peace, of which Henry was one, would be held at Henry's home on the Dry Ridge Road; (b) the county and circuit courts would meet at Henry's home until a permanent place was ready, and (c) commissioners charged with fixing a permanent seat of justice for the county would meet at Henry's home. In 1820 Henry deeded the land on which the Old Baptist Church in 1799 was constructed to trustees **Simon Nichols, Robert Childers Sr., William Childers** and their successors "... for societies to worship in who please and ... for the purpose of erecting thereupon a public school..."

In Grant County Order Book B, page 282 is the record of testimony of **George Williams** (his sister was the second wife of **Major Childers**) and **Harmon Childers** (he was son of Robert) who stated that Henry Childers was a Revolutionary War veteran, had received a pension and had **died September 1, 1839** leaving no widow. Heirs were named as Abraham Childers, William P. Childers, Thomas Childers, Lucy

Continued: Henry Childers (1765-1839) and wife Betsy Pryor.

Wilson, Polly Templeton, and Nancy and Mariah Wortman, daughters Nancy Wortman, deceased. Nancy had married Richard Wortman, son of Richard and Mary (Raney) Wortman February 8, 1810. They had moved from Grant County and were listed as "whereabouts unknown."

John Childers, son of Henry and Betsy, also predeceased his father. Henry and Betsy deeded land to John on January 12, 1811 in Pendleton County Court records. John was in Harrison County 1817 to 1827. He apparently died without issue.

Henry's son Abraham was not landowner. Two marriage license : Pendleton County of an **Abraham Childers** are to **Sarah Morris** March 18, 1814 and **Polly Monier** 2 July 1816, but whether one or both apply to this Abraham Childers is not proven. In Campbell County, KY a record of deserters reported by Col. Miller October 6, 1815 includes Abraham Childers, age 24, a mason, born Bourbon County, KY 1791. Since his father, Henry Childers, listed on the Bourbon County tax record 1792, it seems probable that the record of the deserter refers to his son, Abraham. In Grant County March 4, 1827 Abraham Childers married **Betsy Clark**. They were listed on the 1840 Census with one son and one daughter. Apparently the family, underwent hard times, for in August 1857 the Grant County court listed Betsy Childers as a widow without means of support and sent her to the poorhouse.

William P. Childers was called "Yankee" in some county records to distinguish him from other Childers of similar names. He married **Polly Childers**, daughter of **Joshua and Lucy (Richardson) Childers**, in Switzerland County, Indiana July 4, 1820. They were listed on the 1840 Grant County census with three daughters and two sons, and moved from Grant County before 1850.

Thomas C. Childers was born 1805 Pendleton County. He married March 3, 1833 to **Lucinda Thornhill**. Known children are **Sarah Elizabeth Childers**, born circa 1837, **William T. Childers**, born 1845, **Joanna Childers** born 1848 and **James F. Childers**. They lived in Grant County in 1850.

Lucy Childers, daughter of Henry and Betsy, was born 1798 in Kentucky. She married **James Wilson**, son of **Robert Wilson**, May 6, 1819 in Pendleton County. Known children are **Robert Wilson**, born 1822, **Theodore Wilson**, born 1828, **Malinda Wilson**, born 1831, **Lucretia Wilson**, born 1835, and **Allen P. Wilson**, born 1841. Lucretia married **Andrew Jackson Isaacs**, son of **Jacob and Rebecca (Bowman) Isaacs** on September 15, 1859 in Grant County and died in Franklin County, Indiana. Allen married **Phanetta Milner** on December 9, 1860 in Grant County.

Polly Childers, daughter of Henry and Betsy married August 8, 1822 to **William Templeton**, who was born 1794 in Pennsylvania. Known children were **William Henry Templeton**, **Sally Templeton**, born 1836, **Polly Ann Templeton**, born 1838, **Wesley A. Templeton**, born 1840, **Joseph M. Templeton**, born 1843, **Mary D. Templeton**, and **Seabury Templeton**. William Henry Templeton married **Martha Pierce** November 28, 1858. He was a member of B 11, Kentucky Cavalry, in the Civil War. On June 19, 1865 his widow, Martha applied for claims. Wesley Templeton married **Nancy Cook**, daughter of **William S. Cook**, January 19, 1860.

Continued: Henry Childers (1765-1839) and wife Betsy Pryor.

The parentage of Henry Childers has not been proven. He is thought to be the brother of John Childers, soldier of The War Of The Revolution, born December 2, 1759 in Albemarle County, Virginia: John served first under General McIntosh and Colonel Broadhead. After being discharged, he re-enlisted in the Virginia militia and served under Captain William Tucker, in the same company as Henry Childers served. John later moved to North Carolina and then Knox County, Tennessee where he died January 11, 1849. Two brothers, Mitchell and William Childress also lived in Knox County, TN. John was known as "John, Jr.", so a John Childress who lived in Albemarle County, VA is probably the father of the **Revolutionary War veteran of Grant County, KY, Henry Childers.**

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By Ralph E. Childers

The Grant County News (KY), Footsteps of the Past, October 3, 1996, page 17.

Joseph CHILDERS (ca.1740-ca.1809 VA) and wife Mary FARIS

An excellent introduction to the Childers families of Virginia and Kentucky was given by **Virginia Childers Hanks** and **Reta Childers King** in the Childers Family Histories of the June 6, 1996 issue of this publication.

Joseph Childress was born between 1740 and 1745, probably in Virginia.

One researcher says he is the son of **John Childers** (ca 1695-?), son of **Thomas Childers** (1671-1735) and **Mary Milner**, son of **Philemon Childers** (died ca. 1716) and **Mary Howard**, possible son of **Abrah Childers**, the immigrant.

Records indicate Joseph's presence in Amherst County, Virginia as late as 1800, and he is believed to have died about 1809 in Kanawha County, Virginia. He was married about 1763 to **Mary Faris**, daughter of **Robert Faris**. It is unclear whether Joseph ever migrated to Kentucky, but records indicate that Mary did and was taken into the Dry Ridge Missionary Baptist Church on the second Saturday of May 1824. All but one of their eight children are known to have been married in Amherst County, Virginia, but it is unclear how many of these children migrated to Kentucky. At least two sons, **Reuben** and **Major**, migrated to Pendleton County, Kentucky.

The eight children of Joseph and Mary (Faris) Childers were:

1. **Reuben Childers** was born about 1765, probably in Virginia. He married **Margaret/Peggy Hudson**, daughter of **Joshua Hudson** and **Mary Terrell**, on 7 October 1785 in Amherst County, Virginia. Records imply that Reuben and Margaret moved to Pendleton County, Kentucky in the Fall of 1814 where his brother Major and other Childers had settled. (See pages 203 & 204.)

2. **Elizabeth Childers** was born about 1765 in Virginia. She married **Benjamin Sandige** on 28 October 1783 in Amherst, Virginia.

3. **Jesse Childers** was born about 1767. He married **Ann Sandige** on 13 October 1792 in Amherst, Virginia.

4. **Joseph Childers** was born about 1769. He married, first, **Nancy Ballinger** on 23 January 1806 in Amherst, VA., and second, **Polley Henley** on 12 March 1809 in Amherst, VA.

5. **Judith Childers** was born about 1771. She married **Samuel Coleman** on 26 February 1794 in Amherst, Virginia.

6. **Nancy Anne Childers** was born about 1773. She married **James Coleman** on 15 July 1786 in Amherst, Virginia.

7. **Major Childers** was born about 1775. He married, first, **Hannah Ballew**, daughter of **Stewart Ballew**, on 19 January 1796 in Amherst, Virginia; and, second, **Nancy Williams** on 8 July 1815 in Pendleton County, Kentucky. Major was a minor at the time of his marriage to Hannah. Hannah was born about 1777 in Virginia, and died in Kentucky. Nancy was born about 1790 in Virginia. (See page 194.)

8. **Shadrack Childers** was born about 1779. He married **Julia Ward**. Shadrack died between 1840 and 1850 in Jackson County, Ohio.

By **Ralph E. Childers**

The Grant County News, Footsteps of the Past, October 3, 1996, pages 19, 21.

Reuben CHILDERS (ca. 1765- ?) and wife Margaret HUDSON

Reuben Childers was born about 1765, probably in Virginia, a son of **Joseph Childress and Mary Faris**. He married **Margaret/Peggy Hudson**, daughter of **Joshua Hudson and Mary Terrell**, on 7 October 1785 in Amherst County, Virginia. Reuben and Margaret spent much of their married life in Amherst County, Virginia where all of their children were born. Records infer they moved to Pendleton County, Kentucky in the Fall of 1814 where his brother Major and other Childers had settled.

Reuben is believed to be the Grant County resident listed on page 143 of the 1820 Census. The tax roll of first, Pendleton County, and subsequently Grant County had his name from 1815 through 1828 as a landowner. His land was situated on the west side of the Dry Ridge Road in the Clarks Creek-Eagle Creek watershed. In August, 1824 Reuben and Margaret sold to **William Conrad** 13 3/4 acres adjoining Conrad's tanyard. In October, 1827, they sold their remaining 123 acres in the same location to their sons, Joseph and Benjamin, who in turn sold the land to William Conrad in February, 1829. The whereabouts of Reuben and Margaret after 1828 remain a mystery.

The nine children of Reuben and Margaret (Hudson) Childers were:

1. **Benjamin Childers**, born about 1785 in Virginia, married **Sarah/Sally (surname unknown)**. The 1830 Census for Franklin County, Indiana, shows Benjamin's household with eight young males, five young females, a female assumed to be Sarah/Salley, and possibly Reuben and Margaret.

2. **Mary Childers**:

3. **Elizabeth Childers**:

4. **Joseph Childers**, born in 1793 in Virginia, married **Mary/Polly Hix** 15 January 1815 (another source has 19 December 1815) in Greenbriar County, Virginia.

The nine children of Joseph and Mary (Hix) Childers were:

- (a) **Benjamin Childers**, born 1816 in Virginia:
- (b) **Richard Childers**, born 3 October 1818 in Virginia:
- (c) **Mary Ann Childers**, born 1820:
- (d) **William Meredith Childers**, born 27 February 1823 in Kentucky:
- (e) **Joseph L. Childers**, born 1825 in Kentucky:
- (f) **Amanda Childers**, born Kentucky:
- (g) **Reubin Oliver Childers**, born 1827 in Indiana:
- (h) **Sara Elizabeth Childers**, born 9 October 1833 in Indiana:
- (i) **a son** born about 1836.

5. **A. son.**

6. **Lucinda Childers**, born 1799 married **Thomas Hix** on April 20, 1815 in Pendleton County, Kentucky.

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Continued: family of Reuben and Margaret (Hudson) CHILDERS.

7. **Reuben Childers** was born about 1800 in Virginia. He married **Mary (Polly) Huffman**, daughter of **William and Sarah (Childers) Huffman** on 25 March 1824 in Grant County. He owned land only briefly in Grant County. He acquired 50 acres of land next to that of his father. He sold 47 1/2 acres of that land to William Conrad in August 1829. Reuben, Mary (Polly) and their children moved to Adams County, Illinois. Reuben was a farmer throughout his life. He died in March, 1880 and Mary died sometime after 1870.

The seven children of Reuben and Mary /Polly (Huffman) were:

(a) **Joshua N. Childers** was born 20 December 1824 in Kentucky, may have been the Joshua who married **Delila Vickers** in 1852, married **Elizabeth Jane Robinson** on 19 March 1861:

(b) **William H. Childers** was born about 1826 in Kentucky, married **Dorcas Browning** in 1854 in Illinois:

(c) **Benjamin Childers** was born about 1828 in Kentucky, married **Martha Jane McCracken** 30 March 1853 in Illinois:

(d) **Margaret Childers**, born 1833, IL, married **Columbus Buffington** in 1853 in IL:

(e) **Catherine Childers** was born about 1835 in Illinois:

(f) **Mary Ann Childers**, born about 1838, in IL; married **Clinton Hughes** in 1857 in IL.

(g) **George W. Childers** was born about 1840 in Illinois.

8. **Joshua Childers**, born between 1800 and 1804, married **Polly Harmon**, daughter of **David Harmon**, 12 August 1827 in Grant County, Kentucky. He purchased land in Illinois in 1833 and died in 1843 in Adams County, Illinois. Polly was born about 1809 in Virginia and died about 1887.

The five children of Joshua and Polly (Harmon) Childers were:

(a) **David Harmon Childers**, born 1829 in Kentucky:

(b) **William Childers**, born 1831 in Kentucky:

(c) **Elizabeth M. Childers**, born 1834 in Illinois:

(d) **Mary I. Childers**, born 1838 in Illinois:

(e) **George Washington Childers**, born 14 April 1843 in Illinois.

9. **James Childers**, born about 1805.

Pleasant CHILDERS, (Pvt.) Revolutionary War/ NC
Big Sandy Valley in KY

Pleasant Childers was born circa 1761 (stated in pension application). He died on April 25, 1839 in Pike County, KY. He married **Sarah Jeffries** on April 16, 1785 in Buckingham County, VA. Sarah was born circa 1765 and died on August 10, 1843 in Pike County, KY. Pleasant Childers is buried in the Pikeville Cemetery in Pike County, KY.

The children of Pleasant and Sarah Jeffries CHILDERS were:

1. **Nathaniel CHILDERS**, born circa 1803 in VA.
He married Mary J. ____ who was born circa 1816 in VA.
2. **Lucy CHILDERS**, married **Joseph ELSWICK**.
They lived in Buchanan County, VA.
3. **Elizabeth CHILDERS**, married **Levi CLEVANGER**,
They lived in Pike County, KY.
4. **Sally CHILDERS**, born in VA circa 1804; married **Richard RATLIFF**
on January 6, 1820 in Floyd County, KY. Their children are listed in the
1850 and 1860 census of Pike County, KY.
5. **Jesse CHILDERS**, married **Sally BELCHER** on August 12, 1821 in
Pike County, KY.
6. **Pleasant CHILDERS, Jr.**, born 1806 KY, married Nov. 30, 1837
to **Polly Mc CLANANHAN**, dau. of **David McCLANANHAN**.
According to the 1860 census for Pike County, KY, the children of
Pleasant and Polly (McClananhan) Childers, Jr. were:

- (a) **E. Jane Childers**, born 1840
- (b) **Lucy Childers**, born 1844
- (c) **Alexander Childers**, born 1846
- (d) **Pleasant Childers**, born 1848
- (e) **David Childers**, born 1849
- (f) **Patty Childers**, born 1851
- (g) **Louisa Childers**, born 1852
- (h) **Thompson Childers**, born 1854
- (i) **F. V. Childers (female)**, born 1857

(Continued: list of the children of Pleasant and Sarah (Jeffries) Childers)

7. **Flemon CHILDERS**, born circa 1808 in Ashe County, NC.

He married circa 1834 **Charity MATNEY** in Tazewell County, VA.

Charity was born in 1810. This family lived in Pike County, KY.

Pleasant Childers died in 1867 (age 74). Charity died in 1878 (age 68).

They were members of the Regular Baptist Church.

The children of Flemon and Charity(Matney) Childers were:

- (a) **Loven Childers**, born 1837
- (b) **Alexander Childers**, born ca. 1838
- (c) **John W. Childers**, born 1839
- (d) **William Childers**, born 1841
- (e) **Walter Childers**, born 1843
- (f) **Francis M. Childers**, born 1845
- (g) **Flemon Childers, Jr.** born 1852
- (h) **Jackson Childers**
- (i) **Jane Childers**

Also see: -

- 1. *Childers/ Childress Clearinghouse Bulletin* (1998), pp. 6 and 21.
- 2. *Childress Chatter Newsletter*, by Molly Reigard, page 367

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Butler/ Childress Information:

Nancy Ann BUTLER, sister of William BUTLER, Regulator, who married **Phebe CHILDRESS**, was the gggg grandmother of **Sug Fitzner** (Mrs. Verdian). Nancy Ann BUTLER married **John LOWE**.

Sug mentioned this homepage for more information:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/b/u/t/Pamela-Butler/index.html>

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Mr. Conrad would be pleased to receive more family history for Grant County, KY. His address is: John B. Conrad, % The Grant County News, P.O. Box 247, Williamston, KY 41197.

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