

Descendants of John Davidson

First Generation

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1. John Davidson. Born in 1674 in Northern Ireland.

American immigrant John Davidson, was born around 1675 in Ulster, Ireland---being an Ulster Scot. This Immigrant John made oath in Orange County, Va. in 1740 that he had imported himself, Jane (his wife), and sons George, Thomas, William, and Samuel Davidson at his own charge from Ireland to Philadelphia--making this oath that "I and my sons might obtain land in Virginia."¹ Ordered certified 24th of July 1741, Orange Co, Virginia, Order Book B., pg. 209. The land he acquired was in Augusta Co, Virginia and his oath was made before the county court of Orange, since a court had not yet been established in Augusta Co." John Davidson was born 1674.

John married Jane (Unknown). Born about 1651 in Ulster, Northern Ireland.² Jane died after 1675; she was 24. They had the following children:

- 2** i. Samuel (about 1703-1787)
- ii. George. Born about 1705 in Ulster, Northern Ireland. George married Mary Woods.
- iii. Thomas.
- iv. William. Born in Ulster, Northern Ireland. William died about 1793 in Virginia.
William married Elizabeth (Unknown)³.

Second Generation

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Family of John Davidson (1) and Jane (Unknown)

2. Samuel Davidson.⁴ Born about 1703 in Orange County, Virginia. Samuel died in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1787; he was 84. Samuel married Margaret Maner. Born about 1703. They had the following children:

- 3** i. James (ca1725-1794)
- ii. Nancy⁵. Born about 1746. Nancy died in Scott County, Virginia, on 17 Apr 1827; she was 81.
Nancy was born about 1746. She married in March 1764 to Solomon Osborne and had by him one son, James Osborne, January 4, 1765, and this son died on Moccasin Creek in Scott Co. Va. 11/29/1822. Nancy died 7/14/1848. Solomon Osborne was killed by the Indians and his widow married in 1767 to Jonathon Wood, born 1745. They came to Moccasin Creek in Scott Co., Va, in 1774 where they spent the remainder of their lives, Jonathan Wood dying November 13, 1804. Nancy dying

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April 17, 1827. Jonathan Wood was a son of John Wood who was born about 1708 and lived in Westmoreland Co. Va. beside Jonathan Wood. John Wood had at least two other sons, John Wood and Isaac Wood. John Wood (father of Jonathan Wood) was a son of another Jonathan Wood of Westmoreland County, born about 1675 and this Jonathan Wood was a son of the John Wood born in England about 1636, who came to Virginia and settled about 1655 in Northumberland County, but about 1662 he married and settled in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

About 1770 when Nancy was 24, she second married Jonathan Wood⁵. Born in 1745. Jonathan died in Moccasin Creek, Washington County, Virginia, on 13 Nov 1804; he was 59.

About 1820, John M. Wood, a descendant of Col. James Wood, was an enterprising pioneer industrialist of Southwest Virginia. He improved the waterpower on John's Creek at New Castle in Craig County, and built a reservoir above Ford's Hill, operating the fan with power thus produced, and accomplished results with his inadequate resources that have aroused the interest of modern engineers. He was one of the pioneers in the manufacture of pig iron, and his furnaces were among the first in what became a great iron manufacturing industry that flourished for about a century throughout the valley and the Southwest. Mr. Wood, met with financial reverses, sold out his Virginia iron holdings and moved to Missouri. His son William M. Wood, became a prominent Methodist minister in that state. His grandson, Stuart M. Wood, son of the Methodist minister, practiced law in Missouri, for a while and moved to Virginia, finally settling in Roanoke, where he became a prominent member of that City's bar. A leading Bristol, and Scott County family was started on Big Moccasin Creek about 1770, by Jonathan Wood I., who migrated thither from Loudoun County where his father, John Wood, a native of Westmoreland County was a wealthy planter. Jonathan Wood I had a lot of trouble with Indians, but managed to hold out against them. He and his neighbors built a fort on Big Moccasin Creek that was known as Fort Houston, a nice marker was recently installed to mark the app. location of the fort, it is about twelve miles east of Gate City, Va. and 5 miles from the Russell Co. line. Mr. R.M. Addington in his History of Scott County, said that while the Indians were besieging Fort Houston, one of the men in the fort whose house was in sight of it determined to go home for some purpose. Realizing the foolhardiness of the attempt his friends tried to persuade him

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from going out, but was unable to do so. He had gone but a short distance from the fort gate when he was fired on by the Indian and mortally wounded. Jonathan Wood, in great danger to himself rushed out to the rescue of his wounded neighbor. Several shots were fired at him, but he was not hit. He succeeded in bringing the wounded man into the fort, where he died during the night.

Mr. Addington recounts other incidents of affairs with Indians, in one of which Jonathan lost his dwellings and all their contents, by the savages burning them. He was one of the men who followed Campbell to King's Mountain, and he believed that he fired the shot that killed Col. Ferguson, the British commander in that famous battle. Jonathan Wood II, born near Fort Houston on Big Moccasin Creek was prominent in the early days of Scott County, being a member of county court, county sheriff, Commissioner of revenue, and the first Scott County surveyor. John Wood, the oldest son of Jonathan Wood I., was also one of the early Sheriffs of Scott County and a state senator.

Henry Wood, another son of Jonathan Wood I., represented Russell County in the legislature, and after the formation of Scott was also one of the early Sheriffs of Scott County, and one of its gentlemen justices. Clintwood Virginia, the county seat of Dickenson County, was named for a grandson of Henry Wood, Major Henry Clinton Wood. At the outbreak of the war between the states, Henry Clinton Wood, raised and led into the service Scott County company that became a part of the famous Stonewall brigade. He served with distinction through the war, reaching the rank of Major. He became a leader of the Readjuster party in Southwest Virginia, and was elected to the state Senate, where he was serving when Dickenson County was formed. Hence the town took two of his names, Clint Wood. In 1885 in the memorable gubernatorial campaign, when Fritz Lee. won over John S. Wise, he was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Third Generation

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Family of Samuel Davidson (2) and Margaret Maner

3. James Davidson Sr. Born about 1725 in Russell County, Virginia. James died in Russell County, Virginia, in Jun 1794; he was 69.

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In colonial days as early as 1774, James Davidson, Sr, settled on Moccasin Creek near Houston's Fort. This James Davidson, Sr., was the progenitor of the Davidsons of Scott and Russell Counties, Virginia. James Davidson, Sr. was a son of Samuel Davison of Albemarle County, Va.

Samuel is later referred to as "Samuel of Albemarle". Of these children, George Davison married Mary Woods and eventually became the ancestor of William Jennings Bryan. Some say that John Godman Davidson who married Mary Draper and was killed by Indians in Wythe Co in 1793 was also a son of Samuel of Albermarle. No female children are mentioned by the immigrant

John Davison in the 1740 Orange County court order. Nancy the wife of Jonathan Woods was undoubtedly a sister of James Davidson, Sr. Jonathon Woods and James Davidson, Sr. settled on Moccasin Creek about the same date and are closely associated in the early records. Nancy Davison first married Solomon Osborne and had one son, James Osborne. Solomon Osborne was killed by Indians (probably in Grayson Co.) and his widow Nancy, subsequently married Jonathan Woods.

James married Catherine (Unknown). They had the following children:

- 4 i. Daniel (1754-1832)
- ii. James H. James H. died in 1826.
James H. married Margaret "Peggy" (Unknown).
- iii. Joseph. Born in 1760. Joseph died in Scott County, Virginia, in 1825; he was 65.
Joseph married Mary Edwards, daughter of David Edwards (1760-).
- iv. John.
John married Betsy (Unknown).
- v. William. Born in 1759. William died on 11 May 1811; he was 52.

William Davidson, son of James Davidson, Sr. and Mary Davidson, had a wife named Elizabeth, and she may have been Elizabeth Clark, as there is a marriage record in Washington County, Va. In 1782 of a William Davidson and Elizabeth Clark. This William Davidson reflects on the tithable list of Captain James Barnett for the year 1782 and Barnett's company was made up of Moccasin and Copper Creek residents.

On April 4, 1802 William Davidson and his wife Elizabeth sold to his brother James Davidson, Jr. the original 90 acres of land on Moccasin Creek that was patented to their father James Davidson, Sr., in 1774. William Davidson died on May 11, 1811; his will is recorded in Russell County Will book 2, page 257, and reads as follow:

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"Dair (?) I want you to have all I have. Take the two cows and the Stubblefield debt, and take the horse they have among them and do as you please with it. Given under our hands and seals the 21st day of May, 1811. Jonathan Wood James Osborne" The above will is incomprehensible and who "Dair" was in unknown.

The only child proven for William and Elizabeth Davidson is Henry P. Davidson, born 1800. Henry P. Davidson married Mary Taylor (1789-1856), the daughter of Nimrod and Mary Lotz Taylor of Rye Cove. Henry P. Davidson lived in Rye Cove, and most of his children by his first marriage moved to Cass County Missouri. After the death of his first wife Mary, he married a second time in 1859 to Susan Wygal Thomson of Lee County, Va. He had six children by the first marriage and one by the second. (Emory L. Hamilton)

William married Elizabeth Clark.

Fourth Generation

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Family of James Davidson Sr. (3) and Catherine (Unknown)

4. Daniel Davidson Sr.⁶ Born in 1754 in Moccasin Creek, Washington County, Virginia. Daniel died in Perry County, Kentucky, in 1832; he was 78.

The Davidsons came to Kentucky in 1800-1801. Daniel served in Daniel Morgan's Rifles in the Revolutionary War. He lived in Washington and Russell Co's Virginia; moving to Clay Co Kentucky 1801. He died 1832 Perry Co Kentucky; m1 Margaret (Cope) Miller b ab 1758; m2 Sally White. (My James - the 4th child- is supposed to be by Sally White, and the first son is Margaret's.) In Clay Co Kentucky they lived on Bullskin Creek on South Fork of the Kentucky River.⁴

1810 Clay CO., Kentucky. Census, page 155

Daniel Davidson 2 1 0 0 1 - 0 1 0 1 0 - 1

FWM (under 10) 1,

FWM (10-16) 1,

FWM (45+)

FWF (10-16) 1. This girl is Susannah; she is 13 years old.

FWF (26-45) 1⁷

Daniel Davidson, Sr., the fourth son of James Davidson, Sr. was born circa 1753,

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and probably died between 1810 and 1820, as he reflects on the 1810, but not the 1820 census. Who his wife was is unknown. Daniel Davidson was an ensign in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from Washington County, Virginia in Morgan's Riflemen. He and his brother James Davidson, Jr. both served as officers at the Battle of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Daniel Davidson, Sr. left Scott County around 1800-1801 and settled on the North Fork of the Kentucky River in present Clay County, Kentucky. Little is known of Daniel Davidson, Sr.'s personal life while he lived in Scott County, Virginia. The Russell County, Va. court records show that he was plaintiff in a case against Charles Smith, defendant on September 16, 1788, and David Callahan was paid for one day's attendance as witness for the plaintiff. Also on September 19, 1787, Daniel Davidson, Sr. was subpoenaed by the Russell County Court for failure to give Samuel Ritchie a list of tithables. ⁵

Heirs Of Daniel Davidson

To/Deed Robert Davidson and Whitt Davidson

Whereas Daniel Davidson on his deathbed did desire that the thirty acres of land on which he lived should descend to his two youngest sons Robert Davidson and Whitt Davidson, Now, we the heirs and representatives of the said deceased, being desirous of confirming to the wishes of our deceased ancestor and in consideration of our love and affection to the said Whitt and Robert Davidson, and the sum of one dollar to each of us paid do hereby for ourselves, our heirs and relinquish, release and quit claim all our rights, title and interest in and to tract of thirty acres unto the said Robert and Whitt Davidson, their heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands affixed our seals this 10th day of November 1834.

Attest: John Akeman, Thomas Strong, Edward Strong, Claiboynd Davidson Test;
Henry Duff Thomas Davidson .S Abner W. Cartney .S John Akeman .S William Callihan .S Samuel Davidson .S Silas Davidson .S John Strong .S John Spencer .S Abner McCartney .S

Commonwealth Of Kentucky: Perry County;

To/Wit I, Jesse Combs, Clerk of the said County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that this deed from Daniel Davidson's heirs to Robert Davidson and Whitt Davidson; was this day produced to me in my office and proven by the oath of H. Duff to be the act and deed Of said grantors, whereupon the said deed together with the foresaid certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my office.

Daniel first married Margaret Cope², daughter of William Cope (<1730-) and Unknown (Unknown), in Washington County, Virginia. Born about 1755 in Scott County, Virginia. Margaret died about 1781. They had the following children:

- i. Mary "Polly"⁶. Born in 1774 in Washington County, Virginia. Mary "Polly" died in Linefork, Kentucky, in 1791; she was 17. On 18 May 1791 when Mary "Polly" was 17, she married John Samuel Cornett, son of John Cornett and Elizabeth Bacon Mosby, in Washington County, Virginia. Born on 7 May 1759 in Washington County, Virginia. John Samuel died in Harlan County, Kentucky, on 12 Mar 1849; he was 89.

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John Samuel Cornett came to Line Fork by 1805. He was known in his later years as "Sammie Of All". The Cornett family say Sammie had a concubine named Judith Whitewing, an Indian slave and two children by her. Later Samuel married Mary Benham and after her death Samuel Married Mary Polly Davidson. Most of his known children were by Mary Polly Davidson. Information provided to Grady K. Lee, by Ron Collier. John Samuel (Sam) Cornett, third son of John Cornett, was born in Harico Co. Virginia May 7, 1759 and is buried in the Cornett cemetery at Dione, Ky. He first lived in Scott County, Virginia near Gate City. He served as a Private during the Revolutionary War. His name appears on a list of prisoners returned from Quebec in Nov 1777 on the ship Andrew Cap Gier. On May 18, 1791 he married Mary Bennan, who died in 1795.

Soon after her death , he married Mary (Polly) Davidson in Washington County, Virginia. He is listed in the tax lists there in 1801. At that time, he owned one female slave, Esther. Around 1804-05 he followed his brother William to what is now Perry County, Kentucky. He was given 10,000 acres of land for his service during the American Revolution. He built his cabin near Big Branch of Line Fork, Ky. Here he and his wife reared a family of Seven boys and two girls.

When his second wife Polly came down with Tuberculosis, Sam had his slaves build a pen out of sawmill slabs, far away from the main house, and care for her there until she died. Because of the nature of her illness, he refused to let her be buried in the family cemetery.

- ii. John Madison "Bearhunter"⁷. Born about 1777 in Washington County, Virginia. John Madison "Bearhunter" died in Red Bird, Clay County, Kentucky, in 1856; he was 79. In 1798 when John Madison "Bearhunter" was 21, he first married Elizabeth Smith⁷, in Washington County, Virginia. Born about 1781 in Washington County, Virginia.² Elizabeth died in Clay County, Kentucky, in 1826; she was 45.

On 13 Jan 1827 when John Madison "Bearhunter" was 50, he second married Mary "Polly" Campbell, daughter of William Campbell and Nancy Ann Couch (1777->1850), in Clay County, Kentucky. Born in 1790 in Virginia. Mary "Polly" died in Clay County, Kentucky, in 1833; she was 43.

On 11 Aug 1834 when John Madison "Bearhunter" was 57, he third married Malvina/Lavina Cope Griffith/Griffin, in Clay County, Kentucky. Born in 1797 in Virginia. Malvina/Lavina Cope died in Clay County, Kentucky, in 1876; she was 79.

- 5 iii. Robert (1778-1844)
- iv. Samuel. Born in 1780 in Washington County, Virginia. Samuel died in Page County, Iowa, on 5 Feb 1866; he was 86.

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Samuel Davidson, born 1780. Married August 1806 to Elizabeth Callahan, daughter of Edward Callahan, born in Virginia or North Carolina about 1743, and his wife Mahalia Brock. Mahalia Brock was the daughter of Aaron Brock, and sister to Jesse Brock, a Revolutionary War Soldier who pioneered in Harlan County Kentucky about 1798. Edward Callahan moved from Russell County, Va. To Clay County, Ky. About 1801, with Davidson, Cornetts and Strongs. He died in 1823 at Benge Clay Co. Ky.

On 18 Nov 1822 when Samuel was 42, he second married Mary "Polly" Wilson, in Clay County, Kentucky.

Daniel second married Sally White. Born about 1758. They had the following children:

- i. James^{8,4}. Born on 1 Mar 1784 in Washington County, Virginia. James died in Hendricks County, Indiana, on 13 Apr 1868; he was 84.⁸ Buried in Trotter Cemetery, Eel River Twp, Indiana.

James Davidson was born in 1785 in Washington Co Virginia. * 83 He was a farmer. His parents were Daniel Davidson and Sally White. He married Mary/Polly Morris in 1806. They moved to Hendricks Co Eel River Twp IN before 1829. He died 1868 in Hendricks Co and is buried in Trotter Cem. His will/deed was dated 14 Jan 1868 * 88. James F.M. Davidson and Samuel L. Davidson are named executors of the will. * 88 His will states that his land is being sold to his son in law Jeremiah Davis and that the payments are to be made to the children and grandchildren most of whom he mentions by name. Jeremiah Davis is to financially care for James and Mary, his parents in law, until their deaths.

On 14 Aug 1806 when James was 22, he married Mary Morris⁴, daughter of William Morris Sr. (ca1763-) and Esther Barrett (ca1767-), in Clay County, Kentucky. Born on 6 Dec 1789 in Washington County, Virginia. Mary died in Hendricks County, Indiana, on 6 Dec 1880; she was 91.

Mary Morris was born 1789/90 in Kentucky or NC. She was the dau of William Morris. She died in 1880 in Hendricks Co and is also buried at Trotter Cemetery. Since Jeremiah's wife Sally Davidson Davis died in 1867 the year before her father died, presumably Jeremiah continued to take care of his mother in law for 12 more years, and, in fact, censuses have proved that to be the case. ⁴

- ii. Thomas. Born in 1787 in Washington County, Virginia. On 13 Jul 1807 when Thomas was 20, he married Sarah

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- “Sally” Sweeten, in Clay County, Kentucky. Born in 1787 in Washington County, Virginia.
- iii. Daniel⁴. Born in 1792 in Russell County, Virginia. Daniel died in Scott County, Virginia, in 1867; he was 75.⁵
After marrying Jane Thomas, the Davidsons moved to Hickman County, Tennessee.

On 6 Dec 1812 when Daniel was 20, he first married Mary Miller⁴, in Clay County, Kentucky.⁴ Born in 1789 in Washington County, Virginia.

On 8 Feb 1826 when Daniel was 34, he second married Jane Thomas.

- iv. Silas. Born on 1 Mar 1794 in Washington County, Virginia. Silas died in Van Meter Twp., Dallas County, Iowa, on 21 Jul 1879; he was 85.

On 25 Nov 1812 when Silas was 18, he first married Elizabeth Phoebe Lewis, daughter of James Theophilus Lewis Jr. (1771-1865) and Sarah "Sally" Couch (1773-1864), in Clay County, Kentucky. Born in 1792 in Ashe County, North Carolina. Elizabeth Phoebe died in Perry County, Kentucky, about 1825; she was 33.

In Jan 1832 when Silas was 37, he second married Elizabeth Stamper, in Clay County, Kentucky. Born on 22 May 1796. Elizabeth died on 28 Jul 1865; she was 69.

- v. Susannah. Born in 1796 in Russell County, Virginia. Susannah died in Owsley County, Kentucky, after 1870; she was 74. Susannah Davidson was living with her daughter Elizabeth (WILSON) Strong, 1870 Owsley County Kentucky.

Census:

WILSON, Jesse	H	57	M	Dry Goods Dealer	3000	1960	KY
Elizabeth(Strong)	W	49	F	Keeping House			KY
Robert	S	22	M	Farm Labor			KY
Isabella	D	19	F				KY
James E.	S	15	M	Farm Labor			KY
Theophilus	S	13	M	Farm Labor			Ky
MORRIS, Susannah	MIL	73	F	(Susannah Davidson)			VA ⁷

On 24 Jul 1836 when Susannah was 40, she first married Robert Morris, son of William Morris Sr. (ca1763-) and Esther Barrett (ca1767-), in Clay County, Kentucky. Born in 1797 in Clay County, Kentucky. Robert died in Owsley County, Kentucky, on 11 Feb 1865; he was 68.

On 12 Apr 1813 when Susannah was 17, she second married John Strong, son of William Strong (1768-1848) and Jennie Jane Callahan (ca1766-1815), in Clay County, Kentucky. Born in 1792 in Rockingham County, Virginia. Born in SCOTT

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County Virginia. John died in Little Sturgeon Creek, Clay County, Kentucky, before 27 Feb 1832; he was 40.

The 1820 Clay CO., Kentucky Census page 122. Shows Males 2 0/10. Daniel was born about 1815, who is the other Male, John was married April 12, 1813. The 1830 Clay CO., Kentucky. Census page 170. Shows Males 2 15/20. These children were born after 1813, I suspect the othe male was born in 1814. John died before Febuary 27, 1832, and his widow married Robert Morris May 24, 1836. So her children would have stayed with her. Daniel Strong married Rebecca Wilson October 19, 1833. This unknown male would be about 22 years old. proberly married.

1840 Clay CO., Kentucky Census: Page 315

David Strong 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 - 0
Male (under 5) 2,
Male (5-10) 1,
Male (20-30) 1,
Female (20-30) 1,

This David Strong lives next door to Robert Morris who married John Strong Widow May 24, 1836 and he has two children under 5 years old and one child over 5 years old, these dates would work out to be 1834, 1835, and 1836 he married about 1833.

Robert Morris 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 1 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 - 0
FWM (under 5) 3,
FWM (10-15) 1,
FWM (20-30) 1,
FWM (30-40) 1
FWF (under 5) 1,
FWF (5-10) 1,
FWF (30-40) 1

David Strong fits all of the requirements for the missing male child.

- vi. Robert White. Born in 1798 in Washington County, Virginia.⁶ Robert White died in Indiana before 1870; he was 72. Moved to Hendricks Co., Indiana, about 1825.

On 13 Jul 1818 when Robert White was 20, he married Mary Ann "Polly" Spencer, in Clay County, Kentucky. Born in 1798 in Washington County, Virginia.

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Fifth Generation

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Family of Daniel Davidson Sr. (4) and Margaret Cope

5. Robert Davidson. Born in 1778 in Washington County, Virginia. Robert died in Eel River Twp, Hendricks County, Indiana, in 1844; he was 66.⁶

Moved to Indiana about 1825. Robert Davidson, born 1788. Had a son also named Robert Davidson, born December 24, 1804 in Perry County, Ky., who married Nancy Combs, born August 24, 1808 and died July 16, 1892. Robert died December 19, 1885. Both died in Breathitt Co. Ky.

Robert and Nancy had a son named Daniel Davidson, born 1826 in Breathitt Co. Ky., who married Mahala Little born 1822 in Indians. This Daniel died November 28, 1905. Mahalia Little Davidson was a daughter of John Little, born in Virginia in 1812, who married Jennie Strong, born 1815. Jennie Strong was a daughter of Edward Strong of Virginia, born 1791 and married December 12, 1812, to Elizabeth Spencer. Edward Strong was a son of William Strong born in Virginia in 1768, and married Jennie (Jane) Callahan, born in Virginia in 1770. (Emory L. Hamilton)⁵ Robert first married Sally Davidson. Before 1804 when Robert was 26, he second married Florence (Unknown). Born about 1778. Florence died after Jan 1848; she was 70. They had one child:

- 6 i. Robert (1804-1885)

Sixth Generation

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Family of Robert Davidson (5) and Florence (Unknown)

6. Robert Davidson.¹⁰ Born on 24 Dec 1804 in Clay County, Kentucky. Robert died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 9 Dec 1885; he was 80.

About 1825 when Robert was 20, he married Nancy Ann Combs⁶, daughter of Jeremiah C. "Chunky Jerry" Combs (1780-1853) and Cynthia or Syntha Sumner (ca1788-ca1840).² Born on 20 Aug 1808 in Clay County, Kentucky. Nancy Ann died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 16 Jul 1894; she was 85. They had the following children:

- i. John⁵. Born on 28 Feb 1826 in Perry County, Kentucky. John died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 27 Oct 1911; he was 85.
In 1848 when John was 21, he married Mary Ann Or Miriam Morris⁵, daughter of Elias Morris Jr. (1806->1881) and Rebecca Morris (1806->1881), in Breathitt County, Kentucky.

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Born in Nov 1829 in Breathitt County, Kentucky.

Appears as "Miriam" on Breathitt 1850 census. I have identified her with the unnamed daughter of Elias Morris, Jr. based on the birth year. This must be considered a tentative identification.⁶

- ii. Daniel. Born in 1827 in Perry County, Kentucky. Daniel died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 28 Nov 1905; he was 78.² In Mar 1853 when Daniel was 26, he married Mahala Little², daughter of John Little (1812-1883) and Jennie Strong (1815-1883), in Breathitt County, Kentucky. Born in 1834 in North Fork, Perry County, Kentucky. Mahala died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, about 1898; she was 64.
- iii. Jeremiah. Born on 29 Jul 1829. Jeremiah died on 18 Mar 1899; he was 69.
On 12 Dec 1850 when Jeremiah was 21, he married Mary "Polly" Moore. Born in 1835.
- 7** iv. Sytha/Cythia "Leytha" (1832-1916)
- v. Susan "Susannah"⁶. Born in 1833 in Lee County, Virginia. Susan "Susannah" married William Moore, son of Allen Moore and Margaret Lewis. Born in 1825.
- vi. Dorcas⁶. Born on 5 Nov 1834 in Perry County, Kentucky. Dorcas died in Perry County, Kentucky, 28 Jun 1922; she was 87. On 10 Aug 1854 when Dorcas was 19, she married Daniel Moore⁶, son of Allen Moore and Margaret Lewis.
- vii. Edward⁶. Born in 1838. Twin of Polly.
Edward married Eliza Walker, daughter of John Walker and Polly Combs. Born in 1842.
- viii. Polly. Born in 1840. Twin of Edward.
On 1 Aug 1860 when Polly was 20, she married David Combs, son of Nicholas "Bird-Eye" or "Squire" Combs Jr. (1794-1885) and Elizabeth "Betts" Combs (1793-cal1865). Born in 1839.

Perry County 1880 Census:

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Combs, David 40 (m. 1 August 1860)

Polly 40

Cola (?) 15

Nancy Ann 12

Emiline 09

Jerry 06

Peggy 60 mother

BOLING, Elijah 22

Notes: David, then age 10, b MO, appears "out of age order" in the 1850 Perry Co Census HH of Nicholas Combs, then age 22, and Peggy, then age 24. According to The Combes Genealogy,

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his parents were Nicholas and Margaret "Peggy" Combs Combs (ancestry not clear and no source given. See 1850 Perry Co, KY Census, missing in 1860 and 1870). He m 1859-60 Polly (1860 Perry Co, KY Census) who was a DAVIDSON according to Breathitt Co KY Vital Returns, which indicate a daughter, Peggy, was born to them in 1875 (not included above); and the Perry Co KY DC's of dau, Sealy (Celia?) in 1913 (the above Colia was undoubtedly Celia, b 1864), and wife, Polly DAVIDSON Combs in 1921 (d/o John and Celie DAVIDSON Davidson). The above record documents that Peggy was David's mother, but the "out of order" 1850 Census record leaves open the question as to whether he was the s/o Nicholas. Both Nicholas and Peggy are missing from both the 1860 and 1870 Perry KY Census.

- ix. Mary Ann⁶. Born on 11 Apr 1844. Mary Ann died on 4 Apr 1911; she was 66.
Mary Ann married John A. Davidson, son of Daniel Davidson (1818-1896) and Sarah "Sally" Jane Duff (1823-). Born in 1842.
- x. Nancy Ann. Born on 27 Apr 1846. Nancy Ann died on 18 Dec 1911; she was 65. In 1867 when Nancy Ann was 20, she married Andrew Jackson Stidham, son of James Stidham and Mary "Polly" Little. Born on 15 Oct 1844 in Breathitt County, Kentucky. Andrew Jackson died on 25 Feb 1904; he was 59.

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Family of Robert Davidson (6) and Nancy Ann Combs

7. Sytha/Cythia "Leytha" Davidson.⁶ Born in 1832 in Perry County, Kentucky. Sytha/Cythia "Leytha" died in Perry County, Kentucky, in 1916; she was 84. Born in 1826. Sytha was living in 1900 with her son-in-law Isaac and his wife Polly McIntosh.

In 1849 when Sytha/Cythia "Leytha" was 17, she first married Wesley Morris⁶, son of Elias Morris Jr. (1806->1881) and Rebecca Morris (1806->1881), in Strong Branch, Breathitt County, Kentucky.⁷ Born in 1831 in Harlan County, Kentucky. Wesley died in Strong Branch, Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 5 Oct 1858; he was 27. They had the following children:

- 8** i. John (1849-1934)
- ii. Daniel. Born on 24 Jul 1854 in Breathitt County, Kentucky.⁶ Daniel died in Morris Fork, Kentucky, on 12 May 1912; he was 57.
Daniel first married Lucinda "Cinda" McIntosh, daughter of Levi "Terry" McIntosh (1815-1913) and Margaret "Peggy"

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- Smith (1825->1867). Born on 6 Sep 1858 in Perry County, Kentucky. Lucinda "Cinda" died in Long's Creek, Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 18 Sep 1884; she was 26.
Daniel second married Maxaline Riley⁶, daughter of Squire Riley (1830-1910) and Elizabeth Gilbert (1841-). Born on 15 Apr 1863. Maxaline died on 18 Sep 1933; she was 70.
- iii. Robert Calvin⁷. Born on 11 May 1856 in Strong's Branch, Breathitt County, Kentucky. Robert Calvin died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 9 Aug 1924; he was 68.
Robert Calvin first married America Sizemore. Born on 13 May 1854 in Breathitt County, Kentucky. America died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 7 Oct 1917; she was 63.
Robert Calvin second married Unknown Cornett.
On 4 Dec 1918 when Robert Calvin was 62, he third married Ola M. Spicer, in Breathitt County, Kentucky. Born in Jan 1900.
- iv. Unknown. Born on 8 Sep 1858 in North Fork, Breathitt County, Kentucky. Unknown died in North Fork, Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 15 Sep 1858; he was <1.

In 1860 when Sytha/Cythia "Leytha" was 28, she second married John "Gentleman John" Riley⁶, son of Patrick Riley Jr. (1784-1852) and Nancy Ann English (ca.1783-1850), in Breathitt County, Kentucky. Born on 13 Jul 1803 in Virginia.⁶ John "Gentleman John" died in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on 23 Jun 1887; he was 83.⁶ They had the following children:

- i. Ella^{6,11}. Born in 1860.
Ella married John Gross, son of Peter Gross (1831-1896) and Dorcas Smith (1827-1904). Born in May 1858 in Perry County, Kentucky.
- ii. Polly Ann⁶. Born on 9 Jul 1867 in Long's Creek, Breathitt County, Kentucky. Polly Ann died in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky, on 10 Oct 1947; she was 80.
In 1882 when Polly Ann was 14, she married Isaac 'Ike' McIntosh⁶, son of John McIntosh (1841-1911) and Emily Gilbert (1841-1915), in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky. Born on 7 Jan 1861 in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky. Isaac 'Ike' died in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky, on 18 Mar 1942; he was 81.
- iii. Harvey⁶. Born in 1872.
Harvey married Rebecca McIntosh⁶, daughter of John McIntosh (1841-1911) and Emily Gilbert (1841-1915). Born in 1869 in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky.
- iv. Allan^{6,11}. Born in 1864.
Allan married Mary Stidham¹¹. Born in 1865.

Descendants of John Davidson

Eighth Generation

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Family of Sytha/Cythia "Leytha" Davidson (7) and Wesley Morris

8. John Morris.^{6,12} Born on 15 Oct 1849 in Long's Creek, Breathitt County, Kentucky. John died in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky, on 31 Oct 1934; he was 85. Buried in Laurel Point Cem, Buckhorn.

1900 Census Perry County Mag. District 1.

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MORRIS, John	Head	50	Oct 1849	32	KKK
Sarah	wife	51	Feb 1849	32	KKK
Stephen	son	21	Dec 1878		KKK
John W	son	19	Dec 1880		KKK
Jerry	son	18	Jan 1882		KKK
Ella	dau	14	Nov 1885		KKK
Jonah	son	11	Nov 1888		KKK
Robert	son	10	Feb 1890		KKK

In 1871 when John was 21, he married Sarah "Sally" Susannah McIntosh^{6,13}, daughter of Levi "Terry" McIntosh (1815-1913) and Margaret "Peggy" Smith (1825->1867), in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky. Born on 8 Feb 1849 in Perry County, Kentucky. Sarah "Sally" Susannah died in Buckhorn, Perry County, Kentucky, on 19 Jul 1928; she was 79.

Listed as one year old in 1850 census.

They had the following children:

- i. Cynthia (1870-)
- ii. Wiley (1872-)
- iii. Emily¹⁴ (1874-1964)
- iv. Levi (>1874-)
- v. Jerry (1875-1963)
- vi. Stephen (1878-)
- vii. Ella (1885-1962)
- viii. Jonah (1888-)
- ix. Robert (1890-1976)

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