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# **7 Generations of Bigham and Minniehan Ancestors**

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## Abstract

The purpose of this project is to fulfill the thesis requirement for the Chancellor's Honors Program at the University of Tennessee by documenting my family lineage through my mother's side seven generations back from me. To accomplish this, I have created two pedigree charts that list ancestors through my grandmother, Hallena Elizabeth Bigham, and grandfather, Hilan Patrick Minniehan. The names and dates documented on these pedigree charts correspond with an alphabetical name list that includes short biographies and citations for each family member.

## Sources and Methodology

This project was researched during the Fall of 2012 and Spring of 2013, mostly at the East Tennessee History Center's McClung Collection and the University of Tennessee Special Collections. A majority of my sources are from local histories or reference books, while some have come from online sources such as ancestry.com and findagrave.com. These records include census records, county histories, microfilm, marriage records, cemetery records, and Civil War muster rolls.

Excluded from the project are certain family members including my mother, grandmother, and grandfather. Each of these entries would take up large amounts of time and space on their own and are beyond the scope of this project. I have also left out Hilan Minniehan's father's tree from the name entries portion of this project. There are a number of unknowns and discrepancies there that would take a large amount of time to work through, and are thus also beyond the scope of this project.

I have left entries and descriptions blank when I was unable to find information or adequate sources. I also have entries with few to no citations. In these instances, the information came from an inadequately historical source before this project began, such as personal family trees from other family members or uncited work published online. I decided to leave these entries in for the sake of continuity.

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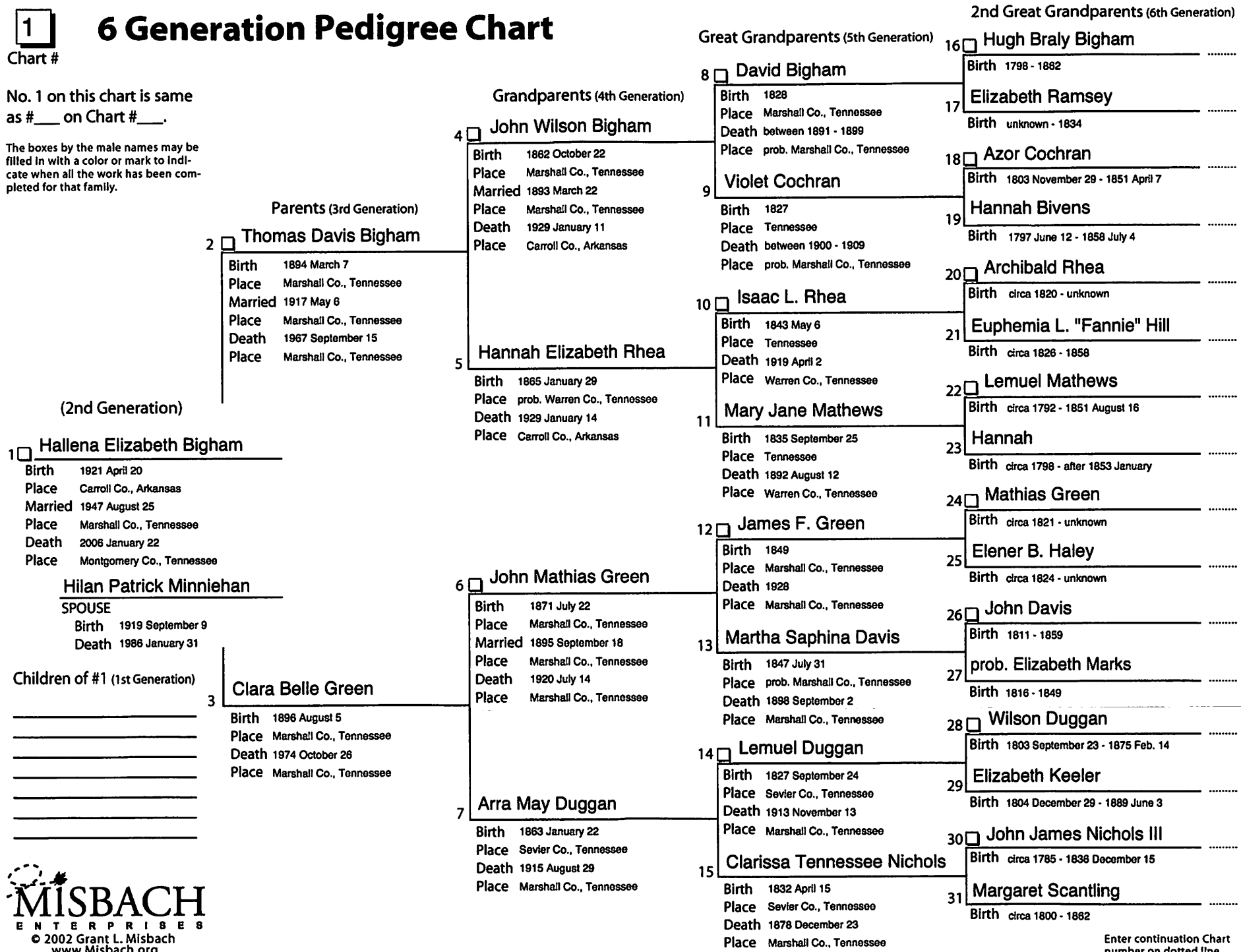
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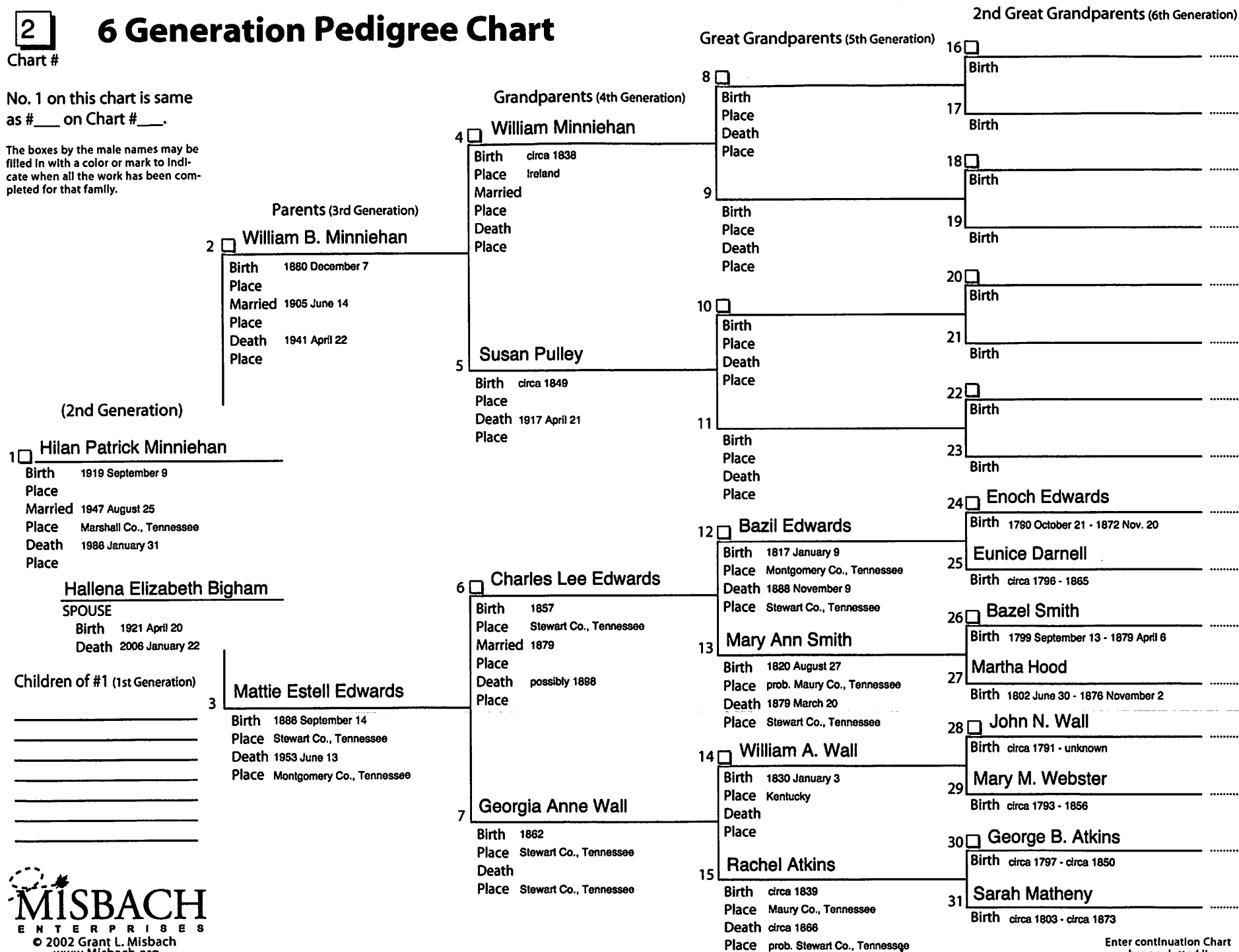
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## Name List

### **Atkins, George B.**

George Atkins was born circa 1797 in North Carolina. His family was originally from Pennsylvania. He married Sarah Matheny and they had ten children, three boys and seven girls, including one Rachel M. Atkins, born circa 1839. They came to Stewart County, Tennessee around 1849. He was a stonecutter or stonemason and lived in the vicinity of Bellwood. He died circa 1850 in Stewart County<sup>1</sup>.

### **Atkins, Rachel M.**

Rachel M. Atkins was born circa 1839 in Maury Co., Tennessee to George B. Atkins and Sarah Matheny. Her family moved to Stewart Co., Tennessee around 1849. She married William Wall November 14, 1857 in Stewart Co., Tennessee<sup>2</sup>. For children see William Wall entry. Rachel must have died before 1867, probably in Stewart Co., because William married her sister Mary P. Atkins in April of 1867<sup>3</sup>.

### **Bigham, David**

David Bigham was born circa 1828 in Marshall Co. or Bedford Co., Tennessee to Hugh Braly Bigham and Elizabeth Jane Ramsey. He married Violet “Mollie” Cochran in Marshall County, Tennessee on November 12, 1848<sup>4</sup>. They had at least two, but probably three, children die in infancy<sup>5</sup>.

Their other children were:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| • Hannah E. Bigham     | 9/5/1850 – 8/5/1926    |
| • Cordelia J. Bigham   | circa 1855 –           |
| • Azor C. Bigham       | circa 1857 –           |
| • John Wilson Bigham   | 10/22/1862 – 1/11/1929 |
| • Dulin Jackson Bigham | 11/6/1872 – 12/4/1945  |

In the 1860 census David Bigham is listed as having the job “Constable”. Also in the 1880 census the family is listed as having a 13-year-old African-American boy named “Ruph Williams” living with them<sup>6</sup>. This is probably Rufus, the son of “Negro Ben” that Sarah Braly Bigham (David’s grandmother) left to David’s father in her 1846

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<sup>1</sup> Iris McClain, *A History of Stewart County, Tennessee* (1865), 98.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled by Edythe Rucker Whitley, *Marriages of Stewart County, Tennessee, 1838-1866* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982), 44.

<sup>3</sup> Don Simmons, *Marriage Records of Stewart County, Tenn., 1865-1881*, 30.

<sup>4</sup> *Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*.

<sup>5</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 160. These 3 are buried in Cochran cemetery. Dates and names are as follows: Unknown, unknown; Dovey Ann Narcis Bigham, Sept. 21, 1852 – Nov. 8, 1852; Nancy Tennessee Crunk, Sept. 27, 1860 – July 7, 1861.

<sup>6</sup> Census records, 1850-1880, District 15 of Marshall County.

will<sup>7</sup>. In this same 1880 census, Azor is married and is living near his old family with a 2 year-old daughter named Cordelia.

Bigham enlisted in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment, Company B, CSA on December 17, 1861 in Marshall Co<sup>8</sup>. At some point in January he must have returned to his home to Violet, because 9 months later she had a son. The army didn't immediately move out to Fort Donelson so it makes sense that he would still be in the same area that he mustered into the army. He and his regiment were involved in the Battle of Fort Donelson, February 14-16, 1862. His regiment surrendered on February 16 and was sent to Camp Morton in Indianapolis, Indiana. He later took the oath to the Federal Government sometime between July and September of that year, when the only two prisoners left at the camp were exchanged at Vicksburg, Mississippi<sup>9</sup>. He came home to Marshall County in time to witness the birth of his son John W. Bigham.

He died sometime between 1891, when he appears on the district 15 voter rolls for Marshall County, and 1899 because he does not appear in the 1900 census<sup>10</sup>. He probably died in Marshall County.

### **Bigham, Hugh Braly**

Hugh Braly Bigham was born in 1798 in Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina to William Bigham and Sarah Braly. His family moved to Rutherford Co., Tennessee and then to Bedford Co., Tennessee before 1818. He married Elizabeth Ramsey in Bedford Co., Tennessee circa 1821. They moved to Marshall Co., Tennessee sometime between 1821 and 1828, because David, their fourth child, was born there.

Their children were:

- Samuel Braly Bigham                      1822 - 1902
- William M. Bigham                        1823 - 1898
- John Bigham                                1825 - 1877
- David Bigham                              1828 - before 1899
- Mary Bigham                                1830 - before 1854
- Hugh Alexander Bigham                1833 -1912
- Infant son                                    1834

In the 1830 census, Hugh had three slaves living with him. His wife Elizabeth died in April 1834, possibly in childbirth. This is recorded in a ledger entry of Levi Cochran, brother to Azor Cochran, Hugh and Elizabeth's neighbor. David Bigham and

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<sup>7</sup> Dana Porch, *Marshall County, Tennessee Wills, 1835-1865*, 22.

<sup>8</sup> *Tennesseans in the Civil War, A Military History of Confederate and Union Units with Available Rosters of Personnel, Part II*, (Nashville: Civil War Centennial Commission, 1965), 38.

<sup>9</sup> *Tennesseans in the Civil War, A Military History of Confederate and Union Units with Available Rosters of Personnel, Part I*, (Nashville: Civil War Centennial Commission, 1964), 292-293.

<sup>10</sup> Voter Rolls, District 15, Marshall County, Tennessee, 1891.

Azor's daughter Violet eventually married, indicating that the neighbors probably shared a friendly relationship.

Hugh married Catherine Turner in late 1834 or early 1835 in Marshall Co., Tennessee. Hugh was the surveyor who marked the new county lines for Marshall Co., Tennessee, which would indicate that Hugh did not move to Marshall Co., but the county lines moved. Catherine and Hugh had 12 children together. They moved to Pontotoc, Mississippi circa 1839. In 1850 he was again living in Tennessee, but in 1860 he was living in Bayou Cache, Arkansas. Hugh died in Arkansas in 1862, possibly as a casualty from the July 6, 1862 Battle in Bayou Cache of the Civil War. It is unknown where he and his wife are buried<sup>11</sup>.

### **Bigham, John Wilson**

John Wilson Bigham was born October 22, 1862 in Marshall Co., Tennessee to David Bigham and Violet Cochran. He married Hannah Elizabeth Rhea on March 22, 1893 in Marshall Co., Tennessee<sup>12</sup>.

Their children were:

- Thomas Davis Bigham                      3/7/1894 - 9/15/1967
- Isaac "Ike" Rhea Bigham                      1895 - 4/?/1946

John bought a farm in Warren Co., Tennessee in February 1916 after selling his Marshall Co. farm. He then sold his Warren County farm on November 14, 1919 and moved to Carroll Co., Arkansas with his wife, two children, and Thomas's wife Clara Belle Green. There he bought a farm in January 1920. This farm had a tomato canning facility, and tomatoes were canned under the label "J.W. Bigham & Sons." The farm also had a number of apple and peach trees from which fruit was sold commercially<sup>13</sup>. He died of pneumonia on January 11, 1929 in Carroll Co., Arkansas<sup>14</sup>. His body was returned to Marshall County for burial at Lone Oak Cemetery<sup>15</sup>.

### **Bigham, Thomas Davis**

Thomas Davis Bigham was born March 7, 1894 to John Wilson Bigham and Hannah Elizabeth Rhea in Marshall Co., Tennessee. He married Clara Belle Green on May 6, 1917 in Marshall Co., Tennessee. They were married by Tom "Squire" Davis as

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<sup>11</sup> <http://bighamfamilytree.com/hugh>. All information on Hugh Bigham is found on this website, where a kind woman has compiled a large amount of information on the Bigham family.

<sup>12</sup> *Tennessee State Marriages 1780-2002*.

<sup>13</sup> "Information about Bigham, Rhea, Green, and Duggan Ancestors," compiled by Hallena Bigham Minniehan, November 1992, 3.

<sup>14</sup> *Arkansas Death Index, 1914-1950*.

<sup>15</sup> Timothy & Helen Marsh and Ralph Whitesell, *Cemetery Records of Marshall County Tennessee* (Shelbyville: Marsh Historical Publications, 1981), 288.



they sat in a buggy. They must have returned to Marshall Co. for the wedding as his father had just purchased a farm in Warren Co., Tennessee the previous year.

Their children were:

- Hallena Elizabeth Bigham 4/20/1921 – 1/22/2006
- Sue Nadine Bigham 11/20/1925 –

Thomas sold his part of the Carroll Co., Arkansas farm in December 1934, two years after his brother sold his half. He died September 15, 1967 in Marshall Co., Tennessee<sup>16</sup>. He is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery there with his wife and parents<sup>17</sup>.

### **Bivens, Hannah**

Hannah Bivens was born June 12, 1797 in Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina probably to John Bivens and Jemima Crockett. She married Azor (Azra) Cochran. For children see Azor Cochran entry. She died July 4, 1858 in Marshall County, Tennessee and is buried with her husband in the Cochran Cemetery. Her tombstone says she was "A smart & industrious woman<sup>18</sup>."

### **Cochran, Azor**

Azor Cochran was born November 29, 1803 in Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina. Some online family trees list him as the son of Robert Thomas Cochran and Sarah Henegin, but I have not found any evidence for this assertion. He married Hannah Bivens at some point and is the father of Violet Cochran, born July 1826. He and his wife were neighbors of Hugh Braly Bigham and Elizabeth Ramsey, and their children later married. He died April 7, 1851 in Marshall Co., Tennessee and is buried in the Cochran Cemetery<sup>19</sup>.

### **Cochran, Violet**

Violet "Mollie" Cochran was born July 1826 in Tennessee to Azor Cochran and Hannah Bivens<sup>20</sup>. She married David Bigham in Marshall County, Tennessee on November 12, 1848<sup>21</sup>. For children see David Bigham entry. In the 1880 census she is listed as being a housekeeper. She moved in with her son, John Wilson Bigham, after David's death sometime before 1900<sup>22</sup>. She died sometime before 1910, as she is not listed in the 1910 census.

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<sup>16</sup> Bigham, "Information", 3.

<sup>17</sup> Marsh, *Cemetery*, 288.

<sup>18</sup> Compiled by Ralph D. Whitesell, *Tombstone Inscriptions of Marshall County, Tennessee, Volume 1* (Nashville: Miss Deane Porch, 1968), 159.

<sup>19</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 159.

<sup>20</sup> Census of 1900.

<sup>21</sup> *Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*.

<sup>22</sup> Census of 1900.

### **Darnell, Eunice**

Eunice Darnell was born circa 1796 in Tennessee or North Carolina. She married Enoch Edwards in 1815. For children see Enoch Edwards entry. She died January or June 7, 1865 in Montgomery Co., Tennessee and is buried in the Bailey-Darnell Cemetery<sup>23</sup>.

### **Davis, John H.**

John H. Davis was born in 1811 in Tennessee. He married either Mary "Polly" Davis (1810-1881) or Elizabeth Marks Davis (1816-1849). Most likely he married Elizabeth, because there is an infant buried in Old Lebanon Cemetery that has "infant of J.H. & E.M. Davis" on the tombstone. Also, the tombstone in that cemetery lists an "Aunt Mary Davis" indicating Mary was not his wife, though I have seen her name listed on other genealogies.

Some of their children were:

- Martha Saphina Davis                                 7/31/1847 - 9/2/1898

John died in 1859 in Marshall, Co., Tennessee. He is buried with his wife, daughter Martha, and her husband in Old Lebanon Cemetery<sup>24</sup>.

### **Davis, Martha Saphina**

Martha Saphina Davis was born July 31, 1847 to John and probably Elizabeth Davis, probably in Marshall Co., TN. She married James F. Green on February 13, 1868 in Marshall Co., Tennessee. She is listed as Martha Green on the 1870 census but Saphina on the 1880 census. She died September 2, 1898 in Marshall Co., Tennessee. She is buried in Old Lebanon Cemetery with her parents and husband<sup>25</sup>.

### **Duggan, Arra May**

Arra May Duggan was born January 22, 1873 in Sevier Co., Tennessee to Lemuel Duggan and Clarissa Nichols. She married John Mathais Green on Sept. 18, 1895<sup>26</sup>. For children see John M. Green entry. She died August 29, 1915 in Marshall Co., Tennessee. She is buried with her husband and parents in Ownby Cemetery in Berlin, Tennessee<sup>27</sup>.

### **Duggan, Lemuel**

Lemuel Duggan was born September 24, 1827 to Wilson Duggan and Elizabeth Keeler<sup>28</sup>. He served as sheriff of Sevier County from 1852-1858, 1860-1862, and 1863-

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<sup>23</sup> Find A Grave Memorial# 90827732.

<sup>24</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 212.

<sup>25</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 232.

<sup>26</sup> Copy of marriage certificate.

<sup>27</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 214.

<sup>28</sup> Bigham, "Information", 4.

1864<sup>29</sup>. During his first tenure as sheriff, the County Courthouse burned down, taking most of the town's records along with it. He married Clarissa Tennessee Nichols.

Their children were:

- Julius Gustavus Duggan 2/24/1853 – 9/16/1854
- Wilson Swain Duggan 1/13/1855 – 3/14/1948
- Robert H.C. Duggan 12/6/1856 – 2/11/1939
- John C. Duggan 10/16/1858 – 7/18/1937
- William Henry Duggan 5/1/1861 – 10/30/1930
- Margaret Elizabeth Duggan 3/16/1863 – 1/31/1919
- Frances Duggan 2/13/1866 – 12/10/1935
- James McCrosky Duggan 3/3/1868 – 2/29/1948
- Lucius E. Duggan 3/13/1870 – 12/19/1949
- Arra May Duggan 1/22/1873 – 8/29/1915

In 1874, soon after the birth of Arra May, Lemuel, Clarissa, and their nine children moved to Marshall Co., Tennessee<sup>30</sup>. He died November 13, 1913 in Marshall Co., Tennessee and is buried with his wife Clarissa, daughter Arra May, and Arra May's husband John Green in Ownby Cemetery in Berlin, Tennessee<sup>31</sup>.

### **Duggan, Wilson**

Wilson Duggan was born September 23, 1803 to Robert Duggan and Margaret Dunn<sup>32</sup>. He was a teacher in 1826-1827 and received his law license in December of 1829, practicing until his death in 1875. Wilson served as a representative to the Tennessee Legislature in 1843-1853 and 1865-1867<sup>33</sup>. Wilson had been a staunch unionist during the Civil War and, in fact, voted in 1865 to disenfranchise all Tennesseans who fought for the Confederacy<sup>34</sup>. It has been stated that Wilson Duggan was a colonel in the Civil War, on the side of the Union, though there isn't sufficient evidence to support this claim. It is more likely that he received this nickname by being an important man of the town. He married Elizabeth Keeler in 1822 in Sevier Co., TN<sup>35</sup>.

Their children were:

- Lemuel Duggan 9/24/1827 – 11/13/1913
- Pryor L. Duggan 1829-1830
- Lisa Duggan 1831
- Jason Duggan 1834
- Margaret C. Duggan 3/27/1838 – 6/18/1911

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<sup>29</sup> <http://history.sevierlibrary.org/CountyExi/Sheriff.htm>

<sup>30</sup> Bigham, "Information", 4.

<sup>31</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 214.

<sup>32</sup> *Biographies of Tennessee Legislators*.

<sup>33</sup> *Biographies of Tennessee Legislators*.

<sup>34</sup> *From Messages of the Governors of Tennessee*.

<sup>35</sup> Find A Grave Memorial# 47124427.

- William H.H. Duggan 1839
- Elizabeth Duggan 9/22/1844 - 3/18/1875
- Wilson Laverne Duggan 7/29/1848
- Robert Campbell Duggan 12/?/1849 - 6/17/1900

He died February 12 or 14, 1875 in Sevier Co., Tennessee<sup>36</sup>. In his will he bequeathed all property to his wife and their 4 youngest children. He stated that he had already provided ample support for his other children<sup>37</sup>. Mary Fallin, the 27<sup>th</sup> Governor of Oklahoma, is the granddaughter of Wilson L. Duggan, and the great-granddaughter of Wilson Duggan. She is the first female governor of Oklahoma<sup>38</sup>.

### **Edwards, Bazil**

Bazil (also known as Boswell) Edwards was born on January 9, 1817 in Montgomery Co., Tennessee to Enoch Edwards and Eunice Darnell. He married Mary Ann Smith. They had Charles Lee Edwards in Stewart Co., Tennessee in 1857, indicating that they moved there at some point before then. He died November 9, 1888 in Stewart Co., Tennessee.

### **Edwards, Charles Lee**

Charles Lee Edwards was born in 1857 in Stewart Co., Tennessee to Bazil Edwards and Mary Ann Smith. He married Georgia Anne Wall in 1879, probably in Stewart Co. They had Mattie Estell Edwards in 1886. He possibly died in 1898.

### **Edwards, Enoch**

Enoch Edwards was born on October 21, 1790 in South Carolina. He married Eunice Darnell and together they had Bazil Edwards in Montgomery Co., Tennessee in 1817. He died November 20, 1872, probably in Montgomery Co.

### **Edwards, Mattie Estell**

Mattie Estell Edwards was born September 14, 1886 in Stewart Co., Tennessee to Charles Lee Edwards and Georgia Anne Wall<sup>39</sup>. She married William B. Minniehan on June 14, 1905. Together they had Hilan Patrick Minniehan in 1919. She died June 13, 1953 in Montgomery Co., Tennessee<sup>40</sup>.

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<sup>36</sup> Ancestry.com and other sources have conflicting dates.

<sup>37</sup> *Sevier County Will Book I*, 203-204.

<sup>38</sup> [http://www.travelok.com/article\\_page/a-legacy-of-service-the-genealogical-roots-of-governor-mary-fallin](http://www.travelok.com/article_page/a-legacy-of-service-the-genealogical-roots-of-governor-mary-fallin).

<sup>39</sup> Tennessee, Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909.

<sup>40</sup> Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958.

### **Green, Clara Belle**

Clara Belle Green was born August 5, 1896 to John Mathias Green and Arra May Duggan, probably in Marshall Co., Tennessee. She married Thomas Davis Bigham on May 6, 1917, one month before he was drafted into the army. She moved with him and his parents to Arkansas upon his return in 1919. For children see Thomas Davis Bigham entry. She died October 26, 1974 in Marshall Co., Tennessee and is buried there with her husband, father-in-law, and mother-in-law in Lone Oak Cemetery<sup>41</sup>.

### **Green, James F.**

James F. Green was born in 1849. It is likely that he was born in Marshall Co., Tennessee, to a Mathias and Elener B. Green. He married Martha Saphina Davis February 13, 1868 in Marshall Co., Tennessee<sup>42</sup>. In the 1870 and 1880 census for Marshall Co. they are listed as having Mary Davis, probably Martha's aunt, living with them.

Their children were:

- Mary E. Green 12/7/1868 - 11/8/1890
- William Green ca. 1868-
- Elisabeth Green ca. 1869-
- John Mathias Green 7/22/1871 - 7/14/1920
- Henry M. Green ca. 1875-
- Mattie F. Green ca. 1878-

Green died in 1928 in Marshall Co. He is buried in Old Lebanon Cemetery with his wife, father-in-law and mother-in-law<sup>43</sup>.

### **Green, John Mathias**

John Mathias Green was born July 22, 1871 to James F. Green and Martha S. Davis in Marshall Co., Tennessee. He married Arra May Duggan on September 18, 1895 in Marshall Co., Tennessee.

Their children were<sup>44</sup>:

- Clara Belle Green 8/5/1896 - 10/26/1974
- Mamie Kate Green 8/26/1898 -
- William Edgar Green 9/24/1902 - 4/?/1989
- Mattie Sue Green 9/5/1905 -

John died July 14, 1920 in Marshall Co., Tennessee. He is buried in the Ownby Cemetery in Berlin, Tennessee with his wife, father-in-law and mother-in-law<sup>45</sup>.

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<sup>41</sup> Marsh, *Cemetery*, 288.

<sup>42</sup> *Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*. Microfilm. TSLAA.

<sup>43</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 232.

<sup>44</sup> Bigham, "Information", 3.

<sup>45</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 214.

### **Green, Mathias**

Mathias Green was born around 1821 in either Tennessee or North Carolina<sup>46</sup>, possibly to David Green<sup>47</sup>. He married Elener (Elen) B. Haley August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1839 in Marshall Co<sup>48</sup>. The couple was living together in their own home in Marshall Co., TN for the 1840 census when he was 19 and she 16.

At least 5 of their children were:

- Emline F. Green ca. 1840-
- William D. Green ca. 1842-
- Elizabeth P. Green ca. 1844-
- Nancy L. Green ca. 1846-
- James F. Green ca. 1849-ca. 1928

He died sometime after 1850, probably in Marshall Co., Tennessee.

### **Haley, Elener B.**

Elener B. Haley was born circa 1824 in North Carolina. She married Mathias Green<sup>49</sup>. For children see Mathias Green entry. She died sometime after 1850, probably in Marshall Co., Tennessee.

### **Hill, Euphemia L. "Fannie"**

Euphemia L. "Fannie" Hill was born circa 1826 in Tennessee to Isaac III Hill and Frances Pickett<sup>50</sup>. She married Archibald Rhea. For children see Archibald Rhea entry. Euphemia is the sister of Benjamin J. Hill, who served as a colonel and general in the Civil War. Her son Isaac Rhea fought under General Hill and served as his orderly. Benjamin J. Hill was a state congressman before the war and is said to have owned \$75,000 worth of property<sup>51</sup>. This indicates that Euphemia may have come from a well-off family. She died in 1858 in Warren Co., Tennessee.

### **Hood, Martha**

Martha Hood was born June 30, 1802 in either South or North Carolina to Charles Roland Hood and Mary Charlotte Hood. She married Basswell Smith on Sept. 30, 1819 in Kentucky or Montgomery Co., TN. For children see Basswell Smith entry.

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<sup>46</sup> James F. Green's census says that his father's birthplace was North Carolina, but Mathias's censuses say Tennessee.

<sup>47</sup> In the *Marshall Co. Cemetery Book* on pg. 38, there is a David Green, born Jan. 9, 1785, died Jan. 15, 1853. This may have been Mathias Green's father.

<sup>48</sup> *Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*. Microfilm. TSLAA.

<sup>49</sup> Census Records.

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/valley/5780/chart.html>.

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.angelfire.com/in/scvcamp1615/bjhill.html>.

She died November 2, 1876 in Cub Creek, Stewart Co., TN and is buried with her husband in Hall Cemetery, Stewart Co., TN<sup>52</sup>.

### **Keeler, Elizabeth**

Elizabeth Keeler was born December 29, 1804 in Sevier County to Joseph Keeler and Catherine Fox<sup>53</sup>. She married Wilson Duggan in 1822. For children see Wilson Duggan entry. She died June 3, 1889 in Sevier Co., Tennessee and is buried in Duggan Memorial Cemetery<sup>54</sup>.

### **Matheny, Sarah**

Sarah Matheny was born circa 1803. She married George B. Atkins<sup>55</sup>. For children see George Atkins entry. She died circa 1873.

### **Matthews, Mary Jane**

Mary Jane Matthews was born September 25, 1835 in Tennessee to Lemuel Matthews and Hannah. She married Isaac L. Rhea on May 7, 1863 in Warren Co., Tennessee<sup>56</sup>. For children see Isaac Rhea entry. She died August 12, 1892 in Warren Co., Tennessee.

### **Nichols, Clarissa Tennessee**

Clarissa Tennessee Nichols was born April 15, 1832 in Sevier Co., Tennessee to John James Nichols III and Margaret Scantling. She married Lemuel Duggan. For children see Lemuel Duggan entry. She died December 23, 1878 in Marshall Co., Tennessee and is buried with her husband, her daughter Arra May, and Arra May's husband in Ownby Cemetery in Berlin, Tennessee<sup>57</sup>.

### **Nichols, John James III**

John James Nichols III was born circa 1785 in Virginia to John James Nichols Jr. and Sarah Payne. He married Margaret Scantling. He died in Sevier Co., Tennessee on December 15, 1836<sup>58</sup>.

### **Ramsey, Elizabeth Jane**

Elizabeth Jane Ramsey was born in North Carolina. Elizabeth is possibly the daughter of Samuel Ramsey. She married Hugh Braly Bigham. For children see Hugh Bigham entry. She died in 1834, probably in Marshall Co., Tennessee.

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<sup>52</sup> Find A Grave Memorial# 34672405.

<sup>53</sup> Find A Grave Memorial# 47124427.

<sup>54</sup> Find A Grave Memorial# 47124427.

<sup>55</sup> Stewart Co. Census, 1850.

<sup>56</sup> *Warren County, Tennessee Marriage Records, 1852-1900*, 44.

<sup>57</sup> Whitesell, *Tombstone*, 214.

<sup>58</sup> *The Nichols Book*.

## **Rhea, Archibald**

Archibald Rhea was born circa 1820, possibly to Luna Rhea and Margaret Brooks. He married Euphemia L. "Fannie" Hill.

Their children were<sup>59</sup>:

- Isaac L. Rhea 5/6/1843 – 4/2/1919
- Henry J.A. Rhea circa 1845 –
- Margaret E. Rhea circa 1847 –
- Josephine Rhea unknown

In the 1850 census for Warren County, Archibald Rhea is listed as being a farmer with land value of \$600<sup>60</sup>. This may indicate that Archibald had some money, which would have enabled him to marry Euphemia. It is likely that Euphemia came from a well to-do family because her brother was Benjamin J. Hill, a colonel and later general in the Civil War. Before the war, he was a state congressman and had property valued at \$75,000. It is unknown if Benjamin was given some of this money or if he earned it all himself. Archibald died sometime, probably in Warren Co., Tennessee.

## **Rhea, Hannah Elizabeth**

Hannah Elizabeth Rhea (also spelled Rheay in some documents) was born January 29, 1865 to Isaac L. Rhea and Mary Jane Matthews, probably in Warren Co., but maybe Marshall Co., Tennessee<sup>61</sup>. She married John Wilson Bigham on March 22, 1893 in Marshall Co., Tennessee<sup>62</sup>. This indicates that she probably moved there sometime before being married, or else they met while she was living in Warren Co. For children see John Wilson Bigham entry. She accompanied the Bigham family out west to Carroll Co., Arkansas, where she died of pneumonia three days after her husband on January 14, 1929<sup>63</sup>. Her body was returned to Marshall Co., Tennessee, where she is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery with her husband, son, and daughter-in-law<sup>64</sup>.

## **Rhea, Isaac L.**

Isaac L. Rhea (also spelled Rheay in some documents) was born May 6, 1843 in Tennessee to Archibald Rhea and Euphemia "Fannie" Hill. On May 7, 1863 he married Mary Jane Mathews in Warren Co., Tennessee after they had previously left a marriage bond unreturned 5 days earlier<sup>65</sup>.

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<sup>59</sup> Bigham, "Information", 2.

<sup>60</sup> Census of 1850, Warren Co., Tennessee.

<sup>61</sup> Bigham, "Information", 3.

<sup>62</sup> *Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*.

<sup>63</sup> Bigham, "Information", 3.

<sup>64</sup> Marsh, *Cemetery*, 288.

<sup>65</sup> *Marriage Records, 1852-1900*, 44.



Their children were<sup>66</sup>:

- Hannah Elizabeth Rhea 1/29/1865 - 1/13/1929
- John Henry Rhea 1867 -
- Ruthie Josephine Rhea 1869 - 12/20/1944
- Robert L. Rhea 1871 -
- Isaac Fate Rhea 1875 -
- Lula M. Rhea 7/8/1879 - 1958

Isaac served in Co. G or H, 35<sup>th</sup> (also known as the 5<sup>th</sup>) TN Infantry Regiment, CSA all four years of the Civil War. He enlisted September 6, 1861 at Camp Smartt under Capt. Wood of Company G. He is listed as having been sick a month after enlisting. Colonel (later General) Benjamin Jefferson Hill commanded the regiment and was his uncle. Isaac received a commendation for gallantry at the Battle of Shiloh from Col. Hill on April 23, 1862. He appears with the note "Cols orderly" in a record dated May & June 1862. He has the note "absent without leave" on a muster roll dated Nov. and Dec., 1862. The next record dated Jan. & Feb., 1863 has a note that says he "left camp December 18 and has not returned." Record dated March & April says "deserted Dec. 8, 1862 and has not returned." A roll dated "Timers Station near Chattanooga, Tenn. July 14, 1863 includes the note "deserted July 1, 186 Tullahoma, Tenn." Next list, dated July 9, 1863 shows his name on a list of "Deserters from the Rebel Army released at Tullahoma, Tenn. And allowed to return to their homes." This indicates that he may have been captured either in battle or after deserting by the Union and then allowed to return to his home in McMinnville. He married Mary Jane in May of 1863, so he must have deserted and gone home earlier. His second wife's widow's pension and family tradition says that he surrendered with his regiment in Chattanooga in May of 1865 at the close of the war<sup>67</sup>. This indicates that he may have returned to his family in the middle of the war and then returned to his unit and the staff of then General B.J. Hill.

He was listed as a farmer in the 1880 census, and a merchant in 1900<sup>68</sup>. He also served as sheriff of Warren County for 4 years. After Mary Jane's death on August 12, 1892, Isaac remarried. On October 17, 1893, Isaac married Bettie Martin in Warren Co., Tennessee. Together they had two children. The first, Horace H., died at age three. Their daughter Hannah Margaret was born in 1903 and married but remained childless. He died April 2, 1919 in Warren Co., Tennessee.

### **Scantling, Margaret**

Margaret Scantling was born circa 1800 in Virginia to unknown parents. She was apparently adopted by Judge Scantling after she was found in a cabin with her

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<sup>66</sup> Bigham, "Information", 2.

<sup>67</sup> Bettie Martin Rhea's widow's pension record, 1929.

<sup>68</sup> Warren Co., Tennessee Census Records.

deceased parents that had died of disease<sup>69</sup>. She married John James Nichols III. She died in 1862 in Sevier Co., Tennessee.

### **Smith, Bazel**

Bazel Smith (also spelled Basswell or Boswell) was born September 13, 1799 in either South or North Carolina to William Smith and Winnie. He married Martha Hood on Sept. 30, 1819 in Kentucky or Montgomery Co., TN.

Their children were<sup>70</sup>:

- Mary Ann Smith 8/27/1820 - 3/20/1879
- William Smith 3/30/1822 - 12/?/1879
- Elizabeth Smith 11/8/1823 - ?
- Frances Ann Smith 11/8/1825 - ?
- Issac Houston Smith 1/24/1829 - 2/16/1907
- Martha Areen Smith 7/20/1830 - 2/1/1901
- Nancy Jane Smith 2/?/1832 - ?
- Charles A. Smith 10/7/1834 - 3/8/1893
- Winnie Alice Smith 1/29/1837 - 12/29/1902
- Sarah Ann Smith 12/10/1838 - ?
- Eudora Angeline Smith 4/11/1841 - 3/29/1920
- Willis H. Smith 1842 - 1/1/1880
- John Wesley Smith 6/28/1845 - 10/22/1923

They moved to Montgomery Co., TN sometime between 1838 and 1841. He died on April 6, 1879 in Cub Creek, Stewart Co., TN and is buried with his wife in Hall Cemetery, Stewart Co., TN<sup>71</sup>.

### **Smith, Mary Ann**

Mary Ann Smith was born August 27, 1820 in Kentucky or Maury Co., TN to Bazel Smith and Martha Hood. She married Bazil Edwards. She died March 20, 1879 in Stewart Co., Tennessee.

### **Wall, Georgia Anne**

Georgia Anne Wall was born in 1862 in Stewart Co., Tennessee to William Wall and Rachel M. Atkins. She married Charles Lee Edwards in 1879. For children see Charles Edwards entry. She is possibly buried in Heflin Cemetery in Stewart Co., Tennessee.

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<sup>69</sup> *The Nichols Book*.

<sup>70</sup> Find A Grave Memorial# 34672391. Children's' dates that are list as exact birth and death dates were found in Hall Cemetery on the Find-a-grave database.

<sup>71</sup> Find A Grave Memorial# 34672391.

## Wall, John N.

John N. Wall was born circa 1791 in Virginia or North Carolina<sup>72</sup> to John Wall Sr. and an unknown mother. He had five brothers (Henry, Sandy, Fred, Moses, and Cordia) and four sisters of unknown names<sup>73</sup>. He married Mary M. Webster.

Their children were:

- William Wall 1/3/1830 –
- James Wall unknown
- Green Wall unknown
- Fannie Wall unknown
- Doney Wall unknown
- Alice Wall unknown
- Emma Wall unknown

Mary Webster died in 1856 in Stewart Co., Tennessee; it is likely that they moved there together at some point in the early 1830's, because William also had children there. A John Wall appears in the deed books of Stewart Co. beginning around 1834<sup>74</sup>. There is also a mention of "Wall & Atkins" receiving land in book 13, pg. 634<sup>75</sup>. This could possibly be his son William and his wife Rachel Atkins receiving land or it could have something to do with the parents. It seems more likely that it was the parents as book 13 was produced sometime in the late 1830's or early 1840's. In *The History of Stewart County* he is listed as one of Stewart County's tanners<sup>76</sup>.

## Wall, William A.

William A. Wall was born January 3, 1830 to John N. Wall and Mary M. Webster in Kentucky. His family moved to Stewart Co., Tennessee in the early 1830's<sup>77</sup>. He possibly married Emela Jane Stalls July 20, 1850 in Stewart Co., Tennessee if this is the same William Wall<sup>78</sup>. Together they may have had a son, Irvin<sup>79</sup>. Regardless, he surely married Rachel M. Atkins on November 14, 1857 in Stewart County<sup>80</sup>. Together they had Georgia Anne Wall in 1862 in Stewart Co. and may also have had Charlie, Ike, and John<sup>81</sup>. There is also a record of a W.A. Wall marrying Mary P. Atkins on April 6, 1867<sup>82</sup>.

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<sup>72</sup> *Stewart County Heritage, Dover Tennessee, Volume One, 1980* (Dover: Stewart County Historical Society, 1980), 440.

<sup>73</sup> *Heritage*, 440.

<sup>74</sup> *Stewart County, Tennessee General Index to Deeds, 1804-1843* (Nashville: Historical Records Survey, 1939), 179, 183. He is in deed book 10, pg. 287 and book 15, pg. 330.

<sup>75</sup> *Stewart Co. Index to Deeds*, 181.

<sup>76</sup> *History of Stewart County*, 44.

<sup>77</sup> See John N. Wall entry.

<sup>78</sup> Whitley, *Marriages of Stewart Co.*, 27.

<sup>79</sup> *Heritage*, 440.

<sup>80</sup> Whitley, *Marriages of Stewart Co.*, 44.

<sup>81</sup> *Heritage*, 440.

Perhaps Rachel died young and William married her sister. Together they may have had Lovella, Willie Bell, and Sid Lee<sup>83</sup>.

**Webster, Mary M.**

Mary M. Webster was born circa 1793 in Tennessee to William Webster and Annie (Anne). William and Annie had come to Tennessee in 1790. She married John N. Wall. For children see John Wall entry. She died in 1856 in Stewart Co., Tennessee<sup>84</sup>.

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<sup>82</sup> Simmons, *Marriage Records of Stewart County, Tenn., 1865-1881*, 30.

<sup>83</sup> *Heritage*, 440.

<sup>84</sup> *Heritage*, 440.