Seven Generations of My Eastern Kentucky Roots

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3rd Generation
Richard F. Lewis was born 26 November 1897 at Newcombe in Elliott County, Kentucky. He died 26 December 1980 in Morehead, Rowan County Kentucky. He was the son of Howard Lewis and Mary Branham. He married Della Adkins 20 March 1823. They were married by Isom Adkins, minister of the Regular Baptist Church at Della's parents home. Della was born 5 February 1901 at Eldridge, Elliott County, Kentucky to Andrew Jackson Adkins and Cora Alice Adkins. Della died 8 November 1990 at West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky. They had five children. They were:

1. Daughter - Living
3. Son- Living (my father).
4. James Howard Lewis, born 20 August 1932, d.1991, He was married three times, first to Ruby Louise Lyon, second Charity, third, Liddie Alice.

I grew up next door to Richard and Della Lewis. They are my paternal grandparents. Their grandchildren always called them Granny and Pa. My sister was the apple of Pa's eye and I was always the favorite of Granny's. When Anita was a small girl, Pa called her "Babe" and she could get anything she wanted from him. She used to say to my parents, "Well, if you won't get it for me, I'll just ask my Pa."

If my sister had Pa wrapped around her finger, I had Granny wrapped around mine every bit as much. I could get away with anything as far as she was concerned. I have very fond memories as a child playing in her yard. Later in my teen years, I spent many afternoons or early evenings sitting in the swing on her porch visiting her. Once she told me how one of her ancestors carried her kettle on her head across the Cumberland Gap because she couldn't bear to leave it behind when they came to Kentucky.

Pa always kept candy and soda pop for the grand-children. He continued to do this even after I was grown and had children of my own. He just kept it for the great-grand-children at that point.

Granny never was one for doing house work. She would much rather be outside in the fresh air. When she couldn't be outside, she enjoyed crocheting and quilting.

Pa was a businessman, earning a living as an oil well driller, trucker, iron worker, and pipe fitter. He earned the best living in Elliott County. He loved animals, particularly dogs. Fox hunting was one of his great passions. He also enjoyed auctions, swap meets, and going to the stock market. I remember him carrying in all sorts of things from auctions, etc., which he attended.

In the 1940's he coached a baseball team. Dad boasts it was the best team in several counties. He hauled the team from county to county in the back of his cattle truck for a ball game. Pa enjoyed baseball until the day he died. Instead of playing and coaching he became a great fan of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team.
Pa never talked much about his father or his childhood until just a few years before he died. Maybe he was quiet about these things because he felt guilty about not living the beliefs his father held so dear. Apparently Pa's father, Howard Lewis, was very religious and committed to our Savior, Jesus Christ, and this was something Pa did not share until a few short years before his death. It was after he committed himself to Jesus Christ and was baptized that he started sharing things about his father and about his own childhood.

Pa's father, Howard Lewis, was the clerk of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Isonville. He apparently kept all of their records for years. Pa shared how he and some of his friends plotted to disrupt a big meeting of this church which was held on their property when he was 13 years old.

At that time the road followed the creek and their house had a porch which faced the road. Howard Lewis kept bees, and their gums were in the yard surrounding the porch. The ministers were going to preach from this porch. Pa and his friends thought it would be a riot to see the bees swarm around the people at the meeting and disrupt it. They spent the few weeks prior to the meeting pranking with the bees trying to make them really mean.

They figured if they did this the bees would attack the people at the meeting. On the day of the meeting there were between 1000 and 1200 people attending. Some coming from as far away as West Virginia. As the meeting progressed the people moved in closer and closer around the bees and Pa and his friends just knew that any minute the bees would attack, but those bees never did. Instead they would fly high overhead circling to locate their gum and then they would chart a strait course into their gum without bothering a single person.

Sources:
Birth Certificate, Richard F. Lewis.
Della Lewis Bible.
Gladys Lewis' baby book.
Interviews, Richard Lewis, Jr. & Juanita Conn Lewis.
Personal knowledge of C. Lynn Andersen.
Watt Anderson Conn 25 March 1911-13 December 1985
Clarice May Sparks 5 June 1915-11 July 1987

Watt Anderson Conn, my grandfather, was born 25 March 1911 at Martinsburg, Elliott County Kentucky to William Oscar Conn and Anna B. Howard. I didn't know him very well because he and my grandmother, Clarice May Sparks were divorced when my mother was about 16 months old. He worked as a pipe fitter all his life. He loved cattle, horses, and gardening. I've been told he could raise a very fine garden on a small area of land.

Clarice May Sparks, my grandmother, was born 5 June 1915 at Newcombe, Elliott County Kentucky. She was the only child of Milford Newton Sparks and Minnie Nettie Fannin. As a child growing up I never had the opportunity to get to know her very well because she lived in Ohio and we lived in Kentucky. We usually visited with her 2 or 3 times a year.

Watt and Clarice were married 14 December 1929 in Elliott County Kentucky. They were the parents of two children:

1. Lloyd D. Conn, born 17 September 1930 in Elliott County, Kentucky, died 1991 in Texas, married Mable Shaw
2. Daughter – Living (my mother)

Both Watt and Clarice remarried and had other families. Watt married Phylis Rowe born 17 January 1915, died 10 January 2003 the daughter of Oscar Rowe and Myrtle Kegley.

Watt died 13 December 1985 at Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky and was buried in Hunter Cemetery at Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky.

After her divorce, Clarice and her two children moved in with her parents. On 14 October 1936, she married James Lyons in Elliott County, Kentucky. Her children, Lloyd D. & my mother continued to live with her parents until they were grown. Clarice and James Lyons moved to Ohio where Clarice lived the rest of her life.


Sources:
Birth Certificate, Watt A. Conn.
Birth Certificate, Clarice May Sparks.
Death Certificate, Watt Anderson Conn.
Death Certificate, Clarice Mae Stafford.

Funeral Card, Watt Anderson Conn.
Obituary, Watt Anderson Conn.
Interview, Clarice Stafford, 1980.
Interviews, Juanita & Richard Lewis, Jr.
4th Generation
Howard Lewis, 31 July 1839-18 Jul 1915
Mary Branham, 26 April 1862-12 Jun 1952

Howard Lewis, a life long resident of Kentucky, was born 31 July 1839 to Solomon Lewis and Sarah (Sallie) Adkins in Morgan County (now Elliott County). He died 18 July 1915 in Elliott County. He was an educated and religious man. He served for many years as the clerk for the Old Regular Baptist Church. While working as a salesman he sold the first wringer washing machine in the area.

He served in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War. His pension record states that he was a private, 1st Company K, 5th Kentucky Infantry (latterly mounted), between 29 December 1861 and 20 October 1862. He re-enlisted October 22, 1862 and was transferred to Company A, 2nd Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles, Confederate States Army. He was captured by the Union Army while on furlough and forced to sign the oath of Allegiance to the Union. A sworn statement given by Howard Lewis and filed with his pension papers gives the following account:

"I was a corporal in Company A, Second Battalion, of Kentucky Mounted Rifleman, C.S.A. Captain John T. Williams was Company Commander. We were in Virginia, and I was granted a furlough for 60 days, in January 1865; and was captured while visiting an uncle in Magoffin County, Kentucky, before my furlough had expired; and was carried a prisoner of war from there to Louisa, Kentucky and later on from there to Lexington, Kentucky. The rations furnished to us prisoners were very short and I otherwise thought my life was in danger: It was currently reported that a man afflicted with smallpox had just been removed from the prison; and I was afraid of contracting that disease..."

Howard married 1st Zerilda (Serilda) Hulda Smith on 20 April 1865 at Morgan County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of William B. and Sabra Smith and was born 1841-1842 in Kentucky. Some records indicate that she went by her middle name of Hulda. According to Census records Howard and Hulda had four children:

1. Solomon Buckner LEWIS was born on 21 Apr 1866 in, Morgan County, Kentucky. He died on 5 Jul 1931 in Schultz, Greenup County, Kentucky. He was buried on 7 Jul 1931 in Bethel, Ohio. Solomon married Mary Frances PHILLIPS. Mary was born on 13 Feb 1868.

2. John Henderson LEWIS was born in 1870 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. John married Lucy Belle THORNBERRY on 27 Dec 1893 in Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky. Lucy was born on 4 Sep 1874 in Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 4 Apr 1960 in Saltair, Clermont County, Ohio.

3. Sara LEWIS was born on 3 May 1874 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. Sara married Haskew BRICKEY on 13 Jun 1889 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Haskew was born about 1868 in Virginia. He died in 1918 in Kentucky.

4. Birth records show that an unnamed son was born dead on 14 Sep 1876 in Elliott County, Kentucky.
5. Mortality census records also indicate they had a stillborn child in Jul of 1879 but it did not state whether it was male or female.

Howard married 2nd Mary or Polly Branham. She was born 26 April 1862 probably in Carter County, Kentucky. Family tradition says she was one fourth Cherokee but I have not found documents to prove this. According to her death certificate, she was the daughter of Richard Branham and Cynthia Ison but according to both my father, and my aunt, Mary's mother was a Robbins. This is where the Cherokee comes in. My Dad remembers Mary telling him personally that her mother was a Robbins and that she was raised in the cliffs on Caney Creek in Carter County, Kentucky.

Sworn statements in Mary's Widow's Pension record state that her and Howard were married by Joshua Oliver, a minister of The United Baptist Church abt. 1884 in her parents' home in Elliott County. The 1910 census states she was the mother of 8 children with 5 living at the time. They were the parents of the following known children:

1. Daniel B. LEWIS was born on 28 Feb 1891 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 30 Aug 1954 at Huntington, Wayne County, West Virginia. Daniel married Myrtle ADKINS, daughter of David Alamander ADKINS "Mander" and Sara Alice LEWIS, on 19 Apr 1919. Myrtle was born on 23 Jul 1893. She died on 29 May 1961 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.

2. Malvina LEWIS was born in Oct 1893 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 17 Jan 1986 in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio. Malvina married Alonzo ISON in 1920. Alonzo was born about 1885 in Kentucky.

3. Doctor or Dock LEWIS was born on 16 Jul 1895 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 6 Dec 1954 at Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. Doctor married Sarah ADKINS, daughter of Andrew Jackson ADKINS and Cora Alice ADKINS, about 1917. Sarah was born on 24 Jun 1899 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.

4. Richard F. LEWIS was born on 26 Nov 1897 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 26 Dec 1980 at Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky. Richard married Della ADKINS, sister to Dock's wife Sarah and daughter of Andrew Jackson ADKINS and Cora Alice ADKINS, on 20 Mar 1923 at Elliott County, Kentucky. Della was born on 5 Feb 1901 at Eldridge, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 8 Nov 1990 at West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky.

5. Isom LEWIS was born in Jan 1900 in , Kentucky. He died before 1910 because he was not listed on the 1910 census.

6. Nora Bertha LEWIS was born about 1905 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 14 Jun 1982 at Youngstown, Ohio. She was buried at Martha, Lawrence County, Kentucky. Nora married Miniard COLLIER about 1923. Miniard was born about 1899/1900 in Kentucky.

They also had a set of twins but we do not know their names. Gladys Lewis Wheeler, daughter of Richard F, remembers visiting the cemetery where the twins are buried with Mary Branham Lewis. Mary spoke about the fact that her twins were buried there.
Mary outlived Howard by almost 40 years. She died 12 June 1952 at Isonville, Elliott County Kentucky. At the time of her death, she was living with her son Richard F and daughter-in-law, Della Adkins Lewis. Both Howard and Mary are buried in the family cemetery at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 29.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 51.
Birth Certificate, Richard F. Lewis.
Death Certificate, Dock Lewis.
Death Certificate, Howard Lewis.
Death Certificate, Mary Lewis.
Death Certificate, Solomon Buckner Lewis.
Interview, Gladys Lewis Wheeler.
Interview, Richard Lewis, Jr.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Elliott County, Births.
LDS-IGI.
Mary's Book.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register.
Obituary, Myrtle Adkins Lewis.
Pension Records, Howard Lewis.
Pension Records, Mary Lewis.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1870 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1880 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Andrew Jackson Adkins was born 28 June 1876 in Elliott County, Kentucky to Green Adkins and Sarah Eldridge. He died 19 August 1966 at his home, in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. His grandchildren always called him Pap. My father, Ralph Richard Lewis, Jr. (his grandson) remembers Pap Adkins as a stern man with no bad habits. He didn't drink liquor, use profanity or tobacco. In fact, he was so against drinking alcohol that if anyone came on his property with liquor of any kind and he knew about it, he would pour it out. Andrew was a preacher in the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years and was strict in his religious beliefs. Dad remembers that they never sat down to a meal in Pap's home without a blessing being offered over the food.

Cora Alice Adkins was born 29 July 1880 in Elliott County, Kentucky and she died 16 November 1965 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Her grand-children called her Ma. She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for 60 years.

Cora and Andrew were married July 12th or 14th, 1897 by their Uncle, Joe Adkins. They had 11 children listed below:

1. Sarah ADKINS was born on 24 Jun 1899 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. And died on 29 Jan 1968 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. Sarah married Doctor LEWIS "Dock", son of Howard LEWIS and Mary or Polly BRANHAM, about 1917 probably in Elliott County, Kentucky. Dock was born on 16 Jul 1895 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 6 Dec 1954 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky and is buried in the Lewis Family Cemetery, Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.

2. Della ADKINS was born on 5 Feb 1901 in Eldridge, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 8 Nov 1990 in West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky and is buried in the Lewis Family Cemetery, Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. Della married Richard F. LEWIS, son of Howard LEWIS and Mary or Polly BRANHAM, on 20 Mar 1923 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Richard was born on 26 Nov 1897 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 26 Dec 1980 in Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky and is buried in Lewis Family Cemetery, Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.

3. Fannie ADKINS was born on 7 Jan 1903 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 2 Feb 1976 in , Greenup County, Kentucky. Fannie married Jeff KAZEE about 1926 probably in Elliott County, Kentucky, United States. Jeff was born on 1 May 1904 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died in 1968 in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky.

4. Beatrice ADKINS was born on 26 Dec 1905 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 26 Dec 1905 and is buried in Adkins Cemetery, Newcombe, Elliott County, Kentucky.

5. May ADKINS was born on 30 Apr 1906 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 5 Jun 1911 in Isonville, Elliott, Kentucky and is buried in Adkins Cemetery, Newcombe, Elliott County, Kentucky.

6. Bernice ADKINS was born on 15 Jul 1908 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 15 Jul 1908 and is buried in Adkins Cemetery, Newcombe, Elliott County, Kentucky.
7. John Braxton ADKINS was born on 6 May 1909 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 25 Sep 1986 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. John married Sophia GILLIAM.

8. Estil ADKINS was born on 5 Sep 1912 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 6 May 1986 in Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky. Estil married Avis Ruhanny GILLIAM about 1938 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Avis was born on 18 Dec 1915 in , Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 15 Sep 1963. Estil also married Mary Lou MOORE on 15 Jun 1974 in , Elliott County, Kentucky.

9. Green Jason ADKINS was born on 21 Jan 1915 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 1 Nov 1990. Green married Mary ELLIOTT.

10. Martin ADKINS was born on 17 Mar 1918 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. Martin married Helen on 7 Jan 1951.

11. Mary Edith ADKINS was born on 13 Jan 1920 in Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. Mary married Estil LEWIS on 29 Mar 1945.

Cora and Andrew were still living when I was a child. Cora's death was my first experience with someone close to me dying. I remember thinking that Andrew seemed lonely and sad. Andrew didn't live very long after Cora died, in fact, he died less than one year later. Their daughter-in-law, Helen, remembers Cora as a very giving person. She stated that if she thought you liked something of hers she would insist you take it. Helen said when she first married into the family she admired an old quilt of Cora’s and when she moved to Ashland she found it in the bottom of a box. The thing I remember the most about Cora and Andrew was going to their home for the Adkins family reunions. It was great fun to go there because they lived on the side of a hill and their house had a raised porch which we (the great-grand-children) enjoyed playing under.

Sources:
Della Lewis Bible.
Helen Adkins, telephone interview and correspondence 1997
Interviews, Juanita & Richard Lewis, Jr.
Interview, Denise Adkins, 1980.
Newspaper Clipping, Adkins Reunion.
Obituary, Jeff Kazee.
Personal Knowledge of C. Lynn Andersen
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1920 Elliott County, Kentucky.
William Oscar Conn 25 November 1884-6 January 1964
Anna B. Howard 27 March 1889/90-5 January 1961

William Oscar Conn was born 25 November 1884 in Elliott County, Kentucky and died 6 January 1964 in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky. He was the son of Watt A. Conn and Virginia Jarrels. During his life he went by his middle name Oscar. Until I began family history research on him I didn't even know he had another name. I don't really remember him but I've been told that he was cantankerous and a bit of a perfectionist.

Oscar married Anna (Annie) B. Howard, the daughter of Green and Mousie Gearhart Howard. Annie was born 27 March 1889/90 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was noted for being an excellent cook and meticulous housekeeper. She died 5 January 1961. Oscar and Annie are both buried in Hunter Cemetery, Sandy Hook, Elliott County Kentucky. Census records and their son, Watt’s obituary show that Oscar and Annie were the parents of 10 children. They are:

1. Madge CONN was born in 1907 in , Kentucky. died Jan 1986 and married a SPARKS. She lived in Baltimore, MD in 1961 through 1964 and lived in Florida in 1985.

2. Myrtle CONN was born in 1909 in , Kentucky. Myrtle married a WHITE and lived in Nitro, West Virginia.

3. Watt Anderson CONN was born on 25 Mar 1911 in Martinsburg, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 13 Dec 1985 in Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky. He was buried on 16 Dec 1985 in Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky. Watt married Clarice Mae SPARKS, daughter of Milford Newton SPARKS and Minnie Nettie FANNIN, on 14 Dec 1929 in , Elliott County, Kentucky. The marriage ended in divorce. Clarice was born on 5 Jun 1915 in Newcomb, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 11 Jul 1987 in Kettering, Montgomery County, Ohio. She was buried on 13 Jul 1987 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. Watt also married Phyllis ROE, daughter of Oscar ROWE and Myrtle KEGLEY. Phyllis was born on 17 Jan 1915 in , Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 10 Jan 2003 in , , Kentucky.

4. Hazel Grace CONN was born on 24 Jul 1913 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Hazel married a DUMMITT and lived in California in 1985.

5. Proctor W CONN was born on 24 Sep 1915 in Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 18 Mar 1995 in Tallmadge, Summit, Ohio.

6. Annie Kathleen CONN was born on 16 Apr 1918 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Annie married a TRIPLETT and was living in West Virginia in 1985.

7. Geneva Inez CONN was born on 21 Feb 1921 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Geneva married a HELMAN and was living in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky in 1985.

8. Amanda Bernice CONN was born on 17 Mar 1923 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Amanda married a LINK and was living in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky in 1985.
9. Sadie Lorene CONN was born on 15 Sep 1925 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Sadie married a BARKER and was living in West Virginia in 1985.

10. Laura Irene CONN was born on 2 Mar 1929 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Laura married a ISON and was living in West Virginia in 1985.

Sources:
Birth Certificate, Watt A. Conn.
Death Certificate, W. Oscar Conn.
Funeral Card, Watt Anderson Conn.
Interview, Clarice Stafford, 1980.
Obituary, Watt Anderson Conn.
Tombstone, Anna Conn.
Tombstone, W. Oscar Conn
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1920 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1930 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Milford Newton Sparks was born 27 June 1883 and died 8 September 1943 in Elliott County, Kentucky. He was the son of Elbert Madison Sparks and Mary Elizabeth Day. My mother, Juanita Conn Lewis, is Milford's granddaughter and she grew up in his home. Mom has very fond and loving memories of him. She remembers him as a very kind, hardworking, man who was well respected by his neighbors. He was noted for always keeping his word. If he told someone he would do something he always did it. Even during the depression he was able to provide well for his family. There was always plenty to eat on their table. It was common practice for their neighbors to drop in around supper time, for it was well known that Minnie, his wife, was an excellent cook and that no one ever left their home hungry. If you were there at dinner-time you were fed. While working for the WPA, he broke his leg when a tree fell on it. It gave him problems the rest of his life.

Minnie Nettie Fannin was born 29 July 1884 and died 7 September 1953 in Elliott County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of James Harvey Fannin and Nancy Ison. My mother was very close to her. She remembers her as kind, understanding, and always showing love to everyone. She always thought good of others. She liked to cook, garden, and sew. She made all of my mother's dresses. Perhaps this is where my mom gained her love for sewing. Mom attributes her understanding of the Old Testament to her grandmother. She used to sit on her grandmother's lap while she read Bible stories to her.

Milford and Minnie were married 11 September 1913 in Elliott County, Kentucky. They lived on Little Fork except for a short period of time, about 1927, when they lived in Portsmouth, Ohio. They had only one daughter, Clarice Mae Sparks, born 5 June 1915. They also raised two of their grand-children, Lloyd D. Conn and Cora Juanita Conn Lewis (my mother). Minnie out-lived Milford by 10 years. They are buried side by side in the Fannin-Ison Cemetery, Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.

Sources:
Death Certificate, Milford Newton Sparks.
Death Certificate, Minnie Mettie Sparks.
Interview, Clarice Stafford, 1980.
Interviews, Juanita & Richard Lewis, Jr.
5th Generation
Solomon Lewis Jan 1819-between 1910-1920  
Sarah or Sallie Adkins abt 1820-before 1900

Solomon Lewis was born January 1819 in Kentucky. He was the son of John Lewis and Rachel Henson, whom he physically cared for during their old age. This has been proven by documents I have copies of and the originals were at one time in the possession of Gladys Lewis Wheeler.

Solomon married Sarah Adkins 7 October 1837 or 5 Jan 1838 in Morgan County Kentucky. I actually found two different marriage documents in the clerk marriage register for them. According to The History of Elliott County, Kentucky, Vol. 1, pg. 42, Sarah was born abt. 1820 in Kentucky to Howard and Mary Coleman Adkins. Solomon and Sarah had the following children:

1. Howard LEWIS born 31 Jul 1839-, Morgan, Kentucky and died 18 Jul 1915 at Newcombe, Elliott, Kentucky. He married first Zerilda Huldah SMITH, born about 1841/1842, on 20 Apr 1865 and second he married Mary or Polly BRANHAM, born 26 Apr 1862 Carter County, Kentucky about 1884. Howard died 10 Jun 1952 Newcombe, Elliott, Kentucky).
2. Andrew Lewis, born 1842, Kentucky.
3. Rachel Lewis, born 1845, Kentucky.
6. Mary Lewis, born 1851, Kentucky.
7. Martha Lewis, born 1853, Kentucky.

Sarah must have died prior to the 1900 census because Solomon is enumerated in the household of his daughter-in-law, Corilda Lewis, as a widower.

Look up Solomon's land records and consider adding something about that. Add transcription of the documents that proved relationship between Solomon and his parents.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 29.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 53.
Death Certificate, Howard Lewis.
LDS-IGI.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register
Pension Records, Howard Lewis.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1870 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1880 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Richard Branham 1838-19 Aug 1923
Cynthia Ison 1841/42-before 1896

Richard Branham was the son of Jonathan Branham and Polly Gilliam. He was born 1838 in Carter County, Kentucky and he died 19 August 1923 in Elliott County, Kentucky. In 1850, he appears on the Carter County, Kentucky census with his parents. He married Cynthia Ison, who has been recorded in all previous research as the daughter of Burdine Ison & Cynthia Hannah. On the 1850 census she is listed out of order in their household. She is the last entry in the household. Email contact with Doc Cottle, expert researcher in census research, stated the placement on that census would indicated she was not a child of the husband & wife. According to Doc that was the way the man who enumerated that census coded family relationships. So, I unlinked Cynthia in my database from Burdine's family until I can prove the relationship. On 10 June 2003 I spoke to Darius Branham of Lebanon, Ohio who stated he was Cynthia's Ison Branham's great grandson and that she, Cynthia, was defiantly the daughter of Burdine Ison & Cynthia Hannah. I also asked him about Mary/Polly Branham Lewis and he indicated she was the daughter of Richard Branham & Cynthia Ison.

Cynthia Ison was born 1841/422 in Morgan County, Kentucky. From census records it appears that Richard and Cynthia were the parents of the seven children out lined below:

1. Louisa Jane Branham, born 21 Jan 1860, Carter County, Kentucky.
2. Mary or Polly Branham, born 26 Apr 1862, Carter County, Kentucky, married, Howard Lewis abt 1884, and died 10 Jun 1952.
3. Phebe A.Branham, born 1866 Carter County, Kentucky, married Howard Adkins abt 1883.
4. Doctor or Dock Branham, born 24 Sep 1868, Carter County, Kentucky, married Vina Hicks.
5. Judy Branham, born 1872, Kentucky, married Steve Keaton 3 July 1890 in Morgan County, Kentucky.
6. Isom Branham, born 22 May 1875, Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky, married 1st Genetta Margaret Phillips about 1895, and 2nd Lucy Ison before 1920.
7. Sarah Elizabeth Branham, born 20 May 1878, Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky, married G K Nickell about 1899.
8. Elisha Branham, born Nov. 1882 in Kentucky, married Elizabeth Osborne about 1905.

Cynthia probably died prior to 1896 because Richard is enumerated with another wife, Surilda, on the 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky Census. The census states they had been married 4 years, which would indicate that Richard married Surilda in 1896. It appears she was previously married to a Nickle/Nichols. The 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky census and the 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky census list step children as outlined below living in Richard’s household.

2. Joshua, Nickle born Apr 1891 in Kentucky. (1910 Soundex list him as John A. age 18)

Richard and Surilda were the parents of one known daughter, Pearl M. born Jun 1898 in Kentucky.
Sources:

1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 95.
Death Certificate, Mary Lewis.
Death Certificate, Richard Branham.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Elliott County, Births, 1875 & 1878.
LDS Archive FGS, Richard Branham and Cynthia Ison.
LDS-IGI.
Mary's Book.
Tombstone, Mary Lewis.
U.S. Census, 1860 Carter County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Darius Branham, Lebanon, Ohio
Doc Cottle, Internet contact.
Green Adkins about 1837-bef. 1910
Sarah Eldridge 6 May 1849-1 September 1937

Green Adkins was born about 1837 to Howard Adkins and Mary Coleman. According to Sarah and Andrew Adkins’s (his children) birth records Green was born in Pike County, Kentucky. He married twice, 1st Piety Whitt on 16 August 1860 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Piety was born about 1840 in Kentucky. Census records show that they were the parents of three children:

1. William Adkins, born 1863, Kentucky, married 1st Isabelle Reed on 16 November 1882 at Magoffin County, Kentucky, and he married 2nd Vina Arminta Truitt on 22 July 1917 at Greenup County, Kentucky.

Green married 2nd, Sarah Eldridge, born May 6, 1846. Sarah was the daughter of Joshua Eldridge and Frances Elliott. Again, from Sarah and Andrew's birth records, we learn that Sarah was born in either Lee or Russell County, Virginia. Sarah died September 1, 1937 in Morgan County, Kentucky. Green and Sarah were the parents of the following children:

1. Katherine Adkins, born 1872 at Elliott County, Kentucky, she married James Harvey Keeton about 1892.
2. Sarah, Adkins born 30 March 1874, Elliott County, Kentucky, married Lewis Henson about 1890.
3. Andrew Jackson born 28 Jun 1876, married Cora Alice Adkins 12 Jul 1897, and he died 19 Aug 1966 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.
4. Wiley Adkins, born 1879, Kentucky and died 3 July 1967 at Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky due to a car accident.
5. Edith Adkins, born March 1874, Kentucky.
7. Robert Adkins, born Aug 1880, Kentucky, married Lucy Wooldridge about 1906 and he died 24 July 1937 at Morgan County, Kentucky.
8. Louranie Adkins, born Mar 1884, Kentucky.
10. Mary Adkins, born July 1891, Kentucky, married Marian McKnight about 1925.
11. Audie Adkins, born 9 September 1891/3, Elliott County, Kentucky, married Clara Watson.

Green died before 1910 because Sarah is listed as a widow on the 1910 census. She was listed in the household of her son, Elliott, on the 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky census and on 1920 Elliott County, Kentucky census, she is listed in the household of her son, Robert.
Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 36.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 28.
Ancestry.com databases.
GEDCOM file, Terry Anderson.
Interview, Denise Adkins, 1980.
Interviews, Richard Lewis, Jr. and Juanita Conn Lewis.
Newspaper clipping, Adkins Family Reunion.
Obituary, Andrew Jackson Adkins.
Obituary, Audie Adkins.
Obituary, Wiley Adkins
Personal knowledge of C. Lynn Andersen.
Death Certificate, Sarah Adkins.
Rootsweb, World Connect Project, Thomas Adkins Submission.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1920 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Braxton W. Adkins 1835-18 November 1923  
Sarah Ann or Sallie Ison 20 Jul 1835-20 Apr 1898

Brackston (Brack) was a brother to Green Adkins. He was married to Sarah Ann Ison the daughter of Ira Ison and Loucina (Zina or Sina) Sparks on 15 Jun 1854 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Brackston was born about 1835 and Sarah were born 20 July 1835. Their marriage record and their child, Larcenia's, birth record both state that Brackston was born in Pike County, Kentucky and that Sarah was born in Lawrence County, Kentucky. Brackston died 18 November 1923 at Scioto County, Ohio and Sarah died 20 April 1898. They were the parents of following children:

1. Owen W Adkins, born 20 May 1855, Morgan County, Kentucky, married Mary E Riddle on 9 February 1877 at Elliott County, Kentucky, and died 18 November 1943 at Lenox, Morgan County, Kentucky.
2. Emiline Adkins, born About 1858, married John Sloas about 1880, and died 11 Oct 1908 at Elliott County, Kentucky.
3. Howard Isom Adkins, born 4 November 1861 at Elliott County, Kentucky, married Lucinda Riddle about 1879, and died 12 Jun 1940 at Elliott County, Kentucky. (All records found for him except his birth gave his name as Isom. His birth record says Howard J.)
4. Leander Martin Adkins, born about 1867 at Kentucky.
5. David Alamander Adkins, born 16 August 1868 at Kentucky, married Sara Alice Lewis about 1892, and died 19 July 1934 at Valley, Scioto County, Ohio.
6. Mary L Adkins, born 18 March 1872 at Elliott County, Kentucky, married Owen A Adkins about 1893, and died 13 August 1937 at Elliott County, Kentucky.
7. Lorcenia or Luscenia E Adkins, born 22 Oct 1875 at Elliott County, Kentucky and died Dec 1876 also at Elliott County, Kentucky.
8. Sarah Leaota Adkins, born 1 July 1877 at Kentucky, married Andrew Jackson Spears about 1898, and died 10 Sep 1918 at Morgan County, Kentucky.
9. Cora Alice Adkins, born 29 July 1880 at Eldridge, Elliott County, Kentucky, married Andrew Jackson Adkins on 12 July 1897, and died 16 November 1965 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.

On the 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky Census Brackston was residing with his son, David A. and it listed him as a widower.

Sources:
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 55.
1900 Federal Census of Elliott County Kentucky, p. 114.
Ancestry.com databases.
FamilySearch.org databases.
GEDCOM file, Terry Anderson.
Interview, Denise Adkins, 1980.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Elliott County, Births & Deaths, 1875.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register
Morgan County, Kentucky Vital Record Registers, Marriages, 1855.
Obituary, Cora Alice Adkins.
Personal knowledge of C. Lynn Andersen.
Rootsweb, World Connect Project, Thomas Adkins submission.
Tombstone, Sarah Ann Ison Adkins.
Watt A. Conn 10 March 1861-24 September 1932  
Virginia or Jennie Jarrels 14 October 1861-3 November 1943

Watt A. Conn was born on 10 March 1861 in Kentucky and died 24 September 1932 at Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He was the son of Jesse Wilson Conn Jr. and Emerine (Emily) Hunter. He married Virginia (Jennie) Jarrels the daughter of Manerva Jane Hunter and, probably, William R. Jarrels.

According to Jennie's age on her death certificate she was born about 14 October 1861 and she died 3 November 1943 at Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. There is a discrepancy in records as to who Jennie's father was. In 1880 the Elliott County, Kentucky census lists her as the daughter of William R. Jarrels; but her death record lists her as the daughter of Amos Jarrels (one of William's brothers).

Watt and Jennie were the parents of the following children:

1. Jesse CONN was born on 3 May 1882 at Middle Fork, Elliott County, Kentucky. Jesse married Della BAGLEY on 25 Jan 1903 at Fannin, Kentucky. Della was born about Mar 1886 from Greenup, Kentucky. Jesse also married Clara SHAFFEN.
2. William Oscar CONN was born on 25 Nov 1884 at Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 8 Jun 1964 at Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky. He was buried on 10 Jun 1964 in Hunter Cemetery, Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky.
3. William married Anna B. HOWARD, daughter of Green Witten HOWARD and Mousie GEARHART, in 1906 at Elliott County, Kentucky. Anna was born on 27 Mar 1889/1890 at Floyd County, Kentucky. She died on 5 Jan 1961 at Ashland, Boyd. County, Kentucky. She was buried in Hunter Cemetery, Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky.
4. Silas P. CONN was born on 10 Feb 1893 at Middle Fork, Elliott County, Kentucky. Silas married Lorraine HENDRICKS. Lorraine was born in 1897 from Middle Fork, Elliott, Kentucky.
5. Gladious "Glady" CONN was born in Aug 1896 in , Kentucky. Glady married Arnold COOPER.
6. Arnel CONN was born about 1901 in Kentucky.
7. Maude CONN was born in 1905 in Kentucky. Maude married a RITTER.

Sources:
Ancestry.com databases.
Death Certificate, Virginia Conn.
Death Certificate, W.A. Conn.
Death Certificate, W. Oscar Conn.
U.S. Census, 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Green Witten Howard 1 Jan 1867-9 May 1949  
Mousie Gearhart 3 Mar 1870-25 Jan 1944

Green Witten Howard, the son, of William Howard and Artie Salyer was born 1 January 1867 at Magoffin County, Kentucky. He married Mousie Gearhart about 1886 and died 9 May 1949 at Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky. According to his death certificate he was a retired sheriff and judge.

Mousie was born 3 March 1870, also in Magoffin County, Kentucky and she died 25 January 1944 at Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky. Census records show they were the parents of the following children:

1. Amanda Howard, born Oct 1887, Kentucky, married Spencer Fannin about 1905.
3. Myrtle Howard, born Dec 1890, Kentucky, married Doc Kegley about 1912, she was also married to George Rodgers.
4. Cora Howard, born May 1892, Kentucky, married Charlie Cox.
6. Laura Howard, born Mar 1898, Kentucky, married Harvey Sparks on 12 August 1916.
7. Fred, born 1901, Kentucky, married Bertha Barker.
8. Gracie, born 1903, Kentucky.

Sources:
Ancestry.com Databases
Death Certificate, Mousie Howard.
Familysearch.org
Interview, Clarice Stafford, 1980.
Lucy White Collection
_The Salyer Family_, p. 133.
Tombstone, Anna Conn
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1920 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Elbert Madison Sparks, was born 4 August 1856 on Little Fork, Lawrence County, Kentucky. He was the son of Alford J. Sparks and Mary or Polly Ann Green. He married Mary Elizabeth Day, 31 August 1876, at Elliott County, Kentucky, and he died 20 November 1942 at Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky.

Mary Elizabeth Day was the daughter of Isaac Day and Frances (Frankie) Watson. She was born July 1858 in either Morgan or Rowan County, Kentucky. Her marriage record gives her birth place as Morgan but her son James Monroe’s birth record gives her birth place as Rowan. Mary died sometime before 1930 because Elbert is enumerated in the home of his son-in-law, Dave Gillum and listed as a widower. Elbert & Mary were the parents of the following children:

1. James Monroe Sparks, born 21 Jan 1878, Elliott County, Kentucky, married Rosa Hester.
2. William (Willie) A Sparks, born 27 Jan 1881, Kentucky, married Mary J. Creech.
3. Milford Newton Sparks, born 27 Jun 1883 Elliott County, Kentucky, married Minnie Nettie Fannin 11 Sep 1913, died 8 Sep 1943.
5. Sarah Francis Sparks, born 13 Sep 1888, Kentucky, married David Gilliam 24 December 1912.
7. Curtis (Curt) Sparks, born 22 Jan 1895, Kentucky, married Alta Cheek.

Sources:
Correspondence Charles A. Barker.
Correspondence Oscar L. Green, deceased.
Correspondence Paul E. Sparks.
Death Certificate, Elbert M. Sparks.
Interview, Clarice Stafford, deceased, in 1980.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Elliott County, Marriages & Births, 1876 & 1878.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1920 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1930 Elliott County, Kentucky.
James Harvey Fannin, was born 29 December 1852 at Morgan County, Kentucky. He died 21 May 1916 at Elliott County, Kentucky. His parents were Bryant Fannin and Sarah Watson. He married Nancy Ison in January 1870. She was the daughter of Isom Ison and Isabelle Hannah. Nancy was born 21 Dec 1853 at Morgan County, Kentucky. She died 21 December 1917 at Elliott County, Kentucky.

James was a blacksmith and family tradition says that he shod the horses for the notorious Jesse James gang when they robbed a bank in the area. The story goes, that James Harvey had a group of men come into his shop and ask him to shoe their horses. One of them stood at the door and kept watching outside. They had him put the shoes on backwards to what he normally did. About a month later he found out that the Huntington Bank had been robbed. Because of their strange behavior and the way they wanted the horses shod he felt certain it had been James's gang at his shop.

My mother told me the following story about Nancy: Nancy was a young girl during the Civil War. During the war, raiders would come through plundering and stealing the peoples possessions. There weren't banks, so it was common practice for people to hide their money. Nancy's father, Isom Ison, used to hide his money in a hollow tree in the back yard. Nancy, it's told, stood up to these raiders and refused to tell them where her father hid his money. James and Nancy were the parents of the following children:

1. Laura Alice Fannin, born 1871, in Kentucky, married William Boggs at Johnson County, Kentucky, and she died 6 February 1939 at Big Gap, Johnson County, Kentucky.
2. George W Fannin, born 1874, in Kentucky, married Mary Belle Bailey on 16 February 1893 at Lawrence County, Kentucky, and he died 8 October 1933.
3. Amy Bell Fannin, born 8 Oct 1875, in Kentucky, married Robert Franklin Hutchinson in March 1907 at Lawrence County, Kentucky, and she died in December 1963 at Greenup County, Kentucky.
5. John Fannin, born Oct 1881, in Kentucky, married about 1902 and he died 4 June 1960 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.
7. Ollie M Fannin, born Jul 1887, Kentucky, married Treble Hatfield.
8. Roy B Fannin, born 1 Feb 1890, Kentucky, married Lona E Kazee on 3 October 1911 at Elliott County, Kentucky, and he died 25 January 1975.
9. Maudie Ethel Fannin, born 20 Feb 1893, at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky and died 27 June 1895.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 45.
Ancestry.com Databases.
Death Certificate, James H. Fannin.
Death Certificate, Nancy Fannin.
Interview, Clarice Stafford, deceased, in 1980.
Interview, Juanita Lewis in 1985.
LDS FGS, James Harvey Fannin & Nancy Ison.
Tombstone, Maude Ethel Fannin.
6th Generation
John Lewis 1779/1782-8 Mar 1878  
Rachel Henson 1783-bet 1864/1867

John Lewis was born about 1779/1782 in North Carolina, to James Lewis and Windrey or Winnie Henson. He married Rachel Henson born about 1783 in North Carolina. John died 8 Mar 1878 at Elliott County, Kentucky. Sometime between 1864 and 1867 Rachel had preceded him in death.

They arrived in Kentucky before 1810 because they are enumerated on the 1810 Clay County, Kentucky Census. It states that there were 2 males under ten and 1 female under ten along with John who was between 26-45 and Rachel who was between 16-26. John appears on the 1811 Clay County, Kentucky tax list. The property they owned became part of Perry County in 1821.

In 1824, John and Rachel sold their Perry County property to Robert Pace and moved their family to Newcombe Fork of Little Sandy River, which at the time was in Morgan County, Kentucky, later it became Elliott County. They had bought 120 acres of Floyd Syminary Land from John Grayham on 26 Jul 1824, located "... on the west side of Newcombe fork of Little Sandy river below the forks... Later in 1830 they purchased an additional 50 acres next to their other property. It appears they stayed there the rest of their lives.

On the 25th day of April 1859, John and Rachel deeded their property to their son Andrew with the understanding that Andrew was to keep and care for John and Rachel for the rest of their lives. Andrew even signed an obligation, dated 1 Mar 1859, promising to supply John and Rachel with “good comfortable lodging, clothing and diet suitable to their condition”. I have not found anything which tells me exactly what happened but from a bond agreement from John Lewis to Sol Lewis and court records it appears that Andrew broke his promise and did not care for John and Rachel as they had expected. The bond agreement stated that John sold and would deed his property to Solomon Lewis at some later date. It said he was doing this because he and his wife were Solomon’s father and mother and because Solomon had cared for his wife since 8 Jun 1864 up until the time of her death and him up until present. John further stated he had already deeded the land to Andrew for a similar agreement but he felt he was released from that agreement because Andrew had failed entirely to keep his agreement, having removed from the state of Kentucky without making any arrangements for him. This issue eventually went to court in the Magoffin Circuit Court. Court records show that at the time John was suing Andrew, Andrew was also being sued by Alfed Bolt and G.W. Prichard. The September term of the 1869 court ruled in John's favor and a deed was recorded giving the land back to John. John turned around and deeded the land to Solomon. I'm still a little puzzled about this situation because later in 1879, in the land records there is a deed from Andrew Lewis and Hannah Lewis of Rowan County, Kentucky to Isom Ison for the same property that John was awarded and deeded to Solomon Lewis. Andrew was selling the property for the sum of money involved in the suit of George W. Prichard and Alfred Bolt against him. Then from our own family box of records we have a deed from Andrew Lewis and Hannah deeding this same property to John L. Lewis and Howard Lewis in 1879 and again in 1902.

According to Pioneer Lewis Families, by Michael L. Cook, John and Rachel were the parents of the following children:

1. James Lewis, born 1801, North Carolina married Nancy Reed, 18 Aug 1828, Morgan County,
Kentucky, died abt. 1845 in Arkansas.

2. William Lewis, b.1802, North Carolina, married Sarah Eldridge. [May not be their child see note below.]

3. Enoch Lewis, born 1802/03, North Carolina, married Margaritt Thompson. [Probably not their child see note below]


5. Maybe Charles Lewis, born 1807, North Carolina, married Elizabeth. [Not their child see note below.]

6. Martha or Patsey Lewis, born 1808, in North Carolina or Virginia, married Daniel Reed, 29 Jan 1829, Morgan, County, Kentucky.


8. Solomon Lewis, born Jan 1819, Kentucky, married Sarah or Sallie Adkins 5 Jan 1838, Morgan County, Kentucky.

9. Andrew Lewis, born 1820/22 married Hannah Scaggs

10. Nathan Lewis, born 1828 married Martha (Patsey) Scaggs

I suspect that Winny born 1806/08, Virginia who married Charles Gillem, 17 May 1829 in Morgan County, Kentucky was one of their children.

Notes: Court documents filed in Morgan County, Kentucky and abstracted in Morgan County, Ky., First Court Order Book 1823-30, Abstracted and Indexed for Genealogists, proves that Gideon Lewis does not belong in this family. Below is the entry:

"April Court 1825: Gideon Lewis, orphan of Gideon Lewis, "of the age of Nineteen years the 4th day of next July, "chose Enoch Lewis as his guardian. The latter gave bond with Joseph Hanna as security."

This entry also suggests that Enoch Lewis probably was not a child of this family. It would be more likely that Gideon chose Enoch as his guardian because he was his bother than if he was his cousin. Enoch would have just become of age and old enough to be Gideon's guardian.

William named his children names that are more consistent to his also being the son of Gideon Lewis than the child of John Lewis and Rachel Henson.

Sources:
Bond Agreement, John Lewis to Sol Lewis.
Deed, Floyd Syminary to John Lewis.
Deed, Andrew Lewis and Hannah his wife to Isom Ison, 1879
Deed, Andrew Lewis and Hannah to John L. Lewis and Howard Lewis, 1879.
Deed, John Lewis and Rachael Lewis to Andrew, 1859.
Deed, John Lewis Sr. to Solomon Lewis Sr., 1870.
Deed, J.M. Adkinson Commissioner for Magoffin Circuit Court to John Lewis.
"Morgan County, Ky., First Court Order Book 1823-30, Abstracted and Indexed for Genealogists"
Kentucky Vital Records, Elliott County, Deaths.
Lucy White Collection.
Magoffin Circuit Court Minutes for Sept Term 1869.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register
Obligation, Andrew Lewis to John Lewis.
Pioneer Lewis Families.
U.S. Census, 1820 Clay County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1830 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Howard Adkins 1797-between 1870-1880
Mary Coleman 1800-25 Dec 1856

Howard Adkins and Mary Coleman appear three times on my pedigree chart in my 6th Generation. They were the parents of Sarah/Sallie, Green and Brackston Adkins. According to census records, Howard was born about 1797 in either Virginia or North Carolina and he died between 1870 and 1880.

Howard married 1st Mary Coleman, born about 1800 in Virginia and died 25 Dec 1856 in Morgan County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Peter and Charlotte Coleman. Howard and Mary were married 19 July 1818 in Floyd County, Kentucky by Wm. J. Mayo, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Terry Anderson of Maysville, Kentucky graciously sent me a family group which helped to identify the children. From census and vital records I have added details on the children. The following gives information on their children.

1. Sarah Adkins, born about. 1820 in Kentucky, married Solomon Lewis 5 Jan 1838 at Morgan County, Kentucky.
2. Owen Adkins, born about 1822 in Kentucky, married Fanny Lewis, 20 Apr 1848 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Fanny was born about 1833.
3. Frederick Adkins, born 15 February 1827 Pike County, Kentucky, married 1st to Rosannah Roe, 5 Dec 1847, Morgan County, Kentucky and 2nd to Margaret C. Smith, 1872, Elliott County, Kentucky. He died 12 September 1913 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.
4. Nancy Ann Adkins, born 1824/27, Pike County, Kentucky, married Isiah Gilliam (Gillum), 16 Apr 1840, Morgan County, Kentucky, and she died 13 February 1886. Isiah Gilliam was born 16 October 1814 at Harlan County, Kentucky and he died 11 May 1899.
5. Howard Adkins, born 1829, Pike County, Kentucky married Judy Gillum, 10 Feb 1854, Morgan County, Kentucky, and died 28 December 1916 at Martinsburg, Elliott County, Kentucky. Judy was born 12 April 1834 at Morgan County, Kentucky and she died 28 February 1913 at Martinsburg, Elliott County, Kentucky.
6. Brackston Adkins, born about 1835, Pike County, Kentucky married Sarah Ann Ison, 15 Jun 1854, Morgan County, Kentucky. He died 18 December 1923 at Scioto County, Ohio. Sarah Ann was born 20 July 1835 at Lawrence County, Kentucky and died 20 April 1898.
7. Green Adkins, born about 1837, Pike County, Kentucky, married 1st Piety Lewis on 16 August 1860 at Morgan County, Kentucky and 2nd Sarah Eldridge about 1871. Sarah was born about 1849 in Lee or Russell County, Virginia and she died 1 September 1937 at Paint, Morgan County, Kentucky.
8. Joseph K Adkins, born 20 February 1840, Morgan County, Kentucky married Margaret Adkins, 26 Jan 1860, Morgan County, Kentucky, and he died 3 February 1915 at Leathwood, Greenup County, Kentucky. Margaret was born 15 October 1843 at Morgan County, Kentucky and she died 10 April 1926 at Red Hot, Greenup County, Kentucky.
9. Lurena or Lucinda.

Howard married 2nd Malissa Brewer on May 25, 1861 in Morgan County, Kentucky. He is enumerated on the 1870 Census of Elliott County with her. His death date was derived from the fact that the 1880 Census of Elliott County enumerates Malissa as a widow living in the household of Rufus Adkins as his mother-in-law.
Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 27.
Ancestry.com databases.
Elliott County, Kentucky Cemetery Listing.
Floyd County Kentucky Marriage Books.
GEDCOM file, Terry Andersen.
The History of Elliott County Kentucky, Vol. 1, p. 42.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Jonathan Branham between 1801/1805-14 Nov 1874  
Polly Gillem 1808-2 Jun 1894

Jonathan Branham was born between 1801/1805 in Virginia and he died 14 November 1874 at Elliott County, Kentucky. His death record states that his parents were John and Martha Branham of Virginia. He married Polly Gillem on 5 November 1829 at Pike County, Kentucky. Sometime prior to 1850 he moved his family to Carter County, Kentucky.

Polly was born 1808 in Virginia and died 1 June 1894 in Elliott County, Kentucky. Their marriage record lists her father as Richard Gillem. Jonathan and Polly were the parents of the following:

1. Delilah "Lila" BRANHAM was born on 25 Nov 1829 in , Floyd, Kentucky. She died on 29 Oct 1926 in Rocky Branch, Elliott, Kentucky, United States. She married Jeremiah LEWIS, son of Nathan LEWIS and Judea STIDAM, on 22 Feb 1849 in , Carter, Kentucky. Jeremiah was born on 7 May 1827 in , Perry, Kentucky. He died on 12 Aug 1915 in Crackersneck, Elliott, Kentucky, United States. He was buried in Barker-Green Cem, Elliott, Kentucky.

2. Martha or Patsy BRANHAM was born in 1832 in , Floyd, Kentucky. She died in 1906. Martha married Calvin MABRY on 10 Jul 1851 in , Carter, Kentucky. Calvin was born about 1828 in , Grayson, Virginia.

3. Judy or Judea BRANHAM was born on 24 Feb 1833 in , Pike, Kentucky. She died on 6 Sep 1914. She was buried in Lewis Cemetery on Hog Camp near Green, Elliott, Kentucky. Judy married Andrew LEWIS, son of Nathan LEWIS and Judea STIDAM, on 29 Dec 1851 in , Carter, Kentucky. Andrew was born on 28 Nov 1830 in , Perry, Kentucky. He died on 9 Aug 1900. He was buried in Lewis Cemetery on Hog Camp near Green, Elliott, Kentucky.

4. Richard BRANHAM was born on 19 Jul 1838 in , Carter, Kentucky. He died on 19 Aug 1923 in Newcomb, Elliott, Kentucky. Richard married Cynthia ISON, daughter of Burdine ISON and Cynthia HANNAH, in 1859 in , Of Carter, Kentucky. Cynthia was born in 1841/1842 in , Morgan, Kentucky. Richard also married Surrilda MCDOWELL, daughter of William MCDOWELL and Pollie BAILEY, in 1896 in , , Kentucky. Surrilda was born in Apr 1857 in , Johnson, Kentucky. She died on 15 Jun 1913 in , Elliott, Kentucky, United States.

5. Nancy BRANHAM was born in 1839 in , Carter, Kentucky. Nancy married Henry JOHNSON on 18 Oct 1859 in Carter, Kentucky. Henry was born in 1840 in , Carter, Kentucky.

6. Mary or Polly BRANHAM was born on 1 Jun 1841 in , Carter, Kentucky. She died on 19 Jun 1921. Mary married Isaac SPARKS on 19 Jan 1865 in , Carter, Kentucky. Isaac was born in , Lawrence, Kentucky.

7. Perline BRANHAM was born in 1848/1849 in , Carter, Kentucky. Perline married John H. FULTZ. John was born in 1849 in , Morgan, Kentucky.

8. Andrew BRANHAM was born on 10 May 1851 in , Kentucky. Andrew married Mary Ann Polly BEAR on 2 Nov 1874 in , Elliott, Kentucky. Mary was born in 1857 in , Kentucky.

9. Sarah K. BRANHAM was born on 10 May 1853 in , Carter, Kentucky. She died on 14 Aug 1854 in , Carter, Kentucky.

10. Mahala or Hulda BRANHAM was born on 26 May 1855 in , Carter, Kentucky. Mahala married Elisha COX in 1888 in Kentucky. Elisha was born in Jun 1863 in Kentucky, United States.

11. Mahala also married Elliott SPARKS in See Wife's Notes. Elliott was born in , Morgan, Kentucky.

12. Jonathan BRANHAM Jr. was born on 10 Dec 1857 in , Carter, Kentucky.
Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 83.
Ancestry.com databases.
Branham Family.
Carter County, Kentucky Marriages 1838-1875.
Death Certificate, Richard Branham.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Elliott County, Deaths, 1874.
LDS FGS, Jonathan Branham & Mary or Polly Gillem.
LDS-IGI,
Marriage Bonds of Pike County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Carter County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Burdine or Byrd Ison 1 Nov 1814-14 Sep 1871
Cynthia Hannah 1818/19-?

Burdine Ison was the son of Archibald and Polly Gilliam Ison. His father settled the area that became Isonville in Elliott County, Kentucky and the town was named after him. His family migrated to Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap from Virginia and patented land at the forks of Newcombe creek in 1819. Burdine was born 1 November 1814 in Montgomery, Scott County Virginia. He died 14 September 1871 in Elliott County Kentucky. He married Cynthia Hannah 17 January 1835 in Morgan County Kentucky.

Cynthia was the daughter of Joseph Hannah but there is some confusion over who her mother is. A history of Archibald Ison family written by Louie S. Ison in 1958 gives her mother as Nancy Hamilton. An earlier family group prepared by Louie stated that her mother was Mary Bates. This family group lists its sources as Richmond Ison and other kin folks. I found the marriage record of Joseph Hanna to Nancy Hamilton in Floyd County Kentucky clerk records in 1818 but no record of Joseph marrying a Mary Bates.

Burdine and Cynthia were the parents of the following children:

1. Cytha ISON was born in 1838/1840 in Paint Creek, Morgan, Kentucky. Cytha married Daniel HENSON, son of James HENSON and Mary or Polly LEWIS, on 29 Nov 1855 in Morgan, Kentucky. Daniel was born in 1834/1837 in Kentucky.
2. Cynthia ISON was born in 1841/1842 in Morgan, Kentucky. Cynthia married Richard BRANHAM, son of Jonathan BRANHAM and Polly GILLEM, in 1859 in Of Carter, Kentucky. Richard was born on 19 Jul 1838 in Carter, Kentucky. He died on 19 Aug 1923 in Newcomb, Elliott, Kentucky.
3. Doctor ISON was born in 1843/1844 in Morgan, Kentucky. Doctor married Phebe Ann FERGUSON about 1864. Phebe was born in 1847 in Kentucky.
4. Sarilda ISON was born in 1846/1848 in Kentucky.
5. Elizabeth ISON was born in 1850 in Kentucky.
6. Archibald ISON was born in 1853 in Kentucky.
7. Bird ISON was born on 22 Jun 1854 in Morgan, Kentucky. He died on 14 May 1856 in Morgan, Kentucky.
8. Martha ISON was born on 23 Feb 1856 in Morgan, Kentucky.
9. Isabelle ISON was born in 1856 in Kentucky.
10. Nancy ISON was born in 1858 in Morgan, Kentucky. Nancy married Rolly WATSON, son of Rolly WATSON and Lurana or Louranie GILLUM OR GILLIAM, on 24 Jan 1877 in Elliott, Kentucky. Rolly was born on 19 Sep 1857 in Morgan, Kentucky.
11. Abby ISON was born in 1860 in Kentucky.
12. Sarah ISON was born in 1866 in Kentucky

Note: They may not be a part of our pedigree. See Howard Lewis & Mary Branham for detail.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 29.
Ancestry.com Databases
LDS Ancestral File.
LDS FGS, Burdine Ison and Cynthia Hannah.
LDS-IGL.
Joshua Eldridge 1818-between 1870/1880
Francis or Fannie Elliott 1825/26-between 1900/1910

Joshua Eldridge, was born 1815/1818 in Virginia. His parents are yet to be identified. He married Frances (Fannie) Elliott, born 1823/26 in Virginia the daughter of James Elliott and Obedience Parsley before 1847. Frances parent’s names are proven by a land record recorded in Russell County Virginia Deed Book 12 pg. 170-173.

My earliest record on them is tax records of Lee County, Virginia for the year 1836, where Joshua is recorded with 1 male over the age of 16. He remains on the Lee County, Virginia tax list until 1850, which is the last year I have access to Lee County tax records. He is enumerated as Josiah on the 1850 Lee County, Virginia census.

Joshua and Fanny moved to Carter County, Kentucky about 1854 as evidenced from Carter County, Kentucky tax records and birth/death records on some of their children. In 1857 they moved from Carter County, Kentucky to Morgan County, Kentucky according to Carter and Morgan County tax lists. Their residence became part of Elliott County, Kentucky in 1869 when the county was formed.

Joshua died between 1870/1880 because Fannie appears as head of household on the 1880 census and is listed as a widow on the 1900 census. Fannie probably died between 1900/1910 because she does not appear on the census after 1900.

Joshua and Fannie had the following children:

1. Mary ELDRIDGE was born in 1844 in , Kentucky. She died on 7 Dec 1920 in Newcomb, Elliott, Kentucky, United States. Mary married Jesse GILLIAM, son of Isaiah GILLIAM and Nancy Ann ADKINS. Jesse was born on 28 May 1845 in Lawrence, Kentucky, United States. He died on 19 May 1930 in Kentucky, United States.
2. William ELDRIDGE was born in 1845 in , Virginia. He died on 4 Dec 1854 in , Carter, Kentucky.
3. James ELDRIDGE was born in 1846 in , Kentucky. James married Anna Eliza COTTON about 1870 in of , Kentucky. Anna was born in May 1850 in , Kentucky.
4. Sarah ELDRIDGE was born in 1849 in , Lee or Russell, Virginia. She died on 1 Sep 1937 in Paint, Morgan, Kentucky. She was buried on 2 Sep 1937 in Barker Cemetery, Morgan, Kentucky. Sarah married Green G ADKINS, son of Howard ADKINS and Mary COLEMAN, about 1871 in , Kentucky. Green was born in 1837 in , Pike, Kentucky.
5. Jesse ELDRIDGE was born in May 1849 in , Virginia, United States. He died in Between 1900-1910. Jesse married Mary E WOOLDIGE about 1884 in Kentucky, United States. Mary was born on 4 Apr 1863 in Kentucky, United States. She died on 14 Feb 1947 in Newcomb, Elliott, Kentucky, United States.
6. Catherine ELDRIDGE was born in 1851/1852 in , Kentucky. She died in Feb 1880 in Elliott County, Kentucky, USA. Catherine married Isaac ELDRIDGE, son of James ELDRIDGE and Jana PEW, about 1875 in kentucky, United States. Isaac was born about 1841 in Kentucky, United States.
7. William Patten "Bud" ELDRIDGE was born on 30 Apr 1854 in , Carter, Kentucky. He died on 26 Jan 1938 in Pleasant Run, Morgan, Kentucky. Bud married Piety LEWIS on 27 Sep 1877 in
Elliott, Kentucky, United States. Piety was born in 1860 in , Morgan, Kentucky.

8. Chesley Gilbert "Gill" ELDRIDGE was born in 1856 in , Kentucky. Gill married Jane ADKINS on 24 Feb 1878 in Elliott, Kentucky, United States. Jane was born about 1860 in Lawrence County, Kentucky, United States.

9. Archibald ELDRIDGE was born on 26 Oct 1858 in , Morgan, Kentucky. He died on 16 Oct 1878 in , Elliott, Kentucky.

10. Margaret ELDRIDGE was born in 1860 in , Kentucky.

11. Doctor H. ELDRIDGE was born on 13 Dec 1861 in , Morgan, Kentucky. He died on 29 Aug 1954 in Sandy Hook, Elliott, Kentucky United States. Doctor married Martha about 1882 in Kentucky, United States. Martha was born in Aug 1864 in Kentucky, United States.

12. Isaac ELDRIDGE was born on 13 May 1863 in , Kentucky. He died on 12 Dec 1930 in West Liberty, Morgan, Kentucky, United States. Isaac married Cordelia TURNER about 1906 in Lucille, Elliott, Kentucky. Cordelia was born about Jan 1890 in Lucille, Elliott, Kentucky, United States. She died about Apr 1955 in Saint Paris, Champaign, Ohio, United States.

13. John Elliott ELDRIDGE was born on 2 Apr 1866 in , Kentucky. He died on 3 May 1945 in Elliott, Kentucky, United States. John married Rebecca FRALEY about 1910 in Kentucky, United States. Rebecca was born about 1875 in Kentucky, United States.

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Time Line for Joshua Eldridge
Research Notes for Joshua Eldridge

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Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 29.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 7.
Ancestry.com databases.
Carter County, Kentucky Vital Statistics.
Interview, Denise Adkins.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Elliott County, Deaths, 1878.
LDS-IGI.
Morgan County, Vital Record Registers.
U. S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Ira Ison 1811-
Loucina or Zina Sparks 1812/1813

Ira Ison, was born 1811 in Scott County, Virginia to Archibald Ison and Mary or Polly Gilliam. He was a brother to Burdine and Isom Ison who also appear in my pedigree in the 6th generation. He married Loucina (Zina or Sina) Sparks, born 1812 in North Carolina.

Loucina was the daughter of Levi Sparks and Sarah Lyon. Loucina's family arrived in Kentucky abt 1821, settling in what was then Lawrence County, Kentucky.

Ira and Zina were the parents of the following known children:

1. Sarah Ann "Sallie" ISON was born on 20 Jul 1835 at Lawrence County, Kentucky. She died on 20 Apr 1898. Sallie married Brackston ADKINS, son of Howard ADKINS and Mary COLEMAN, on 15 Jun 1854 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Brackston was born about 1835 at Pike County, Kentucky. He died on 18 Dec 1923 at, Scioto, Ohio.
2. Argulus ISON was born about 1836 in Kentucky. He died on 6 Dec 1856 at Morgan County, Kentucky.
3. Nelson ISON was born about 1838 in Kentucky.
4. Emily ISON was born about 1840 in Kentucky.
5. John ISON was born about 1842 in Kentucky.
6. Ira ISON was born about 1843 in Kentucky. Ira married Mary Jane ADKINS, daughter of Owen ADKINS and Fanny LEWIS, on 13 September 1867. Mary was born on 8 May 1849 in Morgan, Kentucky.
7. Martin ISON was born about 1846 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Martin married Mary FRALEY on 13 Apr 1877 at Elliott County, Kentucky. Mary was born about 1855 at Lawrence County, Kentucky.
8. David ISON was born about 1849 in Kentucky.
9. ISON was born about May 1852 at Morgan County, Kentucky. He died in May 1852 about Morgan County, Kentucky.
10. Isaac ISON was born about 1853 at Morgan County, Kentucky. He died on 19 May 1853 in Morgan, Kentucky.
11. Doctor F. ISON was born about 1856 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Doctor married Parthena FRALEY on 29 Jun 1877 at Elliott County, Kentucky. Parthena was born about 1860 at Morgan County, Kentucky.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 29.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 55.
Ancestry.com databases.
Correspondence, Paul E. Sparks.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Marriages.
LDS-IGI.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Jesse Wilson Conn Jr. Jan 1822-
Emerine or Emily Hunter 3 February -22 February 1905

Jesse Wilson Conn, Jr. was the son of Jesse Wilson Conn and Mary Pendleton. He was born January 1822 in Virginia. Jesse Wilson married Emerine (Emily) Hunter, 3 April 1850 in Morgan County, Kentucky. According to her tombstone, Emily was born on 3 February 1822 but the 1900 census gives her birth as August 1822 and she died on 22 February 1905.

Emily may have been married before her marriage to Jesse Wilson Conn because an intent to marry dated 3 April 1837 was found in Morgan County, Kentucky marriage records between her and Joseph Howard. There was no minister return, but a death record for a Howard child who died on 16 July 1855 at Morgan County, Kentucky lists Emerine Hunter as her mother. In 1850 there are no children listed in the household with Emerine and Jesse Wilson but in Joseph’s household there were three children listed whose ages were such that Joseph's wife was too young to be their mother.

In 1860, there are two Howard children living with Jesse Wilson and Emily. I assume they are Emily's children. The best I can determine, Joseph and Emily had the following children:

1. James HOWARD was born in about 1839 in Kentucky.
2. Vier HOWARD was born in about 1841 in Kentucky and died on 16 Jul 1855. [The page was ripped on the death record where her given name was written so it could not be read. Vier was listed in Joseph Howard's household on the 1850 census but not found on the 1860 census in either household. Calculating the age of the daughter who died in 1855 she was about the same age Vier would have been. Also, Emily's 1900 census record says she was the mother of only nine children so, I assumed Vier is the daughter who died in 1855.]
3. Sarrah E. HOWARD was born about 1843 in Kentucky.

Emily also was the mother of Sylvester Green Hunter born 15 November 1845 in Kentucky and died on 19 November 1923 at Elliott County, Kentucky. He appeared on the 1860 census with his mother as Silverster Howard age 14 born Kentucky but his death record gives his last name as Hunter and his father's name as L H Elliott.

Emily and Wilson were the parents of the following children:

1. William H. CONN was born about 1851 in Kentucky. William married Sarah Susan LITTERAL about 1880 in Kentucky. Sarah was born on 29 Sep 1862 in Elliott, Kentucky. She died. She was buried in Seas Branch, Morgan, Kentucky, USA.
2. John W. CONN was born about 1855 in Kentucky.
3. Nancy Susan CONN was born on 13 Feb 1856 in Morgan, Kentucky.
4. Watt Anderson CONN was born on 10 Mar 1861 in Middle Fork, Morgan, Kentucky. He died on 24 Sep 1932 in Lexington, Fayette, Kentucky. He was buried in Kentucky. Watt married Virginia or Jennie JARRELS, daughter of William R. JARRELS and Manerva Jane HUNTER, about 1880 in Morgan, Kentucky. Virginia was born on 13 Oct 1861 in Middle Fork, Morgan, Kentucky. She died on 3 Nov 1943 in Mansfield, Richland, Ohio. She was buried on 6 Nov 1943 in Fullerton, Kentucky.
5. Benjamin Frank CONN was born about 1865/1866 in Kentucky.
Sources:

1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 11.
Ancestry.com Databases.
Correspondence, Cornelius Carroll.
HeritageQuest Online Databases.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1900 Morgan County, Kentucky.
William R. Jarrel 1830/31-
Manerva Jane Hunter 1834/6-

William R. Jarrel(s), was born 1830/31 in Floyd County Kentucky. He was the son of Parks Jarrels and Jenny or Jane Roberson. He married Manerva Jane Hunter, 12 July 1855 in Morgan County, Kentucky.

According to The History of Elliott County Kentucky 1869-1990, Vol. II, Manerva was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin or Francis Hunter and Elizabeth Drake. She was about born 1834/36 at Sandy, Morgan County, Kentucky.

William and Manerva were the parents of the following children:

1. Mary Elizabeth JARRELS was born about 1856 in Kentucky.
2. James H. JARRELS was born about 1858 in Kentucky.
3. Nancy A. JARRELS was born on 20 Dec 1860 at Morgan County, Kentucky.
4. Virginia or Jennie JARRELS was born about 14 Oct 1861 in Middle Fork, Morgan, Kentucky. She died on 3 Nov 1943 at Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. She was buried on 6 Nov 1943 in Fullerton, Kentucky. Virginia married Watt Anderson CONN, son of Jesse Wilson CONN Jr. and Emerine HUNTER, about 1880 probably in Morgan County, Kentucky. Watt was born on 10 Mar 1861 at Middle Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky. He died on 24 Sep 1932 at Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
5. Eliza or Louisa F. JARRELS was born about 1863 in Kentucky.
6. Sarah Frances JARRELS was born about 1865 in Kentucky.
7. George JARRELS was born about 1867 in Kentucky.
8. America JARRELS was born about 1868/1869 in Kentucky.
9. Thursa C. JARRELS was born about 1871 in Kentucky.
10. William R. JARRELS Jr. was born about 1873 in Kentucky.
11. John L. JARRELS was born on 9 Apr 1875 at Elliott County, Kentucky.

William and Manerva may have been divorced because on the 1880 Elliott County, Kentucky census, even though they are living in the same household, they are enumerated as divorced.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 2.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 16.
Ancestry.com databases.
Correspondence, Alice M. Schaller.
Death Certificate, Virginia Conn.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register
Morgan County, Vital Statistics, Vol. V.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
William Howard 1828/29-1878
Arty Salyer 1837/40-aft 1879

William Howard, was the son of Benjamin Howard and Nancy Arnett. He was born 1828/29 near the Licking River, Floyd County, Kentucky. He married Arty Salyer, 23 October 1851. Arty was born 1837/40 to John Salyer and Polly Wadkins. William and Arty were the parents of the following children:

1. Louranna “Anny” HOWARD was born on 16 Apr 1854 in , Floyd, Kentucky. Anny married William Morgan SALYER, son of William Martin SALYER and Dorcas PATTON, on 27 Aug 1875 in , Magoffin, Kentucky. William was born on 5 Feb 1854. He died on 26 Feb 1929 in Goldia, Kentucky.
2. Jilson HOWARD was born on 5 Feb 1857 in Licking River, Floyd, Kentucky. He died after 1900. Jilson married Ellen SALYER and Kate HOWARD.
3. Brackenridge “Brack” HOWARD was born in 1859/1861 in , Kentucky. Brack married Helen about 1880 probably in Floyd County, Kentucky.
4. Laurabell HOWARD was born in May 1863 in , Kentucky. She died after 1900 probably in Magoffin County, Kentucky. Laurabell married James JACKSON in 1876.
5. Green Witten HOWARD was born on 1 Jan 1867 in , Magoffin County, Kentucky. He died on 9 May 1949 in , Boyd County, Kentucky. He was buried in Vansant Cemetery, Sandy Hook.
6. Green married Mousie GEARHART, daughter of Woodson GEARHART and Sallie WHITT, about 1886. Mousie was born on 3 Mar 1870 in , Magoffin, Kentucky. She died on 25 Jan 1944 in Sandy Hook, Elliott, Kentucky. She was buried on 29 Jan 1944 in Virginiansant Cemetery, Sandy Hook, Elliott, Kentucky.
7. Benjamin HOWARD was born in Mar 1871 in , Kentucky. He married Lucy about 1896 probably in Floyd County, Kentucky.
8. Cora HOWARD was born in 1874 in , Kentucky. Cora married Joseph GEARHEART on 15 Dec 1888 at Magoffin County, Kentucky.

Sources:
Ancestry.com databases.
Arnett Album, Vol. II.
Floyd County Kentucky Vital Statistics 1852-1904.
Howards of Eastern Kentucky.
Interviews, Juanita & Richard Lewis, Jr.
LDS-IGI.
Salyer Family.
U.S. Census, 1860 Magoffin County, Kentucky.
Woodson Gearhart 1828-1913
Sallie Whitt 1828-bef 1892

Woodson (Wooderson) Gearhart, was born about 1828 in Kentucky. He died on 20 Mar 1913 at Floyd County, Kentucky. He was buried on 24 Mar 1913 in Gearheart Grave Yard. Woodson married Sallie WHITT about 1850 probably in Floyd County, Kentucky. Sallie was born in 1828 in Kentucky and died sometime before 1892. They had the following children.

1. Joseph GEARHART was born in 1855 in , Kentucky. He died on 10 Sep 1857 in , Floyd County, Kentucky.
2. Kelsey GEARHART was born on 20 May 1854 in Beavercreek, Floyd County, Kentucky. He died on 16 Sep 1857 in Floyd County, Kentucky.
3. Rice or Reese GEARHART was born on 19 Aug 1856 in Beavercreek, Floyd County, Kentucky.
4. Sarah C. GEARHART was born in 1859 in Floyd, Kentucky.
5. Amanda Jane GEARHEART was born about 1864 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She died about 1946 in Floyd Co., Ky.. She was buried in (Gearheart Cem).
6. Mousie GEARHART was born on 3 Mar 1870 in , Magoffin, Kentucky. She died on 25 Jan 1944 in Sandy Hook, Elliott, Kentucky and is buried 1944 in Vansant Cemetery, Sandy Hook, Elliott, Kentucky. Mousie married Green Witten HOWARD, son of William HOWARD and Arty SALYER, about 1886. Green was born on 1 Jan 1867 in Magoffin County, Kentucky. He died on 9 May 1949 in County, Kentucky and he is buried in Vansant Cemetery, Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky.

Woodson also married Sophia PATTON in 1892 probably in Floyd Couty, Kentucky. Sophia was born about May 1867 in , Kentucky. She died in 1952. They had the following children.

1. Tip GEARHART was born on 12 May 1892 in Kentucky. He died on 2 Mar 1917.
2. Frank GEARHART was born on 24 Apr 1894 in Kentucky. He died on 8 Jun 1942.
3. Sallie GEARHART was born in Oct 1896 in Kentucky. She died in 1973 in Floyd County, Kentucky.
4. Thurba or Turbie GEARHART was born in Jul 1898 in Kentucky.

Sources:
Ancestry.com databases.
Death Certificate, Mousie Howard.
FamilySearch.org
Floyd County, Kentucky Vital Statistics 1852-1904.
Interview, Clarice Stafford.
Howards of Eastern Kentucky.
The Salyers Family.
U.S. Census, 1850 Floyd County, Kentucky.
Alford J. Sparks 22 Feb 1831-13 Apr 1899  
Mary or Polly Ann Green 12 Sep 1839-21 Apr 1923

Alford J. Sparks, was born 22 February 1831 in Lawrence County, Kentucky. He died 12 September 1939. His parents were Calvin Sparks and Sarah Lyon. He was the first coroner of Elliott County, Kentucky and served in the Union Army for a short time in 1864. Alford married Mary or Polly Ann Green on 30 December 1852 at Lawrence County, Kentucky.

Polly Ann Green was born 12 September 1839 in Scott County, Virginia. She was the daughter of William Wellington Green and Sarah Hutchinson. She was a midwife and delivered hundreds of babies in the Little Fork section of Elliott County, Kentucky. She died 21 April 1923. Alford and Polly Ann were the parents of the following children:

1. James Nelson SPARKS was born on 29 Dec 1854 in Lawrence, Kentucky. James married Sarah HUTCHISON on 4 May 1876 in Elliott, Kentucky. Sarah was born in 1858 in Morgan, Kentucky.
2. Elbert Madison "Eb" SPARKS was born on 4 Aug 1857 in Little Fork, Lawrence, Kentucky. He died on 20 Nov 1942 in Ashland, Boyd, Kentucky. He was buried on 22 Nov 1942 in Gilliam Cem., Kentucky.
3. Eb married Mary Elizabeth DAY, daughter of Isaac or Ike DAY and Frances or Frankie WATSON, on 31 Aug 1876 in Elliott, Kentucky. Mary was born in Jul 1858 in Rowan or Morgan, Kentucky. She died in Kentucky.
4. Loucenia Elizabeth SPARKS was born on 15 Mar 1863 in Kentucky. She died on 16 Jun 1927. Loucenia married Robert Martin GREEN on 24 Jul 1880 in Elliott, Kentucky.
5. John Calvin SPARKS was born on 23 Nov 1865 in Kentucky. He died on 29 Jun 1943. John married Mary Elizabeth GREEN on 30 Dec 1883.
6. Nancy Virginia SPARKS was born on 6 Mar 1869 in Kentucky. Nancy married Lewis William BARKER.
7. William Greenville SPARKS was born about 1871 (Jan 1871 or 26 May 1872) in Kentucky. William married Mary STAPLETON on 16 Nov 1893.
8. Flora Anne SPARKS was born on 27 Apr 1875 in Kentucky. She died on 13 Nov 1937. Flora married Elisha BARKER on 22 May 1890 in Elliott, Kentucky.
9. Marinda Jane SPARKS was born on 27 Apr 1878 in Elliott, Kentucky. Marinda married Jacob FIELDS.
10. Harvey SPARKS was born in 1881 in Kentucky.
Sources:
Ancestry.com databases
Correspondence, Oscar L. Green.
Correspondence, Paul Sparks.
FamilySearch.org
Lawrence County, Kentucky Vital Records, Births.
Kentucky State Vital Statistics, Elliott County, Births & Marriages.
Sparks Quarterly
The Stallard Connection.
U.S. Census, 1850 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1870 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1880 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Frances “Frankie” WATSON was born on 23 Jan 1841 at Morgan County, Kentucky. She died on 19 Aug 1909 and she is buried in Hutchinson Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky. Frances married Isaac “Ike” DAY, son of James P. DAY and Elizabeth COGSWELL, on 10 Aug 1857 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Isaac was born about 1834 at Morgan County, Kentucky and he died before 26 March 1866 probably in Morgan County, Kentucky. They had the following children:

1. Mary Elizabeth DAY was born about Jul 1858 in Rowan County or, Morgan County, Kentucky. Mary married Elbert Madison SPARKS "Eb", son of Alvord J. SPARKS and Mary or Polly Ann GREEN, on 31 Aug 1876 at Elliott County, Kentucky. Eb was born on 4 Aug 1857 at Little Fork, Lawrence County, Kentucky. He died on 20 Nov 1942 at Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky and is buried in Gilliam Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky.

2. Jasper Newton DAY was born in 1860 in Morgan, Kentucky. Jasper married Dicey SPARKS in 1880 in Louisa, Lawrence, Kentucky. Dicey was born in Feb 1861 in Elliott, Kentucky.

Frances also married Anderson FANNIN, son of George FANNIN and Mary MUMPOWER, on 13 Jun 1867 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Anderson was born on 7 Jul 1846 in Kentucky. He died on 1 Nov 1926 at Elliott County, Kentucky. They had the following children.

1. Emma Rita FANNIN was born about 1868 in Kentucky.
2. Sarah FANNIN was born about 1871 in Kentucky. Sarah married William Asa HAY. William was born on 23 Apr 1871 at Lawrence County, KY. He died on 18 Oct 1962 in Lawrence County, Kentucky and is buried in William Asa Hay Cemetery, Mazie, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
3. John Watson FANNIN was born on 5 Jun 1873 at Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 13 Dec 1952 in Roscoe, Elliott County, Kentucky.
4. Martha J. FANNIN was born on 23 Aug 1875 at Elliott, County Kentucky.
5. Mary Louisa FANNIN was born about Nov 1877 in Kentucky. She died on 6 Mar 1950 at Roscoe, Elliott County, Kentucky, United States. Mary married Samuel W BUSH before 1920 in Kentucky. Samuel was born on 24 Jan 1859 in Carter County, Kentucky, United States. He died on 26 Mar 1922 at Elliott County, Kentucky and is buried at Dobbins, Elliott County, Kentucky.
6. Georgiana FANNIN was born about Mar 1880 in Kentucky.
7. Rolla FANNIN was born on Feb 1883 in Kentucky.
8. Robert F FANNIN was born about Apr 1886 in Kentucky.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 27.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 52.
Ancestry.com databases.
Correspondence, Charles Barker.
Correspondence, Paul Sparks.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Morgan County Kentucky Court Records.
Bryant FANNIN 21 February 1830-15 October 1882
Sarah Watson 21 August 1835-16 September 1905

Bryant FANNIN was born on 21 Feb 1830 at Morgan County, Kentucky to George FANNIN and Mary MUMPOWER (MUMBOWER). He died on 15 Oct 1882 in Kentucky. He was buried in Jim Thornberry Cemetery, Elliott, Kentucky. Bryant married Sarah WATSON, daughter of Rolly WATSON and Martha or Patty MASON, on 30 Mar 1851 in , Morgan, Kentucky. Sarah was born on 21 Aug 1835 in , Kentucky. She died on 16 Sep 1905 in Sandy Hook, Elliott, Kentucky. She was buried in Jim Thornberry Cemetery, Elliott, Kentucky. They had the following children.

1. James Harvey FANNIN was born on 29 Dec 1852 at Morgan, Kentucky. He died on 21 May 1916 in Newcomb, Elliott, Kentucky. He is buried Ison Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky. James married Nancy ISON, daughter of Isom ISON and Isabelle or Ebbie HANNAH, on Jan 1870 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. Nancy was born on 21 Dec 1853 at Morgan County, Kentucky. She died on 21 Dec 1917 at Newcomb, Elliott County, Kentucky. She is buried Ison Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky.

2. William G FANNIN was born on 18 Nov 1853 in, Morgan, Kentucky. He died on 31 Oct 1939 at Elliott County, Kentucky. He is buried at the Head of Sandy Creek, Elliott Coutny, Kentucky. William married Mary or Polly ADKINS on 7 May 1874 at Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky. William also married Mary PELFRY on 18 Sep 1903 at Elliott County, Kentucky.

3. Raleigh or Rolly FANNIN was born on 30 Jul 1856 in, Morgan, Kentucky. He died in 1920 at Elliot County, Kentucky. Raleigh married Almarinda Alice Smoot HUNTER about 1876. Raleigh also married Derinda or Rinda.

4. George FANNIN was born in 1859 in , Kentucky. He died on 9 Jun 1930 at Lytton. He is buried in George Fannin Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky. George married Rutha THORNBSURY about 1882. George also married Rutha. Rutha was born on 15 Aug 1863. She died on 12 May 1917. She is buried in George Fannin Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky.

5. David Crockett FANNIN was born on 20 Jun 1861 in, Morgan, Kentucky. He died on 5 Mar 1930 in Ashland, Kentucky. He was buried on 8 Mar 1930 in Rose Hill Cem., Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky. David married Sarah Alice PELPHREY.

6. Penola or Nola FANNIN was born in 1865 in, Morgan, Kentucky. She died in 1963 in Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky. She was buried in Vencill P. B. G., Elliott County, Kentucky. Penola married Charles W. VENCILL. Charles was born on 8 Apr 1858 in, , Virginia. He died on 31 Mar 1924 in Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky. He was buried in Vencill P. B. G., Elliott County, Kentucky.

7. Martha Jane FANNIN was born in 1867 in, Kentucky. She died on 28 Sep 1930. Martha married John Morgan CLARK on 12 Aug 1883.

8. Minnie FANNIN was born in 1872 in Kentucky.

9. Peter FANNIN was born on 18 Aug 1874 at Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 12 Sep 1951 at Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky. Peter married Della PARSONS. Peter also married Estella A. Spry HARR.

10. Arthur FANNIN was born in 1877 in, Kentucky. He died on 1 Aug 1956 in Monrovia, Los Angeles, California. He is buried in Inglewood, Los Angeles, California. Arthur married Linnie PENNINGTON on 24 Oct 1901 at Elliott County, Kentucky.

11. Jennie FANNIN died young.
Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 45.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 31.
Ancestry.com databases.
Correspondence, Charles Barker.
Correspondence, Michael Fannin.
Correspondence, Oscar L. Green.
Death Certificate, James H. Fannin.
Death Certificate, Nancy Fannin.
*Morgan County, Kentucky Vital Statistics, Vol. I. & II.*
Kentucky Death Certificates 1911-1958.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1910 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Isom Ison 8 Apr 1822-24 Jun 1880
Isabelle or Ebbie Hannah 1832-1912

Isom Ison, was the son of Archibald Ison and Mary or Polly Gilliam. He was born 8 April 1822 in Kentucky. He married Isabelle Hannah on 24 November 1849 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Isom died 24 Jun 1880 at Elliott County, Kentucky.

Isabelle was the daughter of Joseph Hannah and Nancy Hamilton. She was born 15 March 1832 at Morgan County, Kentucky and died 6 March 1911 at Elliott County Kentucky. Apparently she had remarried because her death record list her as Isabell Holbrook.

In 1850, Isom and Isabelle were living in Lawrence County, Kentucky with Archibald Ison, Isom’s father. Because of this, there is a record on the LDS Church's International Genealogical Index which is incorrect. Someone used that census as the reference to submit information which named Archibald Isom/n as Isabelle's father. Isom and Isabelle had the following children

1. Ebenzer B. ISON was born on 10 Jan 1851 at Isonville, Morgan County, Kentucky. Ebenzer married Margaret E. OSBORNE about 1869 at Elliott County, Kentucky. Margaret was born in 1852 at Scott County, Virginia. Ebenzer also married Lydia A FANNIN in Kentucky.
2. Nancy ISON was born on 21 Dec 1853 at Morgan County, Kentucky. She died on 21 Dec 1917 at Newcomb, Elliott County, Kentucky. She was buried at Ison Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky. Nancy married James Harvey FANNIN, son of Bryant FANNIN and Sarah WATSON, on Jan 1870 at Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky. James was born on 29 Dec 1852 at Morgan County, Kentucky. He died on 21 May 1916 at Newcomb, Elliott County, Kentucky. He was buried at Ison Cemetery, Elliott County, Kentucky.
3. Mary ISON was born on 3 Nov 1854 at Morgan County, Kentucky. She died on 26 Nov 1909. She was buried at Ezel Cemetery 5, Morgan County, Kentucky. Mary married Henry B. FANNIN, son of George FANNIN and Mary MUMPOWER, in 1873 in Kentucky. Henry was born on 4 Nov 1849 at Fannin Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky. He died on 17 Apr 1916 at Morgan County, Kentucky. He was buried at Ezel Cemetery 5, Morgan County, Kentucky.
4. William M ISON was born on 18 Sep 1856 in Morgan County, Kentucky. He died about 1896/1900 in Kentucky. William married Cynthia ISON on 11 Sep 1879 iat Morgan County, Kentucky. Cynthia was born on 2 Oct 1859 in Kentucky. She died on 19 Sep 1920.
5. Elizabeth ISON was born on 8 Mar 1859 at Morgan County, Kentucky. She died on 27 May 1924 at Boyd County, Kentucky. Elizabeth married James Anderson FANNIN about 1876 at Elliott County, Kentucky. James was born about 1855 at North Ruin, Morgan County, Kentucky. He died on 24 Jul 1918 at Boyd, Kentucky. He was buried in Boyd, Kentucky.
6. Celina ISON was born on 9 Mar 1861 at Morgan County, Kentucky. Celina married John D FANNIN in 1881 at Morgan County, Kentucky. John was born on 8 Sep 1860 in Morgan, Kentucky, United States. He died on 11 Aug 1937 in Morgan County, Kentucky, United States. He was buried in Crockett, Morgan County, Kentucky, United States.
7. Spencer ISON was born on 5 Sep 1864 at Morgan County, Kentucky, United States. He died on
4 Jun 1937 at Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, United States. Spencer married Mary DICKERSON. Mary was born on 17 Apr 1871 at Newfoundland, Elliott County, Kentucky. She died in 1962 in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky.

8. Benjamin Franklin ISON was born on 6 Mar 1868 in Kentucky. He died on 21 May 1925 at Cattlesburg, Boyd County, Kentucky. Benjamin married Mary. Mary was born about 1879 in West Virginia.

9. Isabelle ISON was born in 1869 in Morgan, Kentucky.

10. Sarah ISON was born on 29 Mar 1871 in Elliott County, Kentucky. She died on 28 Oct 1951 at Red Bush, Johnson County, Kentucky, United States. Sarah married Benjamin Rowland HAMILTON in 1895 in Kentucky. Benjamin was born on 21 Feb 1861 in Kentucky. He died on 12 Jul 1948 at Johnson County, Kentucky.

11. Samuel Isaac ISON was born on 22 May 1874 at Elliott County, Kentucky. He died on 22 May 1875 at Elliott County, Kentucky.

Sources:
Ancestry.com Databases
Correspondence, Samone Ison Ratcliff.
Death Certificate, Nancy Fannin.
Death Certificate, James H. Fannin.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Births, 1874.
LDS-IGI.
U.S. Census, 1850 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1870 Elliott County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1880 Elliott County, Kentucky.
Kentucky death certificates, 1911-1952 Kentucky, Office of Vital Statistics
7th Generation
James Lewis 9 Aug 1736 (?)-bef 10 Apr 1826
Winedrey or Winnie Henson

According to several local histories, James Lewis was born 9 Aug 1736 in Wales. These histories reference the diary of Rev. John Jay Dickey. Rev. Dickey was a circuit riding preacher who lived in the Clay, Leslie and Perry County Kentucky area. In the late 1890's to early 1900's Rev. Dickey interviewed the residents of the area about their ancestry and recorded what they told him in a diary. His diary has been microfilmed and a copy of it is located at the Family History Library of the LDS Church, Salt Lake City Utah. My review of Dickey's diary discovered that the diary does not say James was born in Wales. Rather it states that his ancestry came from Wales. Below are details from the his diary:

An interview with James, grandson, John C. Lewis seems to say that John gave James’ birth date as 9 Aug 1736 but the way it is worded it could be that Rev. Dickey interjected that information into the record himself. The entry states,

"James Lewis. Progenitor of the Lewises, My Grandfather's name was James Lewis. He was born August 9, 1736 and died Dec. 1, 1825. (I saw this on his tombstone on Cutshin on J.C. Lewis' farm. J.J.)....."

According to my correspondence with Hayes Lewis, Hyden, Kentucky, the tombstone in question was made out of a big flat rock but is no longer there. Hayes stated that he personally never saw the tombstone but a cousin of his had. Hayes' cousin gives James death date differently. He says James died 1 Sep 1825. I tend to think the 1 Sep 1825 death date is more correct because of a photocopy of a deed for the Heirs of James Lewis Decd. dated 12 Nov 1825 and recorded 10 Apr 1826. I think it would be a little odd for the heirs to draw up a deed before James had actually died and left them the land.

From the land record mentioned above I identified seventeen possible children of James. Dickey's diary reports James's grandson, Timothy Lewis as saying that "My grandfather James was first married to a Miss Griffin who bore him three children, James, Gideon and Elvira, (Shepherd)... Winnie Henson was his second wife. His children were as follow: Thaddeus, my father, John Nathan, Isaac, Absolom, Andrew, Juder, Winnie, Pattie, Sallie, Peggy and Polly." Timothy's interview does not include Joseph Lewis who is listed on the Heirs of James Lewis Deed as one of the children. The Heirs of James Lewis Deed makes no mention to the son Gideon probably because Gideon died in 1824 prior to James death. I personally have not been able to locate marriage records for either of James's marriage. So, I have only Timothy's interview to confirm which children belonged to which wife.

Children by first wife, who according to Dickey's Diary was a Griffin:

1. Gideon LEWIS was born about 1769 from Ashe County, North Carolina. He died about 1824 based on the filing of his probate in Floyd County, Kentucky. Gideon married Rachel. Rachel was born about 1770.
2. James LEWIS was born in 1771/1776 at Ashe County, North Carolina. He died about 1864. He was buried in Ed Napier Farm, Perry, Kentucky. James married Sally COUCH.
3. Elvira LEWIS was born about 1775 in Kentucky or Virginia. Elvira married William SHEPHERD, son of Sampson SHEPHERD and Christina, about 1796. William was born about 1772.
Children by second wife, Windrey/Winnie Henson:

1. John LEWIS was born about 1779/1782 in North Carolina. He died on 8 Mar 1878 at Elliott County, Kentucky. John married Rachel HENSON in North Carolina. Rachel was born in 1783 in North Carolina. She died before 1867.

2. Thaddeus LEWIS was born about 1785 in Ashe County, North Carolina. He died on 11 Sep 1858 at Cutshin, Perry County, Kentucky. Thaddeus married Mary or Polly ROARK in 1809 in Ashe County, North Carolina. Mary was born about 1785 in Virginia.

3. Margaret LEWIS married Abraham PENNINGTON.

4. Nathan LEWIS was born about 1788 in North Carolina. Nathan married Judea STIDHAM, probably the daughter of Samuel STIDHAM. Judea was born in 1789 in Surry County, North Carolina. She died in Carter County, Kentucky.

5. Betsey or Phoeby LEWIS was born about 1794/1796. Betsey married Silas DAVIDSON, son of Daniel DAVIDSON, on 25 Nov 1812 at Clay County, Kentucky. Silas was born on 1 Mar 1794 at Russell County, Virginia.

6. Samuel LEWIS was born about 1794 at New River, Ashe County, North Carolina. He died on 1 Sep 1858 at Cutshin, Perry County, Kentucky. Samuel married Kesiah or Cuzza MCDANIEL. Kesiah was born about 1798 in Virginia. She died on 28 Sep 1858 at Cutshin, Perry County, Kentucky.

7. Joseph LEWIS was born about 1795 in North Carolina. Joseph married Sarah or Sallie WOOTON. Sarah was born about 1792 in South Carolina.

8. Patsey LEWIS was born about 1774/1804. Patsey married PENNINGTON. Patsey also married William STRONG on 11 Jul 1816 at Clay County, Kentucky.

9. Winetrey or Winnie LEWIS was born about 1794/1804. Winetrey married Jesse BOLING Jr. in 1812 at Clay County, Kentucky. Jesse was born in 1794/1804 from Perry County, Kentucky.

10. Mary or Polly LEWIS was born about 1796 in North Carolina. Mary married James HENSON on 1 Aug 1812 at Clay County, Kentucky. James was born about 1788/1790 in North Carolina. He died in Jun 1869 at Elliott County, Kentucky.

11. Absalom LEWIS was born about 1800 from Ashe County, North Carolina. He died before 1834. Absalom married Susanna "Susan" WILLIAMS on 26 Jul 1820 at Clay County, Kentucky. Susanna was born about 1802.

12. Juder LEWIS was born about 1802 in North Carolina. Juder married Nancy BEGLEY. Nancy was born about 1810 in Kentucky.

13. Isaac LEWIS was born about 1805 in North Carolina. Isaac married Phebe or Rebecca COUCH. Phebe was born in 1806 in North Carolina.


15. Sally LEWIS. (Some histories state that she married Joshua Foster but according to Clay County, Kentucky Clerk’s Marriage records the Sally Lewis that married Joshua was the daughter of Messenger Lewis.)

The John Jay Dickey Diary stated that James’ and his family arrived in Kentucky about 1811. From a study of census records it appears that part of the family may have arrived as early as 1805. James and part of his children settled on the Cutskin Creek in what is today Leslie and Perry County Kentucky. Gideon went to the Big Sandy Area of Kentucky. (I have located a land record for a Gideon Lewis in that area but I have not been able to connect him to James yet.) John and Polly both went to the Little Sandy Area of Kentucky. Nathan settled on Newcomb's Fork of Little Sandy. My own research has determined that Nathan and John lived within a few miles of each other. John moved his family from the Cutskin in the mid 1820's but Nathan did not move his family until the 1840's.
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U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1830 Perry County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1840 Perry County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1850 Perry County, Kentucky.
Joel Adkins about 1756-1 Dec 1856

Joel’s place in our pedigree has not yet been proven, but according to Terry Anderson he is the father of Howard Adkins. His death record states he was born 1770 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia to Richard Adkins and Molly. He died 1 Dec 1856 in Morgan County, Kentucky. There is an entry on the LDS-IGI that states that Joel's wife was Rachel Emerson. I checked the records referenced by this entry and learned that it states that Joel Adkinson married Rachel Emerson not Joel Adkins. It is possible that Joel changed his name but I haven't found anything to verify this.

In 1829 a Joel Adkins and wife Sally sold land in Pike County, Kentucky to George Justice. This is probably our Joel. Then later, in 1849, Joel Adkins sells land in Morgan County, Kentucky to Joel P. for one dollar. Since, Sally does not sign the deed it is probably safe to assume that she was dead by then. On the 1850 census of Morgan County, Kentucky, Joel is listed, in the household of Joel P Adkins.

Sources:
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Morgan County, Kentucky Vital Statistics, Vol. III.
Morgan County Kentucky Deeds
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Pittsylvania County, Virginia Marriages.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Peter Coleman 1776-29 November 1852
Charlotte

Peter Coleman was born about 1776 in North Carolina to Peter Coleman and Abigail. The Pike County Kentucky Death Register gives his death date as 29 November 1852 at Marrowbone Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. According to the book, Descendants of Abraham Coleman, Peter was married three times. He first married Charlotte and they were the parents of:

1. Mary, born 1800, Virginia, married Howard Adkins, 19 Jul 1818, Floyd, County, Kentucky, died 25 Dec 1856, Morgan County, Kentucky.
2. John, married Elizabeth Thornbury.
5. Charlotte.

Some of Peter's descendants say that Peter married 2nd Mahala Bently. On 6 Aug 1836, Peter married Sarah Dales who was born 1798 in Virginia. They were the parents of:

1. Mathias, born 1834, Kentucky, married Lucinda Ratliff. (Note: Descendants of Abraham Coleman list Mathias as being the child of Peter and Sarah but it gives their marriage date two years after Mathias birth according to the 1850 census.)
3. Pricey, born 1838, Kentucky.

Peter was living in Pike County, Kentucky when the 1850 U.S. Census was taken.

Sources:
Descendants Of Abraham Coleman., p. 2.
Floyd County, Kentucky, Marriage Books.
Morgan County, Kentucky, Vital Statistics, Vol. III.
U. S. Census, 1850 Floyd County, Kentucky.
Pike County Kentucky Death Register
According to the 1850 Census of Russell County, Virginia John Branham was born 1773 in Montgomery County, Virginia and his wife Patsey or Martha Finch was born 1772 also in Montgomery County, Virginia. They are both listed as not being able to read or write. John and Patsey were married 20 January 1794 in Montgomery County, Virginia. Their marriage record calls her Martha and states she was the daughter of Nathaniel Finch, deceased, and Molly Finch Alswick. Her father apparently died when she was very young. John and Patsey were the parents of the following children:

1. Isham or Isom born 1794, Virginia, died 10 Jun 1876, Floyd County, Kentucky.
2. Rebecca born 1794, Bedford County, Virginia, married Zachariah Hale, Floyd County, Kentucky, died 5 Dec 1857, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
3. Polina, born 1796, died 5 Dec 1857, Wallen Hill Lawrence County Kentucky.
5. Andrew, born 1800, Virginia, married Sabrey Estep, 2 Feb 1816, Pike County, Kentucky.
7. Elliott County, Kentucky.
8. Turner Branham, born 1802, Virginia, married Mary or Polly Gibson, 12 Nov 1826, Pike County, Kentucky.
9. Sally Branham, born 1803, Virginia, married John King, Jr., 7 Feb 1828, Pike County, Kentucky.
10. David Branham, born 1806/1807, Montgomery County, Virginia, married Betsy Adkins, 7 Feb 1828, Pike County, Kentucky.
11. Kentucky, died 16 Mar 1857, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
12. Joseph, born 1810-19, Floyd County, Kentucky, married 2 Apr 1835, Pike County, Kentucky.
13. unnamed son.
14. Milly, born 1812, Kentucky.
15. Sarah, abt. 1814, married Jeffrey H. Wolfington, 5 Aug 1847, Pike County, Kentucky.
16. Moses, born 1817, Floyd County, Kentucky.
17. unnamed son, born 1818.
18. unnamed son, born 1820.

According to Lawrence Branham, deceased, John and Patsey brought their family to Kentucky around 1800. John appears on the Floyd County, Kentucky 1810 census record. Several of his children's marriage records are recorded in Pike County, Kentucky, which was created from Floyd County in 1822. In 1829, John and Patsey sold land on Sandy River in Pike County, Kentucky to William Adkins. Then in 1832, William and Nancy Adkins sell land on Shelby's Creek in Pike County, Kentucky to John and Patsey. In the records of both land transactions, John and Patsey are stated as being of Pike County, Kentucky. John and Patsey then sell part of their Shelby Creek track in 1840 to Thomas P. May, Jr. At that time the record still states that they are of Pike County, Kentucky. On the 24th day of February 1844 John and Patsey sell the remainder of their Shelby Creek land to John Edwards. This transaction states that they are now of Russell County, Virginia.

John died 8 January 1859 in Wise County, Virginia. His death record can be found in the County Clerk's Register of Deaths of Wise County, Virginia on film at the LDS Church's Family History Library. It names his parent's as David Branham and ? Vanover. The informant was John's grandson, Tandy Branham. Patsey died prior to John because John's death record list him as a widower. According to an article in the book Branhams and Kin: The Descendants of Milly Branham, Patsey
died in 1857 but I was unable to find a death record for her.

Sources:

Branhams and Kin, pp. 1-3.

“Branham Family”

Brief of Wills and Marriage In Montgomery and Fincastle, Va. 1733-1831.

Deed, John Branham and Patsey, his wife, to John Edwards.

Deed, John Branham and Patsey, his wife, to Thomas P. May, Jr.

Deed, William Adkins and Nancy Adkins to John Branham.


Kentucky State Vital Records, Deaths, 1874.


LDS-IGI.

“Marriage Records of Pike County, Kentucky,” Pike County 1822-1976 Historical Papers.


Telephone interview, Darius Branham.

U.S. Census, 1850 Russell County, Virginia.

Wise County, Virginia, Death Register, 1859.
Richard Gillem or Gilliam 1770-?

Richard Gillem born 1770 was the son of William Gilliam. He married Judah Stidham about 1770. I don't know much about him but I have identified the following children.

2. Jesse, born 1789, Virginia.
3. Richard, born 1795/1800, Buckingham County, Virginia, married 1st Nancy, 2nd Charity Rogers, 19 Nov 1853, Carter County, Kentucky.
4. Delila, born 1797/1800, Scott County, Virginia, married James Moore 30 Nov 1819, died 1 Dec 1875, Elliott County, Kentucky.
5. James, born 1799, married Agnes in North Carolina.
8. Charles, born 1804/07, Virginia, married Winny Lewis, 17 May 1829, Morgan County, Kentucky.
10. Bettie, married Mr. Spicer.
11. Elizabeth, married Patrick Buckner.
12. Isom, born 1802/1810.
13. Chelsey, born 1811, married Elizabeth Easley.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Census, pp. 3, 78.
Carter County, Kentucky Vital Records
Correspondence, Wayne C. Perkins.
Kentucky State Vital Statistics, Deaths, 1875.
Marriage Bonds of Pike County, Kentucky 1822-1865.
Telephone interview, Darius Branham.
Times Out of Mind, 1850 Carter County, Kentucky Census, p. 48-49.
Archibald Ison 1780-22 Feb 1855
Mary or Polly Gilliam 1782-bef 1855

Archibald Ison came to Kentucky about 1821 and patented a large tract of land on Newcombe Fork of the Little Sandy River. The town of Isonville was name for him. He was born 1780, Stoney Creek, Scott County, Virginia, to Charles Ison and Elizabeth Jane. He married Mary or Polly Gilliam about 1801 in Virginia. He died 22 Feb 1855, Isonville, Morgan County, Kentucky. He is buried in the family plot there in Isonville. A tombstone was erected at his grave site many years after his death by one of his descendants with an incorrect death year. From reviewing the research records of the person who was responsible for the error it appears they confused Archibald with one of his grandsons.

Archibald and Mary appear on my pedigree chart in three places. I descend through their sons, Ira, Burdine and Isom. They were the parents of the following:

2. William, born 1803, Scott County, Virginia, married Esther or Hettie Hamilton, 20 Apr 1826.
3. Martin, born 1804, Scott County, Virginia, married Nancy Sparks, 19 Jan 1830, Morgan County, Virginia.
4. Isaac, born 1806, Scott County, Virginia, married Anna or Annie Hamilton, 23 Aug 1832.
5. Ira, born 1810/1811, Scott County, Virginia, married Loucina or Sina Sparks, 5 Sep 1833, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
6. Burdine or Byrd, born 1 Nov 1814, Scott County, Virginia, married Cynthia Hannah, 17 Jun 1835, Morgan County, Virginia, died 14 Sep 1871, Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.
7. Doctor Ison, born 23 Feb 1817, Stonecreek, Scott County, Virginia, married Elizabeth Fraley, 5 May 1845, Lawrence County, Kentucky, died 17 Jan 1882, Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.
8. Argalis, born 1820/21, Kentucky, married Mary or Polly Hannah, 23 Sep 1851, Morgan County, Kentucky, died 23 Sep 1886.
9. Isom, born 8 Apr 1823, Kentucky, married Isabelle or Ebbie Hannah, 24 Nov 1849, Morgan County, Kentucky, died 24 Jun 1880, Elliott County, Kentucky.
10. Elizabeth, born 1824, Isonville, Morgan County, Kentucky, married 1st. David Waggoner, 5 Mar 1844, 2nd Elisha Lewis.

Sources:

1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 29, 30, 99 & 103.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 55, 56, & 58.
Correspondence, Samone Ison Ratcliff.
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LDS Archive Records, Archibald Ison.
Morgan County, Kentucky Vital Record Registers, Deaths.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register
Talleys' North Eastern Kentucky Papers.
Times Out of Mind, 1850 Carter County, Kentucky Census., p. 49.
U.S. Census, 1850 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Joseph Hannah abt 1793-?
Nancy Hamilton 1797-?

Joseph Hannah was born abt 1793 in Floyd County, Kentucky. He was the son of Rev. Samuel Hannah and Mary Cassady of Pennsylvania. He married Nancy Hamilton, 22 Jan 1818, in Floyd County, Kentucky. Nancy was born in 1797 also in Floyd County, Kentucky and the daughter of Benjamin Hamilton. They were the parents of the following known children:

1. Cynthia, born 1818/19, Kentucky, married Burdine or Byrd Ison, 17 Jan 1835, Morgan County, Kentucky.
2. Isabelle or Ebbie, born 1822, Kentucky, married Isom Ison, 24 Nov 1849, Morgan County, Kentucky.
3. Mary or Polly, born 1825/32, Morgan County, Kentucky, married Argalis Ison, 23 Sep 1851, Morgan County.
4. Kentucky, died 5 Sep 1877, Isonville, Elliott County, Kentucky.
5. John, born 1831, Kentucky.
6. Elizabeth, born 1835, Kentucky.
8. David, born 1839, Kentucky.

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U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
James Elliott 1775-1829
Obedience Parsley 1786-1836

James ELLIOTT was born on 5 Dec 1775 in , Montgomery, Virginia. He died before 16 May 1829 in , of Russell, Virginia. James married Obedience PARSLEY daughter of Moses PARSLEY and Obedience RYBURN on 14 Jan 1802 in , Washington, Virginia. Obedience was born on 13 Sep 1786 in , Washington, Virginia. She died on 11 Nov 1836 in , Russell, Virginia. They had the following children:

1. Mary or Polly ELLIOTT was born in 1802 in , Russell, Virginia. She died on 13 Aug 1834 , Russell, Virginia. Mary married James Harvey LITTON on 6 Jun 1826 in Lebanon, Virginia. James was born in Aug 1789 in , Russell, Virginia. He died on 2 Aug 1855 in , Pike, Kentucky.
5. Rachel ELLIOTT was born in 1810 in , Russell, Virginia. Rachel married Joel CAMPBELL
7. Cynthia ELLIOTT was born in 1814 in , Russell, Virginia. She died on 8 Sep 1885 in , Russell, Virginia. Cynthia married Henry CAMPBELL before 20 Aug 1847 in of, Russell, Virginia. Henry was born in 1813 in , Russell, Virginia.
8. Jesse ELLIOTT was born about 1818 in , Russell, Virginia.
9. Sarah ELLIOTT was born in 1820 in , Russell, Virginia. Sarah married Andrew WELCH before 26 Nov 1837 in of, Russell, Virginia. Andrew was born in 1816 in Virginia.
11. James Peter or Patton ELLIOTT was born on 8 Jul 1823 in , Russell, Virginia. He died on 28 Jun 1863 in Kentucky. James married Elizabeth CUNNINGHAM before 15 Aug 1846 in of, Russell, Virginia. Elizabeth was born on 1 Jun 1815 in , Washington, Virginia. She died on 7 Aug 1882 in , Floyd, Kentucky.
12. Frances C or Fannie ELLIOTT was born in 1823/1825 in , Russell, Virginia. Frances married Joshua ELDRIDGE in 1843 in of, Lee, Virginia. Joshua was born in 1818 in , Virginia. He died after 1870 in Kentucky. Some members of my family mistakenly told me that Fannie was the daughter of the person Elliott County was named after. My research has proven this to be incorrect.
14. Martha or Patsey ELLIOTT was born in , Russell, Virginia.
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Levi Sparks was born 2 Oct 1778, Surrey County, North Carolina to John Sparks and Sarah Shires or Shores. He was 1st married to a Miss Walsh who died and left him with two children. They were:

1. Garred or Jarett, born 15 Sep 1802, married 1825, Elizabeth Boggs.
2. Sidney, born 1804.

Then he married Sarah Lyon born abt.1781, the daughter of William Lyon, Sr. And Margaret or Magdaline. Sarah and Levi were the parents’ of the following:

1. Calvin, born 9 Nov 1806, Wilkes County, North Carolina, married Sarah Lyon 19 Jun 1828, Lawrence County, Kentucky, died 22 Feb 1894, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
4. Loucina or Zina, born 1812/13, Ashe County, North Carolina, married Ira Ison, 5 Sep1833, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
5. Sarah, born abt. 1814, married 18 Mar 1835, Lawrence County, Kentucky.

Abt. 1820 with Jesse Lyon, John Holbrook and four other Lyon brothers, Levi moved to Lawrence County, Kentucky where he taught school. Both Levi and Sarah died in Lawrence County Kentucky. Levi died 21 Oct 1851 and Sarah followed him 4 years later on 21 Oct 1855.

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Correspondence, Paul E. Sparks.
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U.S. Census, 1850 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
Jesse Wilson Conn was born 1775 in Virginia. His parents have not been identified yet. He was married to Mary Pendleton. Mary was the daughter of Benjamin Pendleton and Fanny or Franky. Mary was born 1787, in Scott County, Virginia and died 4 Jul 1852 in Morgan County, Kentucky. They were the parents of the following children:

2. Cynthia, born 1811, Virginia, married George Carter, died aft. 1880, Ordinary, Elliott County, Kentucky.
3. Samuel,
5. Jesse Wilson, Conn Jr., born Jan 1822, Virginia, married Emerine or Emily Hunter, 3 Apr 1850, Morgan County, Kentucky.
7. Mary, born 1836, Scott County, Virginia.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, pp. 14, 45, 56, & 89.
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Correspondence, Cornelius Carroll.
Morgan County, Kentucky Vital Statistics Vol. III.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Parks F. Jarrels 1800-?
Jenny or Jane Roberson 1802-?

Parks F. Jarrels was born 1800 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. According to the *The History of Elliott County Kentucky, 1869-1990, Vol. II*, Parks parents were William Jarrels of Craven County, North Carolina and Susannah Parks, a Cherokee Indian. Parks married Jenny or Jane Roberson, 15 Nov 1827 in Floyd County, Kentucky. Jenny was the daughter of Samuel Roberson. Parks and Jenny were the parents of the following children:

2. William R., born 1830/31 Floyd County, Kentucky, married Manerva Jane Hunter, 12 Jul 1855, Morgan County, Kentucky.
3. (1880 Census states they were divorced even though they were still in the same household.)
4. Amos Davis, born 5 Oct 1833, Floyd County, Kentucky, married Mary Elizabeth Bumgardner, 5 Jun 1856, Sandy Hook, Morgan County, Kentucky, died 25 Jun 1914, Sandy Hook, Elliott County, Kentucky.
5. Julian, born 1837, Floyd County, Kentucky, married James Adkins, 22 Oct 1857, Morgan County, Kentucky, died 22 Feb 1878, Elliott County, Kentucky.
6. Ancil.
7. Elizabeth, born 1844/45, Kentucky.

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*1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census*, p. 16 & 17.
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Kentucky State Vital Records, Elliott County, Deaths.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
According to an article published in *The History of Elliott County Kentucky 1869-1990, Vol. II*, Benjamin Franklin was born abt. 1792 in Virginia and died 1875 in Elliott County Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Drake who was born abt 1800 also in Virginia and died February 1872. He appears on the 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky U.S. Census under the name of Francis. Francis and Elizabeth appear in my pedigree twice as I descend from their daughters, Emerine or Emily and Manerva Jane. They were the parents' of the following children:

1. Sylvester D., born 16 Jan 1817, Tennessee, married Mary or Pop Adkins, died 28 Dec 1891.
3. Emerine or Emily, born Feb 1822, Virginia, married Jesse Wilson Conn. (Article calls him John Wilson but my research indicates his name was Jesse.)
4. Penelope, born abt 1828, Kentucky, married James S. Foster.
5. James Kendall, born 1832, Kentucky, married Edith Howard. (My research indicates he married Polly Ann Clevenger, 20 Jan 1859, Morgan County, Kentucky.
6. America, born abt 1834, Kentucky, married Lewis Thornberry.
8. Nancy, born 1838, Kentucky, married Peter Fannin, 18 Jan 1855, Morgan County, Kentucky.
10. William Thomas, born 1841, Kentucky, married Araminta Adkins, 5 Feb 1865, Morgan County, Kentucky.

Sources:
*1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census*, pp. 2 & 10.
*1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census*, p. 16.
Correspondence, Alice Schaller.
Morgan County, Kentucky. Marriage
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
Benjamin Howard 1807-?
Nancy Arnett 1805-?

Benjamin Howard was born 1807 and married Nancy Arnett, 30 Dec 1825 in Floyd County, Kentucky. He was the son of Benjamin Howard and Phoebe Sluser. Nancy was the daughter of Stephen Arnett and Elizabeth Howard. He and Nancy were the parents of the following children:

1. Stephen, born 1827, Licking River, Floyd County, Kentucky, married Rebecca Minix, 9 Feb 1853, Floyd County, Kentucky.
5. Larken, born 20 Aug 1832, Licking River, Floyd County, Kentucky, married Mary A. or Polly Salyer, 23 Jun 1858, Floyd County, Kentucky.
6. Harris C., born 1839, Licking River, Floyd County, Kentucky, married 23 Apr 1868, Floyd County, Kentucky.

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John Salyer 22 1803-10 Mar 1865
Polly Wadkins 11 Aug 1804-18 Apr 1877

John Salyer was born 22 Jul 1803 in Knox County, Kentucky to William Salyer and Nancy. He married Polly Wadkins 2 Nov 1820, Floyd County, Kentucky. Polly was born 11 Aug 1804 and the daughter of Thomas Wadkins. John died 10 Mar 1865 at Moll Mountain, Magoffin County, Kentucky and Polly died 18 Apr 1877. The were the parents of the following:

1. Thomas L., born 20 Nov 1823, married 1st Violet Montgomery, 2nd Louise Howard and 3rd Eliza Brown, 8 Aug 1867, died 3 Feb 1905.
2. William W., born 1825, Floyd County, Kentucky, married Luqueena Howard.
3. Luranna, born May 1829, married William J. Salyer.
5. Wiley, born 21 Sep 1834, Magoffin County, Kentucky, married Margaret Minix, died 17 Feb 1915.

Sources:
Arnett Album Vol. II.
Floyd County Kentucky Vital Statistics 1852-1904.
Howard Families of Eastern Kentucky.
Samuel Salyer and Other Related Salyer Families of Eastern Kentucky
U. S. Census, 1850 Floyd County, Kentucky.
U. S. Census, 1860 Magoffin, County Kentucky.
Calvin Sparks, was the son of Levi and Sarah Lyon Sparks. He was born 9 November 1806 in North Carolina and died 26 February 1894 in Lawrence County, Kentucky. He married Sarah Lyon, born 10 July 1806 also in North Carolina. Sarah was the daughter of John Lyon and Mary or Polly Holbrook. Calvin and Sarah were married 19 June 1828 in Lawrence County, Kentucky. They were the parents of five known children:

1. Alförd or Alfred J., born 22 Feb 183, Lawrence County, Kentucky, married Mary or Polly Ann Green, 30 Dec 1852.
2. Lawrence County, Kentucky, died 13 Apr 1899.
3. Amy, born 1837, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
4. Polina or Perlina, born 1840, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
5. Nelson, born 1845, Lawrence County, Kentucky.
6. Thomas Benton, born 1 Feb 1847, Lawrence County, Kentucky, married Irene Fields, 30 Aug 1869.

Sources:
Correspondence, Charles Barker.
Correspondence, Oscar L. Green.
Correspondence, Paul E. Sparks.
LDS-IGI.
Sparks Quarterly.
The Stallard Connection, p. 757.
William Wellington Green Mar 1817-?
Sarah Hutchinson 31 Mar 1822-23 May 1894

William Wellington Green, was born March 1817 in Virginia. William was the son of James Green, Jr. and Dulcena Stallard. He died 23 February 1892 in Elliott County, Kentucky. He married Sarah or Sally Hutchinson, 15 Oct. 1837 in Scott County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Peter Hutchinson, Jr. and Elizabeth Mason. Sarah was born 31 March 1822 in Virginia and died May 1894 in Elliott County, Kentucky. William operated a mill on the Little Sandy River near Bruin, Kentucky. They were the parents of following:

1. Mary or Polly Ann, born 12 Sep 1839, Scott County, Virginia, married Alford (Alfred) J. Sparks, 30 Dec 1852 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
2. Elizabeth, born 1841, Scott County, Virginia.
5. William Wellington (Wag), born 1848.
7. Verlina (Lina)
8. Susan
9. Sarah Isabelle (Belle)

Sources:
LDS-IGI.
Scott County, Virginia Marriage Books 1815-1963.
The Stallard Connection, p. 757.
U.S. Census, 1850 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1870 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1880 Lawrence County, Kentucky.
James P. Day 1809-?
Elizabeth 1813-?

James P. DAY-867 was born in 1809 in Kentucky. James married Elizabeth COGSWELL-868 daughter of Jedediah COGSWELL-2464 (MRIN:474) on 23 Sep 1829 in Bath, Kentucky. Elizabeth was born in 1813 in Kentucky. Elizabeth was counted in a census in 1850. They had the following children:

1. John DAY was born in 1831 in Kentucky.
2. Isaac or Ike DAY was born about 1834 in Morgan, Kentucky. Isaac married
3. Frances or Frankie WATSON daughter of Rolly WATSON and Martha or Patty MASON on 10 Aug 1857 in Morgan, Kentucky. Frances was born on 23 Jan 1841 in Morgan, Kentucky. She died on 19 Aug 1909. She was buried in Elk Fork, Morgan, Kentucky. Frances was counted in a census in 1850 in Morgan, Kentucky. She was counted in a census in 1860 in Morgan, Kentucky. She was counted in a census in 1870 in Elliott, Kentucky. She was counted in a census in 1880 in Elliott, Kentucky. She was counted in a census in 1900 in Elliott, Kentucky.
4. Sara DAY was born in 1839 in Kentucky.
5. Mary DAY was born in 1841 in Kentucky.
6. Emily DAY was born in 1843 in Kentucky.
7. William DAY was born in 1846 in Kentucky.
8. Henry DAY was born in 1848 in Kentucky.
9. Allen DAY was born in 1850 in Kentucky.

Sources:
Correspondence, Paul E. Sparks.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Marriages. (Isaac’s daughter’s marriage record gives his birthplace.)
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County Kentucky.
Jim Fannin, Gerland Hay, Lewis Fannin, Gene Hall, Pat Fannin, Fannin/Fanning/Fannon Genealogy (Created 26 Feb 1999 by Reunion, and updated 1 Apr 2002), Internet/World Wide Web, http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~fannin/wc_toc.htm#CNTC.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ancestral File (TM), June 1998 (c), data as of 5 JAN 1998, Family History Library, 35 N.West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 USA.
Correspondence with Charles A. Barker, Family Group Record Rolla "Rawley" Watson and Martha "Patty" Mason, Lynn Andersen, 688 South Coleman St., Tooele, Utah.
U.S. Census, 1900 Elliott County, Kentucky (Format: Microfilm, Washington D.C.: The National Archives), Family History Library, 35 N.West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 USA, Film #1240518.
Rolly or Raleigh Watson was born 1812 to James Watson and Frances or Frankey Stallard. He married 1st Martha or Patty Mason, 6 Nov 1833 in Scott County, Virginia. Martha was born about 1805 to Jesse Mason and Sarah or Sally Todd. They were the parents of the following:

1. Sarah, born 21 Aug 1835, Kentucky, married Bryant Fannin 30 Mar 1851, Morgan County, Kentucky and died 16 Sep 1905.
2. Frances or Frankie, born 23 Jan 1841, Morgan County, Kentucky, married 1st Isaac Day, 10 Aug 1857, 2nd Anderson Fannin, 13 Jun 1867 both in Morgan County, Kentucky. She died 19 Aug 1909.

After the death of his first wife, Martha, Rolly married Lurana Gillum who was born 1822, in Kentucky. They had the following children:

1. John, born 7 Apr 1854, Morgan County, Kentucky.
2. William, born 16 Aug 1855, Morgan County, Kentucky.
5. Martha, born 1861, Kentucky.
6. Martin, born 4 Sep 1863, Kentucky, died Jul 1939.
7. Samuel Logan, born 1868, Kentucky.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 28.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, p. 52.
Correspondence, Charles Barker.
Correspondence, Paul E. Sparks.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Deaths, 1877.
Morgan County, Kentucky Marriage Register
Scott County, Virginia Marriage Books 1815-1963.
U.S. Census, 1850 Morgan County Kentucky.
U.S. Census, 1860 Morgan County, Kentucky.
George Fannin was born 28 Oct 1804. On 17 Feb 1825 in Scott County, Virginia, he married Mary Mumpower\Mumbower. She was born 4 Jun 1809, Washington County, Virginia to Peter Mumpower\Mumbower and Eve. They came to Morgan County, Kentucky sometime prior to 1830. George and Mary were the parents of the following:

1. William, born 29 May 1826, probably in Scott County, Virginia, died 15 Oct 1884, Elliott County, Kentucky.
2. Bryant, born 1830, in Morgan County, Kentucky, married Sarah Watson, 30 Mar 1851, in Morgan County, Kentucky.
3. Peter M., born 1832, in Morgan County, Kentucky, married Nancy Hunter, 18 Jan 1855 in Morgan County, Kentucky.
4. Thomas H., born 9 Jun 1835, at Fannin Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky, died 27 Nov 1877, at Elliott County, Kentucky.
5. Elizabeth, born 1837, at Fannin Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky.
6. Eve, born 1840, at Fannin Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky.
7. Rosennah, born 1842, at Fannin Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky.
8. John, born 1844, at Fannin Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky, married Cynthia Williams, 1863.
11. Mary A., born 8 Nov 1852, at Fannin Fork, Morgan County, Kentucky.

Sources:
1870 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, pp. 1, 10 & 27.
1880 Elliott County, Kentucky Census, pp. 18 & 31.
Correspondence, Michael McCarthy.
Kentucky State Vital Records, Deaths, 1877.
Scott County, Virginia Marriage Books 1815-1963.