

# November 1997 Queries

DATE: 1 Nov. 1997

NAME: Cheryl Reynolds Kenter

SURNAMES: PILKINGTON

PILKINGTON, James H. and Salome A., I am looking for the children of these people who lived in West Plains, Howell Co., in 1910. Their children were JESSE a son born in ab. 1893, HENRY son born abt. 1896, HOMER a son born abt. 1898 and NICANOR a son (named for his grandfather) born in abt. 1902. James H. was born in Missouri and his wife was born in Indiana. James had lived in Arkansas with his older brother for a while after his first wife and children had died in Wright Co., MO. James died between 1900 and 1910. His wife later moved to Texas co. to live with a daughter from an earlier marriage to a Roberts. Would love to find these lost cousins. If you can help we would sure appreciate it. You can reach us at either [judysswan@csulb.edu](mailto:judysswan@csulb.edu) or [ckenter838@aol.com](mailto:ckenter838@aol.com). We are from William R. Pilkin(g)ton's line, James H.'s brother. Thank you.

DATE: 1 Nov. 1997

NAME: Sandy

SURNAMES: RICHARDSON

Seeking info on J.M. RICHARDSON b. abt 1835-40 in MO. Died 8/5/1879 in Montague Co., TX. J.M. married a woman known only by the initials S.B. on Jan 6, 1860 in Phelps Co., MO. J.M. enlisted in the CSA 7/20/1862 in Howell Co., and served in Co. D 8th MO Regiment until 1865. Any info on J.M. Richardson including his name, wife's name, children, parents & siblings will be greatly appreciated. [sandy@pyramid.net](mailto:sandy@pyramid.net)  
Thanks, Sandy

DATE: 2 Nov. 1997

NAME: Billy R.F. Denton

SURNAMES: DENTON

Hi I am researching my family DENTON and have been told that they may have come from the area. My G Grandfather Furr A Denton born 1870 I would like to hear from anyone else researching the DENTON name I have more information and would share please contact me at [furr@eis.net.au](mailto:furr@eis.net.au)

DATE: 2 Nov. 1997

NAME: Mike Frichette

SURNAMES: HUNTER

My wife father, Fred Hunter was born in West Plains Howell county Missouri on 9 June 1916. I have his father's name as William Hunter. I have no information on his mother whatsoever. Any help in locating the name of Fred HUNTER's mother would be appreciated. Thanks, Mike Frichette [AHAB@ix.netcom.com](mailto:AHAB@ix.netcom.com)

DATE: 2 Nov. 1997

NAME: Rob Whitmire

SURNAMES: WHITMIRE

I am looking for information on my great, great, great grandfather Thomas Jefferson Whitmire, long time resident of West Plains, Missouri. Interested in tying him to Stephen Sullivan for whom Sullivan Mo. is named and relatives back past Sullivan. Also any information on Jemima Massey Whitmire. T.J. Whitmire recieved the first diploma given by something called the Salem academy, dated 1876. I'd be interested in further information about that if possible. I note that he appears to have been rather prominent in the early history of West Plains(charter member of the first presbyterian church there, chamber of commerce, county treasurer, recorder of deeds, etc.) Any historical information about Thomas Jefferson and/or Jemima Massey Whitmire is much appreciated. Thank You Rob Whitmire [Whitmire@coredcs.com](mailto:Whitmire@coredcs.com)

DATE: 6 Nov. 1997

NAME: Terrie Hopkins

SURNAMES: HOPKINS, DYE, BRISCOE

Researching: Alfred Hopkins, Dewey Dye, Bessie Cherry Dye, and Ari Briscoe families. [amburt@lcandjop.com](mailto:amburt@lcandjop.com) Terrie Hopkins Burton

DATE: 7 Nov. 1997

NAME: Becky Grenard

SURNAMES: SHEPARD

Is/are there a source(s) of information about the casualties etc from the guerilla raids in Howell county during the civil war? My gggrandfather (Thomas Shepard) lived in Howell County in the 1860s, he moved to Oregon Co by/ bef. 1870. Family tradition is that he lived on "the Myatt" and that jayhawkers raided his farm and stole his savings, etc. Two sons listed in the 1860 census fail to appear in the 1870 census. It would be interesting to know where the original tract of land that he settled was and what happened to the boys. Is there a source of this information? I am also interested in information about the Smith and Bussell families Is there a cemetery listing for Howell/Oregon Counties? Thanks, Becky Grenard at [grenardhom@aol.com](mailto:grenardhom@aol.com)

DATE: 7 Nov. 1997

NAME: Donna A. Sherrell

SURNAMES: SHERRELL

We do know that Isaiah Edmund Sherrell resided in Howell County, and is probably buried there. Is anyone in Howell County researching the surname SHERRELL? Sincerely, Donna A. Sherrell [tuckahoe@abraxis.com](mailto:tuckahoe@abraxis.com) <http://www.abraxis.com/tuckahoe>

DATE: 8 Nov. 1997

NAME: Barbaram Dewing

SURNAMES: GARRETT, JARVIS, GOODMAN, BAY, TRIPLETT

My Gr. Grandmother Nancy Jane Goodman Garrett was married to my Gr. Grandfather in Howell County in 1885. I have a copy of marriage licence. What I have been unable to find is a record of his first wife, Elizabeth Louise Jarvis who was the mother to my Grandfather Bay and his siblings. I have written to Howell County Court House but they don't seem to have a copy of his marriage to his first wife. I know she died young because Grandpa Bay said that Granny Bay as we knew her raised him as she did my dad after his mother died young. Jarvis is the only missing link in that part of my family. As far as the Garrett, my aunt says the reason Nancy Jane Goodman took the name Garrett is because her stepfather was named Garrett and she had a 1/2 brother by that name. Her marriage license also has the name Smith on it. She must have been married before. My Grandmother Bay was a Triplet. Jenny Triplet. They are from Mountain View. She died when my dad was two years old. She is buried in Kansas. my e-mail address is [hannah@fidnet.com](mailto:hannah@fidnet.com) snail address Barbara Dewing P.O. Box 564 Salem, MO 65560

DATE: 8 Nov. 1997

NAME: Bonnie

SURNAMES: YOUNG, ROBEY

Trying to find out information on Ggrandparents George H. Young and Josie Francis Robey, George was the son George K. Young of Pomona & Emma J. (maiden name unknown) George H. died about 1888 when my grandfather was about 3. Josie Francis remarried John White in Howell Co. on June 8, 1892. I need to know if Josie and George H. got married in Howell Co. about 1883 or 84? any information helpful THANK YOU. Bonnie [BEwell2354@aol.com](mailto:BEwell2354@aol.com)

DATE: 8 Nov. 1997

NAME: Lynn Holden

SURNAMES: HOLDEN, SMOTHERMAN, MALLARD

Looking for information on Charles Gardner Holden, my G,G,G,Grandfather. Here is what I know so far: He was born abt 1750/60 and was in Fairfax Co. Va. as early as 1782 since He is on the tax rolls for that year. He married Sallie Smotherman (b.ca. 1760) in abt 1778. They apparently lived in Va. til about 1800 when they moved to Moore Co., N.C. then moved on to Tenn. settling first in Rutherford Co. Some of their Children are: George W. Holden b.abt 1784; Charles Holden B. abt 1790; Spencer Holden B.? died abt 1827; Dennis Holden b.abt 1790/1800; Joseph Holden b. abt 1795; Jourden Holden; Sarah (Sally) Holden md. Joseph Mallard. Your help is greatly appreciated! Lynn Holden, Wichita, KS. E-mail: [lynmmatic@cyberdude.com](mailto:lynmmatic@cyberdude.com) Visit my personal web page at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/2987/>

DATE: 9 Nov. 1997

NAME: William J. Proffitt

SURNAMES: PROFFITT

Looking for information on John Riley Proffitt b. 28Dec1819 Yancey Co, NC, d. 19 Mar1882 bu. Somewhere in Missouri-I suspect Pottersville, but should be in Howell Co. Married Mary Ann Honeycutt b.11Sep1822 M. 29 Nov1839 West Plains, MO. I think Mary A Honeycutt d. 17 Jan1915 bu. Pottersville MO. What was his occupation? War Between the States involvement? Also information on his son and wife-Henderson Straley Proffitt b. 30Sep40 Raleigh, NC d. 24Sep1928 Centralia, WA, W/Mary Ann (Atwood??) Kesterson b. 5Aug1844 in Arkansas d.28Aug1922 Randle, WA. Married 7Sep1865 in West Plains, MO. Henderson joined Confederate forces and served as 2nd SGT, Co K. 9th Rgt Missouri Infantry. Anyone know of his service or record of the 9th RGT?? After the war Henderson and family went to Sherman, Tx. then about 1888 or so went to Washington State to Randle and Centralia. He is my GGGrandfather. Lastly-about John Riley Proffitt's other children Eliha McDaniel Proffitt, Sara Jane Proffitt, William Vincent Proffitt, James Garnett Proffitt, Ancel Harrison Proffitt, Catherine Elizabeth Proffitt, Samuel Turner Proffitt, Celia Ann Proffitt, Riley Milton Proffitt, Mary Virginia Proffitt, Martha Cintharilla Proffitt, and Last but not least Amanda Ellen Proffitt. Thank You Very Much, William J. Proffitt Olympia, Washington. [twunlimited@bigfoot.com](mailto:twunlimited@bigfoot.com)

DATE: 10 Nov. 1997

NAME: Cathy Crites Mason

SURNAMES: CRITES

I am looking for my relatives from Howell county, specifically I am trying to put together the family tree of Howard Richard Crites (my dad), his father was John Crites (don't have a middle name) and his father was George Wesley Crites who would have lived in Howell county around the turn of the century. One of his wives was named Missouri Francis (maiden name). Any direction or input to my search would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, [Cathy Crites Mason](#)

DATE: 13 Nov. 1997

NAME: Becky

SURNAMES: SHEPARD

Are there any books/ sources about the destruction and or casualties in Howell County due to jayhawkers/bushwackers during the Civil War? Family tradition says that my gggrandfather, Thomas Shepard homesteaded in/near Peace Valley before 1860 and was run off his farm by Jayhawkers. I found him in the 1860 Howell Co. census. There are 3 children the family never knew about, two of which do not appear on any later census lists. Are there records that would indicate where the farm was? Tradition is that Thomas' wife's brother ? Wade also had a farm nearby, we can find nothing to document this. Is Thomas mentioned in any of the local histories? He had moved near Thayer in Oregon Co. by 1870. Thanks, [Becky](#)

DATE: 13 Nov. 1997

NAME: Mary Seiger

SURNAMES:

I have recently been informed that the cemetery records for the Elijah Cemetery (I have been told it is also call Spoon Cemetery) are on file in West Plains. I have several relatives buried in the Elijah Cemetery. Do you know anyone who can help me to acquire copies of these records? I would certainly appreciate your help. Thank you, [Mary Seiger](#)

DATE: 14 Nov. 1997

NAME: Mary Seiger

SURNAMES: ESTES

EPHRAIM THOMAS ESTES was married to MARY ANN ABBET HUDSON and lived in Howell Co. in 1880 with children by first wife, MARIA RUSSELL, and children with MARY ANN. Children were MARTHA ANN ESTES, MELISSA A. ESTES, THOMAS EPHRAIM ESTES, JACOB T. ESTES. Any info you can share on this family? EMAIL [scopeland@poncacity.net](mailto:scopeland@poncacity.net) or SANDRA E. COPELAND 315 E. GRAND, PONCA CITY, OK. 74601

DATE: 17 Nov. 1997

NAME: Blaine Fisher

SURNAMES: HAYNES, McCOLLUM, HUNTLEY, FISHER

I am Looking for Steve B. Mcollum married to Eva Haynes(b. in Mt View). Children Emily Jane, Edith, and Bessie all supposedly born in Mt. View. Emily married Sheldon fisher. She was born in 1891. I found a Eliza Mcollum married James Huntley 10 June 1884 and wondering also if Eliza is a Sibling to Steve. Also does anyone know where the Mcoolum Family comes from? [Sprock@classic.msn.com](mailto:Sprock@classic.msn.com)



DATE: 20 Nov. 1997

NAME: L. Guterrez

SURNAMES: BRADLEY, OAKS

My great grandfather was Thomas Bradley. He was married to Clara Belle Oaks. They had five children, Cordie, Otis, Sherwood, Bill, and Ralph. Thomas Bradley died in Howell County and Clara later married a man named Taylor and had three more sons. Clara Belle Bradley Taylor was postmistress in Cortz, Missouri in early 1900's. They later moved to the Shawnee Okla area. Any information would be appreciated.  
[l.gutierrez@mci2000.com](mailto:l.gutierrez@mci2000.com)



DATE: 21 Nov. 1997

NAME: Marguerite Mason

SURNAMES: DESKIN, HEAVIN

Richard Heavin and wife Rebecca Billingsley were in Howell County in 1870. They had been in Douglas Co, MO. in 1860, and were in Roane Co, TN in 1850. What happend to them after 1870? Did they die in Howell Co? Migrate elsewhere? What of their children? Richard Heavin was a brother to my great-grandmother, Nancy Ellen Heavin, who married John Wesley Deskin 1858 Phelps Co. There is a Martha Deskin, age 20 in Howell Co. 1870. She was living with Joseph (age 25) & Margaret Tucker (age 26). Two of John Deskin's sisters were named Martha & Margaret, though the ages given here are a bit off, but that is not unusual. Even if they are not John's sisters, they are probably related. Would like any info about these Heavin and Deskin families. Marguerite Mason - [mmrite@misn.com](mailto:mmrite@misn.com)



DATE: 23 Nov. 1997

NAME: Bill J. Proffitt

SURNAMES: PROFFITT, ENDICOTT, HONEYCUTT

Looking for information on descendants of JOHN RILEY PROFFITT b. 28 dec 1819 Yancey Co. NC d. 19 Mar 1882 Howell Co. MO Married MARY ANN "POLL" HONEYCUT(T) on 29 Nov 1839 in West Plains, MO. Children: Henderson S. Proffitt b 1840, Elisha Proffitt b 1841, Sarah Jane Proffitt (Married Samuel Endicott 24Apr1870) Vincent W. Proffitt, Andrew J. Proffitt, Anson H. Proffitt b1850, Catherine Proffitt, and Samuel T. Proffitt b 1853 (married Jemima (Gemmima) Endicott Oct01 1874 Pottersville MO.) (all born in Yancy Co, NC). Thank You. [twunlimited@bigfoot.com](mailto:twunlimited@bigfoot.com)



DATE: 24 Nov. 1997

NAME: Bill J. Proffitt

SURNAMES: PROFFITT, ENDICOTT, BLANKENSHIP, HONEYCUTT

I am looking for information on the Proffitt family of Howell County. 2 Sisters Mattie (Perryman) Proffitt and Nell (Livingston) Proffitt of Albert Proffitt wife Stella Castoria ELLIS (Bunker, MO/Manyard, AK) living in West Plains about 1910-40's. Also looking for family of William Austin Blankenship b. 03/13/1867 Missouri d. 01/16/1942 Randle, WA married to Ada Alice Proffitt b.09/22/1874 Joplin, MO d. 06/19/1965 Auburn, Wa. (dau of Henderson S. Proffitt who is son of John Riley Proffitt of Howell Co). Looking for Family of Mary Ann Honeycutt wife of John Riley Proffitt married West Plains 11/29/1839. Thank You Very Much, [Bill.J.Proffitt](mailto:Bill.J.Proffitt)



DATE: 24 Nov. 1997

NAME: Janet

SURNAMES: BARTON, WELCH, PARKER

I am looking for information about relatives of Bonnie Parker who lived in Willow Springs in the 1890s. Surnames involved include Barton, Welch, and Parker. [Janet in TX](mailto:Janet in TX)

DATE: 25 Nov. 1997

NAME: Darleen Nave

SURNAMES: SUMNER, ENDICOTT, HUDLOW

BAR SHEBA SUMNER b @1806 NC md Joseph J ENDICOTT 1825 KY. They were first in Ozark Co MO 1850 census, then lived Howell Co until his death bef Jan 1868 and her death aft Apr 1 1886. After Joseph died she was with Joseph Williams b 1810 d abt 1900, bur Pottersville Cem. Is anyone researching the SUMNER line? (Other Sumner's also married into my Mother's HUDLOW line in the late 1800's.) Who were parents of BAR SHEBA (Shebbie?) SUMNER? Any help appreciated. Darleen Nave [dnave@msn.com](mailto:dnave@msn.com)

DATE: 30 Nov. 1997

NAME: Daniel McKinley

SURNAMES: JOHNSON, MOODY

I am looking for any biographical or other information on Emma Johnson of West Plains, Howell County, who was one of at least a trio of very early fire-brand women preachers who set the country into an uproar in the service of the new Holiness Movement, within the Church of God. She was active by at least about 1888 or 1890 and seems to have preached widely in southern and southwestern Missouri. Specifically, she was instrumental in converting my grandmother, Mary Ann Davidson McKinley (1856/7-1942), of Wright County, to the new religion about 1890.

I also need information concerning the possible role of Noah Moody (born about 1836 or 1837 in Tennessee; died during the Civil War) in establishing the village of Moody, in southwestern Howell County. Any information on Noah Moody's possible residence in Howell county (deeds, payment of taxes, etc.) will be most valuable to me. If anyone can furnish a good history of the beginnings of the hamlet of Moody, I shall be most grateful. Although they were long resident in Missouri, Noah and family were in the 1860 census for Lawrence County, Arkansas, so his establishment of the village of Moody must have been previous to that date.

I'll be happy to pay for xerocopies of any information on the above queries. Daniel McKinley, 10 Knowles Terrace, Albany, NY 12203; e-mail: [mardanmc@juno.com](mailto:mardanmc@juno.com)

Many thanks for any help you can give! Daniel McKinley



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