

Descendants of John Jacob Brake

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN JACOB³ BRAKE (*JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)², JACOB¹ BRECHTEL*)¹ was born Abt. 1725 in Durlach Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany, and died Abt. 1808 in Moorefield, Hardy Co, W(VA). He married (1) MARIA ELIZABETHA (KIEFER) COOPER Abt. 1750 in Unknown, but probably Virginia, daughter of JOHANN KEIFER and ANNA DELLINGER. She was born 06 Oct 1730 in Oberacker, Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany, and died Abt. 1765 in Hardy County, WV. He married (2) CATHERINE STUMPF Bef. 1779, daughter of HANS STUMPF and MARIA WHITECOTTON. She was born 22 Oct 1741 in Schlaitdorf, Germany, and died 31 Mar 1816 in Hardy County.

Notes for JOHN JACOB BRAKE:

Brake/Nisewanger/Cooper Lease

From Northern Neck [of Virginia] Deed Book Series Vol 2, Deed Books 5, 6, 7, 8 for Frederick Co., Va, Bk 8, pg. 335-6 Sept. 1762.

(Lease) Between Jacob Brake and Elizabeth his wife, John Nisewanger and Magdaline Nisewanger his wife, which said Elizabeth and Magdaline are Adm. of the goods and Chattle Rights and Credits of Jacob Cooper Deceased (to) Leonard Cooper of the Parish and County of Frederick yeoman. Consideration of five Shillings. Tract of Land Containing Two Hundred and Twenty Acres Situate lying and being on Pan Creek a Branch of Cedar Creek...and the same Granted to said Jacob Cooper in his lifetime by Survey made by Mr. R. Rutherford one of his Lordships Surveyors Rent.

Wit: Lewis Stephens Jacob (JB) Brake
Thomas Smith Elizabeth (X) Brake
Christopher Wetzel John Nisewanger
Magdaline (M) Nisewanger

Recorded 3 May 1763

Bk 8, pg. 337-7 Sept. 1762

(Release) Between Jacob Brake and Elizabeth Brake his wife, John Nisewanger and Magdalene his wife, all of the Parish and County of Frederick (to) Leonard Cooper of the said Parish and County...for and in Consideration of Forty Pounds...220 Acres (same as above)

Wit: same as above Signed same as above

More About JOHN JACOB BRAKE:

Also Known As: Jacob Brake, Sr.

Tithables: 1781, Hampshire County, Virginia, list of tithables shows no slaves, 12 cattle, and 14 horses.

More About JOHN BRAKE and MARIA COOPER:

Marriage: Abt. 1750, Unknown, but probably Virginia

More About CATHERINE STUMPF:

Burial: Apr 1816, Brake Cemetery, Brake (Unincorporated), Hardy Co, WV

Fact 1: Born Maria Catharina Stumpf, in Germany

More About JOHN BRAKE and CATHERINE STUMPF:

Marriage: Bef. 1779

Children of JOHN BRAKE and MARIA COOPER are:

2. i. MARY MAGDALENE "MODLIN"⁴ BRAKE, b. 03 Jun 1751, Frederick County, VA, USA; d. 08 Aug 1839, Muskingham Co, OH.
3. ii. JACOB BRAKE, b. Abt. 1754, Frederick County, VA, USA; d. 1831, Buckhannon, Lewis now Upshur Co, WV.
4. iii. JOHN B. BRAKE, b. 15 Jun 1754, Frederick County, VA, USA; d. 04 Nov 1838, Clarksburg, WV.
5. iv. ELIZABETH BRAKE, b. 22 Feb 1757, Frederick County, VA, USA; d. 22 Mar 1812, Zanesville, Muskingham Co, OH.
6. v. ISAAC BRAKE, b. 1760, Hampshire County, Virginia, USA; d. Abt. 1833, Marysville, OH.
7. vi. ABRAHAM BRAKE, b. Aug 1763, Hampshire Co., now Hardy Co., (West) Virginia; d. 20 Aug 1842, Harrison County, (West) Virginia.

Child of JOHN BRAKE and CATHERINE STUMP is:

8. vii. MICHAEL⁴ BRAKE, b. 1779, Hardy County, Virginia, USA; d. 21 Jan 1861, Hardy Co, WV.

Generation No. 2

2. MARY MAGDALENE "MODLIN"⁴ BRAKE (*JOHN JACOB*³, *JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)*², *JACOB*¹ *BRECHTEL*)² was born 03 Jun 1751 in Frederick County, VA, USA², and died 08 Aug 1839 in Muskingham Co, OH. She married (1) JOHN STUMP 1771. He was born Abt. 1750. She married (2) JOHN REGER Aft. 1772, son of ANTHONY REGER and JUDITH SHOBE. He was born 17 Apr 1750 in Virginia, and died 27 Aug 1833 in Muskingham Co, OH.

More About MARY MAGDALENE "MODLIN" BRAKE:

Burial: Stump/Tanner Cemetery, Muskingham Co, OH, but later moved to Irville Cemetery, Muskingham Co, OH

More About JOHN STUMP and MARY BRAKE:

Marriage: 1771

More About JOHN REGER:

Burial: 1833, Irville Cemetery, Licking Township, Muskingham Co, OH

More About JOHN REGER and MARY BRAKE:

Marriage: Aft. 1772

Child of MARY BRAKE and JOHN STUMP is:

- i. LEONARD⁵ STUMP², b. 12 Jan 1772; d. 08 Oct 1847; m. PHOEBE DAVIS^{2,2}; b. Abt. 1778.

More About LEONARD STUMP:

Burial: Stump/Tanner Cemetery, removed to Irville Cemetery

3. JACOB⁴ BRAKE (*JOHN JACOB*³, *JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)*², *JACOB*¹ *BRECHTEL*) was born Abt. 1754 in Frederick County, VA, USA, and died 1831 in Buckhannon, Lewis now Upshur Co, WV. He married MARY SLAUGHTER 1785. She was born Abt. 1755, and died 1830.

Notes for JACOB BRAKE:

Richwood News Leader May 1, 1957

"Jacob Brake And The Indians"

By H. E. Matheny

Captivity and life among the Indians was an interesting topic of conversations among the backwoodsmen. When an account of Indian captivity appeared in print, it was usually reprinted many times and had a wide circulation. One of the most interesting captivities relating to Western Virginia was that of Jacob Brake. Except for a brief mention in one account little seems to be known of him.

The Brake family was among the first settlers in Western Virginia. When Washington visited the South Branch Valley in 1748 he made notes on the settlement and mentioned the grist mill owned by Peter Reed. When or how the Brake family came into the picture is not known. Soon after that the locality was known as Brakes' mill. The records of the county have been lost or destroyed for that period.

Original Settler

Kercheval, in his history of the valley, states the original Brake settler was named John. There is no other mention of this name and in the last few years evidence has been produced to indicate his name may have been John Jacob.

Jacob Brake, Jr. was the Indian captive. During the French and Indian war, the Indians were raging the South Branch of the Potomac, burning homes and killing every one that could not defend himself. When they approached Brake's mill, they found the men away from the house. Mrs. Brake must have had some knowledge of their coming for in some way she hid three of her children and they escaped the Indians. There is a tradition in the family that she dropped her youngest child in a thicket and it escaped. Mrs. Brake was killed and scalped. Jacob Brake was eleven years old at this time (1758) and was taken captive. Three of the Indians were brothers and had lost a fourth at a previous battle at Romney, and the captive was to take the place of the brother that had been killed. One of the men had Mrs. Brake's scalp tied to his belt, and with this bloody trophy of war in front of his eyes, the son made the long march to north-western Ohio. He later stated the expedition was three months returning to the homes of the Indians. He was treated kindly on the trip as he was to be adopted into the family of the fallen Indian.

Escapes

Arriving at their destination, a celebration was held and Jacob was beaten when he ran the gauntlet. He finally escaped to the wigwam of his foster mother and was protected by her. Later elaborate ceremonies took place for the adoption. Not all the captives of that time were that lucky. A short time after Jacob was adopted, another boy was brought into camp. He was stupid and could not get along with his captors. The boy was sent after some horses that had wandered away. After the third day's unsuccessful search, he was taken into the woods and killed. It is a curious fact that boy captives soon learned to like their life with the Indians. Even with his mother's scalp hanging in the wigwam, Jacob enjoyed the outdoor life and he acquired characteristics that never left him for the rest of his life. In the same camp were three white women who had been captured while small. They seemed to be satisfied and stated they did not want to return to their own people. They had forgotten their own language and ways and were Indian in every way except color.

Jacob was a strong boy and soon became a favorite of the camp. He enjoyed wrestling and was soon champion of his class. On one occasion he threw another boy in the fire and nearly lost his life. The Indian crawled out of the fire with hot coals sticking to his back. He watched for an opportunity and threw his tomahawk at the captive and Jacob later stated "it was too close for comfort."

Another Accident

Several years after he had been captured, he nearly lost his life in another incident. A boy from another camp invited Jacob to accompany him on a hunting expedition. He had wounded three deer the previous day and wanted to find them if possible. Jacob's Indian mother objected, saying the other boy intended to kill him, and had a bad reputation. She was over ruled and the boy went into the forest. Two of the deer were found dead and partly eaten by the wolves. The third deer was found and killed. While skinning the deer, Jacob accidentally struck the Indian with a leather strap and the short tempered boy attempted to kill him. Jacob had taken the precaution to keep his gun handy and, pointing it at the Indian, ordered him to take his share of the meat and go home. He later stated to his family he would have tried to escape at that time if there had been no snow on the ground.

He soon learned to brag like the other Indians, and on one occasion it nearly got him in trouble. He challenged another boy to a foot race, stating he could beat him with a rail on his shoulder. He won the race but made another enemy.

On one of their raids, the Indians captured some cows. Jacob was the only one who knew how to milk them and fell heir to the job. A Bible was also brought into camp and given to the boy, as he was the only one who could read it. He had learned his letters in the South Branch Valley School and could figure out the words. He later stated his only education was obtained in reading his Bible while with the Indians. That was probably the one thing that kept reminding him he was a white man. While he enjoyed the life of the wild men, he never gave up the idea of returning home.

First Contact

After the treaty of 1763, Jacob made his first contact with the white people of the east. A trader found him with a small band of Indians on a hunting expedition on White Woman's creek and promised to inform his family.

White Woman's creek is a tributary of the Muskingum River in Ohio. Christopher Gist stated it was named for an Indian captive by the name of Mary Harris. She was captured about 1710 by the French and Indians and was ten years old at the time. Gist saw her in 1750 and said she was about fifty years old. She had married an Indian and had several children.

Pontiac went on the war path and stopped all communication with the east and it was not until after the restoration of peace in 1765 that Jacob was able to see another trader who sent word to his people.

Jacob's brother, John, immediately hired the trader to go with him to Pittsburgh and make arrangements for the return of the captive. The previous treaty with the Indians stated all captives were to be returned. John arrived at Pittsburgh a month before the deadline set for the return of the captives and, being impatient, he and the trader pushed on into the Indian country. When they arrived in camp, they found Jacob was to have left the following day on a hunting expedition. This was their annual fall hunt and would have lasted several weeks, and if John had been two days later, it is doubtful if the rescue could have been carried out at that time. John had no trouble getting Jacob's release. However, he had to leave his pony with the Indians. It was not near the camp and John thought it best to not delay their departure.

Scalp?

We wonder what they did with their mother's scalp. Was it taken with them back to the settlement or left with the savages?

Life with the Indians had spoiled Jacob. He was glad to be back with his people but did not get along with them. He was moody and would not talk to anyone if he could help it. He tried to wear shoes once but almost immediately removed them, and from that time on made his own moccasins. He could move through the woods as silently as an Indian. He had acquired a mean disposition and would fly into a rage over some imagined insult.

Life in the settlement in the valley soon became unbearable, and Jacob headed for the Ohio valley. It is evident he had no intention of returning to the Indians, for he made some sort of a clearing and settlement at what is now Buckhannon in Upshur county in 1776. In 1781 a certificate was issued to him for four hundred acres of land to include his settlement made in 1776. The Indians had been troublesome and he was unable to stay at his settlement. He returned to the South Branch valley, to the old homestead of his father.

Jacob Jr.

It is not known just what part Jacob Jr. had in the Tory uprising in the South Branch valley. Some seem to think he had no part at all, and the Jacob Brake mentioned in the Calendar of Virginia state papers was Jacob Sr. The son did serve his country in the Revolutionary War. His war records have been lost but the pension application of John Cutright states he served under Lieutenant Jacob Brake.

When Jacob was a captive he learned of a large deposit of copper in the wilderness. The Indians had carefully concealed the fact from the whites but the captive knew of it. In later life a company organized to mine the copper, and Jacob Brake was promised a large part of the enterprise for showing them the location of the mine.

When near the location of the deposit of copper, he became suspicious of the character of his companions and refused to show them the location of the deposit. His companions searched for the location but never found it. In later life, Brake returned to the location of the mine, but because of the changed condition of the country, it could not be found. The Indian brothers of Jacob made at least one raid into the Buckhannon settlement after the release of the captive. Two white men were killed in this raid. Jacob was not in the settlement at the time, but when he was given a description of the savages, he stated they were his Indian brothers and he could have prevented the massacre if he had been present. This raid occurred in 1781 or 1782.

In 1785 he married Mary Slaughter, the brother of Jesse Slaughter. Little is known of her people.

Jacob Brake Sr., believed to be Johann Jacob Brecht , the original settler of the family in the valley, died in 1809 and is buried near the old Brake mill twelve miles south of Moorefield in Hardy County.

Settled in Buckhannon

Jacob Jr. and his wife settled on his farm in north Buckhannon and lived the rest of their lives in that locality. The chimney of their cabin can still be seen. He was one of the five men who organized the Baptist church in Buckhannon that was used as late as 1853. A marble slab marks the spot.

Jacob and Mary had five children; Leah married Major Abram. Reger; Mary Magdalen married Isaac Reger; (name unknown) married Joseph Shreves; Abram married Elizabeth Jackson, and John's wife's name is unknown.

Jacob Brake, the Indian captive, died in 1831 and was buried in the Heavener cemetery near Buckhannon where so many other old Indian fighters were laid to rest. A marble slab marks the location of Jacob and his wife, Mary. At his funeral he was taken to the cemetery by a slave boy by the name of Dick Howard. Sixty years later, this man related the story to Albert R. Brake, a grandson of Jacob. The slave was owned by the Gibson family of Buckhannon. He was forced against his will to take the corpse to the cemetery in a cart drawn by a yoke of oxen.

Members of the Brake family are numerous in West Virginia. They are all descendants of the old Baron of the South Branch valley who raised the flag of Great Britain over his grist mill and defied the infant republic. There is one family of Brakes that cannot be traced today. James Brake was born in the South Branch valley about 1800 and moved to the Buckhannon area. He married Anny Mumford and they had three children, Nimrod See, Cyrus B., and Jacob B. James was killed about 1825 by a falling tree, and was buried on the Bill Post farm on Turkey Run. No one seems to know who the parents of James were. His wife later married Anson Young.

In later life, Jacob seemed to get along better with his neighbors and forget more of his Indian ways, but his captivity still left its mark on him, as it did on every other captive who returned to the ways of the white man.

Sail (sic) Bill of the Property of Jacob Brake Deceased

Joseph Shreve	6 Pewter Plates	1.08
John B. Brake	1 ditto Bason	0.76
Abram Reger	1 ditto Dish	1.13 ½
W. W. Jackson	1 Bread Server	0.06 ¼
Adam Carper	1 Sausage Stuffer	0.12 ½
John J. Black	2 Tin Buckets	0.44
Daniel Farnsworth	1 Coffee Morter	0.06 ¼
Henry Ours	1 Cedar Bucket	0.22
Ditto	1 Milk Cooler	0.06 ½
John J. Black	1 Ditto (Small)	0.02
Isaac Martin	1 Smoothing Iron	0.11
Isaac Reger	1 Knife box knives & forks	1.75
Ditto	1 Cullender & bread Waiter	0.06 ¼
John Shreve	1 Churn (oak)	0.37 ½
James Black	1 Flesh fork & Coffee Pot	0.19
Ditto	1 Candle Stick	0.06 ¼
Joseph Shreve	1 Lamp	0.27
John J. Black	1 Dutch Oven lid & Bail	2.01
John Dean	1 Frying Pan	0.38
Abram Reger	1 Large Bell	0.27
Anthony Rohrbough	2 Reeds	1.15
Abram Reger	1 Ditto	1.03
Johah Martin	1 Small Bell & Musket Lock	0.25
Christian Simon	1 Pair Sheep Shears	0.80
Riley Reger	2 Small Boxes	0.07
Anthony Rohrbough	3 Bopttles & Some Castor Oil	0.43

Nicholas Hevener 1 pair of Shears 0.14
 Joseph Shreve 1 Washing Tub 0.50
 Isaac Dick 1 Grubbing Hoe 0.70
 James Black 1 Pot 1.01
 Daniel Farnsworth 1 Wolf Trap 1.34
 Jacob Hevener 2 Old Hoes 0.50
 Ditto 1 Shovel Plough 1.64
 Adam Carper 1 Tub with a Lid 0.06 ¼
 Isaac Brake 1 Dutch Scythe & Hand Saw 1.08
 Jonah Martin 1 Looking Glass 0.41
 Payton Martin 1 Iron Wedge 0.72
 Jonah Martin 1 Pair of Stalyards (sp?) 1.41
 William Griffith 1 Big Wheel 0.14
 Alexander Black 1 Bible 0.07 ¼
 Joseph Shreve 1 Testament 0.06 ¼
 Ditto 1 Hymn Book 0.13 ½
 John Hyre 1 Foot Adze 0.62 ½
 William McNutty 1 Chisel 0.19
 Adam Carper 1 Tub 0.06 ¼
 Abram Reger 1 Spinning Wheel 4.94
 Christian Simon 1 Auger (3 quarters) 0.27
 John B. Brake 1 Rifle Gun 5.31 ¼
 Jeremiah Pough 1 Arm Chair 0.68
 Joseph Shreve 5 Towels 0.30
 John Dean 2 Chairs 1.04
 Joseph Shreve 1 Chair 0.60
 Absalom Shreve 1 Chest 2.93
 John W. Westfall 1 Table 2.06 ¼
 James Slaughter 1 Slate 0.25
 Abram Reger 1 Set of Weavers Spools 0.86 ¼
 Joseph Shreve 1 Hatchet 1.07
 \William Griffith 1 Barrel 0.09
 James Cumings 1 Loom 1.04
 William Griffith 1 Tub 0.30
 Jacob Hevener 1 Bee Hive 1.50
 Parschal Howel(l) 1 Ditto 0.63
 Josep(h) Shreve 1 Tramel 0.50
 John Shreve 1 Ditto 1.53
 Ditto 1 Large Kettle 3.42
 William McNutty 10 Head of Hogs 8.12 ½
 Joseph Shreve 1 Side Saddle 8.01
 Ditto 1 Base, Bedstead & furniture & Sheets belonging 10.26
 Benjamin Rohrbough 1 Pack Saddle 10.06 ¼
 Parschal Howell 1 Ge__s Saddle 1.03 ¼
 Abram Reger 1 Cow 11.01
 John Morrison 4 Hogs 4.51
 Joseph Shreve 1 Quilt 0.53
 Ditto 1 Table Cloth 0.59
 John J. Black 1 Bottle 0.06 ½
 Daniel Farnsworth 1 Blind Cow 2.00
 John Weatherholts 2 Tubs 0.42
 Joseph Shreve 1 bed & bedstead/1 feather Tick & chaff, ditto, 2 Sheets, 1 coverlet, 2 Pillars 5.07 ½
 Jacob Radabough 1 Colt 5.44
 Thomas Black 1 Bottle 0.12 ½
 John B. Brake 1 Cow 4.50
 John Black 1 Bottle 0.06 ½
 Maryan Kefsel 4 Sheep 3.52

Whole Amount Sold

(s) W. W. Jackson, Clerk
Feb. the 24th 1831 \$118.81

List of Articles sold 20th July agreeable to advertisement

Abram Reger 1 Kettle 2.55
Joseph Liggett 1 Slate 0.12 ½
Abraham W. Brake 2 Bags 0.20
Abram Reger 1 Shovel & Dewdle (sp?)_ 0.13 ¼

Sold at Private Sale, to wit...

John B. Brake 1 Bay Mare 35.00
Abram Reger 1 Bed, bedstead & furniture 10.00
Abram Reger 1 Old Bridle 00.13
Jno. Shreve 1 Old Bag 00.12 ½

Total \$167.07 ¼

The and (sic) foregoing is a list of the property sold belonging to the Estate of Jacob Brake deceased.

(s) Abraham W. Brake, Administrator

Lewis County Court September Term 1831 this Sale bill of the personal Estate of Jacob Brake deceased was presented in open Curth and order to be recorded.

Teste
(s) Jno. Talbott, C.L.C.

From "West Virginians in the Revolution"

Brake, Jacob (Lieutenant)

He was a lieutenant in Captain George Jackson's company of spies or rangers in 1778, according to McWhorter's History. He is also mentioned in a letter from the Commission of Pensions to Mrs. Chester M. Cunningham, 510 Stanley, Ave., Clarksburg, October 19, 1922.

His mother was killed during an Indian raid in 1758, and perhaps during the same raid, Jacob, a lad of 11 years, was captured by the Indians and adopted into the tribe. he remained a captive almost eleven years. He married Mary Slaughter. His death was in 1831.

Deed for the Land upon which Stood
The First Baptist Church in Buckhannon, WV

Copied by Beatrice Arnold Griffin, December 6, 1937

Deed Book C p. 204 Lewis County WV Court House
Recorded: April 1825

This deed, dated April 15, 1825, between, Jacob Brake and his wife, Mary, of the County of Lewis and the State of Virginia, of the first part, and Joseph Davis, Sr., Jacob Hyre, Daniel Farnsworth, John B. Brake, James S. Farnsworth and David J. Jackson, of the same place, as above written, of the other part; Witnessed, that the said

Jacob Brake and Mary, for and in consideration of their respect and attachment to the regular Baptist Church, and the sum of \$1.00 paid to them, by the said Joseph Davis, Jacob Hyre, Daniel Farnsworth, John B. Brake, James S. Farnsworth and David J. Jackson, Trustees..... a certain parcel of land, lying in the county of Lewis, on the west side of the Buckhannon River, beginning at a beech and white oak, by the road side, and running N 39 deg. W 17 P to a hickory, thence, S 51 W 13 P to a stake near the run, and on original line of said Brake's survey and within 10 or 12' of a marked white oak, and with the original line S 18 deg. E--P to the road, and thence N 77 deg. E 18 ½ P to the beginning corner, containing 1 acre, (more or less) being the same land on which the Baptist Church, called Buckhannon now stands; to have and to hold the said tract to said Joseph Davis, Jacob Hyre, Daniel Farnsworth, John B. Brake, James S. Farnsworth, and David J. Jackson and their successors and heirs of successors forever--the said Brake and wife--that they will warrant, defend the said tract---with appurtenances, against all persons claiming by, through or under them, the said Brake and wife in trust for the sole use of the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, called the Buchannon Church and holding the principals contained in the Philadelphia Baptist Confession of Faith, and that the said Joseph Davis, Jacob Hyre, Daniel Farnsworth, John B. Brake and James S. Farnsworth and David J. Jackson, Trustees, doth covenant for themselves and their survivors and heirs of such survivors, to and with the said Brake, that they the above party, do --- their joint lives and that of their survivors, shall herewith --- the members of the said church --- holding the principals aforesaid, to use the said property to erect building, make repairs thereon, and do all acts which a majority of the members as above foresaid, may think necessary for the complete enjoyment of the property, without any hindrance or molestation of the part of the parties aforesaid, --- also that on the request of the majority --- shall convey the said land, to such person or persons as said members shall direct, upon same use and trust as are contained in this conveyance and upon any additional use or trust which a majority may deem necessary to ensure complete enjoyment ---.

Signed by their mark: Jacob Brake
Mary Brake
Joseph Davis
Jacob Hyre.

Signed by own hand: Daniel Farnsworth
John B. Brake
James S. Farnsworth
David J. Jackson

Witnessed by: A.D. Holden (or Holder)
Edward Davis

Names of the Founders of the Baptist Church which was constituted in 1786:

Jacob Hyre
John Hyre
Jacob Brake
John Brake
Major Jackson

More About JACOB BRAKE:

Burial: Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV
Census: 1790, Hardy Co, VA: Jacob with four in household
Military service: Served in Revolutionary War as scout and spy. Descendants are eligible for membership in Daughters/Sons of the American Revolution. See application in Scrapbook.
Residence: Hampshire County, VA³
Tithables: 1781, Hampshire County, Virginia, list of tithables shows no slaves, 3 cattle, and 2 horses.

More About MARY SLAUGHTER:

Burial: Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV

More About JACOB BRAKE and MARY SLAUGHTER:
Marriage: 1785

Children of JACOB BRAKE and MARY SLAUGHTER are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ BRAKE, b. Abt. 1781; d. Bet. 1850 - 1860, Upshur Co, WV; m. (1) MOSES WHITECOTTON⁴, 25 May 1796, Hardy County, WV, by J. H. Reynolds⁵; b. 07 Jul 1777, Sequatchy Valley, Hampshire, Virginia, USA⁶; d. 26 Jun 1849, Greensburg, Decatur, Indiana, USA⁶; m. (2) JOSEPH SHREVE, 19 Oct 1804.

Notes for ELIZABETH BRAKE:

1850 Lewis Co, W(VA) census lists following:

#585-588 Absolom and Lavina Shreve
#587-590 John B. Shreve (no wife, but several children)
#588-591 Martin and Elizabeth Shreve
#592-595 John and Nancy Slaughter
#593-596 Adam and Rachel Shreve and Elizabeth Shreve

More About ELIZABETH BRAKE:

Census: 1810, Harrison Co, WV census listed Elizabeth as 26 - 45 yrs. In 1850 she is 69 and living with Adam Shreve and wife Rachel.

Info: Elizabeth's data incomplete. Can't confirm all children. Adam confirmed as grandson in "Brake vs Brake" chancery case in Lewis Co. 1850 census Lewis Co., Elizabeth, 69, living with son, Adam Shreve. Nearby are John B. and Absolom Shreve, probable sons.

Namesake: A 1781 birth for Elizabeth would make her the first born child of Jacob and Mary Slaughter Brake. She was probably named for her grandmother, Elizabeth Cooper Brake, who was killed by the Indians at the time of Jacob's capture.

More About MOSES WHITECOTTON and ELIZABETH BRAKE:

Marriage: 25 May 1796, Hardy County, WV, by J. H. Reynolds⁷

More About JOSEPH SHREVE:

Property: 19 Jun 1789, Joseph Shreve, County of Hardy, sold 172 acres of land in Randolph Co at Dryfork on the Cheat River to J. Dobbins (Deed Bk 3-4-5)

More About JOSEPH SHREVE and ELIZABETH BRAKE:

Marriage: 19 Oct 1804

- ii. MARY MAGDALENE BRAKE, b. Abt. 1782; d. 12 Mar 1866, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV; m. (1) ISAAC REGER⁸, 17 Dec 1804, Harrison Co, VA(WV); b. 19 Aug 1782, Moorefield, Hampshire Co, VA; d. 05 Aug 1851, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV; m. (2) ISAAC REGER⁸, 17 Dec 1804, Harrison, Virginia, USA⁸; b. 19 Aug 1782, Moorefield, Hampshire Co, VA; d. 05 Aug 1851, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV.

More About MARY MAGDALENE BRAKE:

Burial: Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Hacker's Creek, Upshur Co, WV
Fact 1: 1866, Buried in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Upshur Co, WV

More About ISAAC REGER:

Burial: Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Hacker's Creek, Upshur Co, WV
Census: 1850, Lewis Co, VA: Isaac, farmer (67); Magdaline (66)
Fact 1: 1851, Buried in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Upshur Co, WV
Info: Tenth child of Jacob Reger and Barbara Crites
Residence: Isaac inherited the Reger homeplace on Big Run (Burnersville) and in 1830 sold it and settled on Upper Hacker's Creek in present day Upshur County.

More About ISAAC REGER and MARY BRAKE:

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Marriage: 17 Dec 1804, Harrison, Virginia, USA⁸

- iii. ABRAHAM W. BRAKE, b. 24 Jul 1786; d. Abt. 1880; m. (1) ELIZABETH SIMON; b. 1780; m. (2) MARY SIMON, Lived together in Buckhannon; m. (3) MARY DAVIS, 26 Mar 1807, Harrison Co. W(VA); b. 22 Jan 1787; d. 27 Feb 1808.

Notes for ABRAHAM W. BRAKE:
From the Lewis Co, W(VA) Chancery Record

(Comments in [brackets] added by transcriber for clarity.)

19. 1833. Brake vs. Brake. Oratrixes John B. Brake, Joseph Shreves and Elizabeth [John B. Brake's daughter] his wife and Isaac Reager and Mary Magdalene [also John B. Brake's daughter] his wife which said John, Elizabeth, and Mary Magdalene are children and heirs of Jacob Brake claimed their brother Abraham Brake was fraudulent in obtaining a deed of Jacob Brake's property. Prior to his death in "Feb." 1831 Jacob Brake had lived many years in the Buckhannon Settlement. Abraham W. Brake accused of being "connected with a lewd woman" had lived for many years with his parents. Plts. [plaintiffs] complained Abraham did not contribute to welfare of parents and was disrespectful to them. Jacob Brake's wife [Mary Slaughter] died in 1830. It was claimed Abraham took advantage of his father's mental state and obtained a deed by fraud. Depositions were taken in Lorentz from Jesse Slaughter [Mary Slaughter's brother] who had known Jacob Brake abt. 40 yrs. Abraham Brake was the elder son of Jacob Brake. Abraham stated his father's death occurred in the year 1831 on or abt. 7 January abt seventy six years of age. Abraham W. Brake in his response stated he was married abt. 1806 and had one child, that he never left his father's residence. He lost his wife abt. eleven months after their marriage. Abraham stated that [from] abt. 1812 when his brother John married until death of their father, the respondent was the only male person who resided with their father. He stated he had to perform "menial duties apertaining to females as well as the masculine labor of farming." It was understood that in consideration he was to have the home farm. He stated that the respondent's child never lived with him while he resided with his father but lived with and was maintained by their other friends. Abraham claimed his father deeded the property to him without his knowledge until completion of the transaction. Abraham Reger was mentioned as a son-in-law to Jacob Brake [Abraham married Jacob's daughter, Leah Anne]. A deposition was taken from Jacob Brake's grandson Adam Shreves [Elizabeth Brake Shreve's son]. In the file, it was mentioned Jacob Brake went to Buckhannon to vote for the Constitution and this surprised his son Abraham. Jacob Brake departed life intestate and the essence of this case is that plts. claimed Abraham W. Brake deprived his siblings of equitable share of their father's property through fraud.

More About ABRAHAM W. BRAKE:
Census: 1880, Lists Abraham Brake, white male, age 95, pauper, living in County Poor House, Upshur Co, WV
Info: Abraham inherited largest portion of father's estate, but will was contested by his siblings. (See Notes.)
Military service: According to "West Virginians in the Revolution," Abraham served in the company commanded by Captain Bernion under Ensign Harrison and Lieutenant Stump. Applied for pension, Moorefield, Hardy County. When investigated, Abraham had moved to Harrison Co.

More About ELIZABETH SIMON:
Burial: Leonard Cemetery, Upshur Co, WV
Census: 1860, Hardy Co, WV shows Margaret Simon(ds), 21, living with Elizabeth, nobody else

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE and MARY SIMON:
Partners: Lived together in Buckhannon

More About MARY DAVIS:
Info: Mary was "an Irish girl from Ohio"

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE and MARY DAVIS:
Marriage: 26 Mar 1807, Harrison Co. W(VA)

- iv. JOHN B. BRAKE, b. 15 Dec 1788, Hardy County, WV; d. 08 Oct 1875, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV; m. (1) RACHEL HYRE, 15 Feb 1813, Harrison Co, VA; b. 1789; d. Mar 1835, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, W(VA); m. (2) SOPHIA SEXTON, 25 Jul 1837, Lewis Co, WV (Bk 4:180); b. Abt. 1800, Massachusetts; d. 11 Jul 1881, Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, WV.

Notes for JOHN B. BRAKE:
John B. Brake Obituary

Mr. John B. Brake, one of our oldest citizens died at his residence near Buckhannon Friday morning October 8, 1875. He was standing on the porch of his dwelling, talking to a little boy, when he suddenly threw up his hands and fell backwards upon the floor dead, and was not seen to breathe after falling. His remains were followed to the cemetery on the Heavner farm by a large procession of relatives and friends, and interred there on Saturday. Mr. Brake was over 86 years old, was born in Hardy County Va., in the year 1788, moved to what is now Upshur County in 1799, and therefore resided in this county 76 years. He had eleven children of whom * are yet living, also 51 grandchildren and about 40 great grandchildren. The deceased has been a member of the Baptist Church for near 60 years and was honorable in all his dealings with his fellow man.

* A number was not included here in the transcription of the obituary. Two children, Ignaby and William, are known to have preceded John B. in death.

More About JOHN B. BRAKE:

Age at death (Facts Pg): 86y9m23d

Burial: Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, WV

Census: 1860, Upshur Co, WV: John B., farmer (61), Sophia (60), Ingaby (32)

Fact 1: Buried in Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV

Info: Some accounts indicate John was born on Jan 16, 1789.

More About RACHEL HYRE:

Age at death (Facts Pg): 37y

Burial: Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, WV

More About JOHN BRAKE and RACHEL HYRE:

Marriage: 15 Feb 1813, Harrison Co, VA

More About SOPHIA SEXTON:

Info: Sophia was the widow of John Loomis

More About JOHN BRAKE and SOPHIA SEXTON:

Marriage: 25 Jul 1837, Lewis Co, WV (Bk 4:180)

- v. LEAH ANNE BRAKE, b. 05 Mar 1795, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV; d. 08 Mar 1835, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV; m. ABRAM REGER, 16 Jan 1813, Harrison Co, VA(WV)?; b. 13 Sep 1795, Harrison Co, W(VA); d. 24 Aug 1883.

More About LEAH ANNE BRAKE:

Burial: Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, WV

Fact 1: Buried in Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV

Notes for ABRAM REGER:

From Cutright's "History of Upshur County, West Virginia," page 546.

Abram Reger was born September 13, 1795. His father was John Reger Sr., and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth West.

In 1814, Abram Reger married Leah Brake, who was born March 5, 1795, and died March 8, 1835. She was a daughter of Jacob Brake, who for fourteen years was a prisoner among the Indians. Jacob was the son of John Brake, whose home was on the South Fork of the Wappatoma, near which Jacob's mother was killed by the Indians.

Just here the writer would introduce a pen portrait of Leah Brake Reger, which was written many years ago by her oldest son, the Rev. John L. Reger. "Her face was most delicately formed, with all its features in perfect harmony, and the whole overspread with a sensitive sincerity, which was at once pleasing and captivating. Her eyes were blue gray, large and expressive, her hair rich and flowing, and dark as the raven's wing."

No mother was ever more tenderly loved than this one of the 'long, long ago.' Major Abram Reger, the subject of this sketch, inherited the characteristics of his hardy ancestors, the powerful physique, the cool steady and determined courage, and never failing trust in the God of his fathers. As they, so was he, a champion in all the sports of the period, and an exceptionally fine marksman. In the war of 1812, he served as First Lieutenant, in his uncle, Captain John Bozarth's company, Virginia militia after which, he was addressed as Major, whether "brevetted" or only as a

compliment, is unknown and immaterial. During the years immediately preceding the Civil War, Abram Reger, with his second wife, whose maiden name was Permelia Rohrbough, and their children, emigrated to Illinois. Soon after the death of his wife, he returned to his native state. To this time of his departure he retained unimpaired all his mental faculties, which with his rich store of reminiscences, rendered him a most unique and interesting character. Until very near the end, he could go alone wherever he chose, either walking or driving. When only a lad he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and through all the vicissitudes of his long and eventful life the Christian's faith and hope had been his. At the home of his eldest son, the Rev. John M. Reger, surrounded by all that the tenderest love could provide, on August 14, 1886, he met death with a calm and quiet resignation as one who knew the gates of Heaven were but the portals of immortality.

Abram Reger's Children:

Rev. John M. Reger, married Rebecca A. Brown.
Major Albert Reger, married Mary Seay.
Abram Reger, married Elizabeth McCoy.
Jacob Reger, married Phoebe Cool.
Cecelia Reger married George Simmons.
Elizabeth Reger married George Pickens.
Rebecca Reger married Thomas Seay.
Rev. Alfred A. Reger, married Frances Ludington.
Leah Reger married Stephen Post.

With second wife:

Perry Reger m
Eliza Reger m
Barbary Reger m.Williams
Marietta Reger mDix
Marcellus Reger m.
Dallas Reger
Abram Reger

More About ABRAM REGER:

Burial: Heavner Cemetery, Buckhannon, WV
Descendants: Abram and Permalia had seven children.
Military service: Served in War of 1812. Lost discharge papers. Donald Farrimond's account of his family history revealed several lengthy affidavits Abram filed to prove service on file in National Archives. Affidavits provided valuable family info.
Moved: To Carthage, IL, in April 1855, remaining there for abt. 20 years until Permalia's death when he returned to WV.

More About ABRAM REGER and LEAH BRAKE:

Marriage: 16 Jan 1813, Harrison Co, VA(WV)⁹

4. JOHN B.⁴ BRAKE (*JOHN JACOB*³, *JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)*², *JACOB*¹ *BRECHTEL*)^{10,10} was born 15 Jun 1754 in Frederick County, VA, USA^{10,10}, and died 04 Nov 1838 in Clarksburg, WV. He married (1) ELIZABETH WETHERHOLT^{10,10} 11 Jan 1778 in Hampshire Cty, Virginia, USA¹⁰, daughter of JOHANN WETTERHOLD and CATHERINE DORMEYER. She was born 16 May 1762 in Lynn Township, Lehigh, Virginia, USA^{10,10}, and died 19 Aug 1835 in Hampshire Hardy, West Virginia, USA¹⁰. He married (2) KATHERINE SHOOK¹⁰ 1783 in Hardy Co, W(VA), daughter of HERMANUS SHOOK and ANNE SCHAUB. She was born 1763 in Hampshire, West Virginia, USA¹⁰, and died 07 Feb 1838 in Lewis Co, WV.

Notes for JOHN B. BRAKE:

John Brake's daughter, Elizabeth Weatherholt Brake, married Edward Jackson. Edward's daughters, Rachel and Mary, married John Brake's son's, Jacob and Isaac. Thus, John Brake was Edward Jackson's father-in-law, and also the father-in-law of Edward's daughters, Rachel and Mary. Also, John's son, Leonard, married the daughter of Edward's brother, Samuel.

From the typed copy of John Brake's pension application, pg. 68-69. The text: John Brake S. 15762. (the original papers were sent to W. G. Singleton 9 August 1834 and no copies were made.) 8 July 1834. John Brake states he was born in 1754 and lived on the south branch near Moorefield at the commencement of the war. He

was drafted for six months, rendezvoused at Romney, marched under Capt. John Harris, Maj. Riddle and Col. Vanmetre to the mouth of Big Beaver and then to Fort McIntosh. Gen. McIntosh had about 2000 men. He stayed there a while and then marched to Tuscarora, aided in building a fort at that place, and returned to McIntosh's Fort and was discharged. Previously he did a tour of duty at Buckhannon Fort, now in Lewis County, Virginia. He visited Buckhannon and while there volunteered under Capt. George Jackson and fortified at Jackson's Fort and scouted and followed the Indians when they came into the settlement. He volunteered about the middle of September and served until the middle of February. Col. Giden C. Camdem says Brake told him he hired a substitute. Christopher Nalter [could be Nutter] states Brake was always considered a Tory. Adam Cee, the oldest lawyer in Western Virginia, knew Brake to be a Tory.

John Brake of Harrison County, Virginia, Indian spy in the company of Capt. Harris for one year, was placed on the Virginia pension roll at \$40 per annum under the Act of 1832. Certificate 23559 was issued 28 February 1834. He was dropped from the rolls.

More About JOHN B. BRAKE:

Burial: Jackson Mill Cemetery, Lewis Co, WV

Monument: At Jackson Mill Cemetery says "Sacred to the memory of John Brake, departed this life Nov. 4, 1838 age 84 yr, 4 mo, 21d, Naught so near as death, naught so certain.

Tithables: 1781, Hampshire County, Virginia, list of tithables shows no slaves, 3 cattle, and 6 horses.

More About JOHN BRAKE and ELIZABETH WETHERHOLT:

Marriage: 11 Jan 1778, Hampshire Cty, Virginia, USA¹⁰

Notes for KATHERINE SHOOK:

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She was listed as Elizabeth on Margaret's death certificate.

More About KATHERINE SHOOK:

Burial: Morrison Cemetery, Lewis Co, WV

More About JOHN BRAKE and KATHERINE SHOOK:

Marriage: 1783, Hardy Co, W(VA)

Child of JOHN BRAKE and ELIZABETH WETHERHOLT is:

- i. ELIZABETH WETHERHOLT⁵ BRAKE¹⁰, b. 11 Jan 1772, Moorefield, Hampshire, West Virginia, USA¹⁰; d. 19 Aug 1835, Jackson's Mill, Lewis Co, WV; Stepchild; m. (1) COLONEL EDWARD JACKSON; b. 01 Mar 1759, Hampshire (now Hardy) Co, WV; d. 25 Dec 1828, Jackson Mill, Lewis Co, WV; m. (2) COL. EDWARD JACKSON¹⁰, 13 Oct 1799; b. 01 Mar 1759, Pendleton, Hardy, Virginia, USA¹⁰; d. 25 Dec 1828, Jackson's Mill, Lewis Co, WV.

More About COLONEL EDWARD JACKSON:

Burial: Jackson Mill Cemetery, Lewis Co, WV

Notes for COL. EDWARD JACKSON:

Edward Jackson married as his second wife Elizabeth Brake, sister of Jacob and Isaac Brake. Jacob and Isaac married Edward's daughters, Rachel and Mary, respectively. Thus, Edward was both father-in-law and brother-in-law to Jacob and Isaac.

More About EDWARD JACKSON and ELIZABETH BRAKE:

Marriage: 13 Oct 1799

Children of JOHN BRAKE and KATHERINE SHOOK are:

- ii. JACOB B.⁵ BRAKE, b. 01 Aug 1785, Upshur County, WV; d. 10 Jul 1869, Upshur Co, WV; m. RACHEL JACKSON, 10 Sep 1815, Harrison Co, W(VA); b. 08 Jul 1792, Randolph Co (now Upshur), WV; d. 28 Nov 1835, Randolph Co (now Upshur), WV.

Notes for JACOB B. BRAKE:

Copied from the Jacob Brake Bible by BEATRICE ARNOLD GIFFIN of Upshur Co., on July 12, 1938.

BIRTHS

JACOB BRAKE was born Aug 1, 1785 A. D.
RACHEL JACKSON was born July 8, 1792 A. D.
Our first son EDWARD H. BRAKE was born Aug 11, 1816 A.D., Sunday, 3 o'clock P.M.
LEONARD J. BRAKE was born Dec 8, 1817 A.D., Monday, at 2 o'clock A.M.
MARY BRAKE was born Dec 17, 1819 A.D., Friday, at 40 minutes past 11 o'clock A.M.
GEORGE W. BRAKE was born Mar 13, 1822 A.D., 30 minutes past 10 o'clock P.M.
RACHEL BRAKE was born Mar 26, 1824 A.D., Friday, at 30 minutes past 4 o'clock P.M.
JACOB LORENZO DOW BRAKE was born July 25, 1826 A.D., Tuesday, 30 minutes past 12 o'clock A.M.
CATHERINE ELIZABETH BRAKE was born May 18, 1828 A.D., Sunday, at 6 o'clock A.M.
REBECCA BRAKE was born May 16, 1829 A.D., Saturday, at 15 minutes past 4 o'clock P. M.
DAVID J. BRAKE our fifth son, was born May 24, 1834 A.D., Saturday, at 45 minutes past 9 o'clock P.M.

MARRIAGES

JACOB BRAKE was married to RACHEL JACKSON on Sep 10, 1815.
LEONARD J. BRAKE was married to JEVETHEN HINKLE on May 8, 1842.
GEORGE W. BRAKE was married to ABIGAIL WORKMAN on Jul 31, 1845.
MARY BRAKE was married to ISAAC J. POST on Mar 10, 1846.
JACOB L. D. BRAKE was married to LYDIA ANN L. QUEEN on Apr 20, 1852.
DAVID J. BRAKE was married to MARY J. ABLES on May 28, 1854.
REBECCA BRAKE was married to BENJAMIN D. F. JEROLDS on May 6, 1857.
JACOB BRAKE BIBLE

DEATHS

CATHERINE ELIZABETH BRAKE died May 21, 1828 A.D., Wednesday at 9 o'clock P.M.
RACHEL BRAKE departed this life Nov 28, 1835 A.D. at 30 minutes past five o'clock A.M., age 43 years, 4 months, 20 days.
ABIGAIL BRAKE departed this life Nov 28, 1858 A.D., Sunday at 43 minutes past 4 o'clock in the evening. Age 32 years, 9 months, 19 days.
LEONARD J. BRAKE departed this life April 21, 1862 A.D., Monday at 9 o'clock in the morning. Age 44 years, 4 months, 13 days. (He was shot by the Federal Cavalry. 4 balls entered his body.)

(Newspaper clipping pasted at top of second column of deaths, date of death July 10, 1869)

JACOB BRAKE the father of GEORGE W. BRAKE of Suisum Valley, age 83 years, 11 months, 10 days. (Note: Suisum Valley is in California)

(The following List was written by someone other than the first writer of the columns of deaths.)

MARY J. BRAKE died in Gilmer County, WV, March 6, 1882, at 10 o'clock P.M., age about 50.
ELIZA HINZMAN died at in Gilmer County, WV May 22, 1884, at 4 o'clock P.M., age 50 years less 2 days.
REBECCA FITZJEROLD died in Upshur County, WV, Aug 8. 1884, at 15 minutes before 9 o'clock A.M., age 55 years, 2 months, 22 days.
M. BRUCE BRAKE died in Lewis County, WV, June 12, 1887, at 9 o'clock A.M., age 32 years less 12 days.
J. L. D. BRAKE departed this life Jan 27, 1891, at his home in Upshur County, WV, age 64 years, 6 months, 2 days.
MARY POST departed this life Dec 14, 1891, at her son's In Roan County, WV , age 71 years, 11 months, 27 days.
GEORGE W. BRAKE died Jan 23. 1903, at his home In Suisum Valley, California, age 80 years, 10 months, 10 days. Born Mar 13, 1822.

More About JACOB B. BRAKE:
Age at death (Facts Pg): 83y11m10d from Jacob Brake Family Bible

More About JACOB BRAKE and RACHEL JACKSON:
Marriage: 10 Sep 1815, Harrison Co, W(VA)

- iii. MARGARET BRAKE^{11,12}, b. 26 Aug 1789, Upshur Co, VA; d. 03 Jun 1869, Hacker's Creek, Lewis Co, WV; m. REV. ALEXANDER MORRISON¹³, 30 Mar 1816, Harrison Co, VA; b. 17 Nov 1792, Harrison Co, VA; d.

17 Aug 1873, Hacker's Creek, Lewis Co, WV.

More About MARGARET BRAKE:

Burial: Morrison/Hacker Cemetery, Lewis Co, WV

Fact 1: Born Upshur Co, died Lewis Co, WV

Fact 2: Buried Old Morrison Cem, Lewis Co, WV

Fact 3: Died 3/6/1869

Notes for REV. ALEXANDER MORRISON:

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He died at a age 80year and 8 months. His tombstone is well preserved, it has been uncovered on several occasions - groundhogs keep burying it. His death record says he was the son of Archibal and Sarah Morrison. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and a Methodist Episcopal minister.

Newspaper article: George Oliver's Recollections, "Weston Democrat", June 4, 1892:

"The Rev. Alexander Morrison owned and occupied a fine farm on the waters of Hacker's Creek. Mr. Morrison was one of the influential men of that valley being an industrious, upright and conscientious Christian gentleman. He raised a large family and his descendants are now among the best citizens of the county. "

More About REV. ALEXANDER MORRISON:

Burial: Morrison/Hacker Cemetery, Lewis Co, WV

Marriage Notes for MARGARET BRAKE and ALEXANDER MORRISON:

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Alexander gave his marriage date in his Declaration for Pension, saying that he had been married at John Brake's house in Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia. John Brake lived 3 miles south of Clarksburg, West Virginia. Wes Cockran in his marriages gives the date as 30 Mary 1816 Harrison County, which is probably the bond date.

More About ALEXANDER MORRISON and MARGARET BRAKE:

Marriage: 30 Mar 1816, Harrison Co, VA

- iv. LEONARD BRAKE^{14,14}, b. 28 Oct 1792, Clarksburg, Harrison, Virginia, USA^{14,14}; d. 28 Mar 1875, Terre Haute, Vigo, Indiana, USA¹⁴; m. MARY "POLLY" HADDEN JACKSON, 08 Aug 1820, Harrison Co, VA (Bk 3:319); b. 01 Dec 1797, Harrison Co, VA; d. 13 Dec 1880, Terre Haute, Vigo Co, IN.

More About LEONARD BRAKE:

Age at death (Facts Pg): 82

Burial: Highland Lawn Cemetery, Vigo Co, IN

More About MARY "POLLY" HADDEN JACKSON:

Also Known As: Polly

Burial: Highland Lawn Cemetery, Vigo Co, IN

More About LEONARD BRAKE and MARY JACKSON:

Marriage: 08 Aug 1820, Harrison Co, VA (Bk 3:319)

- v. JOHN J. BRAKE¹⁵, b. 03 Dec 1796, Monongalia, West Virginia, USA¹⁶; d. 10 Apr 1864, Lewis Co, WV; m. FRANCES "FRANKIE" REED¹⁷, 10 Aug 1820, Harrison Co, VA(WV); b. Jan 1794, Harrison Co, W(VA); d. 24 Jul 1853, Lewis Co, VA(WV).

Notes for JOHN J. BRAKE:

[JohnBrakeFeb06.FTW]

John J. Brake was a soldier in the War of 1812. Their graves are unmarked but family tradition is that they are buried there. They lived just over the hill from the Law family.

More About JOHN J. BRAKE:

Burial: Asa Law Cemetery, Sycamore Lick, Lewis Co, WV

Notes for FRANCES "FRANKIE" REED:

[JohnBrakeFeb06.FTW]

Her death is recorded in Bk1:1. She died at age 61y5m24d.

More About FRANCES "FRANKIE" REED:

Burial: Aft. 24 Jul 1853, Asa Law Cemetery, Sycamore Lick, Lewis County, West Virginia¹⁷

Marriage Notes for JOHN BRAKE and FRANCES REED:

[JohnBrakeFeb06.FTW]

Marriage is recorded in Bk3:1.

More About JOHN BRAKE and FRANCES REED:

Marriage: 10 Aug 1820, Harrison Co, VA(WV)

- vi. ISAAC BRAKE^{18,19}, b. 16 Nov 1797, Upshur, West Virginia, USA²⁰; d. 17 Jan 1885, Buckhannon, Upshur, West Virginia, USA²⁰; m. (1) MARY HADDEN JACKSON, 30 Nov 1820, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV; b. 19 Feb 1794, Harrison Co, VA(WV); d. 30 Aug 1840, Lewis Co, VA(WV); m. (2) MARY HADDEN "POLLY" JACKSON, 30 Nov 1820, Buckhannon, Upshur, West Virginia, USA²⁰; b. 19 Feb 1794, Buckhannon, Upshur, West Virginia, USA²⁰; d. 30 Aug 1840, Turkey Run, Lewis, West Virginia, USA²⁰; m. (3) JEMIMA M. QUEEN, Aft. Aug 1840; b. Abt. 1818; d. 20 Sep 1880.

More About ISAAC BRAKE:

Census: 1870, Upshur Co, WV, Warren District: Isaac, 72; Jemima, 52; Gilmore F., 17; Isaac, 30.

Residence: 1880, With son, Melville (Upshur Co, Warren District census)

More About ISAAC BRAKE and MARY JACKSON:

Marriage: 30 Nov 1820, Buckhannon, Upshur Co, WV

More About ISAAC BRAKE and MARY JACKSON:

Marriage: 30 Nov 1820, Buckhannon, Upshur, West Virginia, USA²⁰

More About JEMIMA M. QUEEN:

Census: 1880, Upshur Co, WV, Warren District shows Jemima living with son, Gilmore.

More About ISAAC BRAKE and JEMIMA QUEEN:

Marriage: Aft. Aug 1840

- vii. MARY "POLLY" BRAKE²⁰, b. 11 Jul 1799, Harrison Co, VA; d. 21 Sep 1873, Hackers Creek, Lewis Co, WV; m. WILLIAM BALCOM MORRISON²¹, 19 Apr 1818, Harrison Co, VA(WV); b. 24 May 1794, Harrison Co, VA(WV); d. 14 Apr 1883, Berlin, Lewis Co, WV.

Notes for MARY "POLLY" BRAKE:

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Mary died at age 74y2m10d.

More About MARY "POLLY" BRAKE:

Burial: Aft. 21 Sep 1873, Morrison/Hacker Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia²¹

Fact 1: Buried in Old Morrison Cemetery, Hacker's Creek, Lewis Co, WV

Notes for WILLIAM BALCOM MORRISON:

A SHORT HISTORY OF MY ANCESTORS

BY WILLIAM BALCOM MORRISON

On my Father's side I have learned that two brothers came to America around 1750 from a small village in Scotland. Their names were Archibald and Alexander Morrison. The latter settled in North Carolina.

Archibald, a shoe maker by trade, settled on the West Fork River at what is now West Milford in Harrison County. It has been handed down through generations that he was one of the few in that section of the country who were eligible to vote for George Washington for President of the United States, since he was a real estate owner.

Archibald was my Great, Great, Great Grandfather. The only report I have obtained of his wife is that she was

of Irish descent. Archibald had two sons, William and Elliot, who moved from West Milford on the West Fork River to Hackers Creek near the present community of Berlin. They married sisters of the Brake family.

William was appointed Justice of the Peace under Virginia and received his commission from the governor on July 2, 1841.

William was my Great, Great Grandfather. He married Mary Brake, who was born in 1799 on upper Hackers Creek. (This creek the Indians called Wiyanipe or muddy water. Tecumseh, Indian Chief, was said to have been born in this section of the Country).

William and Mary Brake Morrison had the following children: John Brake b 1819, Isaac Edgar b 1822, Perry Greene b 1824, Rachel b 1827, Alexander M b 1831, Hester Ann b 1835, William Dexter b 1839.

William built a two story long cabin in which he raised the above named children. The cabin was composed of four rooms. The kitchen was located six to ten feet from the main building. This house still stands today, below the Berlin grade school on the highway between Berlin and Jane Lew. The old homestead is now owned by Jim Allman. It looks very modern since this owner weather boarded and constructed it into a building of today.

John Brake Morrison was my Great Grandfather. He was born in 1819 and married Polly Ann Hersman in 1845. She was born in 1820 on what is now know as Buckhannon Run about five miles above Berlin. John lived for a time in the home of his father and later moved to upper Hackers Creek. They raised the following children: Margaret Marcella b 1846, Rachel Elizabeth b 1847, William Bascom b 1848, Albert Newton b 1850, Marshall Dexter b 1852, Polly Columbus b 1854, Olive Melissa b 1856, Isaac Edgar b 1858 and Nona Andes b 1863.

William Bascom Morrison was my Grandfather. He was born November 6, 1848 and died April 14, 1927. He married Hattie Crawford Bartlett (his second wife) She was born November 24, 1863 and died December 9, 1935. She was from Lubeck, ten miles south of Parkersburg, W. Va.

During his early life, William Bascom Morrison leased land and paid gas rentals. His last years were spent in a small country store in Berlin. This same store today is operated by his daughter, Beulah Skidmore, who owns his life time property.

William Bascom Morrison had the following children by his second wife: Sidney Madox b 10 June 1892, John Alexander b 28 March 1891, Albert Bascom b 5 Dec. 1893, Beulah Irene b 21 Dec. 1897, Virginia Bartlett b 30 July 1889 and Harry V b 7 Dec. 1896.

Sidney Madox Morrison was my Father. In 1914 he married Mary Elizabeth Rhodes who was born in 1897, and died December 23, 1927. Sidney and Mary had the following children: Charlotte Roberta b 20 March 1916, Evelyn Rhodes b 19 Feb. 1918, Sidney Madox b. 12 Feb. 1924 and William Bascom b 12 Feb. 1924 - twins.

Sidney M. Morrison attended school at Berlin where he completed the eight grade. During this time he carried water fro the Cumberland and Allegheny Gas Company pipe liners. At the age of 16 he started two work with the named company and worked himself up to Engineer of the Cumberland and Allegheny Pump Station between Berlin and Jane Lew.

During the First World War his father-in-law died and his mother-in-law needed help on the Rhodes farm between Weston and Berlin. Thus he was compelled to resign his position with the gas company and started farming.

He and his brother-in-law, Bill Rhodes, bought cattle at 12 1/2 cents a pound and these cattle sold for 6 cents, therefore, losing nearly everything they had. Both of them went broke.

During the early thirties he was appointed by the Governor as State Road Commissioner of Lewis County, at which post he served for 4 years. He was later appointed as Director of the Unemployment Branch Office of five counties, Braxton, Lewis, Gilmer, Webster and Upshur.

During the Second World War he served with the Naval Coast Guard at the Naval Ordinance Plant in South Charleston, W.Va. He married Sonabelle Zinn in 1945, and at the present time is employed by the State Liquor Board in Charleston.

In my trace of my ancestors, I have completed down to myself. I was born, a twin, on February 12, 1824, at the Rhodes farm near Berlin on the Hilly Upland Run. The Rhodes farm consisted of 226 acres and a house

of 13 rooms. My parents were well to do until 1930-32 when the depression hit them like it did nearly every American family and my father lost out. We lived a very happy life on the Rhodes Estate.

Since my oldest sister, Charlotte, started to high school in Weston in 1930, my brother and I attended the Weston Central Grade School.

When we were Freshman we moved to Weston. My brother quit school and went to Charleston with my father and I was left to keep the home fires burning because my sister Charlotte was married and Evelyn was teaching school in Ohio, where she later married.

Through High School I was active in football and wrestling, also played class basketball. I graduated from Weston High School in January 1943 and entered the US Marine Corp. the following month. Served at Paris Island, SC over a year and was sent to the Pacific theatre of war. I was discharged on December 10, 1945 and worked for the Chick-a-Saw Lumber Co. in West Union. Then entered Glenville State College, September 2, 1946 and have completed four semesters work.

I commute between Weston and Glenville and live with my Grandmother Mrs. Bertie P. Rhodes. She raised me from the time I was three years old. She is still very active and talks mostly about politics and the younger generation.

THE RHODES FAMILY

There is very little I learned of my Mother's ancestors but as far as I can trace, my Great Grandfather was Erasmus Rhodes. He was of English descent. He married Mary Heavener, also English, in Virginia. A few years before the Civil War they moved to Western Virginia on the Upper West Fork River. He cleared his land about one mile north of Roanoke. This homestead still stands and is operated by William Aspinall under the name of the William and Mary Dairy Farm. At one time this farm consisted of 600 acres.

The children born to Erasmus and Mary Rhodes were: Arthur W., Mary Virginia, William Erasmus, Charles, and Morton. My Grandfather was William Erasmus Rhodes. He attended Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

He settled on the Hilly Upland Run between Weston and Berlin. During his farming career he bought and sold cattle. He served two terms as Deputy Sheriff of Lewis County. He married Bertie Bell Post in 1893. She attended Wesleyan College and Western Maryland College. She also served as Dean of Women at Wesleyan College in 1924. Bertie Rhodes was on the committee that started the Home Industrial Shops of W. Va.

William E. Rhodes and Bertie P. Rhodes had the following children: William Scott b 24 July 1900 and Mary E. b 15 Feb. 1897.

Mary E. Rhodes attended Berlin grade school and the Lewisburg Seminary. After completing two years at the seminary she married Sidney Morrison.
[MorrisonGedcom.FTW]

William built a two-story, four room log cabin which was located below the Berlin grade school on the highway between Jane Lew and Berlin, West Virginia. The kitchen was six to ten feet from the main cabin. Here he and Polly raised their children. He was a Justice of the Peace in Lewis County in 1841. William died at age 83y10m20d.

"Weston Democrat", June 4, 1892, - George Oliver's Recollections:

"William Morrison, a brother of Alexander, also owned and occupied a good farm on the same Creek (Hacker's). He was a fine citizen, a very influential man in the community, exerting by his example as well as by precept, a great influence to favor of good morals and right living. He was a great believer in the cardinal doctrines of democracy as taught by Thos. Jefferson; was also a great admirer of Old Hickory Jackson. He, too, raised a large family of sons and daughters, all of whom are exemplifying the example of morality and uprightness as taught them by their worthy father."

Obit: "Weston Democrat", Saturday, March 5, 1883:

Berlin: Died on the 14th William Morrison Esq. - 89. The deceased was one of the first settlers in this vicinity. All along his life he was noted for his honesty and integrity. He was for many years a worthy and honored member of the M. P. Church, lived an ___ Christian life; died in full triumphs of the Christian religion leaving the bright evidence that it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die, that there is life of bless unalloyed by the troubled incidents of this life. A very long concourse of people attended the burial which took place in the Morrison Cemetery on Sunday, the 15th."

More About WILLIAM BALCOM MORRISON:
Burial: 15 Apr 1883, Morrison/Hacker Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia²¹

More About WILLIAM MORRISON and MARY BRAKE:
Marriage: 19 Apr 1818, Harrison Co, VA(WV)

5. ELIZABETH⁴ BRAKE (*JOHN JACOB*³, *JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)*², *JACOB¹ BRECHTEL*) was born 22 Feb 1757 in Frederick County, VA, USA²², and died 22 Mar 1812 in Zanesville, Muskingham Co, OH. She married GEORGE JACKSON 13 Nov 1776 in Moorefield, WV, son of GEORGE JACKSON and ELIZABETH CUMMINS. He was born 1756, and died 1831.

More About GEORGE JACKSON and ELIZABETH BRAKE:
Marriage: 13 Nov 1776, Moorefield, WV

Children of ELIZABETH BRAKE and GEORGE JACKSON are:

- i. JOHN GEORGE⁵ JACKSON, b. 27 Sep 1777; d. 1825; m. (1) MARY PAYNE, 1800; b. 1781; d. 1808; m. (2) MARY SOPHIA MEIGS, 1810; b. 1793; d. 1863.

More About JOHN JACKSON and MARY PAYNE:
Marriage: 1800

More About JOHN JACKSON and MARY MEIGS:
Marriage: 1810

- ii. WILLIAM LOWTHER JACKSON, b. 11 Aug 1778.
- iii. ELIZABETH "ELIZA" JACKSON, b. 06 Oct 1779; m. WILLIAM MEANS, 1798.

More About WILLIAM MEANS and ELIZABETH JACKSON:
Marriage: 1798

- iv. CATHARINE (KATRANA) JACKSON, b. 13 Sep 1781; m. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, 1800; b. 1765; d. 1850.

More About WILLIAM WILLIAMS:
Occupation: Medical doctor

More About WILLIAM WILLIAMS and CATHARINE JACKSON:
Marriage: 1800

- v. JACOB JACKSON, b. 25 Jan 1783; d. 1804.
- vi. SARAH "SALLY" JACKSON, b. 30 Nov 1786; m. DANIEL KINCHELOE, 1806.

More About DANIEL KINCHELOE and SARAH JACKSON:
Marriage: 1806

- vii. PRUDENCE JACKSON, b. 25 Jan 1789; d. 1855; m. ELIJAH ARNOLD, 1814.

More About ELIJAH ARNOLD and PRUDENCE JACKSON:
Marriage: 1814

- viii. GEORGE WASHINGTON JACKSON²³, b. 09 Feb 1791; d. 1876; m. HESTER TAYLOR²³, 1816; b. 1799; d. 1852.

More About GEORGE JACKSON and HESTER TAYLOR:
Marriage: 1816

- ix. EDWARD BRAKE JACKSON, b. 25 Jan 1793; m. (1) ANNA TODD, 1812; m. (2) ELIZABETH GIBSON, 1817.

More About EDWARD JACKSON and ANNA TODD:
Marriage: 1812

More About EDWARD JACKSON and ELIZABETH GIBSON:
Marriage: 1817

- x. MARY "POLLY" WEBSTER JACKSON, b. 13 Aug 1795; m. SYLVANOUS NEELY, 1817.

More About SYLVANOUS NEELY and MARY JACKSON:
Marriage: 1817

- xi. WILLIAM LOWTHER JACKSON, b. 1798; m. HARRIET B. WILSON, 1820.

More About WILLIAM JACKSON and HARRIET WILSON:
Marriage: 1820

- xii. THOMAS JEFFERSON JACKSON, b. 15 Apr 1800; d. 1801.

6. ISAAC⁴ BRAKE (*JOHN JACOB*³, *JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)*², *JACOB*¹ *BRECHTEL*) was born 1760 in Hampshire County, Virginia, USA²⁴, and died Abt. 1833 in Marysville, OH. He married (1) MARY SITES DAVIS. She was born Abt. 1756. He married (2) ROSANNA ALMON²⁴ Abt. 1789 in Hardy County, W(VA). She was born 1770 in Hardy, Virginia, USA^{24,24}, and died 1826 in Marysville, OH.

Notes for ISAAC BRAKE:

There is a Mary Brake who married William Coffman in Union County in 1829. Is she Isaac's/Rosanna's daughter?

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ISAAC BRAKE AND HIS WIFE, ROSANNA BRAKE

by Alonzo E. Knox, Raymond, Ohio

The subjects of this sketch were natives of Hardy County, Virginia. The year of 1818 found them quite advanced in years, and parents of two sons and two daughters, grown to manhood and womanhood. Realizing that these children would soon be in need of homes and means of maintenance of homes, and that their only assets were limited to their robust health, strong constitutions and unswerving determinations to do for themselves and their dependents in the way and manner that their Creator would approve, decided that the lands of the unbroken forests were offering much better opportunities to acquire homes and independence than could be found in a country where labor was performed only in involuntary servitude and was looked upon as a disgrace when performed by a white person, decided to bid farewell to their many beloved friends and relatives in their beautiful southern land, and cast their lot with their children in a strange land where their industry and efforts would be considered a credit rather than a disgrace. That these patriarchs were a God-fearing people as evidenced by prominent Biblical names given to their children, viz: Adam, Michael, Sarah and Elizabeth, in the order of their births.

At this time, Sarah was the wife of John Shirk: also a native of Hardy County, and their eldest child, Aaron, who was already eight years old.

In the same county, at this time, were the family of Mordicia Baughan, natives of South Carolina, in which family a brother and sister married into the family of Isaac Brake. Jeremiah became the husband of Elizabeth Brake, and Eve Baughan became the wife of Adam Brake.

Occurrences of this kind, in which a brother and sister of one family would marry a brother and sister of another family became quite common, as in the case of Polly Shirk, a sister of John Shirk, becoming the wife of Michael Brake; the children of such contracting parties becoming doubly related.

In the first mentioned year, the journey to Ohio was undertaken and before giving details of that undertaking, it might be of interest to the younger generation to know the conditions as they existed here at that early time.

Judging from what Colonel Curry has recorded in his "Early History of Union County", we note that but few settlements had yet been made, nearly all in the southern part of the county; that there were no roads better than Indian trails, bridle paths and blazed timber; that the County was organized in the year of 1820; but few mills were in operation at that time where it was possible for the settlers to have a sack of corn cracked; wild turkeys, deer and other game was in abundance and were a source of dependence by the settlers for their sustenance; the howl of the wolf and the scream of the panther ringing through the woods oft times added loneliness to the night;

a few Indians were here yet, but mostly friendly; a few settlements had already been made in Liberty Township, along the banks of Mill Creek; the merry ring of axman is beginning to be heard in every direction; cabins being built, land cleared and made ready for civilization. In the year of 1818, the Brake and Shirk families left their southern homes to share the hardships which were sure to follow in the wilds of Ohio.

After a long and difficult journey, lasting about six weeks, fording many swollen streams and crossing the mountains, their teams and covered wagons at last landed in Ross County, Ohio, where they continued to remain for about two years, before taking another start for parts farther north, finally locating upon lands now owned by John Hamilton in Liberty Township, about one and a half miles south of a point where Peoria now stands and on the Marysville Road. The family of Mordicia Baughan also came at the same time from Ross County, settling a little further north on lands now owned by F.E.Dodge.

Sometime later, Adam Brake located upon lands now owned by Dr.Thompson, just across the road from the cemetery south of Raymond; Jeremiah Baughan remaining upon the farm with his father, the venerable subjects of our sketch, remaining at the home of John Shirk during their remaining days. Thus, it will be seen that quite a large settlement was made in an unbroken timber land by many people so closely connected, and where all continued to live until overtaken by a good and ripe old age. The statement that all, without a single exception, were good and useful citizens and neighbors, has never been challenged; a credit to which their many distant descendants may well point to with pride. While there is much that would be of interest that could be written concerning the many distant descendants of the subjects of this sketch, space forbids much mention being made, other than who the grand-children were-children of Adam, Michael, Sarah and Elizabeth; leaving no mention being made as to whom they married or where they afterward lived.

The children of Adam and Eve (Baughan) Brake were: Isaac, William, Mary, Sarah, George and Amanda; the latter dying before married.

The children of Michael and his wife Polly (Shirk) Brake were: Aaron, Elon, John, Hiram, James, Mary, Michael, Angeline, Emma Jane and Martin.

The children of Sarah and her husband, John Shirk were: Aaron, Betsy, Nancy, Henson, Hiram, Jemima, Alfred, Jonaas, Isaac, Silaas, John, Sarah and Lucy.

The children of Elizabeth and her husband Jeremiah Baughan were: Mary Ann, Delilah, Helen, Elizabeth, Michael, and Elma. (Delilah was my mother.)

Of the many grand-children herein mentioned, many later married and continued to live in their native county during their whole life, while others moved to other and distant places. Yet, so far that is known to be certain, there is but one living at this time (August, 1924), viz: Mrs. Elma Johnson, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Baughan. While the grand-children of these worthy ancestors have become almost extinct, yet the "great", "great-great", and "greater" is already a legion. While we realize that this narrative should be as brief as possible, yet we are persuaded to believe that it will be of special interest to many of the younger generations to learn the circumstances concerning the strange and unusual death of their venerable ancestor, Rosanna Brake, which occurred in the year of 1826.

It is related by Colonel Curry in his history of the Early Settlers of Union County, that Mrs. Brake became the victim of some strange disease during the latter years of her life; that when she felt these spells coming on, she had a great desire for water; that if she could get the water as soon as she felt the spells coming on, she was always able to ward them off and was soon relieved; that she always observed that in case she could not get water immediately, she believed she would die; that she left the other members of her family at the home of a neighbor where a shooting match was being held one afternoon and started to return to her home, all alone; that upon her failure to return that evening, alarm was sounded and all the neighbors turned out and joined in an all night search. It was not until the next morning before her body was found near some water; that it was the belief by her friends that she was overtaken by one of her strange spells on her way home, but was unable to reach the water in time to save her life. With the aid of this brief narrative, we believe that it will be found possible by many to determine just how closely or how distantly they were related to not only the subjects of this sketch, but to many other families and persons as well.

From "The History of Union County (Ohio)"

Isaac Brake

Isaac BRAKE, with his wife Rosanna, natives of Virginia, emigrated to Ross County, Ohio with their family in 1818, remaining there two years. In 1820, they removed to Liberty Township and settled on Mill Creek, being then quite advanced in years. They settled on the farm known as the Joshua JUDY farm where they remained till their deaths.

Mrs. Brake, in her latter years became subject to a peculiar disease and when its attack came on (they generally came suddenly) she felt a desire for water immediately, and that administered, she obtained relief. She had observed that if she should sometime be attacked where she could not readily obtain water, she believed she would die. In that day, shooting matches were a common and legitimate occurrence, and the citizens generally attended them and tried their skill to win the prizes. On one of these occasions, Mrs. and Mr. Brake and family attended, it being nearby at an early hour, Mrs. Brake took her leave and started for home. Subsequently, the balance of them returned home. On their arrival, they found Mrs. Brake had not reached her home and they supposed she had probably called to see one of the neighbors and no anxiety was awakened till a late hour. When upon her not making her appearance, they became anxious and entered upon a search; but no tidings could be obtained of her. Diligent search was made in all directions; "horns" were blown through the woods, and everything done that could be devised to learn of the whereabouts of Mrs. Brake. But not until the next morning was any intelligence received when she was found a short distance from the main road, near some water, and life was extinct. It is believed that on her way home, she had been attacked by her disease and had gone to that place in search of her remedy water and while there, died. This occurred about the year 1826. Mr. Brake died about the year 1833 34.

Their children were as follows; Adam, the oldest son, married Eva BOUGHAN and resided in Liberty Township till his death, May 15, 1870, aged seventy six years; his wife died July 19, 1875, aged sixty six years. Michael, the second son, married Polly SHIRK, both are deceased; their children were, Aaron, Elam, John, Angeline and Mary; Sarah the third child of Isaac and Rosanna BRAKE, married John SHIRK. Elizabeth, the fourth child, married Jeremiah BOUGHAN.

More About ISAAC BRAKE:

Fact 1: 1818, Moved to Marysville, Union Co, OH; buried there.

Info: "The History of Union County, OH" tells of a Mary Brake who was married to William Coffman by William Gladhill in 1929. Adam and Michael Brake were also married by William Gladhill. Could Mary be another sister? Or another name for Susan?

Lived With: 1830, son Michael

More About ISAAC BRAKE and ROSANNA ALMON:

Marriage: Abt. 1789, Hardy County, W(VA)

Children of ISAAC BRAKE and ROSANNA ALMON are:

- i. ABRAHAM⁵ BRAKE²⁴, b. 21 Jan 1786, Hardy, Virginia, USA²⁴; d. 21 Jan 1864, Monroe, Licking, Ohio, USA²⁴; m. MARY SARAH SMITH²⁴, 05 Apr 1807, Hardy County, WV, by Valentine Powers²⁵; b. 11 Jul 1789²⁶; d. 21 Jul 1869, Monroe, Licking, Ohio, USA²⁶.

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE:

Fact 1: Possible wife: Mary Davis Harrison, m. 3/26/1807, Upshur Co

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE and MARY SMITH:

Marriage: 05 Apr 1807, Hardy County, WV, by Valentine Powers²⁷

- ii. SARAH "SALLIE" BRAKE, b. 03 Jan 1791, Hardy County, Virginia, USA²⁸; d. 25 Sep 1869, Union County, OH; m. JOHN SHIRK, 02 Aug 1808, Hardy County, WV, by Valentine Powers²⁹; b. 03 Feb 1787, Hardy Co, WV; d. 28 Jul 1873, Union County, OH.

More About JOHN SHIRK and SARAH BRAKE:

Marriage: 02 Aug 1808, Hardy County, WV, by Valentine Powers²⁹

- iii. JAMES BRAKE^{30,30}, b. Abt. 1795, Hardy County, Virginia, USA³⁰; d. 1824, Lewis, West Virginia, USA³⁰; m. ANNE MUMFORD, 17 Jun 1817, Pendleton County, W(VA) records have James DAVIS marrying Anna Mumbert. This is undoubtedly James BRAKE; b. 06 Mar 1789, Germany; d. 25 Feb 1870, Rock Cave, Upshur Co, WV.

Notes for JAMES BRAKE:

Personal Correspondence of David Armstrong, Elkins, WV - Dec 1993

The recent discoveries have changed my thinking on both of the above points. I no longer think my Elizabeth is a child of Jacob B. Brake, and I am now quite certain that James Brake was not Isaac's. I think the evidence below will show that James Brake married Anna Mumford in Pendleton County in 1817 under the name of James Davis. I also feel it will strongly suggest that James and yet another unknown Brake named Catherine were siblings, the fruits of an illegitimate union between a parent named Brake, possibly Michael, and a parent named Davis, probably a girl of the James and Comfort Davis family. Sound crazy? Well hang onto your hats, were going for a ride!

Enclosed you will find a copy of a minute book entry from Pendleton County, showing the 1812 order binding Catherine Brake, age 10, to William Dyer. It was the discovery of this document that set a chain reaction in motion and led me to the conclusion I have suggested above.

Regarding James Brake, I have always felt that the maiden name of Mumford for his wife, based on family tradition, was accurate. It goes back at least to the 1920's, when Ford H Brake responded to Guy Tetric's genealogy questionnaire, and Ford gave the name of Mumford for his ancestor. I have always thought that if someone were going to "guess" at a maiden name for Anna, they would have been much more likely to come up with Reger, Rohrbaugh, Hyer, Simon, etc since these are large and well known families of the Branch and Buckhannon. But they instead named a family that is somewhat obscure, who never crossed the mountains to my knowledge, and is not very numerous. So I have always thought that Mumford was accurate.

There is only one Mumford family, and they go by the name Mumford and Mumbert interchangeably, perhaps due to how the name sounded when spoken in a thick German accent, like so many persons on the South Fork would have had. They lived on the South Fork at Sweedland Hill, near the Hardy County line, and not far from the Brake home. They were from Maryland, and they all seem to be the offspring of Jacob Mumford. The records of Pendleton County show the marriage in 1817 of James Davis and Anna Mumford (as "Mumbert") The bondsman was George Mumford, he being her brother who listed his birthplace as Maryland in the 1850 census. There is no corresponding James Davis in the 1820 census, and the Maryland had me bothered for awhile since Anna Brake Young always listed Pennsylvania as her birthplace. But I followed her daughter Louisa Young Ferrell to the 1900 census, and Louisa told the census taker that her mother Anna was born in Maryland, so that should tie her to the Mumford on the South Fork. So it is clear to me that James Brake was aka James Davis.

James has to be born 1797 or before, that assumption immediately eliminates most of "the baron's" grandsons as the father. And since John, Jacob the captive, Brushy Fork Abraham, Isaac and Magdalen were all married at the time (1799-1804), we are left with Michael, the only unmarried Brake who was old enough.

Two points might tend to support such a theory. First, James Brake named a son Nimrod See, and the namesake of this child, Nimrod See of Hardy County married a daughter of Michael Brake. I had always suspected a close relationship between James and Michael. Secondly, it is at roughly the so you can all chew on this one for awhile. This is the theory I am going to pursue until I can disprove it whether folks like it or not. I intend to research the James and Comfort Davis family in depth, but it will have to wait until I can get to Hardy County.

Update - July 1994

Finally, to the remark I made above about IF her father was a Brake at all... we still have the problem of James Brake. I spent the weekend researching the Davis family and have clarified them a good deal. It is now clear that the James Davis who married Ann Mumford is the eldest child listed in the 1810 census listing for John and Mary (Morrall) Davis on the South Fork in Pendleton County. This John is the only possibility and his listing fits perfectly with the Davis - Mumford marriage, and he lived next door (again in a record) to Jacob Mumford. So James Davis who married Ann Mumford comes from his family. So was he James Brake? I still think so. My reason? This weekend I have been able to show that no matter WHICH William Dyer had the bound child Catherine Brake, Dyer was a cousin of this James Davis! Both of the William Dyers were. So I can show that the James Davis who married Ann Mumford had a cousin (and close neighbor) with a bound child named Brake! I can also show that James Davis was born circa 1792, if his father's census record is

absolutely accurate.

Maybe John Davis' wife had James by a Brake prior to their marriage. Maybe not. Maybe James was a Brake who was adopted into the Davis family. Maybe not. Maybe James Davis is not James Brake, but I now know enough about the Mumfords to show that if not then James Brake's wife was not Ann Mumford. Brake vs See gives many, many day to day details about the goings on at the Brake Mill. It seems to have been quite a little village. Michael had a blacksmith shop ran by his slave man. There was a carpenter shop where they made coffins and bedsteads. A saw and grist mill ran full time. People seem to have drifted in and out, hanging around, living for a time, working on the place. At least one by marriage relative of the Brakes had an illegitimate child raised there. Mary Ann Radcliff's chickens had to be chased out of the corn, and the place was quite crowded in the 1820 census. Yes, this was a small village, later a post office. Perhaps not everybody was sure who their fathers were. Maybe some of the kids took the name of Brake after the PLACE where they were born and not after the family. This may be one way to explain the apparent futility of assigning parents to James, Catherine and Elizabeth. Maybe not. But I have nothing better to offer. After five years of chasing this lady I submit that Elizabeth Brake Money Penny was a Radcliff, born at Brake Mill in 1804, father unknown, and brought across the mountains in 1825 by William Radcliff.

More About JAMES BRAKE:

Also Known As: 1817, James Davis

Info: UTM Coordinates of grave: 17568084E 4320631N

Parentage: Abt. 1795, There is no evidence that Isaac is James' father...could be Michael.

Notes for ANNE MUMFORD:

Letter from Anna Brake [Spelling and punctuation as in the original document.]

Found in Harrison County Chancery File Case #12, File #19

Jacob Brake vs. George Jackson, et al

February the 8 1825

Mr. Judge Jackson Sir I wish to inform you that I have met with the misfortune of losing my husband and am left alone. I wish you to come and see about your _____ of the produce that is on the place as quick as possible as i am going to go to the branch to my people I wish to start next sonday and I want you to rent the place to Jones crises [Jonas Critz] and no one else as I expect to have to leve the most of my things and I think he will be a trusty hand to leave them with and no more but remain yours with respect anna brake

Note. Anna Brake was widowed when her husband, James Brake, was killed by a falling tree when a young man. Anna and her three children, Cyrus, Nimrod See, and Jacob James rejoined her family on the South Branch of the Potomac, but soon returned to what is now Upshur County and married Anson Young. The property she and James had been living on was on Peck's Run near Hodgesville and was owned by Jacob Brake. Jacob had received it for back wages for supervising at the Salt Works owned by John George Jackson. Anna, George, and the family later moved to Rock Cave (Centerville at the time).

More About ANNE MUMFORD:

Also Known As: 1817, Anna Mumbert

Burial: Rock Cave Cemetery, Upshur Co. WV

More About JAMES BRAKE and ANNE MUMFORD:

Marriage: 17 Jun 1817, Pendleton County, W(VA) records have James DAVIS marrying Anna Mumbert.

This is undoubtedly James BRAKE

- iv. MARGARET BRAKE^{30,31,31}, b. 1795, Hardy County, Virginia, USA^{32,33}; d. Aft. 1860, Probably Liberty, Union Co, OH.

More About MARGARET BRAKE:

Residence: 1860, Liberty, Union, Ohio^{33,33}

- v. ADAM BRAKE^{34,34}, b. 15 Jul 1796, Hardy County, Virginia, USA^{34,34,34}; d. 15 May 1870, Union County, OH; m. EVA BAUGHAN, 1826, Union County, OH, by William Gladhill, Justice of the Peace; b. 01 Jun 1809, Union, Ohio, USA³⁴; d. 19 Jul 1875, Union County, OH.

Notes for ADAM BRAKE:

1830 Ohio Census

Name	Age	Father Mother		
		Born	Born	Born
BRAKE,Adam	36	VA	WV	WV
Eva	21	OH		
Isaac	1	OH	VA	OH
Sarah	<1	OH	VA	OH
Mary	<1	OH	VA	OH

1850 Ohio Census

Name	Age	Father Mother		
		Born	Born	Born
BRAKE,Adam	56	VA	WV	WV
Eva	41	OH		
Isaac	21	OH	VA	OH
Sarah	20	OH	VA	OH
Mary	20	OH	VA	OH
George	18	OH	VA	OH
William	15	OH	VA	OH
Susan	13	OH	VA	OH
Male	10	OH	VA	OH

1860 Ohio Census

Name	Age	Father Mother		
		Born	Born	Born
BRAKE,Adam	66	VA	WV	WV
Eva	51	OH		
Susan	23	OH	VA	OH
Male	20	OH	VA	OH
Amanda	9	OH	OH	

1870 Ohio Census

Name	Age	Father Mother		
		Born	Born	Born
BRAKE,Adam	76	VA	WV	WV
Eva	61	OH		
Amanda	19	OH	OH	

More About ADAM BRAKE:

Burial: Liberty Township - Baughan Cemetery

Census: 1840, Ohio, Union Co, Liberty Twnshp: Adam and Eva plus 2 males, 1 female less than 5; 1 male 5-10; 1 male and 2 females 10-15.

More About EVA BAUGHAN:

Burial: Liberty Township - Baughan Cemetery

More About ADAM BRAKE and EVA BAUGHAN:

Marriage: 1826, Union County, OH, by William Gladhill, Justice of the Peace

- vi. MICHAEL BRAKE³⁴, b. 1797, Hardy County, Virginia, USA³⁴; d. 1879, Ohio; m. MARY POLLY SHIRK, 1829, Union County, OH, by William Gladhill, Justice of the Peace; b. Abt. 1806, Virginia; d. 26 Jan 1868, Ohio.

Notes for MICHAEL BRAKE:

Unknown Household Member

Union County, Ohio records indicate the marriage of a Mary Brake and William Coffman. A daughter of that union, Sarah Coffman Carpenter, says in her obituary that she (Sarah) was born in 1832/3. This would most likely put the Coffman/Brake marriage shortly before that...maybe 1830/31. There does not appear to be an eligible Mary Brake living in Union County at the time. Sons of Isaac Brake, Adam and Michael, live next door to William Coffman (age 20-30) in 1830, and each has a daughter named Mary, but both are 20 years too young to be married in 1830/1.

The 1830 census shows Isaac Brake living with his son, Michael, and it also shows TWO females, age 20-

30, living in the same household (Michael was 33 in 1830). One of those females is 24 years old Mary Shirk, Michael's wife. Could this second female be Mary Brake? If so, from where did she come?

More About MICHAEL BRAKE:

Burial: Mill Creek Cemetery, Raymond, OH

Census: 1850, Union Co, Liberty TWP, OH: Michael (52), Mary (44), Aaron (20), Angeline (19), Eland (17), John (14), Hiram (13), James (12), Mary (11), Martin (8), Emma J. (7), Michael (3).

More About MARY POLLY SHIRK:

Burial: Mill Creek Cemetery, Raymond, OH

More About MICHAEL BRAKE and MARY SHIRK:

Marriage: 1829, Union County, OH, by William Gladhill, Justice of the Peace

- vii. ELIZABETH BRAKE³⁴, b. 15 Jun 1802, Hardy County, Virginia, USA³⁴; d. 27 Sep 1878, Union, Ohio, USA³⁴; m. JEREMIAH BAUGHAN³⁴, 1823, Union County, OH, by James Boal, Justice of the Peace; b. 28 Jul 1804, Virginia, USA³⁴; d. 26 Apr 1873, Union, Ohio, USA³⁴.

More About JEREMIAH BAUGHAN and ELIZABETH BRAKE:

Marriage: 1823, Union County, OH, by James Boal, Justice of the Peace

- viii. SUSAN J. BRAKE³⁴, b. Apr 1818, Hardy County, Virginia, USA³⁴; d. 15 Jun 1889, Jefferson, Logan, Ohio, USA^{34,34}.

7. ABRAHAM⁴ BRAKE (*JOHN JACOB*³, *JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)*², *JACOB*¹ *BRECHTEL*)^{35,36} was born Aug 1763 in Hampshire Co., now Hardy Co., (West) Virginia, and died 20 Aug 1842 in Harrison County, (West) Virginia. He married MARY ELIZABETH JACKSON³⁷ Abt. 1784 in Hampshire County, Virginia. She was born 23 Feb 1770 in Moorefield, Hampshire, Virginia, USA³⁷, and died Abt. 1850 in Probably near Dayton, Green County, OH.

Notes for ABRAHAM BRAKE:

Forward From "God's Infinite Variety - An American"

"The American of today lives in such a whirl of events and excitement that it takes the daring and fortitude of our forefathers to cope with the ever changing, overpowering problems of life which confront us. The interesting thing is that in our veins flows the blood, not of one nation, but of many; therefore, we react to life with the characteristics of many people, instead of one, and our industry, pride and shortcomings are blended with a sense of humor, and the ability to understand another's viewpoint, which alone will enable us to overcome our many mistakes and weather the perilous seas ahead.

The simple facts about the loves of our ancestors, the ones who braved high seas, starvation and savages, who fought, bled and died for this country of ours, is a tale more thrilling, more interesting, than any romance.

The following is a true history of the ancestors of one American child. In it I have told the unimportant things, as well as the important, for they are what give the color and the meaning to the facts. I have written it so that this child will know what it means to be a real American, what our obligations are to these wonderful people, whose deeds are written in their blood across the pages of the history of this country; these staunch people who have set us such a high standard of honor and valor, which we must carry on. Georgia Brake Todd - 1939"

Abraham Brake was listed in the Hampshire County, (West) Virginia Tax List A, with 3 horses and 5 cattle, and was in Hardy County, (West) Virginia as late as 1792/93, where he was appointed "overseer of the road in the room of George See" on 9 April 1792 and on 10 June 1793 "Leonard Stump was appointed overseer of the road in the room of Abraham Brake." He first appeared in Harrison County, (West) Virginia Tax Lists in 1799, the year he purchased his Brushy Fork property from his brother-in-law, George Jackson. He was on the Harrison County land tax assessed list in 1800.

In 1810 Abram Brake is listed with 4 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 3 males 16-26 and 1 male 45 and over; 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 16-26, 1 female 45 and over, and 1 slave. If these are all his children, then there would have been 13. Other children listed on various genealogy's are: Rachel, Isaac, Courtland and Jackson.

In 1820 he was a next door neighbor or Rev. and Mrs. John Davis on Brushy Fork of Elk near Quiet Dell,

West Virginia. Today this would be near the intersection of Rt. 20 and Rt.79. (For homeplace information refer to Harrison County Deeds: 1/183, 2/458, 3/264, 6/13,7/148, and 12/143). Abraham was in the Hardy County tax list of 1800 and the Harrison County tax list of 1801. He was one of the appraisors of John Powers estate in the 1820's. His birthdate is from census and tombstone data. His death date is from his tombstone.

Among their land transactions, on 31 September 1836, Abraham and Elizabeth Brake, sold to Alexander Ireland, for 50 cents per acre, "land lying in the county of Lewis (now Upshur) and State of Virginia, on the waters of Buckhannon river, adjoining the tract of land that said Alexander R. Ireland now lives on, to imbrace all the land that the said Abraham Brake, and Elizabeth his wife owns, on the waters of Turkey (sic) run, a branch of Buckhannon, that is all from the top of the ridge between the said Turkey run and Buckhannon River, with the lines of the farm that said Ireland now lives on, being a part of a tract of land that was granted by the Commonwealth, to John Jackson Senior, Supposed to contain one hundred acres." Abraham and Elizabeth both signed with their mark.

Abraham applied for a pension for service in the Revolutionary War on 8 July 1834, at age 70 years in August 1833, stating that he lived near Moorefield, Virginia, was drafted into the service, but did not know the year. He claimed he marched under Capt. Bernian to Catfish on the Ohio River, thence to Morgantown, (West) Virginia, back to Moorefield and was dismissed. The pension was not allowed as there was insufficient proof of such service as requested by the department of Pensions. He also stated that his father resided at Buckhannon Fort, and that he visited him there, after the above service.

Brake, Abraham

Service - Virginia No. R-1147

Served in the company, commanded by Captain Bernion, under Ensign Harrison and Lieutenant Stump. Applied for pension, Moorefield, Hardy County. Information incomplete by report of Federal Special Agent indicates that Brake had moved to Harrison County.

In "Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia," Lucullus McWhorter says "Abram [Abraham] married Miss Davis, whose mother, Sophia, was a daughter of the 'first John Jackson who settled in this country'."

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE:

Burial: Aft. 20 Aug 1842, Jackson Historical Park, Pike Street, Clarksburg, Harrison County, (West) Virginia

Census: 1810, Harrison Co., (W)V^{38,39}

Court Records: Bet. 1792 - 1793, Hardy Co., (W)V^{40,41}

Rev. War Pension: 08 Jul 1834, Harrison Co., (W)V^{42,43}

Rev. War Service: Virginia⁴⁴

Tithables: 1781, Hampshire County, Virginia, list of tithables shows no slaves, one cow, and no horses.

Notes for MARY ELIZABETH JACKSON:

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It is family legend that she went west after the death of her husband and died in 1862. However, she may have died in 1852. On 18 September 1850, she was listed as Elizabeth Break, age 83, born in Virginia,(1767) living in Bath Township, Green County, Ohio, with George Break, age 63, and wife Jane Brake, age 68. She has not been located in the 1860 census for Ohio, and George Brake was living alone at the time.

The Osborn Cemetery is near the present day Wright/Patterson Airfield, which was at one time part of George Brake's land.

More About MARY ELIZABETH JACKSON:

Burial: Abt. 1850, Probably Osborn Cemetery, Fairborn, Greene County, OH

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE and MARY JACKSON:

Marriage: Abt. 1784, Hampshire County, Virginia

Children of ABRAHAM BRAKE and MARY JACKSON are:

- i. SOPHIA/RACHEL⁵ BRAKE⁴⁵, b. Abt. 1784, probably Hampshire County/now Hardy County, (West)

Virginia^{46,47}.

Notes for SOPHIA/RACHEL BRAKE:
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Sophia and Rachel are names of children of Abraham and Elizabeth listed in various genealogies. There is a female in the 1810 and 1820 Harrison census in this age bracket, but not in 1830. This child is unconfirmed.

- ii. SARAH SALLY BRAKE⁴⁷, b. Bet. 1784 - 1794, Virginia^{48,49}; m. JOHN MORRIS⁴⁹, 20 Aug 1820, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{50,51}.

Marriage Notes for SARAH BRAKE and JOHN MORRIS:
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They were married by the Rev. J. Chevront. The marriage bond was signed by William Hagle.

More About JOHN MORRIS and SARAH BRAKE:
Marriage: 20 Aug 1820, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{52,53}

- iii. GEORGE WASHINGTON BRAKE^{53,54}, b. 15 Feb 1788, Harrison, Virginia, USA⁵⁴; d. 18 Aug 1864, Greene County, Ohio⁵⁵; m. JANE MCCLURE^{55,56}, 09 Mar 1813, Cincinnati, Ohio^{57,58}; b. 1782, Kentucky, USA⁵⁹; d. 19 Jul 1855, Greene County, Ohio⁶⁰.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON BRAKE:
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Georgia Brake Todd has his birthdate 15 January 1789 Harrison County, (West) Virginia, however, calculated from his tombstone death age at 76y6m6d, birth would be 12 February 1788. Given that his father did not appear to be in Harrison County much before 1799, he was probably born in Hardy County.

George signed a petition in Harrison County, (West) Virginia in 1803. By 1816, he was in Greene County, Ohio. George owned the land which is now a part of the Wright-Patterson Air Field. The Osborn (Fairfield) Cemetery, where he is buried, is on the air field located just off Broad Street at the west end of Clover street in Fairborn. This is about the location of the Abraham Brake home on the 1855 map.

He bought land "between the Miami's" on 1 August 1816 and again on 29 November 1826, he purchased 80.96 acres from the Cincinnati Land Office, in Hamilton County.

On 25 October 1864, Abram Brake filed a petition of partition in Clark County, Ohio for the estate of George Brake. "Heirs of George Brake sell to Abramham (sic) Brake," Cyrus Albin, Sheriff, Commons Pleas Court, filed against Bruce M. Brake, Aldeba Brake and Dedama Lisk. On July 1, 1865, 80.95 acres was sold to Abramham (sic) Brake for \$2995.52, at \$37.07 per acre. On 25 February 1874, Abraham and wife sell in Greene County to W. Shartel of Clark County 80.95 acres, signed by A. Brake and Margaret Brake, witness, George Brake, M.V. Bagott and J. P. Bagott.

George and Jane may have had six children, 3 sons and 3 daughters. In 1840, George Brak (sic) is living in Bath Twp., Greene County, Ohio, listed with three children and wife: 2 males under 10, (born 1810-1820) 1 male, 26-45, 1 female under 10, (born 1810-1820) and 1 female 26-45.

He had three sons in 1820, 1 age 5-10 (1820-1825), 1 age 10-15 (1815-1820) and 1 age 15-20(1810-1815). He was age 40-50 as was his wife. There were two daughters, 1 age 10-15 (1815-1820) and 1 age 15-20 (1810-1815).

In 1840, he has two males, who are probably William and Abram. There are two females, 1 age 10-15, born 1825-1830, and 1 born 1810-1820.

In 1850, George Break, age 63, born in Virginia was living in Bath, Greene County, Ohio, his wife Jane was age 68. Living there also was his mother, Elizabeth Break, age 83, born in Virginia and Sophia Turner, age 18, born in Ohio. In 1860 George Brake was living in Bath Township, Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio. He was age 73, born in Virginia, a farmer, with a real estate value at \$11,200 and a personal property value of \$2000. Living with him was Mary Marsh, age 38, born in Virginia, Lydia Toughers, age 26, born in Ohio, Charlotte Toughers, age 5 and Henry Shearer, age 17, laborer, born in Ohio.

More About GEORGE WASHINGTON BRAKE:
Burial: Aft. 18 Aug 1864, Osborn Cemetery, near Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio.⁶⁰
Census: 1820, Bath Twp., Greene Co., Ohio⁶⁰
Property: Bet. 1816 - 1826, Greene Co., OH^{61,62}

Notes for JANE MCCLURE:
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Her birthdate, calculated from death age, of 76 years would be 1779. In the 1850 census she is listed as Jane

Break, age 51, being born about 1781 in Kentucky. Her father was James McClure, born July 9, 1748, the son of John and Jane (Ahl) McClure. He lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Grayson, Virginia and Limestone, Kentucky before moving to Fairfield, Ohio. His wife, Martha, was English and born 1 January 1752; died 24 March 1833, at age 81. Jane moved from Kentucky with her brother, Samuel in 1813, where she met and married George Brake.

More About JANE MCCLURE:

Burial: Aft. 19 Jul 1855, Osborn Cemetery, near Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio⁶²

More About GEORGE BRAKE and JANE MCCLURE:

Marriage: 09 Mar 1813, Cincinnati, Ohio^{63,64}

- iv. JOHN B. BRAKE⁶⁴, b. Oct 1791, Hampshire County/now Hardy County, (West) Virginia^{65,66}; d. 16 Nov 1856, Oxford, Benton County, Indiana⁶⁶; m. JANE MCCLURE⁶⁶, 1830, Highland County, Ohio⁶⁶; b. 14 Jul 1799, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania⁶⁶; d. 27 Nov 1870, Oxford, Benton County, Indiana⁶⁶.

Notes for JOHN B. BRAKE:

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John Brake, believed to be the son of Abraham and Elizabeth purchased land in Greene County, Ohio, about the same time as his brother, George. He made one purchase on 21 December 1816 and a second purchase on 3 February 1818.

John was listed in the Highland County, Ohio tax list for 1831, was in Fayette County, Ohio in 1850 and had land in Petersburg, Ohio.

More About JOHN B. BRAKE:

Burial: Aft. 16 Nov 1856, West Cemetery, Benton County, Indiana⁶⁶

Property: Bet. 1816 - 1818, Greene Co., OH^{67,68}

Notes for JANE MCCLURE:

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She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth McClure.

On 16 June 1860, Jane Brake was head of the household, age 59, born in Pennsylvania, living in Oxford, Benton County, Ohio. Her son, John was living with her, farming and Samuel B. Taggart, 27, minister, born in Pennsylvania was with her.

In 1870 she was living in Oxford, Benton County, Indiana, age 70, born in Pennsylvania. There was one servant, Henrietta Brier, age 16, born in Indiana and a boarder, working for the railroad, Earl Sherwood, age 25, born in Pennsylvania.

More About JANE MCCLURE:

Burial: Aft. 27 Nov 1870, West Cemetery, Oxford, Benton County, Indiana⁶⁸

More About JOHN BRAKE and JANE MCCLURE:

Marriage: 1830, Highland County, Ohio⁶⁸

- v. ELIZABETH BRAKE⁶⁸, b. 1798, Virginia^{69,70}; m. JOSHUA MINOR⁷⁰, 22 Sep 1822, Harrison County, (West) Virginia⁷⁰; b. 1802, Maryland⁷⁰.

Notes for ELIZABETH BRAKE:

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Notes for JOSHUA MINOR:

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Joshua Minor was bound to John T. Young to learn the trade of clothier on 18 April 1820. He was above the age of 16. (Harrison County Minute Book 1820-1823)

On 22 June 1860, Greene County, Ohio, City of Bellbrook, Joshua Minor is age 58, farmer, born in Maryland. His wife, Elizabeth, is age 62, born in Virginia, son Thomas is age 24/26, farmer, born in Ohio with wife, Mary, age 23, born in Ohio and daughter, Nelly, age 1, born in Ohio.

Marriage Notes for ELIZABETH BRAKE and JOSHUA MINOR:

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They were married by the Rev. John Davis. Jesse Jarvis and John Young signed the marriage bond.

More About JOSHUA MINOR and ELIZABETH BRAKE:
Marriage: 22 Sep 1822, Harrison County, (West) Virginia⁷⁰

- vi. EDWARD D. BRAKE^{70,71}, b. 1801, Hardy, West Virginia, USA⁷¹; d. Bef. 1868, probably Ross County, Ohio (date based on fact the children sold the farm in 1867)⁷²; m. (1) ELIZABETH WHITE⁷³, 07 Apr 1825, Highland, Ohio, USA⁷³; b. 1805, New Jersey, USA⁷³; d. 1850, Ohio, USA⁷³; m. (2) ELIZABETH WHITE⁷⁴, 07 Apr 1825, Highland County, Ohio⁷⁴; b. 1802, New Jersey⁷⁴; d. Bef. 1860, probably Ross County, Ohio⁷⁴.

Notes for EDWARD D. BRAKE:
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Edward was listed in the Harrison County, (West) Virginia tax list for 1823. He was not found in the Ross County census index in 1830. However, on 9 October 1830, he purchased land in Ross County from George and Margaret Brown. He paid \$300 for a "tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Ross on the Waters of Upper Twin Creek". The deed was witnessed by John Brake and Nathan Hays. He was on the Ross County, Ohio property tax list in 1835, in the 1840 census for Paint Township, Ross County, Ohio. (pg. 360)

He was in Ross County, Ohio in 1850. He was age 49, a farmer, and the value of his real estate was \$900. Elizabeth was age 48, born in New Jersey. Mary Jane was 24, William, 22, Joseph, 20, Sarah E., 18, Ann E., 16, Emily 14, Jacob, 12 and George, 9.

In 1860, he was age 56, born in Virginia, Mary Jane was age 28, Elizabeth, 24, Emily D., age 20, Jacob, 21 and George, 16. His wife was gone. Edward is not listed in the 1870 census for Ohio.

"My Stories of my Brake Ancestors"

by Ed Brake (Great great grandson of Edward D. Brake)
December, 2004

This research is based on information I obtained from letters sent to great-aunts, etc., and any older Brake willing to talk to me. I spent many hours at the state historical library in Boise where I was able to order microfilm from the Mormon library in Salt Lake City, view the information, and take notes (before there was internet). About 1979 I hit a brick wall and could go no further than my gg grandfather, Edward. Recently, while visiting my daughter, Diana, she searched the internet and found as much in three hours as I had in all my years of research. This got my genealogy "bug" renewed. I would like to clarify too, that this shows a lot of births in Jasper County, Missouri and Jasper County, Texas. There is no confusion. They are correct as shown.

Fifth generation

Edward Brake married Elizabeth White. They first appear in Ross County, Ohio near Bournville about 1830. He bought a farm on Upper Twin Creek in October, 1830. (This area is still referred to as Brake's Hill.) The 1850 Ross County census lists him as 48 years old, farmer, born in Virginia; Elizabeth as 48 years old, born in New Jersey; Mary J., 24 years old, born in Ohio; William, 22 years old, laborer; Joseph, 20 years old; Sarah E., 18 years old; Ann E., 16 years old; Emily D., 14 years old; Jacob, 12 years old, and George, 7 years old.

Edward must have died in Ross County about 1866 as his children sold the farm in 1867. I have never located his burial place. (In those days People were often buried on the farm with a wooden marker.)

Sixth generation

George Walker Brake grew up on the family farm and no doubt worked at an early age to help support the family. In 1863 he mustered into Company C, 1st Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, Heavy Artillery during the civil war. He served mostly in Tennessee. His pay was \$17 per month. After the war, George Walker appears back in Ross County, a gaunt and tired man. I asked my grandmother, Maida (Rooffener) Rehmers, if she could recall any war stories. The only thing she could recall hearing from his wife was that when he got home a feast was prepared as he had been living on meager war rations of jerky, sorghum bars, etc., for years. He sat down and ate until he was totally stuffed then ran outside and threw up his entire meal.

George Walker married Nancy C. Bennett in Chillicothe, Ohio, in September of 1867. In 1870, George and Nancy are living in Jasper County, Missouri. He lists his occupation as a farmer. They had two children, Jennie Flora, born July 6, 1868 and Gusdavid, born October 1870. Nancy dies shortly thereafter and no one in

the family could recall what she died from. George then married Sarah Urcella Schleppey, born October 12, 1854 in Athens County, Ohio. Her parents were Fredrick and Lois F. (Cone) Schleppey. I was told he was of Swiss descent.

In 1899, George and Sarah appear with their family in Indian Territory (Oklahoma) in what is now Creek County. No one in the family could tell me why they left Missouri. George drew a civil war pension of \$17 per month. The disabilities listed on this application were, "nearly cutting my foot off while chopping wood in 1870 and suffering from chronic diarrhea from drinking contaminated water during the war". (Tens of thousands of civil war veterans suffered with this all their lives...probably what, nowadays, would take only a pill to control...like giardia.

George was one of the founders of the Church of God in Ripley, Oklahoma and a lay minister most of his adult life. He died June 1, 1918 and was buried the same day in the Ripley Cemetery. Sarah U. Brake was a very religious person, devoted to the Church of God. That is probably what kept her in a sane mind as she buried all but three of her children before burying her husband, George Walker. These deaths are from family bibles and notes...not documented. Sarah herself died September 9, 1946 and is buried next to George in the Ripley Cemetery, Oklahoma. Her obituary states her surviving relatives are: two daughters, Minnie Scrivner and Bessie Cooper; one son, George O. Brake; one brother, W. T. Schleppey, all of Ripley, Oklahoma; and two sisters, Nancy Sargent and Almeda Prigmore of Joplin, Missouri.

"Remembrance of Grandpa and Grandma Brake" by Alma I. Cooper Silkwood published in "Cimarron Family Legends", Vol. II, 1980: George Walker and Sarah Urcella Schleppey Brake came to Indian Territory, Payne County, Oklahoma, in 1898. George was from Springfield, Ohio and Sarah was from Fort Scott, Kansas. They were my grandparents on my mother's side of the family.

Grandpa was a good, soft-spoken minister. He was also a Civil War veteran. He and grandma had 10 children, five of which grew up and had families of their own. The five were, Bessie Bell Brake Cooper, my mother; Minnie May Brake Scrivner, George O. Brake, Albert E. Brake and Jesse E. Brake.

Grandpa passed away June 1, 1918. At the time of his death, they lived on what is known as the "Ruth Kirk Place" south of our old home place, which belonged to my other grandparents, William G. and Martha J. Cooper. We lived there most of the time, but the time I remember Grandpa Brake most was when we lived just west of them on a farm called the "Ingham place". It was seven miles east of Perkins, Oklahoma. This was in 1917 I believe.

I was small when Grandpa Brake passed away, so I don't have a lot of memories of him. I remember there was a row of white peach trees along the road from our house all the way to Grandpa Brake's. I have always remembered how good those peaches tasted, and still like white peaches the best. I remember they had a cistern, which rain water ran into. They drank the water from it. One time my Uncle Jesse, mother's youngest brother, was cleaning out the cistern. He let me go down the ladder with him. After that I didn't care to go down in one again.

Once Grandpa Brake had a cow go "mad", rabies they now call it. We could hear the cow bawl from our house. Papa had us sleep up stairs so we would be safe if she got loose and came to our place. He would always bring the ax in at night and set it by the door. Grandpa Brake had the cow tied to a tree with a large chain. She finally died. I believe they burned her to keep the germs from spreading.

I remember going someplace with Grandpa Brake in the buggy. I was hanging on to the back of the seat, standing in the back. When he slapped the horse with the lines, I fell off the buggy. There were more grandchildren in the front with him. The George Brake children could have been in there, as they lived in a house on the south edge of Grandpa's place. George was there to look after his parents. His house sat across the road east from the Fent Myrick house, which the Clifford Stephens family lives in now. Grandma Brake sold the home place after Grandpa passed away. She moved into Ripley, in a small house west of the Church of God. She lived in the house next to Mandy Lamb, at first, later buying a small house north and east of the Church of God. Later her brother, William T. Schleppey moved in with her awhile. Grandma lived to be 91 years, 10 months, and 28 days.

Seventh generation

Minnie Brake, daughter of George and Sarah, married Burt Scrivner and they had nine children. Their son, Lester (born 1902 in Perkins, OK) stopped at my house in Boise, Idaho in 1964. He was with his sisters, Bessie (born 1905) and Viola (born 1912). They had come to Idaho to find their birthplaces. Upon arriving, they found Bessie's birthplace, Van Wyck, was at the bottom of Cascade Reservoir. The valley had been flooded by a dam built in 1944. Their brother was born near Thunder Mountain, Idaho in 1909. They couldn't get there as it is still a rugged 100 mile, 4-wheel drive trail. Ironically, his birthplace, Roosevelt,

Idaho was struck by an earthquake in the early 1950's which dammed a creek with falling rock. The town was immediately inundated and most people got away with only their lives. Roosevelt Lake was formed over the town and it is said a lot of the houses underwater still have dishes, furniture, etc., in them. I traveled to Thunder Mountain several years ago and was amazed at how rugged this region is. It is surrounded by wilderness today with old log cabins everywhere.

Then Lester explained why William Brake was buried in Elko, NV. Uncle Willie was on the train to Idaho to work at the Thunder Mountain gold mines. He became ill on the train and was put off in Elko, a tiny whistle stop in 1907. His mother, Sarah, took the train to Elko to care for him. He died a few days later of meningitis. She buried him and took the train on to Boise, then by stagecoach and probably horseback, she continued on to Thunder Mountain to visit her daughter and grandkids.

Eighth generation

When one reads this lineage they will get confused, as it shows Albert Eckley Brake married to Annabelle Derrick (seventh generation). Also, some years later, it shows Denver Theodore Brake (Albert's son) married to Annabelle Derrick. To keep genealogists from pulling their hair out I will explain. Albert died unexpectedly in Evadale, Texas in 1944 from pneumonia. His son, Denver, traveled to Evadale to take care of the farm and cattle. After several years he married Annabelle (his former stepmother) who was four years his senior and helped her to raise John Albert and Ucele (his half-brother and -sister). Later Kenneth Brake was born to Denver and Annabelle in January, 1948.

More About EDWARD BRAKE and ELIZABETH WHITE:
Marriage: 07 Apr 1825, Highland, Ohio, USA⁷⁵

More About EDWARD BRAKE and ELIZABETH WHITE:
Marriage: 07 Apr 1825, Highland County, Ohio⁷⁶

- vii. JACOB CUMMINS BRAKE⁷⁶, b. Bet. 1802 - 1804, probably Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{77,78}; d. Bet. May - Sep 1841, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{79,80}; m. MARY E. SIGLEY⁸⁰, 10 Apr 1823, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{81,82}; b. Abt. 1801, Maryland or Pennsylvania^{83,84}.

Notes for JACOB CUMMINS BRAKE:
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He was listed in the 1830 Harrison County, (West) Virginia census, with one female, 5-10 (1820-30), 3I male, 0-5 (1825/30).

On 26 June 1840 he purchased a tract of land (160 acres) from his father and mother on the Buckhannon River in Lewis/Upshur County. This same tract of land, owned by David J. Brake was decreed to be sold on 27 September 1843, to, L. L. Loudin (Haselton vs. Brake), the transaction made 13 June 1847. (Lewis County Deed Book N/94). In 1841, Jacob C. and Mary Brake deeded 45 acres to Isaac Dix. In 1845, Mary Brake deeded tract on Buckhannon River to Jonas Martin. Jacob's name not on the record places his death prior to 1845.

More About JACOB CUMMINS BRAKE:
Deed: 1841, Lewis Co., (W)V^{85,86}
Deed M/258: 1845^{87,88}
Residence: 1840, Lewis Co., (W)V^{89,90}

Notes for MARY E. SIGLEY:
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She may have been the daughter of George Sigley whose will was probated in 1823 probably Lewis County, West Virginia. (H. Piper) Although she probably never moved, Mary was listed as living in Barbour County, (West) Virginia, that area which was once Lewis and later Upshur County, West Virginia.

By 1850 Mary had moved to Meigs County, Ohio, where she and her children are listed in the census. She was age 49, born in Maryland, Silas was age 20, William was age 17, Rabecca was age 14, Emma, age 12, and Percy, age 10, all born in Virginia.

In 1860, Mary is still head of the household, working as a weaver. She was age 62, born in Pennsylvania. David was a carpenter, age 28, born in Virginia, Silas was a cooper, age 30, born in Ohio, William was a school teacher, age 24, born in Ohio, Emma was age 22, keeping house and Perry, age 20, at home, was living in the house next door.

More About MARY E. SIGLEY:
Deed M/258: 1845, Lewis Co., (W)V⁹⁰

Marriage Notes for JACOB BRAKE and MARY SIGLEY:
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More About JACOB BRAKE and MARY SIGLEY:
Marriage: 10 Apr 1823, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{91,92}

- viii. MARY BRAKE⁹², b. Bet. 1804 - 1810, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{93,94}; m. JAMES S. CARPENTER⁹⁴, 10 Apr 1838, Harrison County, (West) Virginia⁹⁴.

Marriage Notes for MARY BRAKE and JAMES CARPENTER:
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They were married by the Rev. Elias Brvin.

More About JAMES CARPENTER and MARY BRAKE:
Marriage: 10 Apr 1838, Harrison County, (West) Virginia⁹⁴

- ix. ABRAHAM BRAKE^{94,95}, b. Bet. 1804 - 1810, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{96,97}; d. Abt. Jul 1841, probably Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{98,99}; m. MARTHA CARPENTER⁹⁹, 22 Apr 1837, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{100,101}; b. Abt. Oct 1817, Virginia¹⁰¹; d. 23 May 1895, Harrison County, (West) Virginia¹⁰¹.

Notes for ABRAHAM BRAKE:
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His son was bound out in July 1841 to Samuel Carpenter, an indication that Abraham had died prior to that date.

He may be buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery with other family members or he may be buried in Historical Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg, where his father is buried.

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE:
Burial: Abt. Jul 1841, Harrison County, (West) Virginia¹⁰¹

Notes for MARTHA CARPENTER:
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Martha is buried next to the infant son of David C. J. and Elizabeth Brake. She was living with David in 1870. She died at age 77 years and 7 months. Her birthdate date is calculated from the death age and the 1870 census.

More About MARTHA CARPENTER:
Burial: Aft. 23 May 1895, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Harrison County, (West) Virginia¹⁰¹

Marriage Notes for ABRAHAM BRAKE and MARTHA CARPENTER:
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They were married by James G. Sampson.

More About ABRAHAM BRAKE and MARTHA CARPENTER:
Marriage: 22 Apr 1837, Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{102,103}

- x. THOMAS JEFFERSON BRAKE¹⁰³, b. 1806, probably Lewis/Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{104,105}; d. Apr 1842, Wells County, Indiana¹⁰⁵; m. EMELINE ABEL¹⁰⁵, 25 Jul 1835, Miami County, Ohio^{106,107}; b. 23 Mar 1817, Botetourt County Virginia¹⁰⁷; d. 10 Aug 1860, Indiana¹⁰⁷.

Notes for THOMAS JEFFERSON BRAKE:
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Thomas moved to Miami County, Ohio in 1833, married two years later, then moved to Jay County, Madison Twp., near the village of Salamonia, Indiana 20 September 1838. "The country was new and the neighbors scarce, most of them many miles away. They endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life." He

sued Tower in 1824. He accepted a deed for his father in 1826. He was on the tax list in Harrison County, (West) Virginia in 1826.

More About THOMAS JEFFERSON BRAKE:

Burial: Apr 1842, Gearnard Cemetery, Reiffburg, Wells County, Indiana^{108,109}

Deed M/258: 1826, Harrison Co., (W)V^{110,111}

Notes for EMELINE ABEL:

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After Thomas' death, on 18 July 1843 Jay County, Indiana, Emeline Brake married John Beard and in 1850, she was age 34, living with her new family, next door to her parents in Madison Township, Jay County, Indiana. Living with her was her 12 year old son, Jackson Brake, age 12, born in Ohio. Living with her parents was her 8 year old son, George W. Brake.

More About THOMAS BRAKE and EMELINE ABEL:

Marriage: 25 Jul 1835, Miami County, Ohio^{112,113}

- xi. WILLIAM W. BRAKE¹¹³, b. 1808, probably Harrison County, (West) Virginia^{114,115}; d. 30 Oct 1861, Jacksonville, Lewis County, West Virginia^{116,117,118}; m. NANCY C. NORRIS¹¹⁸, 30 Jan 1836, Lewis County, (West) Virginia^{119,120,121}; b. Abt. 1813, Freeman's Creek, Lewis County, (West) Virginia¹²¹.

Notes for WILLIAM W. BRAKE:

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In 1842, William and Ann Brake relinquish land to Abraham Brake. William was living in Lewis County, (West) Virginia.

In 1843, William was jailed in Frederick County, Virginia for counterfeiting. This case proves him the son of Abraham.

In 1850, William Brake was age 40, a farmer, living in Lewis county, with wife, Nancy, age 37, both born in Virginia. They are living next door to her parents, Samuel and Catherine Norris. Living next to them is Milly Norris, age 34, with children Martha, age 9, Cummings, age 3 and Virginia A., age 2. Cummings Norris is a proven descendant of John and Elizabeth and son of Cummings Jackson.

In 1860 William Brake was age 52, a hotelkeeper, living in Jacksonville, Lewis County, (West) Virginia and wife, Nancy C., was age 44. They were living next door to John G. Arnold and near Porter M. Arnold, Jackson descendants.

The village of Jacksonville, at the beginning of the Civil War, consisted of the "Arnold House", ordinaries conducted by William Brake and Samuel B. Hogsitt, two stores and about five or six houses, and was easily the most important center in the southern end of the county.

William was murdered by William Peirson, bushwhacker, during the Civil War.

Newspaper Articles: Daily Intelligencer, Wheeling, (West) Virginia

"Not all bushwackers were Southern, however. One of the most notorious of all was William G. Pierson, who espoused the cause of the Union very early in the war, though two of his sons honorable took sides with the South by joining its armies. Pierson lived out the Gauley Bridge turnpike about two miles south of Jacksonville. At the very beginning of the war in western Virginia, he gathered a few kindred spirits about him and formed an organization called Pierson's Rangers. From headquarters at Hogsett's tavern at Jacksonville they caused a reign of terror throughout Collins Settlement. Pierson was feared and hated by men of both parties. Porter M. Arnold, justice of the peace and prominent citizen of the county, asked the regular forces of the Confederates to break up his band. "If you will kill Bill Pierson," he once is reported to have said to Captain Imboden, "I'll give your two hundred acres of land." "If I see Pierson," was the reply, "I'll kill him, and you don't need to give me any land for it."

Late in October, 1861, Pierson entered Jacksonville on the night and compelled Arnold, William Brake, William Francis and a man named Blair to get out of their beds and accompany him. When the party had gone about a mile up the river with the captives a short distance in front of the party the rangers opened fire without warning. At the first volley Francis fell feigning death, and Arnold, Brake and Blair were killed or mortally wounded. The rangers proceeded on their way without further ado, and Francis ran to Weston to secure medical attention and aid. The act so incensed the people of the community, both those of Union and those of Confederate sympathies, and so increased the public detestation which his previous acts had evoked that Pierson was compelled to leave the community and go into hiding. Later in the course of the war he scouted for the Federals from his home in Jane Lew. In the autumn of 1864 he was shot by an unknown hand while standing on the porch of his home.

In order to put a stop to the outrages committed by both Confederate and Union bushwhackers and partisan leaders, as well as to render aid to the regular forces in case of invasion by armed troops, Governor Pierpont,

early in his administration, directed the formation of home guards all over the state. J. C. Wilkinson, of Weston, was commissioned to raise a company in Lewis County. He succeeded in securing the enlistment of about forty men, and with him he did excellent work in restoring order, and scouting in the face of the Confederate raiders, though the force was too weak to oppose a large force."

"Guerrilla Murders in Lewis County

We convened on Saturday with a gentleman just from Weston, Lewis county, who gives a sad account of affairs in the upper end of Lewis, and in the adjoining counties of Gilmer, Wirt, Webster and Braxton. Within less than a week there have been no less than five Union men shot by roving guerrilla bands within fifteen or twenty miles of Weston. The first was Wm. Brake, of Jacksonville. Then Owen Mulvey. His body was brought into Weston Thursday. The murderers stole four horses from Mulvey's premises after killing him. The others killed were a Mr. Blair, and another whose name our informant could not recall. Porter Arnold, brother of J. G. Arnold member of the Legislature from Lewis, was shot through the side, and the wound is thought to be mortal. All these men, beside Mr. brake, were killed in the same night. They lived within a scope of about four miles in the upper edge of Lewis county. Arnold was a seccionist last spring, and ran away to the rebel army. He subsequently returned and made profession of loyalty. (article continues with lengthy discussion about adjoining counties) ...The Union families are fleeing from this God-forsaken, lawless country as best they can, taking with them what little effects have been spared from the general ruin. The history of such times in such a region will make a sad chapter in the great book that will one day be written about the war." (Monday, 11 November 1861)

"Atrocious Murder in Lewis County - The Fiends Still at Large

A letter was received yesterday from Weston, Lewis county, giving the particulars of two of the most atrocious murders on record. On the night of the _0th of October a secession desperado named Wm. G. Pierson, in company with Enoch Cunningham and Christian simons, went to the house of a Union man named Wm. Brake, and after seizing him told him they had been sent by Gen. Rosecrans to arrest him, took him about a mile from his house and shot him down, after which they rifled his pockets of about \$200, and left his body lying in the woods. The fiends then went up the river four miles further and called out George Blair, an old man 72 years of age, and shot him also. The murdereres are still at large, prowling about the neighborhood, the dread and terror of the whole community.

It will be seen by a proclamation in today's paper that the Governor has offered a reward for the arrest of the murderers." (25 November 1861)

"BY THE GOVERNOR"

" A PROCLAMATION"

Whereas information has been ____ before ____ that on the night of the _0th October, 1861, WM BRAKE and GEORGE BLAIR, residents of the county of Lewis were murdered under circumstances under great ____: and WILLIAM G. PIERSON, ENOCH CUNNINGHAM, and CHRISTIAN SIMON, are charged with said offences.

Now, therefore, I Frances B. Pierpon, Governor of Virginia as authorized by law do hereby offer A REWARD OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the apprehension and securing in jail of the said William G. Pierson, Enoch Cunningham and Christian Simon, and ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the arrest and delivery of any one of them.

Given under my hand and the __ seal of the Commonwealth of the City of Wheeling this 19th day of November 1861, and in the eighty-sixth year of the Commonwealth.

F. H. Pierpoint

By the Governor

L. A. Hagens

Sec'y of the Commonwealth

Description:

Wm. G. Pierson - Blacksmith, heavy built, light complexion, aged about 45 years.

Enoch Cunningham - Rather slender, light complexion, aged about 24 years.

Christian Simon - Dark complexion, bad countenance, about 25 years old." (20 November 1861)

"ARREST OF MURDERS" - Adjutant General Samuels yesterday received a dispatch from Buckhanan,(sic) announcing that Pierson, Cunningham, and Simon, who recently murdered two citizens of Lewis county, and for whom the Governor recently offered a reward, had been arrested and confined in jail. The arrest was made

by some soldiers of the Third Virginia Regiment, now stationed at Buckhanan." (sic) (25 November 1861).

"ANOTHER AND ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STORY"

It will be remembered that some time ago we published an account of a double murder, in which it was stated that three secessionists, named Pierson, Simons and Cunningham, had seized and shot two Union men in Lewis county. The Governor, upon what was considered good authority, offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest of the murderers, and the three men above named were accordingly arrested and lodged in jail at Buckhannon. It now turns out that Pierson, Simons and Cunningham were Union men, and belonged to the Home Guard, of which one Tomlison was captain. Tomlison ordered Pierson and the rest to go and arrest Wm. Brake and two others, and directed them, in case the prisoners should attempt to escape, to shoot them. The prisoners were accordingly seized, and whilst being taken to camp made an attempt to escape, and were fired upon whilst running. Brake and another were killed and so started the story of the diabolical murder. We understand that the neighbors of Pierson, Simons and Cunningham are getting up a petition praying that they be released." (3 December 1861)

"From Buckhannon
Buckhannon, Upshur Co., Va.,
November 28, 1861

Editors Intelligencer: Having noticed in your paper an accusation of the murder of two men in the county of Lewis, committed by W. G. Pierson, Enoch Cunningham and Christian Simon and saying we were secesh, we denounce it to the world as a base falsehood. We are Union men, and expect to live and die so. Cunningham and Simon are soldiers, and are in the service of the 9th Virginia Regiment; and I (Pierson) have been in the service of the Government as a scout and guide, ever since the 4th of July last, which can be seen by reference to Gen. Rosecrans and all his officers in command. What we have done we can show clean bands for and will do so. We have had this charge made against us by the lowest grade of secessionists, in the person of Owen F. Frances, of Weston, and others, who will be shown to the Union party at a proper time. And as for Brake, Blair and Arnold being good Union men, I take the responsibility to say that they were the worst secesh in our land, and believed by all to be connected with the shooting and robbery of our trains, and all treasonable acts.

We are now in jail on this false charge, and claim it as a right to publish this in your paper, as you have used our names in a way you have. And we also think the Government is getting very liberal, to offer \$300 reward for three Union men in the neighborhood, and in the public service of this glorious old Union. gentlemen, we only appeal to our Government for protection.

Yours W. G. Pierson" (3 December 1861)

"Wheeling, Dec. 4, 1861

Editors of the Intelligencer:

In your issue of Dec. 3d, I noticed a communication from Wm. G. Pierson, exonerating himself from all blame of willful and malicious murder in the case of Brake, Arnold and others!

Now I happen to know something about this man Pierson, being born and reared in the same neighborhood and consequently have a right to know as much of his principles as any one in Lewis or Braxton counties. Mr. Pierson has always been a loyal and good citizen ever since my recollection; and since the breaking out of this war he has identified himself with the Union party, and has never been known to plight his faith to any other doctrine.

Mr. Pierson has done more for Braxton county than say other men in it or adjoining localities. He came on with the first Federal army under Col. Tyler, and used all of his influence in behalf of the people of Braxton, Lewis, Webster and other counties.

He was one amongst the first to vindicate the Federal cause in his neighborhood, and maintained his principles surrounded on all sides by overwhelming number of enemies to their country, and in so doing he received a severe wound of which he is scarcely well yet. Under these considerations and in view of this array of facts I think the matter should be properly investigated and thoroughly sifted before proceeding to extremities or passing premature opinions derogatory to the standing and character of an estimable citizen.

If the facts in the case prove different from my views, I have nothing to say, pro or con on the subject. My previous knowledge of the gentleman in question elicits this notice.

Respectfully,

G. F. Taylor" (6 December 1861)

"A Different Version Still

Eds. Intelligencer: Having noticed in your daily issues three erroneous statement about the shooting and killing of Wm. Brake, P. M. Arnold and George Blair in and near Jacksonville, Lewis co., Va., I now desire to make a short and concise statement of facts through your columns in relation to this matter. In order to set the public mind right, as I am a citizen in the same vicinity where the deed was done, and where the parties implicated reside. I maintain that it is the duty of every loyal citizen to aid in the proper manner to put down

the rebellion which pervades our once happy land. But in rendering such aid, he must be sure that he is right before he acts - not pick up his musket or rifle and go out and ill or murder men indiscriminately and fear was done in case before me. And then if there happens to be more secession men killed than Union men, the public must ___ and connive at it as there is a majority of Union men in such society and that too in a neighborhood and county where civil war is maintained...

...In all the foregoing representations which have appeared in the Daily Intelligencer, this man Pierson has been coupled with military soldiers. And the reasons of this to me are apparant.

Some persons suppose that the whole thing was set on foot by Pierson, to get personal revenge of the parties who were killed and tried to be killed. This, most likely, is true, to judge from the antecedents of all parties. I think that he ought to have a trial before a civil tribunal, either to relieve him from an unjust imputation of guilt, or else find him guilty of the blood of these men.

The first account of the affair stated that three secessionists had killed three Union men at Jacksonville, in Lewis county. This is not true. Wm Brake had voted for the Union, and talked in favor of its restoration before Union men, but his acts were rather of a secession character, so he might properly be termed a milk and water Union man. P. M. Arnold was a rampant secessionist. Owen T. Frances, who escaped getting killed after being marched out with Brake and Arnold, was a brother in principle to the Union of Benedicts. Geor. Blair voted for secession, had taken the oath of allegiance, (as had Arnold) was a warm friend of secession, but was not known to be guilty of any overt acts of guilt in favor of secesh since or before he had taken the oath of allegiance.

Now here is the nice point. Did these men deserve being called up at the hour of midnight; and being marched away from their homes and shot down, or did they not? It is for you, Gen. Rosecrans, and your, Gov. Peirpont, to determine. The men, implicated in the deed here among us are Wm. G. Pierson (a citizen), Capt. Tomlinson (now said to be in Gen. Kelley's command), Wm. J. Smith, Christian Simon, R. B. Curry, Enoch G. Cunningham, and rather a straggler from the Ohio 8th, who happened to be in the camp of th Home Guards at the time under command of Capt. Will Tomlins.

It is proper to mention that some of the men who did the shooting were disguised - false mostaches, etc. and that it is generally believed among the citizen here that Curry, Cunningham and Simon done no shooting and consequently no guilt or blame can be attached to them. I make _____ of this that if there is any guilt let it rest where it justly belongs.

Mr. Pierson, in his letter on the 3d inst., says that the government is getting quite liberal to off a reward of \$300 for three Union men. I think that it is somewhat drawing in its _____. For some time prior to said reward, Gen. Rosecrans gave said Pierson four horses and four wagons, all government property, valued by said Wm. G. Pierson at from six to seven hundred dollars. The only authority I have for saying that Gen. Rosecrans made the gift is Mr. Pierson himself. He and the General for it.

I will now take a passing notice of Mr. G. F. Taylor's letter on the 6th inst. in reference and exonoration of Mr. Pierson. He (Taylor) says that Pierson received a shot from some unprincipled Secessionist, before this happened at Jacksonville. Mr. Taylor is the first man to reveal that secret to the world - and I think will be the last one, for it is not true. Again; he says that he (Pierson) is and was a soldier in the federal army; this assertion has the same amount of truth. Again: he says that Mr. Pierson was the first to endorse the Union sediment in his neighborhood - and that too, among overwhelming numbers of secessionists. -- This assertion, also, savors of the same kind of inklings. For at the Bassett Squire house election precinct we were nearly equally divided, a Union and Secession, and all the secession voters were out at the polls, while all the Union men staid at home. Then where is your overwhelming numbers in the opposite ranks. Don't write too bright a history for any man, after this, where the vitals of good society are at stake: especially, when you know but few, if any of the facts is the premises of the case at hand. Again, you say, Mr. Pierson was a very respectable man while a citizen of Braxton county; this may all be true. - How many good men had we before secession came up. A Union man is not infallable.

Mr. Pierson's visits with Col. Tyler to Braxton was, I apprehend, to care for his two ___ in the secession army more than just to bring the acquaintances who had turned rebels back to the old landmarks. However, I believe he rendered pretty good service for one individual in bringing rebels back to their primitive loyalty. But being the principal leader with this killings at Jacksonville and vicinity, as many believe, more than a thousand times out weighs the good he done in Braxton county. To say the least, the killing of Brake, Arnold, Blair and Heter, in the manner it was done, has brought disgrace and ruin to the Union cause here. And I think savors very much towards barbarism.

Reliable

December 14, 1861"
(23 December 1861)

More About WILLIAM W. BRAKE:

Burial: Aft. 30 Oct 1861, probably Jacksonville Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia^{122,123}
Deed M/258: 10 Dec 1842, Harrison Co., (W)V^{124,125}

Notes for NANCY C. NORRIS:

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Nancy was the daughter of Samuel and Catherine Norris. One source has her listed as Ann Pierson, but this is in error. She was referred to as Ann, which is a nickname for Nancy.

More About WILLIAM BRAKE and NANCY NORRIS:
Marriage: 30 Jan 1836, Lewis County, (West) Virginia^{126,127,128}

8. MICHAEL⁴ BRAKE (*JOHN JACOB³, JOHANN JAKOB (BRECHTEL)², JACOB¹ BRECHTEL*)¹²⁹ was born 1779 in Hardy County, Virginia, USA¹²⁹, and died 21 Jan 1861 in Hardy Co, WV. He married ELIZABETH DASHER 22 May 1803 in Hardy County, WV, by Valentine Powers¹³⁰, daughter of CHRISTIAN DASHER and ELIZABETH SMITH. She was born Abt. 1781, and died 07 Sep 1860 in Hardy Co, VA¹³¹.

Notes for MICHAEL BRAKE:

Early Life At Brake, West Virginia (Courtesy of David Armstrong)

One of the genealogical enigmas of the last 50 years has been the 1820 census listing for Michael Brake in Hardy County, (now) West Virginia. Michael was living at "Brake" on the South Fork where his father had operated a mill in the 1700's, which was the site of the famous "Claypole Rebellion" of so called "Tories", an uprising in protest of high taxes levied by the Revolutionary Government. Michael Brake's 1820 census listing includes marks for several persons beyond his known family, and it is hoped that the following will shed some light on this troublesome census listing.

Some family group sheets have circulated that attempted to assign Brake identities to a number of the persons in Michael's 1820 listing. Some have suggested that perhaps two Brakes married in Rockingham County, Virginia were Michael's children. This situation was complicated for me by the fact that until recently I had been unable to prove for certain just how many children Michael had. But on a recent trip to Moorefield Courthouse I read a most interesting Chancery File, Brake vs See, and that file alone I feel has clarified the 1820 Michael Brake census listing as well as proven the number and identity of Michael Brake's children.

Testimony in Brake vs See gives many, many day to day details about the goings on at the Brake Mill. It seems to have been quite a little village. Michael had a blacksmith shop ran by his slave man Isaac, who after emancipation took the name Isaac Kent. There was a carpenter shop where they made coffins and bedsteads. A saw and grist mill ran full time. People seem to have drifted in and out, hanging around, living for a time, working on the place. At least one by marriage relative of the Brakes had an illegitimate child raised there. Mary Ann Radcliff's chickens had to be chased out of the corn, and a still was in operation making liquor from the fruits grown on the place. Yes, this was a small village, later a post office. These details are all to be found in the file above mentioned, as well as testimony that Leonard Brake had three children who died in infancy, giving us identities for three of the unknown burials in the cemetery there.

It is clear from Brake vs. See that Michael Brake was in the habit of taking in orphans. Nimrod Thorn testified that he had lived for several years with the family of Michael Brake, having gone there when about twelve years of age. George S. Brake, grandson of Michael, testified that Michael had raised a child that Nimrod See had prior to his marriage to Magdalen Brake. George Brake also was asked whether Michael Brake had a large and expensive family, and he replied that he did not think that his grandfather's family was expensive, and that Michael Brake "bought more for children out that way than he did for his own family". Clearly the Brake Mill was a little village populated in part by orphan children, by transient laborers, by unfortunate urchins who lived under the generosity of Michael Brake. The 1820 census listings should be clarified to a great extent by the above information.

Testimony by several family members in Brake vs See clearly proves that Michael Brake had only three children of his own, these being Leonard, Magdalen, and Elizabeth in that order. A follow up on these in later census records gives us their ages, and allows us to assign them to slots in the census 1820 - 1840 census listings. Also, recent developments in the search for the roots of Elizabeth Brake who married Edward Moneypenny in Lewis County seem to indicate that she was from Hardy County, rather than the West Fork, and that she appears to have come to Lewis County in 1825 with William Radcliff, who until that time had been a resident of Brake Run in Hardy County. This new theoretical information on her may suggest that she is one of the listings. Probable guesses can be made regarding other persons in the 1820 listings.

What follows is a charted summary of the 1820, 1830, and 1840 Hardy County Census listing for Michael Brake.

Each person listed is aligned with the corresponding slot in the later listings, and each is assigned a number. The 1820 listing has been particularly troublesome to students of the Brake family history as there seem to be several persons not related living in the household. Following the chart is an explanation or theoretical explanation of each listing given after its respective number.

1820 1830 1840

- (1) male 1775-94 male 1770-80 female 1770-80 Michael (b. 1770)
- (2) male 1775-94 gone gone Farmhand?
- (3) female 1775-94 female 1770-80 gone Elizabeth (wife) (b. ~1771)
- (4) male 1775-94 gone gone Leonard - Son (b. 1804)
- (5) male 1794-04 gone gone Farmhand?
- (6) male 1794-04 gone gone Farmhand?
- (7) female 1804-10 gone gone Magdalen - Daughter (b. 1805)
- (8) female 1804-10 gone gone Elizabeth - Parents unknown
- (9) male 1804-10 gone gone Farmhand/Orphan?
- (10) female 1810-20 female 1810-15 gone Elizabeth - Daughter (b. 1809)
- (11) female 1825-30 female 1825-30 Nimrod See's daughter
- (12) female 1790-00 Mary Ann Radcliff?

- (1) MICHAEL BRAKE born 1779 as per later census
- (2) Probably as farmhand, probably born closer to 1794 than 1775
- (3) ELIZABETH BRAKE, wife of Michael Brake. Thought to have died in the 1830's
- (4) LEONARD BRAKE, son of Michael, born per census and tombstone info 1804
- (5) - (6) Probably farmhands, as above?
- (7) MAGDALEN BRAKE, Michael's daughter. Born ca. 1806-07 as testimony in Brake vs See shows that her birth was between those of Leonard and Elizabeth.
- (8) ELIZABETH BRAKE, parents unknown. This may be the Elizabeth Brake who married Ed Moneypenny in Lewis County in 1832. Assigned here as a guess, as she seems to have come to County in 1825 with William Radcliff, when he moved his family west from Brake Run, Hardy County. This is a suggested assignment and NOT PROVEN, but the age is right, and the disappearance from the Michael Brake listing by 1830 fits with an 1825 removal to Lewis County.
- (9) A sixteen year old farm hand or other orphan?
- (10) ELIZABETH BRAKE, Michael's youngest child. Marriage to Jacob B. Simon in 1832 accounts for her being gone from the 1840 listing. Born 1810 as per later census.
- (11) NIMROD SEE'S illegitimate daughter. Raised by Michael Brake as per testimony in Brake vs. See
- (12) unknown female, possibly Mary Ann Radcliff? Mary Ann was an apparent unmarried girl of William Radcliff's family who made a purchase in her own right at the estate sale of Baron Jacob Brake in 1809. Her connection to William not clear, but she was still in the area of the Brake farm in the 1830's according to testimony in Brake vs. See that her chickens had to be chased out of Michael Brake's corn crop.

It is hoped that the above will be taken in the spirit it is intended, that of speculation and study. The definite listings are shown as definite, with reasons given, and the others are admittedly speculation. It cannot be said with certainty that the guesses made for numbers eight and twelve are correct, but they are based on some circumstantial evidence.

The Brake family is still cursed with a number of members whose placement on the proper branch of the family tree is impossible. #8 Elizabeth above is one. While all of her documented life was lived on the West Fork River in Lewis County, research has eliminated nearly EVERY Brake over there as her possible parents. The sole exception being Jacob B. Brake, son of John. But she is not with any of the West Fork Brakes in any early census. The fact that she first appears in Lewis County the same year William Radcliff moved there, the fact that she named her first two kids after Radcliffs, and the fact that she testified in court that she gave birth to her third child at William Radcliff's has led this writer, her 3X great grandson, to look in Hardy County for her roots, hence the hypothetical assignment above.

Another unknown in the Brake family is Catherine, born about 1802 (just two years before Elizabeth) and bound by the court of Pendleton County to William Dyer in 1812. Nothing further is known of this Catherine for certain. Yet another is Fanny, who married in Licking County, Ohio in 1823. Licking County was the home of Abraham Brake from Hardy County, possibly a nephew of Michael. Abraham presents yet another unknown in

the Brake history, at least one with parentage unproven.

Finally James Brake has given researchers some trouble. He married apparently in Hardy County about 1818, and in 1820 named a son Nimrod See Brake, suggesting a close tie to Michael Brake's family. He was a witness to the will of John Rohrbaugh there, and moved to what is now Peck Run, Upshur County, being listed in the tax lists of Lewis County in 1823, and 1824. Testimony in Chancery File 12 case 19 at the Harrison County Circuit Clerk's office shows that James Brake rented a farm at Peck's Run from Jacob B. Brake mentioned above, and that at the time Jacob B. was manager of the Salt Works at Clarksburg. The same chancery record shows that James Brake was killed by the fall of a tree in 1825. James Brake and Licking County Abraham Brake have been assigned by some as sons of Isaac Brake, Michael's brother, but no document has been presented to prove the connection for either. The search continues.

More About MICHAEL BRAKE:

Fathered child: 1800, Michael Brake fathered an illegitimate female child by Elizabeth Dasher¹³²

Info: 21 Jan 1861, Died intestate, resulting in court case, Brake vs. See

More About MICHAEL BRAKE and ELIZABETH DASHER:

Marriage: 22 May 1803, Hardy County, WV, by Valentine Powers¹³³

Children of MICHAEL BRAKE and ELIZABETH DASHER are:

- i. FEMALE⁵ BRAKE, b. Bef. Oct 1800, Hardy County, VA; m. EDWARD MONEYPENNEY (?).

Notes for FEMALE BRAKE:

It is possible that this female is the Elizabeth Brake that married Edward Moneypenney in Lewis Co, VA, in 1838. Elizabeth's parentage is unknown, and the birth date of this illegitimate child of Michael Brake and Elizabeth Dasher (born before they were married) is right.

- ii. LEONARD BRAKE, b. 02 Apr 1804, Hardy County, VA; d. 02 Jul 1891, Hardy County, WV; m. MARGARET SARAH SIMON, 26 Feb 1824, Hardy County, WV, by Ferdinand Lair¹³⁴; b. 14 Apr 1804, Hardy County, WV; d. 05 May 1893, Hardy County, WV.

Notes for LEONARD BRAKE:

The "G. S. Parsons" (age 9) living in the Leonard Brake household at the time of the 1870 census, and the "Georgia Parsons" (age 21) enumerated there in the 1880 census are the same person, Leonard and Margaret's granddaughter Georganna Parsons. Her mother, Clara Brake (Leonard's fourth child) had died in the years following Georganna's birth. Her father, Adam Harness Parsons (b. 1827), remarried and for some reason didn't take custody of Georganna.

More About LEONARD BRAKE:

Burial: Brake Cemetery, Brake (unincorporated), Hardy Co, WV

Census: 1860, Hardy Co, WV: Leonard, 56; Margaret S., 56; Ann R., 20, Clara K.G.A, 1.

More About MARGARET SARAH SIMON:

Burial: Brake Cemetery, Brake's Run, Hardy Co, WV

Residence: 1820, 1820 Census lists Margaret Simon in Michael Brake household

More About LEONARD BRAKE and MARGARET SIMON:

Marriage: 26 Feb 1824, Hardy County, WV, by Ferdinand Lair¹³⁴

- iii. MAGDELINE (MADELENA) BRAKE, b. 1807, Moorefield, Hardy Co, WV; d. Bef. 1861, Hardy Co, WV; m. NIMROD SEE^{135,136}, 17 Apr 1827, Hardy County, WV, by Ferdinand Lair; b. 1801, Hardy, West Virginia, USA¹³⁷; d. 1865, Schuyler, Missouri, USA¹³⁷.

More About NIMROD SEE:

Residence: 1870, Lost River, Hardy, West Virginia¹³⁸

More About NIMROD SEE and MAGDELINE BRAKE:

Marriage: 17 Apr 1827, Hardy County, WV, by Ferdinand Lair

- iv. ELIZABETH BRAKE^{139,140}, b. 10 Sep 1809, Hardy County, VA^{141,142}; d. 26 Sep 1894, Hardy County, WV; m. JACOB B. SIMON^{143,143}, 15 Oct 1832; b. Abt. 1800; d. Abt. 1837, Court case Brake vs. See, 1861, says Jacob died "23 or 24 years ago".

More About ELIZABETH BRAKE:

Also Known As: 1861, Referred to as "Betty" in Nimrod Thorn's 1868 deposition in "Brake vs. See"

Burial: Brake Cemetery, Brake's Run, Hardy Co, WV

Census: 1860, Hardy Co, WV shows Elizabeth Brake Simon(ds) living with Michael

Fact 1: Buried in Brake Cemetery, Hardy Co, WV

Lived With: 1880, 1880 Hardy Co census shows Elizabeth Brake Simon living with her daughter, Margaret

Sites Simon (and Daniel A. Sites)

Residence: 1880, South Fork, Hardy, West Virginia, United States¹⁴⁴

More About JACOB SIMON and ELIZABETH BRAKE:

Marriage: 15 Oct 1832

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