HISTORY OF THE STEPHENS FAMILY

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Samuel Stephens, progenitor of the Big Sandy branch of the family, emerges to history on the Floyd County, Kentucky, records when he married Florence Patton, July 26, 1821. Whether he was a child when Virginia and was brought to Kentucky by his parents or other relatives, or like many stalwart young men of the time immigrated westward by his own decision is not known.

There were others of the Stephens name in early Floyd County when Samuel Stephens and Florence Patton married. On December 11, that year, Andrew Stephens and Susanna Williams were united in wedlock. It is presumed Samuel and Andrew were brothers.

It was Jacob Mayo, deputy clerk of the Floyd County Court for many years, and afterwards clerk himself for years, who issued the marriage license and accepted the security that authorized the union of Samuel Stephens and Florence Patton. The license may be found recorded in marriage book No. 1, page 158, being number 692 in the county since the records were rehabilitated after the courthouse burned in 1808.

It reads: "This shall license and permit you to join in marriage according to the rites and ceremonies of the church to which you belong Samuel Stephens and Florence Patton and for this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given under my hand this 21st day of July, 1821. Jacob Mayo, D.C.F.C.C."

The marriage return was made by Stephen Harper, J.P., who wrote: "I hereby certify that the within named couple was this day joined together in marriage as the law directs by me, this 26th day of July, 1821." Samuel Stephens at the time of his marriage was 20 years old, having been born November 11, 1801, in that part of Russell County, Virginia, that became Wise county in 1856. His wife, one year older, was the daughter of James Patton and Florence Graham Patton, early Beaver Creek settlers.

In the first quarter of the nineteenth century land available for preemption in early Floyd was plentiful, except for the river bottoms. The huge John Preston survey of 100,000 acres had encircled a line around the Big Sandy River bottoms from the mouth of Johns Creek upstream for many miles but in the main the bottoms of the larger tributary streams were untouched. Samuel Stephens and Florence Patton Stephens settled on Stephens Branch, near the present Alphoretta, gave their family name to the stream. In that almost unbroken sylvan barony of thousands of acres of land they raised 15 children and a foster daughter.

The Big Sandy valley in 1821 was sparsely settled. Only the year before Samuel Stephens married did anyone claim and settle on the bottoms where Martin now
stands. Prestonsburg was a struggling little village of less than 50 persons. Pikeville was unheard of and long valleys, like the one where Stephens settled, were empty except for primeval trees and abundant game.

All the children of Samuel and Florence Patton Stephens lived to adulthood which was unusual indeed for, in the semi-wilderness of early Floyd County, the hazards of life and the lack of proper medical care lessened the survival rate.

There were fields to clear of giant timber, long hours of almost intolerable toil in and outside the house, and epidemics of smallpox that swept the land. Life was hard and back-breaking labor was eternal.

Around the Stephens home the virgin timber yielded to cleared fields and Samuel rapidly added to his original acres by additional patents. In time the early homesite had grown to mammoth proportions. But this preoccupation of Samuel with land acquisition was for a laudable purpose. He was providing for his posterity, left each of his children several hundred, a few, thousands of acres.

The order of birth of the Stephens children cannot be given. We know that Jenny, daughter of Florence, was born about 1818, possibly 1819. She was reared by Samuel and Florence, took their name, and reaching maturity, married John Stone, October 29, 1837. Her husband, while at work on Turkey Creek, cut his leg with an axe. He bled to death. Jenny, now a widow with five children, remarried Andrew J. Canady, bore him four children. Descendants of this later union now bear the name Kennedy.

Rebecca Stephens, one of the older daughters of Samuel and Florence, married George W. (Hopkins) Allen, April 28, 1840. They had sixteen children.

George W. Stephens, one of the older sons, married Margaret Handshoe, July 24, 1844. He settled on the Caney Fork of Middle Creek and reared ten children and died about 1900.

William D. Stephens married Rebecca Bradley, November 3, 1857, and were the parents of eleven children. Reuben Stephens married Nancy Jane Hicks, April 21, 1859, and continuing the tradition of large families in the Stephens sept, had twelve children.

It is not known to whom Alexander Stephens was married. He, contrary to the dominant southern feeling of his kinsmen, joined the Union army in either Ohio or Illinois, served through the Civil War as an officer. He came back to Stephens Branch after the war was over, willing to forget the differences with his people. But his brothers were a bit embittered by the war, and Alexander left for the west. It was rumored that he died in the Chicago fire in 1871, but this fear proved groundless. Decades later a son came back to Kentucky from Oklahoma to inquire about the division of the estate of his grandfather but finding no provision had been made for Alexander, returned to Oklahoma. Knowledge of this family does not exist with the Big Sandy Stephens descendants.

First to marry after the Civil War from the patriarchal home of Samuel Stephens was Mary. October 11, 1865, she was married to David Osborne. To this union were born
eight children. Samuel A. Stephens married an Osborne also, presumably a sister to David. Samuel A. and Sarah Osborne were united in marriage, October 10, 1866, and to them were born fourteen children.

John Stephens, born 1836, was never married. He was lured westward by the news of the California gold rush and did not return until about 1907 or 1908.

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**Sons of Pioneer Stephens Were Divided In Civil War**

*(This is the second in a series of articles on the Stephens family compiled from data gathered by Henry Stephens and his son, Edgar P. Stephens.)*

The years, between 1821 when Samuel Stephens and Florence Patton were married and the outbreak of the Civil War, was a period of time that historians designate as the log cabin development period in the Big Sandy valley.

The pole cabin of the pioneer settlers disappeared and the more commodious hewed-log home appeared in its place. There were a few added utilitarian comforts in these homes all produced with great labor. The Stephens home, typical of those built by the landed settlers, grew to large proportions to house the 16 children.

Early, though, many of this big family began to marry and left the paternal hearthstone, but the younger grew and it is a fair inference that the Stephens Branch home was full for years. There was talk of war and the young men, some married, chose sides in the bitter sectional strike, imitating their elders who were vocal on the questions of the day.

Came 1861 and Col. Andrew Jackson May began recruiting soldiers for the Confederacy at Prestonsburg. Although George had been married since 1844 and William had taken a wife four years before they both enlisted to fight for the South. Alexander didn't share the prosouthern sympathies of his two older brothers and left home to cast his lot with the Union.

Tradition, usually unreliable but often indicating the basic truth, asserts that Alexander was a brilliant man and had acquired considerable education. He taught school for several years and it is said that a few years before the Civil War he, George and Reuben went west. They became separated, according to this tradition, and the three never saw each other until after the close of the war.

George Stephens had several children before he entered the Confederate army but we are unsure as to the number. Both George and and William joined Co. B 13th Calvary Regiment, C.S.A, that Col. May had formed. The date was October 9, 1862. The next day, the reason not stated, both men left Co. B, went over to Company F and remained in that group until the war ended. Alexander, their brother was out west, in either Ohio or Illinois, and soon joined the Federal forces. Neither were to see each other until after Lee surrendered when Alexander came back to Stephens Branch, found his brothers, perhaps others of the family, cool to his service as a Union soldier. He left again for the west and only vague rumors came back that
he went to Indian Territory, married an Indian chief's daughter, and lived out his life on the Oklahoma prairie.

George Stephens, who married Margaret Handshoe, settled on the Caney Fork of Middle Creek. Little is known about Margaret Handshoe's family, except that she was from Salt Lick, on Right Beaver Creek. Her mother was a Prater and one of her sisters married William Coburn, and another married Alexander Coburn.

Children of the union of George and Margaret Stephens were Alexander, married Delila Hale, daughter of Samuel Hale and Eda Helton Hale; Harrison married Rebecca Allen, daughter of James Allen who lived in the head of the Left Fork of Middle Creek; Martha married Morgan Baldridge, and settled on Jones Fork, near the present Lackey but left years later and went to Rowan County; Henry C. married first to Fannie Hicks and after her death Alice Risner; Darcus married Daniel Wicker, of Jones Fork where they lived and died; Florence married James Bradley; Minerva married Alexander Hamilton and went to housekeeping on the Caney Fork of Middle Creek where they lived and died; Cynthia married Jefferson Justice, and upon his death remarried Joe Morgan Thornsberry; Polly Ann married Hager Ousley, lived and died on Caney Fork; Samuel married first Catherine Coburn and after her demise married Rachel Bradley. Jennie, the foster child of Samuel Stephens and daughter of his wife Florence, married John Stone and to them were born these children: Cynthia Stone married a Goodman; James married Polly McDaniel; Sally died not married; Nancy married Henry Patton and after his death married Jack Howard; and Florence who married Thomas Conley. After the untimely death of John Stone from an accident on Turkey Creek she remarried Andrew J. Canady and to them were born four children; Dave Canady married Florence Stephens, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Jane Hicks Stephens; Mary Canady married Gobe Compton; Lige, a great fiddler and variety musician, who was never married; Rebecca married Jack Hale.

Rebecca Stephens, who married George W. (Hopkins) Allen in 1840, was the first of the many children of Samuel Stephens to die. She and George Allen were the parents of 16 children: Mary married Edward Halley; Louisa married James Halley; William; James P., born 1859, married Sally May, born 1854, died 1921, Amanda married B.L.C. May, born November 4, 1859, died January 8, 1952; John B.; Florence married William Pratt; Susan married Milton Spears; David; Darcus married John Galloway; Robert; Andrew married Florence Stephens, daughter of Reuben; Alexander married Elizabeth Stephens, of the William Stephens line, August 8, 1884; Rebecca married S.P. (Boge) Ratliff; Reuben died young; and Samuel who also succumbed in his youth.

Reuben M. Stephens, who married Nancy Jane Hicks in 1859, resided on Stephens Branch. Their 12 children were Solomon G., married Martha Hale; Mary Ann married Wilson Shepherd, December 7, 1882. Cynthia married Johnnie Patton, March 16, 1889; Francis married Joe Shepherd; John E. married Mary Hale, sister to Martha Hale who married Solomon G. Stephens; Florence married Andrew Allen; Rebecca married Jake Crisp; Darcus married Will Haywood and lived and died on Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek; G.C.(Cleve) married Catherine Bailey, who died in 1956; Malcolm married first to Mary Howard, second to Rebecca Maggard, third to Delilah Moore and fourth to Draxie Vance; Jennie married George Bailey; and Isabelle who married Lewis Howard, November 24, 1888. James P. Stephens, born January 25, 1825, died February 29, 1904, married Cynthia May, who was born June 7, 1835, died December 9, 1869. Ten children were born to this union before Cynthia died.
James P. and all of his children with the exception of James A., a babe, left Beaver Creek soon after the mother's death and moved to Kansas. James A. was reared by his uncle and aunt, George and Mahalia Hagans May and assumed the name of his foster parents. Sons and daughters of James P. and Cynthia May Stephens were George J., married Alma Hindee Vaughan, October 23, 1901; Willam H. married Levisa Jane Stufflebean, April 12, 1883; David married Causetta Osborne, December 31, 1891; Solomon married Hettie Epley, March 1, 1890; Reuben and John died in infancy; Daniel W. married Martha Patton, February 8, 1872; Marcus L. married Anne May Constable. Solomon May and a few members of his immediate family returned to Kentucky three years ago after an absence of half a century.

William Stephens, who married Rebecca Bradley, was the father of 11 children; Susan married Felix J. May; Samuel married Mary Hale; Isaac N. married Ann Flannery; Dollie, married Pharis Crisp; Elizabeth married Alexander Allen; Polly married Jack Patton; Florence married Hiram Bradley; Eli married Fannie Patton and after her death married Myrtle Curnutte; Alexander married Angie Harman, and moved west; Darcus married Starling Gibson; Cynthia married first Wesley Ratliff and second Ned Ousley. Cynthia died on Caney Fork. John Stephens, one of the older sons of Samuel Stephens, never married. He went to California in the Gold Rush but returned to die in the Big Sandy.

Underneath Vast Stephens Farm Lay Huge Reserves of Minerals
(This is the third article in a series on the Stephens family.)

John Stephens, one of the sons of Samuel Stephens and Florence Patton Stephens, who went heading for California in the Gold Rush, had no inkling that underneath land on the waters of Beaver and Middle Creek lay a fortune at home in coal and natural gas.

John, who never married, returned from the west, a bit disillusioned about far-off wealth and knowing nothing of "black diamonds" and the other hidden minerals of the mountains, sold his part of his father's estate to one of the other heirs. But whether John Stephens or any of the heirs of the Stephens estate knew of it or not a vast storehouse of mineral wealth, awaiting development, was under the 16,000 acres of the Stephens barony. Stephens Branch, approximately three miles long, all of the Caney Fork of Middle Creek down to what oldsters called the Cold Spring, and hundreds of acres of bottom on main Beaver lay under a title to Samuel and Florence Stephens. They, too, had little conception of the vast resources under their land.

Decades later the Bailey-Ferguson Coal Company and soon afterward the May Coal Company began development. Today the Stephens Elkhorn Fuel Corporation, successor the May Coal Company, is exploiting part of the original; Stephens farm. It is said that none of Samuel Stephens' heirs reaped any large reward from the land. Most of them were restless and, people said, stubborn. They wanted to leave the old home site, look for wealth and a good life elsewhere.

Development of the natural resources of Big Sandy was coming, though, before Samuel and Florence died. In the eighties a railway pushed up the valley to Peach Orchard, finally to Whitehouse. Timber merchants swarmed on the main stream and looked up into the tributary valleys. Giant walnut trees were bought for a song. In a few years other buyers returned to dig up the stumps. While Samuel Stephens was
approaching the last years of his life, logging became the concern of many prominent Big Sandians and Catlettsburg grew to the largest hardwood market in the world. It held that lead for a decade or more.

All of the many sons and daughters of Samuel Stephens were married before 1880, with the exception of John who had gone west. The Stephens Branch home was never empty, though, for grandchildren were constant inmates.

Samuel Stephens, after a vigorous old age, died, July 24, 1887. His widow survived until 1890. Both were buried in the cemetery that bears the Stephens name, on a point near the residence of the late B.L.C. May, who married a granddaughter. In this pine-covered cemetery, others, who like Samuel and Florence Stephens pioneered the development of homes in the community, lie buried. A black-topped road trails along now at the foot of the hill, going up Stephens Branch and down Caney Fork. In Samuel's day it was a wagon-rutted trail.

Eight children of the old pioneer whose marriages and children were not listed in former articles of this series are Thomas, Samuel A., Mary, Cynthia, Andrew, David, Morgan G., and Darcus P.

Thomas married Nancy Jane Bradley, March 15, 1852, and had 12 children. They were Susannah, married Isaac F. Flannery, April 13, 1876, and upon his death married Sam England; Florence married David A. Canady, November 30, 1871; Isaac married Malinda Yates; Samuel married Rebecca Castle, November 19, 1890, and after her death married Sophie Whitaker, December 22, 1919, and following her death married Mary Salmons, June 2, 1923, and later married Rosa (Wireman) Handshoe; Reuben A. married Nancy Haywood, December 28, 1881 and upon his death she married Thomas Ratliff, September 29, 1894. She died in Utah. James B. married Lurania Haywood, November 14, 1882; William D., born October 14, 1859, died January 19, 1926, never married; J.R.(Riley) married Margaret Baldridge; George H., about which no information is available; Rebecca A. married Sandy Vaughan, November 30, 1887, and after his death married B.B. (Doc) Porter; Lee married Susan McKnight; Elizabeth married John McGann and later, March 25, 1869, married Vinson Bentley.

Samuel A. Stephens, born April 30, 1831, died May 30, 1890, married October 10, 1866, Sarah Osborne, born March 27, 1839, died June 19, 1904. Their 11 children were David married Louisa Martin, February 10, 1903; D.B. married Myrtle L. Hall, January 22, 1908; B. B. married Rosa Martin, March 4, 1905 and following her death married Virgie Ratliff, May 29, 1909; Ed L. married Grace Adams, of Magoffin county and upon her death married Lilly May, also of Magoffin county; Susan married June 24, 1886; Thomas G. (Bringe) Allen; Ferdinand married Fanny Howard and later January 17, 1894, married Lydia Crisp; Monroe married Reecie Crisp and later Allie Adams; Rhoda married S.B. Osborne; Mary married A.L. Osborne and later was married to John Johns; Irvin, not known as to whom married, but it is said he went to Oklahoma; Florence married Bill Flannery; Dollie G. married February 5, 1906, Elbert Pratt; Sidney married Logan Dingus; Margaret, died in infancy. [AE: measles"] Mary Stephens married David Osborne, October 11, 1855. They had eight children: Albert married Ella Prater and after her death married Hattie Preston Allen; Samuel married Susan Osborne; Matt married Darcus Patton; Ewing married Stella Chapman; John D. married Ella Hall and later Clara Hall; Rebecca married Joe Salisbury; Cynthia married Jacob Crisp; Rhoda married Logan Dingus. Cynthia and Rebecca Osborne were twins. Cynthia Stephens married Samuel Hale and to them
were born only one child which died in infancy. This was a second marriage of Samuel Hale, he having married Eda Helton whose mother was a Wireman, before his marriage to Cynthia Stephens. There were eight children born to this first marriage of Samuel Hale.

The eldest, James Hale, emigrated west where the nearest railway to the Big Sandy was Cincinnatti and it was necessary to go there by steamboat. Arriving in Kansas City, Missouri, the western railway terminal, he found himself with only fifty cents. James Hale, the oldest, died a few years ago in Waynoka, Oklahoma, possessed of vast real estate holdings, one ranch alone having 35,000 acres on the Cimarron River. He survived all of his brothers and sisters. In 1926 he returned to the Big Sandy to visit his relatives, the only time he ever came back.

Other sons and daughters of Samuel Hale and Eda Helton Hale were A.J. Hale, died at Verdigris, Oklahoma; B.B. Hale, died at Cody, Nebraska; John who emigrated to Missouri, but returned to die in Floyd county; Vinson Hale, who went to Oklahoma but had his legs broken in a wagon wheel and died from the effects of the injury; Delilah born 1875, died August, 1933 married Alexander Stephens, born July 15, 1865, died December 30, 1953, having married in 1889; Mary married Samuel Stephens and died in Webster county, Missouri. Samuel Stephens was killed in an automobile accident near Salyersville, Magoffin county, and his body was returned to Missouri to be interred by his wife; Martha Hale married Paul Shepherd (Hale) and they moved to Seymour, Webster county, Missouri, where they died.

Andrew Stephens married Rosann Carpenter of Magoffin county. Their nine children were: Rush who married Mary Whittaker; George married a Risner and later Margaret Howard; Samuel married Essie Allen; Judge married Cora Whittaker and later Della Patrick; Bruce married Pearlie Allen; Flora married Wed Risner and later Warnie Patrick; Dora married Peter Risner; Dave married Mary Wireman; Tilden married Minnie Mooney. Rosann Carpenter was a sister to George Carpenter who married Darcus Stephens.

David Stephens married Margaret Daniels and to them were born 11 children: John married Annie Salisbury, April 23, 1882; James married Betsy Salisbury; Andrew married Rebecca Cornett; Albert married Annie Clark; Samuel married Martha Hayes, November 7, 1908; Mary married James Tomlin; Rebecca, never married; Fannie married S. D. Kirk; Cynthia married Frank Bunch; Miranda married Ned Gearheart; Darcus married Jeff Galloway. David Stephens, father of the above, lived near the mouth of Spurlock, on left Beaver Creek. He was county judge and surveyor of Floyd county.

Morgan G. Stephens, born 1843, died 1917, married February 11, 1864, to Malinda J. Hale. They were the parents of ten children: Mary Ann, married Palmer Scutchfield, March 23, 1881, and both died at Jeffersonville, Kentucky, but were buried near Water Gap, Floyd county; Darcus F. married Jeff Bingham, March 20, 1882; Kate married Ayris Spradlin, September 28, 1890; Claybourne married Hester Cooley, June 24, 1894; Camillus, never married; James P. married Lydia J. Cooley, May 18, 1902; Samuel married Mary Gormley; Florence married Columbus Crisp; October 9, 1900; John married Nola Baldridge; Cynthia married Jesse Hatfield, July 22, 1923 and upon his death married Dan Prater, of Brush Creek, Right Beaver Creek.

Darcus P. Stephens married George Carpenter, of Magoffin county, and both died at
Salyersville. Their twelve children were Samuel, who married Cassie Allen and later Sally Pratt; Kate married Morgan Hamilton; Alex, died at age 18 of typhoid; Florence married Dudley Howard; Mary married Ben Hale; Morgan married Nora Owens and later Maxine Arnett; Cornelia married first to Isaac Prater, second to Ray Barrack, and third to Harry Neeley; Johnny, died at one year of age of measles; Will Press married Rose May; G. C. (Cleve) died in infancy; Bertha married Henry Patton; Cynthia married Fred Patrick.

There were 177 known children and grandchildren of Samuel and Florence Patton Stephens. Last of the children of Samuel and Florence to die was Mary Osborne, wife of David Osborne. She succumbed near Printer, September 24, 1924.

Samuel Stephens' Descendants Participated In Public Affairs

(This is the fourth article on the Stephens family compiled from data gathered by Henry Stephens and his son, Edgar P. Stephens.)

In the century and half since Samuel Stephens, the progenitor of the Big Sandy family, was born in Virginia several thousand descendants have lived, carved out their destinies and either passed on or live today to claim him as an ancestor.

Many engaged in business or went into the professions, notably the law. Others sought public office and served in various official capacities in local or district government. There were physicians, a number were teachers.

David Stephens, son of Samuel and Florence Stephens, who married Margaret Daniels, was elected county judge and also served as county surveyor of Floyd county. His son Albert, of Prestonsburg, was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of the 31st judicial district. Claude P. Stephens, son of Albert was elected and served as Commonwealth's Attorney for the same judicial district from 1922 to 1934. He was named United States Assistant District Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and in a few years succeeded Sawyer Smith as District Attorney.

John Stephens, of Water Gap, son of Morgan Green Stephens and Malinda J. Hale Stephens, taught school for many years and was elected to the office of County Superintendent of Schools, succeeding Harry N. Cooley. H.C. Stephens, grandson of Samuel and son of George W. Stephens, was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for one of Floyd county’s eight magisterial districts. Henry Stephens, son of Alexander Stephens and Delila Hale Stephens, was elected Circuit Court Clerk in 1915 and served two terms. He was a successful candidate for Circuit Judge in 1939, serving six years.

Three of Samuel Stephens' descendants were physicians - Dr. Orris Gearheart, Dr. O.T. Stephens, and his son Dr. Raymond Stephens. Six were practicing attorneys, one of whom is Harris Stephens Howard, a great-grandson, of Prestonsburg. George Stephens, grandson of David and Margaret Daniels Stephens, is now an instructor in a California college.

David Stephens and his wife, Margaret Daniels Stephens, resided on Left Beaver
Creek, near the present post office of Printer. Their 11 children married chiefly in
the local families of the area. John, the eldest son, married Annie Salisbury in 1882.
Their two children were Grover, married Minnie Dingus, January 9, 1908;
and Annie who married Monroe Stumbo, January 3, 1905. James Stephens, second
son of David, married Elizabeth (Betsy) Salisbury and they were the parents of three
children: Ballard F. married Sallie Fitzpatrick, July 23, 1913; Beverly married Mona
Howell, June 4, 1917; Viola married John Hamilton, October 21, 1904.

Andrew Stephens married Rebecca Cornett, and they were the parents
of 10 children: John, Wilbur and Lockhart, triplets, died, infant; Betty, married
George Stephens; Jerry married Wanda Scott, later Jenny Bunting; Emma married
George Hereford; Lesty B. married Ernest Akers; William R. married Bird Weddington
and upon her death married China Dillion; Bertha M. married John Butler; David
married Dora Snapp.

Albert Stephens, who married Annie Clark, was the father of ten children: Claude P.
Stephens, married Bess Leete; Oscar married Virginia Needham; Edgar married
Glady Cooper; Alta married Alex L. Davidson, who served a term as County Judge
of Floyd county; Ethel, twin sister of Alta, married Blaine Smith; William, died not
married; Lindsay married Lucille Rorrer and later Gunnells; Cora married C.D.
McHone; Lewis P. married Roberta Bradley; Florence married J. W. Howard,
Presonsburg attorney.

Samuel Stephens, fifth son of David and Margaret, married Martha Haynes in 1908,
and were the parents of seven children, most of whom live in or near Missoula,
Montana. They are Martha, Mary, Kermit, Kenneth, May, Margery, and Barbara. May
married Ray Wohischlager.

Mary Stephens married James Tomlin (son). Five of their children, Dorothy, Sam,
Dolly, Rebecca and Rufus, are living in the Northwest, near Bellingham, Washington.
Rebecca Stephens, daughter of David and Margaret Daniels Stephens, was an invalid
and never married. Fannie married S.D. Kirk and their children live in West Virginia
and Iowa. Their four children were Dakota, married Claude Knockenheimer;
Ballard, Bascom, and Marie. Cynthia Stephens married Frank Bunch. Their children
were Marie, Harry, Haber and Mildred. Harry Bunch was killed in Ashland.

Darcus Stephens was twice married. To her and her first husband Jeff Galloway,
were born five children: Hazel, Opal, Kermit, Edgar, and Vernie. To Darcus and her
second husband, Percy Kiser, was born only one son, Percy Kiser, Jr. These sons
and daughters of Darcus Stephens lived in and around Kenova, West Virginia and
Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

Miranda Stephens married Ned Gearheart and resided for years on Toler Creek, near
Amba, Kentucky. After his death Mrs. Gearheart moved to Betsy Layne where she
died in 1955. Their 11 sons and daughters are: Robert married Ann Beverly, later
Martha Jones; Hatler married Minnie Haynes and moved west; Dr. Orris married May
Dingus; Verlie married Oscar Bush; Sally married J. Burke Bush; Carlye married
Palmer Crum; Margaret married Okie Compton; Kelsa married Jesse Elliott; Fred
married Rachel Roberts; Fannie married Don Bush; Bill D. died infant.

Nearly all the children and several of the grandchildren of Miranda Stephens
Gearheart and Ned Gearheart were teachers.
THE STEPHENS FAMILY
The Samuel A. Stephens and Sarah Osborne Stephens Line

(This is the fifth article in a series on the Stephens family written from data compiled by Henry Stephens and his son, Edgar P. Stephens.)

Samuel A. Stephens, one of the many sons of Samuel Stephens and Florence Patton Stephens, was married to Sara Osborne, October 10, 1866. To this union were born 14 children.

Many descendants of Samuel A. and Sara Osborne Stephens are physicians and teachers. Mrs. Ralph and William Allen are great-great grandsons of the pioneers, Samuel and Florence Stephens. Dr. J. H. Allen, of Maytown and Allen, is a great-grandson of Samuel, the Stephens Branch settler, and his son, Dr. Claude, operates the Beaver Valley hospital at Martin. Dr. Gene Combs, son of Townsel and Octavia Allen Combs, is a great-great-grandson.

Dave Stephens married Louise Martin, February 10, 1903. They had five children: Claude, never married; Lillian, married Ben Ferguson and they were the parents of Ben and Charles Ferguson; Marie, married James Salisbury and were the parents of six children. Children of Marie and James were James, married Betty Lou Hall; Phillip, not married; Chaddie; Judith; William; and Timothy. Dale, fourth child of Dave and Louise Martin Stephens, married Ruth Gilliam and they were the parents of Donald. Morris, son of Dave and Louise, married Katherine Wisecup.

D. B. (Dock) Stephens married Myrtle Hall, January 22, 1908, and to them was born Oriole, who married French Maggard, August 2, 1930. Children of Oriole and French Maggard are Sally and Ruth.

Bascom B. Stephens married Rosa Martin, March 4, 1905. She was born October 5, 1888, died of typhoid while they were living in Tennessee. Bascom Stephens brought his dead wife and an infant daughter, Thelma, back to Kentucky in a buggy, being several days on the journey. Thelma married Miles May and was the mother of Marvin, married Irene Boyd; Gardis, Joe, Frank, Miles, and Bascom, not married. Bascom Stephens remarried to Virgie Ratliff, May 29, 1909. They had six children: Ray, married Julia Baldridge; Lon married Fay Maynard; Edward married Marie Wiley; Floyd married Mary Smith; Bonnie married Howard Turnipseed; Clyde married Isabella Miller.

Edward Stephens married Grace Adams and, upon her death, Lily May. One child of Edward, a graduate of Brown University practiced law and married in Chicago. He died there.

Ferdinand Stephens, married Lydia Crisp, January 17, 1894. After the demise of Lydia Crisp Stephens he remarried to Fannie Howard. Children of Ferdinand were Effie, married Burnett; Bessie married Hardy Gardner.

Susan Stephens married Thomas G. (Bringe) Allen, June 24, 1886. They
had six children, Dr. J. H. Allen, born May 2, 1888, married Bertha May, born February 3, 1891. Dr. Allen, a member of the Floyd County Board of Education, lives at Maytown. Children of Dr. Allen and Bertha May Allen are George who married Juanita Taylor; Dr. Claude married Katherine McKinney; Harriett married Savage Cooley; Peggy Jo married Maurice Vaughan.

S. C. (Coley) Allen married Rhoda Preston and were the parents of four children: Barbara Leo Carter; Corinne and Geraldine, not married; Joyce married Volney Allen.

Charles A. Allen married Maggie Webb and were the parents of five children: Dr. Ralph Allen married Glema Hughes; Dr. William Allen married Betty Jean May; Stanton, never married; Wilma, died in infancy; Robert married Katherine Stapleton.

Octavia Allen married Townsel Combs. Children were Townsel, not married; Lamarr, married Marie Rannels; Dr. Gene Allen married Bennie M. Caudill, daughter of Circuit Judge John W. Caudill; Thomas married Aileen Hays.

Rosalie Allen married William P. Leslie who became a distinguished Texas judge. Two sons and a daughter are William, Rosalie, married Judge Charles Loretta of New York; and Robert.

Effie Allen married Dr. Richard Duke. Two children are George, never married and was killed in an automobile accident in Oklahoma, and Mildred who married John Martin.

Rhoda Stephens married S. B. (Dosh) Osborne. They were the parents of 14 children. Holly B. Osborne married Town Hall, who served as County Superintendent of Floyd County Schools and they were the parents of Town Hall, Jr. Chauncey Osborne married Goldie Gearheart and had two children, Holly Fay, married a Wicker, and Herbert. Perchie Osborne married Wesley Moore, Bernie Osborne married J. A. (Artie) Gearheart and were parents of Ray, married Audrey Fraley, and Salem who married Delsie Napier. Edna Osborne married Graden Akers and later Bill Caddes. One son of Edna was Bobby G., not married. Astor Osborne married Grace Cooper. Polly Osborne married Roy Martin and had five children; Perchie Theodore Gibson; Roy, D; Quanda L., Trudy Joy, and Lloyd, all not married. Barney Osborne married Elizabeth. No children. Klondike Osborne died in infancy as did Triby and Flota. Two other children of Rhoda and S.B. Osborne also died in infancy. Monroe Stephens married Reecie Crisp and upon her death Allie Adams. There were no children born to either union.

Irvin Stephens married in Oklahoma. The name of his wife and a son are not known.

Sidney Stephens married Logan Dingus and were the parents of four children. Bessie (Elizabeth?) married Ben Osborne and had two children; Leona, married Alfred Davis, and Homer married in Ohio, William Dingus married Ruth Estes and were the parents of Paul and Charlene. Glenn B. Dingus married Fannie Hall and later Louise Boggs. Grace Dingus
married William Ratliff and were the parents of two children: Luke, married Ramona Sauber, and Vio married Goldie Gallagher. Mary Stephens married A.L. Osborne, September 5, 1903, and after his death to John Johns. Children of Mary Stephens and A.L. Osborne were Gardia, married Maggie Osborne and had five children: Adrian, Orin, Teddy, Jerry, and Patsy, all of whom are married live in Texas; Mabel Osborne married Emory McComas and had two children - Katherine and Joan, married in Indiana; Lou Osborne married Reevis Hall and were the parents of seven children - Wendell, Victor, Robert, Ned, and Gary, married in Indiana. Lois married Robert Martin; and John Osborn, unmarried. Children of Mary Stephens Johns and John Johns were Octavia, married Leslie Pelphrey who had one child, Mary Lou, who died in infancy; Lucy Johns married Charles B. Moore; Margie Johns married Donald Powelson and were the parents of Donnie and Jane; Marvel married Marvel Perkins and had three children: Eugene, Donald, and Phillip, not married; Ferdinand Johns married Claudene Carder and were the parents of Ivy Gale; Wilma Johns married Elwood Rorrer and were the parents of Larry W., Mark K., Carol and Mark M.; Ross Johns, not married.

Dolly Stephens married Elbert Pratt, February 5, 1906, and they were the parents of 16 children. Roger Pratt, not married. Custer Pratt married Mary Synder and later Mae Hoover. Children of Custer were Wendell, Creed, Patsy and Lindy. Henry Pratt married Lima Wright and were the parents of two children, not married. John Pratt married Amanda Moore and were the parents of six children - Cornetta, Raeburn, Juanita, Priscilla, and Zeta, all unmarried, and Marilea, died infant.

Nora Pratt married Garland Martin and are the parents of eight children: Daphne, Chalmer, Glemma, Thomas, Daina, June, Joan, and Gaylord. None married. Russell Pratt married Flora Allen and are the parents of Xenia, and Valrie, neither married. Jay Pratt married Hermie Lawson and have four children: Diana, Judy, Kenneth, Sharon, neither married. Grover Pratt married Emmeline Ratliff and are the parents of Janet, Ronnie, Caroline, Roger, Gary, Pamela, Deanie, and Jeanie, who are twins. Woodrow Pratt married Myreda Moore and are the parents of Cheryl and Lynn. Rhoda married Curtis Sizemore and later Lonne Green. Children were Adria and Alice. Ruth Pratt married Warren Risner and they were the parents of Deborah, Delana and Denise. Raymond Pratt not married. Norma Pratt married James Johnson and are the parents of Bonna and Stephen. Miles E. Pratt and Arzillar Pratt died in infancy. The sixteenth child died in infancy, unnamed.

THE STEPHENS FAMILY
The George W. Stephens and Margaret Handshoe Stephens Line

(This is the sixth article on the Stephens family compiled from data gathered by Henry Stephens and his son, Edgar P. Stephens.)

On the fifth article on this family the name of Baisden Osborne was inadvertently omitted as a son of S. B. Osborne and Rhoda Osborne and grandson of Samuel A. Stephens and Sarah Osborne Stephens. He married Mildred Slone and they are the parents of James, Paul, and Ray Osborne.)

George W. Stephens, who married Margaret Handshoe, July 24, 1844, lived on the Caney Fork of Middle Creek. He was a member of the Confederate armed forces, enlisting under Col. A.J. May at Prestonsburg. He was a skilled carpenter and farmer.

George and Margaret, who was called Peggy, were the parents of ten children. Alexander L. Stephens, born July 10, 1865, died December 30, 1953, married Delilah Hale, in 1889, daughter of Samuel Hale and Eda Helton Hale. They had two sons and two daughters: Henry C. Stephens, born September 19, 1890, married first Julia B. Conley, July 3, 1912. She was born January 27, 1891. Their two sons are Edgar P., born October 14, 1914, married Rose Ranier, who died in Paintsville, and James D., born May 2, 1916, married Willette Bruner and are the parents of three children. Edgar P. and James D. both were graduated from the University of Kentucky. Henry later married Katherine Leake, April 19, 1953.

James Stephens, second son of Alexander and Delilah Hale Stephens, was born September 17, 1892, married Virgie Ousley, December 13, 1917. He was killed by Magistrate Robert Slone, his cousin, February 11, 1931, on Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek. He had no children.

Cynthia Stephens, born in May, 1894, married R.C. (Cob) Fitzpatrick, December 31, 1912. They are the parents of three children: Delilah Fitzpatrick, married Francis Oppenheimer. No children. Woodrow Fitzpatrick married Nora Tussey. They are the parents of one child. Rhoda Fitzpatrick married Harmon Tussey and they are the parents of Judy. Ella Stephens, daughter of Alexander and Delilah Hale Stephens, married first Simon Haywood, February 7, 1913. They were the parents of Julia Haywood who married Ad Slone and they are the parents of 11 children. After the death of Simon Haywood, his widow Ella remarried to Oscar Miller. They are the parents of eight children: Delilah, married Marvin Calhoun; Virginia married Leslie Wallen; Ruby married Alex Hyden; James married first Mary Collins and later to Ratliff; Nora, Henry, unmarried; William married Clevenger, granddaughter of James Clevenger, of Prestonsburg; and Donald, killed in an automobile accident near Lancer.

Harrison Stephens, married Rebecca Allen, July 19, 1887. They had only
one daughter, who married Abe Shepherd. They are the parents of 12 children: Ashland Shepherd married Gladys Howard; Archer Shepherd married Mary Shepherd; Arville Shepherd married Eva Shepherd; William Shepherd married Helen; Harrison Shepherd married Ailene Roland; Wheeler, unmarried; Elizabeth married Ashland Shepherd; Rebecca Shepherd married Richmond Shepherd; Dona married Roy Turner; Margaret married Don Tussey; Bertha and Allie died young.

Martha Stephens married Morgan Baldridge, July 24, 1871. They had ten children. Nola Baldridge married John Stephens and they are the parents of six children: Clayborne, married Irene Patton; Mary, died young; Thelma married John Wallen; Morgan married Mary Ball and was killed in an automobile accident in California; Elsie and Linda are single. Tom Baldridge married Bertha Pelphrey. One son is John Henry Baldridge.


Henry Stephens, Squire, married first Fanny Hicks, July 29, 1886. They had seven children: Alexander Stephens married Emma Johnson, November 23, 1904; Hiram married Della Flannery, November 15, 1906, and had no children; Charles married Cynthia May, February 18, 1920, and to them was born one daughter and upon the death of Cynthia, Charles remarried Catherine Weiss and they were the parents of one daughter; John C. married Lora Keathley and they had one daughter; Bob married Minnie Bradley; George married Betty Stephens; and Grace married William Bradley.

Children of Alexander Stephens and Emma Johnson are: Betty, married Edward Hunter; Mary, married; Grace, married Homer Ousley; Bertha, married Henry Ousley; Henry, married Gracie Hughes and later Maude Igoe; William married Verginda Patrick; Nola married Isaac Stumbo; Dora, married Jake Bradley; Julia, married Joe Hunter. Dora Stephens daughter of Dr. Charles and Cynthia May Stephens, married Otto Elam. Johnnie B. Stephens, daughter of John C. and Lora Keathley Stephens married Carmel Osborne and later George Barnett. Children of Bob and Minnie Bradley Stephens were: Fannie, married Curtis Pitts; Ferdinand, Thelma, Claude, and LeRoy. Children of George and Betty Stephens are: Lillian, died infant; Andrew married Evelyn Akers; Virginia married James R. Belden; George, married Mary Lee Harkey; and Margaret, married Harold Lockwood.

One child of Grace Stephens Bradley and William Bradley is Ada Bradley who married Rhomer Osborne. Ada Bradley was reared by Hiram Stephens and his wife, Della Flannery Stephens, as was Dora Stephens, daughter of Charles and Cynthia May Stephens, also Ferdinand, son of Bob Stephens and Minnie Bradley Stephens.

Children of Bob and Minnie Bradley Stephens were: Fannie, married Curtis Pitts; Ferdinand, Thelma, Claude, and LeRoy. Children of George and Betty Stephens are: Lillian, died infant; Andrew married Evelyn Akers; Virginia married James R. Belden; George, married Mary Lee Harkey; and Margaret, married Harold Lockwood.

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Henry Stephens (Squire) married second to Alice Risner and they had nine children: Jay Stephens married Stella Calhoun, no children. Albert Stephens, unmarried. William (Bill) Stephens, unmarried, killed on the island of Luzon, in the Philippines, in World War II; Harrison Stephens married Clara Howard. One child of Harrison is
Eddie. Frank Stephens married Goldie Howard and they are the parents of a daughter, Wanda; Julia married Joe Helton, are the parents of four children - Annie Grace, Hazel, Franklin D., and Lilia Mae married Curt Mosley. Lillie Stephens married E.J. Wright, who was killed on Spurlock and she remarried to Carson Hackworth and they are the parents of a daughter, Juanita. Lillie Stephens married third to Willie Salisbury. Marie Stephens married Hobart Pitts and have two children - John K., a teacher who is single, and Alice, who married Curtis Ousley. Peggy Stephens died in infancy.

Darcus (Duck) Stephens married Daniel Wicker, January 7, 1873. They were the parents of 12 children. Mark Wicker married Phoebe Keathley and their children were: Sarah married Dr. Russell L. Hall, of Wheelwright; Claude, Isaac, Carl and Edward.

Will Wicker married Minnie Tackett and their children were Bardell, Opal, Ortha Clarice, Kenneth, Orville, Cephas and Quinnion. George Wicker married Lissie Triplett and were the parents of five children: Lawrence, Kenneth, Grace, Ted and Nancy. The last two named are twins.

Cleophas Wicker married Maggie Patrick and were the parents of 15 children: Wilson married Thornsbury; Gladys married Curt Hurt; Virgil married Sylvia Bentley; Opal married Moore; Marie, Imal, Jean, Dan, Bobby, Wendell, Rondal, Ed, Curt, Bert, Willard who died infant. Cephas Wicker married Zonie Keathley, had one son, William. Cynthia Wicker married Calloway Chafins and were the parents of eight children: Valice married Lizzie Hall; Cornelius married Vernie Martin; Grover and Robert died young; Alpha, unmarried; Pharis married Madge Napier; Johnny married Nora Terry; and Julius, unmarried.

Mary Wicker married Coge Parsons. Seven children are Calvin, Pierce, Ora, Alice, Kelse, Belle, and Imogene. Mousie Wicker died infant.

Myrtle Wicker married Elihu Triplett. Seven children are: Marie married Mickie Hicks; Irene married Ernest Stiles; Arnold married Betty Brown; Ivory, Clyde, Paul and Phil are single.


Julia Wicker married Robert Wicker and are parents of four children: Annie married Dave Wicker; Perry married Geneive Parker; Harry married Lora Sparkman; Bernie married Gladys Parker.

Virgie Wicker married Robert Martin and are parents of seven children: Colie died young; Minnie married Curt Triplett; Hager married Mabel Watts; Flossie married Quentin Quirkhill; Elmer married Gamble; Henry and Mitchell.

Florence (Sissy) Stephens married Jim Bradley, December 25, 1867. They had nine children: Harris married Rhoda Flannery and were the parents of ten children; Eva married Taylor Prater; Bertha married Claude Allen; Dona married Willard Ballard;
Ada married Clyde Allen; Adam married Bessie Patton; Will married Marie Salisbury; Margaret married Ray Edward; Obra J. married Joe Vargo; Laudy married Roger Stevens

Hiram Bradley married Florence Stephens and had nine children: James died young; Minnie married Arlie Nabit and later Paul Pope; Cynthia married Elbertson Bentley; Taylor married Dora Howard; Joe married Pearlie Stephens; Charles married Martha Frasure, Eli married Dollie Castle; Nola married Willie Bentley; and Clint married Grace Allen.

Samuel Bradley married Dora Ousley. One child was Annie, married Goble Wireman.

Sarah Bradley married Bill Shepherd and are the parents of five children: Katherine married Beecher Shepherd; Betty married John Allen; Oliver, Claude, and Bertha.

Mousie Bradley married Lee Risner. Nine children are Harris, never married; Manis married Clara Adkins; Jim married Melba Prater; Opal married Claude Sturgill; Eva married Gordon Tussey; Rhoda married Cephas Ousley; Josie married Leonard Ousley; Lorene, not remarried; McIntyre married Virginia Adkins, Poppy Bradley married A. L. (Hall) Flannery. Ten children were Felix married Hazel Sammons; Nora married Robert Barnett; Tavis married Bertha Click; Maude married Linville Higgins; John married Elizabeth Barnett; Phillip married Della Parrott; Robert married Myrtle Frazier; Nola; Annie married Kelly Dingus; one died infant. Lula, Elias and James Bradley died young.

Minerva Stephens married Alexander Hamilton. They had six children. Mary married Gnat Anderson and had seven children: Alex married Osborne; Carrie, not married; Arthur married Irene Keel; John married Bess DeRossette; Jarvis, not married; Dora married Bennie Hurd; Rhoda married Levi Ousley.


Stephen Hamilton married Minerva Fitzpatrick. Five children were Stephen married Sarah Thornsbury; Bennie married Maggie Miller; Annie married Ira Brookover; Cynthia married Oran Huddleston and upon her death he married Julia Hamilton. Tandy (Tan) married Phoebe Hyden. One child is Alex, married Virgie Poe.

THE STEPHENS FAMILY

The William D. Stephens and Rebecca Bradley Stephens line.

Compiled by Henry Stephens and his son, Edgar P. Stephens.
Patton Stephens, married Rebecca Bradley, November 3, 1857. To this union were born 11 children.

Susan Stephens married Felix J. May, December 22, 1891. Their children William D. Stephens, one of the 16 children of Samuel and Florence were Monna, died infant; Lula married Earl Webb, and they are the parents of three children; Edna married Thural Click; Thomas married Gertrude Goble; Claude married Helen Salisbury; Lillian May married Frank May and they are the parents of three children; Lucille married Jack Ryan; Opal married Earl Martin. Viola May married William A. Stewart and they are the parents of eight children; Roger married Mildred Begley; William married Miram Byrd; Ogen married Thelma Branham; Emma married J. Talant; Ed married Shirley Salisbury; Joyce Frank P. Stewart; Berman died at age 10; Beryl married James A. Dixon; Minnie May married Leo Allen and they are the parents of seven children; Ines married Maltie Hall; Ida married Lowell Howard; Irene married Arnold Gayheart; Vivian, Chloe, Winform and Joe Ann; Willard May married Eula May Stephens and they are the parents of two children, Gordon not married; Evelyn married to George L. Stephens and Earl Edsel Moore; John May married Trilby Allen and they are the parents of three children, Roy May, single, and Ann and Loretta are married but names of husbands are not available; Claude May, single; Ethel May married Wayne Ratliff and they are the parents of two children, Phyllis and Wendel.

Samuel Stephens married Mary Hale. They are the parents of nine children. Darcus Stephens married Everett Jennings and they were the parents of one child, Mary, and she married first, Forest Halbert, and they had one child and later married William Boring; Anna Stephens married Arthur Parnell and they are the parents of three children, Marie, William, and Arthur, Jr. Bertha Stephens married Arthur Whitaker and they are the parents of seven children, Beriah, Ruby, Harry (dead), Ted, Henry, Mary married Elmo Bryant, and Arthur, Jr. Lillian Stephens married Elige Williams and they are the parents of four children, Elige, Jr., Mary, Jo Ann, and Eula Mae; Viola Stephens married Webster Davis and they have no children; Beriah Stephens married Ocie Whitaker and they are the parents of four children - Samuel, Ralph, Janice and Lillian; Fred Stephens married Verbena Joseph and they have one son, who married Joanne Prater.

William Stephens married Pansy Philpott and they have one son, Morris, and later William married Sarah _____; Nora Stephens, never married, was shot by Tom Shepherd, and bled to death. He was her uncle. All of Sam Stephens' children married first in Missouri except Beriah and this line lives mostly in Webster county in that state. William and Fred are retired Army officers.

Isaac Newton Stephens married Ann Flannery April 4, 1893. They had seven children. William married Sally Harmon, and they are the parents of two children - Julia Ann married Samuel Hale and Mary A. married Edgar Herald; Alex Stephens married Delphia Robinson and they have one daughter, Sally, not married. Susan Stephens married James Hale, May 20, 1914, and they had four sons, Samuel married Julia A. Stephens; Henry Hale married Katherine Mead; and later Winifred Osborne; Edgar Hale married Barbara Howard; Thomas Hale died young.

Ella Stephens married Will Barnett, May 21, 1914, and they are the parents of 11 children. James married Mary Alka Buckley and later Virginia Ousley; Polkie married Sanford Ousley and later Raymond Fraley; Nelson married Virginia Vaughan; Polly
married Hershel Lester; Alice married Gene Wright; William married Imogene Ousley; Darcus married Buck Wright; Ralph, Barnett, Halley, Alkie, and Alvin single. Polly Stephens married Lewis Dingus and they were the parents of two children, Mark died at age of three years and Ruth married Charles McDavid. Willard Stephens married Darcus Hale and upon her death married Lillian Hale, and they have one child, Billie. Walker Stephens died at age 21, never married.

Dolly Stephens married Pharis Crisp and they are the parents of nine children. Mona Crisp first married William Brickley and they had two children; Lucy married E.C. Peters and William B. Crisp married Dixie Holbrook, and later Mona married Ezra Mayo and they had no children.

Mazie Crisp married Joe Hughes, and they are the parents of six children. William married Betty Hovertter; Jo Ann married James McGauley; Fred, Maggie, Hilman and Ernest, single. Zola Crisp married G.C. Compton of Rochester, New York, and they are the parents of 11 children; Shirley married Ed McClellan; Pharis, single; Bessie married Demp Morelock; Sevier married Dorothy _____; Cecil married Carrie Campbell; Russell single; Daisy married T.C. Green; Gear, Nell, John, David single. Lora Crisp married Joe Skeens of Cleveland, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children, Harold and John T. and they are both married and live in Cleveland; Arthur Crisp married Emma Lou England and they are the parents of five children, Nola, Patty. Francis and Sherman, single; Russell Crisp married Audrey McClellan and they are the parents of two children. Ronald and Uhlan, single; Shirley Crisp married Beatrice _____; of California, no children; Millie Crisp, not married, and Tracy Crisp died in infancy. Elizabeth Stephens married Alexander Allen, August 15, 1884, and they were the parents of eight children.

Flora Allen married Arthur Whitaker and they were the parents of one boy, Alex, no married. Annie Allen married Oscar Richardson, and they were the parents of one child, which died in infancy. Rebecca Allen married Roland D. Shepherd and no children were born to this union; Albert Allen, never married; John Allen married Lissie Fitzpatrick, and they are the parents of three children, Alice married Rex Gayheart, Dewy _____; and Jim married Daisy Shepherd, no children; Isaac Allen married Mollie Salyers; Edward Allen married Goldie Parrott, and they are the parents of one daughter, Viola, who married Bill Henry Stephens.

Polly Stephens married Jack Patton, March 3, 1905. They are the parents of three children; Janet married Reb Hall; Alex Patton not married; Patricia adopted daughter, not married; Felix Patton married Maltie Ratliff, and they are the parents of four children, Jack, Janis, Patricia, and Georgia, all single. Clinton Patton married Gladys Ratliff, and they are the parents of eight children, Mary married Allen Bentley; Betty, Delores, Elmer, Robert, Clint, Otis, and William, single.

Florence Stephens married Hiram Bradley and they were the parents of nine children. Minnie Bradley married Arlie Nabit and later Paul Pople, with no children born to either union. Cynthia Bradley married Elbertson Bentley, and to this union eight children were born. Florence died in infancy; Roy, Lynn, Fay, Susan, Raleigh, Elbert, Jr., and Rondel, single; Taylor Bradley married Dora Howard, and they are the parents of eight children; Ethel married Gordon Slone, Naomi married _____ Warrens; Charlene married _____ Hicks; Alton, Rayburn, Edgil, Bill T., and Caroline single; Joe Bradley married Pearlie Stephens and they are the parents of 14 children. Clifford married Silva Lafferty, Zadie married Ollie Ratliff; Gorma married Lula Ratliff; Harlan married Helen Decini; Ruth married Arnold Moore; Louise married Lawrence


Alexander Stephens married Angie Harmon. Three children were Frank, died in infancy; Josie married _____ Stamper; and Annie. Darcus Stephens married Starling Gibson, March 7, 1903. One child died in infancy. Cynthia Stephens married Wesley Ratliff, January 22, 1880; they had five children - S.M. (Dock) married Sarah Ousley, no children; Alexander married Julia Ousley, no children; William and Flora died young of typhoid; Grant married Judy Bradley and they have eight children - Taylor, Alex, Troy, Russell, Grace, Rose, Dorothy and Norma, all married and live in Greenup county. Cynthia later married Ned Ousley and they had two daughters - Norsie married Fair Hicks and they had nine children; Orville married _____ Hicks; George married Marie Ousley, Daniel, John, married in Ohio. Dorsie married Jerry Saunders; Dawsie; and two others names not known, single; Dorsie one of the daughters of Cynthia married George Hamilton, had no children.