

Sessions: 1884 Letters and a Bible Record

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Materials for a History of the Sessions Family in America: The Descendants of Alexander Sessions of Andover Massachusetts, 1669; Francis Charles Sessions, 1890.

In the latter part of his life, Francis Charles Sessions (1820-1892) gathered extensive materials related to the Sessions family. They were eventually compiled for his history of the Sessions family. The book includes several letters written in 1884 by Charles Edward 'Charley' Sessions to Francis Charles Sessions that give clues to the Sessions families in Mississippi. Charley Sessions also provided the family historian with two Bible accounts from his family; rich resources.

C. E. SESSIONS TO F. C. SESSIONS. ARKANSAS CITY, ARK., March 28, 1884.

DEAR SIR - I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing you upon the subject. Being desirous of obtaining, if possible, the family tree on my father's side, I thought you could give me some information. My grandfather, Richard Sessions, and Joseph Sessions, moved from North Carolina to Natchez, Miss., where my grandfather became a planter, and my great-uncle, Joseph Sessions, with others, established the first bank in the State of Mississippi. My father moved to this State in 1843, and from here he moved to Jacksonville, Ill., where he now resides. He says he had relations who moved to Ohio and New York State, but could not give me any information in regard to them. Having heard of you several times, through parties I hope you will not consider it impertinence on my part in writing to you, and if you can give me any information you will do so, as to where your family were from, and also the address of any of the family who are now living in New York.

CHARLES E. SESSIONS TO F. C. SESSIONS. JACKSONVILLE, III., May 19, 1884.

MY DEAR SIR - Some time since your kind letter was received, and I should have replied sooner, but have been trying to gain all the light on the subject of our ancestors that I could. I have made a rough sketch of a family tree as far back as my great grandfather, who was from North Carolina, and send it to you. My father's cousin, Miss Eliza Sessions of Philadelphia, has traced our family back to France, our family being descendants of one of the leaders of the crusaders. I will get a copy of the genealogical tree from her and send it to you and suppose it will give us all the light upon the subject we will wish. If we do not succeed in tracing up our relationship, I am glad to have made your acquaintance, and hope we will have the pleasure of meeting. I am on a short visit to my father's, he having moved north to educate his children. I am delighted with the country, and if I can find employment will locate in the north. Cotton planting, which has been my profession for several years, has become so unprofitable that I desire to abandon it, as we are overflowed every season. Our whole country was still under water when I left it three weeks ago, with but little prospect for a crop this season.

C. E. SESSIONS TO F. C. SESSIONS. JACKSONVILLE, III., May 25, 1884.

MY DEAR SIR - Herewith find enclosed the printed matter you so kindly sent me to read. It was a source of great pleasure to my father and I to read it. Father says he would be delighted should you ever come to Jacksonville to have you visit him. He is now sixty-eight years of age, but holds his age remarkably well. I noted your correspondence with cousin James P. Sessions, who now lives in Lexington, Miss. Mr. Daniel H. Sessions, my uncle, lives at Australia, Bolivar co., Miss.; he and my father are the only two children of my grandfather now living. The wife of uncle Joseph lives in Natchez, Miss.; his sons John G. and Richard are planters in Washington co., Miss., P. O. Glenallen.- One of his daughters, Susie G., married a Mr. Geo. McConnell, a planter in same county, P. O. Leota, Miss. The oldest child, a daughter, Annie, single, still lives with her mother, all in good circumstances.

My brothers, William A. and Horace W., are planting on the Arkansas river, P. O., Auburn, Lincoln co., Ark., both quite young and single men. My two younger brothers are with my father; my sister, Mrs. Walker's home, is at Wrightsville, Pulaski co., Ark., on the Little Rock & Arkansas City R. R. There are no professional men in any of our families, all having chosen the occupation of our fathers. You will find enclosed the births, marriages and deaths in my grandfather's family as copied from his old family Bible, also of my father's family up to date. I leave for the west sometime during the early part of next month, with the view of locating, as I find wages very small here and employment hard to obtain. My family will remain with my father until fall.

P. S.-My father's name is Richard K [R]. I noticed in one of the pieces you sent me that you had written a book on your travels in the Old World; please let me know the name of it, as I would like to procure it and read it.

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES.

Richard Sessions married Nancy Cordill February 12, 1804.

William B. Sessions married Susannah Bisland December 23, 1830.

Joseph W. Sessions married Maria C. Galispie May 18, 1847.

Daniel Helon Sessions married Theodosie P. Taylor December 8, 1853.

Richard Richardson Sessions married Mary Francis Gibson May 18, 1853.

Ann Maria Sessions married George Kellogg of New York State in year 1827, do not know the month.

Malinda Sessions married William Alexander February 27, 1823.

Catharine Sessions married Simpson H. Holmes February 6, 1833.

Catharine S. Holmes married Archibald Goodlove in 1840, do not know the month.

BIRTHS.

Ann Maria Sessions, born January 31, 1805.

Melinda Sessions, born August 11, 1806.

William B. Sessions, born January 16, 1808.

Joseph W. Sessions, born August 25, 1809.

Catharine Sessions, born November 22, 1812.

A. Jackson Sessions, born November 2, 1814.
Richard Richardson Sessions, born March 27, 1816.
Charles R. Sessions, born September 13, 1817.
Daniel H. Sessions, born February 8, 1819.

Richard Sessions, born July 5, 1779. Nancy C. Sessions, born July 5, 1789; my grandfather and grandmother.

Sarah Elizabeth Sessions, born March 3, 1824.
Mary R. Alexander, born April 8, 1824.
Theodore S. Alexander, born September 5, 1825.
Elizabeth Dunbar Holmes, born August 17, 1834.
Laura Ann Kellogg, born October 14, 1831.
Amelia Kellogg, born August 30, 1834.
Peter R. Sessions, born April 10, 1837.

The above copied from my grandfather's old family Bible, which I find my father has. Though my father's marriage is in the above, I will give also copy from our family Bible.

MARRIAGES.

In St. Louis county, Mo., Richard R. Sessions to Mary F. Gibson, May 18, 1853.
In Lake Village, Ark., Charles E. Sessions to Mamie J. Hutchins of Natchez, Miss., September 12, 1878.
Harry Walker of Columbus, Ark., to Lulu B. Sessions of Jacksonville, Ill., May 6, 1884.

BIRTHS.

Richard R. Sessions, born in Adams co., Miss. March 27, 1816.
Mary F. Gibson, born in Franklin, St. Mary's parish, La., September 12, 1831.
Charles E. Sessions, born in Chicot co., Ark., March 25, 1854.
John G. Sessions, born in St. Louis co., Mo., July 25, 1855.
Louisa B. Sessions, born in Chicot co., Ark., November 21, 1856.
James G. Sessions, born in St. Louis co., Mo., August 2, 1859.
William A. Sessions, born in Chicot co., Ark., June 26, 1861.
Horace Walworth Sessions, born in St. Louis co., Mo., April 3, 1864.
Frances D. Sessions, born in Chicot co., Ark., August 10, 1866.
French K. Sessions, born in Chicot co., Ark., February 23, 1868.
Arthur Lee Sessions, born in Chicot co., Ark., April 29, 1870.

These are my children.

Richard Mackie Sessions, born in Chicot co., Ark., October 8, 1880.
J. Aubin Arent Sessions, b. in Chicot co., Ark. May 27, 1882.

DEATHS.

Died, John G. Sessions, October 7, 1856, in Chicot co., Ark.

Died, James G. Sessions, July 17, 1862, in Chicot co., Ark.

Died, Arthur L. Sessions, October 19. 1882, in Jacksonville, Ill.

DEATHS COPIED FROM MY GRANDFATHER'S OLD FAMILY BIBLE.

Sarah Elizabeth, died May 17, 1824.

Malinda Alexander, died February 17, 1833.

Andrew Jackson, died September 3, 1836.

Simpson H. Holmes, died October 4, 1835.

Ann M. Kellogg, died July 24, 1839.

George Kellogg, died March 19, 1840.

Nancy C. Sessions died July 20, 1839, in Kentucky.

Richard Sessions, died October 3, 1824.

William B. Sessions, died September 5, 1853.

Joseph W. Sessions, died on steamship "United States," en route for New York from New Orleans, and was buried at sea June 8, 1870.

Catharine Goodlaw, died April 28, 1861, in Lexington, Ky.

Peter R. Sessions, died October 17, 1872, son of William B. Sessions, and only heir.

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