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THE NEECE FAMILY

The Neece family came to America probably in the early to mid 1700s. Like most families, they more than likely entered this country through Philadelphia in 1731. By that time, they would have found very little good land left in the area and would have headed south down the *Great Philadelphia Wagon Route* along the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Some researchers feel that the family was originally from the Palatinate Region of Germany. The original German spelling of the name would have been more likely NEHS or NEAS, which pronounce as Neece. I have found spellings ranging from Nease to Nees and most everything in between.

Several other researchers feel the family was always spelled Neece and that they came from Ireland or England. Based on the history of other early Neese or Neece families and the fact they never used German first names or joined German churches, lends support to this line.

I have found records of an early Nehs Family in Shenandoah County Virginia in the late 1780s. Another researcher, Fred Reed of Midland, Texas has uncovered transcripts made from the original church books written in German for a Lutheran Church in Greene County, Tennessee containing a great deal of information on this family. A Johannes Nehs states he was born on January 8, 1757 in Shenandoah County, Virginia and that his father was Michael Nehs. It doesn't state whether or not Michael Nehs was the immigrant from Germany or whether he was born here. The families then moved further southwest into eastern Tennessee in what is now Greene County. Records of this family continue in Greene County well into the 1800s. In 2018 Jeffrey Nase called me and through DNA he is related to this family and it was the one that came into Philadelphia in 1731. Bad news is that our John doesn't tie into this family.

There was also a Peter Neece in Granville County, North Carolina in the 1790 census, his father Martin Neece was in the Revolution. There was a Neece family in the uplands of South Carolina in the Revolutionary days. The original settlers of Tennessee came from these areas in the years after the American Revolution beginning in the mid 1780s. Perhaps one of these families were ancestors or relatives of our Neece family.

Currently the best bet seems to be a Neece/Nease family that came from Washington County, Virginia. That part of Washington County is now Russell County and lies about 30 miles up-river from Jefferson County, Tennessee where our first proven ancestor, John Neece, was married in 1800.

A researcher has information on a family headed by Henry Neece who married Ann Bush in Washington County in southwestern Virginia just above the Tennessee border in about 1780. They had these children: Mary, John, James, Austin who married Melinda Allen, Virginia who married Nathan Noble, Jacob and Henry junior. All these children were fairly well documented with the exception of Mary and John. It turns out that our John Neece wasn't the same as the John Neece who was Henry's, based on the DNA. Our John Neece, does not match the other DNA. He was born in 1782 and simply appears in Jefferson County in northeastern Tennessee just below the Virginia border in the very late 1790s and marries Hulda Ellis in May of 1800.

The first proven ancestor in my Neece lineage is one John Neece. I will start this history with

him and his family.

JOHN NEECE

John Neece was born in about 1782 and probably in Virginia although no records exist.

Tennessee did not become a state until 1796. The very early settlers were to be found in the very northeastern portion near the Virginia and North Carolina borders. This was the area of Greene and Jefferson counties. Census records before 1820 were destroyed by the British during the War of 1812.

John Neece was in Tennessee fairly early, at least by the late 1790s, as he was married there in 1800. I mentioned earlier that there was another Nehs family in Greene County, Tennessee by this time. John Neece was in Jefferson County, Tennessee. Perhaps two families came down from Virginia about the same time, but I cannot tie them together.

The marriage records of Jefferson County, Tennessee lists the marriage of John Nees to Huldy Ellis on May 31, 1800. His wife, Hulda Ellis Neece, lists her birthplace as being in Tennessee in 1786. Hulda was the daughter of James Ellis. What I know about the ELLIS FAMILY is covered in an upcoming section.

The first record of John Neece and his family in Lincoln County, Tennessee is a where he sold some of his land in 1814. He obviously had it prior to that time.

The earliest remaining census was the 1820 one and it showed John and Hulda to be between 26 and 45, a male 18-26 (Robert), two males 10-16 (Ellis and William), 2 females 10-16 (Sarah and Polly), and 4 males and 2 females under the age of 10.

John Neece and his family lived in the northeastern portion of Lincoln County. There are numerous land transactions all through the 1820s and 1830s covering lands on or about Mulberry Creek. These lands are in the general area of the present day Bellville and Booneville in Tennessee.

John Neece must have died sometime in the late 1830s before the 1840 census as he does not appear in it. Hulda is listed as head of household at that reporting time. It is felt he is buried in an unmarked grave near others of his family in the Charity Church Cemetery some 3 miles north of Booneville, Tennessee.

In the 1840 Tennessee census, we find separate households for Hulda, Jesse, John junior and H. H. Neece. By 1840 Robert Neece is in Apple Creek Township (White Hall today) of Greene County, Illinois as is his brother William Neece who obviously went west with him.

In 1850 we have Hulda (now 63), and John junior the only remaining Neece families left in Lincoln County. I have a will of James Neece dated 1843. In it he mentions his mother Huldy, wife Martha and guardian Jesse Neece. It was also witnessed by Hardy H. Neece. There was also a 1847 will for Jesse Neece mentioning his wife Sarah Jane Neece. She appears in the 1850 census as head of that household.

Sometime in the late 1830s, Ellis Neece traveled west to establish a new Baptist Church in Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri. His mother, Hulda, joined him later and she died in

Lawrence, Missouri in November of 1861 and is buried there in the Buck Prairie Cemetery.

The following is what I know about the fourteen children of John and Hulda Neece.

Robert Neece

Robert Neece was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee on March 25th, 1801. He was the eldest child of John and Hulda Ellis Neece. He moved with his family to Lincoln County when he was about ten years old.

In about 1821, Robert married Penninah Weaver in Lincoln County, Tennessee. Nina was the daughter of Craven and Winnifred Weaver.

The **WEAVER FAMILY HISTORY** is contained in the following section of this addendum.

Late in 1829 or early in the year 1830, Robert, Nina and their first five children left for new lands in Illinois. They were joined by the families of his brother, William Neece and in-laws James Chinn and Jacob Godwin. They all settled on adjacent properties in Greene County near Belltown, Illinois.

Robert appeared on the 1829 tax list in Tennessee, and was carried on the Illinois census in 1830. The move took place between these two time periods.

Robert and Penninah remained in Greene County for the rest of their lives. The remaining six of their eleven children were born there. He was a farmer.

His brother William Neece and his family had accompanied them on their trip west. The two families lived near each other in northwest Greene County.

Robert Neece died just short of his 50th birthday on January 13, 1851. Penninah lived another thirty years and died on March 21, 1881. Both are buried at the High Street Cemetery in White Hall, Illinois.

The following is what I know about the eleven children of Robert and Penninah Neece.

ELIZABETH ADELIN NEECE was the first born child. She was born December 25, 1822. On June 17, 1838 she married Josiah Jones in Belltown, Greene County, Illinois. These were my mother's great grandparents. Their lives are told in the main body of this **JONES FAMILY HISTORY**. Their children were:

John Jones born December 11, 1839. He married Minerva Eve Patterson on April 15, 1865 in Greene County. He died December 21, 1928.

Robert Jones born in 1843. He died at the battle of Shiloh, Tennessee on April 6, 1862.

Elizabeth Jane Jones born in 1848. Jennie married William Seeley about 1866. She died in Alsea, Oregon March 19, 1898.

Cullen Jones born in 1852. He married Sarah E. Silkwood on June 24, 1879. He too died in Alsea, Oregon on September 7, 1903.

Frances Jones born in December 1862 and died September 11, 1863.

CINCINNATI CAROLINE NEECE was born about 1824 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

She married Luther Emory in Greene County on February 17, 1840.

ELIZA ANN NEECE was born November 3, 1825. She married George Washington Crayne in Greene County on April 14, 1841. He was a farmer, born April 3, 1823 in Virginia, and they lived near Athensville, Macoupin County, Illinois all their lives. She died in Macoupin County on November 3, (?) 1895. George died there April 13, 1841. Their children were:

Robert H. Crayne born in 1842.

Ranson M. Crayne born in 1846.

George H. Crayne born in 1849.

Jesse Jasper Crayne born January 8, 1854 and died in Kansas City, Missouri September 11, 1926. He married Mary Ellen Gilstrap on January 12, 1873.

WILLIAM MARION NEECE was born March 23, 1826 in Tennessee. He married Ann Marian Warren in Greene County on September 10, 1845. He was listed as a 'renter' in White Hall in the 1879 History of Greene County. He died about 1827-1828. They had these children:

Lawrence Neece born August 10, 1846.

Sylvester Neece born October 17, 1848.

Robert N. Neece born April 4, 1851 and died in St. Louis November 12, 1916. He married Susan P. Denault on May 29, 1872. They had two daughters.

Cornelia Neece born October 6, 1853 and died October 8, 1900. She married an Atterley.

Norman Neece born March 29, 1858.

James Neece born July 2, 1862.

Hugh J. Neece born February 12, 1856 and died July 8, 1876.

ALFRED WALKER NEECE was the last child born in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He was born on December 9, 1828. He married Margaret (Marjarey) Malissa Allen in Greene County on September 10, 1845. Margaret was born June 12, 1829 and was a daughter of William Allen and Mary Pinkerton. Alfred served in C Company of the 1st Illinois Regular Volunteers in the Mexican War. The men of Greene County signed on for service in June of 1846 and on July 19th left for Mexico. They fought at the Battle of Buena Vista and other battles and returned in 1848. Alfred later moved to Christian County, Illinois where he remained until his death on July 24, 1905. Margaret had died in Macoupin County, Illinois on December 31, 1872. Their children were:

Mary C. Neece born June 6, 1850 and died March 9, 1934. She married John M. Spires on February 22, 1866.

Julia Ann Neece born July 18, 1852 and died in St. Louis on May 8, 1936. She married James W. Murray in Sangamon County, Illinois on July 28, 1870.

Harriet Jane Neece born August 18, 1855. She was the first child born in Morgan County, Illinois. She died November 17, 1905.

Lou Neece born April 17, 1857 and died February 23, 1936. Now this is very interesting. I initially had this person as a Louise Neece born April 17, 1857 and died February 23, 1863. Then, I came in contact with a descendent who informed me Lou was a guy, his great grandfather. It seems Lou took off to make his living as a magician and felt his name wasn't right for the job, so he changed it to George John Van de Houten. He later moved to Chicago and opened an auto parts and supply store. At any rate, he married Esther Davey in Chicago in 1882. She was born in Bristol, England

November 23, 2859 and died in Chicago December 5, 1935.

Emma Neece born September 18, 1860 and died August 20, 1910. She married Joseph Hale.

Edward Neece born in Morgan County on April 19, 1864 and died in Christian County, Illinois on December 29, 1948. He married Louisa C. Engel on May 25, 1880.

Lee Neece a son born September 1, 1866. He married Marguerite Roe in Morgan County on November 2, 1887. She died February 22, 1890. He then married Maggie Westbrook Estes. He died December 13, 1945. Maggie died August 19, 1960. They had:

Dwight Dacy Neece born August 15, 1888 and married Pearl Mills.

Howard Neece born February 22, 1890.

Fred Neece born May 18, 1870 and died May 27, 1921. He married a Woodward girl.

Carrie Neece born June 15, 1872 and died April 2, 1904. She married Samuel Woodward.

JAMES NEECE was the first born in Illinois on September 28, 1830. He married Alice Wells in Greene County on August 1, 1850. Alice is one of Robert Wells daughters from North Carolina. She was born February 25, 1880. James and Alice later moved to Newton Co, Missouri. Their children were:

Robert V. Neece born August 18, 1852 and died June 22, 1936. He married Margaret Jones Stevens on March 28, 1875. She was born in Monroe County, Kentucky January 5, 1852 and died in Greene County on March 23, 1936.

Permelia or Peninah Neece born September 17, 1855. She married George Morehead.

Arnetta Neece born and died in 1857

Sarah E. Neece born in about 1859. She married Stephen Edward Ferrel in 1877.

ROBERT NEWTON NEECE was born in 1833 in Belltown He was married twice. First to Sarah Allen on July 15, 1852. She died December 26, 1856. He then married Sophia Jane Wilkenson on December 3, 1857 in Greene County, Illinois. He died on July 19, 1860 and is buried in Patterson, Illinois. The one child was:

Millie E. Neece born September 1858, and married Andrew J. Martin in 1874.

MADISON CURRY NEECE was born on September 18, 1833. On January 4, 1855 he married Ann Swindon in Greene County. They remained there the rest of their lives. He died on March 21, 1915. Their children were:

Mary E. Neece born about 1858.

Sarah Etta Neece born December 2, 1857, and married Joseph Burrows in 1882.

Edward N. Neece

JOHN C. NEECE was born in about 1836. He married Elizabeth Graves in Greene County on March 20, 1856.

JESSE HOPWOOD NEECE was born in 1838. He married Julia Talkington and they moved a few miles north into Macoupin County, Illinois. She died there in 1896 and he died on April 24, 1907. Their two children were:

Minnie Neece born January 15, 1866 and died January 8, 1934 in Morgan County, Illinois. She married William A. Barrow November 8, 1909. He died June 6, 1932.

Willie Neece born about 1868 and died August 16, 1872.

PENINA JANE NEECE was born on January 6, 1841 in Greene County. She was married three times. First to Louis Hahn on December 31, 1857, then to Samuel Brown Hart on November 4, 1862. Both these marriages were in Sangamon County. After Sam's death, on July 23, 1884, she married Charnock W. Self in Hamilton, Illinois on August 23, 1887. Penina died in Keokuk County, Iowa on June 10, 1916 and is buried in the Oakland Cemetery. Her only child was:

Otis Samuel Hart born June 11, 1875 and died in Los Angeles June 16, 1949. He married Mary Josephine Anderson on October 22, 1915

Ellis Neece

Ellis Neece was born October 2, 1802(3). He was married twice. First in Lincoln County, Tennessee to Mary Ann Hale in 1824. Ann was born in Virginia March 7, 1807. They moved to Lawrence County, Missouri in about 1838. He was a preacher, and established the Baptist church in Aurora, Missouri.

Ann died in Lawrence County on December 20, 1867. Ellis remarried there on May 3, 1868 to Mary Long. Ellis died in Lawrence County, Missouri on June 21, 1882 and is buried in the Buck Prairie Cemetery along with his mother, Hulda. Ellis and Ann had fourteen children:

JOHN NEECE born March 17, 1825 in Lincoln County, Tennessee and died in Lawrence County, Missouri on February 1, 1892. He married Margaret Stuard or Stewart in Lawrence County on March 22, 1849. Margaret was born in Tennessee on April 4, 1831 and she died in Lawrence County, Missouri on September 6, 1915. John died there February 1, 1892. Their children were:

Louisa Neece born in 1851.

Robert Neece born in 1853.

Wright W. Neece born in August 1854 and died in April 1915. His wife was Flora Amanda.

Ira N. Neece born in 1857.

John Newton Neece born in 1858 and died December 15, 1929. His wife was Sarah E.

Nancy M. Neece born March 4, 1861 and died October 29, 1900. She married Abraham Lemaster December 21, 1876.

Irene (Arena) Neece born February 1864 and died in Oklahoma in June 1904. She married James H. Combs in Lawrence County on November 8, 1895.

Henry Sheridan Neece was born December 31, 1868 and died January 5, 1926. He was blind and never married.

Sophia Elizabeth Neece born in 1871 and died in 1957. She married W. Preston Sullivan.

Lewis H. Neece born in 1872 and died at age nineteen.

SOPHIA NEECE born April 17, 1826 and died in Aurora, Missouri in 1906. She married Daniel Jones in Barry County, Missouri on November 30, 1841. Daniel was born in Tennessee on October 5, 1817 and died in Searcy County, Missouri on March 17, 1904. They had these children:

Nancy Ann Jones born September 11, 1842. She married Felix G. Gardner on

September 25, 1859 in Lawrence County, Missouri.

Rebecca Jones born October 16, 1844. She married Thomas R. Akins on January 18, 1866.

Hulda E. Jones born December 26, 1846. She married Thomas W. Laird.

Mary Jane Jones born December 11, 1848. She married W. R. King.

Ermine Jones born May 15, 1850. She married William Stone January 10, 1867.

Elissa Jones born April 27, 1852 and died February 27, 1853.

Susan Jones born January 18, 1854. She married Samuel Peter Moore on January 22, 1871.

George Jones born December 18, 1855.

Charlotte Jones born July 24, 1858 and died December 28, 1937. She married Aaron Lafe Rinker in Lawrence County on July 23, 1876.

Sarah G. Jones born September 18, 1860 and died September 3, 1862.

William Robert Jones born December 16, 1862 and died in 1946. He married Iantha Griffith. He married again after her death in 1915, but I do not have the second wife's name.

Albert L. Jones born May 5, 1865 and died in Tulsa February 26, 1947. He married Columbia Priscilla Pinion on June 1, 1890.

Alcy Evelyn Jones born January 6, 1868 and died in 1953. She married Wilber Wilson Harrington on July 8, 1887.

ROBERT E. NEECE was born in 1827 and died about 1860. I don't have anything else, sorry.

MAHULDA 'Huldah' NEECE born May 28, 1830 and died December 18, 1921. She married William C. Elsey in Lawrence County on July 4, 1852. William was born in December 1829 and died July 26, 1916 in Lawrence County, Missouri. They had ten children:

Ellis Elsey born in 1855.

Wrightman Elsey born in 1859.

John Elsey born May 14, 1861 and died July 26, 1882.

William Elsey born in 1862.

Levi Esey born in 1862, a twin of Bill.

Mattie Elsey born in 1866.

David Elsey born in 1868.

Ida Elsey born in 1870.

Anna Elsey born in 1870, another set of twins, I guess.

Jesse Elsey born in 1873.

HARRISON HOPWOOD NEECE was born in 1831 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He married Mary Magdeline Derric on January 20, 1853 in Lawrence County, Missouri. Their children were:

Clabourn Neece born about 1854.

Ellis Neece born about 1862.

John Neece born about 1865.

William S. Neece born about 1868.

CHARLOTTE TEMPLE NEECE born October 28, 1834. She married Jacob B. Wheat in Lawrence County on September 13, 1855. Jacob was born in Jefferson County, Indiana May 1, 1836 and died in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon December 10, 1910. Charlotte died

there as well on January 22, 1920. They had these children:

William W. Wheat born July 29, 1856 and died September 25, 1857.

Grenville S. Wheat born September 25, 1860 and died October 25, 1861.

Martha H. Wheat born August 8, 1864 and died in August 1865.

Henrietta 'May' Wheat born February 5, 1867. Finally, a child that made it. She married William Henry Rose on October 12, 1884, and died February 7, 1955.

Nathaniel P. Wheat born September 11, 1869 and died in Oregon February 13, 1921. He first married Ada Howard and later married Addie Williams.

Edwin Boone Wheat born March 9, 1875 and died July 15, 1951.

Don Carlos Wheat born February 23, 1881 in Oregon and died February 8, 1952.

PERMELIA NEECE born March 9, 1835 and died June 24, 1901 in Marionville, Missouri. She married Elliot B. Robinson in Lawrence County on September 30, 1855. Elliot was born April 26, 1823 and died May 29, 1901. They had five children in Lawrence County:

William Robinson born in 1857.

John Robinson born in 1859.

Alsir Robinson a son born in 1864.

Mary Robinson born in 1866.

Charles Robinson born in 1869.

NANCY NEECE born September 23, 1836 and died in Lawrence County on September 29, 1894. She married Neill Gist on August 30, 1855. Neill was born March 2, 1832 and died in Lawrence County on November 25, 1899. They had five children:

William E. Gist born June 23, 1857 and died in Ellis County, Texas. He married Jennie E. Clark December 19, 1886.

Mary Ann Gist born October 23, 1859. She married Peyton L. Dodson November 25, 1885 and died in Purdy, Barry County, Missouri on October 22, 1908 just avoiding yet another birthday party.

Sophia Jane Gist born August 18, 1861 and died in Ferndale, California in 1939. She married Monroe Conrad Russell on October 26, 1882.

Missouri F. Gist born February 26, 1863 and died in 1953 in Barry County, Missouri. She married George F. Hilton.

Julia E. Gist born August 24, 1866. She married James H. Hollar October 19, 1890. She died September 7, 1897 in Ridway, Ouray County, Colorado.

Margaret Gist born September 10, 1870. She married A. J. Cook in Barry County.

Nancy L. Gist born in 1873 and died in Carthage, Panola County, Texas. She married Ben Morton in Ellis County, Texas.

Noah Gist born August 29, 1875 and died February 4, 1900. He married Emma Leona Akin.

WILLIAM M. NEECE was born in Lawrence County, Missouri in 1839. He married Irena Clementine Moore. They moved to La Porte, Colorado. They had these children in 1870:

Grant Neece born in 1867.

James T. Neece born in 1869

G. SPENCER NEECE born August 28, 1841 and died May 6, 1860, all in Lawrence County, Missouri.

JANE ANN 'Alcy' NEECE born December 8, 1843 and died April 22, 1926. She married Levi Gibson Hillhouse in Lawrence County on December 6, 1866. Levi was born April 20, 1843 and died January 26, 1911. Their children were:

William Marion Hillhouse born September 15, 1867. His wife was Myrtle.

Nancy Ann Hillhouse born April 26, 1869 and died January 28, 1929. She married John McKinley.

Lida Jane Hillhouse born May 14, 1872 and died June 30, 1946. She married John Hudson Young on October 16, 1895. He was born March 22, 1871 and died May 10, 1938.

Minnie May Hillhouse born January 8, 1875. She married James Edward Turner September 27, 1893. He was born April 5, 1873 and died May 20, 1955. May died June 2, 1960.

Cora Florence Hillhouse born April 11, 1876 and died June 5, 1887.

James Hardy Hillhouse born June 22, 1879.

Hattie Lorena Hillhouse born July 2, 1880 and died April 27, 1973. She married Arthur Samuel Taylor December 20, 1911. He was born in 1874 and died in 1951.

Merritt Andrew Hillhouse born August 13, 1882 and died April 25, 1957. His wife was named Maud.

Robert Clinton Hillhouse born December 6, 1884 and died a week later on December 12.

ELIZABETH NEECE born March 22, 1846 and died March 7, 1926. She married John Wesley Smart in Lawrence County on October 14, 1865.

AMERICA B. NEECE born in 1849. She married Thomas B. Elsey in Lawrence County on December 27, 1863. Tom was born in 1844 and was a blacksmith. She died in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri in 1940. Their children were:

Albert B. Esley born in 1867.

Willie T. Esley born in 1868. He died in Tulsa.

Anna Mae Esley born June 2, 1870 and died in Aurora, Missouri September 26, 1948. She married William E. Sale(s).

Grant E. Esley born in 1873.

Edella Esley born in 1876.

Hammer Esley born in 1880.

C. L. Elsey died in Noblesville, Indiana.

R. N. Elsey

O. R. Elsey

SARAH E. NEECE born in 1852 and died September 28, 1935. She married James M. Askins in Lawrence County on October 3, 1869. He was born September 9, 1848 and died September 2, 1894. Their children were:

Anne Askins born in 1871.

Eddie F. Askins born August 9, 1872 and died March 14, 1895.

Ellis M. Askins born in 1877.

Cora L. Askins born October 18, 1879 and died December 4, 1897. She married Noah Whaley.

Sarah Neece

Sarah or Sally was born in late 1803 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. She married Jacob Goodwin in Lincoln County, Tennessee in about 1820. Jacob was born in South Carolina in 1792.

She went to Illinois with her family and remained in Belltown, Illinois all the rest of her life.

They had eleven children. The first five born in Lincoln County, Tennessee and the last six in Greene County, Illinois. They were:

A SON GOODWIN born in 1821.

NANCY GOODWIN born in 1823. She married John Bowman in Greene County November 4, 1845.

A DAUGHTER GOODWIN born in 1825.

A DAUGHTER GOODWIN born in 1827.

WILSON F. GOODWIN born in 1829 in Tennessee. He married Mary Ann Oakes on May 8, 1853 in Greene County.

MAHULDA J. GOODWIN born in Illinois March 19, 1834 and died August 26, 1853.

WILLIAM GOODWIN born in 1833.

NAOMA GOODWIN born in 1835.

EMILY JANE GOODWIN born in 1837.

ALEXANDER GOODWIN born in 1839.

ELIZABETH GOODWIN born in 1843.

William Neece

William Neece was born in about 1805. He married Sarah Weaver in Lincoln County in the late 1820s. Sarah was the sister of Peninnah Weaver who married Robert Neece. The WEAVER FAMILY HISTORY is included in a separate section.

William and Sarah accompanied Robert and Peninnah to Greene County, Illinois in 1830. They raised 10 children in Greene County. William died there in April of 1850. I do not know when Sarah died.

Their children were:

JOHN B. NEECE was born in Greene County in 1831. He married Julia Ann Oakes there on July 28, 1850. Julia died in Dallas County, Missouri April 18, 1879 and John died in Humbolt, Allen County, Kansas October 5, 1889. They had ten children, the last four being

born in Missouri:

William H. Neece born in 1851.

Sarah Jane Neece born in 1852.

George M. Neece born in 1859.

M. E. Neece a son born in 1862.

Louisa C. Neece a daughter born in 1864.

John C. Neece born in 1866.

Julia H. Neece born in 1868.

Andrew O. Neece born in 1870.

Harvey Willard Neece born in September 1873. He married Sarah E. Lopeman.

U. Ellen Neece born in 1876.

CRAVEN WEAVER NEECE was born in 1832, He married Rebecca C. Allen on October 29, 1851 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. The family moved to Greene County, Illinois in 1852. Craven died in Athensville, Greene County July 12, 1880. Rebecca later married William Whitlock in October 1885. Craven had eight children, all born in Illinois:

William Neece born October 10, 1853, and died in 1878.

Permilia Alice Neece born in 1854. She married Lewis Sheppard in 1876.

Laura Jane Neece born in 1857. She married Samuel J. Riggs in 1874.

James Oscar Neece born November 10, 1860. He married Marie Dena. He died in St. Clair County Illinois August 7, 1938.

Alice Neece born in 1860.

Ellis Ernest Neece born September 8, 1862. He married Lillie Stoddard.

Alfred Newton Neece born October 27, 1866. He married Ada Grace Call October 15, 1889. She was born in Scott County Illinois December 27, 1869 and died there in Roodhouse in April 1939. Alfred died in Roodhouse February 27, 1927. They had a son:

Hal Curtis Neece born in Roodhouse February 22, 1892 and died in St. Louis December 9, 1937. He married Lillian Marie Howden. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri July 6, 1892 and died there in July 1965. They had:

Harold Oscar Neece born July 3, 1914 in Missouri and died in Wellton, Yuma County Arizona February 19, 1991.

Charles Neece born in 1869.

JULIA NEECE was born in 1833.

ELLIS C. NEECE was born in 1834. He married Eveline Butler in Greene County on September 6, 1856.

JAMES W. NEECE was born in 1836. He married Mary Jane Nash on December 10, 1862.

ALFRED N. NEECE was born May 13, 1837 and he died March 12, 1905. He first married Matilda Wood and then married Rebecca Thurman in Greene County on October 6, 1859. Alfred and Rebecca had two children before she too died about 1863.

James Alfred Neece born July 22, 1860 and died six months later on December 25, 1860.

Rosa Belle Neece born December 12, 1861 and died in Montgomery County, Illinois on April 28, 1931. She married William A. McClenning on September 26, 1880 in Greene County. They had four children.

Alfred then married Emaline Amanda Woods on December 13, 1865. She was born October 1, 1835 and died September 30, 1905. She was a daughter of William Woods and Nancy Kline. They had four more children:

John Henry Neece born May 1, 1867 and died April 7, 1938. He married Eliza Viola Atchison on February 27, 1889.

Sarah Ellen Neece born March 8, 1870 and died August 14, 1918. She married Joshua Goolsby on December 13, 1891.

Charles E. Neece born January 1, 1874 and died October 14, 1874.

Harriet A. Neece born January 21, 1879 and died November 14, 1920. She married Charles O. Whiteside in Greene County on July 25, 1895.

SARAH C. NEECE was born in 1844 and died in 1905. She married William G. Leeper on January 1, 1857.

WILLIAM FRANCIS NEECE was born October 5, 1845 and died April 28, 1928. He married Julia Morrison.

ROBERT NEECE was born in 1847.

MARY FLORENCE. E. NEECE was born in 1848. She married William H. Dirsh on March 28, 1867.

Mary Ann Neece

Mary Ann, or Polly as she was known, was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee on April 25, 1808. She married John Keller in Lincoln County, Tennessee about 1825. They moved to Jefferson County, Illinois and remained there all their lives.

John died on January 11, 1848 and Polly remarried to Ruben Crosnoe about 1850. Polly died there December 3, 1869 and is buried in the Hickory Hill Cemetery in Waltonville, Illinois.

They had ten children:

WILLIS A. KELLER born in Bedford County, Tennessee July 11, 1826. He first married Mary Dodds on January 7, 1846 in Lawrence County, Missouri and then later married Lucy Adams about 1866.

ELIZABETH ANN KELLER born January 12, 1828. She married William Moore.

JAMES W. KELLER born December 31, 1829. He married a Quinn.

SARAH ANN KELLER born February 22, 1832. She married Andrew Thompson.

WILLIAM WILEY KELLER born November 15, 1833.

MARY ANN KELLER born January 5, 1836.

GEORGE WASHINGTON KELLER born February 14, 1838. He was married twice.

First to Susan Hicks and then to Sarah Palmer.

PERMELIA JANE KELLER born February 13, 1840. She married John Hodge.

JESSE NEECE KELLER born March 21, 1842. He first married Liddie Caroline Farthing about 1861, and later married Sarah Ann Hays in the 1880s. They lived in Jefferson County Illinois. Based on the 1880 census report, some of the kids were:

Mary Keller born in 1862
Olive Keller born in 1863
John Keller born in 1865
Conrad Keller born in 1866
Willis Keller born in 1868
Anna Keller born in 1868. Twins
George Keller born in 1872
Lonzo Keller born in 1874
Michael Keller born in 1875
Maggie Keller born in 1878.

MARTHA EMELINE KELLER born September 3, 1845. She married James Shelton.

John N. Neece jr.

John junior was the last child born in Jefferson County, Tennessee. He was born about 1810. He married Jenetta Cole in Lincoln County about 1833.

John Neece remained in Lincoln County all his life. He died there in January of 1845. The estate settlement was on January 29, 1845, so he died somewhat earlier than that.

They had eleven children all in Lincoln County:

JOHN EVANS NEECE was born October 20, 1834 and died in Moore County, Tennessee on January 24, 1906. He married Elizabeth Ann Steelman in Moore County on November 6, 1853. Elizabeth was a daughter of William Silas and Mary Steelman. She was born in Lincoln County on August 12, 1831 and died in Moore County on August 13, 1898. They had eleven children:

George Neece born and died December 12, 1854.
John Silas Neece born May 18, 1856 and died September 1, 1857.
Walter Barksdale Neece born December 5, 1857. He was married in Moore County on February 10, 1878, but I do not have his wife's name. He died in Grape Vine, Texas on March 15, 1881.
Mary Jane Neece born June 8, 1859 and died October 26, 1860.
Finetta Neece born May 4, 1861 and died in Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1931. She married James Featherstone Reece in Lincoln County on January 20, 1876.
James F. Neece born January 17, 1863 and died in Fort Smith, Arkansas on October 16, 1945. He was married in Lincoln County on December 26, 1882, but again I do not have his wife's name.
David Alonzo Neece born in Bedford County, Tennessee on July 9, 1864 and died August 18, 1930.

Mary Neece born February 29, 1865 and died January 19, 1887.

Littleberry Leftwich Neece born in Bedford County on April 19, 1868 and died in Moore County on September 30, 1932. He was married in Bedford County on March 27, 1888.

Willie Neece born June 5, 1870 and died August 2, 1871.

Sarah E. Neece born March 8, 1871 and died August 1, 1888.

JOEL R. NEECE was born in 1837. He married Sarah E. Jones in Lincoln County on February 4, 1857. He died in Clinton, Louisiana February 25, 1863 during the Civil War.

WILLIAM FRANCIS NEECE was born in May 1838. He first married Martha Jane Prosser and then married Martha M. Jones in Lincoln County on June 30, 1858. The children were:

Joseph Neece born in 1863.

Mary E. Neece born in 1864 and died in 1941.

John Willy Neece born September 24, 1866 and died September 27, 1912 in Lincoln County. He married Laura VeDora Thompson, born May 18, 1874 and died April 11, 1943.

William Neece born in 1869.

Sarah Neece born in 1871.

Bill Neece born in 1873. The first William seems to have died young.

Berry Owen Neece born about 1879 and died in 1946.

LITTLEBERRY COLE NEECE was born November (August?) 22, 1840 and he remained in Lincoln County until his death on February 20, 1916. He married Frances Ann Hodge there on January 9, 1866. Frances was born June 20, 1847 and she died January 28, 1883. They had five children. He was in the Civil War, serving in Company B, 41st Tennessee Volunteers. After Fanny died, Littleberry married Mahala L. Neives on September 25, 1884. She was born July 17, 1846 and died November 18, 1907. There was one daughter in this second marriage. The children were:

Emma S. Neece born December 12, 1866 and died August 2, 1893. She married a Laws.

Elizabeth Arabella Neece born June 7, 1869 and died September 11, 1870.

Edward F. Neece born May 15, 1873 and died September 23, 1905. He married Susan Martin on January 29, 1901.

Martha F. Neece born in 1872.

Margaret C. Neece born in 1878.

Nannie Neece the child of the second marriage, born September 1, 1885 and died three weeks later on September 20, 1885.

ELIZABETH NEECE was born about 1845.

HULDA NEECE was born about 1847. She married W. D. Price in Lincoln County on November 6, 1864.

JESSE NEECE was born in March 1848. He married Martha Ann Reece in Lincoln County on December 20, 1868. He died in Lynchburg, Moore County, Tennessee in 1924. Mattie was born in 1848 and died in 1929. They had two children:

Rollo Neece born June 22, 1881 and died July 16, 1897.

William Reece Neece born November 24, 1883 and died August 9, 1953.

FINETTA ALMEDA NEECE was born September 27, 1850. She married J. F. Reece on January 19, 1876. She died in Lincoln County December 31, 1870.

MARY JANE NEECE was born about 1852. She married David Anderson Laws on January 3, 1860. They had one son:

James Ernest Laws born July 28, 1886 and died in Orlando, Florida May 7, 1965. He married Elizabeth Alice Wright in Lincoln County April 1, 1903.

MOSES NEECE was born about 1855. His wife was Willie and they had:

Buelah Neece born in March 1881 in Madison County, Alabama.

Herman Neece born in March 1885 in Madison County.

Andrea Neece born in July 1889 in Madison County.

ANDREW NEECE was born about 1858.

Naomi Neece

Naomi was the first child to be born after the family moved to near Booneville in Lincoln County, Tennessee. She was born May 22, 1812. She married Dempsey Sullivan in Lincoln County about 1833.

They had ten children, apparently all born in Lincoln County. Sometime later they moved to Moore County Tennessee where they remained the rest of their lives. Naomi died on September 18, 1884 and Dempsey on February 12, 1888. Both are buried in the Charity Baptist Church cemetery.

Their children (and I have the next generations in my files) were:

PAUL SULLIVAN was born February 10, 1834 and died at age two on July 22, 1836.

AMERICA SULLIVAN was born April 25, 1835. She married A. M. Prosser in Lincoln County on November 14, 1850. She died in Moore County, Tennessee on October 8, 1912.

SARAH JANE SULLIVAN was born October 17, 1836. She married John D. Stacey in Lincoln County on July 21, 1853. She died July 6, 1926.

JOHN N. SULLIVAN was born November 2, 1838. He married Elizabeth Logan.

MARTHA E. SULLIVAN was born September 1, 1840 and she died in Lincoln County on May 9, 1934. She married Joel T. Pigg on August 21, 1859.

PARMELIA SULLIVAN was born December 14, 1842 and died March 18, 1848.

JESSE E. SULLIVAN was born September 15, 1845. He married Emma Williams.

HULDA ANN SULLIVAN was born December 2, 1847. She married John S. Carriger in

Lincoln County on February 22, 1871.

MARY FRANCES SULLIVAN was born July 15, 1851 and she died February 4, 1919. She married George W. Enochs on September 3, 1868. She lived in Lincoln County all her life.

JAMES HOLMAN SULLIVAN was born February 1, 1854 and died January 16, 1896. He married Nancy 'Nannie' Moore.

Hardy Holman Neece

Hardy was born on December 18, 1815 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He married Alice Catherine Small December 6, 1835 in Lincoln County. She was a daughter of George Small and Philpena Jarman and was born in Lincoln County on August 21, 1821.

The family moved to Apple Creek in Greene County, Illinois in 1842 or 1843 and remained there until 1853 when they moved to Lawrence County, Missouri to join his brother and mother.

Hardy served in the Civil War in Company D of the 5th Kansas Cavalry from August 23, 1861 through September 5, 1864.

Alice died of pneumonia on January 20, 1892 and Hardy died of old age on July 14, 1895. Both are buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Lawrence County, Missouri.

They had nine children:

SARAH ELIZABETH NEECE was born September 2, 1836. She was married twice, first to William H. Poindexter on September 12, 1855 and next to William Satterfield Bell on June 17, 1861, both in Lawrence County, Missouri. William Bell was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee April 19, 1820 and he died in Benton County, Arkansas on June 21, 1879. Sarah died in Lawrence County, Missouri on September 22, 1910. I have a record of these children in each marriage:

Ambrose Hardy Poindexter born June 13, 1856 and died May 25, 1919. His wife was named Martha M.

William Nathaniel Bell born October 19, 1861 and died May 7, 1927 in Haskell County, Oklahoma. He married Nancy 'Varina' Catherine Johnson.

James H. Bell was born December 23, 1863 and died October 3, 1929 all in Lawrence County. His wife was Clara E.

Lucy Jane Bell was born September 29, 1865 and died in October 1943 in Oklahoma City. She married Presley Jefferson Johnson in 1882.

Finis Alonzo Bell was born November 21, 1867 in Benton County, Arkansas. His wife was Lenora Jane Hammer. She was born in Missouri in December 1871. They had a daughter Clara Maurine Bell born April 5, 1910. She married Hal Knox Hillhouse. They had a daughter Jane Etta Hillhouse who married William Alvin Pitt in Shawnee, Oklahoma August 11, 1962. On December 18, 1963, they had a son William Bradley Pitt who is the movie star Brad Pitt. This info was given me by Will Johnson. See his site http://knol.google.com/k/the-ancestry-of-brad-pitt#29_Sarah_Elizabeth_Neece

Alice Bell was born in Arkansas on January 28, 1869 and died as a child on August 24, 1881.

Roena Bell was born in Benton County, Arkansas on December 27, 1873 and she died in Fort Smith, Arkansas on May 16, 1950. She married Samuel B. Dyer.

SUSAN PARMELIA NEECE was born January 19, 1838 in Lincoln County and she died in Lawrence County, Missouri on December 14, 1915. She married John Franklin Hunter in Lawrence County on July 31, 1855. John was born February 22, 1836 and died November 20, 1903. They had nine children:

Jesse Holman Hunter born November 22, 1856 and died January 23, 1932. He first married Catherine Baldwin on August 19, 1875 and after she died, he married Margaret S. Coon on December 25, 1878.

Laura Hunter born May 15, 1865 and died January 11, 1936. She never married.

Zora Hunter born May 15, 1865, a twin of Laura, and died October 17, 1937. She too never married.

Leonard Atman Hunter born August 10, 1867 and died September 12, 1944. He married Iola M. Greeson.

Cornelia O. Hunter born in 1870 and died in 1954. She married George Hobbs.

Frank E. Hunter born in 1872 and died in 1949. He married Anna F. Connell.

Henry Thomas Hunter born August 24, 1874 and died December 25, 1953. He married Effie Jane Brown.

William Elbert Hunter born February 17, 1877 and died November 14, 1943. He married Ona Edna Reynolds.

Althea E. Hunter born in 1880 and died in 1955. She married Ira F. Lewis.

JAMES ELLIS NEECE was born in Lincoln County on March 3, 1839. He married twice, first to Milly Jane Garrison on October 27, 1859 in Lawrence County. Millie was born December 5, 1842 in Tennessee and died December 25, 1882 in Lawrence County. James later married Mary P. Brown in Cedar County, Missouri on June 22, 1884. He died May 25, 1917 in Lawrence County, Missouri. There were three children, two in the first marriage:

William Hardy Neece born in 1862.

Leander A. Neece born in 1865.

John A. Logan Neece

PHINETTA E. NEECE was born in Lincoln County in 1841. She married Houston S. Hammer in Lawrence County on January 12, 1860. Houston was born in 1833 and died in 1909. Phinetta died in 1924. They had one child:

Houston Hammer born January 28, 1872 and died November 18, 1873.

WILLIAM B. NEECE was the first born in Greene County, Illinois on January 30, 1846. He married Sarah Elizabeth Ramsey in Lawrence County, Missouri on February 24, 1867. He died in Lawrence County on May 17, 1917. Sarah was born in Missouri on April 24, 1849 and died on November 6, 1908. Their children were:

Cora Neece born about 1868.

Emma E. Neece born March 11, 1870 and died April 30, 1951. She married James A. Curtis.

Bertha Neece born in about 1872. She married Zachariah T. Gulick.

Horace Neece born in 1875.

Curtis Neece born in 1878.

Wilburn Neece

Hallie Robert Neece was born in Oklahoma Territory June 29, 1884. He married Celia Inez Shriver July 2, 1915 in Las Animas Colorado. He died October 29, 1848 in Orange California. They had one child: Robert Wilburn Neece 1917-1996.
A Child who died in infancy.

MARTHA A. NEECE was born in Illinois on March 27, 1848. She married William Carter White in Lawrence County on September 9, 1866. She died there on February 23, 1923. William was born September 10, 1841 and died November 19, 1926. They had two children:

Edward White born in 1867.

James White born in 1869.

NAOMI NEECE was born in September 1850 in Greene County.

ROBERT CHILTON NEECE was born in August 1851 in Greene County, Illinois and he died in Lawrence County, Missouri in 1924. He married Mary E. Daniels on April 30, 1871 in Lawrence County. Mary was born in Pennsylvania in 1853 and died in Missouri in 1922. Their children were:

Henry Elbert Neece born April 22, 1872 and died January 7, 1923. His first wife was Erva Glasscock. They had three daughters, Irma and Madelyn Neece. Erva died February 12, 1908 and Henry married Bessie Ann Burlison later in 1908 and they had two sons, Robert Leon and Vincent Elbert Neece.

Harriett 'Hattie' Neece born in 1873. She married a Pierce.

Franklin Arthur Neece born September 27, 1875 and died December 22, 1922. His wife was Onia May Berry.

Ava Neece born in 1878.

Fred Neece born in May 1880 and died June 27, 1934. He married Maude Ragan.

Una H. Neece a son born in February 1891.

Mamie Z. Neece born in March 1896. She married Lawrence Ginn.

HOPWOOD W. NEECE was born August 22, 1856 in Greene County and he died April 26, 1924 in Lawrence County, Missouri. He was married twice in Lawrence County, first to Sarah M. Bell about 1881. Sarah was born in Missouri on June 7, 1858 and she died November 27, 1897. Hopwood later married Margaret Mann. Children of the first marriage were:

Walter L. Neece born November 2, 1882 and died October 29, 1897.

Ethel Grace Neece born November 13, 1880 and died December 12, 1881.

Permelia Neece

Permelia was born in 1817 and married William Logan on January 30, 1834 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

They remained in Tennessee until about 1853 when they went with others of the family to Lawrence County, Missouri. They remained there for the rest of their lives. She died in 1869 and he on May 19, 1877. Both are buried at the Marionville Cemetery.

They had thirteen children:

JANE LOGAN was born January 10, 1835 and died July 12, 1855. She was briefly married to R. Bryant.

JAMES LOGAN was born March 22, 1836 and died in Lawrence County, Missouri on January 22, 1909. He married Mary Jane Williams.

JOHN LOGAN was born October 8, 1837 and he died September 11, 1914. He was first married to Harriett Hendricks on April 3, 1860. He later married Julia Ann Stacey.

HARDY LOGAN was born August 27, 1839. He married Elizabeth Stewart on January 25, 1859 in Lawrence County, Missouri. He returned to Tennessee where he died before June of 1871 when his will was probated.

JASPER LOGAN was born September 20, 1842 and he died October 12, 1859 in Missouri.

NEWTON LOGAN was born September 20, 1842. He married Belinda Ashlock in Lawrence County on January 12, 1862 and he died there in 1920.

REUBEN LOGAN was born October 4, 1844. He married Eveline Stacey.

WILLIAM BARKSDALE LOGAN was born April 22, 1847 and he married Lavinia A. Patterson in Lawrence County, Missouri on February 17, 1867. He died in Lawrence County on February 10, 1931.

SARAH FRANCES LOGAN was born January 5, 1850. She married Dr. William Henry Means in Lawrence County on May 23, 1869. She died in Marionville, Lawrence County on August 4, 1889.

GEORGE WILSON LOGAN was born April 2, 1852 and he died March 25, 1923. He married Alice Millikin on November 6, 1874.

Rev. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LOGAN was born in Lawrence County on January 6, 1855. He married Edith Lantz in Lawrence County on August 19, 1877.

MARY COMMONS LOGAN was born February 24, 1857. She married J. M. White.

BUCHANNAN LOGAN was born November 7, 1858. He married Mattie Slaughter in 1879 and died April 16, 1943. He lived all his life in Marionville, Missouri.

Jesse Neece

Jesse was born about 1818 in Lincoln County. He married Sarah Jane Leftwich about 1834. Sarah was a daughter of Jack Leftwich and Virginia Gill. She was born about 1818 in Lincoln County.

He died just months before the birth of their eighth child in November of 1847.

They had the following children:

LITTLE BERRY NEECE was born in 1835/36. He married Frances Williams in about 1857. He fought in the CSA during the Civil War. He was captured and sent to the Federal prison in Rock Island, Illinois. He became ill there and died in 1864. After Littleberry died, Frances married William T. Melson in 1865, and they had five Melson children. Little Berry's children were:

Isaac Ousley Neece born in 1857. He went to Howard County, Arkansas and later to Abilene, Texas where he probably died.

Jesse Neece born August 11, 1859, and died as an infant.

Jackson Hopkins Neece born June 23, 1861. He married Sarah Ann Reece on December 18, 1883 in Center Point, Arkansas. There they raised nine children. They both died in Nashville, Arkansas, Sarah Ann on December 29, 1929 and Jackson on December 21, 1937.

James Berry Neece born January 20, 1863. He married Alice Lee Sharber in 1883 and they had ten children.

JOHN NEECE was born about 1837.

EGLENTINE NEECE was born about 1839. She married Mark Purdom August 25, 1853.

HULDA NEECE was born about 1841. She married Joel B. Raney on August 17, 1856.

HARRISON HAPWOOD NEECE was born October 1, 1842. He enlisted in the 41st Tennessee Regiment CSA on October 1861. He married Frances B. Reese in Lincoln County on May 11, 1865. Fannie died September 29, 1879. There was one child:

Addie Neece born January 15, 1876 and died that year on August 7.

He then married Anna Laura Smoot in Moore County, Tennessee on July 24, 1889. He died in Putnam County, Tennessee on March 27, 1922. They had two sons and five daughters, but I do not have their names:

JAMES K. P. NEECE was born about 1844. He married Mary Martin on October 6, 1868.

JANE NEECE was born about 1846.

REBECCA CATHERINE NEECE was born about 1848. She first married N. H. Barbry on January 1, 1867 and then later married a Leftwich. I have no information on any children.

Harrison Hopwood Neece

Harrison Hopwood was born October 13, 1818. He married Margaret Carnes in Lincoln County on July 3, 1839. Peggy Carnes was born December 20, 1822 in Lincoln County. She was a daughter of Clarence Carnes.

They later moved to Waverly, Morgan County, Illinois where they remained the rest of their lives. He died on January 24, 1901 and she on November 13, 1901. Both are buried in the Pulliam Cemetery in Modesto, Illinois.

Their children were:

HULDA E. NEECE was born April 20, 1840. She first married S. P. Chinn in 1867, and later married William Pinkerton. She died in Greene County, Illinois May 6, 1909. There were two children in the first marriage, none in the second:

William Chinn born in 1869.

Harry Chinn born in 1871.

SARAH JANE NEECE born January 14, 1842. She married a Pruitt.

MARY E. NEECE born February 22, 1844. She married Morris Printy.

MARTHA (Mattie) NEECE born September 13, 1846 and died January 1, 1927.

FRANCES E. (Lyde) NEECE born in March 1848 and died in May 1931. She married a Barton.

A CHILD NEECE born January 21, 1850 and died March 8, 1850.

MARGARET (Maggie) NEECE born August 21, 1852 and died November 20, 1926. She married a Mann.

HARDY NEECE born December 29, 1854. He first married Elizabeth Steele, born February 2, 1861. They had five children. Liza died July 3, 1888 in Palmyra, Illinois. Hardy then married Susan C. Harr, born 1863 and died 1953. Hardy died April 10, 1940. The children, five in the first marriage and two in the second, were:

Tessie Maude Neece born December 14, 1877. She married Joseph Liston Alford, born June 30, 1880 and died July 4, 1919. Tessie died January 9, 1953. Both are buried in Girard, Illinois.

Arthur J. Neece born July 13, 1881 and died July 24, 1964.

Irving Harrison Neece born in 1883 and died March 26, 1968 in Macon County, Illinois. He married Nora Ethel Arras on October 4, 1906. He was a physician. They had:

Mary Lou Neece born October 2, 1912.

Irving Keith Neece born October 25, 1917. He married Doris Virginia Larson on May 31, 1944. He was a urologist and practiced with his father in Decatur, Illinois. They had 2 daughters Allyson Arras Neece born December 7, 1946 and Martha Louise Neece born February 22, 1948.

Lelah M. Neece born April 8, 1886 and died July 20, 1888.

Jesse Cecil Neece born 23, 1888 and died October 9, 1901.

Etna Neece born July 3, 1892 and died September 17, 1982. She married Austin J. Downing.

Roy H. Neece born April 11, 1899 and died February 17, 1982. He married Cencil Hart in 1926.

LAURA A. NEECE born July 24, 1857 and died January 1, 1940. She married August Smith.

Harvey W. Neece

Harvey was born about 1820. He died unmarried in August of 1841 at the age of eighteen.

James K. Neece

James was born in 1825 in Lincoln County. He married Ermine Leftwich there on September 16, 1842. James died a year later in September of 1843. I do not believe there were any children.

Barksdale Neece

Barksdale was the youngest child, born about 1828. He married Sarah Eaton on September 11, 1852. They had three children, all were born in Lincoln County.

They moved to Washington County, Arkansas about 1862, remained there a few years and then returned to Tennessee to fight for the CSA in the Civil War. It was here their child Thomas was born. After the War, they went back to Arkansas with other members of the Eaton family, and spent the rest of their lives there in Black River township of Lawrence County, Arkansas.

Barksdale died of pneumonia there in 1869 and in the 1870 Arkansas Census, Sarah was widowed and head of the household.

Their children were:

MARY F. NEECE born about 1853. She was single and living with her brother Samuel in the 1900 Arkansas census of Lawrence County. She never married and died in Powhatan, Arkansas.

ELIZABETH MAHULDA NEECE born about 1854. She married David Smith in Arkansas in 1874 and died September 15, 1919 in Powhatan, Arkansas. They had one son:

Alvin Smith born in 1876.

JAMES ELISHA NEECE born in August 1859 in Tennessee.

SAMUEL ALLEN NEECE born in Tennessee in November 1860 and died in Eaton, Arkansas on September 1, 1939. He married Mary R. 'Molly' Webb, born in Arkansas in May 1875 and died January 14, 1969. They had these children:

Elisha M. Neece born in December 1891. Died in California in 1953.

Ida M. Neece born in August 1893. Married a Richey and moved to California.

Charles Homer Neece born October 13, 1896, and died January 14, 1969.

Luther David Neece born in 1900 and died in 1971.

Ruth Pearl Neece born in 1903 and married to a Phillips. She had her 100th Birthday in 2003.

Eva Neece born in 1905 and died in 1961. She married to an Ingram.

William Everett Neece born February 19, 1907.

Stella M. Neece born April 9, 1909 and married to a Parker.

ALFRED PRICE NEECE born in Fayetteville, Arkansas on February 7, 1863. He married

Margaret L. Lawson on November 11, 1895. She was born February 11, 1868, and died March 16, 1918. Alfred died March 19, 1932. Both are buried in the Old Lebanon Cemetery in Eaton, Arkansas. Their children were:

Jewell Gordon Neece born September 7, 1886 and died March 12, 1981. He married Bessie Brady on September 11, 1912.

Jessie Matilda Neece born January 5, 1888 and died November 25, 1968. She married William Floyd on November 30, 1905. She later married a Burch.

Ada Lucinda Neece born August 8, 1890 and died February 8, 1983. She married S. E. Yoder on October 18, 1907.

Gertrude Mae Neece born March 22, 1893 and died June 13, 1983. She married Arthur Clinton Taylor on October 2, 1910.

Thomas Walter Neece born July 5, 1895 and died July 28, 1978. He married Sophia Robert on December 25, 1916.

Bertha J. Neece born September 22, 1897 and died November 3, 1898.

Alva N. Neece born May 9, 1902 and died June 4, 1902.

Elsie Addie Neece born January 8, 1905 and died August 25, 1921.

Leo Price Neece born September 19, 1906 and died February 21, 1983. He married Mary Ruth Collins on November 25, 1929.

THOMAS CHRISTOPHER NEECE born in May 1867 while the family was back in Lincoln County, Tennessee, and he died in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas on October 17, 1939. He was a physician. He married Addie Cooper and they had three children. After Addie's death, he married Katheryn Poindexter. There were three children in the first marriage:

Mellville Neece

Iola Neece married to a McCall.

Orris Neece

ELISHA M. NEECE a son born in Lawrence County, Arkansas in 1869. I have nothing more on him. He died young, as he was not in the 1880 census.