

WILLIAM CANNADY

of Nelson County, Kentucky

When I first started working backwards in my research on the Canaday Family, I came across some *extra* folks in Vermilion County, Illinois. They turned out to be another family altogether and spelled their name Cannady as compared to our spelling of Canaday.

Fortunately I ran into Bruce Cannady of Gresham, Oregon who is descended on this line. I am including a brief history of this family based on the first of two books written by Bruce Cannady. Neither of us see any firm connection between the two families. However we both feel they were related way back in Pennsylvania along with a family that spelled their name Kennedy-Kennady. There are a great many *coincidences* in names and relationships. We are all working on this connection and hope to pin it down someday. Presently, I am only including this section to remove the confusion I found in Illinois.

WILLIAM CANNADY, SR.

The furthest back that Bruce was able to go was to a William Cannady who listed his birth as taking place in Virginia in 1767 (from the 1850 Census). The first recorded date found for William was when he purchased 150 acres of land in Nelson County, Kentucky on June 14, 1791. Nelson County was part of Kentucky County, Virginia until 1780.

Of interest was the fact that in 1781, John Kennedy, Charles Kennedy and Henry Watson were each granted 400 acres in what is now Nelson County (part of Jefferson County in 1781). The farm young William Cannady bought was adjacent to the grant of Henry Watson, and in 1792 William married Henry's daughter, Rebecca Watson. While no tie has been proven, William was most likely related to the two Kennedy men and probably a son of one of them. The names John and Charles figure so prominently in our early Canaday history, that I guess we are related to all these families as well. Nothing firm yet, only guesses.

William remained in Nelson County until 1801 when they sold some of their lands and most likely moved. By 1810, he owned lands in Heth Township, Harrison County, Indiana. William and Rebecca and their family remain in Heth Township until the late 1820s.

Based on Census and marriage records, their children included Mary, Sally, Lawrence, James, Henry, William, Rebecca and Elizabeth.

In May 1828 William and his son William junior acquired lands in Blount Township, Vermilion County, Illinois near the town of Danville in the northern part of the County. By 1830 several other members of the family moved to the area.

At the same time, our Canaday family was living in the southern part of the County near Georgetown and Ridge Farm. It was here that my confusion began. The Cannady family were Methodists while our Canadays were Quakers. This helped sort them a little better.

In 1835, William and Rebecca moved from their farm northwest of Danville to a new farm northeast of the town. By 1850, William was 83 and had deeded off his lands to several of his children and was living with his daughter, Elizabeth Simpson, as was Rebecca age 77.

That was the last listing we have for either William or Rebecca Cannady. Both had died by the 1860 census.

The following is a brief recap of the children of William and Rebecca Cannady.

Margaret (Peggy) Cannady

Peggy was born in Nelson County, Kentucky on January 22, 1792 and she died on September 18, 1854 in Vermilion County, Illinois. She married James Watson in Harrison County, Indiana on March 21, 1810. James was born about 1787 in Kentucky and died about 1875 in Vermilion County.

Their children were: **Margaret, Lydia, George, Julia Ann, Francis, Isaac, James, Sarah J. and Jane A. Watson.**

Sarah (Sally) Cannady

Sally was born about 1793 in Nelson County, Kentucky and on May 25, 1811 married John Hesse (Hussey?) in Harrison County, Indiana. He died and on February 5, 1825, she married Hugh Gilliland, also in Harrison County. Sally was still living in 1870.

Her children were: **Mariah, Nancy, Rebecca and William Hesse and John, James, Henry, Harriet Rachel and Wilford Gilliland.**

Lawrence Cannady

Lawrence was born in about 1794 and married Alosey Turner in Harrison County on August 18, 1812.

James Cannady

James was born September 11, 1795 in Nelson County, Kentucky and died June 9, 1870 in Bartholomew County, Indiana. On May 24, 1820 he married Elizabeth Harden. This was a *double* wedding with his brother, Henry, below.

Their children were: **Philo, Caroline, Sarah Ann, Harriet, Wilford, Henry Harding, William and Lavinia Cannady.**

Henry Cannady

Henry was born December 11, 1797 in Nelson County, Kentucky and died on July 16, 1830 in Vermilion County, Illinois. He married Mary (Polly) McGee in Harrison County, Indiana on May 24, 1820. After Henry died, Polly remarried to James Ogle on September 4, 1836. His children were: **William Mansfield, Rebecca E. and Cyrene E. Cannady.**

William Cannady Jr.

William was born in Nelson County on February 9, 1800 and died December 20, 1874 in Belknap, Davis County, Iowa. He was married three times. First to Mary Ann Reese on June 19, 1820 in Harrison County, Indiana. Second in Vermilion County, Illinois to America Jane Young on August 21, 1838. Third to a widow, Nancy Jane Coughran on April 26, 1847 again in Vermilion County. Soon thereafter, he moved to Davis County, Iowa and then to Wapello County where Nancy Jane died in 1868. William moved in with his son Francis and died there in 1874.

Children by Mary Ann Reese were: **Sophrina, Ann and Francis Marshall Cannady.**

Children by America Jane Young were: **Martha Ann, Mariah Jane, James William and George Washington Cannady.**

Rebecca Cannady

Rebecca was born in 1802 in Nelson County. She married James C. McGee in Harrison County on October 12, 1820. They moved to Vermilion County, Illinois where she died in the 1850s.

Their children were: **Julian Ann, Eliza V., Giles F., Lucinda H., Elvira, Felix W., Melvina, Marinda, Permelia and Matilda E. McGee.**

John Cannady

John was born about 1803 in Kentucky. He married Anna McGee on December 10, 1829 in Vermilion County. He also married again, on November 22, 1843 to Sarah Ann Williams, a widow as well. He died in January, 1844 in Vermilion County.

His children, all by Anna McGee, were: **Franklin Maxwell, Cynthia Ann, Alexander P. and Mariah Cannady.**

Elizabeth Cannady

Elizabeth was born July 10, 1806 in Nelson County. She married Abraham Rees on October 4, 1826 in Harrison County, Indiana. Abraham died in 1837 in Vermilion County, Illinois. Elizabeth married James Simpson there on March 24, 1840. By 1850 they had moved to Warren County, Indiana. James died there June 6, 1884 and Elizabeth died there a month later on July 22, 1884.

Her children were: **Isaac and Thomas Rees** and **Allen and Lucy Simpson**.

Watson Cannady

Watson was born about 1808 in Kentucky and died in Vermilion County, Illinois in November 1835. He served in the Black Hawk War. He married Asenith Blunt on December 25, 1831 in Vermilion County. Asenith remarried on June 11, 1837 to Henry Ferguson and they moved to Green County, Wisconsin.

His children were: **Ann Eliza** and **Elizabeth Jane Cannady**.

George Washington Cannady

George was born about 1810 in Harrison County and was still living there in 1850.

Melinda Cannady

Melinda was born in 1812 in Harrison County, Indiana. She married Jeremiah Delay in Vermilion County on January 27, 1831. She died there in 1846. He then remarried to Rachel A. Smith in 1848.

Her children were: **Harriet, James, Elizabeth, Martha** and **Noah Delay**.

Lavina (Laura) Cannady

Lavina was born in Harrison County on February 28, 1815. She married James Davis on March 21, 1833 in Vermilion County. Around 1890 they moved to Anaheim, California where they most likely died around the turn of the Century.

Their children were: **William James, Frances Pauline, Mary D., Julia Ann** and **Alice Davis**.

Polly Cannady

Polly was born in about 1817 in Harrison County. On January 1, 1835 she married John Ashby in Vermilion County. They moved to Warren County, Indiana. Both died there in Walnut Corners, he in 1875 and she in 1883.

Her children were: **James M., Martha L., William J. and John A. Ashby.**

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