

The Penix Family

William Washington Penix

William Washington Penix was born on March 21, 1857 at Broke Leg Falls, Menifee County, Kentucky. He was the son of James Penix who was born in Floyd County, Kentucky and Nancy Pierce who was born in Morgan



W.W. Penix

County, Kentucky.

William was married to **Nancy Carolyn Quicksall**⁹ on June 17, 1875. Nancy was the daughter of Rev. James Quicksall and Mary Ferguson Burton. They had a total of eleven children during the years of their marriage.

On February 10, 1921 William purchased a house and lot for \$27.00 in Olympia, Kentucky from Bat and Julie Cabinet of Penna, a black couple

⁹ See the section titled Nancy Caroline Quicksall for a complete background on the heritage for Nancy.



W.W. Penix and Nancy Penix

who allegedly took care of James Penix who was bound out as a



W.W., Nancy and James.

child. Sarah may have gone back to her Davis family. It appears that they were very poor.

William was a member of the Christian church where for over fifty years was an officer of the church and the

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A natural beauty spot

In Menifee, near the Menifee-Morgan County line, is situated the beautiful and scenic spot known fondly as "Broke Leg Falls". Legend has it that it acquired its name after an Indian fell from it and broke his leg. Now it is one of the beauty spots that has been made into a State Highway Roadside Park. Oddly enough, however, not too many tourists know of its existence. (News-Outlook Staff Photo)

Broke Leg Falls area where W.W. Penix was born and Where he was married.

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Store owned by W.W. Penix.



The W.W. Penix family in 1896. From left to right are James, William, Ben, Queen, Nancy holding Tom and John with his bike.

Masonic Lodge for sixty-one years. He taught school at the age of seventeen and was the first sheriff of Menifee County, a position which he held for several years. He also was engaged in the mercantile business for several years with his father James in Olympia, Kentucky. The business was eventually sold to Sam Swartz.

He died on February 8, 1944 at the age of 86 in his home in Olympia, Kentucky. His burial was in the Old Fields graveyard and was under the auspices of Bath Lodge No. 55, F. & A. M.

superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a member of the

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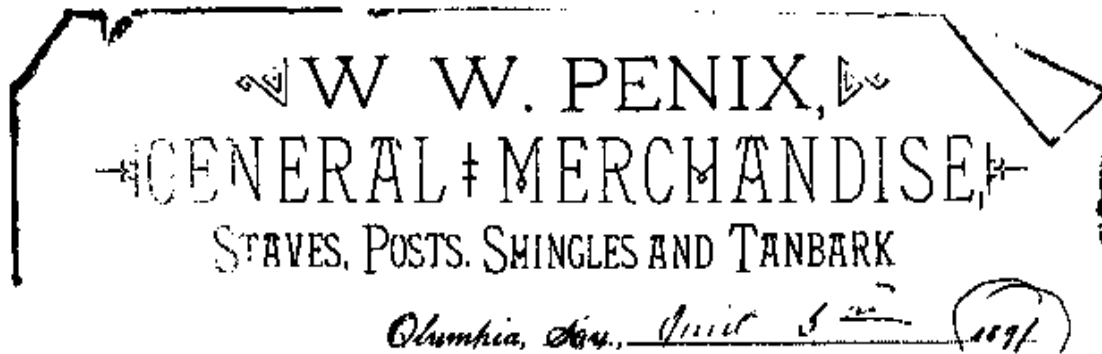
Olympia, Ky., *May 11* 1915



D R U G S,
PATENT MEDICINES,
NOTIONS, &c. - &c.
A FULL LINE OF GENERAL
MERCHANDISE.
CLOTHING,
BOOTS, SHOES, AND HATS.
GROCERIES,
A N D
Provisions of all kind.

Ads for store owned by James and W.W. Penix.

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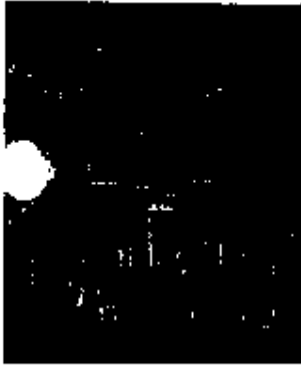


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WES PENIX

W. W. PENIX

PENIX & SON
—DEALERS IN—
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
Staves, Cross Ties and Tan Bark.

Olympia, Ky., July 6th 1897

Mr Howard Budgett
Dear Sir

I enclose books herewith
for certificates except 464 for \$300.00 for
which I neglected to have book issued please
compare with their books and take their
receipts for certificate 615 for \$500.00 and
#464 for \$300.00 as paid up
#864 and #866 show up for themselves
They have been paid on for 5-4 months
and like 6 months each of being paid
up

Yours R
W. W. Penix

Store letter written by W.W. Penix.

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MARRIAGE BOND.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.



Let it be known, That we *Wm W Penix*

as principal, and

as surety, are jointly and severally bound to the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
in the sum of *One Hundred Dollars*.

THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND IS AS FOLLOWS:

That, *Wm W Penix*, Marriage is intended to be solemnized to
Nancy C Penix

None of these or in lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, the Bond shall
void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at *Franklin* *Merrifield* County, this *17th*
day of June 1875

Wm W Penix

Witness:

A. H. Hackney Clerk.

Merrifield County Court.

First page of marriage certificate for W.W. and Nancy Penix.

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MALE.

Date of Marriage, June 17th 1875
 Name of Groom, William W. Penix
 Residence of Groom, _____
 Age of Groom, Eighteen
 No. of Marriage of Groom, _____
 Occupation, First
Farmut
 Birth-place of Groom, Morgan Co Ky
 Birth-place of Groom's Father, Floyd Co Ky
 Birth-place of Groom's Mother, Morgan Co Ky

FEMALE.

Name of Bride, Nancy C. Quicksall
 Residence of Bride, Meigs County Ky
 Age of Bride, Twenty one years
 No. of Marriage of Bride, First
 Birth-place of Bride, Morgan Co. Ky
 Birth-place of Bride's Father, Virginia
 Birth-place of Bride's Mother, Morgan Co. Ky
 Remarks, _____

N. B. - At Nos. 5 and 12 state whether first, second, &c., marriage, of each or either party.

To be married at Abraham Britton's House
On 17th day of June 1875

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Witness my hand this 16th day of June 1875

Attest: A. S. Hackney

Second page of marriage certificate for W.W. and Nancy Penix.

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John, Jim, Bertha and Ida Penix in their younger days.



The W.W. Penix family in older days. Front row: John, Tom, William W., Stanley, Nancy and Ruth. Back row: Queen, Charles, James and Ben .

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MRS. NANCY CAROLINE PENIX

Mrs. Nancy Caroline (Quicksall) Penix was born May 22, 1854 and died Dec. 5 at her home in Olympia. She was the daughter of James and Mary Quicksall and was aged 73 years, 6 months and 13 days at the time of her death. At the age of 21 she was married to W. W. Penix to which union was born six sons and 5 daughters. She was baptised into the Christian church at the age of 22 years and has lived a faithful, consecrated life since.

She is survived by her husband, W. W. Penix, 5 boys and 2 daughters: J. W. and T. Q. Penix, Belle W. Va., John M., of this place; B. F. Penix, of Shelbyana, Ky., Stanley C., of Pine Grove, Ky., Mrs. Ruth Seagraves, Ashland, Ky., Queen E. Droubey, of Salt Lake City, Utah, thirty-six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and a host of friends to survive her loss.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p. m., by the Rev. Oscar Hatton after which the remains were taken to the Old Field Cemetery the following acting as pall bearers: Clyde Young, John L. Jackson, Willie Moore, Henry Crouch, Oscar Jackson and Jess Pergrem.

Those that attended the funeral of Mrs. W. W. Penix Sunday from a distance were J. W. Penix and wife, T. Q. Penix, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin, A. M. Thomas and wife, Mrs. Dewey Jarils, Mrs. Mark Ellis, of Belle, W. Va., B. F. Penix and wife, of Shelbyana, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Penix, of Pine Grove, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seagraves and daughter Catherine Daniel, of Ashland, Mrs. Queenie E. Droubey, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Messrs. George and Sam Wheeler and families, of Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Belcher and son, of Owingsville, Ernie Downs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Crouch, Oscar Hatton, Mrs. Ida Shrout, Mrs. Edgar Staton and Miss Lou Anna Ginter, Preston, Ky., Mrs. Hazel Hendrickson, of Pineville, Ky.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Friends and relatives from a distance who attended the funeral of W. W. Penix at Olympia were: Miss Katheryn De Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Charles Daniel, Doylestown, Mr. and Mrs. William W. P Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mrs. R Bates Scott, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Mrs. K. F. Penix, Knox Tenn.; Mrs. H. F. Pelfrey, mingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. O. Penix, Akron, O.; Mrs. Jarrett, Mrs. J. W. Penix, Harry Martin, Belle, W. Va.; M. C. Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, Rand, W. Va.; Mr. Mrs. Stanley Penix, Salt L. Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Penix, Morehead, Ky.; Miss Jessie Penix, Lexington, Ky.; Miss Eliza Penix, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. Mrs. Clyde Emptage, Colum O.; Mr. and Mrs. Deward Evans, Mrs. Danna B. May, Farmers, My. C. M. Crain, Mrs. Stipp, Salt Lick

RESOLUTIONS

BATH MASONIC LODGE No. 55
Owingsville, Ky., Feb. 16, 1944

WHEREAS, the all-wise and supreme master of the universe in his infinite wisdom on February 8, 1944, called from our midst our faithful brother and friend William W. Penix. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in his death Bath Lodge No. 55, has lost and mourn the passage of a true and loyal brother, the community, a good neighbor and highly respected citizen, and the family a loving and devoted father. Therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family, and commend them to the Great Master of all for comfort and consolation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon our minutes a permanent memorial, and that a copy be sent to the family, also to the Bath County News-Outlook for publication.

C. F. Martin
George Frey
John A. Richards

Funeral notices for Nancy and William Penix and Masonic resolution for William.

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The children of William and
Nancy are:

Ida Mae Penix died at the
age of 5 in 1886.

Bertha Amory Penix died
at the age of 3 in 1886.

Mary Nancy Penix died at
the age of 1 in 1886.

James William Penix born
in 1877 and died in 1934.

John Monroe Penix born in
1878 and died in 1965. John is
the next in the line of
descendants.

Charles Leon Penix born
in 1887 and died in 1911.

Benjamin Franklin Penix
born in 1889 and died in 1971.

Ann Elizabeth (Queenie)
Penix born in 1891 and died in
1977¹⁰ .

Thomas Quicksall Penix
born in 1893 and died in 1973.

Ruth Emily Penix born in
1896 and died in 1944.

Stanley Collins Penix
born in 1899 and died in 1975.

The first eight children
were born in Menifee county and
the last two were born in Bath
county.

See following sections for
more information on the
children.

¹⁰ See appendix for Strange Romance story about
the life of Elizabeth Ann (Queenie) Hovermale.

Nancy Caroline Quicksall

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The Quicksall family

Jonathan Erastus Quicksall settled near Richmond, Virginia. He married a young widow, Mrs. Sarah Richards on December 21, 1802. Her maiden name was Clarke and she was born in Maryland. In this marriage there were six sons and three daughters. One of the sons from this marriage was James Quicksall.

James Quicksall was born in Rockingham county, Virginia on March 3, 1811. He died on August 4, 1854. In his youth his father and mother moved to Tazewell county, Virginia where he resided for many years. He married a widow by the name of Steele who was the daughter of Jeremiah Claypoole. She was of English and Irish extraction. Her maiden name was Matilda Claypoole.

In this marriage there were four children born. Jonathan Erastus Quicksall (1834-1905), Rebecca Quicksall Davis (1838-?), John Wallace Quicksall (1847-1903) and Lemuel Burkette Quicksall who died in 1852 at the age of 9 years.

In 1847 James Quicksall moved his family to Kentucky and settled on Caney Creek near West Liberty, the county seat of Morgan county, Kentucky. He was a minister of the Gospel in the Primitive Baptist Church of America.

After the death of Matilda, James married Mary "Polly" Burton, the widow of Samuel Burton. Mary was the daughter of John Ferguson of Morgan county. To James and Mary was born a daughter named Nancy Caroline Quicksall who became a teacher and eventually married

William W. Penix. They settled in Frenchburg and then later moved to Olymphia, Kentucky.

The Ferguson family

William Ferguson was born in North Ireland and was most likely Scotch-Irish on August 11, 1755. He died in August of 1839. William had a son named John who was born in 1794 and died in 1884. This son John married Betsy Williams born on November 20, 1796 in 1813.

John and Betsy had eleven children of of which was Mary Ferguson. This is the Mary Ferguson that eventually married James Quicksall.

The following is a copy of an article that appeared in the Pike County news, Pikeville, Kentucky on Thursday, October 2, 1969 as a historical article in the Appalachian Notebook section written by Henry P. Scalf.

WILLIAM FERGUSON

Morgan County was created in 1823 and William Ferguson became a resident of that county so his next application and statement was made before James G. Hazelrigg, clerk of the Morgan County Court. Date of this deposition was Sept. 18, 1834. He stated that he had not by deed or gift alienated any property in order to qualify himself for a pension. The prop-

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erty he owned was set out in a schedule: One mare, worth \$15; One cow, \$10; saddle, \$1; pot metal, \$9; 2 sheep, \$4; one sow and barrow, \$4 each, total \$8. Total of his property was thus \$60. To this he added \$10 for a total amount of assets of \$70. From this he subtracted \$26 for something that was

illegible, leaving \$45 as his net worth. He says nothing of land and we question the reason for surely he owned some, it being so cheap and easy to acquire in Morgan County in the 1820's.

Ferguson said he had no children living with him except a crippled son. His wife 68 years old was still living, and "very much afflicted with rheumatism pains and unable to assist him." He stated he was a common laborer. He signed with a mark. Matthew Pettit presented a supporting deposition as to Ferguson's service as did Thomas Murray. The latter deposed that he and Ferguson were frequently messmates while in service. However, Pettit and Murray's deposition had been presented prior to the 1824 application and statement of Ferguson's. John Havens, a resident of Floyd County, had also stated in an 1818 deposition that he had visited the home of William Ferguson and found him crippled with rheumatism and unable to work.

Scores of Revolutionary War veterans, in search of land and a new life, left their post-war homes in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland and other states to challenge the future in Eastern Kentucky. It is in the old musty records of the County Courts and in the National Archives that we find their applications and depositions.

One veteran, William Ferguson, who served in the Continental Line, was from Pennsylvania. He found a new home in the present Morgan County, then Floyd County. He appeared before William James Mayo, clerk of Floyd County, May 26, 1818 and deposed as to his service.

Ferguson stated he was born August 11, 1735, that he enlisted for three years under Capt. Samuel Miller, of the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Col. James McCoy and Lieut-Col. George Wilson. Richard Butler was his major. Date of his enlistment was August 1776. He was thus 21 years old. He was a native and enlisted in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He served the three years and was discharged at Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh, Sept. 1779.

In his deposition before Mayo Ferguson stated he was in the

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Battle of Bandbrook (?), under Gen. Lincoln; was at the Battle of Brancywine under the command of the artillery; and at the Battle of Germantown. His discharge being lost, he had to rely upon his own statement and the depositions of others as to his service. In his plea for an annuity he said "he is now very infirm, being much afflicted with the rheumatism and his natural force very much abated and that he is now in indigent and necessitous circumstances and needs the assistance of his country. . ."

Since he was inscribed upon the pension roll at \$8 per month effective May 20, 1818, we are at a loss to account for his subsequent declaration unless it was to seek additional or enlarged benefits from later Congressional legislation. His certificate was sent to Thomas Triplett, Esq., Owingsville, Ky.

The Fergussons of Southern Scotland were neighbors of the Kennedy, Bruce, Armstrong, Johnstone families. North, in the same region, were the Douglas, Wallace, Cunningham, Montgomery, Stewart, Scott and Elliott families. All of these families are today represented in Eastern Kentucky and throughout the Appalachians.

William Ferguson died August 10, 1839, at his Morgan County home, a respected old man with numerous descendants. Many of them reside in Eastern Kentucky, Ohio, and other states.

Fergusson

The clan Fergusson was established in Scotland at an early date. The Scottish members of the family spell the name with two "s" but in America the second "s" is usually dropped. The family was altered throughout Scotland.

descent from Fergus, Prince of Galloway, in the Twelfth-Century and the family lands have been in their possession since the Fifteenth Century. Annie Laurie, famous in Scottish song, was the wife of Alexander Fergusson of Craigcrook in the Seventeenth Century.

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*The
Clans
Collection*

*Approved by the
Standing Council
of Scottish Chiefs*

CLAN:
Fergusson

MOTTO:
*Sweeter After
Difficulty*

CREST:
*A Bee on a Thistle
all Proper*

The Celtic Clan has both highland and lowland connections. The highland lands were in Atholl and the lowland in Ayrshire. The Clan may descend from Fergus who was Prince of Galloway in the 12th Century. The Chiefship of the whole name is vested in Fergusson of Kilkerran Baronet.

Crest badges designed and drawn by Romilly Squire, Heraldic Artist in the Court of the Lord Lyon.

Captions by G.A. Way of Pleau, Secretary to the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.

Tartans supplied by the Scottish Tartans Museum, Comrie.

Clansman prints from the MacIan collection.

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The two things to the left are the front and back of a bookmark purchased in Scotland by Jesse Underwood. The front shows the plaid and crest while the back gives some information for the Fergusson clan.

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Fourmileburn¹¹ which seems to have been the home of our line of Fergusons since the 17th century is situated in the valley of the Sixmilewater River near the eastern shore of the Lough Neagh, was the home of John Ferguson.

Robert Ferguson, the "covenanter" was the ancestor of John. Robert lost everything, including his estates, leaving nothing but the clothes on their backs (Cromwell's day).

The first line of Fergusons to come to America (in 1771) was Josiah Ferguson who was born in 1725 in Belfast, County Down, Ireland. He died in Fayette county, Kentucky. The woman he married was also born in Belfast in 1729.

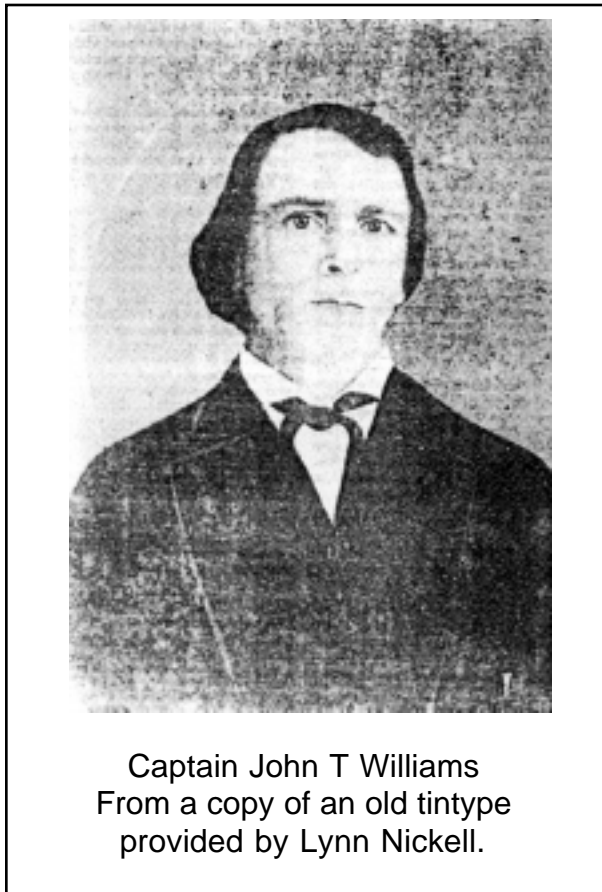
The Williams family

The Williams¹² generation is old in America and also in Morgan County. Van Drennen Hicks of Oar Ridge, Tennessee searched the records in libraries of Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Transylvania College, Lexington, University of Kentucky and the University of Tennessee. He found Valuable information concerning Daniel Williams.

Thomas Williams signed the Mayflower Pact in 1620, but died that winter. He had a son named Edward Williams. Edward Williams had a son, Roger Williams who lived in Philadelphia, not the Rhode Island Roger Williams, for he had no sons.

¹¹ This information was provided by Rhonda Leach. This information was given to Mrs. Leach's husband by his great aunt.

¹² Taken from Early Morgan County by Arthur C. Johnson, 1974.



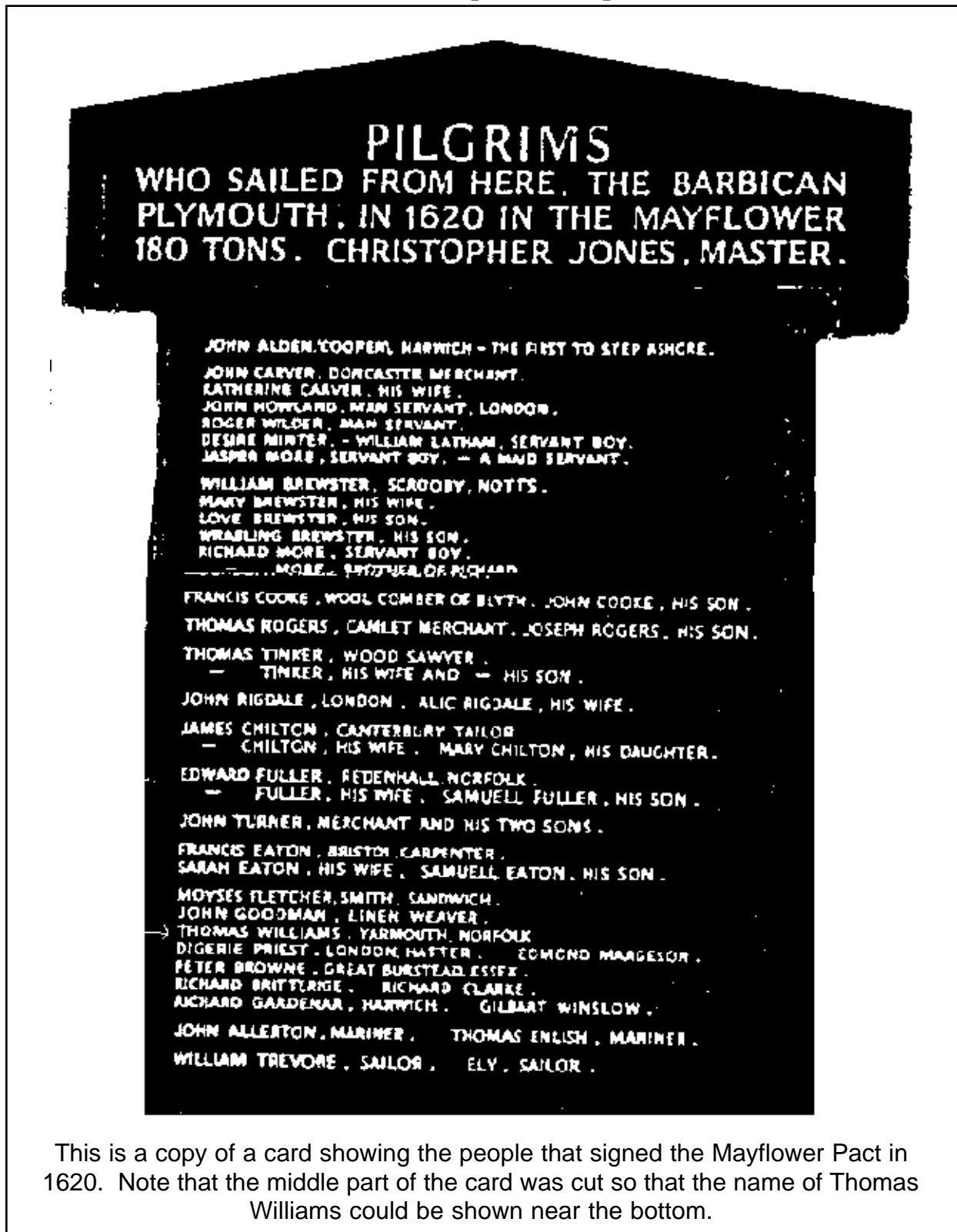
Captain John T Williams
From a copy of an old tintype
provided by Lynn Nickell.

Roger Williams of Philadelphia had a son Thomas Williams, father of Elder Daniel Williams. Thomas was a sheriff of Burks County, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Lydia Emory and to this union were born Daniel Williams in 1753 and Isaac Williams in 1754, in Philadelphia.

Thomas Williams died in 1754 and his wife married Evans Davis in 1756. They had a son Samuel Davis, born in 1758. Samuel Davis had a son, Jefferson Davis, born in Kentucky who became the President of the Confederate States.

Evans Davis, his wife and

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This is a copy of a card showing the people that signed the Mayflower Pact in 1620. Note that the middle part of the card was cut so that the name of Thomas Williams could be shown near the bottom.

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his stepsons, Daniel and Isaac left Philadelphia and settled in Wilkes County, Virginia, now Wilkes County, North Carolina. Evans Davis died in 1765. Daniel Williams got a good education and became a lawyer and later a Baptist preacher.

Daniel Williams came to Kentucky with Daniel Boone on his second trip in 1775. He helped build the fort at Boonesborough and helped defend it against the Indians. He went back to North Carolina in 1776 and joined the North Carolina army and fought in South Carolina and Georgia in several battles. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Sixth Regiment of the North Carolina regular army. He made Captain in April 1777. He came to Kentucky and fought at Blue Lick Springs in 1782.

Daniel Williams married Violet Crough at Boonesborough in 1787 and Squire Boone performed the ceremony. Daniel and his wife had twelve children. Most likely five of the children were born at Boonesborough, two or three in Montgomery County and the others at West Liberty in Morgan County. He settled in Morgan in 1804. He was the first to build a cabin and settle where West Liberty now stands.

Daniel Williams obtained 100 acres of government land in Montgomery County in 1793 and settled on Lulbegrud Creek where he formed the Lulbegrud Church of Regular Baptists in 1793.