

OTHER RELATIVES

This chapter includes some information on the siblings of Moses and Clarissa. The other McNews were (1) Polly, (2) Joseph, (3) Elizabeth, (4) Nancy, (5) John, (6) William and (7) Sarah. The Jones Family included (1) Alvin, (2) Letisha, (3) Marion, (4) Benjamin, (5) Mason, (6) Dial, (7) Perlina, and (8) Mary Jane. They will be treated in the above order.

The Family of WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH McNEW; (all born at Rye Cove, VA)

POLLY (MARY) was the oldest of their children, born 28 March 1810. She was married at 18 to Harry CARTER on 14 May 1828. Although he was much older, (having been born on 23 November 1779), he was completely dominated by her. Polly wove her own cloth, from which she made suits and dresses. She practiced mid-wifery throughout the area, and always kept a saddle horse in readiness. She was noted for her lovely flower garden, growing varieties hitherto unknown in that area.

Polly was not to be trifled with. When a neighbor's hog damaged her crops a second time (after she had warned its owner not to let it happen again), she felled it with one shot. She was a devout churchgoer, and studied books of sermons, so if a preacher 'borrowed' a sermon, she would recognize it immediately.

It was Polly CARTER's Bible which contained the entry on her mother, Elizabeth Cawood McNEW "deceased this life 30th June 1879, age 86 years". Polly and Harry had no children, but they helped raise their twin nephews, Moses and Harry RIGGS, after the death of Nancy RIGGS. Polly died on 7 October 1903, aged 93.¹

JOSEPH S. MCNEW was born about 1812. He married Mary Ann COCKREHAM in Tennessee on 17 October 1855. They were living in Owsley County, Kentucky, near Clarissa and John, in 1860. (See page 12-4).

Joseph may have moved westward to Missouri, but hasn't yet been located in the Census of 1870. In 1880 he and his family were in Harlan County, Nebraska, living next to the Ewells. By this time, his older children were no longer with the family, but two more had been added: America (daughter) and Joseph, Jr. (See page 9-10).

Joseph and Mary Ann did not move to Washington with Clarissa, but it is thought that they may eventually have gone to Oregon.

¹ These reminiscences were collected by members of the Riggs family, and sent to me by Rita Sutton, great-granddaughter of Nancy McNew RIGGS.

ELIZABETH MCNEW was born in about 1815. She married Joseph CARTER 24 March 1835 in Scott County. They moved to Rockcastle County, Kentucky before 1850, and remained there. She had only one child, William, (but had a roomful of canaries). Her date of death is unknown at this time.

NANCY (ANNE) MCNEW was born about 1817.¹ She married Richard Asbury RIGGS on 16 September 1840 in Scott County. Nancy died about 1857. They had eight children:

Joseph	20 Aug 1841	
John	24 Nov 1843	
William Harrison and Moses Asbury	10 Feb 1846	
Sarah	1849	(died young)
James	2 Feb 1851	
Robert	?	(died 1855)
Polly	26 Jun 1857	

JOHN B. MCNEW was born 15 October 1823. He married Jemima Stanley in 1845 in Scott County. They were still living there at the time of the 1850 Census, when they were recorded with their first child, William, who was then 2 years old (U.S. Census, Scott Co, VA, p. 401).

John and his family moved to Kentucky some time between the births of Mary and Louiza (see below). The 1860 Census found them in Owsley County at Travelers Rest (near Booneville), near the families of Clarissa and Joseph. (See 12-5)

They moved back to Scott County, Virginia about 1870, in time to be enumerated for that Census in Taylor Township. (U. S. Census, 1870, Scott Co, VA, page 608). John and Jemima remained there for the rest of their lives. John died 27 December 1888. Jemima died 29 December 1902.

Children:	William	1847- ?	m1. Susan Parsons (8 ch); m2. Sarah Boatman
	Sarah	1850-1864	
	Mary Jane	1853-1927	m. Gordon Maness (3 ch)
	George	1856-1857	
	Louisa	1858- ?	
	Isaac	1860-1916	
	Nancy	1863- ?	
	Moses C.	1866-1943	m. Martha Egan (5 ch)
	Elizabeth	1868- ?	
	James	1870- ?	
	John	1872- ?	

¹ Information on these McNew brothers and sisters was obtained from Rita Sutton, descendant of Nancy, and Homer C. McNEW, descendant of John B.

WILLIAM MCNEW: was born between 1821 and 1825. He was living in Kentucky by 1845 (see letter on page 12-6). He married Mary Power 22 Feb 1849 in Floyd County, KY.¹ They are listed in the Floyd Co. Census the following year on page 454:

William McNew	29	schoolteacher
Mary	"	28
John J.	"	2 months

I have heard of two other children, Elizabeth (1855) and William (1857), but have not verified this. There may have been others born between 1849 and 1855.

William died on 11 September 1857 in Floyd County, probably of typhoid. Shown here is an authorization for Moses to sell their property, signed by Mary on 11 March 1858. Mary and her children have not yet been found in the 1860 Census.

*I Mary McNew the wife of Wm. McNew do authorize Moses to
 McNew to use or sign my name in any that seems proper to convey
 away the title of cedaryville given under my hand and seal this
 the 11th of March 1858*

Mary McNew

SARAH MCNEW: was born in 1827 or 1828. She married Solomon OWENS on the 9th of March, 1849. They were listed in the 1850 Census of Scott County on page 398, along with their first child, Esther.

Elizabeth Cawood MCNEW went to live with Sally about 1853. She was still with the Owens family in 1860. (See 1-20).

In 1870, the Owens family included six children (younger than Esther). Sarah's mother was still alive, but not living with them. (U. S. Census, Scott Co, VA, page 606, Taylor Township).

Children of Sarah and Solomon OWENS (according to Census records)

Esther	1850
John	1853
Joseph	1856
Samuel	1858
Mary	1862
A ? (f)	1864
Martha	1866

Sarah's date and place of death are not known.

¹ KENTUCKY MARRIAGE RECORDS, Kentucky Historical Soc., Genealogical Publ. Co., Baltimore, 1983.

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SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in _____ in the County of Owsley State 307
of Kentucky enumerated by me, on the 14th day of June, 1880. E. B. Gibson Ass't Marshal
Post Office Travelers Rest

1.	2.	3.	4. District.			7.	8. Value or Estate Owed.		10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
			Age	Sex	Color		Real Estate	Personal Estate					
		Elizabeth Hancock	6	F					ky				
70	70	Joseph McNew	48	M		Millwright	400	1000	va				
		Mary Ann	26	F					ky				
		Elizabeth M	3	F					ky				
		William M. C.	1	M					va				
71	71	William Clark	53	M		Farmer	2000	1000	ky				
		Abigail	26	F					ky				
		Nathaniel	31	M		Carriage			ky				
		Kenneth	14	M		Farmer			ky				
		Martha J	17	F		Domestic			ky				
		Sarah H. High	26	F		Widow Domestic			ky				
		Samuel	7	M					ky				
		Abigail	2	F					ky				
		Edmund Clark	23	M		Farmer			ky				
72	72	A. W. Clark	23	M		Farmer	1500	200	ky				
73	73	Dr. L. S. Foster	27	M		Physician	2000	1200	Miss				
		Mary	10	F					ky				
74	74	William Alumbaugh	28	M		Farmer	1000	200	ky				
		Lacey Ann	53	F		Widow millwright	500	250	va				
		Sally Ann	20	F		Domestic			ky				
		Andrew	19	M		Farmer			ky				
		Anna	18	F		Domestic			ky				
		Annis	17	F		Farmer			ky				
		John	13	M					ky				
		Mary J	7	F					ky				
		Charles Powell	17	M		Domestic			ky				
75	75	George Green	24	M		Farmer	600	400	ky				
		Anna	26	F					ky				
		William	3	M					ky				
		Robert	1	M					ky				
		Elle Mackelfy	23	F		Widow Domestic			ky				
		James Mackelfy	16	M		Farmer			ky				
76	76	Thomas D. Merritt	29	M		Farmer	500	500	ky				
		Elizabeth	23	F					ky				
		Married	2	M					ky				

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line	2	Joseph McNew	48	VA
	3	Mary Ann	26	TN
	4	Elizabeth M	3	KY
	5	William	1	VA

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 SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Owsley in the County of Owsley State of Kentucky
 of Kentucky, enumerated by me, on the 12th day of June, 1860. H. C. Gibson Ass't Marshal
 Post Office Travelers Rest

1	2	3	Description			7	Value of Estate owned		10	11 12 13			14
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13	
		The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family		Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 14 years of age.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.			
		William Reed	M						VA				
		John	M						VA				
		Mary	F						VA				
		Henry	M						VA				
55	58	John B. McNew	M			Farmer	300		VA				
		Jemima	F						VA				
		William	M						VA				
		Sarah C.	F						VA				
		Mary E.	F						VA				
		Louisa M.	F						VA				
59	59	James M. Reed	M			Farmer	2500	300	VA				
		Henry	M						VA				
		William B.	M						VA				
		Minerva	F						VA				
		Thomas B.	M						VA				
		John H.	M						VA				
		Nancy C.	F						VA				
		Mary Record	F			Widow			VA				
60	60	Leah Ann Bevington	F			Farmer	200	100	VA				
		Sarah	F						VA				
		Mahala	F						VA				
		Margaret	F						VA				
		Mary A.	F						VA				
		David H.	M						VA				
61	61	Abner Simpson	M			Farmer	1000	600	VA				
		Clara	F						VA				
		John	M			Farmer			VA				
		John	M			Farmer			VA				

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line	5	John McNew	36	Farmer	VA
	6	Jemima	29		KY
	7	William	12		VA
	8	Sarah	8		VA
	9	Mary	6		VA
	10	Louisa	1		KY

This is a letter written to Moses and Clarissa by William on 11 Aug 1845.

Aug the Floyd county Ky
 11th 1845 Sunday morning at Camp Martin
 all mine in the world your
 brother and sister intend to chaffly embrace
 these first minutes as a happy opportunity
 to inform you that I am well and
 hope that this few lines may find you
 enjoying the same health
 your letter came to me the 11th of July
 which you me my usual letter of help and
 goodness for writing in the way of it the
 reason why I did so I thought that you had
 opportunities to write and would not do it
 I heard from home the other day
 they was all well but the worst frost
 yet for crops that ever has been —
 known on the account of the drought
 Martin Stanley has sold his land and
 is going to the Missouri Joseph Johnson
 James Stiles John Ramsey also
 Robert Lincoln has come back and took
 his wife and gone to Tennessee to live
 Lincolns
 John Clark was taken up for harboring
 negroes and stolen plunder and had to
 sell his land and go to the Texas his
 family is here yet

I live 75 miles from the mouth of big
 sandy 9 miles from Paints Hill 5
 miles from Prestons church ^{to the east} 13 mi
 les from Pikes Hill and about 27 miles
 to David Polins
 what to tell Harriett to come by and
 see me I live 9 miles from Christ Church

welcome of your camp and day
 crossing the river - at James Hagers
 when you write let me know when
 you are going to VA I want to be
 to be certain to call and see me
 I live on Johns Creek at Thomas Burketts
 So no more but remains your
 affectionate brother until death
 Wm H McNew to Moses McNew

Addressed to: Moses C. Mc New ¹
 Morgan County KY.
 West Liberty
 by the politness of Henry

Floyd County, KY
 Sunday morning at camp meeting
 All alone in the woods -

Dear brother and sister inlaw - I happily embrace thees fleet moments as a happy opertunity to in form you that I am well and hope that thees few lines may find you enjoying the same health.

Your letter came to me the 10th of July which gave me joy unuterable. I beg forgiveness for writing in the way I did. The reason why I did so I thought that you had opertunities to write and wold not do it.

I heard from home the other day. They was all well but the worst prospects for crops that ever has been known on the account of the drouth. Martin Stanly has sold his land and is going to the Missouria. Joseph Johnson, James Staly, John Ramsy also. Robert Duncan has come back and took his wife and gon to tennessee to Wm. Duncans.

John Clark was taken up for harboring negors and stolen plunder and had to sell his land and go to the texes his family is here yet.

I live 75 miles from the mouth of Big Sandy 9 miles from Paints Ville 6 miles from Prestonsburgh to the east and 23 mi from Pikesvill and 27 miles to David Pollies.

I want you to tell Vansand to come by and see me I live 9 miles from Anderson ville. To come up Gines Creek and by oxen crossing the river at James Hagers.

When you write let me know when you are going to VA. I want Vansant to be certain to call and see me. I live on Johns Creek at Thomas Buriketts. So no more but remains your affectionate brother until death.

Wm H Mcnew to Moses Mcnew

¹ Original letter is in the possession of Leota Forest-Gilbert.

The family of JOHN and SARAH (COLE) JONES, all born in Morgan Co, KY:

ALVIN JONES was born about 1832 as he was 18 years old in 1850. (See page 2-17). In 1860, there was a Thomas A. Jones, 27 years old, living next to John and Sarah, so "Alvin" must have been his middle name. (See page 2-19). In 1870, Thomas A. (age 37) was next to Benjamin Jones. With him was new wife, Julia (22), Wiley C. (14), Harlan (11), William H. (Ginger?) (9), Mary (4) and Sarah (1). In 1880, Alvin Jones (47 years old) was listed with wife, Julia (31), and children: William H (20), Mary E (14), John F (7), Elizabeth (4), Custer (2) and Dora (8 months). Julia was evidently the mother of Mary and those younger.

LETISHA JONES: was 16 years old in 1850, and was probably married before the next Census. Nothing more is known of her.

FRANCIS MARION JONES:¹ was born 26 February 1838.² He often went by his middle name. He was listed in the Census with his parents in 1850 and 1860. (See 2-17 and 2-19). In 1870, he is found with his wife and two daughters, Eleanor (3) and Terisia Ann (1).³

In 1880, three more daughters are listed.⁴

Marion	JONES	40
Elizabeth		40
Eleanora		13
Ann		10
Louilinda		6
Florence		4
Zelma		6 months

On the next page is a letter written by Francis to Clarissa in 1879.⁵ Despite his talk of going West, he remained in Kentucky. He died there on 25 March 1932 at the age of 94.

BENJAMIN GARDINER JONES: was born about 1841, listed with his parents in 1850 and 1860. In 1870, his widowed mother, Sarah, and youngest sister, Mary Jane, were living with him and his wife, Catherine. They had no children at that time. He may have moved to Magoffin County, Kentucky, before 1880. Nothing more is known about him at present.

¹ Named after Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox" of Revolutionary War fame.

² Birth and death dates from Pieratt Cemetery (on Ezel-Maytown Rd).

³ U. S. CENSUS, 1870, MORGAN CO, KENTUCKY; page 330, West Liberty.

⁴ U. S. CENSUS, MORGAN CO, KENTUCKY; page 486C.

⁵ Original letter is in the possession of Leota Forest-Gilbert.

Morgan County Ky March 7th / 79

Dear sister and family we received your kind letter of the 4th of ult which was a great satisfaction to know you was all living and well except yourself but hope will soon be well. Clarisa you want to know about the connection generally they are all well as far as I know grandmother is still living and enjoying as good health as could be expected. One of her age she is always glad to hear from you and family and says she would like to see you all but it has been a very misfortune to lose her sight. But she always uses that language when she desires to see any one so natural the expression. Mother is well at this time she was so glad to hear from you all. That you was all doing well and had raised plenty of every thing and that you was not plagued with the graphoev any more. Mary Jane is at home with her yet John Wallis is still with her but taken unto himself a wife was married Jan the 11th 1878 one of Hesketh's mother's daughters when you get this letter you will find enclosed mother's photograph.

you wanted some tobacco as you could not raise any there

Morgan County KY, March 7th /79

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You wanted some tobacco as you could not raise any there. I have neglected writeing on that acount, looking for some tobacco. It is vary scarce here at this time and those that has any is afraid to let it go on account of the law. I think I can get some soon so you may look out before a great while for your tobacco.

Clarissa you wanted to know how far our nearest depot was. It is 40 miles to Mount Sterling the nearest we have. Times is pretty hard here money scarce and stock low. There is plenty of grain & bacon to supply the people corn worth 50 ct pr bu wheat one dollar bacon 10 cts.

I want you to write soon and give me some description of your country what land is worth and the productions as I am rather westward inclined. Liz says she would like to see you and take a good smoke together. Sends her respects to you and family. We have four children all girls. I wold be glad to see you and give my respects to all the children and recieve a share yourself. So I write no more at present but will write oftener Write soon. Yours respectfully

F. M. Jones & family
to Clarissa Mc New and family

¹ "ult." = last month.

I have neglected writing on that account.
 Looking for some tobacco it is very scarce here
 at this time and those that has any is afraid to
 let it go on account of the law. I think I
 can get some soon so you may look out
 before a great while for your tobacco

- Clarissa you wanted to know how
 far our nearest dept. was it is 40 miles to
 Mount Sterling the nearest we have

Times is pretty hard here money scarce and
 stock low there is plenty of corn & Bacon
 to supply the people. Corn worth 50 cts for Bu
 wheat one dollar Bacon 10 cts

I want you to write soon and give me
 some description of your country what land is
 worth and the productions as I am rather
 westward inclined. Liz says she would like
 to see you and ^{to} a good smoke together sends
 her respects to you and family we have
 four children all girls I would be glad to see
 you all give my respects to all the children
 and receive a share yourself so I
 write no more at present but will write
 often write soon yours Respectfully

J. M. Jones & family
 To Clarissa Mason & family

MASON W. JONES: was born about 1844, and was listed with his parents in 1850 and 1860. He married Rhoda Nickell on the 27th of December 1866.¹ In 1870, he was enumerated with wife and two daughters in Hazel Green Precinct.²

Mason W. (26),
Rodah (20),
Alice (2)
Mary (8 months).

Nothing more is known of him at this time.

DIAL JONES: was born about 1846, as he was 4 in 1850 and 14 in 1860. Nothing more is known of him.

PERLINA JONES: was born about 1849, and was listed with her family in 1850 and 1860. She has not yet been found in later Censuses.

MARY JANE JONES: was born in 1852, the youngest of the Jones children. She was first enumerated in 1860 at the age of 8. In 1870, she was living with her older brother, Benjamin Gardiner, still in Morgan County. We know that she and her mother were still living together in 1879 (see letter of Francis Marion Jones, 12-9).

¹ MORGAN COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS.

² U. S. CENSUS, 1870, MORGAN CO, KENTUCKY; page 350.