

ALEXANDER (I) MONTGOMERY¹

Alexander (I) MONTGOMERY was born probably before 1710, but his place of birth and parentage are not known.² We know that he was in Albemarle County, Virginia in 1745 as he purchased land there on 25 April of that year.³ On 25 June 1747, he received a grant of 450 acres on Buck Creek (a tributary of Rockfish River) in the same county,⁴ which is located on the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains. This area, only about twenty miles from the home of Thomas Jefferson, later became part of Amherst County and is now in Nelson County, Virginia. Alexander was married by 1730, but the name of his first wife is not known. His three youngest children were by his second wife, Mary.

On 14 Jan 1757, Alexander purchased 175 acres in Orange County, North Carolina,⁵ and soon thereafter moved his family to this land "in the vicinity of Rattlesnake Creek"⁶, just south of the Virginia border. Evidently a number of his Virginia neighbors made the same move at about that time. (This part of Orange County later became Caswell County.)

Alexander (I) died in early 1768. His will, which was dated 27 July 1767 and proved in April 1768⁷, contained a bequest of 170 acres - including the "plantation he now lives on" - to his son, Alexander (II), and his land in Amherst County, Virginia was left to his son-in-law, Robert Barnett (and thus to his daughter, Mary). (He had previously given land to his son, John.⁸) His own plantation he left to his widow, and named her executrix. His other final bequests included "5 shillings and no more" to his son, William, and one shilling each to John, Elizabeth, Anne and Mary.

His widow, Mary, died in North Carolina in 1791.

¹ All data on the Montgomery family used herein was compiled by Marian Ledgerwood and published in manuscript: A MONTGOMERY AND COLE RECORD; SOME DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

² It is possible that he is related to William and Isobel Montgomerie who immigrated from Scotland in 1701, settling at Doctor's Creek, New Jersey. DIRECTORY OF SCOTTISH SETTLERS IN NORTH AMERICA 1625-1825, Vol 5, page 230, by David Dobson. Evidence is only circumstantial, but they had a son named Alexander, and most of the early settlers in the Shenandoah Valley came across from Philadelphia and New Jersey.

³ THE DEEDS OF AMHERST ... ALBEMARLE CO, VA... p. 8.

⁴ VA PATENTS NO. 26, 1747-1748, Vol I, pp 5-6.

⁵ NC REGISTER OF DEEDS 1752-1768, p. 8.

⁶ Location described thus in later deeds. M. Ledgerwood

⁷ ORANGE CO, NC WILLS, BOOK A, p. 82.

⁸ ALBEMARLE CO, VA WILLS 7 DEEDS, BOOK 1, pp. 455-458.

		Settlers move into Shenandoah Valley				French/Indian War 1754-60		Rev. War	Constitution	
1700	1710	1720	1730	1740	1750	1760	1770	1775-83	1789	1790
.....Anne I.....	George I.....	George II.....			George III.		

Children of Alexander (I) MONTGOMERY:

1. William, b. 1730?; m. Jane _? before 1761; d. ?¹
2. John, b. 1730-35?; m. ?;
d. between March and June 1784, Amherst Co, VA;
- * 3. Alexander (II), b. 1740?; m. Martha WALKER, 1760?,
Orange Co, NC; d. after 1791, TN?;
4. Mary, b. 1730?; m. Robert BARNETT, before 1752,
d. after 1786;
5. Elizabeth, b. ?; d. ?;
6. Anne, b. ?; d. ?;
7. Michael, b. 1750?, Albemarle Co, VA; m. Jennette _?;
d. Jan 1820?, Caswell Co, NC;
8. James, b. 12 Nov 1752, Albemarle Co, VA; m. Rebeckah _?;
d. 22 Mar 1838, Caswell Co, NC;
9. Jane, b. ?, Albemarle Co, VA; m. _ MAXWELL; d. ?

ALEXANDER (II) MONTGOMERY

Alexander (II) MONTGOMERY was born about 1740, which would put him in his teens when the family moved from Virginia to North Carolina. He married Martha WALKER, daughter of John and Ann HOUSTON WALKER, in Orange County, NC, probably in 1760.² He was left 170 acres in North Carolina by his father's will in 1768, but he and Martha deeded this land to his stepmother in 1769.³

In 1771, this family, along with several others, moved to the Clinch River area in southwestern Virginia, living first on the Little Moccasin Creek,⁴ and later on the Big Moccasin.⁵ They may have lived very near Daniel Boone's family, which stayed on the Clinch River near Moore's Fort from 1773 to 1775.⁶ (In 1776, this area became part of newly formed Washington County, and in 1785, Russell County.) In June 1777, Alexander was listed among the troops serving at Moore's Fort (near the Montgomery home) during the War of the

¹ This may be the William Montgomery who was massacred by Indians on the Green River in Kentucky in 1780. (KY REGISTER, Vol. 42)

² John WALKER's parents moved from Scotland to near Newry, Ireland, and from there to Chester County, Pennsylvania. John and some of his brothers went from there to Virginia, first to Augusta County and then to Rockbridge County (where a creek bears their name). John and his family settled in Orange County, North Carolina, for several years, during which time his wife, Ann Houston WALKER, died. In 1772 John moved to Russell County, Virginia, where he died in 1778. From DESCENDANTS OF JOHN WALKER OF WIGTON, Emma S. White

³ ORANGE CO, NC DEED BOOK 3, p. 206.

⁴ HISTORY OF S.W. VIRGINIA & WASHINGTON CO, p. 303.

⁵ ANNALS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA, p. 1334.

⁶ LIFE AMONG THE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS OF KENTUCKY, W. R. Thomas, The Standard Printing Co. Inc. Press, Louisville, KY, 1926. p. 52.

Revolution.¹ [NOTE: The frontier forts in western Virginia at this time were more for protection from Indians than from the British. There were Indian raids in the upper Clinch river valley as late as 1785.²]

Martha's father, John WALKER also moved to Virginia, and Alexander (II) was one of the witnesses of Walker's Will in Washington County on 25 September 1778. This Will was proved in Washington County on 17 December 1778.³

An Alexander MONTGOMERY is listed as a jury member in Russell County, Virginia in September, 1790. This may well have been our Alexander (II). It is thought that he and his family moved to Tennessee in 1791. It is not known when he and Martha died, but it was most likely in Tennessee.

Children of Alexander (II) and Martha WALKER MONTGOMERY:

- * 1. Alexander (III), b. 1 Feb 1762, Orange Co, NC;
m. Mary JOHNSON?; d. 1831, Morgan Co, KY;
- 2. John, b. 5 Aug 1764,⁴ Orange Co, NC;
m1. Susanna PORTER, 5 Aug 1785, VA;
m2. Elizabeth HARRIS, 20 Nov 1804, Russell Co, VA;
d. 26 Jan 1845, Peoria Co, IL;
- 3. Michael, b. 1765;⁵ m. ?; d. 1836, Parke Co, IN;⁶
- 4. Philip, b. ?; m. Margery MCCLINTOCK, 25 Nov 1814,
Floyd Co, KY;⁷ d. ?
- 5. Joseph, b ?; d. ?;
- 6. James, b. 1775?, VA; m. Elizabeth GIBSON, 1794;⁸
d. ?, Putnam Co, IN?
- 7. William, b. 10 Dec 1779, VA; m. Sarah GIBSON,⁹ 1800?;
d. 21 Oct 1856, Hendricks Co, IN.

¹ DRAPER MSS, 1 XX 24, June 1777, Moore's Fort.

² LIFE AMONG THE HILLS...KENTUCKY, p. 117

³ WASHINGTON COUNTY, VA. WILL BOOK 1, p. 31. Nov. Ct. 1778

⁴ REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION OF JOHN MONTGOMERY, S33124.

⁵ Same as above.

⁶ Letter from the County Clerk of Parke Co, IN, to M. C. Ledgerwood.

⁷ FLOYD COUNTY, KY MARRIAGES

⁸ GIBSON FAMILY BIBLE

⁹ Same as above.

	French/Indian War 1754-60			Rev. War 1775-83	Constitution 1789
1740	1750	1760	1770	1780	1790
.....George II.....\.....George III.....\.....Washington					

ALEXANDER (III) MONTGOMERY

Alexander (III) MONTGOMERY was born 1 Feb 1762 in Orange County, North Carolina. His family moved into the Clinch Valley of Virginia when he was a child.¹ In 1777, Alexander, aged 15, and his younger brother, John, enlisted in the Continental Army. John was 13 at this time. A list of the troops at Moore's Fort on 30 June 1777 includes the two brothers and their father.² Alexander (III) was later in the battle of Eutaw Springs, South Carolina, which was fought 9 September 1781. He was given an honorable discharge that same year.³

It is thought that Alexander (III) married Mary Elizabeth JOHNSON, but there is no proof of her identity. Alexander and his wife may have gone to Tennessee for a few years in the 1790s with his father, but appeared again in Virginia on the Russell County tax lists beginning in 1797. All three of his children were born in Russell County. In 1810 and 1811 in a court case in which he was a witness, Alexander stated that his occupation was gunsmith.⁴

When Scott county, VA, was formed in 1814, it encompassed Alexander's land. (Since he lived not far from the William MCNEW family, it is possible that they were acquainted.) His name appears on the Scott County Personal Property Tax lists of 1815 and 1816. In 1816, he and his brother, John, moved their families to Floyd County, Kentucky (to what was later Morgan County). The 1820 Census of Floyd County gives his occupation as blacksmith.

His wife had died several years before Alexander (III) applied for his Revolutionary War sevice pension on 3 September 1827 in Morgan County, KY. He was living alone, and said he had not made an earlier application for pension because:

"I had no person to support but myself and being a man of good health until within a few years past, I was able by my labour at my trade to earn my victuals and clothes."⁵

Pension was granted at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on 9 February 1828. The last payment of his pension was made in March 1831, so he probably died within that month.

¹ In 1771 this was part of Fincastle County, Virginia. In 1776, this area became part of Washington County, and in 1785 it was included in Russell County.

² DRAPER MSS. 1 XX 24. June 1777.

³ REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION PAPERS - S361721.

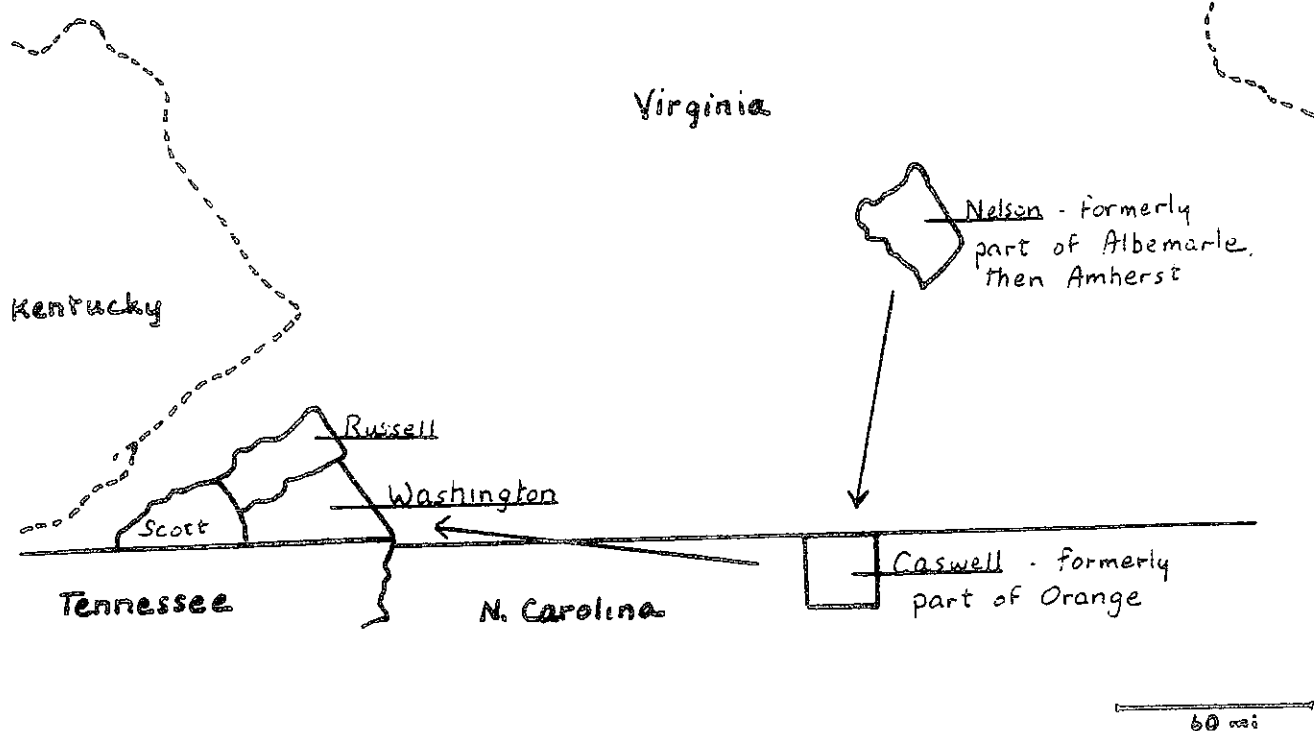
⁴ Chalkey, AUGUSTA CO COURT RECORDS, Vol. II, pp 146, 227.

⁵ REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION PAPERS - S361721.

1760	1770	1780	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830
		Rev.War 1775-83	Constitution 1789	Louisiana Purchase 1803	War 1812-15		
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.....\.....George III.....\	/ Washington		Jefferson	Madison	Monroe	

Children of Alexander (III) and Mary ? MONTGOMERY:

1. Alexander (Sanders), b. 1780-1790?¹, Russell Co, VA;
m. Elizabeth EDDINGTON, 1806, Russell Co, VA;
d. 1 Sep 1847, Morgan Co, KY;
- * 2. Isabell, b. 2 May 1785, Russell Co, VA;
m1. John COLE, 24 Dec 1802, Russell Co, VA;
m2. Isaac NICKELL, 30 Oct 1830, Morgan Co, KY;
d. after March, 1879, Morgan Co, KY;
3. Joseph J, b. 31 May 1799,² Russell, Co, VA;
m. Matilda HOWARD, 29 Oct 1817, Floyd Co, KY;
d. 22 Jan 1866, San Saba Co, TX.



¹ According to early Census records, which recorded age only in ten-year increments.

² Tombstone record, Hanna Cemetery, San Saba Co, TX

ISABELL MONTGOMERY COLE NICKELL

Isabell MONTGOMERY was born on the 2nd of May, 1785¹ in Russell County, Virginia. She used the nickname "Ibby" rather than the more usual "Belle". She was 17 when she married John COLE on 24 December 1802,² also in Russell County. His date and place of birth are unknown. It is thought that he was a blacksmith.

John volunteered on 12 September 1813 for six months service in the Army during the war with England. The first month was spent marching 520 miles across Virginia to Norfolk, where he served the remaining 5 months. He was discharged on 12 March 1814, but was ill from a fever at that time, so he was put into a hospital in Norfolk. He died there five days later on 17 March 1814, leaving Isabell with four young children,³ Samuel, Sarah, John and James, and little else. The sale of John's estate brought a grand total of \$77.48.⁴

Isabell and her children moved to Kentucky in 1817, to be close to her father and uncle. She lived near the town of West Liberty on the Licking River, originally in Floyd County, later Morgan County. During the sixteen years between her first husband's death and her second marriage, Isabell had four more children of unknown paternity who used the COLE surname; William Harrison, Jane, Mary and another daughter whose name is not recorded.

The Kentucky Legislature in 1820 passed "An Act for the Benefit of Poor Widows". On 21 May 1821, Isabell made an application for 100 acres as allowed by this act and supplied proof that she had less than \$100.⁵

In June of 1830, the Morgan County Census listed Isabell Cole as a widow with nine children in her household. Eight of these were her children and the ninth was her first grandchild, Sally's daughter, Clarissa.

On 30 October 1830 (at age 45), she married Isaac NICKELL, a widower, in West Liberty.⁶ They moved to Bath County, Kentucky in 1848, and probably remained there until

¹ Statement of Isabell Montgomery Nickell in Bounty Land Claim, 27 Jan 1851. BLWT 20645-80-55 War of 1812. File 10815, National Archives.

² Same file as above - Entry dated 1853.

³ Statement of Isabell Nickell in Pension Application, File 10815, National Archives.

⁴ SCOTT COUNTY, VA, WILL BOOK 1, p.87

⁵ ANNALS OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1800-1826, County Court Book 4, p.192.

⁶ MARRIAGE RECORD NO. 1, 1823-1867, MORGAN CO, KY. Cited in the EAST KENTUCKIAN, Vol. 15, No.4, p. 23. "Isaac Nickell m. Ibbe Cole".

Louisiana Purch. 1803 1800	War 1812-15 1810	1820	1830	Mexican War 1846-48 1840	1850	Homestead Act 1862 Civil War 61-65 1860	1870	Little Big Horn 1876 1880
Jefferson			Jackson	Harrison	Taylor	Lincoln	Grant	Garfield

Isaac's death on 20 February 1850. Isabell then moved back to West Liberty, and stayed with her youngest daughter, Mary. She seems to have generally enjoyed life, and was described as "fat and funny" in a letter written by a daughter in 1848. (See Sarah's letter on page 2 - 13).

The 1850 Census shows Isabell in the household of Mary Cole.¹

Mary	COLE	24
James	"	4
Martha	"	2
Isabel	NICKELL	64

The families of Samuel COLE and Harrison COLE are also listed on page 100, indicating that they all lived very near each other.

In 1860, the Census shows two more children in the Cole household.²

Mary	COLE	35
James	"	14
Martha	"	12
Maranda	"	10
Anna	"	3
Isabel	NICKELL	75

In 1851, Isabell was granted 80 acres of "Bounty Land" for John COLE's service in the 1812 War. In 1858, she was granted a widow's pension of \$3.50 per month, also for John's war service.³ It required a great number of applications, letters and depositions to get this land and the pension.

Unfortunately, this was not the end of the paperwork, for on 19 October 1864, Isabell applied for "Renewal of Lost Pension Certificate". The original certificate was left with her lawyer, John Hazelrigg, for safe-keeping, but as she claimed:

"the Rebels came to said Hazelrigg's house and robbed it of some property, papers, etc. and Hazelrigg nor myself or any person else has been able to find said certificate of pension up to the present date ..."⁴

¹ U.S. CENSUS - 1850, MORGAN COUNTY, KY. p. 100.

² U.S. CENSUS - 1860, MORGAN CO, KY, Dist. 1, p. 87, dwelling number 540.

³ Pension Certificate 1343, 3 June 1858.

⁴ EAST KENTUCKIAN, Vol. 9, No. 1, pp 8-9.

John Hazelrigg, the family lawyer, backed her claim by making a statement on 9 December 1864 that:

"she left said certificate with him ... that he was compelled to leave home on account of his support of the Government or be killed and preferred the former that he had to leave without having the opportunity of taking any of his property and many of his private papers with him and a few days after he left the Guerrilas robbed his house and destroyed many papers among which was the Pension Certificate of Isabell Nickell..."¹

Eventually, Isabell's pension was restored. Note: John Hazelrigg was more than just Isabell's lawyer and family friend. He was also the father of Mary COLE's children. Presumably he helped to support them, but they used the COLE surname.

In 1870, Isabell was still with Mary COLE in West Liberty, aged 84 and blind.²

Cole, Mary	43
" James H	24
" Maranda	17
" Emma C	8
Nickell, Isabella	84 Blind

Isabell's date of death is not known. She was still living in March 1879 when she was almost 94, but she has not been located in the 1880 Census. (See letter of her grandson, Francis Marion Jones, page 12-9).

Children of Isabell and John COLE:

- Samuel, b. 30 Oct 1803, Russell Co, VA;
m. Jane WARD, 22 Nov 1832, Morgan Co, KY;
d. ? after 1850;
- * Sarah, b. 12 Jan 1805, Russell Co, VA;
m. John JONES, 27 Jan 1831, Morgan Co, KY;
d. after March, 1879;
- John, b. 14 Apr 1808, Russell Co, VA;
m. Catherine MENIX, 29 Jan 1833, Floyd Co, KY;
d. 5 Sep 1859, Floyd Co, KY;
- James, b. 18 May 1812, Russell Co, VA;
m. Edith MONTGOMERY, 23 May 1833, Morgan Co, KY;
d. 24 Sep 1859, Madison Co, AR.

¹ EAST KENTUCKIAN, Vol. 9, No. 1, pp 8-9.

² U.S. CENSUS - 1870, MORGAN CO, KY, West Liberty, p. 24.

Isabell's other children who also used the surname Cole:

- (William) Harrison, b. 1816, Russell Co, VA;
m. Lucinda ELLIOTT, 26 Feb 1848, Morgan Co, KY;
d. 1877?, KS;
- Unknown daughter, b. before 1820; d. ?
- Jane, b. 1824, Morgan Co, KY;
m. Jesse J. CASKEY, Morgan Co, KY; d. ?;
- Mary, b. 14 Oct 1825, Morgan Co, KY;
d. 14 Apr 1877, Morgan Co, KY.

SARAH COLE JONES

Sarah (Sally) COLE was born 12 Jan 1805 in Russell County, Virginia. When she was 12, her mother moved the family to West Liberty, Kentucky. She was living in her mother's household when the 1830 Census was taken. At that time, she was 25 years old and had a baby daughter.

Her mother, Isabell, married Isaac NICKELL on 30 October, 1830. Three months later, on 27 January 1831, Sally married Isaac's former brother-in-law, John JONES, who became baby Clarissa's step-father. (Isaac's first wife was Priscilla JONES, John's sister.) It is not unlikely that John was in fact Clarissa's father, so some data on his family is included here. John was born 24 November 1793, the son of Ambrose and Martha CRAIG JONES. Ambrose served in the Revolution, and in later years both he and Martha were awarded pensions for this.¹

Clarissa, was 14 months old when her mother married John. Sally and John had eight more children. The 1850 Census shows the family after Clarissa had left home and before the youngest was born.²

John JONES	56	M	Farmer
Sarah	44	F	
Alvin	18	M	Laborer
Letisha	16	F	
Marion	13	M	
Gardiner	9	M	
Mason	6	M	
Dial	4	M	
Perlina	1	F	

¹ Ambrose JONES was born 10 August 1756. During the Revolution he served as a private for 3 years, 1777-1780. He was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston, SC, and later escaped. He married Martha CRAIG 30 December 1784 in Greenbrier Co, Virginia. She was born 10 August 1766. He applied for his pension on 19 July 1821. (#W.9083) After his death on 12 June 1833, Martha applied for a widow's pension (Cert. 1555) which was granted in 1843.
U. S. ARCHIVES, Pension Records.

² U.S. Census - 1850, Morgan Co, KY, p. 172.

Sally and John continued to live in West Liberty for the rest of their lives. John died during the 1860s. The Census of 1870 shows Sally as a widow, age 65. She and her youngest daughter, Mary Jane, were living with her son, Benjamin Gardiner JONES and his wife.¹

JONES Benj G	30	M	Farmer
JONES Catherine	22	F	Keeping House
JONES Sarah	65	F	At Home
JONES Mary Jane	18	F	At Home

Sally was still living in March of 1879 (see letter of her son, Francis Marion Jones, Chapter 12). She has not been located in the 1880 Census. Her date of death not known.

Sarah COLE:

- * Clarissa Jane, b. 18 Nov 1829, West Liberty, Morgan Co, KY;
m. Moses MCNEW, 17 Nov 1844, W. Liberty, Morgan Co, KY;
d. 2 May 1903, Lincoln Co, WA;

Sarah and John JONES:

Alvin, b. 1832, Morgan Co, KY;
Letisha, b. 1834, Morgan Co, KY;
Francis Marion, b. 26 Feb 1838, Morgan Co, KY;
m. Elizabeth __, Morgan Co, KY;
d. 25 Mar 1932, Morgan Co, KY.
Benjamin Gardiner, b. 1841, Morgan Co, KY;
m. Catherine __, Morgan Co, KY;
Mason W., b. 1844, Morgan Co, KY;
m. Rhoda NICKELL, 27 Dec 1866, Morgan Co, KY;
Dial, b. 1846, Morgan Co, KY;
Perlina, b. 1849, Morgan Co, KY;
Mary Jane, b. 1852, Morgan Co, KY.

Following is a letter written by Sarah and John JONES in 1848 to her oldest daughter and son-in-law, Clarissa and Moses McNew. In the typed copy, dashes indicate illegible words. Note that "the" is used for "they" throughout the letter.²

Mr. Moses b. McNew
Scott County VA
Middlebury Ky
3rd May 1848
Dye cave Pendleton
Post Office

¹ U.S. CENSUS - 1870, MORGAN CO, KY, p. 20.

² Original letter is in the possession of Leota Forest-Gilbert.

Magara County Ky

May 25th 1848

Dear children we received your letter which gave us all general satisfaction to hear from you and that you were all well and likely so today we are all well at this time and our sincere wish is that ~~that you may see~~ ^{these} ~~things~~ ^{things} - we have had a great many deaths in these parts since you left Mother Jones deceased on the 21st of October last with an illness of 3 days she was taken sick on Monday night about ten o'clock p.m. and died on Thursday night following she had the death rattle from her first attack she came in of a pain in her side - Col. Alexander Montgomery died on the 1st day of Sept. last under the influence of the bilious fever he was taken very violently and all assistance failed he lay only 14 days several old people has died in these parts the children disease were principally the measles we have had some attacks of the bilious fever but none in the circle of your connections or acquaintance with the exception of Col. Alexander Montgomery your ~~uncle~~ ^{uncle} ~~and~~ ^{and} your grandmother Nickell is present ^{and} I am as writing this letter in good health and as fat and as young as ever your grand father and grand mother Nickell have moved to Bath County where Washington Stimpson lives your uncle Sparrason Cabe was ^{married} on the 26th of February last he married a daughter of James Elliott's by the name of Levinda and they are well and doing well they are living on the Elk farm at the old place.

your aunt. Some basket has a fine daughter
 born January the 18th 1848. and the call her
 Marcellite and the are all well and the are living
 on the Elkport on a farm of his own. Lying on
 straight creek your apology will do for the
 the present but he that is good at apologies
 is hardly ever good at any thing else so none
 of your excuses but cant and living your
 family which you boast so much of and he
 here you bring William with you how can
 dont for get to bring that book you promised
 to me there is one thing I dont want you to for
 get you say you had 3000 candidates dont near
 vote for a anti war man while you lie
 we have had a great frost in this country
 last December which inged a great many people
 same lost all of their corn crops together
 with their stock the worse a great many lives
 lost the were one instance in which a Capt.
 of a steamboat took from a floating house a
 little boy about 10 years old he was pretty
 game but through me he and he has recovered
 I lost all of my loose field of corn by the
 frost which in clude about all of my Duffers
 David W. battle lost about 400 bushels of
 corn with a great deal of fodder James Howerton
 lost all of his crop only about 30 bushels
 of corn to sweep the snow from head to mouth
 the horses are licking over and the other out the
 2 snowy rivers is incredible to tell but for all
 that corn is plenty there was great crops
 was, here times is tolerable good in this
 country all kinds of stock demands a good price
 horses is up hogs demands \$2.00 per hundred
 over from \$60.00 to \$80.00 no more

Morgan County, KY
May 25th 1848

Dear children we received your letter which gave us all general satisfaction to hear from you and that you ware all well and likely so to do. We are all well at this time and our sincere wish is that _____ you may _____ these _____ enjoying the life blessing. We have had a great many deaths in these parts since you left. Mother Jones deceased on the 21st of October last with an illness of 3 days. She was taken sick on Monday night about ten o'clock pm. and died on Thursday night following. She had the death rattles from her first attackt she complained of a pain in her side.

Alexander Montgomery died on the 1st day of Sept last under the influence of the bilous (bilious) fever. He was taken very violently and all assistance failed. He lay only 14 days. Sevrall old people and children has died in those parts. The children disease ware principally the measles. We have had some attacks of the bilous fever but none in the circle of your connections or acquaintance with the exception of Alexander Montgomery, your uncle who died.

Your Grandmother Nickell is present while I am a writing this letter in good health and as fat and as funy as ever. Your Grandfather and Grandmother Nickell have removed to Bath County where Washington Stamper lives. Your uncle Harrison Cole was married on the 26th of February last. He married a daughter of James Elliott's by the name of Lucinda and the are well and doing well. The are living on the Elk Fork at the old place.

Your aunt Jane Caskey has a fine daughter born January the 18th 1848 and the call her Marsalete and the are all well and the are living on the Elk Fork on a farm of his own lying on Straight Creek.

Your apology will do for the present but he that is good at apologies is hardly ever good at any thing else so no more of your excuses but come and bring your family which you boast so much of and be sure you bring William with you. Dear son dont for get to bring that book you promised to me. There is one thing I dont want you to for get. You say you had several candidates. Dont ever vote for a anti war man while you live.¹

We have had a great freshet in this country last December which injurd a great many people. Some lost all of their corn crops together with their stock. The ware a great many lives lost. The ware one instance in which a Capt. of a steamboat took from a floating house a little boy about 10 years old. He was pretty near gone but through medicle aid he has recovered. I lost all of my lower field of corn by the flood which includes about all of my losses. David N. Cottle lost about 400 bushels of corn with a great deal of fodder. James Howerton lost all of his crop only about 30 bushels of corn. It swep the river from head to mouth. The losses on Licking River and the Ohio and the 2 Sandy Rivers is in credible to tell but for all that corn is plenty. There was great crops years.

I hear times is tolerable good in the country all kinds of stock demands a good price. Horses is up, hogs demands \$2.00 per hundred, oxen from \$60.00 to \$80.00 per yoke.

¹ This refers to the Mexican War, 1846-1848.

it is believed that Swift mill is found in the
 cliffs of Spain they have got our way rich
 and there is a great deal of iron about it
 some says the ore is the richest that has ever
 been found in America. my dear children make
 good your promises and come and see us this fall
 so near as at present about 200 miles your affection
 etc parents till death to Moses & McKnew
 Sarah Jones and Clarissa McKnew
 Sarah Jones

a few lines from D. M. better my dear friend
 I take this opportunity to inform you I am
 well and all my family and connection I have
 nothing particular to write the most of the talk
 is about the Mexican war and the prospects of
 it there is some men in this country that has
 set up a claim for Mexico that Mexico has never
 claim, for her self and some of the Mexican
 whigs are getting tired of their position and
 say the never will vote for another war man
 if they know it search the publick dock
 aments and they will show you that this disputed
 territory was never claimed by Mexico only as
 a revolted colony Dear school fellow I wish
 I could have a private interview with you
 but it is not possible so I must close
 my letter by subscribing myself as your
 old friend
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we have 2 candidates for the Legislature
 one is Mason Williams the other is George
 W. Vaughn the will be all fighting who will
 get to frankfort first M. O. Mansont
 and family is well he was elected a Justice
 of the ^{peace} for this county recently so far
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It is believed that Swift Mine is found in the cliffs of paint. The have got oar very rich and there is a great deal of fus about it. Some says the oar is the richest that has ever been found in America.

My dear children make good your promises and come and see us this fall so no more at present but remains your affectionate parrents till death.

John Jones
Sarah Jones

To Moses C. Mc Knew
and Clarissa Mc Knew

A few lines from D. N. Cottle¹. My dear friend I take this opportunity to in form you I am well and all my family and connection. I have nothing particular to write, the most of the talk is about the Mexican War and the justness of it. There is some men in this country that has set up a claim for Mexico that Mexico has never claimed for her self and some of the Mexican Whiggs are geting tired of their position and say they never will vote for an anti war man if the know it. Search the publick dockaments and they will show you that this disputed territory was never claimed by Mexico only as a revolted colony.

Dear school fellow. I wish I could have a private interview with you but it is impossible, so I must close my letter by subscribing myself as your old friend.

N.B. We have 2 candidates for the Legislature. One is Mason Williams, the other is George W. Vaughn. The will be ___ fighting who will get to Frankfort first. W. H. Vansant and family is well. He was elected a Justice of the peace for this county recently. So fare well.

¹ D. N. COTTLE is listed next to the Jones family in the 1850 Census.

Line	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Color	Marital Status
182-184	Anna McHenry	26	W	None	W	
	Rebecca	45	W			
	Alexander	12	M			
	Oliver	9	M			
	Mathew	7	M			
	William	2	M			
185-187	Ruth Armstrong	45	W		W	
	James	19	M	Labourer		
	Vianna	13	F		Labourer	
	Oliver	10	M			
	William	5	M			
186-188	Lusan Baley	26	F		W	
	Monroe	19	F			
	Mildred	17	W	Labourer		
	Elizabeth	15	F			
	Brother	12	M			
	Rebecca	10	F			
187-189	Harriet Cole	33	W	Labourer	W	
	Lucinda	19	F		W	
	Winn	7	M			
	Abraham McQueen	21	M	Labourer		
188-191	Samuel Cole	46	M	Labourer	W	
	Oliver	38	M		W	
	Clara Ann	16	F			
	Elizabeth	12	F			
	Samuel	9	M			
	William	7	M			
	Elizabeth	5	F			
	Henry	1	M			
189-192	Melissa Murray	36	F		W	
	William	11	M			
	Isaac	7	M			
	May	5	F			
190-193	May Cole	24	F		W	
	James	4	M		W	
	Mathew	2	M		W	
	Isabel Nickell	6 1/2	F		W	
191-194	Thomas Gault	24	M	Labourer	W	
	Maranda	16	F			
	Mathew	11	M			
192-195	James Murray	42	M	Labourer	W	
	Elizabeth	38	F			
	Isaac	11	M			
	May	7	F			

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Isabelle Nickell is listed on line 37, in the household of Mary Cole, line 34. (William) Harrison Cole is on line 18, and his brother, Samuel, on line 22.

Name of Family		Name of Head of Family		Occupation		Value of Real Estate		Value of Personal Property		Total Value	
		Anderson & McPherson	4	M							
		Julius	1	F							
		John H. Harts	28	M	Scarpenter						
1174	1174	Leah M. Gordon	29	M	Blacksmith	1250					
		Freeman	42	F							
		Margaret	17	F							
		Alfred	18	M	Laborer						
		Elizabeth	10	F							
		Mary J. Bacon	19	F							
		Joseph Taylor	22	M	Scarpenter						
1175	1175	John Jones	28	M	Farmer	1200					
		Sarah	44	F							
		Oliver	18	M	Laborer						
		Elizabeth	16	F							
		William	13	M							
		Sarah	9	F							
		William	6	M							
		Rice	4	M							
		Paulina	1	F							
		Silvan Jones	28	F							
		Thomas	23	M	Laborer						
1176	1176	John Ferguson	56	M	Farmer	1200					
		Elizabeth	52	F							
		Elizabeth	20	F							
		Mary	18	F							
		John	16	M	Farmer						
		Sarah	13	M							
		David	9	M							
		Mary B. Jones	25	F							
		Elizabeth	6	F							
		Emily	4	F							
1177	1177	David Robinson	70	M	Farmer	1200					
		Henry	62	F							
1178	1178	Henry S. Jones	27	M	Laborer						
		Elizabeth	18	F							
		William	6	M							
		Mary	15	F							
		John S. Jones	25	M	Laborer						

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The family of John and Sarah Jones begins on line 11. The last two named, Gilian and Thomas, may be John's children from his first marriage. This enumeration was not made until October.

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 Post Office West Liberty

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	14
							Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate						
1	532	William D. Fanning	72 M		Farmer		40		Kentucky					
2		Mary	24 F											
3		William	20 M											
4		Mary	20 F											
5	533	William D. Fanning	67 M		Farmer		350	50	Kentucky					
6		John C.	17 M											
7		Thomas	15 M											
8		Elizabeth	11 F											
9		James H. Williams	5 M		Farmer									
10		George	30 F											
11		Elizabeth	11 M											
12		John	7 M											
13		Supplies	7 F											
14		John	3 M											
15		James B.	3 M											
16		James B.	1 M											
17	534	James B. Smith	52 M		Farmer		1000	1000	Kentucky					
18		Matilda	25 F											
19		George	20 M											
20		Carroll	15 F											
21	540	Mary Cole	35 F		Farmer		400		Kentucky					
22		James	14 M											
23		Martha	12 F											
24		Maranda	10 F											
25		Anna E.	3 F											
26		Isabella Smith	75 F						Virginia					
27	541	Joseph B. Smith	52 M		Farmer		800	500	Virginia					
28		Elizabeth	50 F											
29		Martha	20 M		Labourer				Kentucky					
30		William	21 M											
31		Maranda J.	15 F											
32		George M.	16 M											
33		Andrew	15 M											
34		James T.	12 M											
35		Elizabeth	9 F											
36		James	8 M											
37		Thomas	4 M											
38		James	2 M											
39		James	1 M											
40	542	James	1 M											

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Mary Cole is on line 21, followed by four children, James, Martha, Maranda and Anna. Isabella's name is on line 26. Note James Elliott on line 17. He is mentioned in Sarah's letter, page 2 - 13.

Name of person			Sex, Age, Color, and Date of Birth			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female		Value of real estate		Value of personal estate		Place of birth, nativity, or territory of U. S. or the Country of foreign birth		Education		Whether deaf and dumb, insane, or idiotic		Whether blind	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Page No. 31 SCHEDULE 1, Inhabitants in West Liberty Precinct #1, in the County of Morgan, State of Kentucky, enumerated by me on the 2 day of July, 1870.

A. M. Gordon Ass't Marshal

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line	25	Jones	Benj G	30	Farmer	1000	450	KY
	26		Catherine	22	Keeping house			KY
	27		Sarah	65	At home			VA
	28		Mary Jane	18	At home			KY
	29	Stamper	John	11	At home			KY

