

## MOSES AND CLARISSA MCNEW

Moses Cawood MCNEW, fifth child of William and Elizabeth, was born in Scott County, Virginia, probably in 1820. When the 1840 Census was taken, he was still living at his mother's home. At some time between 1840 and 1844, he went to Morgan County in Kentucky, apparently for some kind of study. (See note to Moses from David COTTLE, 2-13.) There, he met Clarissa Jane (Cole) Jones, young daughter of Sarah and step-daughter of John Jones.

Moses and Clarissa were married in West Liberty, Kentucky, on the 17th of November 1844, the day before her 15th birthday. According to the county marriage records,<sup>1</sup> a license was obtained (and fee paid) on the 16th, followed by a notation that the ceremony took place on the 17th, signed by W. Cottle.

The young couple remained in Morgan County, probably near West Liberty, for the next two and a half years. Their first child, William Newton MCNEW was born there in October 1845. In 1847, Moses took his family back to his mother's farm at Rye Cove in Scott County, Virginia. The 1850 Census shows Moses working as a farmer, and his mother (Elizabeth CAWOOD MCNEW) living with his family. Three daughters, Sarah, Mollie and Nancy, were born to them in Virginia.

In 1853, Moses and Clarissa with their four children moved west again, back to Kentucky, this time to Booneville in Owsley County. Moses placed the following advertisement in the Booneville newspaper:

**MOSES C. MCNEW, M. D.,**  
 Would respectfully inform the citizens of OWSLEY COUNTY, that he will practice in the SCIENCE OF MEDICINE, in its various branches, and will visit patients in any portion of the County at a FAIR and REASONABLE RATE. He may be found at his residence in BOONVILLE, unless professionally absent.  
 April 1, 1853.

Moses first appeared on the Owsley County Tax Lists in 1854. He is shown as owning one town lot worth \$394, 1 horse valued at \$100 and one cow. He did not own any slaves. (In fact, of the forty-six households on his page of the tax list, forty-four had no slaves and the other two reported only one slave each. Perhaps this is why so many in this part of Kentucky sided with the North in the Civil War.)

Their fifth child and second son, Joseph B., was born in Booneville in 1853, followed by Martha Jane in 1856, and Esther Margaret in 1859.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> MARRIAGE RECORDS OF MORGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, p. 69.

<sup>2</sup> INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (1988 Edition) lists the following births in Owsley Co., KY:

MC NEW (m)	b. 29 Oct 1853	M. C. MC NEW	Clarissa JONES
MC NEW (f)	b. 3 Aug 1856	M. C. MC NEW	Clercy JONES
MCNEW, Easter (f)	b. 1 Apr 1859	Moses MCNEW	C. J. JONES

Everything seemed to be going well, until May, 1860, when Moses contracted typhoid fever. He was ill for 21 days, and died on the 3rd of June.<sup>1</sup> He was 40 years old.

The 1860 Census was taken later that same month, and it showed Clarissa as a 30-year-old widow with seven children, living in an area called Travelers Rest. Also listed within one page of Clarissa were Moses' brothers, John and Joseph and their families. Either they were living nearby, or were visiting because of Moses' illness and death.

Clarissa remained in Booneville, supporting her growing family as a farmer. The family really was growing, as Clarissa was pregnant (although she may not have known it yet) when she was widowed. She gave birth to Emily Josephine early in 1861, just before the beginning of the Civil War. A family story is that William, her oldest son, wanted to enlist in the Union Army when he was 16, but she would not give her permission. They all survived the ups and downs of the War, and the beginning of Reconstruction.

Meanwhile, in 1862, Congress passed the Homestead Act, in order to encourage the settlement of the West by making land available to those who had ambition but little money. At the time it was passed, it was overshadowed by the Civil War, but after the War, word spread quickly about this opportunity for a new start.

In 1873, Clarissa gathered all the family, including Sarah, her married daughter, with her husband and child, and they headed west to Nebraska where there was homestead land. Clarissa and William took up homesteads in Harlan County, while Sarah and John Mints settled north of there in Phelps County. Both Martha and Mollie married local farmers in 1875.

Their first years in Nebraska did not go well. According to William, in three years out of the first four, the crops failed.<sup>2</sup> In September of 1876, William and Nancy Belle, along with Martha and Eli Ewell, went further west to California, settling in the San Francisco area. The Ewells stayed only until the following year, and then returned to Nebraska. Nancy Belle was married in California and remained there. William eventually went back to Nebraska, but only in time to help his mother pack up and leave.

After too many grasshoppers and too many drought years, Clarissa gave up on Nebraska in 1882, and headed for Washington Territory, with William again her right-hand man. The married daughters, Sarah Mints, Mollie Hansen and Martha Ewell, with their husbands and children, also joined the covered wagon caravan and headed for the Northwest. Apparently, they went only as far as Boise, Idaho, before winter set in, and the rest of the journey was completed in the spring of 1883. They purchased railroad land in Lincoln County, in the Larene township north of Davenport, Washington. (That area was sometimes called Little Egypt.)

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<sup>1</sup> 1860 U.S. CENSUS, MORTALITY SCHEDULE, Owsley Co, KY, p. 1

<sup>2</sup> See letter of William on page 4 - 7.

When William, at the age of 49, married Unicy PHAR in 1895, his mother lived with him and his bride. Clarissa had been the matriarch for too long, and the strength at the center of the whole family. Now she was not about to consider her young daughter-in-law (who was the age of her grand-children) as mistress of the home. Unicy was treated like a child or a servant until she put her foot down and said she wouldn't stay in the same house with Clarissa. Sarah then took her mother into her home, and Clarissa stayed with the Mints family until her death on 2 May 1903, at the age of 73.

Clarissa Jane Cole Jones MCNEW was the quintessential pioneer woman. She crossed the entire United States, from Virginia to Washington, using only animal power. She was obviously a strong, unifying force in her family, as her grown children and their families followed where she led. She smoked a pipe, and missed her tobacco when it was hard to get. (See letter from her brother, Francis Marion, in Chapter 12.)

The following obituary appeared in The Davenport Tribune on May 7, 1903:<sup>1</sup>

Clarissa Jane McNew

Clarissa Jane McNew was born in West Liberty, Kentucky, November 18, 1829. She departed life May 2, 1903, being 73 years 5 months and 12 days old. She was married to Moses S.<sup>2</sup> McNew in 1844, from which union there was born eight children, six of whom survive her: William N. McNew, of Davenport, Sarah E. Mints of Larene, Belle Turpin, San Francisco, J. B. McNew of Oxford, Nebraska, Martha J. Ewell of Stites, Idaho, and Josie Russell of Boise, Idaho, all of whom were at her bedside except Mrs. Belle Turpin and Josie Russell; Mollie Hansen and Esther Ewell having proceeded (sic) her in her long rest.

Her husband Moses McNew died in 1861. In 1873, she, with her family, left her native state of Kentucky and turned their faces westward to the open plains of Nebraska, where she resided until 1882, when again she journeyed to the more interesting and promising land of Washington arriving in 1883 and located near Larene, Lincoln county, Washington, where she has continued to reside until the messenger on the pale horse came and said it is finished, come up higher.

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<sup>1</sup> DAVENPORT TRIBUNE, Vol. 3, No. 38.

<sup>2</sup> His middle initial was really "C" for Cawood, and he died in 1860, not 1861.

The immediate cause of her death was cancer of the abdomen. She was a believer in, and a lifelong follower of Him who said: "He that believeth in me hath everlasting life." Funeral services were conducted in Larene church by the Rev J. A. Rogers, of Davenport.

Her suffering ended with the day  
 Yet lives she at the close.  
 And breathed the long, night away  
 In statue like repose.  
 But when the sun in all his state,  
 Illumed the eastern skies,  
 She passed through glory's gate  
 And waked in Paradise."

Clarissa was buried in Larene Cemetary, which is now overgrown. No grave markers remain.

Children of Moses and Clarissa MCNEW:

- a William Newton, b. 23 Oct 1845, Morgan Co, KY;  
 m. Unicy Margaret PHAR, 31 Mar 1895, WA;  
 d. 5 Mar 1925, Elk River, ID;
- b Sarah E, b. Jan 1848, Scott Co, VA;  
 m. John Wilburn MINTS, Oct 1869, Owsley Co, KY;  
 d. 26 Nov 1923, Otis Orchards, WA;
- c Mary Ann (Mollie, Polly), b. 3 May 1850, Scott Co, VA;  
 m. Albert Christian HANSEN, 6 Oct 1875, NE;  
 d. 8 Apr 1895, Lincoln Co, WA;
- d Anne Isabelle (Nancy, Belle), b. 1852, Scott Co, VA;  
 m. Frederick TURPIN, 1877, CA;  
 d. ? between 1910 and 1920, CA;
- e Joseph B, b. 29 Oct 1853, Owsley Co, KY;  
 m. Eva CRESS, 1 Jan 1879, Harlan Co, NE;  
 d. 3 Sep 1925, Spokane, WA;
- f Martha Jane, b. 3 Aug 1856, Owsley Co, KY;  
 m1. Eli EWELL, 1875, NE; (div),  
 m2. Martin VAN DER LUGT;  
 d. 8 Oct 1930, Seattle, WA;
- g Esther Margaret, b. 1 Apr 1859, Owsley Co, KY;  
 m. ? EWELL;  
 d. before 1903;
- h Emily Josephine (Josie), b. 1861, Owsley Co, KY;  
 m. William A. Russell, 30 Oct 1883, Boise, ID;  
 d. 19 Sep 1925, Boise, ID

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I have  
 Mary C. McNew  
 To  
 Clarissa Jones  
 Benjamin Bailey  
 To  
 Mary Jones  
 William Johnson  
 To  
 Catherine Johnson

November 17<sup>th</sup> 1844 was joined together in the holy state of matrimony -ony Mr Moses C. McNew to Miss Clarissa Jones by me  
 Wm Cottle JPME

I declare by this do hereby that I did on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Nov 1844 solemnize the act of matrimony between Benjamin Bailey and Mary Jones according to law given under my hand in a recorder of orphans church located for that purpose Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1844 William Johnson  
 December 1<sup>st</sup> 1844  
 was joined together in the holy state of matrimony by William Johnson to Miss Catherine Johnson by me  
 Wm Cottle JPME

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16 Nov 1844 Fee Pd	Moses C. McNew to Clarissa Jones	November 17th 1844 was joined together in the holy state of matrimony -ony Mr Moses C. McNew to Miss Clarissa Jones _____ <sup>1</sup> Wm Cottle JPME
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<sup>1</sup> In the third item on this page, also written by Wm. Cottle, the last two words are "by me".

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Western District in the County of Scott of Virginia enumerated by me on the 17th day of Sept. 1850. J. H. [Signature] Post Master.

Dwellings numbered in the order of valuation.	Families numbered in the order of valuation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate.	Place or State, Territory, or Country.	Whether blind, deaf, idiotic, insane, or convalescent.			
			Age.	Sex.	Color.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	1	David Riggs	53	m		Wagon Driver		VA				
2	2	Frances	45	f				VA				
3	3	William	18	m		J. Farmer		VA		1		
4	4	Jolly	16	f				VA				
5	5	Anniston	14	f				VA		1		
6	6	Blouner	12	f				VA		1		
7	7	R. [unclear]	10	f				VA		1		
8	8	Elizabeth	8	f				VA		1		
9	9	Henry	6	m				VA		1		
10	10	Eliza	4	f				VA				
11	11	David	3	m				VA				
12	12	Francis	2	f				VA				
13	13	Moses C. McNew	30	m		Do.	100	VA				
14	14	Clarissa	25	f				VA				
15	15	William N.	4	m				VA		1		
16	16	Sarah E.	3	f				VA				
17	17	Polly A.	1	f				VA				
18	18	Elizabeth	62	f			100	VA				
19	19	William Hoill	46	m		Do.	100	VA				
20	20	Elizabeth	43	f				VA				
21	21	Martina	18	f				VA				
22	22	Donna	16	f				VA		1		
23	23	Rubens	14	f				VA				
24	24	Elvira	12	f				VA				
25	25	Socecina	10	f				VA				
26	26	Mahala	8	f				VA				
27	27	Irma						VA				
28	28	Ma. [unclear]						VA				
29	29	Ma. [unclear]						VA				
30	30	Mary						VA				
31	31	George W. Johnston						VA				
32	32	Martina						VA				
33	33	John						VA				

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Line 13	Moses C. McNew	30	m	Farmer <sup>1</sup>	100 <sup>2</sup>	VA
14	Clarissa <sup>3</sup>	25	f			KY
15	William N.	4	m			KY
16	Sarah E.	3	f			VA
17	Polly A.	1	f			VA
18	Elizabeth	62	f		100	VA

<sup>1</sup> "Do" means ditto.  
<sup>2</sup> Value of Real Estate.  
<sup>3</sup> Note special character used for a double s. Clarissa was actually 20 years old at this time.

Name	Land	County	Water Course	Value of Land	Town Lots	Value of Town Lots	White Males 21+	Slaves 16+	Total Slaves	Value of Slaves	Horses & Mares	Val. of Horses & Mares	Mules	Value of Mules	Jennies	Value of Jennies	Cattle	Value of Cattle	Stores	Value of Stores	Studs, Jacks, Bulls	Rates per season	Tavern Licenses	Children 6-18	Blind (white)	Deaf, Dumb (white)	Hogs 6 mo. +
Mr. Davis James S	200	County	Middle fork	500																							
	150			150																							
Mr. James (Shifty)	200		South fork	200			1	1	100	6	200									200							
Mr. Davis James S			South fork	1000																							
Mr. Davis David W	200		By River	100																							
	4			100																							
	4			100			5	250	1																		
Miss William B																											
Mr. Milliano			South fork				1	394																			
Mr. R. G.																											
Mr. Thomas	500		Middle fork	600																							
Mr. Joseph																											
Mr. Newton																											
Miss Benjamin																											
Mr. William B							1	1	200	2	100																
Mr. William S	400		Sturgers	400																							
	200		Stations Camp	200			35	1000																			
Miss Minnie	200		By Station	1000																							
Mr. William S	200		South fork	500																							
Mr. William S	200		South fork	500																							
Mr. William S	100		South fork	500																							
Mr. William S	75		South fork	50																							

OWSLEY COUNTY, KY 1854 TAX LIST

McNew, M. C. is the 7th name on this list.  
 His water course was "southfork".  
 He owned: one town lot worth \$394,  
 one horse valued at \$100,  
 one cow (no value given).  
 He had two children at least 6 years old.  
 He had total taxable property of \$494.

Land  
 County  
 Water Course  
 Value of Land  
 Town Lots  
 Val. of Town Lots  
 White Males 21+  
 Slaves 16+  
 Total Slaves

Value of Slaves  
 Horses & Mares  
 Val. of Horses & Mares  
 Mules  
 Value of Mules  
 Jennies  
 Value of Jennies  
 Cattle  
 Value of Cattle  
 (other headings unreadable)

Stores  
 Value of Stores  
 Studs, Jacks, Bulls  
 Rates per season  
 Tavern Licenses  
 Children 6-18  
 Blind (white)  
 Deaf, Dumb (white)  
 Hogs 6 mo. +

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**SCHEDULE 2—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1860, in the County of Owsley, State of Kentucky, enumerated by W. C. Gibson, Ass't Marshal.**

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the year ending 1st June, 1860, whose usual place of abode at the time of death was in this county.	SEX AND AGE					PLACE OF BIRTH, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	THE MONTH in which the person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	NUMBER OF DAYS ILL.
	1	2	3	4	5					
Richard Daniels	42	M				Ky	Nov	Farmer	Suicide by Hanging	1
Moses C. McNew	40	M				VA	June	Physician	Typhoid Fever	21 days
James L. Bowls	41	M				Ky	April		War (ill)	3
Francis Boston	26	F				V.G.	March	Widow	Consumption	3 years
Margaret Bowls	16	F				Ky	July	Domestic	Typhoid Fever	15 days
Infant (not named)	7	M				Ky	June		Unknown	1 hour
William Bowls	1	M				Ky	Nov		Bird Bites	1 hour
William Bowman	45	M				Ky	May	Farmer	Typhoid Fever	21 days
Isabella Bowman	20	F				Ky	July	Domestic	do do	35 days
Elizabeth Price	15	F				Ky	Sept	Domestic	Dropsy	30 days
John T. Spivey	21	M				Tenn	Nov	Farmer	Murdered	
Thomas W. Spivey	1	M				Ky	Sept		Struck	3 days
Joseph Gunn	30	F				Ky	March	Domestic	Typhoid Fever	16 days
Catrick Hamilton	74	M				V.G.	Feb	Farmer	Stroke	21 days
Annell Abner	1	M				Ky	July		Stroke	9 days
Isabella Smith	30	M				V.G.	Feb	Farmer	Consumption	7 months
Infant (not named)	4/10	F				Ky	Sept		Fever	2 1/2 days
Isabella Bowman	2	F				Ky	July		Causes unknown	15 days
Infant (not named)	3/10	M				Ky	Oct		do do	3 days
Infant do	7/10	F				Ky	Sept		do do	1 hour
Robert Rose	85	M				VA	Nov	Farmer	Apoplexy	instant
Martha Corriett	23	F				VA	May	Widow	Liver Disease	5 months
Infant (not named)	3/10	F				Ky	Jan		Unknown	2 1/2 hours
Anna Ann Gray	15	F				Ky	Dec	Domestic	Consumption	1 year
Angeline Durbin	5	F				Ky	Dec		Unknown	7 days
William Durbin	3	M				Ky	Dec		Unknown	9 days
James Burke infant	2	M				Ky	May		Unknown	instant
Robert S. Durbin	1	F				Ky	Oct		Unknown	12 days
Clara Lane	28	M				Ky	Nov	Domestic	Consumption	6 years
Thomas S. Acres	20	M				Ky	Sept	Farmer	Consumption	5 months
Julia W. Daniel	16	F				Ky	Sept		Head Pains	2 1/2 months
Infant (not named)	6/10	F				Ky	March		Unknown	1/2 hour
Lotta Gibson	7	F				Ky	May		Croup	1 1/2 days
Harriet Combs	67	M				Ky	June	Farmer	Palsy	15 months
Elizabeth Sanders	12	F				V.G.	Jan		Unknown	3 days

1860 MORTALITY SCHEDULE, OWSLEY COUNTY, KY

Line 2, Moses C. McNew, 40, M(ale), M(arried), VA, June, Physician, Typhoid Fever, 21 days

This list includes all who died within the year before the Census was taken - not just those who had died before June 1st. Clarissa's family was enumerated on June 14, eleven days after Moses' death, which is when this entry would have been made.



SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Owsley State  
of Kentucky enumerated by me, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1860. J. B. Libb  
Post Office Travelers Rest

1	2	3	Description			7	Value or Evid. Capital		10	11	12	13	14				
			4	5	6		8	9									
		The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.		Sex and Age			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.		Real Estate		Personal Property		Place of Birth, or Naming the State, Territory, or Country.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.		
		<u>Lucy A. Green</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>f</u>		<u>House</u>			<u>None</u>								
		<u>William</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>None</u>								
		<u>George</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>None</u>								
		<u>Thomas</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>None</u>								
		<u>Henry</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Sarah</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Isaac</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Eliza</u>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Mary Day</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>f</u>		<u>Widow</u>	<u>Farmer</u>		<u>None</u>								
		<u>Sarah Knott</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>f</u>		<u>Widow</u>	<u>Farmer</u>		<u>None</u>								
<u>64</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>Clarissa McNew</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>f</u>		<u>Widow</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>400</u>								
		<u>William N.</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Sarah E.</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>VA</u>								
		<u>Mary A.</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>VA</u>								
		<u>Nancy E.</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>VA</u>								
		<u>Joseph B.</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Martha J.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Esther C.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>James Williams</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>m</u>		<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>								
		<u>Sarah</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Clary E.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
<u>65</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>Abner Spauld</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>m</u>		<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>200</u>								
		<u>Mary</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Rhoda Ann</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
<u>67</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>Anderson Powell</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>m</u>		<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1000</u>								
		<u>Rosie</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>None</u>								
		<u>William</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>John</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Thomas</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>William</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>m</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
		<u>Sarah</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>Ky</u>								
<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>J. H. Cannon</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>m</u>		<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>								
		<u>Mary</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>f</u>					<u>None</u>								

1860 CENSUS, OWSLEY COUNTY, KY

Enumerated on June 14

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Line 11	Clarissa McNew	33	f	Widow Farmer	\$600	\$400	KY
12	William N.	14	m				KY
13	Sarah E.	12	f				VA
14	Mary A.	11	f				VA
15	Nancy E.	9	f				VA
16	Joseph B.	6	m				KY
17	Martha J.	4	f				KY
18	Esther C.	1	f				KY

Page No. 13 Inquiries numbered 7, 26, and 27 are not to be asked in regard to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 20 are to be answered merely by the affirmative mark, as /.



SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Boonville Precinct, in the County of Owsley, State of Kentucky, enumerated by me on the 27th day of July, 1870.  
 Post Office: Boonville Ad't Marshal: J. J. Hunt

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11-15					18	19	
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13	14	15		16	17
Description			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.			Value of Real Estate owned.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth.		Marriages					Number and Sex of Children, under 18 years of age.		
1		W. A. Little	34	M	W	Keeping House	1500	240	Kentucky	/							
2		Johnnie	22	M	W	Farm Labor			Kentucky	/							
3		Elizabeth	21	F	W				"	/							
4		Thomas, John	18	M	W	Farm Labor			"	/							
5		Thomas, Julia	13	F	W	Farm Labor			"	/							
6		William, Thomas	12	M	W	Farm Labor	60	100	Virginia	/							
7		Betty	11	F	W	Farm Labor			Kentucky	/							
8		William	9	M	W				"	/							
9		Julie	1	F	W				"	/							
10		John, John	27	M	W	Millwright	200		Ohio	/							
11		Susan	22	F	W	Farm Labor			Kentucky	/							
12		Margaret	16	F	W				"	/							
13		John, Thomas	60	M	W	Farm Labor	150		Virginia	/							
14		John, John	30	M	W	Farm Labor			Kentucky	/							
15		Josephine	16	F	W	Farm Labor			"	/							
16		William, Thomas	43	M	W	Keeping House	600	286	"	/							
17		Wilson	23	M	W	Farm Labor			"	/							
18		Raymond	11	M	W				Virginia	/							
19		Thomas	17	M	W				"	/							
20		Joseph	15	M	W	Farm Labor			Kentucky	/							
21		Martha	13	F	W				"	/							
22		Esther M.	11	F	W				"	/							
23		Emily J.	9	F	W				"	/							
24		Thomas, John	28	M	W	Farm Labor	200	300	"	/							
25		Martha	22	F	W	Keeping House			"	/							

1870 CENSUS, OWSLEY COUNTY, KY

Enumerated on July 27 Boonville Precinct, page 13

line	31	McNew, Clarissa J	43	F	W	Keeping House	600	286	KY
	32	Wilson	23	M	W	Farm Labor			KY
	33	Mary A.	19	F	W				VA
	34	Nancy E	17	F	W				VA
	35	Joseph S	15	M	W				KY
	36	Martha J	13	F	W				KY
	37	Esther M	11	F	W				KY
	38	Emily J	9	F	W				KY

(Sarah and her husband, John Mints, appear on page 1 in the same precinct.)

A LETTER FROM CLARISSA IN HARLAN CO, NEBRASKA TO WILLIAM AND  
BELLE IN CALIFORNIA, DATED 18 APRIL 1879

~~Harlan~~ Harlan co Neb April 18<sup>th</sup>  
1879

Dear children I wright you open lians  
to let you know that we ar all well at this  
presant hoping those few lians will come  
safe to hand and finde you all well and  
doing well I received your letter last mail  
was glad to hear from you and to hear  
that you was well I was proude of my  
golde dollar you sent mee it is they  
first pease of golde I ever hade of my one  
I have nothing new to wright that I know  
of I have wrote two letters to you lately but  
it seems like you have not got them I write  
try to tell you something about josephs  
troubels they was finde 25 dollars apiece and  
they cost they taken unapell in they inu  
t ont they swore pine blank lyes against  
them they swore that joseph helped to  
moove them off and he was not their  
and they ~~swore~~ swore to another man that  
was not their of conse joseph new wha  
t they was going to dwo but colde not hel  
pe it if he hade atryde they was deturme  
on dwoing something I hade unidy that the  
y was going to dwo something unde tryde  
to keepe it down but colde not you sed  
that you suspected that joseph hade  
not went acording to law with his clame  
but he has he pmentet it and bill abo  
was on it and was in it before they 30  
days was out he got his papers on it  
first and had bin living on it ever since  
~~the~~ ~~contested~~ yorden. ~~contested~~ it and they  
tryel coms off <sup>the</sup> 22 second of this month

I have now doubt but what he will not  
 do it if they is any parties in law but ~~it~~  
 it is going to cost him a good deal of  
 money before it is done with if they  
 had let him alone he would have bin  
 all wright he had went and got they  
 advice of ~~some~~ a lawyer and imployed  
 him to attend to they case but in a few  
 days he was put off so I dont know  
 how it will go with them I cant tell they  
 case story it is two tedious and I know  
~~not~~ got sense enough to wright any  
 thing with much sense in it as you  
 will see Joseph is done soing what he  
 has got got 40 uhors for wheat I am not  
 going to give up trying to live I am going  
 to raise every thing I can I and Josey is  
 all alone & Esther is at home and  
 Josey is assisting to you off to work and  
~~leave me all alone and I want to hear~~  
 you and she is lying down they bed  
 prooving while I am writing you spoke  
 like you thought it was neglect they  
 reason I lost my cow she did not get  
 it at home she was running out and I  
 suppose she got it when some one was  
 soing wheat but I dont know when I  
 begin to think you ar coming home before  
 one long I think if you ar coming home you  
 ought to come before all they land is gon  
 and if you do that you will have to com  
 soon they ar coming in every day by the  
 y-closer I never saw they ~~like~~ like in

18 April 1879

Dear children I wright you afew lians to let you know that we ar all well at the presant hoping those few lians will come safe to hand and finde you all well and doing well I reseived your letter last mail was glad to hear from you and to hear that you was well I was proude of my golde dollar you sent me it is they first peace of golde I ever hade of my one I have nothing new to wright that I know of I have wrote two letters to you latly but it seems like you have not got them I will try to tell you somthing about Josephs troubels they was finde 25 dollars apeace and they cost they taken unapell in they circut cort they swore pine blank lyes against them they swore that Joseph helped to moove them off and he was not their and they swore to another man that was not their of corse Joseph new what they was going to dwo but colde not helpe it if he hade atryde they was deturmd on dwoing somthing I hade unidy that they was going to dwo somthng ande tryde to keepe it down but colde not you sed that you suspected that Joseph hade not went acording to law with his clame but he has he premted it and bilt ahows on it and was in it before they 30 days was out he got his papers on it first and has bin living on it ever since gorden contested it and they tryel coms off the 22 second of this month I have now doubet but what he will holde it if they is eny jestis in law but it is going to cost him agoode deel of money before it is done with if they had let him alone he woulde have bin all wright he hade went and got they advice of alowyar and imployed him to atende to they case but in afew days he was put off ..so I dont know how it well go with them I cant tell they hole story it is two tedious and I have not got minde enough to wright eny thing with mutch sence in it as you will see Joseph is don soing whet he has got got 40 achors in wheet I am not going to give up trying to live I am going to rais every thing I can I and josey is all alone Esther is at kerny<sup>1</sup> and josey is wanting to gow off to work and leeve mee all alone and I wont let her gow and she is lying own they bed powting while I am writing you spoke like you thought it was neglect they reeson I lost my cow she did not get it at home she was runing owt and I supose she got it whear some one was soing wheet but I dont know whear I begain to think your ar coming home before longe I think if you ar coming home you ought to come before all they land is gon and if you dwo that you will have to com soon they ar coming in every day by they dosen I never saw they like in my life they ar coming from indiana have colin us they ar well pleased with they cuntry. Bell, I was glad to reede aletter from you ymust not think harde that I do not wright aseprate letter for I have tolde all that can in this and you know how I am about writing So this must dwo for you all I got aletter from your grandma last week they was all well and your greate grand Ma is still living she is some whear in ninty she is well and harty for hur age your unkle Marien Jones talks like coming to neb you and fred must come to neb and get you ahome of your one before thy land is all gon wright soon and often if eny thing strange ocurs I will let you know they conection is all well except Mollie and she is mending I will have to stop and go to they offis dyrect to rock falls from your mother Clarisa Mc New

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<sup>1</sup> Kearney, Nebraska

my life they ar coming from indianahool colin  
 as they ar well pleased with they country  
 Bell I was glad to recede a letter from you  
 you must not think hard that I do not  
 wright a seprate letter for I have tolde  
 all that can in this and you know  
 how I am about writing so this must doo  
 for you all I got a letter from your grand  
 ma last week they was all well and your  
 greate grand ma is still living she  
 is some where in ninty she is well  
 and hanty for her age your unkle  
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Clarisa Mc New

	Lucas L.	40	M	6	Son		
	Albert A.	30	M	10	Son		
	Miriam	20	F	3	Daughter		
146/147	William Thomas	30	M	24	Husband		
	Mary J.	25	F	11	Wife		
147/148	Boris Miller	40	M	18	Husband		
149/149	Richard William	40	M	21	Husband		
	Margaret	30	F	12	Daughter		
	Mary	20	F	11	Daughter		
150/150	Alfred Edward	40	M	24	Husband		
150/151	Rebecca	30	F	10	Daughter		
	Elizabeth	20	F	12	Daughter		
	Edmund	20	F	14	Daughter		
	John	20	F	10	Daughter		
152/152	Richard	40	M	27	Husband		
	Mary	30	F	10	Daughter		
	Martha	20	F	11	Daughter		
	John	20	F	10	Daughter		
154/154	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
	Mary	30	F	10	Daughter		
155/155	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
	Mary	30	F	10	Daughter		
156/156	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
	Mary	30	F	10	Daughter		
157/157	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
158/158	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
159/159	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
160/161	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
161/162	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
162/163	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
163/164	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
164/165	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		
165/166	Richard	40	M	28	Husband		

1880 CENSUS, HARLAN COUNTY, NE

Enumerated on June 18 and 21.

Spring Creek, page 412

line	28	McNew	Joseph B	W	M	23	Farmer	KY
	29		Eva	W	F	23	wife HouseKeeper	IL
	30		Floyd	W	M	7/12	son	NE
line	36	McNew	Clarissa	W	F	50	Running a Farm	KY
	37		Josie	W	F	18	dau. Teaching School	KY
	38	Ewell	Gebbus	W	M	67	Farmer	NY
	39		Eliza	W	F	65	HouseKeeping	NY

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# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 22  
APPLICATION 22

Whereas Traps has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Blounts Station, Nebraska, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Clarissa J. McKee has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the north half of the north-west quarter, the south-west quarter of the north-west quarter, and the north-west quarter of the north-west quarter of section twenty-one, Township four north, of range twenty west of the sixth Principal Meridian, in Nebraska, containing one hundred and eighty acres, according to the Official Plat of the survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Clarissa J. McKee the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Clarissa J. McKee and to her heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, J. Kirkwood B. Hayes, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the Twenty day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eightyone, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fifty.

BY THE PRESIDENT: J. R. Taylor

By P. H. Cook, Secretary.

J. A. Leonard Recorder of the General Land Office.

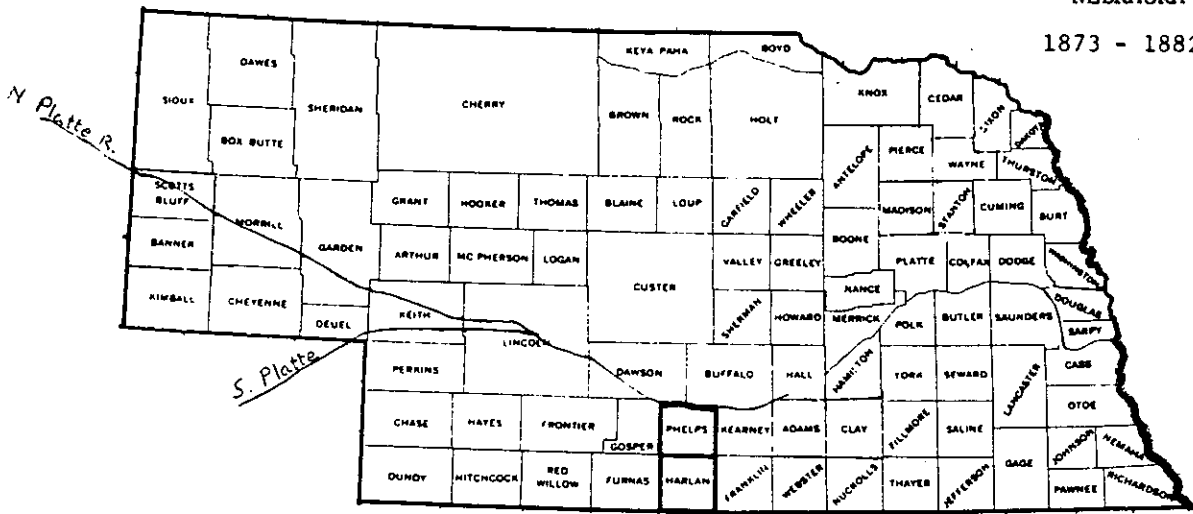
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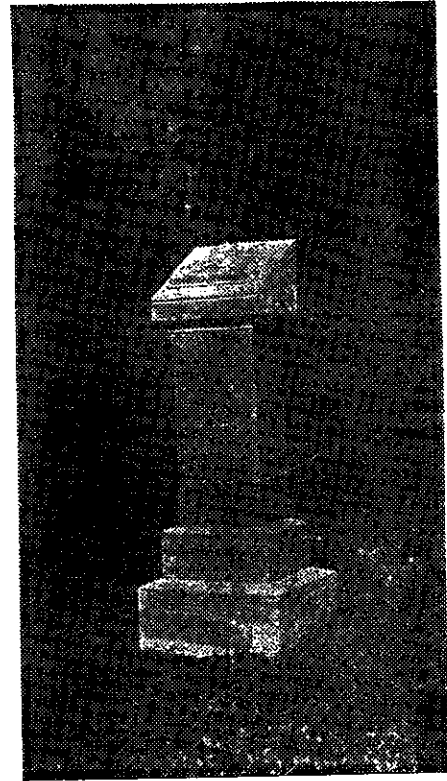


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CLARISSA MCNEW  
(about 1880)



TOMBSTONE OF MOSES McNEW  
Booneville, KY

"Moses C. McNew  
Born  
June 3, 1819  
Died  
June 3, 1861

He is not dead but  
sleepeth  
Resting in hope"

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State Washington  
County Lincoln

Enumeration District No. 2711

Township or other division of county Prairie Branch

Name of Institution X  
Work of city X

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division  
Enumerated by me on the 6th day of June, 1900, at Washington

Table with columns: LOCATION, NAME, RELATION, PERSONAL DESCRIPTION, NATIVITY, OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION, EDUCATIONAL, and others. Contains handwritten entries for various individuals like Mints Wilburn, Sarah, Henry W, etc.

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Summary table with columns: line, Name, Birth Date, Age, Sex, Marital Status, Nativity, Occupation, etc. Lists individuals like Mints Wilburn, Sarah, Henry W, Lafayette, Emmitt, McNew Clarisa, and McNew Floyd.