

The following pages contain
an interview given by John Lewis
Perry to his great granddaughter,
Clara Miller, concerning his
early life

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The History of my Family

John Lewis Perry was born in Greenup County Kentucky in 1855, on November 21, he will be 87 years of age.

7 Children were born to his parents John Perry and Cathern Perry. Two of the children Nancy and David died when they were small. The oldest girls name was Lizzie, and then Susie, and one living brother whose name was Washington, and he was nicknamed Wash. John Lewis was born and then Mattie who was the youngest.

John and Cathern Perry went to house keeping and what was known as the Bill Hambre place two miles of the old log church on Lower Creek, known now as the Stonewall Clagg place. There Lizzie, Susie and Washington were born.

John Perry and his wife Cathern were not very well satisfied to stay in one place, so they started to go South. John worked and got money to pay their way South. One of his many occupations was cutting cord wood. When they left W. Va. they went to Kentucky on a house boat, and stayed in Kentucky until, David, and John Lewis

were born. and from Kentucky they went to Indiana. There Nancy was born and from Indiana to went down the mississippi River they stopped at mississippi for awhile, from there they went to new Orleans they stayed there a short time then came up the River to Arkansas and there Mattie was born. They lived there about 8 years

John died when John Lewis was 6 years old.

John Lewis was about 6½ years old when late one evening, Sussie and Washington and John Lewis were out playing they built a fire out of cane stalks, under a big tree. pretty soon some bark fell from the tree, some of them looked up in the tree and saw a panther, Sussie and Washington ran to the house, but John Lewis started walking backward to the house, looking up at the panther. Some of the old settlers who had lived there for years said that all that saved the child was that he kept his eyes right on the panther

when John Lewis was 8 years old. he and his mother and Brother and Sisters started

year
(1863)
(Civil War)

Back to West Virginia. It was while the Civil war was going on when they started. They came up the Mississippi River in a passenger boat.

The Mississippi River wasn't kept cleared out in those days like it is now. and in one place where a battle had been fought you could see the dead soldiers in the River.

When John Lewis and his mother Cathern came back to West Virginia they landed at Freshwater Bottom which is now in Mason County. They lived in Mason County until John Lewis married Miss Martha Ball and then he moved to Cabell County.

They also had 7 Children in their family, Charles was the oldest, and James, Julia, Walter, William, George died at 6 weeks old, and John who was named after his father and Grandfather.

John Lewis's wife died in 1914 while the world war was going on, William Perry enlisted in the navy and John Perry ^{enlisted} was ~~dropped~~ into the army. Both boys come back after the

was. Charles Perry married Jennie Simons
Jennie was never married and died at 23 years
of age. Walter Perry married Elvira Bailey, and
then William married Alma Bryan and John
Perry married Beatrice Smith. a few years
after, John Lewis's wife died he went to live
with his oldest son Charles at Huntington
w. va. and Julia Perry married Joseph
Adams, they bought a farm on Barkers
Ridge, they are my grandparents. Joseph
and Julia had 3 children, the oldest
Lowell, Martha and the youngest Mary.
Joseph Adams died in 1930, and Julia
was left a widow for 5 years then she
married Mr. Scarberry on nine miles
He then died in 1938, she came back to
Barkers Ridge where she now lives.
Lowell Adams married Norma Edmonds
and they had 8 children in their family.
Charles the oldest son, Herman, Pauline, Velva
Anna Faye, and a pair of twins, Christen and
Maxine, Maxine is dead. and the youngest son
David, and Joseph.

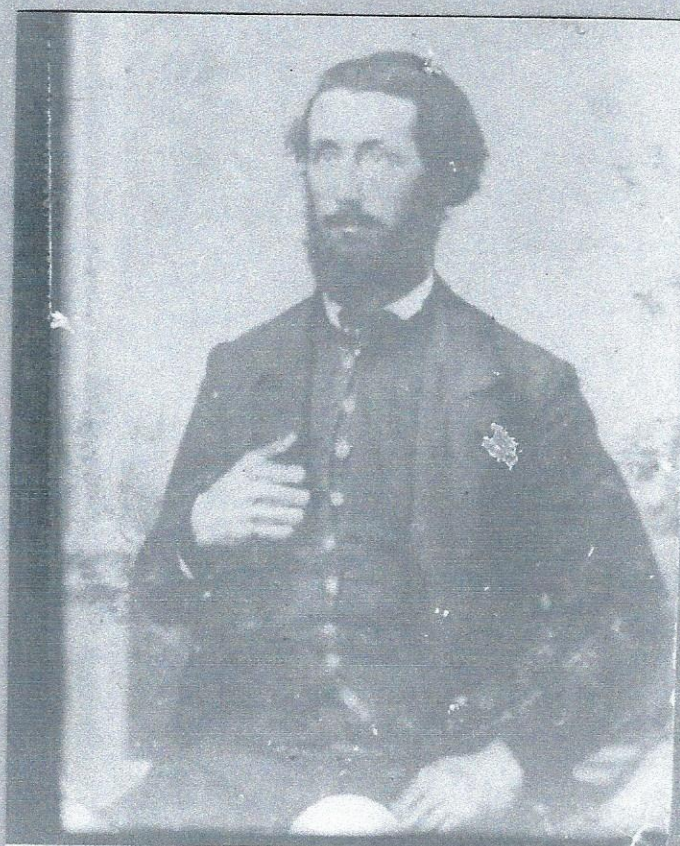
Martha Adams married Clarence Grose
and they also had 3 children, Aline, Lyle

and Gene Grose who now live on
Una Route.

() Mary Adams the youngest daughter
married Elmer Miller and now live
on Barker Ridge. They had one daughter
Clara Miller, my father is now Labor
Foreman at the ^{TNT} Defense Plant near Point
Pleasant West Virginia.

by -

Clara Miller,



JOHN MORRIS BALL
Father of Martha Elizabeth Ball Perry
He was a land owner and farmer.



Martha Elizabeth Bell
Perry & two of her sons,
Harry and Walter

HUSBAND BALL, JOHN MORRIS

Born 25-AUG-1829 Place MASON Co., WVA.

Mar. 26-DEC-1854 Place PUTNAM Co., WVA.

Died 2-MAR-1871 (1872) Place MASON Co., WVA. (SHOT AND KILLED IN A DISPUTE)

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NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING RECORD

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM DAY WHEN DIED YEAR

14-APR-1877 19-NOV-1916

JOHN LOUIS PERRY

7-JUNE-1894 1941

LUCY JANE DOSS

SINGLE 5-DEC-1909

8-SEPT-1897 14-APRIL-1898

ORPHA ELIZABETH PAULINE

CHILDREN

List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth

1 MARTHA ELIZABETH ("MATTIE") 2 OCT 1855 MASON RD MASON WVA.

2 CALER WESLEY ("CALE") 22 AUG 1860 " " " "

3 JOHN MICHAEL (MIKE OR MICH) 17 MAY 1867 " " " "

4 EUGENE MORRIS 5 SEPT 1869 " " " "

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

HUSBAND FRAZIER (FRAZER), ALLEN
Born (1861?) Place SHENANDOAH VALLEY, VA.

Mort. Place
Died Place

Bur. Place
FATHER FRAZER, SAMUEL
MOTHER ANN
SIBLINGS

WIFE McCALLISTER, HANNAH

Born Place
Died Place

WIFE McCALLISTER, JOHN
FATHER Place
MOTHER Place
SIBLINGS

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

SEX	List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN LIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	ALLEN THOMAS										
2	CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (LUM)	13	APR	1831				29 Dec - 1854	21	Dec	1882
3	JOHN WILLIAM							ABIGAIL BALL			
4	HANNAH ELIZABETH										
5	MARY ELIZABETH							26 Dec 1859			
6	MARGARET ANN							JOHN MORRIS BALL			
7	RHODA JANE							JONES			
8								McCALLISTER			
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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

The following three articles are concerning the Frazier branch of our family tree. The black underlined portions are direct lines and the other parts are from other branches. The articles are all published in the book, GALLIA COUNTY OHIO-PEOPLE IN HISTORY TO 1980. GALLIA CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY Copyright 1980, Taylor Publishing Company, Paoli, Pa.
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KENNETH FRAZER FAMILY

In 1802, Samuel and Ann Frazer, (Kenneth's great-great-grandparents) left their home in the Shenandoah Valley and settled in the Teays Valley, of what was then Western Virginia. This area was later named Fraziers Bottom, since most of the families living there were Fraziers.

Allen Frazer (Kenneth's great-grandfather), the son of Samuel and Ann, was born about 1801. He married Hannah McCallister and they had seven children. One of the older sons was named Christopher Columbus (Lum) Frazer, and he was Kenneth's grandfather.

Christopher (Lum) was born April 13, 1831. On December 29, 1854, he married Abigail Ball. She was born March 23, 1835. Seven sons were born to this union. Christopher died December 21, 1882 and Abigail died December 13, 1912. They are buried in the family cemetery at Fraziers Bottom. It is located on a hill that overlooks the Kanawha River and is near the old homestead.

Charles Allen, (Kenneth's father) the oldest son of Christopher and Abigail, was born October 26, 1855. On March 14, 1887, he married Eliza Ann Errett, who was born in Gallia County on September 9, 1870. Twelve children were born to this union: Essie Lee, Stella Mae, Earl Herbert, Arnel Ernest, Charles Christopher, John William, Albert Gallia, Fleda Alexandria, Paul, Millard, Kenneth and Vada. On April 13, 1920, Charles Allen died, leaving Eliza and the two youngest children at home. In 1921, a year after Charles' death, Eliza, her oldest daughter, Stella, youngest son, Kenneth and youngest daughter Vada, moved to Gallipolis. Eliza wanted to be near her sister, Mrs. Susan Beck. She also felt that the educational opportunities were greater there for her youngest

children. Eliza Frazier died September 20, 1926, after an extended illness. She is buried in the family cemetery at Fraziers Bottom, Putnam Co., West Virginia.

Kenneth Frazer, the youngest son of Charles Allen and Eliza was born September 3, 1907 at Fraziers Bottom, W. Va. He moved to Gallipolis with his mother and two of his sisters in 1921. He attended school in Gallipolis and was an excellent athlete. He participated in football, basketball, baseball and boxing. After completing his schooling, Kenneth remained interested in athletics and became a referee for county basketball games. He continued in this capacity for many years.

In 1929, Kenneth and Gus Frye established the Frazer Frye Dry Cleaners at 424 Second Avenue. Later, they bought the building at 404 Second Avenue and moved the business there. After ten years, they dissolved the partnership and Kenneth established the Frazer Cleaners at 1160 Second Avenue. The business continued there until 1973, when Kenneth retired.

Rita Caryl Smith was born June 24, 1912 to Guy A. and Elizabeth Williams Smith, near Hemlock Grove in Meigs Co., Ohio. Guy was a member of a pioneer family, which emigrated to Fayette Co., Pa. in 1809 and then to Meigs Co. in 1823. Elizabeth's family settled in Athens Co. around 1800, from New Jersey. Guy and Elizabeth spent most of their lives in Athens Co. They came to Gallipolis in 1933.

Rita came to Gallipolis in 1930, to enter the Holzer Hospital School of Nursing. After completing the nursing program and receiving her R.N., Rita and Kenneth Frazer were married on April 1, 1934.

The ceremony was performed at Chauncey, Ohio, by the Rev. Gilbert B. Courtney, who was a lifelong friend of Rita's family.

Kenneth and Rita had two sons. Kenneth Roger was born on December 15, 1935 and Rodric Smith was born October 24, 1941. Roger is presently an assistant manager at a supermarket in Gallipolis. Rodric is a teacher in the Columbus City School system. On October 22, 1967, Rodric and Sandra Jo Nagy were married. Sandra is a teacher at the Crippled Children's Center, in Columbus, Ohio. They have two daughters, Kimberly Michelle, born April 21, 1969 and Debra Lynn, born April 30, 1973.

In 1947, Kenneth bought a farm just outside of Gallipolis. He and his sons raised Hereford cattle, as a "hobby." This was to be his interest after his retirement; but he died on January 21, 1974. He is buried at the Ohio Valley Memory Gardens. Rita lives on the farm and with the help of her sons, continues the family hobby. She is active in the volunteer program at the Gallipolis Developmental Center and with the Red Cross Blood Mobile. She is an active charter member of the Gallipolis Garden Club and several women's organizations of the Grace Methodist Church. She has been a member of the Eastern Star for 30 years. Submitted by Rita, Roger and Rodric Frazer