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## The more you discover, the more questions you have

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### Ian's Genes

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*The families I am searching are:  
**ARCHIBALD, ARMS, BARNETT, BECHTOLD, BOUNDS, DICKMANN, FIELDING, FINK, GROSSMAN, HEDGES, HELSTROM, HENNING, HUNT, JOURDAN, LEE, LIPPOLDT, McCOWN, McKINNEY, MARTIN ROGERS, SCALES, SCHREIBER, SCHULTS, SKELTON, SPIVEY, STINCHFIELD, STRICKLAND, TANNER, TEVAULT, WALL, WALKER, WILLIAMSON, VAUPEL, WHITE, WOOD, and then some....***

### My trip to Indiana - June 1998

SALEM, IN: Started the trip with a visit to cousin Karen Lippoldt Crigler. We had a lot of catching up to do. Spent rainy day going through pictures I was returning to her. She gave me some more to scan, too. I got to meet her co-workers and enjoyed the brief time getting acquainted with her husband, Bob and daughter, Stacey.

EVANSVILLE, IN: Spent more than 40 hours researching at Willard Library during their special Moonlight Madness event where they were open from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight June 16 - 20. Some 400 visitors used the facilities in those 4 days when an average month draws 250 visitors. Very helpful and accommodating staff. The first day I was there, I met up with Nancy Kapperman, wife of Gary who is Peter Martin, Jr. line. She had a wonderful surprise of a copy of a picture of Ian's ggg grandmother, Martha Schreiber. That same afternoon we met another Kapperman "cousin", Mary

Ann Cates of Indianapolis and her mother Mildred Kapperman. Mildred's son, Lowell had died recently. Mary Ann said she would share family history of the Schreiber and Vaupels.

Attended 2 workshops — one on Military Records and the other on Indiana Courthouse records. Am certain the other workshops were just as informative.

While in Evansville, I met my mother's cousin, Ruth Mary Martin who had recently moved back to Indiana from Alabama. We had nice visits, usually over a meal. I really recommend the German potato salad at the Hilltop Inn.

Ruth Mary arranged to have us escorted to 2 of the remote cemeteries I wanted to visit — Crossroads at Millersburg and Nunn Cemetery.

On Friday she had invited mother's other cousin, Bonnie Bess Wade from Louisville over to visit. Happy July birthdays to you both!

While in the area I also visited on my own, the St. Paul cemetery at St. Phillips and St. John at Caborn.

NEW HARMONY, IN: I spent the weekend at this small tourist oriented spot on the Wabash River. Another very great connection was made with Jeanne Miller related through Ian's gggg grandparent Jourdans of Waldorf, Germany. I was particularly interested in one of the books Jeanne has written of her findings, "German Immigrants in Posey County, Indiana". It even has mother's name included through information Uncle John had given Jeanne more than 20 years ago. On Monday she led me around Posey county visiting more cemeteries — Immanuel UCC, Zion-Lippe UCC, St. Peter's Methodist and Zoar UCC.

MOUNT VERNON, IN: On Monday, I also spent a couple hours at the Posey Historical Society office with Wanda Griess going through records on Martins, Finks, Grossmans and Wolfingers. Later in the afternoon I met more Jourdan relatives, Norman, Lynnell, and Maradith Maier. We are getting closer to proving Lynnell's theory of families moving together to settle in Posey County from Germany. They guided me to yet another cemetery nearby

— St. Peter's UCC at Parker Settlement.

WARRICK COUNTY, IN: My next exploring was in Warrick county trying to resolve some issues about the Scales family. I got records in Boonville on Finks and Lippoldts instead. I made an overnight stop near Tell City and Rockport. I wanted to see where my father lived during the depression and obtain a death certificate for Ian's gg grandmother Jane Lippoldt — but there was no record for her, so I keep searching.

EVANSVILLE, IN: A quick trip back to Willard Library to check estate records for Jacob Fink, Sr. and find relatives I did not realize had migrated from Germany, too — his mother and 3 sisters! Determined where he was buried, but could not find St. Johannes on the Vanderburgh/Posey line. Did not have time to evaluate the guardianship, estate or property records as it was time to move on to Dubois county.

JASPER, IN: I met Mona and Sonja Lippoldt here last year. This year's finds at Dubois and Pike County libraries was the discovery that Frederick and Victor Lippoldt each owned property in Pike county in 1881. Fifteen minutes before the library closed, I read a microfilm of

a Lippoldt family that might be one of Frederick's brothers!

The Indiana trip is over, two weeks after dropping Ian off to camp. I daresay that it will take me months to sort through all of the information gathered. I don't think it is an exaggeration that I spent more than 100 hours of time in the libraries looking through resources and another 10 hours visiting cemeteries.

I regret that I did not make the time to visit Aunt Ruth or Tevault cousins at the tail end of the trip. There were other new contacts I was planning to connect with, too but the time got away from me.

During the two weeks, I went through 2 ballpoint pens — they ran out of ink, wore down a few pencil points, was on my second pad of paper, made more than 100 photocopies of documents, recorded that I searched through more than 150 books and countless microfilm reels. I guess there was a reason to be bleary eyed at the end of the day or night as the case may be.



*Of  
Pulley-  
Bones,  
Plagues  
& Porch  
Swings*

by Dorothy  
Nettleton  
1987  
Oakland City  
Indiana.

I found

a used copy of this book at the Raintree Book Store in New Harmony, last month. The book is written for Dorothy's grandchildren about life in Southern Indiana before and after WW I. She speaks factually of her families experiences growing up in the Cynthiana, Haubstadt and Owensville, Indiana communities. The author explains in the preface just how a "pulley-bone" is symbol for her childhood. She fondly remembers the times spent at the dinner table pulling the wishbone. The "plagues" represent her spiritual life and "porch swing" her retirement. In the 126 pages, Dorothy talks about the struggles of her parents raising 9 children, rural traditions, such as charivarees, trading days, revival services, hog butchering, school wagon, and prively are included. She tells how lessons learned from daily living was her education. Don't think I am related to anyone in the book, but it was relevant.

## You get more from local sources

You might wonder why I visited other libraries besides the excellent genealogy one in Evansville. I discovered last year that the library in each locality has books or other resources about their settlers and residents that are not available elsewhere. Sometimes it is that single source that is the lead I am looking for.

For example, the census records are on microfilm and may not be available at a smaller library, but that library might have a book where a local genealogist has transcribed the records for that county and that is easier to access than a microfilm where you need to have the soundex indexed. Some local libraries will have copies of court records or at the very least an index of certain types of records that you can then go get from the courthouse. These include land records, wills, as well as vital records.

A new source I discovered this trip was the City Directory. In Evansville that information for the city was on microfilm and easy to use. Some smaller communities had a small collection of their directories and others did not. Church and cemetery records are easier to find in

the local community. There will also be local newspaper archives available. You can find five-generation sheets on file that can lead to others researching your families. Then of course there is the chance that the county genealogical society is housed in the library and that a DAR representative or competent librarian is there to help you, too.

I very much appreciated the help I got at the libraries of Warrick county at Boonville, Dubois county at Jasper, Ohio county at Newburgh, Spencer county at Rockport, Pike county at Petersburg, Workingman's Institute at New Harmony and of course Willard at Evansville.

In planning my trip, I had found an Internet source that listed the addresses and phone numbers of the libraries I thought I might visit. Hours were also listed which helped me plan when I could do my research. One thing I had not counted on was that many of the Indiana libraries that are normally open on Sundays, were closed those afternoons for the summer.

## FINK and allied families research notes

The Ancestral File (ver 4.17 computer program) of the Latter Day Saints lists a Fink family in Germany where Jacob has the same birth year as my ancestor. Father is listed as Fink, mother is Rosine b. 1808, children: Jacob b. 1833, Elizabeth b. 1836, Christina b. 1840 and Barbara b. 1842. There is more information on Christina showing that she married first a Gabriel Rodrian and they had 8 children, she then married George Kirsch and she died in Cowling, IL 16 Sep 1919. I printed this information out in February 1997. I did not know if anyone besides Jacob and Christina came to the United States. Oral history was that Jacob came to US and worked his way on the ship.

Before this year's trip to Indiana, Lynnell Maier had provided me with Jacob's birthplace of Iggleheim, Hesse - Darmstadt, Germany on 16 Nov 1833 as listed in his obituary. I had seen on an Internet site of Early Indiana Marriages that a Rosina Fink married a Jacob Raber 7 Jan 1845 in Vanderburgh county. Once at Willard Library I searched for the marriage and information on Christina. It turns out that a number of German families living in Posey and Vanderburgh counties did move to Wabash County, Illinois which is where Cowling is

located. Other research on the Finks:

**1845:** 7 Jan - on microfilm there was a copy of the marriage license that Rosine and Jacob F. Raber were married by a minister of the Gospel, and that paper was issued on 2 Jan, five days prior to the marriage.

19 May - The next document in chronological importance is an index of guardianship records where Jacob Raber, Sr. and Jacob Raber, Jr. are guardians for Jacob, Elizabeth, Christina and Barbara Fink.

*??? Is this the Jacob Raber who married Rosina? Did she die? Where? When?*

*??? Can we assume that Fink family of Rosine, Jacob and Elizabeth, Christina and Barbara came to the US between 1842 & 1844?*

*??? Was Rosine a widow at the time ?*

**1854:** 22 Mar - marriage of Louisa Fink to Louis Raber

23 Dec - Jacob files intention for citizenship (he had turned 21 in Nov).

**1857:** 3 Feb - Jacob married Anna Marie Jourdan

13 Sep - Jacob dies.

25 Dec - Bond letter & gdn. approved. Anna Marie Fink is administrator of estate.

**1858:** 7 Feb - Christina Fink marries Gabriel Rodrian

9 Mar - Jacob is born to Anna Marie Fink

7 Dec - there is court petition: "Ex parte: Anna Maria Fink, Louisa Raber, Louis Raber, Anna Christine Rodrian, Gabriel Rodrian, Jacob Raber gdn of Barbara Fink, Anna Marie Fink gdn of Jacob Fink, John Fink dec'd (Louisa daughter married Louis Raber, Anna Christina Rodrian married Gabriel Rodrian, Barbara Fink, dau, Jacob Fink intermarried with Anna Maria Fink, his widow, Jacob Fink, his son)" According to resident attorney, this was probably an uncontested probate proceeding and this petition was listing the rightful heirs to estate of John Fink.

*???Who is John Fink, guess he is father of our Finks*

*??? When did John Fink die and where?*

**1859:** 27 Mar - Anna Marie Fink marries Frederich Maier

23 Oct - Barbary Fink marries Henry Kron

**1860:** Final settlement account of Jacob Fink estate total monies \$584.57 with claims of \$598.80. Allowed claims included those of Ludwig Raber, Barbara Fink, Christina Rodrian, Joshua Bornefeld, Jacob F. Raber, Jacob F. Raber (as guardian of John Fink heirs) and George Winterheimer

The information I have of the various court records are abstracts. Reading the records would probably clear up a lot of questions.

And then there are other Fink families in the county during this time period who might be related.. At St. Johannes Cemetery where Jacob Fink, Sr. is buried, there are graves of Katharina and Jakob Fink, Also in that German township area the land atlas shows property owned by H. Fink as well as now familiar names of G. Rodrian, J.F. Raber, and L. Raber.

Other documents I found include the marriage license application for Wesley and Lelia Fink. I copied down record book numbers for Stella and Nellie's marriages, as well as birth of Martha Fink. I obtained a copy of death certificate for Jacob Fink, Jr, marriage certificate of Louisa Fink and Louis Raber.

Evansville City Directory listed Jacob & Mary Fink in 1896 & 1897. The first year his occupation was laborer and second, engineer — they lived at 2202 Main.

In 1913 Wesley Fink was employed at Hercules Buggy Co. and boarded at 1422 E. Oregon.

Mary Fink as a widow is listed in 1920, 21, 24, 28, 29. Again there were other Finks in the directory, too.

Visiting with mother's cousins Ruth Mary Martin and Bonnie Wade, as well as the Norman Maier family was a real treat. I also visited cemeteries with Ruth and she pointed out where different homesites and schools were when she was

growing up.

Frederich Maier homestead - 1998  
St. Phillips, Posey County, Indiana



I made a great contact in New Harmony — again thanks to Lynnell's research and the Tri-State Genealogy's publication of 5 generation sheets. I got to meet Jeanne Roesner Miller who has written the German immigrant book that includes Jacob Fink, Sr's wife's families — the Jourdan and Bechtolds.

Jeanne has even been to Waldorf, Germany to visit where these relatives came from. She is very knowledgeable about Posey county and took me to all the other cemeteries I needed to visit. Look for more Jourdan information in the next newsletter. Besides a copy of her book and copies of Bechtold family group sheets she got while in Salt Lake City last March, she sent me an extra copy of "Das Walldorfer Familienbuch." She told me that the town of Waldorf, Germany is 300 years old in 1999 and is inviting their descendants to help them celebrate.

Martin, Schreiber and Grossman families got a little attention, too. I mainly researched them at the Posey Historical Society with the help of Wanda Griess. I was nursing a cold that day and wasn't taking advantage of the resources there. I also obtained marriage certificates for Peter Martin and Martha Schreiber as well as for Phillip Grossman and Margaret Hausman. I made a copy of the St. Peter's United Methodist Church History (St. Phillips, IN)

I looked for information on the White family, especially when I was at Boonville, but did not learn anything new. I did not get to Daviess county this trip, but did photocopy the Veale township out of the old atlas. There is property in the name of George White and Hrs. F. White. On marriage application of Lelia White, she states that both she and her mother, Anna Bounds were born in Butler County, Missouri.



Wesley & Lelia White Fink

## Lippoldt and allied families research notes

I read through the microfilms of the Evansville City Directories. Starting in 1896 sisters Carrie and Nora were listed as domestics at different addresses. In 1897 sisters Lizzie and Nora are in the city and in 1898 I only found Nora and in 1899, only Bertha. I realize now I should have checked married names, too as I know that Carrie married at the end of 1896.

In 1903 Edmund is in Evansville, 1904 Edward (?Edmund) is living with his sister and husband, the Hemmers - Nora and Sam. In the early 1900's I found Emma, (Henry's widow) Edward, and Lula.

Otto first shows up in 1911 as a Car Operator (trolley) and the next year he is married to Leona and they live on Garvin. You can trace the different jobs Otto has and the homes where they live. Charles is listed in the home in 1939. The listing in 1944 at 15 W Louisiana is Otto H (Leona) emp Serval, Henry USA, Chas USN, Otto F Jr, USA — I guess all 3 sons were in the Armed Forces then! I also found Haskell and Rose and don't know Thos who is only listed in 1947.

A visit back to 15 W. Louisiana had me doing a double take. I found 13 and 17, but what went inbetween has been torn down. There was a relatively new 8 foot high wood fence across the front of the property. Am putting a picture here of how house looked in the 1940's.



15 W. Louisiana, Evansville, IN

In Warrick county, I found listings for two marriage applications of Lippoldt names I did not recognize. When I got copies of the records, I had one new and one known couple. Lippoldt & Triemer is Henry and wife Emma Zimmer(man) married 1889. Determined that her parents were William and Lena Rudolph Zimmerman and she was born in NY.

The new one was the marriage of Lula Grissom

Lippoldt to Otto Bredermier in 1917. Lula was Henry & Emma's "adopted" daughter.

Birth records in Warrick County for two Lippoldt infants prove another sibling of Otto H., she was born 30 Jan 1898 and parents were Louis and Jane. In the Bible that Karen has, there is "Otia ?M\_\_\_\_ 1898(?9) I (one year)". An index of archived Boonville newspaper articles lists a Mary Lippheldt who died 23 Sep 1898, age 7 months, daughter of Louis buried at South Fork which is another name for Log Creek.. Although she would have been 9 months old, some-one might have copied the age down wrong Pretty sure this is the baby born in January. The second certificate is of a male born 22 Oct 1900, mother and father name not given but child is Lippoldt and mother's age given as 28.

At Willard Library, the Browning Obituary microfilm was source of useful information. The funeral home had made cards on all people with an obituary in local newspapers. They would list information such as age of deceased, living relatives, where person died and where they are buried. I filled in some missing dates from reading them.

In Evansville, I copied Otto F. Lippoldt's 1943 high school list of graduates. (They are planning a 55<sup>th</sup> year reunion in September).

At the Petersburg Library there were copies of the index to deeds. With the book and page number a person can go to the recorder's office and obtain a copy of the deed.

On 8 Mar 1855 there is transfer of 160 acres from Elizabeth to Frederick Lippoldt. We knew that Henry died in 1855, but have no date, I am now guessing that it was prior to the date of the property transfer from mother to son. Fred made other transactions in 1859, 1865, 1874, and 1880. John G. Lippoldt bought property in 1866.

Since I was only in St. Petersburg on a Saturday afternoon, I did not get any of the records from the courthouse.

Back to the Frederick Lippoldt family records — another find was the microfilm of early church records of St. James Lutheran of Holland, IN, Vol 1 1833 - 1920. The microfilm was not very clear as it looked like the records were on paper that allowed the ink to bleed and smear. I read several pages and

photocopied one that I have since enlarged. The record is about Frederick and Mary's family. His full name is listed at Johann Friedrich Lippoldt born 2 Feb 1835 in Melle Aut Gesmold, Hannover. He was confirmed in 1848 in Cincinnati, Ohio and married 12 Oct 1855. His wife is Maria Elizabethe Deickmann born 7 Aug 1838, (something illegible) Oldenburg, Baptized Lehringer. She was confirmed 1852 in Louisville, Ind. The date at top of page is 1 Sept 1867. Their children are:

1. Johann Friedrich Ludwig born 2 Feb 1857 at Harrison Furnace, Lawrence Co. Ohio and baptized 17 Feb 1857.
2. Johann Heinrich born 9 May 1859 in Pike Co., Ind. and baptized 22 May 1859.
3. Joel August born 22 Jul 1861 in Pike Co. And baptized 12 Jan 1862.
4. Johannes Georg
5. Emilie Louise Maria
6. Anne Maria Katharine
7. Mathilda Katherina
8. Marie Elsie
9. Karoline Louise Sophia

Although there are no dates for these children, there are page numbers to follow. Most pages were illegible. There is a lot of information on the film if you could only read it.

I recognized names such as Schlottman and Myers where a Lippoldt woman — not in our immediate family was the mother of a child.

One goal I had for the trip was to verify the mother of Jane Scales. Her father is Elijah Scales (there is more than one) and most books list him with 2 wives. The LDS records list 4 and I now find a 5<sup>th</sup> listed at the bottom of a transcribed census record. The only marriage certificate I could find was in Warrick county and shows Elijah married to Elizabeth Ann Wood on 4 August 1857. Jane was born 29 Jul 1858. Elizabeth is Jane's mother, I am confident, but she is not one of the 2 wives listed in books on the Scales and Skeltons. One reason I am so intent on getting documentation for all of this is that I think this will be the easiest line for me to make a DAR application. The Capt. Warrick DAR chapter in Boonville has proved the line of William Skelton, patriot and I just need to bring the documentation from me to Elijah Scales.

In the index of Warrick county court records there were several in name of W.H Tevault that had to do with bonds and covered the period from 1832 - 1882.

I photocopied 10 pages of Goodspeed's 1885 *History Warrick, Spencer and Perry* because mention of Tevault's as early settlers of Warrick county.

Before the trip, I came across the homepage of Bill Gertz of Arizona, who has documented the descendants of Edward Fitz Randolph. I told him I would update his files on our family. Remember the May 1997 issue of the *Lippoldt Genes*, I teased that Tevault relatives should have an advantage getting accepted to Princeton because Nathaniel Fitz Randolph donated the original campus grounds. Bill takes our line past Nathaniel to Benjamin and then Edward. He states, "If you are related to the Fitz Randolph's, you will find over 16,000 of your relatives, going back to 85 AD, as well as hundreds of Norman, Celtic, and 9th Century English ancestors, 6 links to Charlemagne and beyond." See for yourself at his url: <http://www.public.asu.edu/~bgertz/family/tree.htm>

The Stinchfield's had eluded me. While I was in Petersburg, I came across mention that the original immigrant came from England and that the name of Litchfield was misspelled to

the current Stinchfield. (Not confirmed). When I got back to the computer at home I found a member of the Tri-State Genealogy Society also looking for information on the surname. Erma Lee Masters answered my e-mail and has added yet another line for me.

On the trip I also gathered information on collateral families hoping that they may lead back to what I am researching. Mona has a photo that shows Anna Caldemeyer with statement, "our Lippoldt cousin". Karen has a photo of Anna as a young woman — how is she related? There was the old Caldemeyer Mill in Stendal. I have collected census, marriage and other information on this family as well as Bass, Fark, Hemmer, Henning, Nuhring, Schlottman, and Wolfinger, too.

I have tried to highlight what I discovered and am quite sure that I will find more as I reread through the materials.

If you have read through all of this — you are as enthused about genealogy as I am.....Thanks for your encouragement and support of these efforts.

## Tri-State Genealogy Society

A very special thank you needs to be said to the Tri-State Genealogy Society. They assisted the great staff at Willard Library, and I am sure their support is not only those 4 days of the year. I also want to thank them for their quarterly publication, *The Packet*. I do belong to the group and have learned some bit of information from each issue. At Willard they have all 20 volumes on the shelf and I found several leads on my Fink documents search by looking through the index to each volume. And then I found Jeanne Miller and Erma Lee Masters through the organization, too!!!

## Five-generation sheet

You will have a separate piece of paper with this issue that shows Ian's ancestors for several generations back. I thought that might help you with some of the names and relationships

## Sympathies extended

Mona heard from Allen Myer of Hiawatha, KS that his mother Mabel Myer died in a nursing home where she had lived for quite sometime, on Monday, 6 July. Mabel is daughter of Lizzie Lippoldt Meyerholtz.



## Confederate pension application records in Florida

“Following the Civil War, Florida and the other southern states provided pensions for Confederate veterans. Florida passed its first pension law in 1885 and provided benefits to veterans and their widows until the last widow died in the 1980s. Pensions were awarded to individuals or the widows of individuals who served in Florida military units, as well as for soldiers who served in units from other states but who were living in Florida after the war.

The Florida State Archives houses various records created by the State Board of Pensions. Most important among these materials are the approved and denied pension applications, which are located in Series 587. These files contain the applications made by Confederate veterans and their widows for Florida pensions. They often contain birth dates, marriage dates, military service information, and related correspondence. Veterans' files usually do not provide the date of the veteran's death, although widows' applications often do list the date of death of their spouse.” from the web site: [http://www.dos.state.fl.us/dlis/barm/Florida\\_CSA\\_Pension\\_File.s.htm](http://www.dos.state.fl.us/dlis/barm/Florida_CSA_Pension_File.s.htm).

If you do a search for our Florida relatives, you will find listings for Barnett, Fielding, Lee, Wall and Spivey.

## File number A4447 S.B. Fielding

The 27 page document is two files — his pension application and that of his widow. Application for pension was made 30 Jul 1907 when Sterling B. Fielding was 66 and living in Columbia Co., FL. He signed affidavit that he was born in Stewart Co., TN in 1841. He enlisted at Fort Donalson, Stewart Co., TN in Co. “E”, 14th Tenn. Regt. under Capt. Brandon and Col. Forbes. He stated he surrendered near Fredericksburg, VA, discharged in 1864 at Richmond, VA as wounded and was in FL at close of the Civil War. At time of application for the pension he had been in Florida for 33 years. On the physician's affidavit was statement that Sterling was wounded 3 May 1863 at Chancellorsville by a ball through left hand breaking the bones and ruining the hand.

On 9 Jan 1908 the Florida Dept of Pensions requested the “Record of Soldier” from Washington. The reply “confirmed that he was private enlisted 18 May 1861 was ‘retired’ from military service 18 Apr 1864. Union records of prisoners of war show that one S.B. Fielding a private of this regiment (company not stated) was surrendered 10 May 1865 at Tallahassee, FL and that he was paroled 24 May 1865.” The initial pension was approved 22 Jan 1908 back to 9 Sep 1907. In 1909 his assets were listed as Real Estate in Columbia Co.,

FL at \$800; Livestock at \$500; and Personal Property at \$800. In 1911 a Dr. Niblack wrote “cataract over pupil of left eye which obstructs his entire vision in said eye and has poor vision out of right eye.” Sterling applied for an increase in pension at age 72 and stated address was Route#1, Columbia, Fla. This time the doctors said, “He is blind in one eye and suffering from a fall he received last fall in right leg and foot, don't know the exact condition of leg and foot but must have been a fracture of the tarsal bone of foot.”

After his death, Mrs. M.I. Fielding made application for a widow's pension on 6 Feb 1918. She stated that he died 27 Oct 1917 and that she had resided in FL for 62 years. She was required to prove her marriage and in the records was a copy of the marriage license for Sterling B. Fielding and Isabella Barnett issued in Suwannee County, FL 12 Jan 1875 and the ceremony was performed 14 Jan 1875. The only mention of pension amounts show \$100 per annum increased to \$120 and then finally \$180.

As you can see, a lot of information has been verified in this record, birth, marriage and death and a question or two has been raised. Was Sterling a prisoner of the Union forces? Did he come to Florida in 1865 or the year before? Can we find similar materials on Barnett, Lee, and Wall families, too?

## Spivey, Texas historical marker



It was thirty-six years ago, on June 18, 1972 that this marker was unveiled. The inscription:

SITE OF 1870—1900  
TOWN OF SPIVEY, TEXAS  
Founded by civil war veteran,  
James Jackson Spivey,  
brothers Elisha Perryman  
Spivey and George W. Spivey  
lived nearby. In early days the  
mail arrived by wagon. Houston  
East and Houston West  
Railroad crossed the founder's  
land. Building Spivey Station,  
1886 During the late 1880's  
Hicks Lumber Mill and worker's  
homes were erected. U.S. Post  
Office was established in 1891,  
with Isaac Williamson Spivey,  
postmaster. Friendship Baptist  
Church was organized in 1890  
with James Monroe Spivey,  
pastor. After 1900, town was  
gradually moved over to Paxton  
Switch, Friendship Cemetery  
with 33 unmarked graves  
remains on the old site (1971).

The following text written by a grandson accompanied the unveiling:

A Tribute To JAMES JACKSON  
SPIVEY, born Oct. 14, 1814  
and died Oct. 19, 1905.

In Memory of Grandfather  
Spivey

On the night of Oct. 19,  
1905, at 10:30 o'clock Grandpa  
Spivey, one among the oldest  
veterans of Shelby County, who  
has resided one mile from  
Paxton for a number of years,  
stepped off the stage of action  
into the portals of eternal glory.

He was a native of Georgia,  
moved to Alabama when a  
young man and was married to  
Miss Mary Williamson in 1844.  
He moved to Louisiana in 1853.  
After living there twelve years  
he moved to Texas. He was a  
resident of Shelby County for  
forty years. He professed faith  
in Christ and joined the  
Missionary Baptist Church in  
1851, and lived a consistent life  
until God said, "it is enough;  
come up higher".

Grandpa Spivey raised a  
family of eight children, all of  
whom are living except two, one  
dying in infancy and the other  
the wife of L.C. Ramsey, who  
died four years ago. Two of his  
sons are ministers of the  
gospel. At the beginning of his  
last sickness he was conscious  
of the approaching end and told  
the family they might make  
preparations to put him away  
for he would not recover. He  
was 91 years and 5 days old.

The life of Grandpa Spivey  
has been one of devotion to his  
God, his country and his family;  
to know him was to love him,  
either as neighbor, friend, or a  
brother in Christ Jesus. His  
children should feel proud of his  
name, as he raised them all to  
be consistent Christian men  
and women, who are  
law-abiding citizens.

Duty came first in all his  
affairs of life; it was never too  
hot or cold for him to attend  
divine service when the time  
came. He was not rich in this  
world's goods, but has laid up  
riches above, where moth nor  
rust doth not corrupt and where  
thieves do not break through  
nor steal. He never sought  
honor, fame or high position in  
this life, but filled the command,  
which is "Be ye content with  
such things as ye have for after  
the things of this world do the  
gentiles seek."

He has fought a good fight,  
he has kept the faith, he has  
finished the course and gone to  
reap a crown of righteousness  
that was laid up for him.

Grandpa Spivey has left a  
company of seventy-eight  
years of age who has our  
deepest love and sympathy and  
sincere prayers. May the God of  
love and peace bind up the  
broken heart and give our aged  
grandmother who is left alone, a  
double portion of His Holy Spirit  
and grace sufficient to  
overcome all the trials and  
difficulties of her remaining  
days, is the prayer of one in  
warm sympathy and love.  
Charlie Lovard Ramsey (1905)