

1850 Census, Sumner County, Tenn.

Household #974 - Henry Godsey 49 Wagonmaker born Tenn.  
Abigail 39 Tenn.  
Jackson 18 "  
Anderson 16 Tenn.  
Mary 14 Tenn.  
Crocket 12 Tenn.  
William 10 Tenn.  
Martha 8 Tenn.  
Stacy 6 Tenn.  
Nancy 4 Tenn.

Household #1451 - Allen Godsey 36 farmer Tenn.  
Catherine 30 Tenn.  
Andrew 7 Tenn.  
Ira 5 Tenn.  
Rachel 3 Tenn.

Household #1456 - Gabriel Epperson 80 Va.  
Jane 68 Va.  
Mary Godsey 30 Va.  
Elena 6 Va.  
Sarah 5 Va.

Household #1642 - Jeremiah Godsey 31 Wagonmaker born Va.  
Lucinda 42 Tenn.  
Elizabeth 20 Tenn.  
Martin 18 Tenn.  
Sarah 16 Tenn.  
Drucilla 14 Tenn.  
John 12 Tenn.  
Lucinda 10 Tenn.  
Agnes 8 Tenn.  
Ann 2 Tenn.

1850 Census, Mecklenburg County, Virginia

Household #716 - Henry Godsey 50 mechanic Virginia  
Henry 14 Va.  
Ann 11 Va.  
Betty 8 Va.  
Thomas 6 Va.



In Cumberland Co. Va - 1810 -

Dausilla Godsey - 26/45

1 fem - 26/45

2 fem. 24/10

1 male - 10/16

2 males - 24/10.

Also there were Blantons & Mays.

Franklin Co. Va.

Nov. 1787 - W<sup>m</sup> Godsey - 4 days as a witness for Austin vs Webb.

Mar. 1788 - " " " " " " " " " "

Dec. 1788 - A Deed from Robert Napier to W<sup>m</sup> Godsey  
ackn. in court & recorded.

Dec. 1787 - To Thos. Crutcher for guarding Ben Hensley 4 days <sup>P/R</sup>

Feb. 1788 - Franklin Courtis made debtor to the clerk for attending  
a call court for the examin. of Phebe Hensley. - 2.00 <sup>P/R.</sup>

Jan. 1789 - To Sheriff for attending called Court over Benja. Hensley - 2.00 <sup>P/R.</sup>



Silbert Godsey deid 1815  
Widow - Elizabeth  
Ch: - 1. Abram  
2. Jane (James)  
3. Sarah  
4. Elizabeth.

In Nicholas Co. Ky. 1810

14 Jan. 1779  
Buckingham Co. Va.

Agnes Hensley  
B. 1762 (age 76 in 1838)  
D.  
F.  
m.

- m - W<sup>m</sup> - Godsey  
B.  
D. 12 Feb. 1831 - Sullivan  
Co. Tenn.  
F.  
m.

Agnes had sister Milly Cornett  
who lived Clay Co. Ky.



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Dear Mrs. Rowe:

Welcome to the crowd of confused Hensley Hunters! My daughter was the author of "A Journey in Genealogy" and I wrote a similar article titled "A Follow-Your-Ancestor Vacation" - we have made several trips and are planning more. We both write and both are genealogy bugs.

Now to your Agnes Hensley - The Godsey name is familiar to me, have run across it in SW. Va. and Tenn. I was in Sullivan County, Tenn. last summer, spent several hours at the courthouse at Blountville. The Deeds are there but the old marriage records and others were burned in a courthouse fire during the Civil War. Are you familiar with that area at all? It is a very difficult place to find anything - there are so many places to look. Sullivan County for instance was first part of N. C. and then Tenn. and the State line dispute between Va. and Tenn. made it worse. Many of the early settlers thought they were living in Va. and when they surveyed the line they found they were in Tenn. Anyway you have to look at the area as though there were no State or County lines there to realize that though the people lived in different states they were close neighbors. For instance, the State line goes down the middle of main street in Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia. It's a mess.

Your Agnes or "Anky" is interesting - I have wondered for some time who an Agnes Hensley could be that was living in the Henry Darnell household in 1850 - she was aged 87 born 1763. I realize she is not yours since yours married a Godsey but yours is the first Agnes I have run across except her. In a quick look in my messy pile of papers I found the following:

Scott Co., Virginia, Book 2, Page 3, line 5 - 1855 - Martin Hensley married Ananda Godsey, she was the dau of James and Nellie Hensley and he the son of Samuel and Catherine Godsey. ✓

He might a grandson of your Agnes. The Scott Co., courthouse is only 10 or 12 miles from Sullivan County. and is located at Gate City, Va. That is where my gr. gr. grandparents were married-Hannah Hensley Little and William Dixon. I imagine Nellie Hensley was Eleanor Peters who married James Hensley in Gate City in 1821.

In Washington County, Va. - the book High on a Windy Hill shows some Godseys buried in various cemeteris - looks like about the earliest one was Crockett C. Godsey 1863-1925. Wonder if the Godseys connect to the Crocketts - Davy Crockett was born in this area also. I also have the telephone directory for the area and there are Godseys listed - let me know what you need and I'll copy some of these things for you, I don't want to duplicate if you already have.

I am looking for Fleenors, Hensleys, Dixons, Lipps, Johnstons, Clays, Beagles, Littles and I don't know how many more who all lived in the area. I may go up there again in September, undecided as yet.

Let me know what you have and what you need and I'll try to help - we have a Hensley and also a Fleanor circulating letter that is quite helpful. Have you any Fleenors, they are thick in that area - my Hannah seems to be tied in with the Elizabeth Hensley who married NE John Fleanor in Washington Co., Va. in 1789 - could Agnes and Elizabeth have been sisters?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wm. Muench



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Dear Mrs. Rowe;

Your letter and very interesting information arrived and I have thought and thought about it. First, let me answer your question about the Hensley letter - it is not by subscription - just a group of us who are exchanging information. It started several years ago - was my idea and mostly to cut down on letter writing, sending the same thing to different people. It went very good for a while then bogged down a couple of times when someone had trouble in the family or something then last year it was lost, in the mail or where - we don't know. So I started it out again and eliminated a couple of trouble spots and it is going strong again. Each person contributes any info they can and asks questions or makes comments - when the letter reaches them again they take out their old one and put in a new one, then make any notes they want from the other letters and mail them to the next name. When it reaches me again I will add your name to the list.

The material by Wm. Harold Godsey which you enclosed is interesting reading but I wonder about the facts. I will say one thing the Hensleys were certainly capable of almost anything and were rugged individualists. Tales about them keep turning up - there is the one about Old Samuel Hensley who was getting on in years and his wife died, it wasn't long before he went courting and married a young wife. His children objected to the whole thing so he deeded his property over to them, built himself a flatboat with a cabin on it and took the new wife and set off down the river. He landed in Kentucky, took his boat apart and sold the lumber and bought a place in what is now Pendleton Co. and raised himself another family - 6 children I believe.

Then there is another Old Samuel Hensley in Wash. Co., Va., he was born in 1754; he married and started his family in 1778 and had 7 children. His wife died and in or about 1822 he married again in 1823 a son was born - there were 5 children in his 2nd family, the last one born in 1835 when Samuel was 81. Some of his descendants still live on the old place and I stop and see them when I am up that way. My Dixons lived nearby.

There was Elizabeth Hensley who was born ca 1773 and married John Fleener in Wash. Co., Va. in 1789 - they had a family and moved to Indiana - all but Elizabeth, she refused to go to that wild western country. Apparently she went as far as Montgomery Co., Ky. where her father Joseph Hensley lived but no farther. In 1816 John divorced her, the 1st divorce in Washington Co., Indiana.

We also have the Hensleys who started the Hensley Settlement - I'll copy some info. that was written by J. Emerson Miller of Middlesboro, Ky. and appeared in the Middlesboro Daily News paper:

"Members of the Hensley families, said by descendants to have been brothers and 1st cousins came from N. C. into what is now Harlan Co., when it was an almost untracked wilderness. They settled first at Poor Fork on the Cumberland river, later moved to Catrons Creek, a remote and lonely spot at the summit of the mountains, of wild awesome beauty, where land titles would not be in dispute, where it was not likely strangers would intrude, and which would furnish and escape from the conventionalizing and soul stifling influences of organized society.

Their closest neighbors were the Howards, Heltons, Lewises, Clays, Osbornes, Noes, Naplers, Roarke, Smith, Farmers, Sargeants and Elantons. Intermarriage tended to knit them together in clamish solidarity.

The Hensleys were of sturdy old American stock, self reliant and independent of temper, lived by hunting, cleared patches of land erected log cabins, hewed rough farms out of the great hardwood forest, and soon became self supporting, weaving their own clothes, growing their own food and making their own furniture and shoes.



The tight little settlement, its members united by bonds of blood and marriage, became for all practical purposes a self governing community. One of the first of this family in Ky. was Lewis Hensley, one of the adventurous spirits who emigrated in Knox Co. soon after the Wilderness Rd. was widened for wagon traffic. He was born about 1782, probably in Va. and was married in Knox Co., Ky. Sept. 1, 1803 to Nancy Hoard, a daughter of Samuel Hoard (new spelling) pronounced Howard and so spelled by descendants of Samuel Hoard. Samuel Hoard or Howard came to Ky. about 1796. He was born in BUCKINGHAM CO., VA. ABOUT 1762, served in the Va. Continental line during the Rev. and was with George Washington at Valley Forge and at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown."

Lewis and Nancy Hoard Hensley had:

Samuel born 1805, married Martha \_\_\_\_\_, oldest son of Samuel and Martha was Fielding.  
Washington born 1809, married Ruth Edwards, their oldest son was BURTON, others were: Wilson, Mary, Washington, Henry, Nancy, James M., Josephus and Hannah.

James M. (Madison), of the above children, born 1849, married Arena (Arey) Helton, a dau of Elijah and Nancy (Steop). James and Arena has among other children Sherman Hensley, now age 81 (in 1962 when this article was written) and Josephine 83 who 59 years ago founded Hensley Settlement on a 100 acre survey originally owned by BURTON Hensley, father of Nancy, wife of Sherman Hensley and hence a 1st cousin.

One comment - Burton is not a Hensley name and this is the only place I have come across it - the Hensleys run strongly to Samuel, James, Benjamin, William, John, Joseph, Robert, George Washington, Fielding - of course there are some variations but Burton is way out, for them.

To go on with the Hensley Settlement - in 1901 a Mr. Fuson was elected school superintendent and in checking found some school children who had little or no opportunities to attend school. In this part of the county (Hensleys Settlement) was 8 or 10 families lived on farms on top of the Cumberland Mountains. This area was 2 or 3 miles long and one mile wide and mostly rolling to level. It could be plowed both ways. The land was rich and productive for crops. It was the best estate land in the county. The finest potatoes of the stores came from this region. The children 25 or 30 of them had to go down the mountain to get to a school. The distance was 4 miles and the little ones could not make it. To get to these people the superintendent had to ride 10 miles by horse back to the foot of the mountain then 4 miles up the mountain by a mere trail. He went up and met with them, they told him they had a spot picked out for a school of their own and proposed to build it and also build the furniture for it, he told them to go ahead. They did and had their own school and their teacher went up there and lived with them.

The State of Ky. has purchased the site and ~~RECONSTRUCTED~~ it is now part of Cumberland Gap State Park and they are restoring the settlement like it was.

Now - to go a long way round again - in the 1850 census of Monroe Co., Indiana there was a Samuel Hensley aged 96 and his wife Jane 86 both born Va. They were living quite close to my Hannah and Wm. Dixon (Hannah was a Hensley) also there was Stephens, Brummetts, Romans, Smiths, Hazels and a couple more who I have been checking on trying to find out why this old Samuel and Jane were there and who they were related to. It turns out that their children were married into these families and they had all wandered around over a period of years until they finally settled in Indiana and stayed there. It all started from Stephens City, Va., they seemed to have moved someplace and stayed a few years and moved on - I have found evidence of them in Buckingham Co., Va. Wythe Co., Va., Knox Co., Tenn., Washington Co., Va., Roane Co., Tenn., Cooke Co., Tenn. and in 1811 he appeared in the tax records of Hardin Co., Ky. and was there until 1818 when daughter Sarah married Jacob Romans and he gave consent. Then in 1818 they went to Monroe Co., Ind.

I am beginning to wonder - could this old Samuel be a brother of your Agnes? Do they tie in somehow with the Lewis who married Nancy Howard who came from Buckingham Co.? Was the Burton Hensley named for Burton Godsey? I can't help wonder if maybe old Samuel had a first family then married again and had the younger children. After all if he was born in 1754 he would most likely have been married and having a family by 1775 or 76 - the children in Indiana were all much younger.



Back to Godseys - I found the followings:

Wm. D. Hensley born 1841 died 1911, son of John and Jane Hensley, married Malinda Morely in 1867 and had the following:

George born 1878 married 1894 to Sarah Hensley.

Laura born 1876 married Hugh F. Godsey, they had

James Godsey - unmarried, killed in a coal mine.

Ella, married Steve McMan (lived close to Liberty, Indiana)

Abe, married 1st a Snapp, 2nd a Taylor (lived Kingsport, Tenn.)

Julia, married Elmer Widders (lived Yrean, Tenn.)

Charles, married 1st Swanzie Harklerod, 2nd Louvisa Harklerod.

Cordelia, ?

Steven, married Madge East.

Vials, ?

Milburn, married Fanny Hensley - had 11 or 12 children.

Vannie, married Clarence Eaton (lived at the head of Roberts Creek)

I have the rest of Wm. D. Hensley's children if you are interested but the above were the only Godseys.

You mentioned a marriage record for Patience Winn and Burton Godsey - your clue to check at Bristol is not good, Bristol Va. is in Washington Co., Va. and the county seat is Abingdon. Bristol, Tenn. is in Sullivan Co., Tenn. and their courthouse was burned by the Yankees - only the deeds survived. I have seen the name Winn - am very conscious of it it - I am looking for parents for my Cecelia Wine, it may be in the old records at Jonesboro. I will keep an eye open for the name as I go thru my papers.

You said Anky was living with a Jacob Miller family in 1850 - was this a daughter's home? Also you mentioned a Drury Lacy Godsey - I have come across the name Drury used among the Fleenors and there are also Lacey families around the area. Joseph Hensley married 2nd a Nancy Lacey.

Now to get back to your material by Harold Godsey - I imagine it is based on truth but by the time it has been told and retold it would be hard to recognize the original tale. There are many accounts of Indiana massacres in the History of Tenn. and Va. and most of them have named the people - I have never run across anything on the Hensleys or Godseys. The author, like you say, is a good story teller. I know what I would do - try to prove it from census records and deeds, etc. The Missouri part is interesting - there were Hensleys who went to the same area generally, in Missouri. Do you have names of any of the families they are married in to or who seemed to have close connections to them?

Thanks for sending me the enclosures - I will make copies and return in the next letter - I had the ones on Montgomery County - my Dixons (Hannah's Husband and children) were in Lincoln Co., Mo. as were the Fleenors - not too far from Montgomery Co.

It is late and I am tired - making too many mistakes.

More later,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wm. Muench







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Feb. 23, 1971

Dear Rose:

How are you getting along? Anything new on the Godseys? I am still wading around in Hensleys and I guess am making a little progress - but mighty slow.

I went to Bartow (a little town about 40 miles from here, they have an excellent Hist. & Gen. Library in the courthouse) and spent the day last Thursday. The librarian or hostess I believe she is, mentioned that she was keeping a list of names that people asked her to watch for and one of the names was Godsey. I ~~HEE~~ asked her who was working on Godsey - a woman from Kentucky visiting relatives in Florida had been there the week before and spent several days searching N. C. and Tenn. records for Godseys - was especially interested in Sullivan Co., Tenn. I told her I was looking out for Godseys for you and asked for the woman's name and address. She told me she would run it down and send. Today it arrived - she had located the woman and talked to her on the phone and she would like to hear from you. She is:  
Mrs. Ressie (not Bessie) Cole  
Route #2, Box 399  
Russelville, Kentucky 42276

Hope you two will be able to help each other.

In Bartow, I spent the day reading census - Rockingham Co., N. C. had:

Thomas Godsey Jr. - 26 to 45  
2 males u/10  
1 female 0/45  
1 " 16/26  
1 female U/10

Thomas Godsey Sr. 26/45  
4 males U/10  
1 female 26/45  
2 females u/10

John Godsey 26/45  
1 male U/10  
1 female 16/26  
1 female U/10

Wm. Godsey XX - 0/45  
1 male 16/26  
2 males 10/16  
1 male U/10  
1 female 0/45  
1 female 10/16

Archelus Winn 16/26  
1 male U/10  
1 female 16/26  
1 female 10/16

Enoch Hensley 16/26  
2 males U/10  
1 female 16/26

Rockingham County joins Caswell County, there were a bunch of Henslees/Hensleys there but no Godseys. The Hensleys were sons of Old John Henslee who died in 1814. One son went to Georgia and one went to Tenn. and then to Mo. Haven't found out what happened to the rest of them as yet.

Will close for this time, it is late and I am sleepy. Let me know if you find anything on Anky.

Sincerely,

Euthe Muench

PS: The Hensleys from Caswell Co., N. C. who went to Mo. were in Green and Polk counties.



Mrs. C. P. (Virginia Godsey) Kelley  
2 N. Crest Rd.  
Chattanooga, Tenn. 37404.

Nancy Millsaps (from Cooke Co. Tenn.) m. Burley Godsey  
(son of Burton) in Carroll Co. Mo. - 1835.

Agnes Hensley m. W<sup>m</sup> Godsey 14 Jan. 1779 in  
Buckingham Co. Va.

Agnes (Ankey) Hensley Godsey had a sister  
Milly Hensley Cornet born ca. 1763 - lived  
Clay Co. Ky. Milly was present when Agnes +  
W<sup>m</sup> were m.

Abednego Casteel m. Agnes Hensley 1808 Knox Co. Tenn.

M<sup>c</sup> Minn Co. Tenn 1850 - John Godsey 28 b. Tenn.  
Eliz. 25 Tenn.  
W<sup>m</sup> 2 "

Records of King W<sup>m</sup> Parish - (Va) Monakin Town -  
Huguenots -

Henry Godsey m. Fede Lacy - dau  
Jerusha born 6 April 1746.

Also a Thomas and a Marie Godsey mentioned.  
(note: Joseph Hensley m 2nd Nancy Lacy)



Date 20 May 1970  
 Name Rose Rowe  
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(Your father)

Emory Robert CLOUSE

2 Born 15 Apr 1871  
 Where Greenville, Bond Co, Ill.  
 When married 30 Aug 1936  
 Where " Lewiston, Idaho  
 Died 11 Nov 1956  
 Where Hood River, Ore.  
 Bur. Clarkston, Wash.  
Vinland Cem.

(Your name)

Rose Elizabeth CLOUSE

Born 6 Mar 1908  
 Where Uniontown, Wash.  
 When married 11 Nov 1928  
 Where married Lewiston, Idaho

Name of husband or wife

(1) John Henry HAYS  
 (2) Floyd Emory ROWE  
 25 Nov 1960  
Seattle, Wash

(Your mother)

3 Elizabeth Frances EMMETT

Born 27 Apr 1874  
 Where Coloma, Carroll Co. Mo  
 Died 14 June 1943  
 Where Clarkston, Wash  
 Bur. Vinland Cem

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PEDIGREE CHART

(Paternal grandfather)

4 Wilson M. CLOUSE

Born 13 Aug 1830  
 Where Bond Co Ill.  
 When married 16 Sept 1861  
 Where "  
 Died 1 Feb 1877  
 Where Greenville, Ill  
 Bur. Smith Grove

(Paternal grandmother)

5 Temperance Ann GREENE

Born 5 Dec 1844  
 Where Bond Co Ill  
 Died 4 Dec 1900  
 Where Clarkston, Bond Co, Ill  
 Bur Smith Grove

(Maternal grandfather)

6 William EMMETT

Born 19 Sept 1836  
 Where Abbots-Kerswell-Devon, Eng  
 When married 11 Mar 1863  
 Where " Carroll Co Mo  
 Died 17 May 1907  
 Where Spokane, Wash  
 Bur Greenwood Cem

(Maternal grandmother)

7 Cynthia Jane GODSEY

Born 25 Dec 1833  
 Where Saline Co Mo  
 Died 27 Apr 1911  
 Where Spokane, Wash  
 Bur. Greenwood Cem.

Great-grandparents

John CLOUSE

8 Born ca 1800  
 Where Tenn  
 Mar. Where

9 Died 26 Oct 1852  
 Where Bond Co Ill

10 Born  
 Where  
 Died  
 Where

11 George W. GREENE (Black Hawk War)

Born 8 Nov 1806  
 Where Knox Co Tenn  
 Mar. 22 Nov 1832 Where Bond Co Ill  
 Died 6 Aug 1846  
 Where Bond Co Ill

12 Martha BROWN

Born ca 1812  
 Where N. Car  
 Died  
 Where

13 Nicholas EMMETT

Born bap 23 Oct 1814  
 Where Abbots-Kerswell-Devon, Eng  
 Mar. 1 Jan 1836 Where " "  
 Died 11 Oct 1865

14 Elizabeth ANGEL

Born bap 14 Sept 1809  
 Where Devon, Eng  
 Died 2 Nov 1868  
 Where Abbots Kerswell-Devon, Eng

15 Burley GODSEY

Born 25 Sept 1817  
 Where Cooke Co Tenn  
 Mar. 24 Sept 1835 Where Carroll Co Mo  
 Died 14 Mar 1886  
 Where Carroll Co Mo

16 Nancy MILLSAP

Born 23 Jan 1818  
 Where St Louis Co Mo  
 Died 24 Oct 1871  
 Where Carroll Co Mo

Elijah CLOUSE (War 1812)

16 b. ca 1770  
 m. d. 28 Nov 1852 - Bond Co Ill

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20 James GREENE (Rev War)

B. ca 1758-60  
 m. 1785-86 d. 1821 Bond Co Ill

21 Sarah HIX

b. ca 1771  
 d. 1 Jan 1846 Bond Co Ill

22 Wilson BROWN (Rev War)

b. ca 1785  
 m. d. 8 Apr 1850 - Bond Co Ill

23

24 Nicholas EMMETT

b. 23 May 1784 Abbot, Kerswell-Devon, Eng  
 m. 2 Jan 1812 d. 12 Mar 1867

25 Sarah PARNELL

b. ca 1785 Harborton, Eng  
 d. 16 Sept 1869 - Abbots Kerswell

26 William ANGEL

bap 5 Nov 1781 - Devon, Eng  
 m.

27 Elizabeth LAWTON

bap 5 Aug 1786 - Devon, Eng  
 d. 11 May 1845

28 Burton GODSEY (War 1812)

b. ca 1780  
 m. d. before 1807 Carroll Co Mo

29 Patience G. WYNN

b. d. before 1807 Carroll Co Mo

30 Jonathan MILLSAP (Rev War)

b. ca 1780  
 m. d. 1852 Saline Co Mo

31



Wilson BROWN son of Lewis BROWN & Jemima \_\_\_\_\_  
Hertford Co. N. Car.



HUSBAND'S NAME James Madison Millsaps

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Nancy Farmer

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth 1764 Place Staunton, Va. RECORDED

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Other marriages \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Buried \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Buried \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands names \_\_\_\_\_

His father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Hier father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	WHEN MARRIED	WHERE MARRIED	WHEN DIED	WHERE DIED	MARRIED TO:
1.							
2. <u>Jonathan</u>		<u>ca 1780</u>			<u>1852</u>	<u>Saline Co. Mo.</u>	
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References or Comments:

Rose Rowe's line



HUSBAND'S NAME Jonathan Millsaps

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth Ca 1780 Place Tenn. RECORDED

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

Other marriages \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death 1852 Buried Saline Co. Mo.

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Buried \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands names \_\_\_\_\_

His father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Her father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN	WHEN BORN		WHERE	WHEN MARRIED		WHERE	WHEN DIED		WHERE	MARRIED TO:	
1. <u>Nancy</u>	<u>28 Jan</u>	<u>1818</u>	<u>St. Louis Co. Mo.</u>	<u>24 Sept</u>	<u>1835</u>	<u>Carroll Co. Mo.</u>	<u>24 Oct</u>	<u>1871</u>	<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Carroll Co.</u>	<u>Burley Godsey</u>
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HUSBAND'S NAME W<sup>m</sup> Lodsey

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage 14 Jan. 1779 PLACE Buckingham Co. Va. RECORDED

Date of Death 12 Feb. 1831 Buried Sullivan Co. Tenn.

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_

His father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Agnes Winney

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Other marriages \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Buried \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands names \_\_\_\_\_

Her father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN	WHEN BORN		WHERE	WHEN MARRIED		WHERE	WHEN DIED		WHERE	MARRIED TO:
1. <u>Burton</u>		<u>ca</u> <u>1784</u>	<u>Va.</u>							<u>Patience Winn</u>
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References or Comments:



HUSBAND'S NAME Hensley  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Buried \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_ Times \_\_\_\_\_  
 His father's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other marriages \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Buried \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other husbands' names \_\_\_\_\_  
 Her father's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

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References or Comments:



Seattle, Washington  
July 3, 1969

Mrs William Muench  
3011 San Miguel  
Tampa, Florida 33609

Dear Mrs Muench:

I am seeking information concerning Agnes (Anky) HENSLEY who married William GODSEY 14 Jan 1779 in Buckingham Co. Va. This couple had 11 children (according to his request for pension for his services in the Revolution). Am not sure of the names of their children but believe one of them may have been Burton GODSEY born Buckingham Co. (?) Va. ca 1784. Burton married Patience G. WINN--date and place unknown--possibly Bristol, Tenn. They had a son Burley GODSEY born 25 Sept 1817 Cocke Co Tenn. William served in the Revolution from Buckingham Co. Va along with his brother, Austin GODSEY. He collected a pension for that service and after his death 12 Feb 1831, his wife Anky filed for a pension. They were then living in Sullivan Co., Tenn.

If you were the author of "A Journey in Genealogy" it sounds as if your ancestors and mine were in the same places. Supposedly the Godsey and Hensley families were closely associated over the years. Am very anxious to learn more about the "Hensley Settlement" you spoke of.

Any help which you can give me will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rose Rowe

Mrs Rose E Rowe  
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Seattle, Washington  
Jan 15, 1970

Dear Mrs Muench:

Thanks for your prompt answer to my letter. Before I got time to write again it was misfiled and got lost in my very disorganized genealogical data. I made a New Year's resolution to get things in better order and in doing that your letter turned up. The room that I use for a den and houses my file cabinets etc., also serves as a spare bedroom, so when unexpected relatives show up for a visit things must be put away quickly and it is hard to get back to work again.

My problem is to find some definite proof that Wm. Godsey and Anky Hensley were the parents of my ancestor, Burton Godsey. Since no one to date has been able to find a record of the names of the 11 children William speaks of in his request for pension (Rev War) I am now working on Hensley in the hope of solving it that way. They lived at Newport (Sullivan Co) Tenn when Wm requested a pension. After he died Anky also made a request. In the 1850 census she was living with the Jacob Miller family in Sullivan County.

I have never visited that area and your explanation of the state and county lines etc. gives me much food for thought. Perhaps that explains why the records concerning Drury Lacy Godsey sometimes give his birth place as N Car, sometimes Tenn, and sometimes Va.

Did you get to make another trip up there? If you go again I would like to engage you to do some work for me while there. I need to find a marriage record for my Burton Godsey and Patience G. Winn. Some old Godsey notes said "check at Bristol for the names of Patience's parents. So suppose that could be either Tenn or Va. Do you have any Winn families?

The only Fleenor I found in my Godsey records was a marriage  
John Godsey to Elizabeth Fleenor 25 Oct 1827 by David Jesse,  
Baptist Min. in Wash Co Va. Mar Book 1, Abington Court house.  
There are Fleenor families in Seattle. Can send you names and  
addresses if you wish.

How can I get the Hensley New Letter? Would like to subscribe to it.

Sincerely,

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Seattle, Washington 98107

*Rose Rowe*



Seattle, Washington  
Feb 14, 1970

Dear Ruth:

Thanks for the very interesting letter. Now you have me wanting to take a trip to see the Cumberland Gap State Park! One of my daughters lives in Cincinnati and they have taken some trips into Ky and Va and they just love it. Maybe some day I can manage to go with them. Would really enjoy going to some of these places. Have never done in researching in courthouses so would have much to learn.

The part about Monroe<sup>e</sup> County, Ind was very interesting also. There were Godseys there in 1850 also. Abraham Godsey--age 43, born Va and his wife Mary (Hartsock) were living in Monroe Twp. Don't know who Abraham's parents were the. He is a forebear of Lawrence Godsey who lives here in Seattle. There were Hartsock families in 1810 in Wash Co., Va along with Wm Hensley, Fielding Hensley and Elisabeth Hensley and Wm Godsey and Harrison Winn among others. Bet this is my Wm Godsey and Harrison Winn could be father of Patience Winn who mar Burton Godsey. Some of the Indiana Godsey families were Quakers and that made me think that they could have gone there via Rockingham Co., N Car. But I may be wrong. However there were Godsey families in Rockingham Co., N Car in the 1810 census and up thru 1850. There were Lacy families in Rockingham in the 1800 census.

And speaking of the Lacy family and the name Drury--do you have access to the Va Historical Publication by R A Brock? Vol 5 deals with the Huguenot Emigration to Va and the settlement in Manakin Town and the Records of King William Parish.

It is very interesting reading and I have copied a bit of it and will send it along. It may explain the Drury Lacy names that were handed down in so many families.

The earliest Godsey records I have found were in these records. Henry Godsey married Febe (Phoebe) Lacy and they had dau Jerusha Godsey born 6 Apr 1746. There was also a Thomas Godsey and a Marie Godsey mentioned in these church records.

I am sorry to say that I do not have any further info concerning the Mo. Hensley families. Just happened to see that when looking for something else. You do not need to return anything which I sent to you. I made the copies for you.

Have been at home with the flu for more than a week and have spent a great deal of time trying to piece some of these bits together but am really quite confused. Am anxious to get back to the library to try to check some more. There are so many possibilities.

Will keep in touch and thanks for writing,

Rose

Wm  
Hensley  
M. A  
Hartsock



Seattle, Washington  
Mar 9, 1970

Dear Ruth:

Guess our last letters crossed in the mail. Thanks for the census readings. As to your questions--can't figure out who all the free persns were but I bet the men were gone to look things over in Tenn. Burton Godsey served in the War of 1812 from Cocke County, Tenn. Also a Burley Godsey. So they were there early. Have written the courthouse and asked them to check their deed indexes.

In checking over Anky Hensley Godsey's request for pension I notice that her sister Milly Cornet of Clay County, Ky., swore that she was present when Anky and William were married in 1779. Do you know of a Milly Hensley born ca 1763? Were there Hensley families in Clay County, Ky? In the 1790 and 1791 tax lists of Montgomery County, Va there was a Milly Godsey and in 1792 a Wm Godsey. Wonder if this could be the same Milly, maybe mar first a Godsey and later Cornet?

If there were three Hensley brothers who served with Wm Godsey in the Rev War seems like some of their names would show up on the Rev War Pension lists but I find only one--#S21278--Sam'l Hensley born 1755 in Culpepper Co Va and he served against the Shawnee Indians in 1774 he volunteered again in 1776 to serve against the Cherokees, so doesn't look as if he actually served in the war. By mistake I ordered this record twice so have two copies. If you don't have one will be glad to send the extra copy to you.

In "Tenn Records--Vol 2" I found a mar record for Abednego Casteel and Agnes Hensley 26 Apr 1808 in Knox County, Tenn. Vol 1 contains some cemetery records for Hensleys in Nashville, Tenn and Unicoi County, Tenn.

And quite by accident found some things you may not have. Was reading the 1890 Wash state census of Civil War Vets and found--  
Sam'l Hensley--Pvt--discharged in 1865 and re-enlisted  
Living at Aberdeen, Wash.  
Murline C. Hensley as Capt in one Co and as Major in another  
Living at Aberdeen, Wash  
James H. Hensley--soldier  
Living in Cedar Creek, Wash.  
If they wanted to go west they could go much further west than this!

Am enclosing a page photo-copied from the 1820 index to Indiana. Looks as if the Hensleys came early.

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Sincerely,

Rose

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Seattle, Washington  
April 19, 1970

Dear Ruthe:

Thanks for the lead. Am enclosing a copy of my letter to Squire Baker. Didn't know just how to word it--hope it sounds ok.

The answer to the letter to Mrs Nix in Fort Worth was disappointing. She said they knew who the children of Devereaux Wynne were and there was no Patience., but she failed to say there was no Harrison Wynne.

But I do have some things that may interest you! This first item was sent to me by Mrs C P (Virginia Godsey) Kelley, 2 N Crest Rd, Chattanooga, Tenn 37404. She is an ardent Godsey researcher and is descended from Austin Godsey, brother of Wm Godsey and they both served from Buckingham Co, Va. She also sent me a copy of a record someone else had gotten from the Nat'l Archives showing that Burton Godsey was born in Elbert, Va. (now McDowell Co W Va) I was so surprised because when I got his pension records they enclosed a slip saying that it was all that was available. These records are entitled "Records of men enlisted in the U.S. Army Prior to the ~~Establishment~~ Peace Establishment, May 17, 1815." Now I have written to try to get these records for a couple of others who served in the War of 1812. I also sent for the Rev War records for Jesse Cornet and Wm Cornet who served from Va. These request were returned to me because the Rev War records are being micro-filmed and the C through H are out of service until they are ready on film which should be about Jul 15th. But all this is not what I started to say.

From Virginia Kelley--

Scott Co Va Court Minute Bk 1, 1815-1818

Heirs of Larkin Hensley decd: Sarah Hensley, Abednego Casteel and wife (Agnes (formerly Hensley), Daniel Casteel and wife Rhoda (formerly Hensley), Ichabod Hensley, Polly Hensley, Catherine Hensley, Sam'l Hensley, ? cey Hensley, Thomas Hensley

VS

Polly Benham, widow of Wm. decd, John, Sam'l, Joel, Catherine, Sampson and Isaac Benham, heris of Wm Benham, decd: and Elizabeth Godsey, widow of Gilbert Godsey, decd, abram, Jane (or) Jame, Sarah and Elizabeth Godsey, heirs of Gilbert Godsey, decd: Catherine Johnson widow of Thomas Johnson, decd, Jane Johnson, heirs of Thomas Johnson decd. The defendants do not live in Va.

The US Census 1810 Nicholas Co, Ky shows Gilbert Godsey age 26-45.



I found this-- Abstracts of Wills and Inventories Fairfax Co, Va  
1742 -1801 by Estelle Stewart King 1957

Will Book B 1752-1767

GODSEY, William--16 Jan 1749. 20 Mar 1753  
Legatees: "Cozen" George Adams, Francis Adams (son of Benjamin,  
in Va), brother George Godsey (in Md), Abednego Adams (cousin).  
Wit: William Champneys, Sam'l Carsfoot and Edward Sholoni.

PEAKE, William Jr--19 Dec 1755. 16 Mar 1756  
Legatees: Francis Adams, (son of Abednego Adams), Mary Adams,  
John Peake and Humphrey Peake (brothers).

CARSFORD, Samuel--23 May 1752. 16 June 1752  
Legatees: William Macate, James Brown (son of Robert Brown)  
Exr: Abraham Hargis--Wit: William Godfrey.

In Tenn Records--Vol 2--page 373--Marriage Records of Knox Co, Tenn  
26 April 1808--Abednego Casteel to Agnes Hensley

QUESTION--Do you know anything concerning this Abednego Casteel?

Have been checking on Abednego Adams whose name appears in the  
American Genealogical Index. There is quite a bit concerning this  
family in the History of the Adams Family--compiled by Henry Whitte-  
more, NY. Published by W. McDonald & Co. 1893

We have it on micro-cards which is a most unsatisfactory way of  
reading a book. Have written to Nat'l Archives to see if I can get  
photo-copies of the pages dealing with this branch. This Abednego  
Adams was born in 1721, son of Francis and Mary (Godfrey) Admas of  
Charles Co Md. In his will (Abednego) mentions a son Josias Peake.  
He married twice, the first time to his cousin, Ann Peake.

Am going to do a lot more work on this and will keep you posted.

Will be anxious to hear what you think of this, also the Hensley,  
Millsap data. Tried to check the 1860 census for Monroe Co., Tenn  
but we do not have it.

Bye for now,

*Rose*

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Seattle, Washington 98107



Seattle, Wash  
June 17, 1970

Dear Ruthe:

Just a quick note to enclose with a couple more pages from the same book I sent from last time. I put the name of the book at the top and wrote the names of the families that are written up on the back of the first sheet. You may keep these. Thought I had best send them before I forget to do so.

The weather is just wonderful right now and have been working in the yard and find it very hard to stay indoors when it is like this.

My grand-daughter is coming Friday so may not get back to this for awhile.

Best regards,

Rose



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Perry Co Ky - a History  
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left for Breathitt, lived there as late as 1825, then moved on to Fayette County. He had no children.

John Combs, Jr., was born February 7, 1761. He served two years and four months as Private with the Virginia Troops under Captains Jonathan Langdon and Benjamin Casey and Colonel James Wood. He enlisted January 1, 1777, at Shennandoah County, Virginia. In 1825 he was pensioned on Certificate No. 19554. In his application for pension he stated that his wife, Margaret, was about 55 years of age and referred to the following children: John, age not stated, Sally, a widow, 27 years old, Margaret, 18 years old and her child, Hezekiah, one year old. Other children by his first wife were Jeremiah, (Long Jerry), Shadrach, Mason, Millie and William.

John, Jr., first settled on Line Fork, now in Letcher County. He resided in Perry County in 1825 when he applied for pension, where he was still living in 1837.

John Combs, the father of these eight sons was born in Westmoreland (at present King George) County, Virginia around 1735. He died in Perry County late in 1819 and was buried at White Oak, just below Vicco. The Combs descendants are numerous, and they have intermarried with practically all the early settlers of Perry County.—(National Archives, Washington, D. C., Dr. Josiah H. Combs, John Fitzpatrick.)

NICHOLAS (DANGER) COMBS FAMILY

"Danger" Nick Combs, Sr., (brother of John Combs, Sr.) married Nancy, daughter of Thomas Grigsby, in Virginia. Danger came to Perry County in the 1790's, probably at the same time as his brother John. He came through Pound Gap, from around Holston where he had been living for some time and settled on the North Fork of the Kentucky River, near what is now Combs, Ky. He was one of the largest land owners in Perry County at that time. He received his first land grant in 1810 when this was Clay County and he had other grants on Ball Creek, Lotts Creek, Combs Mill and Trace Creek.

He remained a Tory and tradition says that because of

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Early Perry Co Families -

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Napier, Noble

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Smith, Stamper

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this he became unpopular with the other Combs. His children were Rebecca, Alicia, Jeremiah C., Nicholas, Jr., and Samuel. Alicia married Richard Smith, a Primitive Baptist preacher and settled on Lotts Creek. Their first son, William, was born in what was later Perry County around 1795 (for other children, see Richard Smith biography). Jeremiah C., "Chunky Jerry", first married Nancy Summers, then Sally Grigsby. "Chunky Jerry" was around 16 years old when his father came to Perry County. He settled around the mouth of Walker's Branch, and was one of the first Justices of Perry County. He died in 1853 and was buried in Walkertown, now North Hazard. Nicholas, Jr. ("Bird-eye"), married Eliza Combs, a daughter of John Combs of Boyle County. The log house built by "Bird-eye" above Combs is still standing and is owned by Will Brewer. "Bird-eye" was born in 1793 and died around 1886. Samuel married Nancy, a daughter of William Cornett, the Revolutionary War veteran. They lived first on Second Creek, moved to a site near Buckhorn School, and finally settled in Owsley County. Their children were Robert C., who married Eliza Godsey, William, married first to Mary Begley, then to Mrs. Mary Herndon Burke, Wiley married Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Boneparte Combs, Daniel Garrett married Rachel Turner, Andrew J. married Elizabeth, step-daughter of William Burke, Nicholas married a Bolen, Rachel married Levi Pennington, Nancy married Jack Edwards, Mary married Elijah R. Begley, and Lucy married a Cole. "Danger" Nick's other daughter, Rebecca, married John Williams.

"Danger" Nick died in Perry County near 1838. He is buried in the Old Combs Cemetery on Meadow Branch near Combs Bend.—(Dr. Josiah H. Combs, John Fitzpatrick.)

#### COPE

James D. Cope and his wife Betsy Hammond Cope came to Kentucky with Daniel Boone and his party and settled near Mt. Sterling before 1798. He was of English descent.

There was a great drought in the Blue Grass around 1800, so James Cope moved into the mountains and settled on upper Quicksand. Around 1860 he sold out to the Bachs

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About 1740 seven from England and settled William Cornett, Revolutionary War veteran. William was born 1761. While a resident in 1779, he enlisted in the months in Captain A Scripp's Virginia Regiment and served six months. Col. Patterson's Virginia

He first married B four children, John, Arch Rachel Smith and settled married Judy McDaniel Leatherwood. Lucy married Eversole, and Elizabeth the death of his first Everage in 1796. Soon Kentucky and settled near was later Perry County der of their lives.

Mary Everage had Sally married Thomas Brashear of Little Lea

To William Cornett children, Robert Busta daughter of Elijah Cope Lewis, Nancy married



Seattle, Washington  
March 5, 1971

Dear Ruthe:

It was nice to hear from you! Am still working on Millsaps and Godseys and as you say some progress but not enough.

For some time have been trying to learn more of the Wm and Thomas Godsey families in Rockingham Co., N Car. Had a man there do a little work for me and he was able to find the area in which they lived. It was called Gold Hill or Bald Hill. The early land records there do not include the names of any wives. From Wm's request for pension for his service in the Rev. comes this-- Born 3 Nov 1763 in Chesterfield Co., Va--after the war moved to Powhatan Co., Va--later to Franklin Co., Va and about 1795 to Rockingham Co., N Car.--tho he does not appear in the 1800 census there. No mention is made in the request, of a wife or children but there is a record in Va State Library--Chesterfield Co Mar Reg 1771-1853-- Wm Godsey and Biddy Hall 21 Nov 1781. Perhaps this is the Wm who went to N Car and perhaps this is also the same Wm who was in the "An Old Va Court" records of Franklin County which you sent to me last summer.

I recently got a letter from a man in Mayodan (Rockingham CO) N C who sent me some photo copies of Bible records with Godsey names but he seems to know very little about them tho they are his forbears --anyway it was a Bible which had belonged to Richard Johnson Gentry and his wife Lucetta Henderson who were mar 23 Mar 1866.

May as well send these Rockingham Co Mar Bonds  
Edward Godsey and Lucy Roach, 20 Dec 1820  
John Godsey and Fanny Whitesides, 5 Apr 1807  
Samuel Godsey and Betsey Shreves, 30 Nov 1819  
Thomas Godsey and Patesey Lowe, 14 Dec 1804  
Wm P Godsey and Faithy Lloyd, 19 Nov 1838

Have written to the Mrs Cole in Russelville, Ky and am anxious to hear from her. Thanks for letting me know.

A few weeks back I wrote to Jonesboro, Tenn trying to get a copy of the estate papers of a Geo Clouse who lived there early and got a letter back not from the courthouse but from a lady who said her DAR chapter was working on Rev War soldiers buried in that area and the courthouse had turned my letter over to her to answer. Wrote and asked her if she would be willing to do some research in the courthouse there for me--that I had Godsey ancestors also and noted many listed in the Johnson City tel directory (the list you sent me last summer). Have had not reply as yet.

My son-in-law's parents were here visiting recently from Clearwater, Fla. They were all brown and sun tanned--we are having snow and it is cold.

Best regards,

Rose



Seattle, Washington  
Sept 6, 1971

Dear Ruthe:

Your letter was a most pleasant surprise! I will write to Mr Godsey right away. He sounds like a very good lead. Thanks so much.

I just recently returned from a 6 week trip and vacation. Probably covered some of the same territory that you did but since I went as a guest of my daughter and son-in-law, and they were on a 2 week vacation, there was no time to stop for genealogical research. Very frustrating but I had a wonderful time and saw so many places and met so many nice people. My new found "cousin" in Saline County, Mo., who is also a descendant of Burton Godsey, conceived the idea of a family reunion. It was held in Gilliam, Mo on the 4th of July. I left here June 27th and went by bus to Goldendale, Wash where my brother lives and we left from there by car with his wife and their son Gary, who was on leave from the Air Force in Colo Springs. We picked up one of our sisters in Boise, Ida and then went to Colo Springs where we left Gary and then headed for Mo. There were about 150 people at the re-union but they were not all related to me. Had never met any of them before and we had a wonderful time. We spent several days there and visited the old places where my mother's family had lived--then went to Bond County, Ill and visited Greeneville where our father was born. Then they took me to the airport at St Louis, Mo and I took a flight to Cincinnati and the others headed west again as they were running out of time.

On the 17th of July I left Cin with my daughter and her husband and 2 sons on their vacation. They had gone to Cape Hatteras off the coast of N C the year before and liked it so much they wanted to go again. We spent 2 weeks at Rodanthe on the outer banks, and took daily trips from there. Had rented a nice cabin with air conditioning and all the comforts of home. We had a wonderful time and I saw so much country that was new to me. Visited Ocracoke and the old cemeteries etc there and went to see the "Lost Colony" in the outdoor Theatre in Manteo. Just loved the Elizabethian Gardens there and was also very much impressed with the Colington Harbour retirement center near Kill Devil Hills. Have you ever been there? Seems to me it would be the ideal place to live but am afraid it would be too expensive for me.

On our return trip they tried to take a somewhat different route so I could see some different country and a part of the Smokey Mts. We came through Ashville, N C and stayed overnite there. Liked that very much also. Went to visit the Biltmore Estate the next morning. Have you been there? Hope I can go back to Ashville again some day.

After 2 weeks of very hard work have gotten my house cleaned and the yard in shape again and now after some unexpected company will start trying to catch up on my mail. Sure am behind. Will let you know what I hear from Mr. Godsey. Thanks again for stopping and for letting me know. Forgot to say we came through Newport, Tenn also but it was Sunday and couldn't even stop at the library. Sincerely,

Rose



Seattle, Washington  
April 18, 1970

Squire Baker, Clerk of Court  
Clay County Courthouse  
Manchester, Kentucky 40962

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am working on my family history and am trying to learn who were the parents of my great-great grandfather Burton GODSEY. They may have been William Godsey and Agnes (Ankey) Hensley who were married in Buckingham County, Va 14 Jan 1779. William Godsey served in the Rev. War from Buckingham County and later drew a pension for that service. In making his application from Sullivan County, Tenn he states that he has had eleven children "but they are now all gone from me". He does not name the children. He died 12 Feb 1832 in Sullivan County. Later Ankey applied for a pension. One of the persons who gave statements for her was a sister, Milly Cornett of Clay County, Ky. She stated that she was present at the wedding of Wm and Ankey.

I checked the 1850 census of Clay County but did not find a Milly Cornett tho there were many Cornett families there. She may have been dead by then. So don't know which family she married into.

There were numerous marriages between the Hensley--Cornett and Godsey families, indicating they were probably closely associated for many years.

In Clay County, Ky--Pharis Hensley married Elizabeth Cornett 6 Sept 1894. Also Isham Hensley married Olle Godsey 11 Mar 1922.

Do you know of either of these couples? A present day address for Isham Hensley? Or the name of any one who might be interested in these families?

Any help you can give will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Rose E. Rowe*

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Scott Co. Va. - Minute Book 1 - 1815-1818

Heirs of Larkin Hensley died. - Sarah Hensley,  
Abednego Casteel + wife Agnes, (formerly Hensley),  
Daniel Casteel + wife Rhoda (formerly Hensley) Schabod  
Hensley, Polly Hensley, Catherine Hensley, Samuel  
Hensley, <sup>Samuel?</sup> Cay Hensley, Thomas Hensley -  
vs.

Polly Benham, widow of W<sup>m</sup>, deid., John, Samuel,  
Joel, Catherine, Sampson, Isaac - Heirs of W<sup>m</sup> Ben-  
ham, deid.; and Elizabeth Godsey, Heir of Gilbert  
Godsey, deid., Catherine Johnson, widow of  
Thos. Johnson deid., Jane Johnson, Heir of Thos.  
Johnson, deid. The depts. do not live in Va.

Scott Co. Minute Book 1, page 388 (on micro-Va. Arch.)  
July Court 1819 - Sarah Hensley, Abednego Casteel  
+ Agnes his wife, Daniel Casteel + Rhoda, his  
wife, Susanna Hensley, Polly Hensley, Catherine  
Hensley, Nancy Hensley, Schabod C. Hensley +  
Thomas Hensley, Pltfs.  
vs.

Polly Benham, widow of W<sup>m</sup> Benham, deid., John,  
Samuel, Catherine, Joel, Sampson + Isaac Benham,  
Heirs of the said W<sup>m</sup> Benham, deid., Elizabeth  
Godsey, widow of Gilbert Godsey, deid.,  
Abraham, Jane, Sarah + Elizabeth, Heirs of  
the said Gilbert, deid., Catherine Johnston,  
widow of Thomas Johnston, deid. + Jane Johnston  
his Heir at law, depts in Chancery.

The depts., Eliz. Godsey, widow of Gilbert Godsey,  
deid., Abraham, Jane, Sarah + Elizabeth, Heirs  
of said Gilbert, deid., Catherine Johnston, widow  
of Thomas Johnston deid. and Jane his Heir at law  
not having acknowledged their appearance and  
given security according to the Act of Assembly +  
the Rules of this Court + it appearing to the Satis-  
faction of the Court that the said depts. are not  
inhabitants of this Commonwealth - on motion  
Court.



of the complainants, by their Council, it is ordered that the said depts. do appear here on the 2nd Tuesday in May next and answer the bill of the said complainants and that a copy of this order be forth with published in some public newspaper published in this State for 2 months successively and another copy posted at the front door of the Court House of this County for the same length of time.

Same            Petrs }  
vs                    }  
Same            Depts } in chancery

The said depts. Polly Benham, Widow of W<sup>m</sup> Benham, deid., John, Samuel, Catherine, Joel, Sampson + Isaac Benham, heirs of the said W<sup>m</sup> Benham deid. failing to file their answers 3 mos. after the said petrs had filed their bills having also been served with a subpoena at least 3 mos. before the said time for filing their answers. On motion of the said complainants by their Council it is ordered that the said complainants bill be taken for confessed as to the said depts + this court will proceed at a future day to <sup>?</sup> the motion and things therein contained unless the said depts. shall on or before the 1st day of the Court next after they shall have been served with a copy of that order appear + shew cause to the contrary.