

BOTTS FAMILY DATA

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The following was sent to me by W. S. Botts, now of Elizabeth, New Jersey, formerly of Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and Springfield, Missouri.

Thomas Botts' will in Stafford County, Virginia, dated February 17, 1742 and entered for probate May 11, 1742, leaves property to son Seth Botts to care for his mother and a like amount to Robert Ashby to care for him. Other children mentioned were sons: 1 - John, 2 - Mose, 3 - Aaron, 4 - Archibald and 5 - Seth Botts (mentioned above) Wife is not named in the will and Robert Ashby is the administrator of the estate.

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Record from "Old Aquia Church"

Stafford County, Virginia, in old Overwharton Parish, 1720-1760

1. Elizabeth Botts, daughter of Seth and Lib. b October 3, 1741
2. William Botts, son of Seth and Lib. b April 16, 1744
3. Aaron Botts, son of Seth and Lib. b July 30, 1746
4. Joseph Botts, son of Seth and Lib. b June 23, 1748
5. Joshua Botts, son of Seth and Lib. b July 24, 1751
6. John, son of Seth and Lib. b November 25, 1754
7. Jennie, daughter of Seth and Lib. b January 8, 1757

Thomas Botts died at Robert Ashby's March 9, 1742

Sarah Botts married James Wigginton February 9, 1756

Elizabeth Botts, daughter of Seth and Lib. died April 17, 1751

In James Wigginton's will of 1766 in Loudon County we find he names wife Sarah Botts, mother-in-law Libuccah Botts, brother-in-law Aaron Botts, son Benjamin and other children. This would prove Sarah Botts, the oldest child of Seth and Libucan Botts, born in some other locality. R. D. Brown

- 3-8 John Botts, born November 25, 1754, in Stafford county, Virginia, son of Seth and Libucan Botts, died in Mason County, Kentucky, in 1796. Lucy, his wife, gave her consent to marriage of their daughter Jane to William Campbell in that county on November 6, 1796.

He married Lucy Gaines who died in Boone county, Kentucky, in 1826. She was the daughter of Richard and Prescilla Ann Gaines of Culpeper county, Virginia.

John and Lucy Gaines Botts very likely moved from Culpeper county, Virginia, in the fall of 1793 with his brother William Botts who settled on Limestone Creek (Now Maysville) in November of that year.

In Will Book "B", page 188, under accounts current, Lucy Botts, adm. of estate of John Botts, got her dower. A division was shown as having been made August 23, 1802, to the following heirs: Richard Botts, Jane Campbell, Milly Sherrill, and

Joshua Botts, the balance being kept intact for five infant children not named. Page 180, Will Book "B" of Mason County, Kentucky.

An old letter from George Washington Botts to his brother Seth Botts, still living in Stafford County, Virginia, dated July 4, 1806, says that "Aunt Lucy has moved to neighborhood near Germantown in Bracken county, Kentucky, on some land that she bought last spring"

In the Inventory of John Botts, Will Book "A", page 270, and dated June, 1797, but in another date in the County Court Order Book "C", page 22, gives date as April, 1797, as ordering the Inventory of the estate of John Botts.

This taken into consideration of Lucy Batts giving her consent to marriage of Jane Botts, their daughter, to William Campbell on November 6, 1796, would go to prove that he (John Botts) had been dead some time then (1796); and that he first came to Mason County, Kentucky, prior to that date and as we know William came to Mason County in November, it seems likely that they came together, and the widow later moved to Bracken County and later still to Boone County, Kentucky, where she died in 1826.

According to both Bible records and the Admx. of the estate, his wife Lucy, state they were the parents of nine children:

- 4-1 Richard Botts, born _____, married Margaret Putnam in Mason County, Kentucky, March 7, 1796. As a Lieutenant in the Kentucky Regiment his commission expired on August 25, 1797. They had five children: John, Benjamin, Nancy, Bernard, Lucy.
- 4-2 Joshua Botts, born February 18, 1781, in Culpeper County, Virginia, died August 23, 1838, in Boone County, Kentucky. On June 9, 1807 he married Emily Hutchinson. She was born July 8, 1787 and died March 29, 1873. She is buried in the Petersburg, Boone County, cemetery. Joshua and his wife came from Culpeper County, Virginia, to Boone County, Kentucky, in 1809. Joshua is buried in the family burying ground at the old place on Ashby Fork, about six miles from Burlington, Kentucky. They had twelve children as follows:
 - 5-1 Richard Henry Botts married Mary J. Ryle on February 14, 1832. Boone County Marriage Book A. R. Kirtley, Minister.
 - 5-2 John Elliot Botts married Hester Jane Hayden.
 - 5-3 Samuel Edwin Botts married Emily Pope.
 - 5-4 Martha Jane Botts married James W. Hayden August 12, 1834. By Joseph Botts
 - 5-5 Manly Hutchinson Botts married Jane Pope.
 - 5-6 Frances Moses Botts died unmarried.
 - 5-7 Sanford Gaines Botts married Harriet P. Dicken.
 - 5-8 Lucy Fendleton Botts married Benjamin F. Maxfield.
 - 5-9 Elizabeth Emily Botts married John M. Henderson
 - 5-10 James Alexander Botts married Rebecca Agnes Willis.

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5-11 Mary Ann Botts died unmarried.

5-12 Joseph Thomas Botts died in infancy.

4-3 Jane Botts married in Mason County, Kentucky, with her mother's consent on November 6, 1796 to William Campbell.

4-4 Mildred (Milly) Botts was married in Mason County, Kentucky, with her mother's consent on March 27, 1797 to William Sherrill.

4-5 John Botts, Jr., was married April 22, 1817 in Mason County, Kentucky, to Frances Lawrence. John Lawrence, Bondsman.

4-6 Rowland Botts was born July 4, 1785 and died April 28, 1862, and is buried in the Botts family burying ground on the old home place near Idlewild and the Bullittsburg Baptist Church of which he was a deacon, in Boone County, Kentucky. His wife and children are buried there. It is on the Burlington and Idlewild Pike.

It is thought by some that Rowland Botts was in the war of 1812. He married Lucy Muhlenburg Terrill in Boone County, Kentucky, in 1807. She was born August 16, 1783, in Virginia and died in Boone County, Kentucky, on April 5, 1836.

The family came to Boone County with their widow mother from either Bracken or Mason County, Kentucky, in 1805. Several have said that they came from Virginia; but the records prove that they came from Virginia at about 1793-95 where John Botts died in 1796.

Rowland and Lucy Botts were the parents of seven children:

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| 1 Francis Washington | 2 Elizabeth Jane |
| 3 Penelope Ann | 4 Robert Terrill |
| 5 Joseph Gaines | 6 Thomas Henderson |
| 7 Sarah Amanda | |

Joseph Gaines Botts was the heir of his father Rowland Botts as the other children were all dead. He was born September 28, 1820 and died December 13, 1873. He married Ann Hayden. She was born October 25, 1822 and died in November of 1891. They had fourteen children. Ten of the children lived to maturity, married and had children. The youngest, Clara Ruth Graham Botts was born March 3, 1869. She married George L. Ojers and they had four sons. She was left a widow early in life and brought up her family alone. She now lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rowland Botts' second wife was Nancy Mitchell. Boone County Will Book H, page 15. Will of Rowland Botts. Names beloved wife Nancy Botts, son Joseph Gaines Botts, grand-daughters Amanda and Folly Ann Mitchell. Joseph Gaines Botts was executor. Dated October 7, 1861. Witness: A. F. Rouse, et al.

N. Carpenter, N. S. Walton, John W. Walton. In same Will Book; April, 1862, Nancy Botts relinquished her dower rights. Will probated May 19, 1862.

- 4-7 Joseph Botts was born February 6, 1790, in Culpeper County, Virginia and died in Hancock County, Illinois, in 1880. At the age of 15 years he removed to Boone County, Kentucky, with his widowed mother and brother, Rowland Botts. They came to Mason County, Kentucky, first; then to Bracken County and then on to Boone County where he lived until 1836; when he moved on to Hancock County, Illinois. On March 15, 1810, he was united in marriage to Sabra Wilkes, by the Rev. John King, in Bracken County, Kentucky.

Sabra Wilkes was the daughter of Joseph and Amelia Mills Wilkes, and was born March 11, 1790. She died July 25, 1865, in Hancock County, Illinois.

Joseph Botts was ordained a Minister of the Gospel in October 1833 at the Bullittsburg Baptist Church in Boone County, Kentucky.

Joseph Wilkes, the father of Sabra Wilkes Botts, was a Revolutionary soldier, so I understand from some of the relatives, but I have not looked this up.

For an account of Joseph and Sabra Wilkes Botts see History of Hancock County, Illinois.

Joseph and Sabra Wilkes Botts were the parents of twelve children, as follows:

- 5-1 Matilda Amanda Botts was born December 10, 1810, on the farm of her father near Bullittsburg Baptist Church, in Boone County, Kentucky. She died in 1892 and is buried in Leoti, Scott County, Kansas.

Matilda A. Botts was married September 18, 1833, to Milton Coxe Johnson at the Bullittsburg Baptist Church in Boone County, Kentucky. See Boone County Marriage Book A, page 131. Milton Coxe Johnson was the son of Lemuel and Lucy Coxe Johnson who were Quakers. Lucy was the daughter of Valentine and Nancy Dawson Coxe, also Quakers.

Lemuel Johnson is buried in Hancock County, Illinois. Milton Coxe Johnson was born in 1808 and died in 1884, and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Bloomfield, Iowa.

Nine children were born to this union.

This is Luella Wood Mackenzie's line; also John Milton Johnsons. His widow, Juliet E. Johnson, now lives in Chicago and is 92 years of age (in 1944).

- 5-2 Joshua Mills Botts, born in 1813, married Tabitha Walton on September 17, 1833. Recorded in Boone County, Kentucky, Marriage Book A, page 131. They were married in Bullittsburg Church. Some of the relatives say that the wedding was at home and that the wedding dinner of Matilda and the infare dinner of Joshua Botts were one and same. The next day, September 19, they went on horseback to the Johnson home in Indiana for the infare dinner of Matilda and Milton Coxe Johnson.

Joshua M. Botts was Clerk of Hancock County, Illinois, in 1855.

Shortly after the marriage of Joshua Botts and Tabitha Walton they moved to near "Old Fort Dearborn," Illinois, and lived in that vicinity for some three years, then moved on to Hancock County, Illinois, where his father had already moved in 1836. Joshua and Tabitha Botts had eleven children.

- 6-1 Joseph Oscar Botts was the oldest son of Joshua and Tabitha Botts. He served in the Union army during the Civil War. His second wife was Laura Moody, whom he married in Boone County, Kentucky. His first wife was Ellen _____.
- 7-1 Oscar K. Botts, the only son of Joseph Oscar Botts and Ellen married Lillian Gardner.
- 5-3 Mary Botts, born 1815, married Albert Cloud. No children.
- 5-4 William Oscar Botts, born 1817, married first Mary Darnell, and they had three children. His second wife was Mary Frances Walker and to them was born Robert Waggoner Botts.
- 6-1 Robert Waggoner Botts married Laura Ann White and they live at Colchester, Illinois (1933). They had five children. One son, Charles Milton Botts, is a lawyer and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 5-5 Ann Amelia Botts, born May 14, 1820, married Ira G. Rhodes who was born August 29, 1814. He was the son of Joseph and Polly Waters Rhodes and was born on the road to Ohio where his parents located and lived the balance of their lives in Trumbull County. At the age of 21 he "went west" to Hancock County, Illinois, where he met and married Ann Amelia Botts. They had eight children.
- 5-6 Martha Jane Botts, born in 1823, married John Logan, and they had one daughter.
- 5-7 Lucy Elizabeth Botts, born in 1825, died in infancy.

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- 5-8 Absalom Gaines Botts, born in 1825, married first Sarah White, and they had six children. At the death of his first wife he married, second, Rachel White, sister of the first wife. They had no children.
- 5-9 Robert Kirtley Botts, born in 1831, died single in 1855.
- 5-10 James Dickens Botts, born in 1833, married Mary Elizabeth Perkins, and they had six daughters and one son, John Minor Botts.
- 6-7 John Minor Botts, born March 28, 1864, died 1927, in Hancock County, Illinois, where he was born. On March 26, 1889 he married Martha V. Garnett, a daughter of Robert K. Garnett. She died on October 20, 1949. Martha V. Garnett Botts still lives at Plymouth, Illinois, with her daughter Selma. To this union were born two daughters: Forest E. Botts, and Selma Leal Botts.
- 7-1 Forest E. Botts, died October 14, 1928, at the age of twenty-five years.
- 7-2 Selma Leal Botts married Harold Husy. James Dickens Botts married, second, Sarah Leal, but no children were born to this union. He was elected Assessor of Hancock County, Illinois, in 1877.
- 5-11 Maria Louise Botts, born in 1836, married Daniel Barricklaw and they had one daughter and two sons.
- 5-12 Sidney Warden Botts, born in 1838, died in infancy.

This ends the line of the Joseph and
Sabra Wilkes Botts descendants.

- 4-8 William Botts also came from Culpeper County, Virginia, and owned land in Boone County, Kentucky in 1810. Some of the relatives say that he married Catherine Buck and that they had three children. Boone County, Kentucky, Marriage Book A gives: March 4, 1817. William Botts and Caty Rogers married by VC. Wilson.
- 4-9 Lucy Botts, born in 1787, died June 16, 1865. She married (first) Jack Smith Campbell, June 12, 1804. Her mother, Lucy Botts, gave her consent and Richard Botts was a witness. They had one son, Smith Campbell, Jr.

Smith Campbell died and Lucy was a widow at 20 when she married Mills Wilkes, a brother of Sabra Wilkes, who married Lucy's brother Joseph Botts, the minister to Hancock, Ill.

Mills Wilkes was a Corporal in the War of 1812 under Captain Uriel Sebree for six months. He was severely wounded at the Battle of the Raisin River and while convalescing the Indians attacked the camp, killed the soldier next to Wilkes. He slipped away and asked an Indian standing near

fire-place to take him to Malden (Fort Malden at the mouth of the Detroit River, a British Fort). The Indian took him to Malden and traded him for a jug of whiskey. Mills was seriously wounded and he suffered much in later life. He was taken from Fort Malden to Kentucky in a carriage.

The tragic death of Lucy Botts Wilkes took place about as follows:

In June, 1865, Mills and Lucy were driving into Burlington, Kentucky, with their little grand-son, Samuel Haywood Wilkes and eight years old, when the horse took fright while crossing a small stream and backing off the bridge upset them into the water. Lucy was killed instantly, her back being broken. Mills' head was in a pool of water. Haywood got a board and placed it under his head until help came.

Mills Wilkes was born April, 1786, and died August 27, 1866. He and Lucy are buried on the old Wilkes place on the Burlington and Bellevue Pike, about a mile from Burlington.

Mills and Lucy Botts Wilkes were the parents of six Children as follows. Mills Wilkes may have been born in Pennsylvania.

- 5-1 James Wilkes was born about 1808 or 9 and died between 1820 and 1830 Census of Boone County, Kentucky.
- 5-2 Wilford Wilkes was born about 1811 and died after the 1860 census of Boone County, Kentucky.
- 5-3 Lucy Jane Wilkes married Ned Thomas and their children were
 - 6-1 Martha Thomas
 - 6-2 Lucy Thomas
- 5-4 John Wilkes was born about 1818 and died in 1863; being killed at the battle of Chicamauga, Georgia. He married Mary Stackhouse in Cincinnati in 1856. She was born in 1817 and died in East Lake, Alabama, in 1903. They had one son
 - 6-1 Samuel Haywood Wilkes who was born in 1857. He Moved with his mother to Alabama.
- 5-5 Ann Wilkes married Reuben Bruce and they had three children
 - 6-1 Lucy Catherine Bruce
 - 6-2 Joseph Bruce
 - 6-3 Mary Bruce
- 5-6 Mary Elizabeth Wilkes was born March 1, 1831 and died May 4, 1882. She married Nathaniel Carpenter who was born November 25, 1828 and died February 15, 1904. Both are buried in the cemetery at Warsaw, Kentucky. Five children were born to them.
- 6-1 James Lewis Carpenter was born in 1850. He married Judith Frances Carver in 1871. They had four children: Rafe, Daisy,

Fred and Hubert.

- 6-2 Cynthia Jennie Carpenter was born March 29, 1853. She married Boone Fowler Rogers in 1871. He was born in 1851 and died in 1934. They had eight children, five of them were living in 1944.
- 6-3 Herman Mills Carpenter was born in 1857 and died in 1935. His first wife was Nina Russell and they had one daughter, Beatrice. His second wife was Sallie Carpenter, his cousin, and they had no children.
- 6-4 Alretha Carpenter was born in 1863 and died in 1934. He married Virgil Allen Brock in 1879. Their children were; Carey, Elbert, Roy, Leslie, and Grace Brock.
- 6-5 Carcy Elbert Carpenter was born in 1867. He married Sallie Barnett and they had two sons: Allen and Malcolm. Carey Carpenter and son Allen and family live in Lexington, Kentucky.

This ends the line of John Botts
and Lucy Gaines, his wife.

- 3-8 Jennie Botts was born in 1757. She married William Gaines about 1770 and possibly came to Kentucky. There are many Gaines of the Virginia family in Boone, Bracken, and Mason Counties, Kentucky.

Lucy Gaines Botts married (second) Josephus Waters. Boone County Deed Book A, pages 385-86. May 21, 1816. Bill of Sale from Josephus Waters to Joseph Botts acknowledging his marriage to Lucy Botts, widow of John Botts, turning property to Joseph asking him to care for his mother should he (Waters) die first.

War Department
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1928

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Respectfully returned to
Mrs. J. M. Johnson,
4614 Lake Park Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois

The name Mills Wilkes or similar name has not been found on the rolls on file in this office or of any organization of Virginia troops in the service of the U.S. in the War of 1812.

However, the records show that one Mills Wilkes served in that war as a corporal in Captain Uriel Sebree's Company of Infantry, 1st Regiment (Scott's) Kentucky Volunteer Militia.

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His service commenced August 15, 1812 and ended March 4, 1813. The records of this office do not show the place of his residence, nor any thing relative to his family.

Possibly additional information can be obtained from the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., who is the custodian of the U. S. pension and land warrant records, or from the authorities of the state.

The records show that several men named John Wilkes served in that war in different organizations of Virginia troops. Their records will be furnished if desired.

This office can furnish no information relative to the other inquiry in the letter herewith returned.

Lutz Wahl
Major General
The Adjutant General
By E. W. M.

War Department
Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D.C.

November 22, 1928

Dear Madam:

The records on file in my office show that John Wilkes was enrolled and mustered into service October 23, 1861, at Camp King, as a private in Company A, 23 Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years and that he was killed at the battle of Chicamauga, Georgia, September 19, 1863, a private.

His age is recorded as 43 years and also as 35 years but no further personal description of him has been found.

Very truly yours,
Lutz Wahl
Major General
The Adjutant General
By W.C.

Mary Wilkes, widow of John Wilkes, made application for pension March 25, 1864. Her witnesses were James Calvert and Benjamin W. Sherrill. They testified that they had known John Wilkes for many years and knew of his marriage to Mary Stackhouse, then Mary Wilkes his widow, that her son, Samuel Haywood Wilkes, was six years of age in 1863, when his father was killed.

R. F. Coleman was Judge and Lewis W. Webb was County Clerk.

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On December 15, 1866, Mary Wilkes made application for the increase of pension which had been made in the law. Washington Writts was Judge at the time and J. W. Calvert and J. M. Riddell were her witnesses.

L. F. Cary, of Cincinnati, was her attorney in both applications and she was residing in Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky.