

NOTES ON

A M O S W E S I

(1766-1819)

OF

SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

AND

LOGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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Having typed sections of these notes for West descendants several times since my return in September, 1957 from a trip to Logan County, Kentucky and Robertson County, Tennessee, the request of another West cousin has caused me to mimeograph these records and distribute them to various libraries and individuals. I hope that enough interest will be aroused among descendants who may see these notes, that the ancestry of Amos West will eventually be found.

I would be glad to hear from anyone who can send a documented record of this Amos West, any reference to his ancestry, or any record of his daughter Isabella who married Hiram Halcomb. Hiram and Isabella (West) Halcomb were my great-great-great grandparents.

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I.

As will be seen from the chronology which follows, little is known of Amos West before he settled in Logan County, Kentucky.

According to the Herndon genealogy published in 1956:

#75-4 FRANCES HERNDON (75 James) was b about 1774, probably in Chatham County, N. C., and d before 1808 in Logan County, Ky. She m. 2 April 1791 in Sumner County, Tenn. Amos West, who was b 1766 in Louisa County, Va., was reared in Orange County, N. C.; removed to Logan County, Ky., about 1792, where he d in 1819. Amos West m 2ndly, 18 April 1808, Ann Thompson.¹

Hoping to find references for the statements underscored above, I wrote Ruth Herndon Shields of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, requesting the name and address of the person who furnished the data on Amos West. A portion of Mrs. Shields' reply dated August 30, 1957 follows:

The sketch for James Herndon #75 was completed by Dr. Herndon, and I put it in exactly as he wrote it. The WEST information was furnished many years ago, probably by several members of the family.

Before John Goodwin Herndon, Ph.D. (1888-1957) could complete this volume, the sixth in a series of Herndon genealogies, illness overtook him and he turned over his manuscript and notebooks of source material to Mrs. Shields who finished the work.

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II.

Another account of Amos West and his family is a record made by J. J. Jepson of Simpson County, Kentucky. Mr. Jepson, now deceased, made these notes in 1940 and it is my understanding they were to be used in connection with a commemoration service to be held at the Sulphur Spring Baptist Church located in Simpson County. I copied these notes in September, 1957, at the home of Miss May Belle Morton of

¹Ruth Herndon Shields, The Descendants of William and Sarah (Poe) Herndon of Caroline County, Va. and Chatham County, N. C. (Chapel Hill, N. C.: Privately Printed, 1956), p. 23.

Russellville, Kentucky, a descendant of Agness (West) Milliken:

James	born 1756
William	1758
Agness	1762
Leonard	1762
Richard	1764
Amos	1766

Above dates are correct with reference to Agness and Leonard (twins) and approximately correct with reference to the rest.

The West Family 1730-1940 - English lady of royal blood left home coming to New York and married a wealthy Virginia planter. Reared family and six children, both dying in Louisa County, Virginia. Children were reared by an old maid aunt in Orange County, North Carolina. They married before coming to Kentucky.

James who helped Walker survey Walker's line in 1780 was evidently in the Engineer Corps during Revolution. Later he settled on Red River, Logan County, Kentucky before 1800. He married Mourning Howard September 30, 1807, afterward he married Susan Morgan February 1808. This family has not been traced further by the writer.

William served in Revolution, settled in Logan County, Kentucky 1808 on BuPond farm which he purchased from John Neely, Jr., the original owner. This is now farm owned by Mel Dinning heirs. He reared a large family of children and moved to Calloway County about 1820. Returning in old age he secured his pension in Simpson County, Kentucky. One daughter Ann married Dr. Jesse Milliken whose descendants are numerous today, as Robert Franklin, a grandson, and Hon. C. W. Milliken of Franklin, Kentucky whose memory is now cherished by many good citizens of our county, as well as noted descendants. Another daughter, Elcy married James Milliken before leaving Orange County, North Carolina or upon arrival in Logan County, Kentucky. Their generations are represented as follows: James and Elcy West (1), William West (2), Dr. John Robert (3), Harbeson (4) and his children (5).

Agness married George Milliken in Orange County, North Carolina. See Milliken Family Book, Goodnight Memorial Library, Franklin, Kentucky for their descendants.

Leonard West, Sr. left North Carolina as young man and married Phoebe Morgan at Morgan's Station just south of Kentucky line about 1798. He had served two terms in Revolution for which he obtained pension in Calloway County, Kentucky in 1833. Returning to Simpson County he died and was buried on his headright obtained in 1799. This land is now owned by Mrs. John Hatter and descendants. A great great granddaughter, Mrs. J. P. Atkinson of Pueblo, Colorado has prepared a splendid genealogy of this noted pioneer. His descendants by generations are as follows: Fielding Bradford (2), Leonard Morgan (3), Kate, Florence, Robert, etc. (4), their descendants (5). (Nannie

Copeland Atkinson is a granddaughter of John Bottomley, who married a sister of Leonard Morgan West.) Refer to Mrs. Atkinson for further information.

Richard settled after marriage on Spring Creek, Logan County, Kentucky prior to the year 1795. Between the fork of Red River and Spring Creek he obtained his headright and began a mill in July 1795 on Spring Creek. His marriage and descendants have not been traced further by the writer.

Amos married first, perhaps in North Carolina about 1790, Frances, daughter of James Herndon, Sr. and sister of George Herndon, both of Revolutionary fame. Their children were born in Logan County, Kentucky as they obtained land on Big Whipporwill Creek in 1792 and on Spring Creek in 1796. Residing near the creek, at bridge crossing, at Sulphur Spring, he entered many hundreds of acres of land. Most of this land he disposed of before his death in May or June 1819 except his headright which he willed to his youngest son Richard, and the widow's dower now owned by Mrs. E. B. Ellis and children. After the death of Frances, he married Anne Thompson April 18, 1808 and the children were by his first wife. The home where Amos lived and died was just southeast of the bridge cross and the home where his widow received her dower in December 1819 is now marked by an old locust tree just southeast of new cemetery on south side of the Gallatin Road. This farm passed at her death 1826 to Thomas C. Coghill, then to Orson Morrow, then 1846 to Clayton and John Washington Edwards and to E. B. Ellis and heirs.

Children of Amos and Frances Herndon West:

- (1) Isabella married Logan County, Kentucky January 18, 1813 to Hiram Halcomb.
- (2) Polly born 1791 married William Milliken August 9, 1808. See Milliken Family Record.
- (3) Agness married John P. Bush March 16, 1822. They probably moved newer frontiers as we find no record of them after 1834.
- (4) James settled and reared a family on the old West place near Price's Mill. Some of his children were Leonard and Amos. Mrs. Lon Young and Mrs. John Gilbert (Mrs. W. W. Payne) are daughters of Leonard, and Ewing West is a grandson of Amos who passed away in January or February 1940 at the ripe old age of 85 or 86.
- (5) Leonard married a Miss Doss and reared a family on Red River.
- (6) Richard who ----- the home place probably moved to Calloway County, Kentucky or Illinois or Missouri or Kansas as did others of his near relatives. His descendants have not been traced by the writer.

J. J. Jepson
April 18, 1940

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III.

Accounts of William West and Leonard West are given in The West Family Register¹ and a sketch of Agness West and her husband, George Milliken, is included in a Milliken genealogy,² from which the following was copied:

THE WEST FAMILY: The grandmother of Agness was an English lady belonging to a family of wealth and rank. Here is a bit of romance. She had a lover who was objectionable to her father because below her in family connections, or was not born with the "golden spoon" in his mouth. He was sent into the army or carried off by a pressgang and seen no more. She wrote many letters trying to find him and, finally ran away and came to New York in her search. Her money failing, she found employment in a hotel. A young merchant from Virginia saw her, admired her refined appearance, made love to her and, learning her history, married her, and took her to his Virginia home. After the death of her father she got her portion of the estate.

Agness West had a brother Leonard. Their parents died in Virginia when they were small children, and they were brought up by an aunt. Both came to Kentucky. Leonard West married, settled in Simpson County, and raised a large family. The sons were Amos, Fielding and James. There were five daughters, William Milliken's wife being one of them. James Milliken married another. Dr. Jesse Milliken's wife was also maiden-named West.

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¹Letta Brock Stone, The West Family Register (Washington, D. C.: W. F. Roberts Co., Inc., 1928), pp. 261-62, 394.

²Gideon Tibbetts Ridlon, History of the Families Millangas and Millanges of Saxony and Normandy comprising Genealogies and Biographies of their Posterity surnamed Milliken, Millikin, . . . (Lewiston, Maine: Journal Press, 1907), pp. 476-77, and footnote, p. 476.

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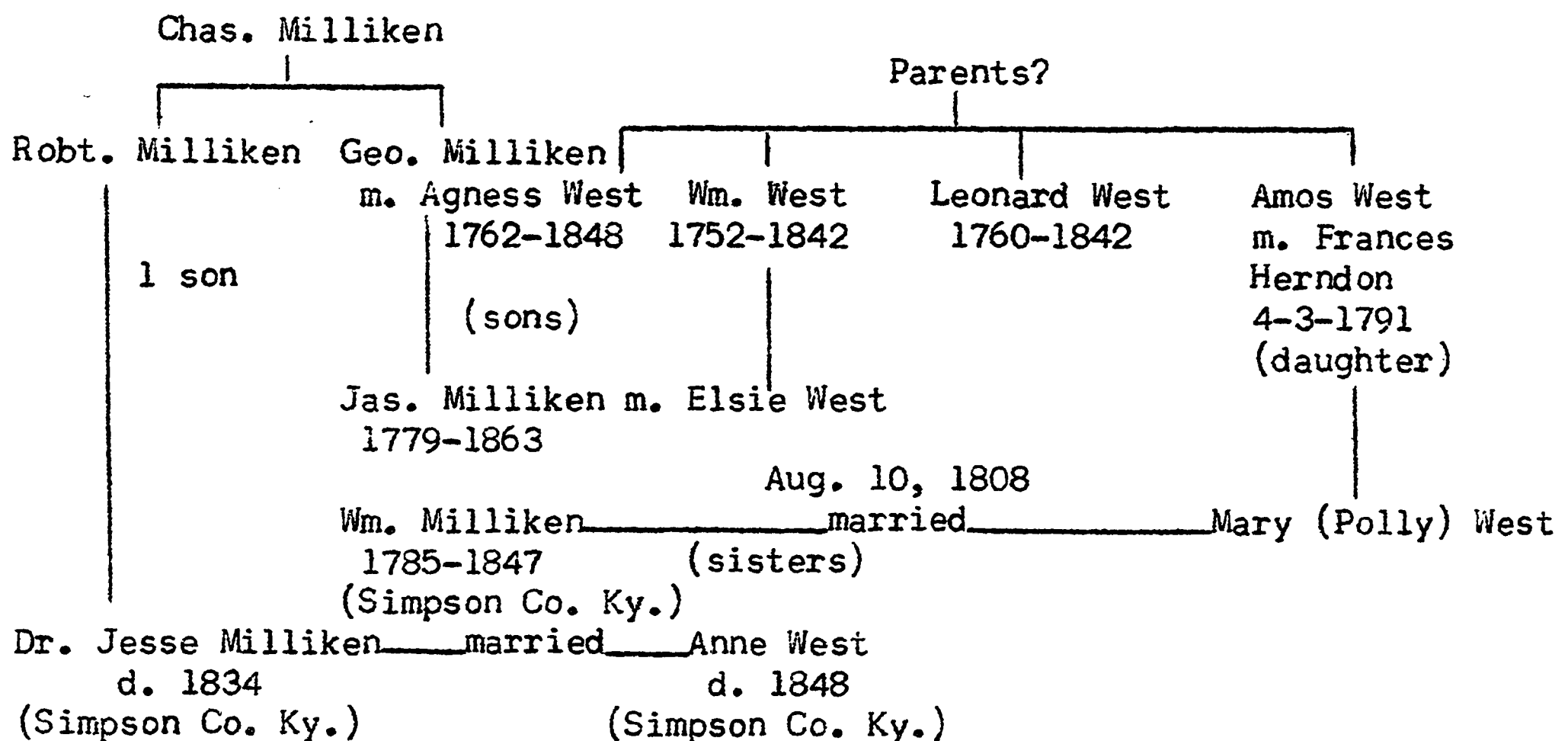
Of particular interest is a letter written in 1942 by Malcolm P. Wallace to Letta Brock Stone, compiler of The West Family Register. Mr. Wallace, an attorney of Celina, Ohio, is a descendant of Agness (West) Milliken.

July 22, 1942

Mrs. Letta B. Stone
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stone:

In order to preserve what little information I have on the West family and put it in the hands of one who perhaps will have use of it or may be called upon for some information regarding this branch of the family, I am giving you the following:



Thus there were four marriages between the Millikens and Wests. In addition to that between George and Agness, their sons James and William Milliken married their first cousins Elsie and Mary (Polly) West, the wives being also first cousins to each other. George Milliken's nephew, Dr. Jesse Milliken, married Anne West, daughter of William West and sister to Elsie West, Jesse being of course a first cousin to James and William Milliken.

All the above data, except dates under William, Leonard and Amos West, mention of Amos himself and the relationship between William and Agness and Leonard West, came from "Genealogies, Milliken, etc." by G. T. Ridlon, pages 476, 480 and 481, which doubtless you have seen.

Now here is my proof or evidence that these four, viz: Agness, William, Leonard and Amos West were sister and brothers. Ridlon (who doubtless obtained his information from William Crewdson, a grandson of Agness West who "spent much of his youth" in her home), says in a footnote at page 476 that, "Agness West had a brother Leonard". Although Ridlon gives no dates of his birth and death, yet I am sure it is the same Leonard as you have at page 394 of the Register. The above footnote undertakes to give his children's names, at least the sons' names. The latter were Amos, Fielding and James, and it further states that James Milliken and William Milliken married two of his daughters and that there were five daughters altogether. I believe that Ridlon is incorrect in stating that William Milliken married a daughter of Leonard. He, or his source of information, probably confused Mary (Polly) West, the daughter of Amos West, with her cousin, of the same name, daughter of Leonard West. My information that the latter had a daughter of that name is based upon a letter of Mrs. J. Marshall Miller (nee Edith Johnson) of Jacksonville, Illinois, whom you mention at page 394 of the Register, who also states that this Mary (Polly) West married James Herndon. (Could he have been related to the wife of Amos West, Frances Herndon?) Furthermore, information I have from Mrs. William Day Dickinson, of Glasgow, Kentucky, states that Mary (Polly) West, daughter of Amos West, married William Milliken. (They had eleven children - names, etc., appear at page 493 "Genealogies, Milliken, etc.") Thus, at least, Ridlon is corroborated in that he agrees with the Register that Leonard West had a son, Amos West. Ridlon also says in the aforesaid footnote that Agness and Leonard "were brought up by an aunt", and you seem to think this aunt was a "maiden aunt, Miss Lucy Fike", (page 394-B of the Register). (Therefore their mother's family name was Fike.) I believe then, we may accept as fact that Leonard, who was only about two years older, was Agness' brother.

Then how do we know William was their brother? Now if Leonard and Agness were full brother and sister, and we can establish that William was a brother to either of them, then he would be a brother to the other, of course. We might as well include Amos West in this too! He married April 3, 1791 (I have no date of birth) so he must have been born not later than 1773 - probably sooner, say about 1770 or 1765. Therefore, all four of them were born close enough together - but not too close - to have been in the same family! Again referring to Ridlon's book we find (page 481) that it is definitely stated that William Milliken "M. Aug. 10, 1808, Polly West, his first cousin". We saw above that she was Amos West's daughter (instead of William's) and so, since William Milliken was a son of Agness West and George Milliken (Ridlon, page 481), this would make Amos a brother to Agness and Leonard. Of course, if she were his "first cousin", whoever was her father, either William or Amos, would be a brother to Agness West and Leonard West. The same author, Ridlon, also says (page 481) that James Milliken, another son of Agness West and George Milliken (page 481) "M. Elsie West, daughter of William West". This is partly (I don't like to be too positive) corroborated by the Register (page 262) wherein it is stated he, William West, lived "with James Milliken in Simpson County, Kentucky". He lived to be 90 years old and it

would be only natural or ordinary for him to live his last years with his daughter and son-in-law, James Milliken. This sheds no light upon the kinship of Amos, William, Agness and Leonard, of course, but does indicate proximity. A Mrs. Desha Milliken, D.A.R. (Lineage Book 135-127), also traces her descent from William West, through Elsie West, his daughter, and James Milliken's wife.

Also from Jillson's "Land Grants in Kentucky" we find that both Leonard West and William West received a grant of land "West of the Tennessee River". Now Calloway County, Kentucky, is "West of the Tennessee River", and you will recall that it was in this County that Leonard West lived when he applied for his pension (see Register, page 394). A check of the records on these grants in the office of the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Kentucky, shows they were issued the same day, January 3, 1825.

Likewise, we find from the same sources that both Leonard West and Amos West received grants of land "South of the Green River" in Kentucky, the former November 5, 1801, and the latter May 28, 1797, about $4\frac{1}{2}$ years later. Simpson County, Kentucky, where they both undoubtedly lived (Register, pages 262 and 394) at one time, is in the region "South of the Green River". Also one James West received a grant in the latter region. He may have been William's son since he had a son, James (1772-1844), but so did Leonard (Ridlon, page 476).

You will also note that the name "Leonard" appears once or twice in the descendants of the William West mentioned at page 261 of the Register. Also, as noted above, Leonard had a son named Amos - page 394 of the Register. Furthermore, the names "Leonard" and "Amos" appear 8 or 9 times among the Millikens (Ridlon's book), descendants of George Milliken and Agness West, and there was among them a "William West Milliken" and an "Amos West Milliken" - the latter an uncle of mine.

Mrs. Miller, above referred to, also says her cousin, Mrs. R. L. Cowherd, formerly of Bengal, Kentucky, later of 1820 Ingleside Terrace, Washington, D. C., has told her that their great-grandfather, Leonard West, had a brother William West, also a soldier in the Revolutionary War and whose descendants also lived in Simpson County, Kentucky.

Therefore, from all the above, there is very little doubt that these four were sister and brothers.

Since Ridlon's book gives the descendants of Agness West, and the West name stopped with her anyway, I will not give any of these names other than the above-named, but refer to it only for her descendants. However, I have found a few of the descendants of William, Leonard and Amos West and will set them forth for the reasons stated in the beginning of this letter. You may already have much or all of this data - but it doesn't appear in your book, except as noted hereafter.

Descendants of William West (1752-1842)
(Biography - page 261, Register)

1. Ibbey West
2. John West
3. James West, b. Aug. 27, 1772
(above from Register, page 262)
4. Elsie West
5. Annie West

4. Elsie West, daughter of William West, married James Milliken in 1805 about the time the family moved to Kentucky. They settled five miles West of Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky. The plantation was situated on the "Springfield Road" between Franklin, Kentucky, and the Tennessee State line. She was a "tall, dignified old lady with strongly marked face". They had four children (Ridlon - "Genealogies Milliken, etc.", page 481 - for descendants see same).

5. Annie West, daughter of William West, married Dr. Jesse Milliken, a physician and a first cousin to the above James Milliken. Their family was raised in Orange County, North Carolina. They moved to Calloway County, Kentucky, about the year 1817 and in 1825 established a permanent home in Simpson County, Kentucky. There were eight children. She died in Simpson County, Kentucky, in 1848 and was buried on their farm. (Same - page 480 - also descendants.)

Descendants of Leonard West (1760-1842)
(Biography - page 394, Register)

1. Fielding Bradford West
2. Amos Suttle West
3. Mary (Polly) West
4. Susannah West
5. James West
6. William West

1. Fielding Bradford West, son of Leonard West, was born October 9, 1799. He married Mary G. McMurry February 22, 1820. She was born in 1793, the third daughter of John McMurry (b. 1752, Ireland, d. Nov. 7, 1832, Bradfordville, Kentucky) and wife, Elizabeth Bomin (b. 1764, d. 1844, buried Colony, Knox County, Mo.). His wife died in 1853. They were the parents of:

1. Morgan Leonard West
(He married twice - a son, Mayor West, died 1900 in Colorado, and Florence West, of Long Beach, California, grand-daughter of Fielding, was probably Morgan Leonard's daughter.)
2. Mary Elizabeth West
(She married Sam Hecker of Marion County, Kentucky, and died Pueblo, Colorado.)

3. Miranda West
(She was married - died sometime after 1904 in Franklin County, Kentucky.)
4. Emily Margaret West
(She was married.)
5. Susan E. West
(Married Art Wilson, her cousin.)
6. Wesley West, 1838-1853.
7. Katherine West

2. Amos Suttle West (1801-1881), son of Leonard West, married 1819, Elizabeth Washburn (1800-1872). He moved to Morgan County (now Cass County) Illinois in 1827. He laid out the town of Virginia, Cass County, Illinois. They were the parents of 12 children.

3. Mary (Polly) West, daughter of Leonard West, married James Herndon.
4. Susannah West, daughter of Leonard West, married one Peters.

Descendants of Amos West

Amos West married Frances Herndon April 3, 1791. They were the parents of a daughter:

1. Mary (Polly) West

1. Mary (Polly) West, daughter of Amos West, married August 10, 1808, her first cousin William Milliken (1785-1847), son of George and Agness West Milliken. They were the parents of (all born Logan County, Kentucky):

1. Frances Milliken (1809-1841) M. Jesse Harper - one son.
2. Dr. Alfred Milliken (1811-1840) Unm.
3. Rev. Leonard H. Milliken b. 1813, M. Mary L. Moody - 8 children.
4. Agness Ann Milliken, b. 1819, M. Eddings - one child, two grandchildren.
5. Wesley Milliken, b. 1821 M. Rhoda McClelland - one child.
6. Hiram Milliken (1825-1890) M. twice - 12 children.
7. Mary Milliken, b. 1827 M. John Hite - 2 children.
8. George Milliken, b. 1829 M. Margaret Brock - three children.
9. Irene Elizabeth Milliken (1831-1861) M. Dathan Darby - three children.

10. Nancy Milliken (1834-1846).

11. Isabella Thompson Milliken, b. 1837 M. John I. Dawson -
4 children - 11 grandchildren.

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V.

The following was copied from supplemental page 394-B, which was added by Letta Brock Stone to the copy of The West Family Register purchased from her in 1942 by Malcolm P. Wallace:

Richard West seems the most likely parent of Agness and Leonard West. The latter in his application for a pension says definitely that he was born in Granville County, North Carolina in 1760. Agness West was born in 1762. Richard West was in this county on those dates, and lived next to John Fike. He also sold land in 1764 to Malachi Fike. The tradition is that Leonard West was accompanied to Kentucky by his maiden aunt, Miss Lucy Fike. . . . Agness West was said to have been reared by an aunt in Virginia and George Milliken is said to have come from Orange County, North Carolina to marry her.

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VI.

The following records may substantiate the tradition that Leonard West was accompanied to Kentucky by his maiden aunt, Miss Lucy Fike. In any case, there can be no doubt that a Lucy Fike resided in Logan County, Kentucky, where numerous records of Leonard West may be found:

1799 - Oct. 1 - 100 acres on Red River in Logan County were surveyed for Lucy Fike.¹ Amos West and Leonard West were chain carriers for the survey.²

1800 - Lucy Fike was taxed in Logan County.³

¹Willard R. Jilson, Kentucky Land Grants, Filson Club Publ. No. 33 (Louisville: Standard Printing Co., 1925), p. 312.

²See p. 18.

³G. Glenn Clift, "Second Census" of Kentucky 1800 (Frankfort, Ky., 1954), p. 97.

routing of the Tories though never left it. I was acquainted with General Butler of the Militia. The company to which I was attached was commanded by Captain William Gibson, Captain Abram Allen, Capt. William Jones & others which I have forgot & in July 1781 I got a discharge which I have lost after first serving out the three months which I volunteered for.

In the month of July? 1781 & which was the latter part of sd. month I again entered the service when I was drafted for three months service under the following named officers to wit. Col. John Mayburn, Major Roger Griffis, Captain Tavender? Nash, Lieutenant John Foshee - was marched immediately into service in search of the Tories - served from that time until after Genl. Corn Wallace was taken, which was a ----- or more than the time? for which I was drafted and a short time after Corn Wallace was taken I got another discharge which I have also lost. I was at the time I was drafted a citizen of the State of North Carolina, Chatham County. I was marched through different parts of the State but was never marched out of it. I was acquainted with following named officers of the regular army - Col. Robert Mayburn, Col. Chrysman, Maj Edward Douglas, Capt. Chrysman, Genl. Morgan, and Genl. Green was the general of the same, but Genl. Green had the command of the regular Army - that was in the State of North Carolina I think at that time.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

William West

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VIII.

Pension Application - Leonard West¹

On this twenty-third of October 1832, personally appeared before Rezin Davidge, Judge of the Calloway County Court, commonwealth of Kentucky, Leonard West, a resident of the aforesaid county and commonwealth, aged seventy-two years and two months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the aforesaid benefits of pension.

That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named officers.

He states that he entered the fall of 1780 the month or day not being

¹Pension S16574, Record Group 15A, National Archives, copy furnished by Mrs. Clark Boyd, Shelbyville, Ky.

recollected he was a resident of Lincoln County, North Carolina, and during the fall he volunteered and went out against the Torries who at that time were troublesome.

That he went out for three months and under Captain Shorkey.

That he continued the full three months and was engaged during this time in quelling the Torries and the greater part of said service was rendered in the county of Burke, State of North Carolina.

He states that there were no other superior officers over him at the time. He would further state that he was in no general engagement with the Torries but was frequently in skirmishes.

He states that he furnished his own horse and that he knows of no person living he could prove his service nor does he recollect having received any written discharge and if he did he has lost it.

He would now state that after his discharge from the three months in the spring of 1781 he joined the company of Captain Godrey Adams in the state of North Carolina and that he marched with his said company to Camden in the state of South Carolina where he joined the army of General Sumpter. That after marching to Camden, Captain Adams was carried as Supernumerary officer and he was attached then to the company of Captain Francis More in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Middleton and served in said company for ten months.

After serving out said term he was discharged at Four Hole Bridge about forty miles from Charleston.

He cannot be positive it was in February or March 1782.

He was in the Battle of Juniper Springs and in no other battle.

The army to which he belonged was designated as the Army of General Sumpter, State Troops of South Carolina.

He states that for proof of his last term he knows of no person by whom he can establish same except by the evidence of Joshua Murray whose affidavit is made part of this declaration.

He served in the army of the Revolution term of thirteen months. He was born on the twelfth of August 1760 in Granville County, North Carolina as recorded by his fathers Bible but does not know whereabouts of same at present time.

He states he lived in Lincoln County, North Carolina when first called into service, then from North Carolina to Sumner County, Tennessee, and resided here for three years, then to Logan County, Kentucky, for thirty-five years and then to Calloway County, Kentucky where he has lived ever since.

He has no documentary evidence as to his service or his being a soldier of the Revolution except the foregoing declaration and knows of no living person whom he could procure for the court.

For the three month term he thinks he received no discharge and has already stated names of the officers particularly recollected.

He is known to the following named persons residing in his neighborhood: James Martin, H. Milliken, E. Heath, Edmund and William Curd, Henry McCurad.

He hereby relinquishes every claim except the present one to a pension and states that his name is not on the pension role of any agency of any state whatever.

Leonard West

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IX.

From fact and tradition, Louisa County, Virginia; Granville, Orange, Chatham and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina, seemed the most promising in which to find West records which could establish the parentage of Amos West, but efforts in those five counties to locate a West will or settlement naming one or more of the West children (Amos, Agness, Leonard, William) were unsuccessful.¹

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¹Letter, May 26, 1958, from Kate B. Hatch, Deputy Clerk, Louisa County Circuit Court, Louisa, Va.; letter postmarked May 27, 1958, from Charlotte Easton, Assistant Clerk, Granville County Superior Court, Oxford, N. Car.; "Abstracts of Wills Recorded 1752 through 1800 in Orange County, North Carolina in Will Books A B C Plus 20 Pages in Book D," comp. by Ruth Herndon Shields, Chairman Genealogical Records Committee of Davie Poplar Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Chapel Hill, N. Car. (mimeographed, 1957); Form Gen-1-58, June 27, 1958, from H. G. Jones, State Archivist, Raleigh, N. Car. (re West settlements in Orange County, N. Car.); letter, Nov. 27, 1959, from J. W. Drake, Clerk, Chatham County Superior Court, Pittsboro, N. Car.; letter, Nov. 24, 1959, from Nellie L. Bess, Deputy Clerk, Lincoln County Superior Court, Lincolnton, N. Car.

X.

CHRONOLOGY

Last 30 Years of the Life of

AMOS WEST

Sumner County, Tenn. Records

- 1789 - Amos West was taxed in Sumner County: 1 poll; no land; amount of tax - 19 shillings 6 pence; land in city - none; amount of city tax - 2 shillings.
- 1790-91 - Amos West was taxed in Sumner County: 1 poll; no land; amount of tax - 1 shilling.¹
- 1791 - Apr. 7 - Amos West was married in Sumner County to Frances Herndon,² daughter of James and Isabella (Thompson) Herndon.³

Logan County, Ky. Records

- 1792 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 1 black, 4 horses; 2 cattle; 150 acres on Whipperwill.⁴
- "In the fall of 1792 Richard and Amos West and James and George Herndon came from North Carolina, and temporarily settled near Mr. Maulding's Spring (cedar house)."⁵

¹Photostats of typed copy of Sumner County, Tenn. Tax Lists 1787-1794, pp. 17, 30, from Tennessee State Library, Nashville.

²Copy of marriage certificate, certified July 26, 1957 by Layon Brown, Clerk of Sumner County Court, Gallatin, Tenn. Evidently the marriage date was copied by Mr. Brown from a record made by W.P.A. workers in the 1930's, as the original marriage bonds were removed from the Courthouse at Gallatin several years ago and sent to the State Archives, where "for various reasons it has not been feasible to date to process these records for easy access" (letter, Sept. 5, 1958, from Robert M. McBride, Senior Archivist, Tennessee State Archives, Nashville).

The marriage date is given as Apr. 2, 1791, in Shields, p. 23.

³See Shields, pp. 6-12.

⁴Logan County tax records quoted in this chronology were copied from microfilm at the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, by Mrs. Clark Boyd of Shelbyville, Ky.

⁵Alexander C. Finley, History of Russellville and Logan County, Ky. (Russellville, Ky.: O. C. Rhea, 1878-1890), I, 41, quoted in Shields, p. 8.

Logan County, Kv. Records

- 1793 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 1 black; 3 horses; 9 cattle; 100 acres on Whipperwill.
- 1794 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 3 blacks (2 over 16); 4 horses; 9 cattle.
- 1795 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 3 blacks (2 over 16); 4 horses; 12 cattle. 100 acres on Whipperwill.¹
- 1796 - July 19 - Peter Cartwright assigned Certificate #570 for 200 acres to Amos West. Since this certificate had passed through several hands, its history is given here.

On July 11, 1796, Commissioners Robert Todd, John Caldwell and James Morrison signed the following, addressed to the Surveyor of Logan County:

We do hereby certify that James Ward is entitled to Two hundred acres of Land which he claimed under the act of Assembly entitled "An act for the relief of the settlers on the south side of Green River"² located as follows: on the Waters of Spring Creek Red River Beginning about Twenty poles above a spring running Westwardly and at right angles to include his Improvement for quantity.

On July 14, 1796, Jno.? Cartwright, attorney in fact for James Ward, assigned the certificate to Peter Cartwright "for value recd." and five days later, Peter Cartwright assigned the certificate to Amos West "for vallue recieved of him."³ (See items dated Dec. 10, 1796 and Nov. 6, 1801.)

Aug. -- - Amos West purchased 100 acres on Little Whipperwill from Richard Maulding. The consideration was 50 pounds.⁴

Sept. 2 - 200 acres on Little Whipperwill were surveyed for Amos West. "A large post oak markd. AW," "corner to Richd. Mauldins" and "James Herndons line" were mentioned in the survey. (For the

¹Kentucky Historical Society Register, XXIII (1925), 14.

²The Preamble, Section 1, and part of Section 2 of An Act for the Relief of the Settlers on the South Side of Green River, approved Dec. 21, 1795, is copied on p. 27.

³Photostat copies, certified July 16, 1958 by the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Ky.

⁴Recorded Aug. --, 1796, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. A-1, p. 137.
Unless otherwise noted, all parties to the deeds quoted in this chronology were "of Logan County, Ky." and the land conveyed was located in Logan County.

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grant, see item dated May 28, 1797.)¹ Chain carriers were Leonard West and Elisha Herndon.²

1796 - Dec. 10 - 200 acres on Tarpin Creek were surveyed for Amos West. (For the grant, see item dated Nov. 6, 1801.) David Haney? and Amos West were the chain carriers.³

- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 4 blacks (1 over 16); 5 horses; 6 cattle; 100 acres on Whipperwill.

1797 - May 28 - Land patent #20 for 200 acres (surveyed Sept. 2, 1796) was issued to Amos West by James Garrard, Governor of Kentucky, by virtue of Certificate #260 "granted by the State of Kentucky for the Relief of Settlers on the South Side of Green River Agreeable to an Act of Assembly Passed in the Year 1795."⁴

Oct. 26 - A receipt for 18 pounds 17 shillings 9 pence was issued by John Logan to Amos West, "assignee of Peter Cartright who was assignee of James Ward" in consideration of 200 acres of land in Logan County granted to him by virtue of an Act of Assembly passed in 1795 for the Relief of Settlers on the South Side of Green River.⁵ This 200 acres was the land surveyed on Dec. 10, 1796 and issued to Amos West by patent on Nov. 6, 1801.

- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 3 blacks (1 over 16); 3 horses; 7 cattle; 200 acres.

1798 - Mar. 13 - Amos West was appointed overseer of the road from his house to Richard Wilkins.

¹Unless other references are cited, the survey data was taken from photostats of the land grants (furnished by the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Ky., certified June 6, 16, 26, 1958), and to avoid duplication, references will be given for the dates of the grants only.

Amos West received eleven grants in Logan County, Ky. which were surveyed on: Sept. 2, 1796, Dec. 10, 1796, Oct. 3, 1803, Oct. 19, 1804, Oct. 23, 1804, June 18, 1805 (2), June 19, 1805, Jan. 24, 1806 (2), Oct. 7, 1807. These eleven grants are recorded in Jillson, pp. 430-31.

²Logan County, Ky. Survey Bk. A, p. 72. This and the other records from the Logan County Survey Books were furnished by Miss May Belle Morton of Russellville, Ky.

³Photostat copy of survey, certified July 16, 1958 by the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Ky.; Logan County, Ky. Survey Bk. A, p. 206.

⁴SGR Bk. 1, p. 20.

⁵Photostat copy, certified July 16, 1958 by the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Ky.

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- 1798 - Mar. 13 - James Herndon was appointed overseer of the road from Dry Branch to Amos West's.¹
- 1799 - Sept. 25- 200 acres on Spring Creek were surveyed for Amos West, assignee of Eli Ward. Chain carriers were John Howell and William Stewart.²
- Oct. 1 - Amos and Leonard West were chain carriers when 100 acres were surveyed for Lucy Fike.³
- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 3 blacks (1 over 16); 4 horses; 500 acres on Red River, Whipperwill and Spring Creek.
- 1800 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County.⁴ 1 white over 21; 3 blacks (1 over 16); 4 horses; 900 acres on Red River and Whipperwill.
- 1801 - Amos West and his wife "Frankey" sold a tract of land on the headwaters of Little Whipperwill Creek to the heirs of Thomas McConnell. The consideration was \$100.⁵
- July 21 - Amos West was allowed 200 acres of land by the Logan County Court.⁶
- Nov. 6 - Land patent #1480 for 200 acres (surveyed Dec. 10, 1796) was issued to Amos West by Gov. Garrard by virtue of Certificate #570 "Granted by the State of Kentucky for the relief of Settlers on the South Side of green River agreeable to an act of assembly passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five."⁷

¹Logan County, Ky. Order Bk. A-1, p. 83, abstracted in Mrs. Wells Vick, "Index & Abstract A-1 Order Book, Logan County, Kentucky," pp. 49, 113. A copy of this book, which was compiled and typed about 1953, is in the County Clerk's Office, Russellville, Ky. Also see Shields, p. 9, quoting Finley, III, 98.

²Logan County, Ky. Survey Bk. B, p. 221. The grant covering this 200 acre survey has not been located.

³Logan County, Ky. Survey Bk. B, p. 199.

⁴Clift, p. 314.

⁵Recorded July 20, 1801, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. A-1, p. 430.

⁶Logan County, Ky. Order Bk. A-1, p. 234, abstracted in Vick, p. 113. No reason was given for the allowance. This 200 acres is undoubtedly the same as that covered by Land Patent #3752 issued Dec. 16, 1805.

⁷SGR Bk. 1, p. 469.

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- 1801 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 845 acres on Red River.
- 1802 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 3 blacks (2 over 16); 4 horses; 18 cattle; 600 acres on Whipperwill and Spring Creek.
- 1803 - Oct. 3 - 200 acres on Spring Creek were surveyed for Amos West. Chain carriers were Richard Wilkins and Joseph Brester?¹ (See item dated Dec. 16, 1805.)
- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 3 blacks (2 over 16); 4 horses; 18 cattle; 600 acres on Whipperwill and Spring Creek.
- 1804 - Mar. 9 - Amos and Francis West sold 100 acres on Little Whipperwill to Richard Boyce. Consideration, \$500.²
- Mar. 9 - Amos West and his wife Francis sold 200 acres to Richard Boyce. Consideration, \$500.³
- Oct. 19 - A 21½ acre tract on Spring Creek was surveyed for Amos West. A "white oak being the NE Corner of a Survey made for John Carpenter" was mentioned in the survey. (See item dated Aug. 18, 1812^c.)
- Oct. 23 - 200 acres on Spring Creek were surveyed for Amos West. (See item dated Jan. 27, 1812.)
- 1805 - June 18 - 200 acres on Red River were surveyed for Amos West. "Amos West northwardly line" and "William Phelps line" were mentioned in the survey. (See item dated Aug. 18, 1812^a.)
- June 18 - 66 acres on Red River were surveyed for Amos West. Mentioned in the survey: "Beginning at a post oak Lucy Fike," "Amos West line," "William Phelps line," "Malachi Fikes line." Chain carriers were John Fike and William Phelps with Amos West, director.⁴ (See item dated Aug. 18, 1812^d.)
- June 19 - 25 acres on Red River were surveyed for Amos West. Mentioned in the survey: "Beginning at a post oak in Lucy Fikes line," "Amos Wests line," "Joseph Andersons line," "Leonard Wests line." (See item dated Feb. 1, 1814.)

¹Logan County, Ky. Survey Bk. C, p. 12.

²Recorded Mar. --, 1804, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. A, p. 141.

³Recorded Mar. --, 1804, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. A, p. 139. The place of residence of the parties to this deed was not noted in the deed.

⁴Logan County, Ky. Survey Bk. C, p. 286.

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- 1805 - Dec. 16 - Land patent #3752 for 200 acres (surveyed Oct. 3, 1803) was issued to Amos West by Gov. Christopher Greenup, by virtue of Certificate #82 "Granted by the County Court of Logan in July 1801 Agreeably to an act of Assembly for Settling and improveing the Vacant Lands of this Commonwealth."¹
- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 5 blacks (2 over 16); 7 horses; 486 acres on Spring Creek.
- 1806 - Jan. 24 - 200 acres on Red River were surveyed for Amos West. Mentioned in the survey: "An original east corner to Henry/Harry Butler" and "Goodridge Bushes line." (See item dated Aug. 18, 1812^b.)
- Jan. 24 - 137 acres on Spring Creek were surveyed for Amos West. Mentioned in the survey: "A corner to John Carpenter," "corner to Mathew Neely," "locust in Goodridge Bushes line." (See item dated Dec. 15, 1817.)
- July 7 - In a deed made between Robert Furbash and Leonard West and his wife Phebe, Amos West's land was mentioned twice: "to a mulberry corner of Amos West's old survey" and "oak corner to Amos West."²
- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 7 blacks (3 over 16); 9 horses; 200 acres.
- 1807 - Feb. 27 - Amos West and his wife Francis sold 200 acres on the head branches of Spring Creek, waters of Red River, to Merrel Utley. Consideration, \$600.³
- Oct. 7 - 200 acres on Tarripin Creek were surveyed for Amos West. Mentioned in the survey: "Oak marked AW" and "post oak marked TBS." Chain carriers were Joseph Herndon and David Lockheart with Thomas Scott and "said West," directors.⁴ (See item dated Jan. 23, 1813.)

¹SGR Bk. 2, p. 365. The survey date was not given in the grant. The grant issued to Amos West on Dec. 16, 1805 and eight others in Logan County dated Jan. 27, 1812, Aug. 18, 1812 (4), Jan. 23, 1813, Feb. 1, 1814, Dec. 15, 1817, were issued by virtue of certificates granted by the Logan County Court agreeable to an Act of Assembly for Settling and Improving the Vacant Lands of This Commonwealth. An Act to Amend that Act, approved Dec. 19, 1801, is copied on p. 28.

²Recorded Aug. 18, 1806, Logan County, Ky. District Deed Bk. 2, p. 88. Furbash's place of residence was not noted in the deed.

³Recorded Aug. 19, 1807, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. B, p. 85.

⁴Logan County, Ky. Survey Bk. D, p. 255.

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- 1807 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 1 white 16-20; 5 blacks (1 over 16); 9 horses; 753-2/3 acres on Red River.
- 1808 - Apr. 18 - Amos West (whose first wife, Frances Herndon, had died sometime after Feb. 27, 1807) was married to Anne Thompson.¹
- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 5 blacks (1 over 16); 10 horses; 760 acres on Red River.
- June 2 - James Herndon, father of Amos West's first wife, wrote his Will, an excerpt of which is copied below:
- Having formerly given to my deceased daughter, Frances West, a negro woman named Sarah, which said negro woman with her negro boy child, Amos West traded to Thomas Proctor, and I also lent to my said deceased daughter in her life a certain negro girl, Phebe, which is now in possession of Amos West, my will is that the said negro Phebe remain in the possession of Amos West to help raise the children of my deceased daughter until the youngest son, Richard West, becomes 21 years of age, then it is my will that the said negro Phebe, the increase if any, be equally divided by sale or lottery at their choice among the said dec'd's children, Polly Milligan, Leonard West, Isabel West, Agga West, James West and Richard West, which property so divided to be at their disposal forever.²
- 1809 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 1 white 16-20; 11 blacks (4 over 16); 971² acres.
- 1810 - Aug. 18 - A deed from Amos West to Martin Winsit was proved by Richard Benson and Wilson Benson in open court in Robertson County, Tennessee and ordered to be registered.³
- Nov. 7 - Amos West sold 100 acres on Red River in Robertson County, Tennessee, to Martin Winsett of Robertson County. Consideration, \$300.⁴

*Two Robertson County, Tenn. records on this page.

¹Shields, p. 23, and Logan County, Ky. Index to Marriages. Early Logan County marriage records were destroyed, so no book or page number can be cited.

²Logan County, Ky. Will Bk. A, p. 389. The Will of James Herndon (pro. Feb. 20, 1815) is quoted in Shields, pp. 10-12.

³Robertson County, Tenn. Court Minutes, 1808-1811, II, 312.

⁴Recorded Nov. 12, 1810, Robertson County, Tenn. Deed Bk. H, p. 337.

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- 1810 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 2 whites 16-20; 10 blacks (6 over 16); 1,015 acres on Red River.
- Amos West was enumerated as the head of a family when the Federal Census was taken. Males: 4 under 10; 2, 10-16; 1, 16-26; 1, 26-45; 1 over 45. Females: 1 under 10; 2, 10-16; 3, 16-26.¹
- 1811 - Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 2 whites 16-20; 8 blacks (6 over 16); 1,157 acres.
- 1812 - Jan. 27 - Land patent #8352 for 200 acres (surveyed Oct. 23, 1804) was issued by Gov. Charles Scott to Amos West (assignee of John Carpenter) by virtue of Certificate #1095 granted by the County Court of Logan in August 1804.²
- Aug. 18^a- Land patent #8347 for 200 acres (surveyed June 18, 1805) was issued by Gov. Scott to Amos West (assignee of James Herndon, Jr.) by virtue of Certificate #610 granted by the County Court of Logan in August 1802.³
- Aug. 18^b- Land patent #8348 for 200 acres (surveyed Jan. 24, 1806) was issued by Gov. Scott to Amos West (assignee of Thomas Butler, who was assignee of John Butler, Jr.) by virtue of Certificate #1292 granted by the County Court of Logan in December 1804.⁴
- Aug. 18^c- Land patent #8351 for 21½ acres (surveyed Oct. 19, 1804) was issued by Gov. Scott to Amos West (assignee of Matthew Neely) by virtue of Certificate #1104 granted by the County Court of Logan in August 1804.⁵
- Aug. 18^d- Land patent #8354 for 66 acres (surveyed June 18, 1805) was issued by Gov. Scott to Amos West (assignee of John Milstead) by virtue of Certificate #1029 granted by the Logan County Court in July 1804.⁶
- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 1 white over 21; 2 whites 16-20; 6 blacks (5 over 16); 1,083 acres.

¹1810 Population Schedules, Logan County, Ky., VI, 46.

²SGR Bk. 11, p. 39.

³SGR Bk. 11, p. 196.

⁴SGR Bk. 11, p. 197.

⁵SGR Bk. 11, p. 198.

⁶SGR Bk. 11, p. 199.

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1813 - Jan. 23 - Land patent #8048 for 200 acres (surveyed Oct. 7, 1807) was issued by Gov. Isaac Shelby to Amos West by virtue of Certificate #244 ("alias 267") granted by the County Court of Logan in August 1801.¹

Dec. 16 - Amos West and his wife Anne sold to James Holland, Jr. of Cumberland County, Kentucky, 50 acres on Spring Fork of the north prong of Red River. Consideration, \$200.²

1814 - Feb. 1 - Land patent #5986 for 25 acres (surveyed June 19, 1805) was issued by Gov. Shelby to Amos West (assignee of Nathaniel Powell, who was assignee of Charles Vicory?) by virtue of Certificate #373 granted by the County Court of Logan in January 1802.³

Dec. 20 - Amos West and his wife Ann sold $167\frac{1}{4}$ acres to Benjamin Hendricks. Consideration, \$669.⁴

1815 - Nov. 10 - Amos West and wife Ann sold to Thomas B. Scott of Jessamine County, Kentucky, 200 acres on Tarripin Creek, patented to Amos West January 23, 1813. Consideration, \$36.⁵

- Amos West was taxed in Logan County: 239? acres.

1816 - May 10 - Amos West and his wife Anny conveyed to Leonard West for \$1 $12\frac{1}{2}$ acres on Spring Creek (one-half of a 25 acre survey patented to Amos West).⁶

July 8 - "Amos West's corner" was mentioned in the description in a deed between Hiram Halcomb, his wife "Esabala," and William B. Milspaugh.⁷

Hiram Halcomb married Isabella, daughter of Amos and Frances (Herndon) West, on January 18, 1813.⁸

¹SGR Bk. 12, p. 126.

²Recorded Dec. 30, 1813, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. D, p. 34.

³SGR Bk. 14, p. 230.

⁴Recorded Aug. 9, 1815, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. D, p. 404.

⁵Recorded Nov. 10, 1815, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 13.

⁶Recorded Dec. 28, 1816, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 302.

⁷Recorded Aug. 19, 1816, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 283.

⁸Logan County, Ky. Index to Marriages.

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1816 - Aug. 8 - In a deed made between William Stewart and Hiram Holcom,
"Amos West's settlement" was mentioned.¹

1817 - Jan. 1 - William Milliken conveyed 77-3/4 acres to Amos West.²

William Milliken married Polly, daughter of Amos and Frances
(Herndon) West, on August 9, 1808.³

Jan. 1 - Amos West and his wife Anne sold 100 acres on the north fork
of Red River to William Millikin. Consideration, \$800.⁴

Dec. 15 - Land patent #8355 for 137 acres (surveyed Jan. 24, 1806) was
issued by Lt. Gov. Gabriel Slaughter to Amos West (assignee of
Thomas Butler, who was assignee of Henry Butler) by virtue of
Certificate #1152 granted by the County Court of Logan in
1804.⁵

Dec. 22 - Amos West conveyed to William Miliken for \$1, 3 acres and 56
poles on Spring Creek.⁶

1818 - May 11 - Amos West and his wife Anna sold a tract of land to Jesse
Morrow. Consideration, \$750.⁷

1819 - May 6 - Amos West and his wife Anne conveyed to Thomas McLannahan,
Leonard West, Sr. and William Milliken, trustees, 147 poles
"beginning at a red oak on or near the edge of the road
leading from Russellville to Gallatin about 40 poles from
Amos West dwelling house" "that they shall erect and build
or cause to be erected and built thereon a house for the
purpose of a school house and meeting house." Consideration,
\$1.⁸

¹Recorded Aug. 8, 1816, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 82.

²Recorded Sept. 27, 1817, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 341.

³Shields, p. 75, and Logan County, Ky. Index to Marriages.

⁴Recorded July 3, 1817, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 339.

⁵SGR Bk. 22, p. 41.

⁶Recorded Dec. 23, 1817, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. F, p. 139.

⁷Recorded May 11, 1818, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. F, p. 264. Morrow's
place of residence was not noted in the deed.

⁸Recorded Jan. 5, 1820, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. H, p. 31. This is the
site of the Sulphur Spring Baptist Church, Simpson County, Ky. Simpson County
was formed in 1819 from Logan, Warren and Allen Counties.

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1819 - May 6 - Amos West wrote his Will.

May the 6th AD 1819. I Amos West Being at this time in a Low State of health but in intire Strength of mind do feell it injoind on on me to make this my Last will and Testament (Viz) I do here will to my beloved wife Anne one negro Girl caled Charlotte during hir life or widowhood also the the third of the Land whereon I now live Including the house &c agreeable to a true estimate of value also one third of the Stock and &c which is not hereafter willd -- I also will to my Daughter polly Millikin one negroe Girl called Harrott also I will to my Daughter Isabel Holkem one negro Girl call'd Clarion also I will to my Daughter Agness one negro Girl called Nancy & one Sorrel mare which is now called Her's one Saddle & Bridle which is to be paid out of my estate one Cow and Calf one ewe & Lamb one feather bed & furniture Also I do will to my Son Leonard West Ninety Seven acres of Land where he has now Improved and agreeable to the lines laid off to him also one bed and furniture -- I also will to my son James West one horse worth Sixty Dollars one Saddle and bridle one feather bed & furniture one negroe boy call'd Carry I also will to my Son Richard all the home tract & twelve & a half acre extended in the name of Charles Vickery together with the third of the Land I alot to my wife Anne at her death or widowhood also my negroe man George I alot to work for the Support of my present wife & two sons James & Richard During her life or widowhood -- I also intend that Richard to pay to James My son Four hundred Dollars when they both become of age all other part or parsel of my estate after the Dec'd of my wife or Widowhood the Remains of my estate together with George shall be equally Divided & I desire James Herndon & William Millikin to Execute this my will day and date above Signd.

Witnesses: Leonard West
William R. Drake
J. Morrow.

Amos West (Seal)

June 21 - The Will of Amos West was presented to the Logan County Court and proved by the oaths of William R. Drake and Leonard West and ordered to be recorded.¹

¹Facsimile copies from Logan County, Ky. Will Bk. B, pp. 231-32, certified May 23, 1957 by Sally Flowers, Deputy Clerk.

XI.

AMOS WEST b. "1766 in Louisa County, Va."
 d. May 6-June 21, 1819 Logan Co. Ky.
 m. 1st Apr. 7, 1791 Sumner Co. Tenn.

FRANCES HERNDON (dau. Capt. James and Isabella (Thompson) Herndon)

 b. about 1774 prob. Chatham Co. N. Car.
 d. Feb. 27, 1807-Apr. 18, 1808 Logan Co. Ky.

Amos West m. 2nd Apr. 18, 1808 Logan Co. Ky. Anne Thompson (no issue)

Children:

1. Polly West b. Oct. 28, 1791, d. Mar. 6, 1851, m. William Milliken in Logan Co. Ky. Aug. 9, 1808. "They lived on Spring Creek near Sulphur Well in what is now Simpson County, Ky."¹
2. Leonard E. West m. "a Miss Doss and reared a family on Red River." Lived in Pope Co. Ill. 1822.² No further information.
3. Isabella West b. May 25, 1798, d. Oct. 16, 1843, m. Hiram Halcomb in Logan Co. Ky. Jan. 18, 1813. Lived in Logan and Simpson Counties, Ky.^{2,3}
4. Agness West m. John P. Bush in Logan Co. Ky. Mar. 21, 1822.⁴ Lived in Logan Co. Ky. July, 1822.² "They probably moved newer frontiers as we find no record of them after 1834."
5. James West⁵ m. ----- and settled near Price's Mill¹ "on the old West place. Some of his children were Leonard and Amos." No further information.
6. Richard West^{5,6} - No further information.

REFERENCES (in addition to those already cited):

¹Shields, pp. 24, 76.

²Logan Co. Ky. Deed Bk. K, p. 452: July 24, 1822 - Leonard E. West, William Milliken and Polly his wife, Hiram A. Halcomb and Isabella his wife, John P. Bush and Agnes his wife, all of Logan Co. Ky. excepting Leonard E. West who lives in Pope Co. Ill., Hiram H. Halcomb and wife of Simpson Co. Ky. all the aforesaid females being the children and heirs of Amos West decd. Recorded Nov. 14, 1822.

³Elizabeth Weir McPherson, The Holcombes, Nation Builders (lithographed 1947), p. 318. (Marriage date given as Jan. 8, 1813 in Shields, p. 23, and as Jan. 21, 1813 in McPherson, p. 318.)

⁴Logan Co. Ky. Marriage Bk. 1, p. 33. (Shields, p. 24 gives marriage date as Mar. 6, 1822 and groom's name as Joseph P. Bush.)

⁵James and Richard West were under age when their father wrote his Will on May 6, 1819. See p. 25.

⁶Will of a Richard West (Logan Co. Ky. Will Bk. G, p. 193, pro. Mar. 22, 1841) names wife Amy. Executors: William Milliken, James Herndon, James H. West. Witnesses: George Halcomb, William Milliken.

An Act for the relief of the Settlers on the
South Side of Green River

Approved December 21, 1795¹

WHEREAS a number of people have settled themselves on the vacant land south of Green river, under belief that they were no longer liable to be taken by military warrants, and that the legislature would grant them settlements therefor on paying a moderate price for the same; and it is therefore thought proper to pass an act for that purpose. Therefore,

Section 1. BE it enacted by the General Assembly, That every house keeper or other free person above the age of twenty-one years, who shall have actually settled himself or herself on any land within that boundary, set apart for the said officers and soldiers on the south side of Green river, or any other vacant land within this state, which shall not have been previously taken by a military warrant, on or before the first day of January next, and shall actually reside thereon at that time, shall be entitled to hold any quantity of such land not exceeding two hundred acres including such settlement. Provided, they shall not include any salt lick, or any body of ore; that he or she shall on or before the first day of August next, make an entry thereof in the office of the surveyor of the county where the land lies, and pay for the same according to the directions and provisions of this act. And for the purpose of ascertaining who shall be entitled to land under this act.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That three persons shall be appointed who shall have power and authority to hear and determine the right of settlements under this act, at a court to be by them held at a court house in the counties of Logan and Green, on the first day of June and July, and then continue by adjournment for the term of fifteen days at each place, if the business should require it; any person claiming a settlement right under this act shall before the said fifteenth day of July, lay in the same before the commissioners and have their or his witnesses ready to support his or her claim, and if the said court shall be of the opinion that the said claimant under this act is entitled to the same, they shall cause it to be located, specially describing the boundaries, and certify the same to the surveyor of the county where the lands lie, who shall make an entry of the same in a well bound book kept for that purpose, and shall thereupon file away the certificate as his voucher, . . .

¹William Littell, The Statute Law of Kentucky . . . In Three Volumes (Frankfort, Ky.: Printed by and for William Hunter, 1809-18), I, 349-52. Facsimile of p. 350 furnished by G. Glenn Clift, Kentucky Historical Society.

An Act to Amend the Act, Entitled
"An Act for Settling and Improving the Vacant
Lands of This Commonwealth"

Approved December 19, 1801¹

WHEREAS the act passed at the last session of the general assembly of this commonwealth, for settling and improving the vacant lands of this commonwealth, hath in many respects been found impolitic and unjust:

1. Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly, that where two hundred acres of land, or any less quantity, as the case may be, may have been located by a person holding and actually residing upon two hundred acres, or a less quantity, obtained under any former law granting lands to settlers south of Green river, he, she or they shall not hereafter be obliged to settle and reside upon the lands so located; but shall have the same privileges and right as those who locate, settle and reside upon four hundred acres: Provided, that no settlement hereafter made shall interfere or affect any claim as aforesaid on account of the same not being settled on before granting such claim.
2. And be it further enacted, that the eighth section of the above recited act is hereby repealed, except so much as relates to salt licks and salt springs; and two years from the passage of this law be allowed all persons who have or may obtain certificates by virtue of the said act to obtain warrants in the manner therein directed, paying 5 per cent interest per annum from the time the money became due, or hereafter becomes due agreeable to said act.
3. And be it further enacted, that persons who have actually obtained certificates ----- for lands under the authority of any law for granting lands to settlers south of Green river, and who has located the same, shall not be at liberty to relinquish the same and locate and hold it under the above recited act.
4. And be it further enacted, that as soon as any person shall have obtained his warrant as aforesaid, he may proceed immediately thereafter to survey the land so appropriated, and the patent shall issue and the land be completely vested without further limitation.
5. And be it further enacted, that no claims granted under any law passed prior to the year 1800, for granting relief to settlers south of Green river, where the same be surveyed and a platt and certificate thereof returned to the register's office, shall be . . .
This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

¹Littell, II, 59-61. Facsimile copies furnished by G. Glenn Clift, Kentucky Historical Society.