

THE SETTING FOR THIS BOOKLET

Pikeville, Kentucky is a small mountain town located on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, close to the Virginia border.¹ As of 1990, its population was 6,324.² Yet for its size, the town is quite progressive. In 1889 Pikeville College was founded by Presbyterian missionaries to make education available in the area.³ The college has continued to grow in the modern era and an Interstate Park, the Breaks of the Sandy, has been created in the county. Local residents plan festivals for the people of the county and visitors and plan for tourism with pamphlets and advertising. The county sent Kentucky its most recent governor, Paul Patton. The region is known for its coal mining activity.

Many Pike County residents emigrated to the state from points eastward, such as Virginia and North Carolina.⁴ So it was with my ancestors, the Alleys and the Barretts. In this story we will pay particular attention to Southwest Virginia and the Clinch River Valley. This was the frontier area of Virginia, and many of the Barretts and Alleys and related families were its pioneers. This is the story of the Alleys, the Barretts, and other families related to them from pioneer times to the early years of the 20th century.

For those who are interested in other Appalachian families, we might at the beginning list some surnames which will be mentioned in this book:

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| Alley | Barrett | Beavers | Cassady | Day | Frazier |
| Gibson | Harman | Harrison | Hawkins | Hundley | Jamison |
| Kidd | Maxwell | Mullins | Patterson | Pauley | Peery |
| Ramey | Roberts | Stanley | Steele | Stuart | Taylor |
| Waggoner | Walker | Wiley | Williamson | Witten | Wooten/Ooten |

¹ *Rand McNally New Universal World Atlas* at page 124, Rand McNally & Co., U.S.A. (1994) hereinafter referred to as *World Atlas*.

² *The Kentucky Encyclopedia*, John E. Kleber, Editor-in-Chief, "Pikeville" by Robert M. Rennick at p. 722, University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky (1992) hereinafter referred to as *Ky. Encyclopedia*.

³ *Ky. Encyclopedia* at 723.

⁴ William C. Kozee, *Pioneer Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky*, at pp. 15-16, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore (1994 edition) hereinafter referred to as *Kozee*; Billy Kennedy, *The Scots-Irish in the Shenandoah Valley* at pp. 25-26, Emerald House Group, Inc., Greenville, S.C. (1996) hereinafter referred to as *Kennedy*.

THE ALLEYS

We will start the story with the history of the Alley family, as they lived in old Virginia and moved on to the hills of Kentucky. The Alley family which we will follow is that of James Alley, Sr., born in Henrico County, Virginia in 1728, the great-great-great grandfather of Thomas M. Alley of Borderland, W.Va. and Hurricane Creek in Kentucky. There are records of other Alley (or Allee, etc.) branches who were early settlers on American shores (we might give them some mention) but for now we will concentrate on this James Alley and his relatives. His ancestors were among the first known Alleys in the land now known as the United States of America. The next paragraphs will give a listing of those first few generations on American shores; if you would prefer more exciting reading - skip these paragraphs!

One of the first Alleys to reach the shores of Virginia was *Francis Alley*, born around 1588 in England.⁵ Francis married a lady by the unusual name of Wealthian Snelling Furse, who was also born in England, around 1590.⁶ We do not know if Wealthian was as prosperous as her name suggests. Together Francis and Wealthian had 5 children: Garcia, Christian, Ann, and Edward, all born in England, and *Thomas*, born in 1625 in America.⁷ Thomas married a Martha Rutter, born around 1630, and the first of their children, probably named in honor of his father, was Thomas, born around 1655.⁸

Thomas, Jr., also had a son named Thomas who was born after his 1678 marriage to Mary (Seward) Jennings, a young lady 20 years of age.⁹ This young Thomas, whom I shall call *Thomas III* (1690-1773) lived in Henrico County, Virginia with his wife, Francis Reavis (1700-1771) and had a number of children.¹⁰ We can assume that Thomas Alley III was a reasonably successful man since he deeded to his sons Thomas (yes, another Thomas), *James* and Edmond tracts of land 400, 100 and 200 acres, respectively, out of his love for them rather than as a commercial transaction.¹¹

(So far we have in our family tree Francis>Thomas>Thomas, Jr.>Thomas III >James. We will eventually proceed with Peter, Sr.>Paul>Peter H.> Peter V.>Thomas M. Alley.)

⁵ Gene Alley, *Alley Ancestors, VA-2*, Gregath Publishing Company, Cullman, Alabama and Wyandotte, Okla. (1994) hereinafter referred to as *Alley Ancestors*.

⁶ *Alley Ancestors, VA-6*.

⁷ *Alley Ancestors, at VA-6*.

⁸ *Alley Ancestors, at VA-6*

⁹ *Alley Ancestors, at VA-6*.

¹⁰ Virginia Miller Carey and Garnet Alley Hampton, *Alley Highlights*, at page 1 Gallaher's Economy Printing (1983) hereinafter referred to as *Alley Highlights; Alley Ancestors, at VA-6*.

¹¹ *Alley Highlights* at 3 (information taken from the Deed Books of Henrico County).

JAMES ALLEY, SR.

Now we move on from the early Thomas Alleys, and go to *James Alley, Sr.*, head of an especially interesting family in our history. James was born in 1728 and lived to the age of 70.¹² At the time of Peter H. Alley, in the late 1800's, Peter still remembered the name of his great grandfather James and the family's English heritage.¹³ If we could pick a theme song for our early ancestor James Alley, Sr. it would be Ricky Nelson's "Travelin' Man" or Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again." James was in Henrico County until 1765; Orange County, NC. in 1766, Rowan Co., NC. in 1767 and Russell, Lee, and Washington Counties in Virginia from 1771 to 1798.¹⁴ In these travels, he was accompanied by his wife, *Azby Christian* (1730-1798), daughter of Sampson Charles Christian, whom he married in 1750.¹⁵ Azby has been described in various books as "Dutch", "Black Dutch" or "Born in Holland?".¹⁶ Why did James travel about so much? He wasn't propelled by concern to whisk his young daughter Elizabeth away from neighborhood gossips following the birth of her son - that did not occur until much later.¹⁷ And it wasn't the incident in which the Court ordered him to post security bond of twenty-five pounds to guarantee that he would "be of good behaviour to all the good people of this Commonwealth and particularly to Martin Duncan . . ." - his disagreement with Martin Duncan didn't happen until 1783.¹⁸ The reason for the moves may not ever be known.

What we do know about James is that his family lived a hard life. Azby bore eleven children: Frances, James L., Thomas Joseph, Peter, Hosea, Samuel Jay, Mary (Polly), Jonathan, Jane, David K. and Elizabeth.¹⁹ The couple must have worried about their three sons who served as soldiers in the American Revolution.²⁰ James himself served for several years as a constable and must have experienced pressures in that job.²¹ One daughter, *Frances Napper*, and her children were killed by Indians near Fort Blackmore (her husband escaped) and her sister sat on a stump by the Fort and cried all day.²²

¹² *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19, *Alley Highlights* at 1.

¹³ The Alley Manuscript, by Peter H. Alley, contributed by Kaye F. Palacios, *The East Kentuckian*, Vol. X, Number II, page 3, (hereinafter referred to as E.K.)

¹⁴ *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19.

¹⁵ *Alley Highlights* at 1, *Alley Ancestors* at VA-19.

¹⁶ *Alley Highlights* at 1, N. Brent Kennedy, *Resurrection of a Proud People*, at page 75, Mercer University Press, Macon, Georgia (1997); *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19.

¹⁷ *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19

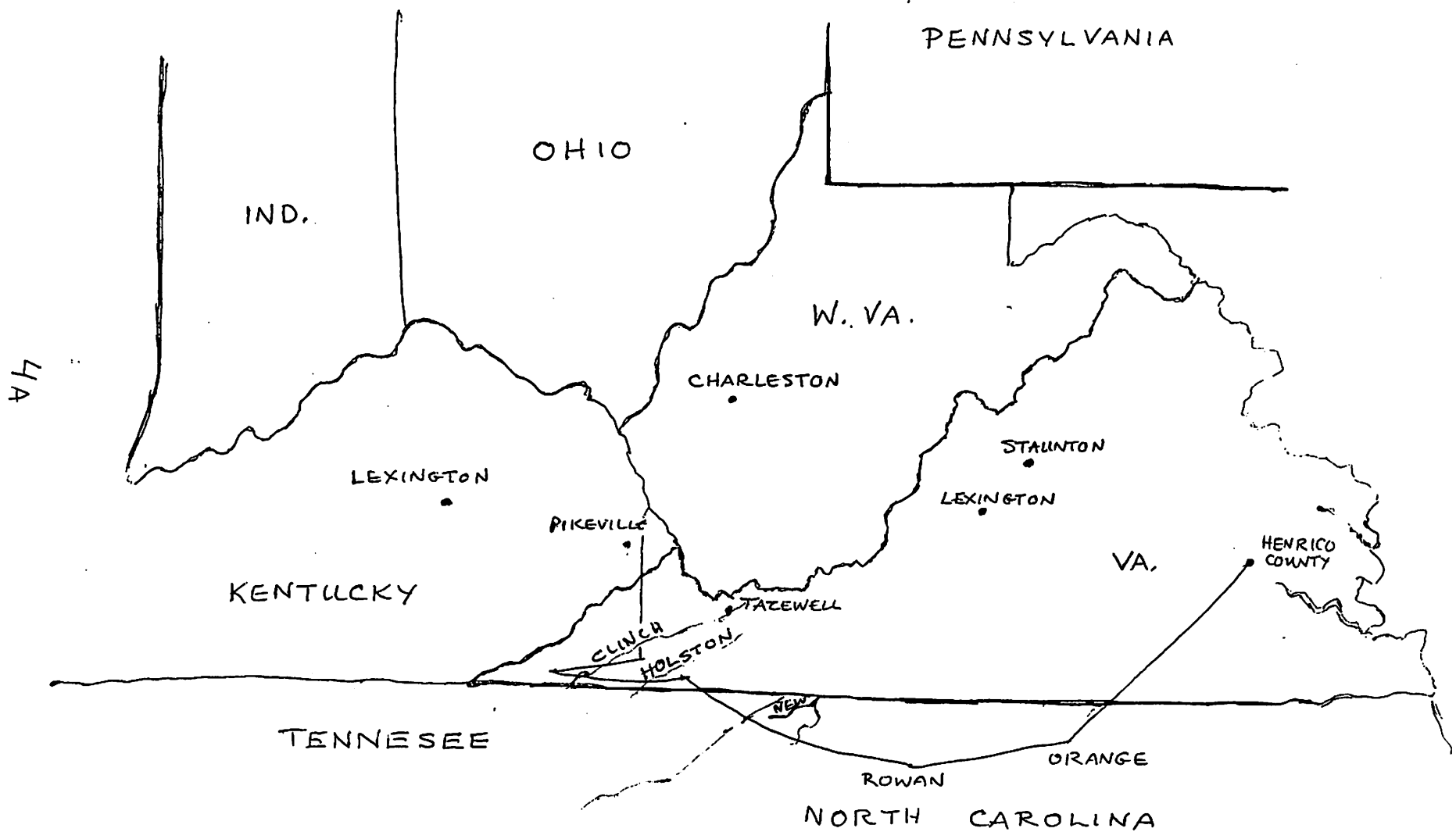
¹⁸ Summers, *Annals of Southwest Virginia* at page 1131.

¹⁹ *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19.

²⁰ *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19.

²¹ *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19.

²² *Alley Ancestors*, at VA-19; *Alley Highlights*, at page 5..



THE TRAVELS OF JAMES ALLEY, SR. AND HIS GRANDSON PAUL ALLEY

THE CAPTURE OF POLLY ALLEY

One dramatic experience of the family of James Alley, Sr. is reported in an article by Emory L. Hamilton in an article describing Indian attacks in Southwest Virginia is said to be one of the most widely known of Indian captures. Indians made their way toward Blackmore's Fort on Stony Creek in Scott County Virginia. One of their number was sent out to an area close to the fort to act as a decoy and gobble like a turkey. An old Indian fighter at the Fort, Matthew Gray, was not fooled, found the "turkey" and shot him and warned others as to the presence of Indians. However, as the Indians traveled away, they captured two women they found along the way: Mary Alley (nicknamed Polly), wife of Samuel Porter, near Osborne's Ford, and Jane Whittaker near Castlewood. With the women they continued on through the breaks of the Big Sandy, up the Big Sandy until they reached the Ohio. Ending up around present day Sandusky, Ohio, *Polly Alley* and Jane Whittaker were prisoners of the Indians for a month or more, although permitted to wander about the Indian camp. The two women eventually escaped, and evaded their pursuers by hiding in a hollow log as the Indian search party passed. They eventually found some white men down on the Big Sandy who furnished them with some food and set them ashore to continue their journey alone. They reached home in September, after a month's travel from the Indian camp.²³

We might stop for a minute here to note that James Alley followed a pattern of many early settlers of the new "Western Frontier" - in leaving the more eastern counties of Virginia to southwestern Virginia or Kentucky they often followed a route which dipped down below the Virginia border. Some pioneers spent some time in Western North Carolina, particularly in the Yadkin River Valley area. One of these whom you might remember was Daniel Boone, an early explorer and settler of Kentucky. As you and I notice the references in our history to Rowan County, North Carolina we might even wonder if our ancestors knew Mr. Boone. Maps are provided in this family history to help you trace the places where the Alleys traveled and lived.

PETER ALLEY, SR.

We have spoken of many of James Alley, Sr.'s children, but we have not yet mentioned Peter, and it is *Peter Alley* whom we will want to follow as we travel the road toward modern generations of Alleys. Peter, Sr.²⁴ was born February 9, 1757, before his father left Henrico County, Virginia. The young frontiersman would eventually be married twice - first to Jane Hundley (born March 7, 1767) and then after Jane died in 1810, to Elizabeth Davis. Jane was the mother of Peter's seven children - Millie, Fannie, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jane, Polly and one son, Paul, their fifth child. The young family grew up near the Clinch River in Southwest Virginia (the Scott/Russell/Washington area). Peter owned farms on the Clinch River and nearby Copper Creek. Please see the maps included in this chapter to find these streams. It is not difficult to find the areas in Virginia near where the various Alley families settled. Simply locate the city of Wise, Virginia and move due south until you reach a point halfway between the Clinch River and

²³ *The Southwest Virginian*, "Indian Atrocities along the Clinch, Powell and Holston Rivers" by Emory L. Hamilton, Volume II, No. 8 at p. 2 (Apr. 1979); also *Alley Highlights* at page 7.

²⁴ For information concerning Peter and his family (dates, etc.) please see *Alley Ancestors, VA* at 30 and *Alley Highlights* at 19, as well as public records of Va. and its southwestern counties.

Moccassin Creek. There you will find a small community labeled "*Alley Valley*".²⁵ Alley Valley is actually named for David Alley, a relative, according to Gene Alley, author of *Alley Ancestors*. Paul, the only male child of Peter able to carry the Alley name onward, would eventually move to Kentucky.

Peter's grandson, Peter H. Alley gives us this description of his grandfather: "My grandfather was six feet and one inch tall, his weight -180 lbs. He was raw-boned. He was a silversmith and worked at the trade in his younger days, also made spinning wheels, and understood the working of water mills. He was a preacher, and belonged to the Newlight Faith, later took the name of Christians."²⁶ Peter died in 1831, in his 80's, living north of Nicklesville, at the head springs of Amos Branch. We will find that Peter Alley, Sr. was not the only Alley ancestor skilled at working with his hands.

SOME DISTANT RELATIVES

Before we follow Paul to Kentucky, let us mention two other Alleys from Virginia, not in our direct line, but nevertheless of interest: the first is *Robert Alley* - a Robert Alley is recorded as having been born in Virginia. Probably this is the same Robert Alley who, in 1859, moved to Johnson County, Kentucky.²⁷ In an account of the supposedly rich treasure troves known as Swift's Silver Mines, Michael S. Steely states that Robert Alley's journal of Swift's activities "is probably the most complete, and is claimed by many to be the closest to the original Swift manuscript, if not actually the original."²⁸ In a later part of the book, Steely reports that the captured Polly Alley had told upon return home of her tormentors stopping somewhere near the breaks of the Sandy to fill their pockets with silver ore from an ancient mine and notes that Robert Alley was of the same family.²⁹ No particular conclusions are drawn from the relationship. But if Robert had just shared his map, perhaps the Alley family would have become silver millionaires.

The second Virginia Alley I would like to mention is Ayres Alley, a 100-year old distant relative of our family that an uncle on my mother's side, Rev. John Carr, found living in Lexington. Ayres K. Alley was born in 1899 in Pound, Virginia in a partly log home with kerosene lights and no running water.³⁰ His home was in Wise County territory, next to Scott County, where our family resided. The *Alley Ancestors* book by Gene Alley confirms his place in our extended family tree, and his healthy old age is a wonderful omen for our genetic heritage. By the way, Ayres still drives at the age of 100 so be careful as you pass through Lexington.

²⁵ Although this may not show on simple fold out road maps, it appears quite clearly on larger sets of maps - see for example page 20 of DeLorme's *Virginia Atlas and Gazetteer* (1995)

²⁶ *E.K.*, Vol. X, Number II, at 3.

²⁷ Michael S. Steely, *Swift's Silver Mines and Related Appalachian Treasures*, The Overmountain Press, Johnson City, Tenn. (1995) at page 779.

²⁸ *Swift's Silver Mines* at 83.

²⁹ *Swift's Silver Mines* at 169.

³⁰ Autobiographical Sketch by Ayres Alley, in the possession of Kay Schafer and others.

The Alleys Enter Kentucky: Paul's New Home

It is sometimes said that love makes the world go around and so it was for young *Paul Alley*. His son reports that Paul (born in 1798) came to Kentucky around 1817 or 1818 visit his sister who had married a Porter and moved to Kentucky.³¹ He met a young lady by the name of Rebecca Williamson (born in 1805) and that led to marriage and settling on the Kentucky side of Tug River, five miles below Williamson. Son Peter H. Alley describes what his father Paul told him about the conditions in eastern Kentucky at that time: "these hills were full of wild animals, and the waters full of fish, and the woods full of bees."³² (Plenty of fish to catch sounds nice: I'm not so sure about the wild animals and stinging bees.)

Let's stop a minute and look at the young lady Paul had chosen for his bride. *Rebecca Williamson* was the fourth daughter of *Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson*. She came from a nice family. Benjamin was born about 1779 in Virginia and came to Kentucky about 1801 with his father. Peter H. Alley describes his maternal grandparents as follows: "My grandfather was a stout, heavy-built man. He sat for hours, relating to me his adventures in his early life in this then wild country. He was a farmer and a good law-abiding man, respected by all." Lucretia was described by her grandson Peter H. Alley as a worshiper of God. She died by the time her children were all married and she was buried in the graveyard on the point back of Dr. George Taylor's house. The foregoing paragraph of information largely comes from the *Alden William Genealogy*, written by Joseph Alley, by permission granted by the author.³³ Joseph Alley also tells us that Benjamin was the son of *Alden Williamson*, born in 1750 in New Kent County Virginia who migrated to Russell or Tazewell County after the Revolutionary War.³⁴

It is through the Williamson family that we can claim some relationship to *Jenny Wiley*, the famous pioneer lady for whom a Kentucky State Park was named. Benjamin's brother Richard married Jane Wiley, daughter of the famous Jenny Wiley, born after her mother returned from captivity.³⁵ You might remember from your travels or history studies that Jenny Wiley (or Virginia Sellards Wiley, if we want to be formal) was a young married woman kidnapped by Indians from her cabin on Walker's Creek in Bland County, Virginia. She was taken to Kentucky, held nine months, and escaped near Little Mudlick Creek in Johnson County. Finding her way to Harman's Station on John's Creek, she met a hunting party and accompanied them home. The Wileys later emigrated to Johnson County in 1800.³⁶ We might also note that another Williamson relative, *Benjamin Williamson II*, second son of Benjamin and Lucretia Williamson, once owned

³¹ *E.K.*, Vol X, Number II at 4; see also *Alley Ancestors*, KY - 37.

³² *E.K.* cited above at 4.

³³ Joseph W. Alley, *Alden Williamson Genealogy*, Cook Printing Company, Huntington, W. Va. (1962) at page 63.

³⁴ *Alden Williamson* at 29.

³⁵ *Alden Williamson* at 131.

³⁶ *Kentucky Encyclopedia* at 954.

the land on which the City of Williamson, W. Va. now stands.³⁷ Rebecca Williamson died in 1863 and is buried on the point below the mouth of Hurricane in Pike County, Kentucky.³⁸

Let us return to the story of Paul Alley. Peter H. Alley states: "My father was a preacher . . . a wheelwright and a reed maker." while Joseph Alley goes on to add "Paul Alley was a farmer, skilled in mechanical work and was a preacher."³⁹ Paul was of the Church of Christ.⁴⁰ Paul and Rebecca had nine children: Polly, Peter H., Benjamin W., Nancy, Elizabeth, Paul (who died young), Thomas C., Sarah, and Rebecca.⁴¹ It is *Peter H. Alley* who is our next ancestor.

PETER H. ALLEY

Peter H. Alley was born on April 14, 1826, near the mouth of Rock House Fork of Big Creek in Pike County, Kentucky and married *Sarah E. Stanley*, daughter of *Moses and Elender (Nellie Lowe) Stanley* and granddaughter of *William and Nancy (Mullins) Stanley and Aaron and Sarah (Frazier) Lowe*.⁴² Before you fall asleep reading this long string of genealogical detail, let me tell you that the William and Nancy Mullins Stanley family was not at all boring. Their in-laws included the husband of great-granddaughter Polly Anna - the famous counterfeiter *Andrew Jackson Mullins*.⁴³ Ah, well, they tell me anyone who researches their ancestors will find one bad apple in the tree - at least this one is only an in-law!!

MORE ABOUT PETER H. ALLEY

Peter, a preacher for many years, describes his other work activities in these words: "farming has been my dependence, but I have worked considerable at mechanical work from a little of these: carpenter, wheel chairs, furniture, sley or reeds, blacksmithing, tanning, shoe making, coopering, and on water way mills."⁴⁴ Peter and Sarah had the following children: John P., Rebecca E., Paul Z., Peter V., Moses G., Benjamin T., Thomas K., George W., Sarah M., Nancy Ann, Esther S., Luke S., Hosea B.⁴⁵ Several of these were still living at the time of the birth of the first of Thomas M. Alley's grandchildren. There is a charming picture of George W. Alley, Sarah Alley Deskins, and Hosea B. Alley at an Alley gathering in the mid-1900's celebrating a family birthday out in a cornfield.⁴⁶ The extended Alley family had several big reunions around the Hurricane-Borderland area during the years the older Thomas M. Alley grandchildren were growing up.

³⁷ *Alden Williamson* at 77-78

³⁸ *E.Ky.*, Vol. X, No. II at 4; *Alden Williamson* at 63

³⁹ References are the same as those used in Footnote 38.

⁴⁰ *E. Ky.*, Vol. X, No. II at 4.

⁴¹ *Alley Ancestors KY* - 37.

⁴² Sources for this paragraph include: Public Records of the State of Kentucky; *Alley Highlights* at 45; *Alley Ancestors* at 38, *Alden Williamson* at 66, and *E.K.*, Vol. X, No. II at 5. Although Nancy is listed in *Alley Highlights* as Nancy Mullen, various other sources list her as Mullins.

⁴³ *Kennedy's The Resurrection of a Proud People* at 51.

⁴⁴ *E.K.*, Vol. X, No. II at 5.

⁴⁵ *Alley Ancestors KY* - 38.

⁴⁶ *Alley Highlights* at 79.

Peter H. Alley lived until 1909, and Sarah Elizabeth Stanley until 1923.⁴⁷ As they departed, they left many Alley descendants in the hills of Eastern Kentucky - and elsewhere.

THE ALLEYS AND THE HATFIELDS

This would be a good point in our story to mention the relationship between the Alley family and another well-established Eastern Kentucky family - the Hatfields. The Kentucky Encyclopedia describes the feud between McCoy's of Kentucky and the Hatfields of West Virginia as the most well-known of the feuds that occurred in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky between the Civil War and the 1900's.⁴⁸ *William Anderson ("Devil Anse") Hatfield*, born in 1839, was the recognized leader of the Hatfield Clan during the feud which started when Randolph McCoy accused Floyd Hatfield of having one of his hogs.⁴⁹ The feud worsened after Johnse Hatfield ran off with young Roseanna McCoy without marrying her.⁵⁰ About a dozen deaths occurred in the two families before the feud ended. "Devil Anse Hatfield" had a cousin also named Anderson - "Preacher" Anderson Hatfield - and that is where the Alley connection comes in, on the side of the Preacher, not the Devil. Three of "Preacher" Anderson Hatfield's children married three of the children of Peter H. Alley's brother, Thomas C. Alley (Anderson Hatfield, Jr - Melissa Alley; Bob Hatfield - Lydia Alley; Pricey Hatfield - Benjamin W. Alley). And one of Peter H. Alley's own children, George Alley, married "Preacher" Anderson Hatfield's daughter Rena Hatfield.⁵¹ Thus many Alleys are cousins by marriage, once or twice or several times removed, to the famous feudist "Devil Anse" Hatfield.

The next ancestor in our chain is *Peter V. Alley*, whom we, the grandchildren of Thomas M. Alley, know as our great-grandfather. Peter V. Alley (1860 - 1938) married *Martha Victoria Pauley* (1867 - 1954) in 1886 and the couple lived on Hurricane Branch, moving to Louisa in 1908.⁵² The couple had the following children: Sarah E. (died as a baby), Thomas Martin, John E., Mary G., Martha Jane, William Samuel, Ethel Glenn, Flora Lenna, Edith Rebeccah, Rena Price, Peter V. (died as a child). Martha V. Pauley was born shortly after the Civil War (April 22, 1867) was the daughter of Shadle Randolph Pauley and Melinda Morris.⁵³ Martha outlived her

⁴⁷ *Alley Ancestors*, KY at 38.

⁴⁸ "Hatfield- McCoy Feud" by John Ed Pearce, *Kentucky Encyclopedia* at 417.

⁴⁹ Otis K. Rice, *The Hatfields and the McCoy's*, The University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky (1982) at pages 3 and 14.

⁵⁰ *Kentucky Encyclopedia* at 417; *The Hatfields and McCoy's*, at 20-23.

⁵¹ *Alley Highlights* at 148.

⁵² Personal Recollections of the author and information from her father James R. Alley; *The Alden Williamson Genealogy* at 66; *Alley Ancestors* KY - 39; *Alley Highlights* at 58.

⁵³ Shadle Randolph Pauley is reported in *Kentucky Ancestors* as being born around 1835 and Melinda Morris around 1843. (KY at 39) There may be some confusion about Shadle's name. The 1860 Pike County census, abstracted by Dewey R. Honaker, shows a Jonathan and Martha Polly, both born in Virginia, who have a son, Shadillor, age 18. Sandra (Lambert?)

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husband: while he expired in 1938, she continued living until 1954, spending some time in Louisa and elsewhere with her daughters. Martha V. Pauley died January 6, 1954 at Sciotoville, Ohio and is buried in the Alley Cemetery near Louisa.

Flora Alley Raburn describes her father as a farmer and finishing carpenter who worked with his father in a home-owned lumber mill on Hurricane Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. She states that they made fine furniture, turned out by hand, from timber on the land, such as a black walnut bedroom suite made for Peter V. Alley's bride, Martha Pauley; looms for weaving and dulcimers (Peter V. Alley played the dulcimer and accordion). Martha Pauley was a devoted wife and mother and from cotton she grew and wool from sheep she made all materials for the family's clothing as well as her own dyes.⁵⁴

THOMAS M. ALLEY

As the oldest son in the family, *Thomas Martin Alley* learned much from his father, Peter V. Alley. Thomas Alley was born June 14, 1889 in Pike County, Kentucky and in 1911 married Gertrude Taylor, daughter of Henry C. Taylor and his wife, the former Elizabeth Cassady of Martin County Kentucky.⁵⁵ Thomas teased his wife that she caught his attention because she had the cleanest flour sack brought to his family's mill.⁵⁶ The couple began married life on Hurricane Creek, Kentucky, eventually moving to Borderland, W. Va., across the Tug River, in their older years. They raised the following children: Oscar Alvin Alley; James Russell Alley; Ireland R. Alley; Dennis Edward Alley, Delmon Eugene Alley and Stella Marie. Thomas was a farmer and coal miner and had many mechanical skills. He maintained a forge near the Hurricane Creek farm for metal working and made his own closures for farm gates. He was skillful as a carpenter as well. He grew many food crops - corn, beans, etc. and raised chickens. Gertrude, his wife, was an excellent cook and homemaker. She churned her own butter, and canned an abundant supply of food for the family which was kept in cellars below the house. Among the many memories of their grandchildren were picking fall water apples, getting a drink from the old-fashioned well and eating a home-cooked meal from grandma's wood-burning stove.

Not much more will be said about the younger generation and their parents for reasons of family privacy, as is the custom of genealogists dealing with living generations. We can say, however, that the manner in which they have lived their lives would probably make their ancestor of the 1700's, Thomas Alley, quite proud.

(SandraG627@aol.com), an Internet correspondent of the author and apparently a contributor to both Lambert and Pauley Lists on Rootsweb, reports finding records of a Jonathan (b. about 1805 in Virginia and Martha Patsy Lambert (born 1802 to John Lambert and Priscilla Pauley) who had the following children: Shadell (b. 1841), John, James, Esther, and William C.

⁵⁴ *Alley Highlights* at 57.

⁵⁵ Family Records, recollections of the author and information from her father; *Alden Williamson Genealogy* at 74-75, *Alley Highlights* at 58; *Alley Ancestors*, KY - 39.

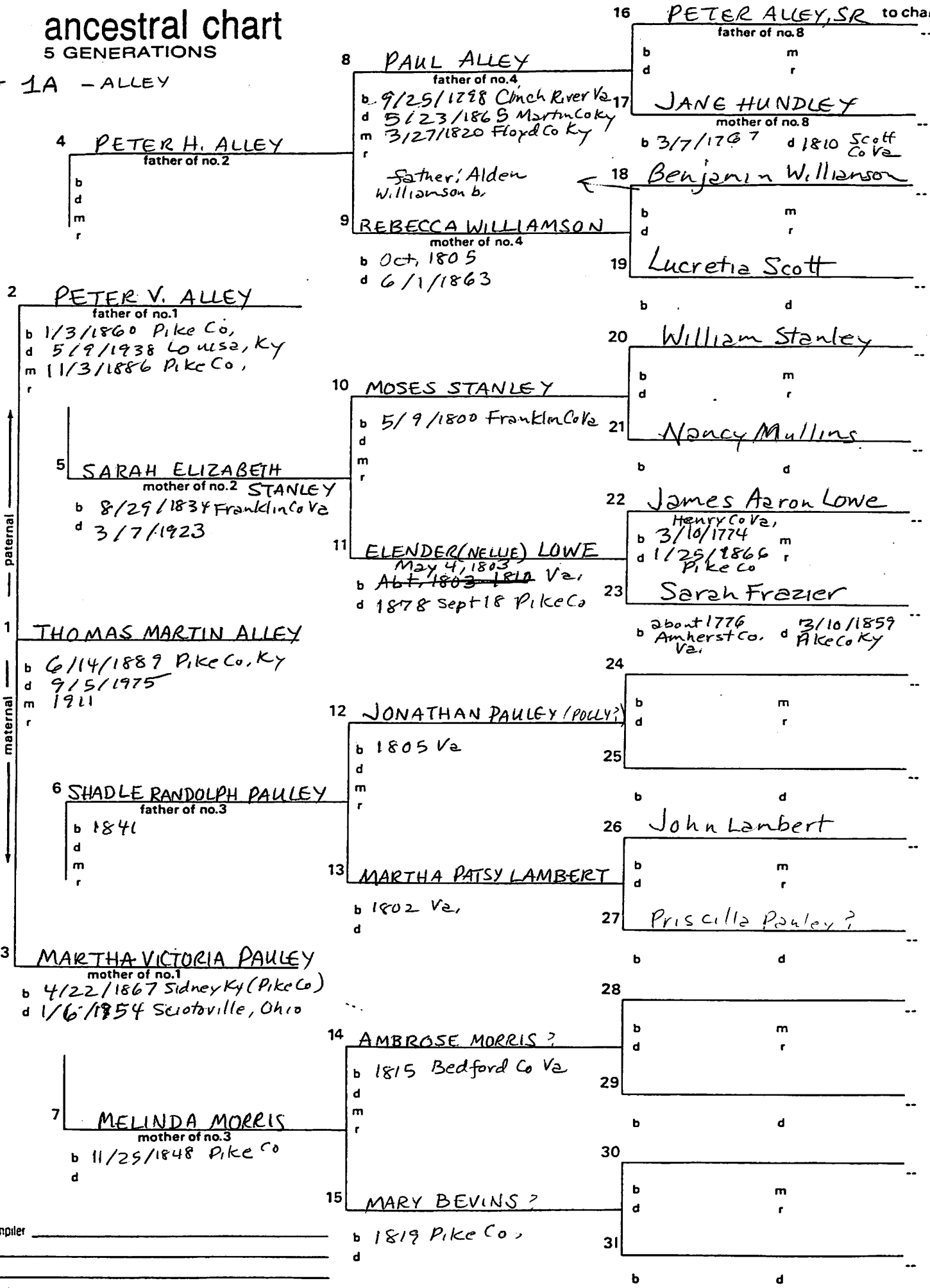
⁵⁶ Recollection of the author.

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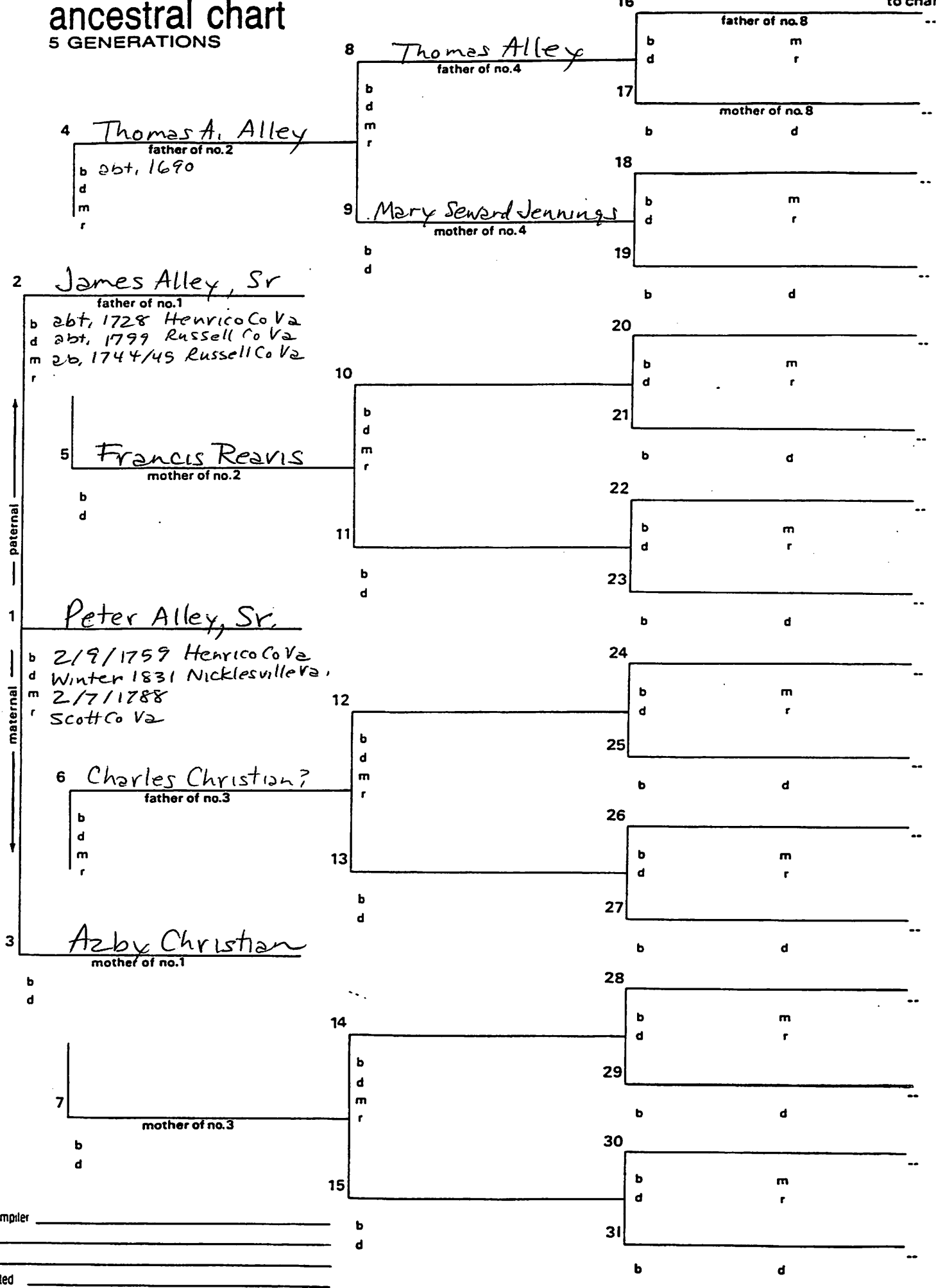
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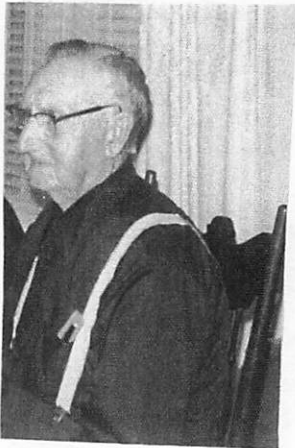
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AN EARLY PICTURE OF THOMAS M. ALLEY,
THE LADY IS PROBABLY HIS WIFE
GERTRUDE TAYLOR ALLEY,



MARTHA V. PAULEY



THOMAS M. ALLEY



BILL ALLEY,
SON OF PETER V.
ALLEY AND HIS
WIFE

ALLEY

(WITH ~~WILLIAMSON,~~
~~SCOTT HUNDLEY~~)
THOMPSON
~~CHRISTIAN~~
REAVIS

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