

# Descendants of John French

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## Generation 1

1. **JOHN<sup>1</sup> FRENCH** . He married **MARY UNKNOWN**.

Notes for John French:

There is no proof that this John French and wife Mary are the parents of the John French we show as their child. The England and Wales Christening Records (1530-1906) have a John French born "about 1705," christened 27 Feb 1705, place Broadwater, Sussex, England. Father's name John French and mother's name Mary. The 1705 date fits in perfectly with the age of the John French shown on Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s, source publication 1219.6 That record, dated 1728, shows John French, age 23, estimated birth year "abt 1705," arriving in Pennsylvania. This is very likely a mere coincidence, however.

John French and Mary Unknown had the following child:

2. i. **JOHN<sup>2</sup> FRENCH** was born about 1705. He died before 03 Oct 1755. He married about 1730 in Franklin Co., PA.

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2. **JOHN<sup>2</sup> FRENCH** (John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1705. He died before 03 Oct 1755. He married about 1730 in Franklin Co., PA.

Notes for John French:

John immigrated 27 Feb 1728 to Chanceford, York Co., PA, where Germans tended to migrate. His date of birth on the immigration form was "abt 1705." There is no proof that he is the father of the children shown.

John French had the following children:

3. i. **JACOB<sup>3</sup> FRENCH SR** was born about 1730 in Berkeley Co., WV. He died in 1788 in West Virginia. He married **MAGDALENA SHIVELY**.
4. ii. **GEORGE FRENCH SR** was born about 1732 in Antrim Township, Franklin Co., PA. He died between 1771-1772 in Frederick Co., VA. He married about 1750.
- iii. **LOUISA FRENCH** was born about 1732 in Pennsylvania. She died after 1791. She married **JOHN JACOB SHIVELY** in 1762 in Antrim, Franklin, PA. He was born about 1730 in Mannheim, Lancaster, PA. He died after 1791 in Antrim, Franklin, PA.

Notes for Louisa French:

Louisa was also known as Levinia. She and John had at least five children: Michael, Jacob, Barbara, Margaret **ANNA**, and John Jr.

5. iv. **JOHN FRENCH SR** was born about 1742 in Chansford, York Co., PA. He died on 25 Dec 1787 in Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD. He married **MARIA BARBARA SCHMEISS** about 1760.

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3. **JACOB<sup>3</sup> FRENCH SR** (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1730 in Berkeley Co., WV. He died in 1788 in West Virginia. He married **MAGDALENA SHIVELY**.

Notes for Jacob French Sr:

Only the sons shown are mentioned in Jacob Sr's will.

Notes for Magdalena Shively:

Magdalena was the sister of John, Louisa's husband.

Jacob French Sr and Magdalena Shively had the following children:

- i. **GEORGE<sup>4</sup> FRENCH** was born in 1750 in Virginia. He died in 1830 in Berkeley Co., WV. He married **MARY SHIVELY** on 10 Oct 1789.

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Notes for George French:

George built a stone house in 1769 t "Old Forge Farm" about 7 miles from "Huckleberry Hall" owned by his father Jacob. He received half of his father's 200-acre plantation along with his brother Jacob Jr.

George and Mary had nine children: Catherine, John, Henry, Jacob, Christina, Mary C., Margaret, Barbara, and a nameless son. Perhaps this son was the George French who married Maria Grantham on 15 Mar 1830 in Berkeley Co., VA?

- ii. JACOB FRENCH JR was born between 1750-1752. He died on 09 Apr 1826 in Berkeley Co., WV. He married CATHERINE WARD.

Notes for Jacob French Jr:

The couple remained in West Virginia. Jacob had the title of Captain. He and Catherine had three children: Henry, Jacob, and John.

- 6. iii. JOHN FRENCH was born about 1753. He died on 21 May 1792 in Lincoln Co., KY. He married CATHERINE HEDGES.
  - 7. iv. HENRY FRENCH was born on 12 Mar 1755. He died on 11 Aug 1821 in Harrodsburg, KY. He married ELIZABETH ERSOM. She was born on 30 Nov 1755. She died on 22 Mar 1828.
  - v. BARBARA FRENCH. She married (1) CHRISTOPHER HELM. She married (2) MICHAEL LEPHART on 16 Apr 1806.
  - vi. MARY FRENCH. She married LOVED REED on 15 Oct 1786 in Berkeley Co., VA.
4. **GEORGE<sup>3</sup> FRENCH SR** (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1732 in Antrim Township, Franklin Co., PA. He died between 1771-1772 in Frederick Co., VA. He married about 1750.

Notes for George French Sr:

From The French Family Record, compiled by Ruth French Duffy and Philip A. Duffy, 1982-3:

In Washington Co., Tenn., which borders Greene County, there is a deed transferring ownership of a 200-acre parcel of land from several Frenchs to one David Fulks. This is signed by George French, Henry French, Peter French, Barbary Felker, Evey Margret Toppin, Mary Walker, and Everett Walker. This deed is recorded in Nov. 1809. Where all of these Frenchs came from is at present unknown. It is presumed that this is in settlement of an estate and that these are all the children of Henry French's father. If the order of names means anything, Henry French must have been the second son. This matter is still being researched.

[mlf] "Everett" is a mistake, it's Evey or Eavy, more likely "Eavy," looking at the deed. I think it should be Eavy Walker, and her mother was Mary French Walker, but that is just a guess. Peter French is John PETER French, who usually went by the name of Peter French.

Maidie Strellman writes about the three sons:

I have come to the conclusion that Henry, Peter, and George were land speculators as were many in the area at that time. They bought a lot of property and seemed to have the money to do so.

George and his brother Henry bought 200 acres of land on Cherokee Creek in Washington Co., TN for \$1,000 on 9 December 1812.

Other deeds found by Maidie:

1778 Feb 6 George bought from Wm. Murphy

1778 July 11 Bk 5, P.163 film 825524 for land grant

1779 Henry land grant on Cherokee Cr. in WA Co.

1783 Peter bought on Cherokee Cr 200 acres (Jan 20 1779 tax list)

1788 Henry bought 150 acres from Nicholas Foose - Cherokee Cr WA CO to be registered within a year

1790 Henry had 200 acres on Cherokee Cr, Jan 20 tax list. Found on internet

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1791 Nov 17 Geo. French of Wash Co. sold to Anthony Beasley of Green Co.  
1792 June 27 Henry sold 150 acres to Jacob Kersener  
1797 Henry bought land on Big Limestone Cr. (Greene Co.) 90 acres--50 pounds from John Taylor--Henry living in Greene Co.  
1801 A deed for Peter  
1801 Aug 29 Peter purchased 200 acres on Cherokee Cr. It is the same property that et al sold in 1809 [Maidie: MAKES ME THINK PETER IS THE FATHER. NEED A DEED WHERE PETER GAVE IT ALL TO REST BEFORE 1809 SALE]  
1801 Sept 15 Henry French Jr bought from J. Cason 100 acres  
1801 Sept 15 Henry French (probably Jr) bought from J. Cason 28 acres WA Co. Bk24, p29 Reg 1803 and he could not write. Joins land he or father have--lives Greene Co.  
1801 William L bought from Wm. J Bird--Bk 24 p.629 TD (instead of acres--need to look up)  
1806 Henry sold to James Wilcox 50 acres on draught of Big Limestone part of 50 acres of land grant of John Cawson to French. Jos Lamon witness  
1809 Jan 31 B12, p166 Henry et al sold land to David Fulks 200 acres, Cherokee Cr., WA Co. for \$1000. All living in WA Co. TN  
1811 Henry Sr bought 9 acres in Greene Co. from Geo Davis. This does not mention water. Peter French witness  
1812 H. Hartman and H. French bought land from N.C.  
1812 H. and George French buy 200 acres on Cherokee Cr. Wash Co. from David Folks for \$1000. This is the same property they sold to him in 1809 for \$1000.  
1813 Geo. and Henry bought from NC 200 acres on Cherokee Cr. bk 13 p.322.  
1815 Henry Sr sold 96 acres to John P. and 98 acres to William L.  
1816 Jan 19 John P. bought from Loyd Thomas 50 acres Bk10 p.382  
1816 June Henry & George sold 2 tracts in WA Co. to Murray. Henry living in "Gr Co. George living in SC (Maidie cannot find George there). 176 acres, Wm L & John P. witness  
1818 Henry sold land to Wm L and John P--Mill Cr.  
1818 Henry & Geo. sold land to Wm L and John P of Greene Co. Mill Cr branch of Big Limestone  
1818 John P. sold to Thomas Loyd (Maidie thinks) Was land grant of John Wilson's of 1787  
1822 Peter bought 217 acres from Thomas Brabson (Brasson) Bk 13 p. 206 Real Estate Conveyances Greene. Co.  
1837 Henry Jr bought from Geo Trobaugh 192 acres Bk 19 page 285 of Real Estate Conveyances Greene Co.

Maidie's note for 1801 suggesting that Peter is the father is now believed wrong, and that the father was George French Sr. Strong evidence is needed, however.

According to the French Family Association there might have been another son, David. The FFA does not show John PETER French as a child. However, the FFA added Christina as a child even though her name is not in the 1809 deed.

FFA chart 136: George was probably born in Antrim twp., Franklin Co., PA. He built a stone house at "Old Forge Farm" about 7 miles from "Huckleberry Hall" where his brother Jacob resided. George sold livestock in 1772 and is not mentioned in documents past 1772 so he probably died before then.

George French Sr had the following children:

8. i. GEORGE P<sup>4</sup> FRENCH was born in 1749 in Virginia. He died before 1820 in South Carolina. He married UNKNOWN before 1785. She was born between 1755-1765. She died before 1820.
- ii. BARBARY FRENCH was born about 1753. She married UNKNOWN FELKNER.

Notes for Barbary French:

Felkner is apparently a German name. They may have had a son Henry Felker. b.

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1777 The name is spelled many other ways too: Felker, Felken, Fleckner, Felckner.

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    - iii. HENRY FRENCH I was born about 1755. He died in Washington, Greene Co., TN. He married (1) UNKNOWN. He married (2) CATHERINE HEATRONE on 30 Dec 1817 in Washington County, TN.
    - iv. EAVY MARGRET FRENCH was born about 1756. She married UNKNOWN TOPPIN.
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    - v. MARY FRENCH was born about 1759. She married EVERETT WALKER.
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    - vi. JOHN PETER FRENCH was born about 1765. He died on 05 Sep 1832 in Greenville Co., SC. He married ANNA STONE on 07 Jan 1796 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC, daughter of Jonathan Stone and Mary Unknown. She was born about 1774 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She died in Greenville Co., SC.
5. **JOHN<sup>3</sup> FRENCH SR** (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1742 in Chansford, York Co., PA. He died on 25 Dec 1787 in Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD. He married **MARIA BARBARA SCHMEISS** about 1760.

Notes for John French Sr:

Also known as Johannes. Moved to Chansford/Chanceford, York Co., PA

John French Sr and Maria Barbara Schmeiss had the following children:

- i. JOHN PETER<sup>4</sup> FRENCH SR was born in 1762 in Pennsylvania. He died on 09 Mar 1849 in Knox Co., TN. He married ROSEANNA RULE. She was born in 1773 in Wallau, Hessen, Germany. She died in 1830 in Knox Co., TN.

Notes for John Peter French Sr:

"Peter" AKA Petter, Peater, and Pieter, and Rosanna had five children: George, Maria Elizabeth, Jacob, Michael, Frederick, and Peter Jr.

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  - ii. CATHERINE FRENCH was born about 1764. She died about 1803 in Taneytown, MD. She married JACOB SHEETZ before 1790.
  - iii. MARIA ELIZABETH was born about 1765 in Chansford, York Co., PA. She died in 1817 in Tell Township, Huntington Co., PA. She married JOHN SMICE before Jul 1785. He was born on 20 Jan 1753 in Schoneau, Schonstein, Germany. He died between 1813-1814 in Huntington, PA.
  - iv. JOHN FRENCH JR was born in 1769 in Delaware. He died in Jun 1858 in Tell Township, Huntington Co., PA. He married UNKNOWN EVER. She was born in 1773 in Pennsylvania.
  - v. GEORGE FRENCH SR was born on 19 Sep 1775 in Chansford, York Co., PA. He died on 24 May 1857 in Bear Branch, Pike Townshiip, Ohio Co., IN. He married (1) UNKNOWN INDIAN about 1796. She died between 1805-1809. He married (2) SARAH MCBRIDE on 05 Mar 1809 in Huntington, PA. She was born in Dec 1787 in Huntington, Huntington Co., PA. She died on 17 Dec 1863 in Alexandria, Madison Co., IN.

Notes for George French Sr:

George and his native American wife, probably from the Mingo Tribe, had five children.

George and second wife Sarah had two children.

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6. **JOHN<sup>4</sup> FRENCH** (Jacob<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1753. He died on 21 May 1792 in Lincoln Co., KY. He married **CATHERINE HEDGES**.

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Notes for John French:

John and Catherine had three children: Samuel, George Hedges, and John (Philip)

John French and Catherine Hedges had the following child:

i. DAVID<sup>5</sup> FRENCH.

7. **HENRY<sup>4</sup> FRENCH** (Jacob<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 12 Mar 1755. He died on 11 Aug 1821 in Harrodsburg, KY. He married **ELIZABETH ERSOM**. She was born on 30 Nov 1755. She died on 22 Mar 1828.

Notes for Henry French:

Henry was a blacksmith and a gunsmith, of Mercer Co., KY. He fought in the Battle of Blue Licks during the Civil War.

Henry and Elizabeth had 9 children: Christina, Mary (Polly), Rebecca, George Washington, Susannah, John, Dorothy (Dolly), Henry Jr, and Elizabeth.

Henry French and Elizabeth Ersom had the following children:

i. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> FRENCH.

ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON. FRENCH. He married ELIZABETH STURMAN.

iii. CHRISTINA FRENCH was born on 15 Aug 1771. She married BENNETT BULL on 15 Aug 1789 in Mercer Co., KY. He was born on 09 Jan 1768 in Maryland. He died on 25 Jan 1854.

iv. JOHN FRENCH was born on 12 Nov 1788.

8. **GEORGE P<sup>4</sup> FRENCH** (George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1749 in Virginia. He died before 1820 in South Carolina. He married **UNKNOWN** before 1785. She was born between 1755-1765. She died before 1820.

Notes for George P French:

George and his brother Henry bought 200 acres of land on Cherokee Creek in Washington Co., TN for \$1,000 on 9 December 1812.

Maidie Strellman writes:

1788 Siever and John Tipton fought about Franklin (which was failing). On Oct 10, 1788 Siever surrendered and Tipton sent Siever to Morgantown guarded by Jacob Tipton, Thomas Gourley and GEORGE FRENCH. This is a military called up for this purpose mostly from Sullivan Co and Greasy Cove. I suspect George was from Greasy Cove as it sits just below (SE of) Cherokee Creek, where he and Henry had land. Greasy Cove is 15 miles from Jonesborough and was at that time in Washington County, Now in Unicoi.

His wife's name is unknown

George P French and Unknown had the following children:

i. JACOB<sup>5</sup> FRENCH was born in 1785 in Greenville, SC. He married UNKNOWN about 1810. She was born between 1791-1800.

Notes for Jacob French:

Jacob had a very large number of children, going by the 1830 and 1840 censuses. Their names are unknown.

ii. JAMES FRENCH was born about 1789 in Greenville, SC. He married UNKNOWN before 1820.

13. iii. GEORGE P FRENCH was born in 1790 in Greenville, SC. He died in Oct 1859 in Wedowee, Randolph Co., AL. He married NANCY ELIZABETH CORR before 1818 in Anderson Co., SC, daughter of John Corr and Mary Zachary. She was born in 1798

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in Caswell Co., NC. She died after 1860 in Randolph Co., AL.

- iv. DAUGHTER FRENCH was born between 1791-1800 in Greenville, SC.
- v. DAUGHTER FRENCH was born between 1795-1800.
- vi. AARON FRENCH was born on 12 Sep 1799 in Greenville, SC. He died on 30 Jul 1858 in Talladega Co., AL. He married ANNIE CATHERINE AVARY in 1827 in Talladega Co., AL. She was born in 1807 in Greenville Co., SC. She died in 1880 in Talladega Co., AL.

Notes for Aaron French:

Aaron and Annie had ten children: William H., Sarah Amanda, Thomas A., James B., Benjamin Downs, Jefferson Niciolas, Martha, Louisa, Laura, and Mary.

- vii. SARAH FRENCH was born after 1801 in Greenville, SC. She married SAMUEL WILLIAM HALL on 14 Dec 1821 in Jefferson Co., AL.

9. **HENRY<sup>4</sup> FRENCH I** (George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1755. He died in Washington, Greene Co., TN. He married (1) **UNKNOWN**. He married (2) **CATHERINE HEATRONE** on 30 Dec 1817 in Washington County, TN.

Notes for Henry French I:

Notes from the past, before Henry's parentage was discovered.

Henry is at present a man of mystery. In 1982, we discovered through another descendant (Maidie Strellman of Bellevue, WA) that Henry had received a land grant from the State of North Carolina for his services in the Revolutionary War. A copy of this grant is in the files of Ruth N. Duffy. According to Ms Strellman, the size of the grant indicates the rank the man would have held at the time he was paid off. The size of this grant (150 acres) indicates Henry was an Ensign. The grant is located in what is now Washington County, TN. The grant was issued 25 Aug 1779, and recorded on 11 Jul 1788. No explanation is given for the delay between the issuance and the recording. There is one possible explanation: In 1784 North Carolina ceded part of its western lands to the federal government. Before Congress had time to act, North Carolina took back those lands. Meanwhile, the citizens of that area, being without state or federal protection, formed a new state, the State of Franklin. This state functioned for about three years but was never taken into the union. It ultimately became part of the State of Tennessee. In 1788, North Carolina again gained control of the area, pardoning the leaders of the now defunct state of Franklin, and assuming the functions of a state. This could explain the delay in recording, since the land grant of Henry French and all the other land grants in that area were dated identically, 11 Jul 1788, and were recorded by one Sam Johnston

This information only serves to increase the mystery of Henry French, since the only Revolutionary War record we have found lists a Henry French as a member of the "Illinois Regiment of the Virginia State Troops." If they are the same person, why is North Carolina paying off the Virginia veterans? Also, no record has ever been found where any Henry French ever applied for a Revolutionary War pension. We have also discovered that there was a fire in the National Archives in Washington, D. C., which destroyed all records received there before Nov 1800. This would account for some of the mystery.

Another mystery: We have a copy of a marriage record in Washington County, TN, where Henry French married Catherine Heatrone on 30 Dec 1817 (photostat in Strellman file). Also, there is a record of a marriage of Henry French and Catherine Watson on 29 Dec 1817--also in Washington Co. (Duffy file). Obviously this is a case of miscopied information. The Strellman record is a photostat. If this is the same Henry, it would have to be a second marriage since William L. French was born in 1795 and John Peter French in 1793.

There is a lot of fascinating information in the Greene County courthouse, Greeneville, TN, concerning the Frenches. We found that Henry purchased 100 acres of land in 1801, and the cost was "40 pounds." So, we know that Henry was in Greene County by 1801. Ruth Duffy has a copy of this deed. A peculiar thing about it is that it is signed by "Henry French---his mark," indicating that Henry was unable to write. Yet by 1818, when another deed was recorded (sale of a farm to

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his two sons, John P. and William L.), his signature appears written by himself. Apparently he had learned to write during those 17 years. There were two other deeds recorded between 1801 and 1818 which gave Henry approximately 400 acres of land by 1818.

The above information is taken from the French Family Record, written in 1982, compiled by Ruth French Duffy and Philip A. Duffy.

Other information shows that the NC land grant was issued in 1787, No. 836, 150 acres, Washington County on the waters of Cherokee Creek. Maidie Strellman has obtained information that the land grant had nothing to do with military service. Perhaps it was purchased from a veteran to whom it was granted, a common occurrence.

The current family tree includes the assumption that the people mentioned in the 1809 deed are Henry I and his siblings, and that Henry married Catherine Heatrone, not Catherine Watson, in 1817. Perhaps Catherine was a schoolmarm who taught Henry to write his name in 1818! Or possibly we are confusing two different Henrys. Some researchers believe that this Henry was the one who married Abigail Anderson in Frederick, VA in 1790. A letter from Willa Norwood to Maidie Strellman makes clear that Abigail's Henry was not this Henry.

It is possible that the Barbara French who married Pleasant Phillip in Greene Co., 3 Dec 1817, was another child of Henry's. Henry had a sister named Barbary. Of course Barbary may have been marrying rather late in life, as Barbary was probably a variant spelling of Barbara.

Maidie Strellman reports: I think Henry French lived near Providence on the Greene Co/ WA Co line 6 miles from Limestone. He had property on limestone Cr. at one time. His neighbor was John Cosson who lived in Providence and also Edward Ross is here who witnessed deed.

Also from Maidie Strellman: The Greene Co. Deeds Book 2 carries the following item on Page 318

Indenture 4 Mar 1818 HENRY FRENCH, Senr, and his son JOHN PETER FRENCH, both of Greene Col, TN, \$480 pd, 50 acr tr on Mill creek, a branch of Big Limestone. Wit: WILLIAM FRENCH, EMANUEL LAMON, JOSEPH LAMON.

On page 319:

Indenture 4 Mar 1818 HENRY FRENCH, Senr, and WILLIAM L FRENCH, both of Greene Co., TN, \$490 pd, tr being on Mill creek branch of Big Limestone & adj cor of CASSON, being 98 acres. Wit: JOHN P FRENCH, EMANUEL LAMON, JOSEPH LAMON.

On page 511:

Indenture 31 Oct 1809 SCHOLFIELD MADDEUS and THOMAS LOYD, both of Greene Co., TN, \$180 pd. 50 acre tr on draught of Bid Limestone, part tr of 100 acres granted by NC to JOHN COLSON and by COLSON to FRENCH. Wit: HENRY FRENCH, ABEL LOYD, ADAM FRIKER Reg 15 Sept 1813.

Enoch, Henry, and Hugh French lived in the area of Winchester, Virginia, according to one researcher, but any connection to this Henry is unknown. Donald L. French Jr. claims he heard when young that Henry came from Pennsylvania, but there is no evidence of this.

UPDATE: It is now known that Henry's father was George French Sr, son of John French, the immigrant ancestor.

Henry French I and Unknown had the following children:

14. i. HENRY<sup>5</sup> FRENCH II was born in 1779 in Wilkes Co., NC. He died about 1869 in Greene Co., TN. He married RODY COTTER on 31 Jan 1804 in Greeneville, TN. She was born in 1780 in Virginia. She died between 1850-1860.
15. ii. ELIZABETH FRENCH was born about 1781 in Virginia. She died in 1855. She married

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(1) JAMES JOSEPH LAYMAN on 23 Oct 1805 in Greene County, TN, son of David Lamon and Catherine Unknown. He was born in 1785. He died about 1847 in Morgan Co., Alabama. She married (2) JACOB VARNER.

16.    iii.   MARY MADOLINE FRENCH was born on 05 Apr 1790. She died on 07 Mar 1801 in Harrison Co., IN. She married EMANUEL LAMON before 1810 in Washington Co., TN, son of David Lamon and Catherine Unknown. He was born on 17 Jul 1789 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 28 Dec 1866 in Harrison Co., IN.
17.    iv.    JOHN PETER FRENCH I was born on 09 Feb 1793 in Greene or Washington Co., TN. He died on 16 Mar 1877 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (1) ELIZABETH ANN HARTMAN on 26 Sep 1815 in Washington Co. TN, daughter of Joseph Hartman and Mary Henley. She was born about 1791 in Virginia. She died about Nov 1850 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (2) TAMER WALKER on 11 Oct 1851 in Shelby Co., IL. She was born about 1795 in Virginia.
18.    v.    WILLIAM LEWIS FRENCH was born on 04 Jul 1795 in Blount Co., TN. He died on 16 Mar 1864 in Chuckey, TN. He married SARAH ANN GLASS on 27 Jan 1826 in Greene Co., TN, daughter of Samuel Glass and Elizabeth Rutherford. She was born on 29 Mar 1806 in Blount Co., TN. She died on 23 Dec 1887 in Greene Co., TN.
- vi.    NANCY FRENCH was born about 1808. She married JOHN POPE on 10 Feb 1827 in Greene County, TN.

Notes for Nancy French:

A Nancy French is listed on the Washington Co., TN Marriages as having married Landon Carter Rogan on 3 Nov 1834.

- vii.   STEPHEN C. FRENCH was born after 1810. He married MATILDA BROYLES on 11 Nov 1829 in Greene County, TN. She was born before 1810.

Notes for Stephen C. French:

One source says that Stephen and Matilda had two young boys (age 0-5) shown in the 1830 census. Mike White says this is not so, he has a copy that shows no children.

Stephen and Matilda may have had a daughter Matilda, since there is a Matilda French who married Samuel Broyles 20 Oct 1846. Or possibly Stephen's Matilda was widowed and she remarried (a cousin?). It is possible that there is no connection, but if so where did Matilda French come from?

10.   **MARY<sup>4</sup> FRENCH** (George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1759. She married **EVERETT WALKER**.

Notes for Mary French:

It is possible that this Mary is the Mary Walker who married E. Odum Dec 24, 1827.

Everett Walker and Mary French had the following child:

- i.    EVEY MARGRET<sup>5</sup> WALKER.

Notes for Evey Margret Walker:

Her name has also been spelled as Evy.

11.   **JOHN PETER<sup>4</sup> FRENCH** (George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1765. He died on 05 Sep 1832 in Greenville Co., SC. He married **ANNA STONE** on 07 Jan 1796 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC, daughter of Jonathan Stone and Mary Unknown. She was born about 1774 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She died in Greenville Co., SC.

John PETER French and Anna Stone had the following children:

- i.    SARAH<sup>5</sup> FRENCH was born on 04 Feb 1797 in Greenville Co., SC. She died on 03 Jun 1821.
- ii.   JONATHAN FRENCH was born on 19 Jun 1798 in Greenville Co., SC.

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- iii. MARY FRENCH was born on 22 Jul 1799 in Greenville Co., SC. She married UNKNOWN REEVES.
- 19. iv. WILLIAM J FRENCH was born on 09 Feb 1801 in Greenville Co., SC. He died on 05 Mar 1865 in Gordo, Pickens Co., AL. He married JANE STONE in 1821 in Greenville Co., SC. She was born in Feb 1799. She died on 24 Jan 1881 in Reform, Pickens Co., AL.
- 20. v. GEORGE FRENCH was born on 20 Jan 1802. He died on 10 Oct 1868 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS. He married MARY ANN ARNOLD before 1829 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She was born in 1813 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She died in 1874 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS.
- vi. JAMES FRENCH was born in 1803. He died on 12 Mar 1885.

Notes for James French:

In 1830 James was a dry goods merchant in Greenville

- 21. vii. JESSE FRENCH was born on 18 May 1805. He died on 02 Jul 1878. He married (1) AILSEY TRAYNUM on 13 Dec 1825. She was born on 19 Jan 1804. She died on 19 Jul 1854. He married (2) ALETHA JANE LENHARDT on 20 Dec 1855.
  - viii. ELIJAH FRENCH was born on 05 Nov 1806.
  - ix. JOHN FRENCH was born on 28 Jan 1808. He died on 08 Nov 1809.
  - x. WASHINGTON FRENCH was born on 04 May 1809.
  - xi. ELIZABETH FRENCH was born on 16 Dec 1810. She married UNKNOWN DAVIS before 1832.
  - xii. ZORABEL FRENCH was born on 04 Apr 1812.
  - xiii. JOEL FRENCH was born on 09 Dec 1813.
  - xiv. ANNA FRENCH was born on 21 Jul 1815.
  - xv. URSULA FRENCH was born in 1817.
  - xvi. NANCY FRENCH was born on 13 Aug 1818.
  - xvii. ASA FRENCH was born on 17 Jun 1820. He died on 14 Feb 1902 in Waelder, Fayette, TX.
12. **CATHERINE<sup>4</sup> FRENCH** (John<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1764. She died about 1803 in Taneytown, MD. She married **JACOB SHEETZ** before 1790.

Notes for Catherine French:

Catherine and Jacob had at least one child, baptized 24 Jul 1774 at St Luke's Congregational Church in Chanceford, York Co., PA

Notes for Jacob Sheetz:

Jacob's last name could be spelled Sheetz or Sheets.

Jacob Sheetz and Catherine French had the following child:

- i. JACOB<sup>5</sup> SHEETZ JR was born in 1785. He died in Apr 1860 in West Virginia. He married HANNAH MARPLE.

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13. **GEORGE P<sup>5</sup> FRENCH** (George P<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1790 in Greenville, SC. He died in Oct 1859 in Wedowee, Randolph Co., AL. He married **NANCY ELIZABETH CORR** before 1818 in Anderson Co., SC, daughter of John Corr and Mary Zachary. She was born in 1798 in Caswell Co., NC. She died after 1860 in Randolph Co., AL.

Notes for George P French:

George was a farmer.

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George P French and Nancy Elizabeth Corr had the following children:

- i. JOHN<sup>6</sup> FRENCH was born on 18 Jul 1818 in Greenville Co., SC. He died on 29 Jan 1905 in Morris Co., TX. He married LUCINDA BACHELOR on 06 May 1841 in Campbell Co., GA, daughter of William Bachelor and Sally Smith. She was born in 1823 in Georgia. She died between 1854-1860 in Chambers Co., AL.

Notes for John French:

John and Lucinda had five children: Joseph Hilliard, James Washington (Jim), George M, Susan, and Frances.

- ii. GEORGE WILLIAM FRENCH was born on 31 Dec 1820 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. He died on 17 May 1911 in Wedowee, Randolph Co., AL. He married ANNA AMANDA AVARY on 11 Dec 1846 in Chambers Co., AL.

Notes for George William French:

George and Anna had ten children: Nancy Elizabeth, Amanda Jane, Lavonia W, George William,

- iii. JAMES FRENCH was born in 1823 in South Carolina. He died about 1850.
- iv. PINKNEY G FRENCH was born in 1826 in South Carolina.
22. v. WILLIS J FRENCH was born in 1833 in South Carolina. He died between 1864-1865 in Civil War prison. He married SAMANTHA E HARRIS on 24 Nov 1858 in Randolph Co., AL, daughter of Brittain Harris and Mary Unknown. She was born in 1842 in Georgia. She died on 28 Jan 1922 in Newell, Randolph Co., AL.
- vi. ELIZABETH FRENCH was born in 1835 in Georgia. She died on 09 Aug 1820 in Boaz, Etowah, AL. She married SAMUEL WALLS on 31 Aug 1851 in Carroll Co., GA. He was born about 1818 in Georgia. He died in 1883 in Boaz, Etowah, AL.
- vii. NANCY ANN FRENCH was born between 1838-1841.

14. **HENRY<sup>5</sup> FRENCH II** (Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1779 in Wilkes Co., NC. He died about 1869 in Greene Co., TN. He married **RODY COTTER** on 31 Jan 1804 in Greeneville, TN. She was born in 1780 in Virginia. She died between 1850-1860.

Notes for Henry French II:

The descendants of Henry and Rody are maintained in a separate FTM file, with data mainly from Julie Smith Walters, She is descended from William M. French, his son.

In the 1830 Greene Co., TN census there were 8 children listed, 3 boys (two 5-10, one 10-15) and 5 girls (two 10-15, two 15-20, one 20-30). We don't know which girl was Polly Ann, and there is a girl whose name we don't know. These two are in the 10-15 and 15-20 ages.

In the 1850 Greene Co., TN census Henry was age 71 and Rody was 72. His occupation is listed as "labourer." Living with them was 14-year-old Rhody Brammon (sic), whom we assume is the daughter of Betsy French, Henry's daughter, and George Brannon (married 7 Jul 1832). Apparently Betsy had died before 1850. Rhody's older brother Henry was apparently taken in by his aunt Ruth French Trobaugh, and is shown on the census information of 1850.

In the 1860 census the household consisted only of Henry and daughters Nancy and Mary. Henry's age is given as 65, but he was 72 in 1860. Mary and Nancy's ages are given as 35, which is correct for Mary but Nancy was about 38. People in those days were not overly correct about their ages when asked by the census taker.

Notes written by Martha Jane Knipp says Henry lived to the age of 90. She shows only William, Jim, Polly Ann, Nancy, and Ruth as children of Henry.

Notes for Rody Cotter:

Rody's name is spelled "Rhody Coiler" on their Greene County marriage record. Her name is also known as Rhoda, and her last name as Callow, or Collor. There are both Colliers and Cotters listed

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on the 1800 Greene County, TN Tax List. Another AKA, per Julie Waters, is Rhody Carter.

Henry French II and Rody Cotter had the following children:

23. i. RUTH<sup>6</sup> FRENCH was born in 1804. She died in 1894. She married SAMUEL TROBAUGH on 11 Dec 1836 in Greene Co., TN. He was born about 1804 in Rockingham Co., VA. He died in Greene Co., TN.
24. ii. BETSY FRENCH was born between 1810-1815. She died before 1850. She married GEORGE BRANNON on 07 Jul 1832 in Greene Co., TN.
- iii. UNKNOWN FRENCH was born between 1815-1820.
- iv. MARY ANN FRENCH was born in 1820 in Greenville, Greene Co., TN. She died in 1890.

Notes for Mary Ann French:

Mary remained a spinster and was living with her parents in 1850, according to census records. Martha Jane Knipp and others refer to a Polly Ann French but not a Mary French. Since Polly is a diminutive nickname for Mary, we speculate that Polly Ann French is Mary A(nn) French.

The 1860 census has her age as 33, but the 1850 census has it as 28. This anomaly, repeated for sister Nancy, tempts one to believe that the two women subtracted five years from their ages for the 1860 census taker.

- v. NANCY A. FRENCH was born in Jun 1822 in Tennessee. She died in 1881.

Notes for Nancy A. French:

Nancy and brother William M. were twins. The 1860 census has Nancy's age as 33, but the 1850 census has her as 28, which we accept.

25. vi. WILLIAM M. FRENCH was born in Jun 1822 in Greene County, TN. He died on 13 Jul 1894 in Cocke Co., TN. He married ELIZABETH TROBAUGH on 23 Aug 1846 in Greene County, TN, daughter of George Trobaugh and Barbara Unknown. She was born in 1822. She died on 21 Apr 1895 in Cocke Co., TN.
  26. vii. JAMES C. FRENCH was born in 1824 in Greene County, TN. He died in 1909. He married MARGARET LONAS on 11 Jan 1842 in Greene Co., TN. She was born about 1823 in Tennessee.
15. **ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> FRENCH** (Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1781 in Virginia. She died in 1855. She married (1) **JAMES JOSEPH LAYMAN** on 23 Oct 1805 in Greene County, TN, son of David Lamon and Catherine Unknown. He was born in 1785. He died about 1847 in Morgan Co., Alabama. She married (2) **JACOB VARNER**.

Notes for James Joseph Layman:

James Joseph's name is shown as Joseph in the Greene County Marriages record #1053.

James Joseph Layman and Elizabeth French had the following children:

- i. HENRY<sup>6</sup> LAYMAN was born in 1807 in Washington Co., TN. He died in 1863 in Aberdeen, Mississippi. He married ELIZABETH ELLIOTT.
- ii. JOHN WILLIAM LAYMAN was born after 1807. He died between 1861-1865.
- iii. JAMES LAYMAN was born after 1807. He married MARY BURKHART.
- iv. DAVID LAYMAN was born after 1807. He married SUSAN CULTON.
- v. DAVID LAYMAN was born between 1809-1810 in Tennessee. He died in 1862 in Blount Co., TN. He married RUTH ELLIOTT.
- vi. WILLIAM L LAYMAN was born in 1814 in Tennessee. He died in 1895 in Chapel Hill, NC. He married CECELIA SEATA in 1851. She was born in 1825 in 1865.

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Notes for William L Layman:

In 1850 William's first wife (name unknown) died, leaving him with five children. He had six more children with Cecelia.

- vii. JOSEPH LAYMAN was born on 04 Mar 1839.
  - viii. ISABELLA LAYMAN. She married MICHAEL FRENCH.
  - ix. MARY ANN LAYMAN. She married ARTHUR BROWN.
  - x. SARAH LAYMAN. She married JOHN M. MEANS.
16. **MARY MADOLINE<sup>5</sup> FRENCH** (Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Apr 1790. She died on 07 Mar 1801 in Harrison Co., IN. She married **EMANUEL LAMON** before 1810 in Washington Co., TN, son of David Lamon and Catherine Unknown. He was born on 17 Jul 1789 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 28 Dec 1866 in Harrison Co., IN.

Notes for Mary Madoline French:

Ron Adams (crystalraven7@yahoo.com) writes:

"Manuel Lamon married Mary Madoline French before 1810, but we cannot find their marriage license. So we don't even know if Mary and Elizabeth French are sisters, they might be cousins."

Notes for Emanuel Lamon:

A land grant was the reason he moved from Tennessee to Indiana

Emanuel Lamon and Mary Madoline French had the following children:

- i. AMY S.<sup>6</sup> LAMON. She married ISAAC LANG on 21 Nov 1847 in Harrison Co., IN.
  - ii. ELBERT T. LAMON. He married PRISCILLA GREEN on 22 Nov 1854.
  - iii. JOHN LAMON. He married ELIZABETH STEVENSON on 26 Sep 1850 in Indiana.
  - iv. MARTIN M. LAMON. He married (1) ANNA BREEDEN on 20 May 1851. He married (2) MARY J. BREEDEN on 13 Feb 1861.
  - 27. v. WILLIAM LOUIS LAMON was born on 03 Nov 1811 in Tennessee. He died on 04 Feb 1901 in Gibson Co., IN. He married ANNA UNKNOWN.
  - vi. MARY LAMON was born on 15 May 1813. She died on 19 Oct 1899. She married REASON ESAREY on 15 Dec 1842 in Harrison Co., IN.
  - vii. DAVID D. LAMON was born on 12 May 1818. He died on 21 Feb 1904.
  - viii. JAMES RILEY LAMON was born on 24 Mar 1824. He died on 01 Sep 1856.
17. **JOHN PETER<sup>5</sup> FRENCH I** (Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Feb 1793 in Greene or Washington Co., TN. He died on 16 Mar 1877 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (1) **ELIZABETH ANN HARTMAN** on 26 Sep 1815 in Washington Co. TN, daughter of Joseph Hartman and Mary Henley. She was born about 1791 in Virginia. She died about Nov 1850 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (2) **TAMER WALKER** on 11 Oct 1851 in Shelby Co., IL. She was born about 1795 in Virginia.

Notes for John Peter French I:

According to Sharon Haennelt John served in the War of 1812 from Greene Co., TN as a private under Col. Samuel Bayless and Captain Soloman Hendrix, E. TN Military.

John was a farmer and a developer in Alma, IL. He owned property in 1818 on Mill Creek (branch of Big Limestone). He is listed in the Greene Co. census list for 1830, which shows 6 boys and 2 girls in the household. In 1835 John gave his house to the school district and moved his family to St. Clair Co., IL. He resided in Tonti Township until 1855 and then lived in Alma, Marion Co., IL, where he received 80 acres for his service in the War of 1812. He and Eliza had 11 children.

Notes for Elizabeth Ann Hartman:

Ann Elizabeth's name is shown as Eliza in the marriage record.

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John Peter French I and Elizabeth Ann Hartman had the following children:

28. i. JOSEPH HARTMAN<sup>6</sup> FRENCH was born on 23 Jul 1817 in Greene County, TN. He died on 09 Mar 1867 in Alma, IL. He married (1) SUSANNAH LEMON PURCELL on 02 Aug 1843 in Marion Co., IL, daughter of Charles S. Purcell and Sophia Wantland. She was born on 08 Jan 1822 in Tennessee. She died on 05 May 1855 in Illinois. He married (2) MARY JONES on 08 Sep 1857. She was born on 30 Mar 1831 in Illinois. She died on 17 Apr 1884.
29. ii. ELIZABETH ANN FRENCH was born on 05 Aug 1818 in Greene County, TN. She died on 25 May 1896 in Tonti Twp, Marion, IL. She married ROBERT KELLY BLACK on 15 Aug 1839 in Marion Co., IL. He was born about 20 Apr 1810 in Barren Co., KY. He died about 10 Aug 1896 in Tonti Twp, Marion, IL.
30. iii. HENRY FRENCH III was born in 1822 in Greene County, TN. He died on 25 Nov 1882. He married MORIAH DAVIDSON on 06 Oct 1844. She was born about 1822 in Kentucky.
31. iv. LEVI FRENCH was born in Jun 1823 in Greene County, TN. He died on 01 Jan 1866. He married NANCY DAVIDSON on 21 Sep 1844 in Marion Co., IL. She was born about Sep 1823 in Kentucky. She died about 05 Oct 1865.
- v. URSULA FRENCH was born in 1824 in Greene County, TN. She died on 05 Oct 1865. She married ABRAHAM A. PURCELL about 1844. He was born on 17 Nov 1826. He died in Feb 1907 in Salem, Marion Co., IL.
32. vi. MARSHALL FRENCH was born on 12 Aug 1824 in Greene County, TN. He died on 10 Feb 1891 in Bower's Mill, Jasper Country, MO. He married HARRIET ELIZABETH WILLIAMS in 1850 in IL. She was born on 12 Dec 1830 in Kentucky. She died on 21 Feb 1888 in Bowers Mill, Jasper Country, MO.
- vii. MARY JANE FRENCH was born about 1824.  
  
Notes for Mary Jane French:  
Mary Jane was possibly a twin to Marshall, according to Carl B. Carlton
33. viii. JOHN PETER FRENCH JR was born in 1825 in Greene County, TN. He married FRANCES HINES on 08 Jan 1842. She was born about 1825 in North Carolina.
34. ix. GILBERT WALKER FRENCH was born on 05 Nov 1830 in Greene County, TN. He died on 30 Mar 1904 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (1) MARY E. HOWARD on 14 Apr 1867 in Marion Co., IL. She was born on 13 May 1840 in Illinois. She died on 12 Sep 1872 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (2) LOUISE EMILY O'BRYANT on 20 May 1855 in Alma, IL. She was born on 24 Jan 1835 in Alabama or Tennessee. She died on 12 Jan 1864.
35. x. WILLIAM L. STRATTON FRENCH was born on 05 Nov 1830 in Greene County, TN. He died on 05 Dec 1899. He married ELIZABETH HITE in Nov 1861 in Marion Co., IL. She was born on 15 Feb 1843 in Marion, IL. She died on 04 Aug 1873 in Illinois.
36. xi. ELIAS B. FRENCH was born about 16 Jul 1833 in Greene County, TN. He died about 07 Sep 1918. He married (1) SARAH ANN MATHENY on 21 Jan 1858. She was born about 1844. He married (2) MARY E. TARTAR on 27 Feb 1890 in Marion Co., IL. She was born about 1845.
37. xii. RACHEL CAROLINE FRENCH was born on 16 Jul 1834 in Greene County, TN. She died on 07 Sep 1918 in Marion, IL. She married TERRY GEORGE KNISLEY on 07 Aug 1856. He was born about 19 Jun 1832 in Harrison Co., VA. He died on 05 Oct 1879 in Marion, IL.

Notes for Tamer Walker:

This second wife was mentioned in the 1860 census and a June 30, 1854 deed. However, she is not mentioned in John Peter's much-later pension papers. (per Maidie Strellman).

The 1850 census (Shelby Co., IL, Wabash Township, pg 92) shows her name as Tamer Walker, living with three young men: Elias, age 22; James, age 19; and Reuben, age 16. It seems likely

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that she was a widow at that time and these are her sons. She may have had an older daughter, as Sharon Haennalt writes:

On the IL marriage site, there are 3 Tamer Walker's listed for Shelby Co.

FRENCH, JOHN P	WALKER, TAMER
SHELBY 10/11/1851 1/ 20	
BAKER, JESSE	WALKER, TAMER
SHELBY 06/18/1845 1/ 12	
CARNAHAN, THOMAS	WALKER, TAMER E
SHELBY 05/16/1860 C/ 25	

I think the Tamer that married Jesse Baker is likely a daughter of Tamer Walker who married John P French. She is shown on the 1850 census with Jesse Baker, she is 21 and born in TN, has children all born IL, Joseph 3, Elizabeth 2, William 4/12.

The other Tamer who married Carnahan, don't know who she might be.

18. **WILLIAM LEWIS<sup>5</sup> FRENCH** (Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 04 Jul 1795 in Blount Co., TN. He died on 16 Mar 1864 in Chuckey, TN. He married **SARAH ANN GLASS** on 27 Jan 1826 in Greene Co., TN, daughter of Samuel Glass and Elizabeth Rutherford. She was born on 29 Mar 1806 in Blount Co., TN. She died on 23 Dec 1887 in Greene Co., TN.

Notes for William Lewis French:

William was born on 4 Jul 1795, in Blount Co., TN. He was killed 16 Mar 1864, and is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Horse Creek section of Greene County, TN. A lineal descendant (Donald L. French, Jr) has supplied the circumstances surrounding his death. Donald states that during the later days of the Civil War, Confederate forces came through the area looting and burning, and took William from his sickbed. Apparently they intended to draft him into their depleted forces. As the party of soldiers rode off, William managed to slide off the back of the horse in an attempt to escape, and was shot by the marauders. This event took place in the front yard of the farm now (1981) occupied by Donald L. French, Jr, of Chuckey, TN. His descent record is included in this family tree.

Our research has indicated that the terrible uncertain times in which these people lived has no parallel in American history. We have discovered many surprising facts about conditions during that period. There were more battles fought in Tennessee during the Civil War than in any other state. The state was so crushed economically that it took over 40 years to recover. It was the last state to leave the Union and the first to return. Andrew Johnson, Lincoln's Vice President and successor, literally escaped during the night from Greeneville to avoid going into the Confederacy.

The census records of Greene County for that period do not list all individuals by name or age. It only lists the head of the household and the number of males and females by age groups, not stating whether they are related or merely residing in that household. It also lists freed negroes but not slaves. The 1830 census lists three children and two women as living with William L. French. The 1840 census lists William L. as having seven children, two males under five, two males 5-10, one male 15-20, one female 5-10, and one female 10-15.

Other information lists the children as follows: Alexander, birth date unknown; Jackson, born 1824; James B., born 1843; John P., born 1836; and Henry C., born 1841; Anderson G., born 1843; Augustin Franklin, born 1845; and Oliver Temple, born 1846.

The 1850 census lists all individuals by name and age, and we find William L. French, age 55; wife Sarah A., age 42, then a James L., age 18; Nancy J., age 16; John P., age 14; Henry C., age 9; Anderson G., age 7, Augustus F., age 5; and Oliver T., age 3. Note that the undocumented listing has a James B., while the census lists the 18-year-old son as James L. Also, the other information lists Nancy L. and the census has the 16-year-old girl listed as Nancy J. Obviously "Augustin" and "Augustus" must be the same person, as must be Nancy J. and Nancy L. No attempt has been made to solve these anomalies, and the census versions of the names have been used in the

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family tree, with the other versions listed as AKA.

The same census lists a Jackson French, age 24, and wife Susan, age 26, and their four children. If this Jackson is William L.'s son, which we assume, he would have been 26, not 24. This census also provides us with the birth state (Tennessee) of William L. and wife Sarah A., but not the exact location.

(The preceding information was taken from the French Family Record, written in 1982, compiled by Ruth French Duffy and Philip A. Duffy.)

Greene County marriage records show that William L. was a justice of the peace performing marriages during most of the 1850s.

Julie Walters reports that he was a landholder in 1819 in Washington County, TN. He is listed in the 1850 census for Greene County, TN. In the 1870 census his widow Sarah is shown as living with her son Anderson and his family. His trade is listed as carpenter in the 1850 census, with land worth \$500.

Pat Nickel has a reference to 1818 Greene Co., TN deed records and 1840-1860 Greene Co. census.

It is fairly certain that his middle name was Lewis. Best evidence is that his son John named a son William Lewis. Accordingly, that is how we name him.

There was a William Lewis French (1775?-1839), of "Oak Hill", Loudoun County, VA, married to Anna Guy Isemonger. One wonders if this could be a long-sought connection between William's father Henry, and a French line in Virginia.

Notes for Sarah Ann Glass:

1880 Greene Co., TN census shows Sarah to be 75 years old, with occupation mid-wife.

Inscription on Sarah's tombstone: "Gone Home"

Her grandson George A. French (1856-1944) reported in a 1941 letter to his nephew Archie French that a genealogist working for him found that Sarah had a brother who was the father of Senator Carter Glass of Virginia. Also, Carter's mother was one of two Lynchburg sisters named Livingston, and the other was the mother of Sir John French, a British general during World War I. The genealogist's papers were lost, and as of this date none of the above has been verified.

Carter's biography on the internet says that Carter married "a schoolteacher from Lynchburg at age 28," so that is perhaps some verification, but the connection is very doubtful.

Inscription on Sarah's tombstone: "Gone Home"

William Lewis French and Sarah Ann Glass had the following children:

38. i. WILLIAM JACKSON<sup>6</sup> FRENCH was born on 09 Jan 1825 in Washington Co. TN. He died on 02 Feb 1885 in Greene Co., TN. He married (1) SUSAN E. BROYLES on 26 Sep 1843 in Washington Co., TN, daughter of William S. Broyles and Margaret Green. She was born in 1824. She died before 1864. He married (2) BARBARA A. MOORE on 26 Mar 1865 in Greene County, TN. She was born in 1840 in North Carolina. She died in Jan 1885.
- ii. MARTHA ELIZABETH FRENCH was born on 06 Mar 1827 in Greene Co., TN. She died on 07 Jun 1909 in Greene Co., TN. She married MICHAEL A. BROYLES on 24 Aug 1843 in Greene County, TN. He was born on 14 Oct 1824. He died on 31 Jul 1881.
39. iii. ALEXANDER BRADFORD FRENCH was born on 24 Jul 1829. He died in Oct 1905 in

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Maloneyville, Knox Co., TN. He married MARY ANN LARUE on 20 Mar 1860 in Knox Co., TN, daughter of William LaRue and Sarah Tindell. She was born on 02 Mar 1839 in Corinth, Knox Co., TN. She died on 01 Jul 1921 in Knox Co., TN.

40. iv. JAMES LEWIS FRENCH was born in 1832 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 28 Dec 1886 in Morrison, Gasconade, MO. He married (1) BETHIA SERINA JENNINGS on 18 Sep 1853 in Greene County, TN. He married (2) MARTHA UNKNOWN before 1858. He married (3) MARY LOOP about 1860.
- v. NANCY JANE FRENCH was born on 29 Mar 1834 in Greene Co., TN. She died on 07 Jan 1909 in Horse Creek Community, Greene Co., TN. She married ANDREW C. GRAY on 04 Apr 1851 in Washington Country, TN.
41. vi. JOHN PETER FRENCH II was born in 1836 in Greeneville, TN. He died on 31 Aug 1912 in Norborne, MO. He married SABRA JANE COLYER on 24 Sep 1854 in Greeneville, TN, daughter of William Colyer and Elizabeth Dyche. She was born on 30 Sep 1836 in Greeneville, TN. She died on 07 Jan 1916 in Norborne, MO.
42. vii. HENRY C. FRENCH was born in 1841 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 08 Aug 1864 in National Cemetery, Knoxville, TN. He married SARAH H. SCOTT on 24 Dec 1859 in Greene County, TN.
43. viii. ANDERSON GLASS FRENCH was born in 1843 in Greeneville, Greene Co., TN. He died in 1920 in Fairland, OK. He married (1) MARTHA JANE STANTON on 11 Oct 1860 in Washington Country, TN, daughter of Unknown Stanton and Unknown Wife. She was born in 1841 in Greeneville, Greene Co., TN. She died in 1877 in Tennessee. He married (2) BARBARA OAKLEY on 24 Nov 1890 in Barry Co., MO.
- ix. AUGUSTUS FRANKLIN FRENCH was born in 1845.

Notes for Augustus Franklin French:

Augustus went by the name of Frank, from his middle name Franklin. The 1860 census shows his name as Franklin A.

44. x. OLIVER TEMPLE FRENCH was born on 07 Jul 1846 in Horse Creek, Greene Co., TN. He died on 14 Nov 1920. He married (1) SUSANNAH CATHERINE NELSON on 01 May 1881 in Greene County, TN by J. P. Milburn. She was born on 21 Oct 1850. She died on 28 Aug 1889. He married (2) SARAH JANE BROYLES on 08 Nov 1868 in Greene County, TN by Rev. Moses Seaton, daughter of George Jones Broyles and G. E. Unknown. She was born on 06 Nov 1847. She died on 08 Nov 1873. He married (3) KATE GLASS on 10 Sep 1890 in Greene Co., TN by Rev. J. D. Droke. She died on 14 Jan 1891 in Arlington, IN. He married (4) REBECCA KELLAR on 05 Mar 1891 in Greeneville, TN by Rev. R. T. McDowell. She was born in Feb 1850.
- xi. ELIZABETH FRENCH was born in 1852.

19. **WILLIAM J<sup>5</sup> FRENCH** (John PETER<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Feb 1801 in Greenville Co., SC. He died on 05 Mar 1865 in Gordo, Pickens Co., AL. He married **JANE STONE** in 1821 in Greenville Co., SC. She was born in Feb 1799. She died on 24 Jan 1881 in Reform, Pickens Co., AL.

Notes for William J French:

William was lynched by five men during the Civil War for alleged North Sympathies (Gerald French)

William and Jane had 9 children: Jefferson E, Edney Martha, James Fred, William G, Jesse Mercer, Frances, Joel E, Hulday, and Christopher.

William J French and Jane Stone had the following child:

45. i. JOEL E<sup>6</sup> FRENCH was born on 26 Apr 1842 in South Carolina. He died on 10 Oct 1912. He married MARY FRANCES BYARS on 06 Jan 1868 in Pickens Co., AL. She was born on 16 Sep 1833 in Alabama. She died on 22 Jan 1907 in Gordo, Pickens Co., AL.
20. **GEORGE<sup>5</sup> FRENCH** (John PETER<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Jan 1802. He died

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on 10 Oct 1868 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS. He married **MARY ANN ARNOLD** before 1829 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She was born in 1813 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She died in 1874 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS.

Notes for George French:

George moved to Mississippi and had only one son, William

George French and Mary Ann Arnold had the following child:

46. i. **WILLIAM ARNOLD<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** was born in 1829 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. He died in 1903 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS. He married **ELIZA ANN MCGEE** before 1871 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS. She was born in 1839 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She died in 1912 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS.
21. **JESSE<sup>5</sup> FRENCH** (John **PETER<sup>4</sup>**, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 18 May 1805. He died on 02 Jul 1878. He married (1) **AILSEY TRAYNUM** on 13 Dec 1825. She was born on 19 Jan 1804. She died on 19 Jul 1854. He married (2) **ALETHA JANE LENHARDT** on 20 Dec 1855.

Jesse French and Ailsey Traynum had the following children:

- i. **GEORGE W<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** was born on 31 May 1831. He died on 04 Aug 1895. He married **MARY FRANCES CARTER**.

Notes for George W French:

George and Mary has six children: Jesse Lafayette, Janie, Anna Mary, Elizabeth A, Maggie, and Sallie John.

- ii. **WILLIAM T FRENCH** was born on 20 Aug 1826. He died on 08 Aug 1844.

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22. **WILLIS J<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (George **P<sup>5</sup>**, George **P<sup>4</sup>**, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1833 in South Carolina. He died between 1864-1865 in Civil War prison. He married **SAMANTHA E HARRIS** on 24 Nov 1858 in Randolph Co., AL, daughter of Brittain Harris and Mary Unknown. She was born in 1842 in Georgia. She died on 28 Jan 1922 in Newell, Randolph Co., AL.

Willis J French and Samantha E Harris had the following children:

- i. **T JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> FRENCH** was born in May 1860 in Alabama.
- ii. **SALLIE FRENCH** was born in 1862 in Alabama. She died after 1921 in Newell, AL. She married **G H TRAYLOR**. He died after 1921 in Newell, AL.
- iii. **MARY FRENCH** was born in 1865 in Alabama.
23. **RUTH<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (Henry<sup>5</sup> II, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1804. She died in 1894. She married **SAMUEL TROBAUGH** on 11 Dec 1836 in Greene Co., TN. He was born about 1804 in Rockingham Co., VA. He died in Greene Co., TN.

Notes for Ruth French:

The 1850 census shows Ruth as 40 years old, which would mean a birth date of about 1810, not 1804. However, we have noticed several women who do not age as fast as the arithmetic says they should, going by the census takers' data. The 1804 date comes from the reliable Maidie Strellman.

Notes for Samuel Trobaugh:

The descendants of Samuel Trobaugh are documented by one of those descendants, Wayne Smith. His genealogy report is on file in this author's office.

Interesting fact: three of his sons married three sisters!

Samuel Trobaugh and Ruth French had the following children:

- i. **NANCY JANE<sup>7</sup> TROBAUGH** was born about 1837 in Greene Co., TN. She married **ADAM SMITH** on 20 Jun 1852. He was born in 1832 in Greene Co., TN. He died on

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28 Sep 1864.

Notes for Nancy Jane Trobaugh:

From Wayne Smith, Nancy's descendan and genealogist for her linet:

What you likely do want to know is how I have established Nancy Jane as the daughter of Samuel Trobaugh and Ruth French. I looked at the 1850 census and she was not listed as a child in the household. I remembered that there is an index of the 1850 census that list people who have different surnames and are listed in other households. There she was!...I believe it was one house up/down the road from Samuel and Ruth. I have no other evidence, but feel certain that she is their daughter.

- ii. HENRY TROBAUGH was born about 1838.
- iii. RHODA TROBAUGH was born about 1839.
- iv. WILLIAM TROBAUGH was born about 1841.

24. **BETSY<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (Henry<sup>5</sup> II, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born between 1810-1815. She died before 1850. She married **GEORGE BRANNON** on 07 Jul 1832 in Greene Co., TN.

Notes for Betsy French:

Since Betsy's son Henry was in the home of her sister Ruth at the time of the 1850 census, and her daughter Rhody in the home of her father for the same census, it seems likely that she had died by that time.

George Brannon and Betsy French had the following children:

- i. RHODY<sup>7</sup> BRANNON was born about 1836.

Notes for Rhody Brannon:

Rhody was taken in by grandparents Henry and Rody after (we assume) the death of their mother. At least she was in their household at the time of the 1850 census. Her older brother Henry was taken in by aunt Ruth French Trobaugh.

- ii. HENRY BRANNON was born about 1845.

Notes for Henry Brannon:

Henry was taken in by Aunt Ruth French Trobaugh after (we assume) the death of their mother. At least he was in the the Samuel Trobaugh household at the time of the 1850 census.

25. **WILLIAM M.<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (Henry<sup>5</sup> II, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in Jun 1822 in Greene County, TN. He died on 13 Jul 1894 in Cocke Co., TN. He married **ELIZABETH TROBAUGH** on 23 Aug 1846 in Greene County, TN, daughter of George Trobaugh and Barbara Unknown. She was born in 1822. She died on 21 Apr 1895 in Cocke Co., TN.

Notes for William M. French:

William was a twin to sister Nancy. The 1850 census lists John, Rhoda, and George in the household.

Notes from Martha Jane Knipp say in one place he died at age 80, age 85 in another, unless these were two William Frenches.

Notes for Elizabeth Trobaugh:

According to Martha Jane Knipp, Elizabeth died of dropsy at age 66. Since Maidie Strellman has 1897 as her date of death, when she would have been about 75, it becomes likely that there are two or three Elizabeth Trobaughs in this period. This one was the daughter of George Trobaugh,

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and another Elizabeth was the daughter of Frederick Trobaugh, as mentioned in his will dated February 4, 1840. Also, an Elizabeth Trobaugh married a Henry French, who could not write his name, October 26, 1835. We cannot place this Henry at the present time. This is probably the Elizabeth Trobaugh who was Frederick Trobaugh's daughter.

An Elizabeth Trobaugh married William D. H. Neilson, October 22, 1838, when this Elizabeth would have been a teenager. Looking at the age she married William, we wonder if she had been a widow. The 1850 census shows them having a son evidently born before this marriage,

William M. French and Elizabeth Trobaugh had the following children:

- i. JOHN<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born in 1845 in Illinois. He married MARY ANN DEBUSK on 04 Sep 1862.

Notes for John French:

The 1890 "Special Census" of survivors and widows of the "War of the Rebellion" (Civil War, to the North) has an entry for a John French "Pri. E 1st Tn. It. art. 1863-1865" with a note that he is afflicted with rheumatism. That could refer to this John French.

- ii. RHODA FRENCH was born on 09 Jun 1847 in P.O. Gastones, Greene County, TN. She married RUFUS M. JOHNSON on 30 May 1869. He was born in 1848 in North Carolina.
- iii. GEORGE A. FRENCH was born on 03 Nov 1849 in Greene County, TN. He married REUHANNA J. AILSHIE on 14 May 1874. She was born about 1854.
- iv. ROGENA FRENCH was born on 09 Jun 1852. She died in 1932. She married ALBERT PRESLEY HENRY on 21 Sep 1879. He was born in 1853.

Notes for Rogena French:

This name is spelled Regner, according to Martha Jane Knipp (and assuming it is the same person). Phyllis Lawson spells it Ragane.

- v. JAMES HENRY FRENCH was born on 09 Feb 1855 in P.O. Gastones, Greene County, TN. He died on 26 Nov 1932 in Eubank, KY. He married (1) ELIZABETH JOHNSON on 27 Aug 1874 in Greene County, TN. She was born about 1855. She died before 1879. He married (2) MARTHA JANE KNIPP on 29 Aug 1874 in Greene Co., TN, daughter of Joel Lafayette Knipp and Susannah Cobble. She was born on 27 Dec 1857. She died on 26 Nov 1942 in Eubank, KY.
- vi. WILLIAM ANDREW FRENCH was born on 28 Jan 1857 in P. O. Gastones, Greene County, TN. He married ELLEN L. BIBLE on 03 Aug 1878.
- vii. MARY J. FRENCH was born on 05 May 1859 in P.O. Gastones, Greene County, TN. She died after Jan 1934. She married JOHN CLOWERS on 22 Jul 1882.

Notes for Mary J. French:

According to Martha Jane Knipp, Mary was living in 1934 and was 70 years old. That puts her birth as about 1864

- viii. BARBRY A. FRENCH was born on 06 Sep 1861 in Midway, Greene County, TN. She married SAMUEL PACK. He was born in 1868 in Greene County, TN.

Notes for Barbry A. French:

Barbry's name is spelled Barbrea according to Martha Jane Knipp. More likely the name is Barbara.

- ix. WASHINGTON ASBURY FRENCH was born on 28 Aug 1867 in P.O. Midway, Greene Co., TN. He married LOUISE HINKLE on 08 Feb 1886. She died in 1931.

Notes for Washington Asbury French:

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According to Martha Jane Knipp's notes (dated January 1934) on the Frenches, Asberry died at age 50, but we do not know his date of birth. He is not listed in the family for the 1850 or 1860 census.

26. **JAMES C.<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (Henry<sup>5</sup> II, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1824 in Greene County, TN. He died in 1909. He married **MARGARET LONAS** on 11 Jan 1842 in Greene Co., TN. She was born about 1823 in Tennessee.

Notes for James C. French:

James' occupation is listed as farmer on the 1850 census, with land worth \$150.

James C. French and Margaret Lonas had the following children:

- i. HENRY<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born about 1846 in Greene County, TN.
  - ii. STEPHEN A FRENCH was born about 1848 in Greene County, TN.
  - iii. MARTHA FRENCH was born about 1849 in Greene County, TN.
  - iv. SADIE CAROLINE FRENCH.
  - v. JAMES A FRENCH.
  - vi. DARWIN FRENCH.
27. **WILLIAM LOUIS<sup>6</sup> LAMON** (Mary Madoline<sup>5</sup> French, Henry<sup>4</sup> French I, George<sup>3</sup> French Sr, John<sup>2</sup> French, John<sup>1</sup> French) was born on 03 Nov 1811 in Tennessee. He died on 04 Feb 1901 in Gibson Co., IN. He married **ANNA UNKNOWN**.

William Louis Lamon and Anna Unknown had the following child:

- i. ELVERA<sup>7</sup> LANMON was born on 01 Apr 1836. She died in 1890. She married HENRY M. STEVENS on 27 Apr 1857.
28. **JOSEPH HARTMAN<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 Jul 1817 in Greene County, TN. He died on 09 Mar 1867 in Alma, IL. He married (1) **SUSANNAH LEMON PURCELL** on 02 Aug 1843 in Marion Co., IL, daughter of Charles S. Purcell and Sophia Wantland. She was born on 08 Jan 1822 in Tennessee. She died on 05 May 1855 in Illinois. He married (2) **MARY JONES** on 08 Sep 1857. She was born on 30 Mar 1831 in Illinois. She died on 17 Apr 1884.

Notes for Joseph Hartman French:

Heather Fitzgibbon also lists a James W. French (1850-) and Jasper French (1852-) as children of Joseph, probably going by a census report. These were Finch children, whose names may have been changed by adoption.

Notes for Susannah Lemon Purcell:

According to the 1850 census, Susannah could not read or write.

Joseph Hartman French and Susannah Lemon Purcell had the following children:

- i. STEPHEN<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born on 23 May 1844 in Illinois. He died on 02 Jan 1929 in Mercy Hospital, San Diego, CA. He married MARGARET ALICE PHILLIPS on 04 Dec 1873 in Greenville, Bond Co., IL, daughter of John Wesley Phillips and Margaret Rice. She was born on 17 Jun 1846. She died on 16 Oct 1929.

Notes for Stephen French:

Stephen had three daughters, one named Lillian, after whom Maidie Hinterlong Strellman's mother was named. He resided at 3121 Thorn St in San Diego, CA. His daughter Lillian lived there until her death in 1967.

He served in the Civil War (111th Volunteer infantry), was captured by the Confederates, and escaped as he was being brought to Andersonville, but was recaptured after eight days. He was brought then to Andersonville where he remained and survived for nine months before being liberated at the end of the Civil War. He wrote an account of his experience that was published in the Washington

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Tribune at the turn of the last century.

After serving, he married Margaret Alice Phillips, granddaughter of Zachariah Connell (founder of Connellsville, PA) and they eventually moved to Los Angeles where he took up the practice of law. His great-grandson Greg Lawrance says he was headmaster of "a school in Illinois." Perhaps that was Claremont College, in Claremont, CA, near Los Angeles, where his daughter Lillian taught. Going by the dates and the years of residence in San Diego stated for each sister, apparently the family came to San Diego sometime in 1887.

Obituary in the San Diego Union:

FRENCH- IN this city Jan 2, 1929, Stephen French, husband of M. Alice French, father of Lillian B. French, both of San Diego; Eleanor K. French, Claremont, California,; Margaret E. Lawrence and granddaughter Lillian Lawrence of Berkeley, CA, a native of Illinois, aged 84 years, 7 months, and 10 days. Friends are invited to attend funeral services to be held at the Bradley Woodman Funeral church, 6th and Cedar Streets, Sat. Jan. 6, 1929 at 10:00. Rev Frank Linder officiating. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery.

The following story was printed in the Greenville, TN newspaper:

STEPHEN FRENCH,  
FORMER RESIDENT  
KILLED IN CALIF.

Civil War Veteran Dies  
After Being Struck by  
Car

Early residents of Greenville will remember Stephen French and will grieve to learn that he was accidentally killed by a passing auto in San Diego, Calif., on January 2, 1929.

Mr. French was 84 years of age. He was in unusual good health, alert in attending to business, and keen in intellectual perceptions.

His had been a life of peculiar interest. Born on his father s farm in Marion county, Ill., he passed his boyhood at home until the second year of the Civil War when he enlisted in the 111th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served in the army until the close of the war, spending the last nine months of the time as a prisoner in Andersonville. In company with three other boys, he attempted an escape but was recaptured and returned. His account of his thrilling adventures was published serially in "The National Tribune" of Washington, D. C., about two years ago, bringing him recognition from both north and south.

After the close of the war, Mr. French took up his residence in Greenville, which was then a lively little village. Here he was an active member of the Odd Fellows, the Good Templars, and of a debating club composed of the youngest business and professional men.

Upon leaving Greenville in the 70's he began teaching, for several years serving as principal of the Converse school in Springfield. Later he took up the practice of law.

He returned to Greenville to marry Miss Alice Phillips, a former student at Almira College, whose family had long been prominent in the community. In 1887, they, in company with Mrs. French's mother and brother and the children of the two families, moved to San Diego, where some member of the Phillips family were located.

During his long, residence in San Diego, Mr. French was keenly interested in church work. He taught in the. Sunday school, for almost 40 years was a member of the official board of the First M. E. church, at one time a member of the music committee, and for more than 25 years served as communion steward.. In addition, he was a loyal supporter of the temperance cause, In full sympathy with his wife s

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notable work in the W. C. T. U. He consistently stood for tile things that are high and fine.

On January 5th he was laid away, close to the relatives he had loved since his youth: Mrs. French's mother, her brother, Wesley Phillips, and her sister, Ella Phillips Whitemore- all formerly well known in Greenville.

Memorial services were held during the morning service in the First M. E. church in San Diego and also by the Frances Willard W. C. T. U. of which he was an honorary member.

Stephen French leaves his wife, three daughters, a granddaughter, and a host of loving friends, who find life richer and fuller for having known this fine, true man.

- ii. ERASMUS FRENCH was born on 05 Feb 1846. He died on 24 Jul 1850.
- iii. CHARLES SIMS FRENCH was born on 12 Mar 1848. He died on 29 Dec 1855.
- iv. ELIZABETH JANE FRENCH was born on 27 Dec 1849 in Marion Co., IL. She died in 1930. She married ISAAC A. CHARLTON in Salem, IL.
- v. THOMAS PURCELL FRENCH was born on 27 Dec 1851 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He died on 19 Oct 1929 in Tacoma, WA. He married HENRIETTA MALSON LYONS CARR on 05 Jun 1883 in Portland, OR. She was born on 04 Feb 1858 in California. She died on 22 Jun 1904 in Portland, OR.

Notes for Thomas Purcell French:

Thomas left his family when he was 20 and homesteaded in Colorado a while, and then lived with his brother Stephen in San Diego, CA before settling in Oregon. Thomas met Henrietta at her mother's candy store in Portland. Maidie Strellman says he died in Tacoma, WA, not Portland, OR.

- vi. ANNA SOPHIA FRENCH was born on 28 Feb 1854. She died on 14 Feb 1927. She married SAMUEL STOKELY on 01 Feb 1872 in Kinmundy, IL. He was born in 1847. He died in 1918.

Notes for Anna Sophia French:

A bible notation shows her name as Ann.

Notes for Mary Jones:

Alongside Mary's grave in Row M is Jasper J. M-15, Mary M-16, Clotella C. M-17, and a blank, which Carl B. Charlton surmises might be Pinckney W. Finch.

Joseph Hartman French and Mary Jones had the following children:

- vii. LAURA CAROLINE FRENCH was born on 29 Oct 1859. She died on 05 May 1939.
- viii. MARTHA EVELINE FRENCH was born on 01 Jul 1861. She died about 1938.

Notes for Martha Eveline French:

Martha and Mary were twins.

- ix. MARY EMELINE FRENCH was born on 01 Jul 1861. She died on 15 Aug 1861.
  - x. CLOTELLA CAMILLA FRENCH was born on 07 Mar 1864. She died on 31 Jul 1887.
  - xi. ELI LOGAN FRENCH was born on 18 Aug 1866. He died on 29 Dec 1912. He married MATTIE BENNETT on 20 Jul 1910 in Alma, IL.
29. **ELIZABETH ANN<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Aug 1818 in Greene County, TN. She died on 25 May 1896 in Tonti Twp, Marion, IL. She married **ROBERT KELLY BLACK** on 15 Aug 1839 in Marion Co., IL. He was born about 20 Apr 1810 in Barren Co., KY. He died about 10 Aug 1896 in Tonti Twp, Marion, IL.

Notes for Robert Kelly Black:

The genealogy of Robert Kelly Black is maintained by Carl B. Carlton, cbc.kelly@juno.com. He also researches the Purcell family line.

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From "Footprints in Marion County," VI. XII, Fall 1987 No. 2:

An examination of estate records indicates that it was Robert K. Black on whom his widowed mother Rachel leaned after her husband passed away in 1834. Robert K. continued to operate the family "Horse Mill," grinding grain for a livelihood for his mother and younger brothers and sisters....Robert K. possessed a good education for his time and taught school himself for a time in one of the county's first log schools, which was located in Section 10 of Tonti Twp. Despite his careful management of his money, some of his sons caused him much grief with their escapades; and he was forced to assist some of them to rear their families. He was highly respected and was one of the principal contributors to Brink and McDonough's 1881 "History of Marion and Clinton Counties."

Robert Kelly Black and Elizabeth Ann French had the following children:

- i. GEORGE W.<sup>7</sup> BLACK was born about 04 Jul 1840 in Marion Co., IL. He died in 1923. He married (1) MARY MATTIE DRAPER. She was born about 1845. She died in 1926. He married (2) DORA MARTIN.
  - ii. JAMES W. BLACK was born about 29 Jan 1842 in Marion Co., IL. He died about 10 Oct 1911. He married MARY DEEDS. She was born about 03 Mar 1842 in Scott Co., VA. She died about 02 Apr 1929.
  - iii. JOHN FRENCH BLACK was born on 21 Oct 1843. He died on 23 Jul 1904. He married ELIZA JANE SLAVEN on 23 Sep 1869. She was born on 15 Aug 1850. She died on 22 Aug 1930.
  - iv. JOHN B. BLACK was born in 1845.
  - v. LOUIS LYNN BLACK was born on 27 Apr 1846. He died on 07 Jul 1916. He married ROXANNA ROSALIE HOLLAND on 22 Aug 1872. She was born on 23 May 1855. She died on 06 Mar 1941.
  - vi. MARSHALL FRENCH BLACK was born on 19 Jan 1848. He died on 13 Oct 1925. He married GEORGELLA W. HOLLAND. She was born on 09 Oct 1859. She died on 12 May 1896.
  - vii. THOMAS JEFFERSON BLACK was born about 04 Oct 1850 in Tonti Twp, Marion, IL. He died on 17 Dec 1925 in Front Street, Nokomis, Montgomery, IL. He married EMMA CAROLINE BOOHER on 31 Dec 1871. She was born on 14 Jul 1852 in Elizabeth Twp., Wirt Co., WV. She died on 06 Mar 1934 in East Front St, Nokomis, Montgomery Co., IL.
  - viii. JOSEPH FRANKLIN BLACK was born on 27 Nov 1853. He died on 10 Sep 1915. He married (1) SUSAN ELIZABETH GRAY on 31 Oct 1889. She was born on 10 Sep 1871. She died on 28 Feb 1958. He married (2) SUSAN E. GRAY. She was born in 1871. She died in 1958.
  - ix. ROBERT E. BLACK was born about 11 Mar 1856 in Marion Co., IL. He died on 11 Nov 1859.
  - x. EUGENE W. BLACK was born on 19 Mar 1858 in Marion Co., IL. He died on 12 Feb 1943. He married ELIZABETH ANN FRIZZELL on 18 Feb 1883 in Marion Co., IL. She was born on 21 Aug 1857. She died on 25 Jun 1926.
30. **HENRY<sup>6</sup> FRENCH III** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1822 in Greene County, TN. He died on 25 Nov 1882. He married **MORIAH DAVIDSON** on 06 Oct 1844. She was born about 1822 in Kentucky.

Notes for Henry French III:

A Henry French married Elizabeth Trobaugh November 2, 1835 (Greene Co. marriage records). If this Henry was born in 1822, he can't be the same Henry.

The marriage document for Henry French and Elizabeth Trobaugh shows that Henry was illiterate, signing with his mark. An unknown Nancy Roberts, also illiterate, cosigned with Henry, to jointly

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post a marriage bond of \$1250. The document reads:

State of Tennessee, Greene County

Know all by these presents that Mr Henry French and Nancy Roberts .....are held and firmly bound to Newton Gannon Governor of the State of Tennessee for the time being, and to his successors, in the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid on condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage of the said Henry to Elisabeth Trobaugh of said county....Witness our hands and seals this 26 day of October 1835.

Signed by M. Payne, plus Henry (mark) French and Nancy (mark) Roberts.

We do not know whether this Henry is related to this line of Frenches. The fact that a Henry French witnessed the marriage document makes it seem likely that he fits in somewhere. That he could not write his name eliminates some possibilities.

Notes for Moriah Davidson:

Moriah may have been known by the name Maria.

Henry French III and Moriah Davidson had the following children:

- i. CHARLES<sup>7</sup> FRENCH.
  - ii. EDWARD FRENCH.
  - iii. ELIZA FRENCH. She married UNKNOWN RICE.
  - iv. JOSEPHUS FRENCH.
  - v. WILLIAM FRENCH.
  - vi. MARY FRENCH was born about 1848 in Illinois. She married UNKNOWN RICE.
  - vii. JAMES FRENCH was born in 1855 in Illinois.
31. **LEVI<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in Jun 1823 in Greene County, TN. He died on 01 Jan 1866. He married **NANCY DAVIDSON** on 21 Sep 1844 in Marion Co., IL. She was born about Sep 1823 in Kentucky. She died about 05 Oct 1865.

Levi French and Nancy Davidson had the following children:

- i. INFANT SON<sup>7</sup> FRENCH. He died on 10 Oct 1845.
  - ii. SARAH FRENCH was born on 06 Feb 1853. She died on 09 Nov 1856.
32. **MARSHALL<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 12 Aug 1824 in Greene County, TN. He died on 10 Feb 1891 in Bower's Mill, Jasper Country, MO. He married **HARRIET ELIZABETH WILLIAMS** in 1850 in IL. She was born on 12 Dec 1830 in Kentucky. She died on 21 Feb 1888 in Bowers Mill, Jasper Country, MO.

Notes for Marshall French:

Heather Fitzgibbon has 12 August 1824 for date of birth, but another source says 1820.

Notes for Harriet Elizabeth Williams:

According to Beverly Chickering, Harriet's father was born in Kentucky, her mother in North Carolina. Although her death is shown as "about 57" at her death, Ms Chickering shows a birthdate of 1819-1821, which would make her 10 years older, but we are showing Heather Fitzgibbon's date for her birth, because according to her both the birth and death dates come from Harriet's tombstone.

Marshall French and Harriet Elizabeth Williams had the following children:

- i. CATHALINE<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born about 1853 in Alma Twp, Marion Co., IL. She married JAMES CHAMBERS.

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Notes for Cathaline French:

Cathaline's nickname was "Kate." She lived in Fairland, Ottawa Co, OK, according to Heather Fitzgibbon

- ii. JOSEPHUS FRENCH was born on 07 Aug 1854 in Marion Co., IL. He died in May 1911 in Peirce City, MO. He married (1) LEVISA SAUNDERS on 08 Nov 1880. She was born in Tennessee. He married (2) FLORENCE CAMPBELL.

Notes for Josephus French:

Heather Fitzgibbon shows Josephus's name as Joseph, which agrees with the following provided by Heather::

Joseph FRENCH

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Joseph FRENCH, attorney, of Peirce City, Mo., was born in Marion County, Ill., August 7, 1854, and is a son of Marshall and Harriett (WILLIAMS) FRENCH, who were the parents of nine children. Joseph is the second child, and was reared in Illinois. His boyhood days were spent in tilling the soil and in attending the district schools. He came to Missouri with his parents in 1874, where he taught school and read law at the same time, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He began practicing in the spring of 1879, and is a careful and painstaking lawyer and a close student. He has a lucrative practice, and is rising rapidly in his profession. November 8, 1880, he was united in matrimony to Levisa SAUNDERS, who was born in Tennessee, and by her is the father of one child--Edna.

From "A Reprint of Goodspeed's 1888 History of Lawrence County; Reprint Lawrence County Section of Goodspeed's Newton, Lawrence, Barry And McDonald Counties History; published by the Goodspeed Publishing Co., In 1888; Reprinted by Litho Printers Of Cassville, Missouri In 1973." as transcribed by Judy Johnson.

- iii. HARRIET ALICE FRENCH was born on 20 Oct 1856 in Kinmundy, Marion Co., IL. She died on 20 Dec 1941 in Sarcoxie, Jasper Co., MO. She married HENRY FRANCIS SWINDLE. He was born on 09 Dec 1856 in Macon, TN. He died on 04 Nov 1943 in Miami, Ottawa Co., OK.
- iv. GEORGE ROBERT FRENCH was born in 1860 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He died before 14 Feb 1947 in Escondido, CA. He married ALICE BIDDY ARTHUR on 01 Sep 1890 in Barry Co., MO, daughter of James Edward Arthur and Sarah E. Meador. She was born on 04 Nov 1872 in Bowers Mill, Jasper Country, MO. She died on 20 Jul 1969 in Escondido, CA.

Notes for George Robert French:

George's obituary in the San Diego newspaper dated 14 February 1947 shows as survivors his wife "B. Alice," who must be Alice Biddy Arthur, and three daughters: Mrs Leona Francis of Escondido CA, Mrs J. E. Davidson of Sacramento, CA, and Mrs. K. B. Wolfe of Japan.

He is described as a retired painting contractor, living on Wabash Avenue in San Diego.

- v. ELLEN FRENCH was born about 1863. She married BENJAMIN COLLEY.

Notes for Ellen French:

Ellen was known as "Elly."

- vi. CHARLES FRENCH was born on 18 Dec 1865 in Alma Twp, Marion Co., IL. He died in Feb 1916 in Pierce City, MO. He married ROSE DELL GLASSFORD.

Notes for Charles French:

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Charles and Florence were twins.

- vii. FLORENCE FRENCH was born on 18 Dec 1865 in Alma Twp, Marion Co., IL.

Notes for Florence French:  
Florence lived in Tulsa, OK

- viii. THOMAS FRANK FRENCH was born about 1866 in Alma, Marion Co., IL.

Notes for Thomas Frank French:  
[JohnPeterFrenchLine.FTW]

Thomas resided in Aberdeen, WA, per Beverly Chickering

- ix. EDDY FRENCH was born about 1870.

Notes for Eddy French:  
Eddy resided in Oklahoma and Kentucky, per Beverly Chickering Notes. Heather Fitzgibbon gives Fairland, OK.

33. **JOHN PETER<sup>6</sup> FRENCH JR** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1825 in Greene County, TN. He married **FRANCES HINES** on 08 Jan 1842. She was born about 1825 in North Carolina.

Notes for John Peter French Jr:  
John may be twin to brother Gilbert.

Notes for Frances Hines:  
According to the 1850 census, Frances could neither read nor write.

John Peter French Jr and Frances Hines had the following children:

- i. LEWIS M<sup>7</sup> FRENCH. He died in 1865.
  - ii. WILLIAM FRENCH was born on 18 Dec 1842 in Illinois. He died on 09 Jul 1867.
  - iii. JESSIE FRENCH was born on 24 Aug 1844. She died on 31 Jan 1849.
  - iv. CATHERINE FRENCH was born about 1846 in Illinois.
  - v. HARTWELL FRENCH was born about 1848 in Illinois. He married FLORENCE UNKNOWN.
  - vi. HELEN FRANCES FRENCH was born on 28 Apr 1853. She died on 23 Aug 1854.
  - vii. CHARLEY O. FRENCH was born in 1861. He died on 01 Nov 1862.
34. **GILBERT WALKER<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Nov 1830 in Greene County, TN. He died on 30 Mar 1904 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (1) **MARY E. HOWARD** on 14 Apr 1867 in Marion Co., IL. She was born on 13 May 1840 in Illinois. She died on 12 Sep 1872 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married (2) **LOUISE EMILY O'BRYANT** on 20 May 1855 in Alma, IL. She was born on 24 Jan 1835 in Alabama or Tennessee. She died on 12 Jan 1864.

Notes for Mary E. Howard:  
Maidie Strellman has Howard as Mary's last name, but another researcher, the late Beverly Chickering, showed her name as Mary E, Kirby.

Gilbert Walker French and Mary E. Howard had the following children:

- i. THOMAS W.<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born in 1868.
- ii. AMANDA FRENCH was born in 1869. She married J. R. ROSS.
- iii. HARRY B. FRENCH was born in May 1870 in Illinois.
- iv. RACHEL FRENCH was born in 1872. She married E. W. WILSON.

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Notes for Louise Emily O'Bryant:

One census shows her birthplace as Alabama (unlikely), another as Tennessee

Gilbert Walker French and Louise Emily O'Bryant had the following children:

- v. NANCY ANGELINE FRENCH was born in 1856 in Illinois. She married MATHEW ORGAN.
- vi. LOUISA FRENCH was born in 1859 in Illinois. She married JAMES N. JONES.
- vii. JOHN RANDOLPH FRENCH was born in 1861 in Marion Co., IL. He died on 04 May 1924 in Nashville, TN. He married ETTA MAE SWEET on 29 Dec 1886. She died in 1939.

Notes for John Randolph French:

John's year of birth is shown as 1861 in the 1870 census, but 1862 in the 1880 census.

35. **WILLIAM L. STRATTON<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Nov 1830 in Greene County, TN. He died on 05 Dec 1899. He married **ELIZABETH HITE** in Nov 1861 in Marion Co., IL. She was born on 15 Feb 1843 in Marion, IL. She died on 04 Aug 1873 in Illinois.

Notes for William L. Stratton French:

Teri Kuntz records show that William and Elizabeth had a son named Gar, born about 1867 in Illinois.

Notes for Elizabeth Hite:

Elizabeth's family were part of the Hites who settled the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia (Barbara Strickland).

William L. Stratton French and Elizabeth Hite had the following children:

- i. **ANDREW SEYMORE<sup>7</sup> FRENCH** was born on 18 Dec 1862 in Alma, Marion Co., IL. He married MATILDA MORGAN on 02 Mar 1890.

Notes for Andrew Seymore French:

Andrew and Matilda had one son and seven daughters, two dying in infancy, the others living long lives. Andrew was well-educated, going away to Baptist College in Missouri as a young man. He was very religious, and was even a lay preacher, but he never went into the Ministry. In April 1889 Andrew went to Oklahoma and was in the Oklahoma Land Rush. He and one of his future brothers-in-law rode on horseback and managed to stake out some land, but then he decided he didn't like Oklahoma, and gave his land to a man with a family, who hadn't been lucky enough to get his own. Andrew returned to Illinois to marry Matilda. He taught school for a while and helped his father farm.

In 1896, Andrew decided to move his family to Wyoming, as he thought his health was failing. (He lived to be 92.). They settled in Gillette, WY, where one of Matilda's brothers has settled. They soon helped start the First Baptist Church there. Andrew worked in a store off and on. He drove sheep, and was threatened by cattlemen. This was during the cattle and sheepman's war. He decided no one was going to tell him where to drive his sheep and he went south anyway. He was harassed, and an attempt was made to destroy the herd, but he survived okay. He herded sheep for a while and finally filed on a homestead north of Gillette and started raising horses. He started the first dairy in Gillette, and delivered milk in a horse-drawn wagon. At one time their home was destroyed by fire. It was said that a young child playing with matches was the cause.

Andrew served as Justice of the Peace for a while in the area north of Gillette. About 1922 they moved back to town and he was elected to the office of Campbell County Assessor. He served in that position for 14 years. Matilda served as his deputy for six of those years. Andrew and Matilda joined several lodges and were very active in the community.

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One daughter wrote of her father: "He taught me integrity, obedience, and good behavior. He was a very strict disciplinarian and a lecturer, not very sympathetic to the young. I respected his laws." Yet it has been said several times that he was a very generous man and would help anyone.

-- Barbara Strickland (strick@knightwave.com)

- ii. HENRIETTA FRENCH was born about 1865. She married GARNN GREY. He was born in 1867.
  - iii. ANNA G. FRENCH was born in 1866.
  - iv. GAR FRENCH was born about 1867 in Illinois.
  - v. LUTIE BELLE FRENCH was born in 1870. She died in 1950. She married FRANCIS M ROWLEN in 1899. He was born in 1867. He died in 1924.
36. **ELIAS B.<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born about 16 Jul 1833 in Greene County, TN. He died about 07 Sep 1918. He married (1) **SARAH ANN MATHENY** on 21 Jan 1858. She was born about 1844. He married (2) **MARY E. TARTAR** on 27 Feb 1890 in Marion Co., IL. She was born about 1845.

Notes for Sarah Ann Matheny:

Note that Sarah was just 14 when she married Elias. They lived in Fayette Co., IL

Elias B. French and Sarah Ann Matheny had the following child:

- i. EMMA ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> FRENCH. She married HARVEY L. STUMPER.

Notes for Mary E. Tartar:

Mary was Elias's second wife. She was evidently a widow, as her name is given as Mrs. Mary E. Tartar

37. **RACHEL CAROLINE<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (John Peter<sup>5</sup> I, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 16 Jul 1834 in Greene County, TN. She died on 07 Sep 1918 in Marion, IL. She married **TERRY GEORGE KNISLEY** on 07 Aug 1856. He was born about 19 Jun 1832 in Harrison Co., VA. He died on 05 Oct 1879 in Marion, IL.

Notes for Rachel Caroline French:

Rachel's birth year is either 1834 or 1835, per Beverly Chickering notes. Also, those notes show her husband's name as Terry A. Knisley

Heather Fitzgibbon writes:

The Marion Co. website has "gleanings from the Kinmundy Express" and the obituary for Rachel Caroline French Kniseley. It was dated Sept 21, 1918: Rachel French was the youngest of 11 children, last one to survive. Moved to Lebanon, IL at age 2, then Marion and settled near Alma. She had 6 children: Elizabeth and Robert C. who both died in infancy, J.S.(John Scott), W. A. (William A.), G.W. (George W.), and M.S. (Martin). ; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was known as "Aunt Rachel" to the community. Services were at Omega Church and burial at Millican Cem.

There is some question about the names of her children as I have 8 listed from this source, from the names Lori Medley sent me, and from STELLVA@AOL.COM, a forward from Sharon. I never contacted this StellVa and I'm not sure if Sharon did either. She got it from Rootsweb.

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Terry George Knisley and Rachel Caroline French had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> KNISLEY.  
  
Notes for Elizabeth Knisley:  
Elizabeth died in infancy
- ii. ROBERT C. KNISLEY.  
  
Notes for Robert C. Knisley:  
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Robert died as an infant.
- iii. TRYLY ROSE was born in 1855.
- iv. JOHN SCOTT KNISLEY was born in 1861 in Illinois. He married VERDILLA HENSLEY on 03 Aug 1899.
- v. WILLIAM A. KNISLEY was born in 1862 in Illinois. He died in 1939. He married MINNIE CATHERINE BRUBAKER. She was born in 1867. She died in 1950.
- vi. GEORGE W. KNISLEY was born in 1864 in Illinois. He married EMMA PHILLIPS.
- vii. MARTIN S. KNISLEY was born in 1868 in Illinois.

38. **WILLIAM JACKSON<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (William Lewis<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Jan 1825 in Washington Co. TN. He died on 02 Feb 1885 in Greene Co., TN. He married (1) **SUSAN E. BROYLES** on 26 Sep 1843 in Washington Co., TN, daughter of William S. Broyles and Margaret Green. She was born in 1824. She died before 1864. He married (2) **BARBARA A. MOORE** on 26 Mar 1865 in Greene County, TN. She was born in 1840 in North Carolina. She died in Jan 1885.

Notes for William Jackson French:

In Sistler's "Early East Tn Marriage" Vol 1, Grooms on page 125, there is an entry for Jackson French to Mary Sneed 1-14-1864 (Knox Co.) but the second date is not there. Since he went by the name of Jackson, from all accounts, that could be this William Jackson French. However, this was just a marriage bond and a second entry showing the marriage occurred was not entered. Perhaps one or the other had a change of mind.

The census for 1850 shows George, Cynthia, and Jane (really Brunetta Jane) in the household, along with Susan, and lists William's occupation as "tenant."

Jackson's daughter Cordelia, who married Jacob S. Gray, had James A. French, born Nov 1867, and Iola French, born Jul 1872 in their household per the 1900 census. It is possible that James is another child of Jackson's, as his date of birth date fits in between Susan Emma (1866) and Edna (1868).

The William Jackson line is researched by Joyce Henley and Julie Smith Walters.

We have a clipping of his obituary in the (unknown) local paper, which reads:

### OBITUARY

Departed this life at his home on Horse Creek on the 2d day of February, 1885, W. J. French, aged 60 years and 23 days. Deceased had been suffering with Cancer for several years, though able to attend to his business up to about November last, when it grew worse and confined him to the house. His sufferings were intense but he bore them patiently, was never heard to complain. He was one of our most worthy and intelligent citizens. The writer knew him intimately, found him honorable and upright, always honest in dealing with his fellow men, anxious and willing to do all he could for his neighbors. By industry and economy he leaves his children in comfortable circumstances, though much bereaved at his death; they having lost their mother, who died a few weeks before the father, it was a sore trial to children, brothers, and sisters, and truly so to his aged mother who now numbers her four score years and more, to give him up. But I am informed

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that he gave them ample evidence that their loss was his eternal gain. The remains were followed to the cemetery by a very large concourse of friends and neighbors and interred [sic] beside his wife at Pleasant Hill Church near the homestead.

### A. FRIEND

Horse Creek, Tenn., Feb 8, 1885.

#### Notes for Susan E. Broyles:

Some researchers have Susan's last name as Brownlow, based on the fact that a six-year-old boy named William Brownlow was living with them in Greene Co., TN, according to the 1850 census. However, we are assuming that this was her first child by William Jackson, going by the dates. In 1870 this family was living in the Brownsboro District in Washington Co., TN. However, William Jackson had married again by then (twice!), so more investigation is in order.

The book of Washington Co., TN, Marriages 1780-1870, compiled by Goldene Burgner, has her name as A. E. Broyles.

William Jackson French and Susan E. Broyles had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM GANNAWAY BROWNLOW<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born on 29 Feb 1844 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 17 Jun 1926 in Greenwood Cemetery, Knoxville, TN. He married ESTHER M. WARNER on 25 Jan 1874 in Knox Co., TN.

#### Notes for William Gannaway Brownlow French:

Mildred Traun states that Wm. Gannaway Brownlow was named for "Parson" Wm. G. Brownlow (1805-1877) methodist minister, editor of Knoxville Whig, and a notorious Union sympathizer. He went by the name of Brownlow, as did WGB French. He was Governor of Tennessee after the war, 1865-1869.

- ii. GEORGE W. FRENCH was born about 1846 in Tennessee. He died before Apr 1928.
- iii. CYNTHIA CAROLINA FRENCH was born about 1847 in Tennessee. She married ISAAC B. DOTSON on 17 Mar 1872. He was born in 1852.
- iv. BRUNETTA JANE FRENCH was born about 1849 in Tennessee.
- v. SARAH FRANCES FRENCH was born on 07 Dec 1852 in Greene County, TN. She died on 12 Jan 1931 in Huntington Beach. She married (1) JAMES F. KYKER on 01 Jan 1872. He was born in Jun 1852. She married (2) AZOR ADISON SMITH on 20 May 1879 in Denver, Co. He was born on 24 Jul 1830 in Licking Co., OH. He died on 20 Mar 1903 in Baxter Springs, KS.

#### Notes for Sarah Frances French:

According to the 1910 census, Sarah was the mother of four children, all of whom were dead. We guess that these were James Kyker's children, as she was living alone.

According to records, she came to California in 1905, two years after Dr. Smith's death, and lived on Staunton Ave in Los Angeles Co. for a while before moving to Huntington Beach, Orange Co., CA in 1911, where she lived alone at 323 11th St. She must have worked as a housekeeper for a private family while in LA, as that was the occupation she gave to the census taker there in 1910. In the 1920 census, however, she listed "none" as an occupation.

- vi. SABRA FRENCH was born on 15 Mar 1854 in Greene Co., TN. She died on 09 Dec 1928 in Greene Co., TN. She married CHARLES SEVIER RECTOR on 20 Jun 1880, son of Valentine B. Rector and Sarah Ruth Gray. He was born on 29 Jun 1858. He died on 01 Nov 1938.
- vii. JOAN A. FRENCH was born on 09 Nov 1856 in Greene County, TN. She died on 13

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Apr 1928. She married JAMES ROBERT RECTOR on 09 Nov 1882, son of Valentine B. Rector and Sarah Ruth Gray.

- viii. THOMAS NEWTON FRENCH was born on 24 Oct 1859 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 19 Sep 1932 in Greene Co., TN. He married CORA BURGNER on 23 Dec 1885, daughter of Joseph M. Burgner and Sarah Jane Broyles. She was born on 13 Mar 1868. She died on 09 Apr 1951.

Notes for Thomas Newton French:

Thomas and some of his sisters lived in the Pleasant Hill (TN) area after they were married.

Notes for Barbara A. Moore:

Barbara had been previously married to John Franklin Broyles, Sarah Broyles' brother, who was killed in the Civil War. Joyce Henley says she and John Franklin had two sons, but nothing is known of them at this date.

William Jackson French and Barbara A. Moore had the following children:

- ix. SUSAN EMMA FRENCH was born on 28 Mar 1866 in Washington Co., TN. She died on 11 Jul 1942 in Greene Co., TN. She married THOMAS NEWTON GRAY on 08 Jan 1885. He was born on 15 May 1857. He died on 22 Sep 1923.
- x. EDNA FRENCH was born in 1869. She died on 22 Jun 1944 in Washington Co., TN. She married JONAH PRATHER on 24 Dec 1907.
- xi. CORDELIA FRENCH was born on 13 Feb 1870. She died on 21 Dec 1938 in Greene Co., TN. She married JACOB S. GRAY. He was born in Jul 1865. He died on 27 Dec 1909.
- xii. IOLA KANSAS FRENCH was born on 11 Jul 1872. She died on 20 Apr 1945 in Greene Co., TN. She married JAMES ADDISON GRAY, son of James F. Gray and Adlade M. Taylor. He was born on 30 Nov 1867. He died on 11 Jun 1954.
- xiii. HENRIETTA FRENCH was born about 1879. She married UNKNOWN KLEINSTOOPER.

Notes for Henrietta French:

Henry Velmer French told his grandson that Henrietta and her half-sister Sarah "migrated to California" where Sarah married A. A. Smith. This was wrong, as Sarah married Dr Smith in Denver, CO, in the same year Henrietta was born. Perhaps Henrietta went to California with Sarah after Dr Smith died in 1903.

39. **ALEXANDER BRADFORD<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (William Lewis<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 24 Jul 1829. He died in Oct 1905 in Maloneyville, Knox Co., TN. He married **MARY ANN LARUE** on 20 Mar 1860 in Knox Co., TN, daughter of William LaRue and Sarah Tindell. She was born on 02 Mar 1839 in Corinth, Knox Co., TN. She died on 01 Jul 1921 in Knox Co., TN.

Notes for Alexander Bradford French:

It is doubtful that Alexander is the A. French who married Louisa Hinkle on 13 Feb 1886, as he would have been 56 at the time.

Alexander Bradford French and Mary Ann LaRue had the following children:

- i. CHARLES ALEXANDER<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born on 21 Jan 1861 in Knox Co., TN. He died on 27 Dec 1942. He married MARY ELLA BARNES on 27 Apr 1893 in Knox Co., TN.

Notes for Charles Alexander French:

Charles and Mary had 12 children.

- ii. SARAH ANN FRENCH was born on 14 Aug 1862 in Knox Co., TN. She died on 19 Nov 1905 in Knox Co., TN. She married ROBERT FILMORE MURPHY on 11 Dec 1884 in Knox Co., TN, son of Hugh McNeil Murphy and Sarah White. He was born on 10 Mar 1854 in Knoxville, TN. He died on 08 Jul 1890 in Knoxville, TN.
- iii. ANNIS GRANT FRENCH was born on 09 Dec 1863 in Knox Co., TN. She died on 03

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Feb 1946 in Knox Co., TN. She married PAUL GOUFFON on 22 Dec 1892 in Knox Co., TN.

- iv. MOSSIE FRENCH was born on 04 Jul 1865 in Knox Co., TN.
- v. HARRY L. T. T. S. S. K. B. FRENCH was born on 14 Mar 1867 in Knox Co., TN. He died on 01 Apr 1925 in Rush Co., IN. He married RUBY CYNTHIA MILLER on 03 Mar 1900 in Bentonville, Fayette Co., IN.

Notes for Harry L. T. T. S. S. K. B. French:

Harry's full name is Harry Logan Terry Thomas Sheridan Sherman Kilpatrick Burnside French, which honors a bunch of Civil War generals. He and Ruby had three children.

- vi. HENRY F. FRENCH was born on 30 Apr 1868 in Knox Co., TN. He died on 09 Jul 1868 in Knox Co., TN.
- vii. FANNIE LOUISE FRENCH was born on 14 Oct 1869 in Knox Co., TN. She died on 25 Nov 1945 in Knox Co., TN. She married JOSEPH HART LUTTRELL on 23 Aug 1893 in Knox Co., TN.
- viii. TOMMY C. FRENCH was born on 11 Mar 1871 in Knox Co., TN. He died on 13 Jan 1872 in Knox Co., TN.
- ix. ROBERT ROY FRENCH was born on 19 Jan 1873 in Knox Co., TN. He died on 29 Dec 1938 in Knox Co., TN. He married LUCY BISHOP.

Notes for Robert Roy French:

Robert and Lucy had one daughter.

- x. WILLIAM FRANK FRENCH was born on 06 Mar 1874 in Knox Co., TN. He died on 14 Mar 1945. He married BERTHA HOWARD PERRY.

Notes for William Frank French:

William, who went by his middle name Frank, and Bertha had no children.

- xi. JENNIE JUNE FRENCH was born on 06 Jun 1875 in Knox Co., TN. She died on 29 Jun 1960 in Knox Co., TN. She married AUGUST FRANK TRUAN on 29 Nov 1899 in Knox Co., TN.
- xii. SIGNORA FRENCH was born on 19 Oct 1876 in Knox Co., TN. She died on 05 Feb 1955 in Knox Co., TN. She married DANIEL ALBERT VANDERGRIF on 28 Feb 1900 in Knox Co., TN.

Notes for Signora French:

Signora's nickname was Nora.

- xiii. C. L. FRENCH was born on 05 Mar 1878 in Knox Co., TN.
- xiv. MARGARET RUTHERFORD FRENCH was born on 12 Dec 1880 in Knox Co., TN. She died on 13 Dec 1961 in Knox Co., TN. She married GEORGE WILLIAM CRIPPEN on 12 Nov 1902 in Knox Co., TN.

Notes for Margaret Rutherford French:

Margaret's nickname was "Maggie."

- xv. PEYTON CARTER FRENCH was born on 08 Oct 1883 in Knox Co., TN. He died on 15 Feb 1960 in Knox Co., TN. He married ALZADA WISE.

- 40. **JAMES LEWIS<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (William Lewis<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1832 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 28 Dec 1886 in Morrison, Gasconade, MO. He married (1) **BETHIA SERINA JENNINGS** on 18 Sep 1853 in Greene County, TN. He married (2) **MARTHA UNKNOWN** before 1858. He married (3) **MARY LOOP** about 1860.

Notes for James Lewis French:

Ancestry.com shows that James L had a brother James B who was born on the same date. Evidently James B did not survive.

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James Lewis French and Bethia Serina Jennings had the following children:

- i. MARTHA<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born in 1858. She married UNKNOWN GRAY.
- ii. JOSEPHINE FRENCH was born on 12 Jan 1865 in Maries Co., MO.

James Lewis French and Mary Loop had the following children:

- iii. FRANCIS FRENCH.
- iv. FRANKLIN FRENCH.
- v. ANN FRENCH.
- vi. GEORGE FRENCH.
- vii. ALICE FRENCH.
- viii. MARY ELLEN FRENCH.

41. **JOHN PETER<sup>6</sup> FRENCH II** (William Lewis<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1836 in Greeneville, TN. He died on 31 Aug 1912 in Norborne, MO. He married **SABRA JANE COLYER** on 24 Sep 1854 in Greeneville, TN, daughter of William Colyer and Elizabeth Dyche. She was born on 30 Sep 1836 in Greeneville, TN. She died on 07 Jan 1916 in Norborne, MO.

Notes for John Peter French II:

The date of death on John P.'s tombstone, 30 Sep 1912, is incorrect. The right date is 31 Aug 1912.

The first recorded sale of property we found for him was dated 11 Apr 1910. From his birth we can determine that he was 74 at that time and had undoubtedly decided to retire. He was 75 at the time he had a stroke and 76 at the time of his death. The following is copied from the 6 Sep 1912 issue of the Norborne Democrat, Norborne, MO.

### OBITUARY

John P. French, one of Norborne's best citizens, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn at his home, Sat. morning, about 5:00 o'clock.

Mrs. French had gone to the station with one of her granddaughters, who was returning to her home in Carrollton, leaving Mr. French alone in the house. During her absence, he secured a rope, tied a regulation hangman's knot in it, climbed up into the barn loft, raised a board in the floor, tied the rope on a joist, adjusted the noose around his neck; then tied his hands together and jumped through the hole in the barn loft. The drop was not sufficient to dislocate his neck and he died of strangulation. When found he was hanging in the stall where there was a horse, and was dead when cut down.

The coroner was notified, but concluded that an inquest was not necessary as there was no question as to how he died. Dr. Brunner issued a burial permit.

In Feb 1911, Mr. French was stricken with partial paralysis, his tongue and vocal cords being so badly affected that he could not talk sufficiently plain to be understood; this seemed to worry him greatly and he grew morbid; taking but little, if any interest in things around him. After being afflicted for several months his usually cheerful nature seemed to undergo a change, and nothing could restore his interest in affairs. He seemed to have lost hope, and with it, the desire to live. He knew there was no hope of recovery and the constant brooding over his condition probably unbalanced his mind and when in an irresponsible condition took his life.

John P. French was born at Greeneville, Tenn., Oct. 8, 1836, and there grew to manhood. In 1854 he was married to Miss S. J. Collier, and in 1855 they came to Missouri; first settling in Franklin

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County. In 1866 Mr. French left his home in Franklin Co. and started on a prospecting tour of Texas. For nearly two years not a word was heard from him, and Mrs. French concluded that he must have been killed by Indians, that were at that time attacking whites who were traveling through the state. In 1867 Mrs. French, having given up hope of seeing her husband alive again moved to Carroll County where she had relatives. In 1868 Mr. French returned to his old home in Franklin Co. and learned that his wife and children were in Carroll Co., and at once came here to be with his family, and has since been one of our best citizens. For more than 40 years Mr. French made his residence in Sugartree and Cherry Valley townships and Norborne, and during all these years has been esteemed and recognized as an honest upright man whose word was his bond. There were no better men than John P. French nor was there one who had more friends. No man can point to any act of his that breathed of dishonor, he was honest and just and foursquare to the world. His tragic death is truly and sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and seven children, Gentry, Jeff D., George A., Oliver, and William French, and Mrs. Thomas W. Jones, and Mrs. John Eden. Funeral services were held at his late home in this city, Monday morning, conducted by the Rev. John Tanquary, of the ME Church South. He has long been an honored member of Carroll Lodge #249 AF & AM and the Masonic Order had charge of the services at his grave, burial was in beautiful Fairhaven.

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A search of marriage records of Greene County reveals that John P. French married Sabra Jane Collier on Sept. 24, 1854 (#2475 1838-1855 records), John F. Broyles JP officiating. From the tombstone in Fairhaven Cemetery in Norborne, Missouri, we learn that John P. French died on Sept. 30, 1912, and his wife Sabra Jane (Collier) was born Sept. 30, 1836, and died in Norborne, Mo. on Jan. 7, 1917. A search of files of the Norborne Democrat reveals the unfortunate circumstances of John P. French's death. A copy of his obituary is attached to this record. It is obvious from the newspaper report that the tombstone of John P. French contains an error. The tombstone shows his death as being Sept. 30, 1912, the newspaper issued on Friday, Sept. 6, 1912, states his death occurred Saturday morning about 8:30 (photostat in possession of Ruth N. Duffy). This would mean that he died on August 31, 1912. There are no files of the Norborne Democrat for 1917 so the obituary for Sabra J. French could not be obtained.

Some of the questions we had concerning John P. French have been answered on the receipt of his obituary; but as with all of this work, more questions have come up.

His birthdate has been established as October 8, 1836. The first recorded sale of property we found for him was dated 4-11-1910. From his birthdate we can determine that he was 74 at that time and undoubtedly decided to retire. He was 75 at the time he had this stroke mentioned in the obituary and 76 at the time of death. One question comes up--the record in the courthouse stated "Mud Creek," but the obituary makes no mention of this but calls it Cherry Valley. Perhaps it was locally known as Cherry Valley, since the title "Mud Creek" is not particularly inviting.

We also can imagine the feelings of his wife, Sabra J., who, after twelve years of marriage and seven children, found herself without a husband. How did they live during the two years John P. was gone? Were they farmers and did she and the children run the farm? Did they own property in Franklin Co., MO? Did she sell it when they left? How could she have title to it without having John P. declared dead?

There must have been some money when John P. came to Norborne because the farm in Sugartree and Cherry Valley is very good land, and according to the obituary, they must have lived on it the rest of their lives. Or did it belong to some of the Colliers and was Sabra J. and family living there when John P. returned? There are still Colliers living in Carroll County. We have determined that there were Colliers there, and also Burgners, in Atchison County, MO. This is where James GENTRY French went and where his first wife, Margaret Amanda Burgner French, is buried. Records show that these three families (Collier, Burgner, and French) were all in Greene County, TN at the same time. Why was there a general exodus from Greene Co., TN?

Our research has indicated how terribly trying the post Civil War period was--especially for the

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citizens of Tennessee and the residents of Greene Co. in particular. Newspaper accounts of a 4th of July celebration held in Greeneville in 1868 indicate that farmers who had been Confederates were met at the city limits and not allowed to attend the festivities. Naturally, this would have resulted in some form of retaliation. This constant fighting among relatives, former friends, and neighbors must undoubtedly have been on of the causes of the exodus from the state. [There are no Frenches listed from Greene County on the Confederate rosters ("Tennesseans in the Civil War," Vol. I, prepared by the Tennessee Civil War Centennial Commission).

The obituary states that the funeral was "conducted by Rev. John Tanquary of the ME Church South." While in Greeneville, we discovered that in 1816 the Methodist Church in its General Conference had made statements against slavery to the extent that "any slaveholder could not hold office in the Methodist Church." This irritated Methodists who owned slaves to the extent that in 1844 General Conference they split from the Methodist Church and formed the Methodist Church South. Naturally this caused a great deal of bitterness. We found that in 1875, the ME Church South sued the Methodist Church in Greeneville for possession of the building. The case went to the Tennessee Supreme Court, with the result that the Methodists had to vacate the building in favor of the ME Church South. Interestingly enough, they moved into the upper floor of the Courthouse and conducted services there until they could get their own building. This split continued until 1939, when the Methodist Church was finally reunited.

Mrs. Josephine French (widow of George French, son of John P. French and and brother of James GENTRY French) wrote a letter in 1959 stating in part, "John P. French and wife (Sabra Collier) married quite young and left Tenn. and went by flatboat on rivers until they got to Franklin County, Missouri,-- he bought a farm there and part of their family was born there. Later they moved to Carrol County, Mo., and bought land there. Gentry was their oldest child; and when a young man, he went back to Tennessee to visit and he met his wife there--her name was Mattie Burgner."

In checking with the Missouri Historical Society, I found that many early settlers in Missouri did come down the Ohio River by flatboat until they reached the Mississippi. They then took steamboats because a flatboat could not be propelled up the Mississippi or the Missouri. So, it must be assumed that John. P. and his wife did this. Probably landing at Herman, MO, since it was an active river port at that time and was nearest to Franklin County. Franklin County records have not been checked at this writing (1981)

Norborne, MO, is in Carroll County, and in the Carroll County courthouse, Carrollton, MO, we discovered a great deal of information about the French family. Records show many property transactions concerning members of the family. John P. and Sabra J. apparently were farmers living on a very rich Missouri bottomland farm located in the Sugar Tree and Mud Creek townships. George A. French was apparently a developer of town lots as additions to the town of Norborne. Jefferson D. and Henry S. also had several real estate transactions. There were only two entries for John P. One, a small parcel of land in the Mud Creek area, dated 11 Apr 1910 (book #211, p. 634), and then a peculiar one signed by Sabra J. French selling the main farm in Sugar Tree township. This transaction is dated 26 Feb 1917 (book #213, p. 492) and signed by her. It should be noted that the tombstone shows her date of death as 7 Jan 1917. We did not have time to pursue this mystery further since we did not have the obituary or death certificate, and we have already found that tombstones are sometimes in error. There are no files of the Norborne Democrat for 1917, so the obituary for Sabra could not be obtained.

(All of the above comes from the French Family Record, written in 1982, compiled by Ruth French Duffy and Philip A. Duffy.)

Notes for Sabra Jane Colyer:

The following was taken from the Norborne Leader, Norborne, MO, 11 Jan 1916:

OBITUARY OF SABRA JANE COLLIER FRENCH

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MRS. SABRA FRENCH DEAD

Mrs. Sabra French died in this city Sunday, January 7, at 6 o'clock a.m. of valvular disease of the heart after an illness of several months following a stroke of paralysis, aged 81 years 2 months and six days.

Sabra Jane Collier French was born in Greene County, Tennessee, October 1, 1836 (mathematically this would make her 79 years 3 months and 10 days old). After growing to womanhood, she was married to John P. French and lived on the old French farm south of town until a few years ago when they moved to Norborne and have since lived here.

To this union eight children were born, seven of whom survive her. They are: George and Jeff of Norborne, William of Tina, Gentry of Nebraska, Oliver of Texas, Mrs. Tom Jones of Norborne, and Mrs. John Eden of the Stet country. (The 1960 Post Office directory lists a 4th class Post Office in Carroll County by the name of Stet, by 1970 it was gone from the listing). She also leaves to survive her several grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends who sincerely mourn her passing.

Mrs. French has lived a true, consistent Christian life, doing good and administering to the wants of loved ones and friends. She was a member of the Methodist church in this city; and in her going to that better world, she will be missed, not only from her place in the church, but by all her friends and all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at one o'clock conducted by her friend and pastor, Rev. W. B. Condes, after which burial was in Fairhaven cemetery by the side of her husband.

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A photocopy of the original of this obituary is in the possession of Ruth N. Duffy. The original paper is on file with the Missouri State Historical Society, Columbia, Missouri.

Some interesting things that have come to light from this obituary are: John P. French was born Oct. 8, 1836 and Sabra J. Collier was born Oct. 1, 1836, both in Greene County, Tennessee. Sabra J's tombstone in Fairhaven cemetery, Norborne, Missouri shows her date of death as Jan. 7, 1917. The masthead of the Norborne Leader (the paper that published the obituary) is dated January 11, 1916!! There is a land transaction on file in the court house in Carrollton, Missouri dated February 26, 1917, and signed by her. (Book #213, page 492).

(All of the above was taken from the French Family Record, 1982-3, compiled by Ruth French Duffy and Phillip A. Duffy.)

Another spelling of Collier is Colyar.

The date of death on her tombstone, Jan 7, 1917, is incorrect.

John Peter French II and Sabra Jane Colyer had the following children:

- i. JAMES GENTRY<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born on 31 Aug 1855 in Greeneville, TN. He died on 03 Apr 1939 in Central City, NE. He married (1) MARGRET AMANDA BURGNER on 24 Oct 1878 in Greene Co., TN, daughter of Daniel Forney Burgner and Camola Terring Snapp. She was born on 02 Oct 1858 in Greeneville, Greene Co., TN. She died on 13 Feb 1897 in Watson, MO. He married (2) LOUISA JANE MCCOLLUM on 01 Aug 1898 in Missouri, daughter of Enos Francis McCollum and Anna Vinzant. She was born on 02 Dec 1861 in Hoosier, IN. She died on 04 Jun 1909 in Panama, Lancaster Co., NE. He married (3) SADIE NANCY SHIVELY on 28 Jun 1911 in Central City, NE, daughter of Henry Shively and Virginia Adaline Richards. She was born on 29 Jan 1884 in Central City, NE. She died on 01 Nov 1957 in Omaha, NE.

Notes for James Gentry French:

James Gentry French, known as Gentry, had three wives and 20 children with dates of birth that span 48 years, 1879 to 1927. He spent his later life in Central City,

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Nebraska, where his third wife Sadie was born and where they were married. He remained there until his death.

- ii. JEFFERSON D. FRENCH was born in 1861.
- iii. FERDINAND T. FRENCH was born in 1864. He died on 10 May 1930.
- iv. GEORGE A. FRENCH SR was born in 1866. He died in Oct 1944 in San Diego, CA. He married JOSEPHINE BROYLES. She was born before 1890. She died after 1959.

Notes for George A. French Sr:  
See notes for John Peter French II.

In 1937 George lived at 401 Olive St, San Diego, CA, where he and Josie managed an apartment building (44 units) called Kier Manor. The building is still there (July, 2000), starting to show its age, and is now Martin Apartments. Thanks to Lu Etta Barnes, we have a number of letters from him to her and her mother (Gentry's third wife Sadie), and to Gentry, written in the late 30s and early 40s. Another address on one of his letters is 1205 12th St, San Diego, but whatever was at that address is now gone.

Donald L. French, Jr, in a letter to Beverly Chickering around 1980, wrote:

"My grandfather [Henry Velmer French - mlf] told me about a George French who moved to Pleasant Hill during the Depression from San Diego, California. I do not know how this man might have known it, but he said that he was related to my grandfather. George French had been a prosperous building contractor-carpenter there and during the depression lost everything. George French married a girl from the Pleasant Hill Community whose last name was Broyles. They had 2 children, G. A. and a daughter, whose name my grandfather does not know. You may have some information about this George French from San Diego."

Since our George was the first cousin of Henry Velmer's father, Thomas Newton French (1859-1932), it is likely that Donald's George is the same man. Our George had a son George A. Jr, and a daughter Mildred (and two more sons besides). We can add that George's wife's first name was Josephine, so we will assume that her name was Josephine Broyles, based on the above.

- v. VICTORIA ALICE FRENCH was born on 24 Dec 1867 in Franklin Co., MO. She died on 24 Jun 1954 in Sharpe Rest Home, Excelsior Springs, MO. She married THOMAS W. JONES in 1888 in Carroll Co., MO. He was born about 1865. He died before 1954.

Notes for Victoria Alice French:

According to Victoria's brother George A. French Sr, writing in 1937 to brother Gentry, "she was very fleshy big, and fat" when he last saw her May 11, 1934. He expected he had seen her for the last time, but she lived another 20 years.

Her obituary states that she was survived by three of her four daughters: Mrs. Lucy Showalter of Las Vegas, NV; Mrs. Mary Phillips of Farmington, NM; and Mrs. Bernice Westhauser of Highmore, ND. Also by nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews."

It also says that Victoria's last year was spent in the Sharpe Rest Home, where "she was visited by her many Norborne friends," and "She enjoyed life and always greeted her friends with a smile."

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- vi. OLIVER T. FRENCH was born on 05 Feb 1871 in Franklin Co., MO. He died on 15 Oct 1951 in New Madrid Co., MO.

Notes for Oliver T. French:

George A. French Sr, wrote to Gentry French in 1937:

"Brother Oliver was the last time ever heard from at Lilburn, Missouri, down in the south-east corner of the state. Don't know if he is there or not, he is a ROVER, never stays anywhere very long at a time, and never satisfied anywhere, I don't know how he is getting along in the world."

No doubt Oliver's full name was Oliver Temple French, his uncle's name.

A Missouri death certificate for an Oliver French is no doubt his. The year of birth agreed with what was known. The birth and death data shown here are from that death certificate. It says he never married, and had no address. The "informant" of the death was the Welfare Office. Cause of death unknown.

- vii. JOSEPHINE FRENCH was born in 1872. She died on 23 Apr 1933. She married JOHN EDEN.
- viii. HENRY S. FRENCH was born in 1875. He died before 1912.

Notes for Henry S. French:

Since Henry wasn't mentioned in his father's 1912 obituary along with all his other siblings, we can assume he had died prior to that.

- ix. WILLIAM LEWIS FRENCH was born on 09 Jan 1881 in Missouri. He died on 18 Aug 1954 in Missouri. He married MAUDE MARTIN on 31 Dec 1900 in Monnett, Barry Co., MO, daughter of John Martin and Miranda Blackburn. She was born on 02 Apr 1882 in Missouri. She died on 06 Oct 1952 in Missouri.

Notes for William Lewis French:

Brother George A. French Sr wrote to Gentry French in 1937:

"Our Baby Brother 56 years old last January the 9th, lives at Bethel, Kansas. Just six miles west of the Court House in Kansas City, Kansas. Billy is a good Man, and I think he is doing fine. He & His Son-in-Law are Partners in farming and Stock-raising, and have quite a bit of Money behind them, and that close to Kansas City. They will make it."

42. **HENRY C.<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (William Lewis<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1841 in Greene Co., TN. He died on 08 Aug 1864 in National Cemetery, Knoxville, TN. He married **SARAH H. SCOTT** on 24 Dec 1859 in Greene County, TN.

Notes for Henry C. French:

Listed on the Cocke County internet web page is a Civil War listing of Cocke County men. One of those listed is a Henry C. French, enlisted 26 Oct 1861 and a permanent desertion date of Nov 1861. However, "Forgotten Soldiers: 4th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment (USA) 1863 - 1865" by Eddie M. Nikazy, has the following entry:

"French, Henry C: sergeant, Company E; age: 23: enrolled at Greeneville, 19 Feb 1863, appointed sergeant, 26 May 1863: captured and paroled at McMinnville, 3 Oct 1863; sick in hospital at Knoxville, 11 May 1864; died in general hospital at Knoxville, 8 Aug 1864, cause not stated."

Henry may also have married Sarah A. Johnson, who had an 11-year old boy, Dover, and a 3-year old daughter, Mary, according to the 1870 census.

Henry C. French and Sarah H. Scott had the following child:

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- i. JAMES H.<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born between 1860-1864.
43. **ANDERSON GLASS<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (William Lewis<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1843 in Greeneville, Greene Co., TN. He died in 1920 in Fairland, OK. He married (1) **MARTHA JANE STANTON** on 11 Oct 1860 in Washington Country, TN, daughter of Unknown Stanton and Unknown Wife. She was born in 1841 in Greeneville, Greene Co., TN. She died in 1877 in Tennessee. He married (2) **BARBARA OAKLEY** on 24 Nov 1890 in Barry Co., MO.

Notes for Anderson Glass French:

Anderson had 17 children, nine by his first wife Jane and eight by his second wife Barbara.

From family writings by Hattie French Lazrath, Anderson's granddaughter::

Anderson joined the Union Army when the Civil War broke out. He was in the Army when my father, Robert Anderson [French] was born on August 14th, 1862. He was taken prisoner and spent many months in the Andersonville Prison in Georgia. When the war was over the prisoners were turned loose. I never knew if the government did not furnish transportation home for the soldiers or if Grandfather did not wait to find out. At any rate he walked from Georgia back to Tennessee.

[The Andersonville prison records do not include his name, but do include the name of Stephen French. Hattie's son Ralph says Hattie was wrong, Robert was never in Andersonville.]

Notes for Martha Jane Stanton:

Martha's name may have been Margaret, according to one record. According to her granddaughter Hattie French Lanzrath, she went by her middle name, Jane.

She and Anderson had five boys and four girls. The three boys and one girl who are unnamed here died in infancy.

Anderson Glass French and Martha Jane Stanton had the following children:

- i. **ROBERT ANDERSON<sup>7</sup> FRENCH** was born on 14 Aug 1862 in Greeneville, Greene County, TN. He died in Dec 1918 in Frankfort, S. D.. He married **ETTIE CLEMENTINE LAMB** on 11 Jan 1893 in Vinita, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, daughter of John Wesley Lamb and Isabel Jane Kepley. She was born on 26 Aug 1876 in Springfield, MO. She died in Apr 1950.
- ii. **OLIVER FRENCH** was born before 1867 in Greene County, TN. He died in 1885.
- iii. **SARAH FRENCH** was born in 1867 in Greene County, TN. She died about 1936 in Carrollton, MO. She married **UNKNOWN PITTS**. He died about 1916.
- iv. **KITTY FRENCH** was born after 1867. She married **UNKNOWN CARTMILL**.
- v. **MARTHA TENNESSEE FRENCH** was born after 1867. She married **JAMES MILLER**.

Notes for Barbara Oakley:

According to a letter from nephew George A. French Sr to his brother Gentry French in 1937, Anderson had a second wife by whom he had five children, three boys and two girls, in Oklahoma. "They were all good children and good Christians too."

Actually this marriage produced eight children, but three died in infancy, according to granddaughter Hattie French Lanzruth.

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Anderson Glass French and Barbara Oakley had the following children:

- vi. ABRAHAM LINCOLN FRENCH was born about 1893. He died in 1973. He married EDNA UNKNOWN.

Notes for Abraham Lincoln French:

Hattie French Lanzrath states that "Uncle Abe" was small like his mother. He was a good worker, seldom idle. He became a carpenter, skillful enough to be considered a cabinetmaker.

- vii. JOHN A. LOGAN FRENCH. He died after 1973. He married ROSE UNKNOWN.

Notes for John A. Logan French:

John lived in Fairland, OK, after retirement.

- viii. BENJAMIN HARRISON FRENCH. He married TOLLIE UNKNOWN.

- ix. NANCY FRENCH.

- x. MARY FRENCH.

- xi. JANE FRENCH. She married ELMER RIDENOUR in 1922.

- 44. **OLIVER TEMPLE<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (William Lewis<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup> I, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 07 Jul 1846 in Horse Creek, Greene Co., TN. He died on 14 Nov 1920. He married (1) **SUSANNAH CATHERINE NELSON** on 01 May 1881 in Greene County, TN by J. P. Milburn. She was born on 21 Oct 1850. She died on 28 Aug 1889. He married (2) **SARAH JANE BROYLES** on 08 Nov 1868 in Greene County, TN by Rev. Moses Seaton, daughter of George Jones Broyles and G. E. Unknown. She was born on 06 Nov 1847. She died on 08 Nov 1873. He married (3) **KATE GLASS** on 10 Sep 1890 in Greene Co., TN by Rev. J. D. Droke. She died on 14 Jan 1891 in Arlington, IN. He married (4) **REBECCA KELLAR** on 05 Mar 1891 in Greeneville, TN by Rev. R. T. McDowell. She was born in Feb 1850.

Notes for Oliver Temple French:

Oliver built a house that is still (1983) standing in Greeneville, TN. He was a local "squire" (Justice of the Peace) and a rural postman. He apparently was named for Oliver Temple, a well-know politician of the time. He is listed as a "Register" (a Greene Co. office) in 1886.

Marriage records for Greene County, TN show that an O. T. French registered a marriage bond with Julia A. Bird on 3 Aug 1867. We are supposing that this O. T. is our Oliver Temple. Since the marriage date is not included with the entry, which names W. B. French, no doubt Oliver's nephew, it seems that a marriage never took place. Also, he does not list Julia as one of his wives on a form he sent to the Bureau of Pensions in 1915.

He married Sarah J. Broyles little more than a year later, and the reason for Julia's dropout is unknown.

The other marriages are verified by him on the Bureau of Pensions form, even though the short interval (less than two months!) between the death of Kate and his marriage to Rebecca seems rather unusual. On that form he claims to have served in Co."E" 4th Tenn. Vols. Infantry. This is verified by the following entry in "Forgotten Soldiers: 4th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment (USA) 1863 - 1865" by Eddie M. Nikazy:

"French, Oliver T.: private, Company G, age 20, enrolled at Greeneville, 18 Dec 1862; sick in hospital, Jun 1863, captured and paroled at McMinnville 3 Oct 1863, absent on parole until Mar 1864, discharged, 2 Aug 1865."

Notice that Oliver and brother Henry C. were captured and paroled on the same date at McMinnville, where Henry may have been visiting his sick brother in the hospital.

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Oliver Temple French and Susannah Catherine Nelson had the following children:

- i. BESSIE A.<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born on 05 Feb 1882. She died after Jan 1915.
- ii. ROSA BLAINE FRENCH was born on 31 May 1884. She died on Unknown date.

Notes for Rosa Blaine French:

Apparently Rosa's nickname was Roxie, as that is how her name is shown on a document sent to the Bureau of Pensions by her father in 1915.

- iii. JOHN TEMPLE FRENCH was born on 24 Dec 1886. He died on 26 Feb 1887.
- iv. RUBY JANE FRENCH was born on 19 Sep 1888 in Greenville, Greene Co., TN. She died after Jan 1915.

Notes for Sarah Jane Broyles:

She was the daughter of G. J. and G. E. Broyles, according to FFA -quoted cemetery record. John K. Broyles Sr has different dates for her birth and death. Those shown are from the cemetery record.

Oliver Temple French and Sarah Jane Broyles had the following children:

- v. EMILY VICTORIA FRENCH was born on 06 Apr 1870. She died in 1955. She married F. WORLEY FOX in Sep 1898.

Notes for Emily Victoria French:

Emily went by her nickname "Vic," from her middle name, Victoria. Donald Lee French Jr letter of about 1979 states that Victoria Fox French had 4 children living in 1979, Allie, Carson, Walter, and Ruby. She has a cousin Victoria Alice French, daughter of John Peter French II, born 1867, which may account for her middle name.

- vi. SARAH EDNA FRENCH was born on 11 Feb 1873. She died on 18 Jun 1874.

Notes for Rebecca Kellar:

In Hazel Cemetery, Bell Buckle, Bedford Co., TN is a gravestone: O. T. French, Jr 1892-1940. It seems likely that this was a child of Oliver and Rebecca, so we are showing that in the record. Also in the same cemetery is a Daisy French, 1883-1940, who we assume was his wife even though she was about nine years older. Admittedly this is all guesswork.

Oliver Temple French and Rebecca Kellar had the following child:

- vii. OLIVER TEMPLE FRENCH JR was born in 1892. He died in 1940. He married DAISY UNKNOWN. She was born in 1883. She died in 1940.

45. **JOEL E<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (William J<sup>5</sup>, John PETER<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 Apr 1842 in South Carolina. He died on 10 Oct 1912. He married **MARY FRANCES BYARS** on 06 Jan 1868 in Pickens Co., AL. She was born on 16 Sep 1833 in Alabama. She died on 22 Jan 1907 in Gordo, Pickens Co., AL.

Joel E French and Mary Frances Byars had the following child:

- i. JAMES WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> FRENCH was born on 23 Nov 1868 in Alabama. He died on 01 Jul 1955 in Alabama.

46. **WILLIAM ARNOLD<sup>6</sup> FRENCH** (George<sup>5</sup>, John PETER<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup> Sr, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1829 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. He died in 1903 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS. He married **ELIZA ANN MCGEE** before 1871 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS. She was born in 1839 in Greenville, Greenville Co., SC. She died in 1912 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS.

Notes for William Arnold French:

William was a doctor.

William Arnold French and Eliza Ann McGee had the following child:

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- i. ARNOLD<sup>7</sup> FRENCH SR was born in 1871 in Tate Co., MS. He died in 1960 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS. He married LORA ESTELLE LIGON. She was born in 1874 in Tate Co., MS. She died in 1955 in Senatobia, Tate Co., MS.