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From The Editor

The past three months has seen more and more people getting involved in tracing the Summitt Family history. This issue provides us our first look at the writing of James Bruce Summitt. Bill Adams and John Allen Summitt provide us a look at one of the big annual events that take place in Indiana. Glen Summitt tells about a little known John Summitt and the Spanish Alarm. Finally, Paul C.

Summitt continues his discussion of the Kentucky Summitt(s). That's not really all there is in this issue, though. How about information about Robert Francis Summitt? R. F. Summitt was the half-brother of Chester Alba Summitt (my grandfather) and son of James Lee Summitt. We've got a picture and some basic information for the family history files.

And speaking of pictures? We've got lots of pictures this issue. James B. and Paul C. Summitt made sure that we had plenty of pictures to

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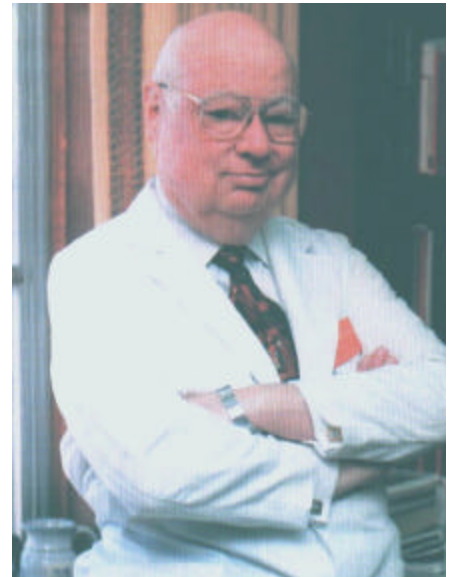
THE MARK OF A MAN -- ROBERT (BOB) LAYMAN SUMMITT

By

His Brother, James Bruce Summitt

The Man and His Family

Over two centuries ago, the contribution of Robert Layman Summitt to this country was set in motion upon the settlement around 1770 of a German Lutheran immigrant named Johannes Frantz Sammet (Francis Summitt) (1741-1818) in the rich soil of North Carolina West of the Catawba River in current Lincoln County. [See "Preliminary Comment on Francis Summitt &



Robert Layman Summitt

Family", Summitt Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 1, Issue 4, Winter 1996.] His Tennessee roots were set early with the migration of the youngest son of this Francis Summitt, Daniel Summitt (1795-1838), to Greene County around 1817 with his wife, Sarah Moser Summitt, and eldest son Jacob Eusebius. [See "Comment on Daniel Summitt", Summitt Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 2, Issue 1, Spring 1996.] Daniel and Sarah Moser Summitt stayed in East Tennessee rearing a large family, ultimately settling in Monroe County after extended sojourns in Greene and Jefferson counties. [See "Research in Greene and Jefferson Counties, Tennessee", The Summitt Family Quarterly, Vol. 3, Issue 2, Summer 1997.] Jacob Eusebius (1815-1893), a Lutheran leader and prominent citizen of Monroe County for many years, and his second wife, Sarah Boyd (1822-1891) were Bob's great grandparents. It is from these deep East Tennessee roots and strong religious traditions that Bob's grandfather and father bridged the gap to set the stage for Bob's life of service and contributions.

Bob's paternal grandparents were Eusebius' son, James Hancher Summitt (b. May 15, 1859, Monroe Co. TN; d. May 12, 1934, LaFollette, TN), and Laura Melvina Wolford Summitt (b. Jul 15, 1866, Sullivan Co. TN; d. Apr 24, 1930, LaFollette, TN). They were married Dec 25, 1890. James Hancher received his BA degree from Hiwassee College in 1880. He taught at Hiwassee then in public high schools in several Virginia and Tennes-

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KENTUCKY SUMMITTS--THE SECOND GENERATION

By Paul C. Summitt

In the April 1998 issue of the *Summitt Family Quarterly*, the early pioneer Summitts who settled in Kentucky were reviewed. This second installment will deal with the second generation. Much research still needs to be done on Kentucky Summitts through the Civil War period. Hopefully, this often fragmented document can be useful as a foundation upon which to build. In the final analysis, the main early family of the Kentucky Summitts was Nicholas County's **George Summitt**, his wife **Rosannah Graham Summitt**, and their eight children, **Jacob, James, Elijah, John, Christina, Malinda, Charlotte, and Cynthia**. There are other Summitts in other counties, however, that should be considered a part of the overall puzzle. The author repeats his reliance on a number of persons for information on the Kentucky Summitt line, including Donna Summitt, wife of William Harrison Summitt Sr., of Ash Flat Arkansas and Myron and Mary Elizabeth Robbins of Sheridan, Indiana. This author would like to hear from anyone with information on the Kentucky Summitt line.

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Note: The author has attempted to accurately reflect names, ages, and other information exactly as

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go with the Robert Layman Summitt article. Speaking of pictures, we've included more in this issue than I think we ever have before. Somebody correct me if I'm wrong.

More pictures, more pages, more words all mean one thing. As a result of the rising price of postage, rising costs of paper, ink cartridges, and photocopies, we're going to have to raise the cost of the newsletter. Starting October 1, 1998 the basic one year subscription cost will raise to \$15.00 per year. The cost of individual back issues will raise to \$5.00 per issue. This will not affect any subscriptions or back issues ordered prior to that date. We haven't raised the cost of the newsletter since the second year. It has become necessary again to continue to print the number of pages we feel the newsletter needs each issue. We hope you understand.

Later

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Chester Moody Summitt holding Paul Moody Summitt in mid-1954. Photo taken in Kingsville, Texas.

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presented in the various source materials, so variations often occur. Usually, it is impossible to resolve conflicts that occur. In addition, errors may occur simply from transcribing information, particularly from sources in old hand-written documents.

I. George and Rosannah Summitt's Children and Grandchildren

A. Jacob Summitt

Jacob Summitt, one of the three sons of **George** and **Rosannah Summitt**, was born, raised, and lived all of his life on the land in Nicholas County west of the town of Carlisle. **Jacob Summitt** was born December 23, 1790 in Nicholas County, Ky. Myron Robbins, in his Summitt family history, indicates that **Jacob** and **John** were twins. This author has no information on this. Jacob married **Minerva Story** in Bourbon County, Kentucky on October 24, 1819. Mr. Robbin's history notes that **Jacob**

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James Hancher Summitt (b. May 15, 1859, Monroe Co. TN; d. May 12, 1934, LaFollette, TN)



James Hancher Summitt and Family

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see towns, including Jacksboro, Tennessee. He was also a Lutheran minister, then a Methodist minister, and served churches in LaFollette, Tennessee and elsewhere. He was known as Professor Summitt, and even his wife called him "Professor". They had eight children, Charles Summitt (who died at age 17), John Widener Summitt, James Boyd Summitt, Ethel Eusebia Summitt Agee, Ann Elizabeth Summitt Carden, Mary LouEmma Summitt Dickson, Robert Luther Summitt, and Virginia Richmond Summitt (who died at age 2).

His maternal grandparents were Robert Bruce Layman (b. Jul 19, 1872, Sevier County, TN; d. Sep 26, 1936, Knoxville, TN) and Margaret Virginia Pitner Layman (b. Dec 6, 1876, Seymour, TN; d. Mar 26, 1972, LaFollette, TN). Robert Bruce Layman was a prominent physician in Knoxville, Tennessee. They had three other children, Edith Belle Layman Kelsay, Dr. Robert Pitner Layman, and Margaret Lee Layman (who died at age 10).

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Laura Melvina Wolford Summitt (b. Jul 15, 1866, Sullivan Co. TN; d. Apr 24, 1930, LaFollette, TN).

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Summitt was buried in a cemetery on the Summitt place and listed him as born December 23, 1790 and died September 26, 1871 at age 81 years 8 months and 3 days. **Jacob's** wife **Minerva** was also buried in the cemetery and listed as born November 28, 1804 and died June 1833. This author does not have any record of **Jacob** remarrying following the early death of **Minerva**.

The 1820 Nicholas County Census lists **Jacob** as a male head of household 26 to under 45 years of age, along with his wife as a female 16 to under 26 years old. **Jacob** is also listed in the 1830 census, but the author has not looked at the specific entry. He probably is also listed in the 1840 census, but the author has not even checked the census index for 1840. In the 1850 census, **Jacob** is listed as a male age 60 born in Kentucky, with children **Berthina** age 25 and **Solomon** age 20. It is obvious that **Jacob** could have had a number of children besides the two listed in the 1850 census born before his wife's death in 1833. Further research needs to be done.

In the 1860 census, **Jacob**, a farmer age 70, has in his household **William Clayton** age 36, **Elizabeth** age 33, **George** age 7, **Edy F.** female age 5, **John L.** age 2 and two other children **Sarah Murphy** age 15 and **Wm. W. Murphy** age 13. An **Elizabeth Summitt** married **William Clayton** on April 8, 1850 in Nicholas County. **Elizabeth** is probably **Jacob's** daughter listed below.

In the 1870 census, **Jacob** is listed as a farmer age 80 with land holdings worth \$4000 and personal property worth \$600, in the household of **Jeremiah Lawson**, a tailor age 61 born in Kentucky, and his wife **Berthena** age 46. As noted below, **Jacob's** daughter **Berthina** was married to **Jeremiah Lawson**. This family is probably living with **Jacob** on his farm.

The Summitt cemetery containing **Jacob's** family also has buried in it **Samuel Snapp** born March 6, 1787 and died February 29, 1880 and his wife **Susannah (Trigg) Snapp**, born 1789 and died May 30, 1869. The Snapps were married on June 12, 1808. It will be remembered from the first installment that the Snapps resided on the farm next to the Summitts and obviously were close friends--and perhaps related by marriage.

Jacob's Children:

1. Beartheina Summitt

Baertheina is listed in the 1850 Nicholas County census as age 25 born in Kentucky, so she was born about 1825. She married **Jeremiah Lawson** May 6, 1851 in Nicholas County. No research has been done on the **Lawson** family, so not much else is known about **Berthina**. As noted above, **Barthena** and her husband were living in a household in 1870 with **Jacob Summitt**. This census indicates they had five Lawson children: **James N.** age 18, **Ann E.** age 15, **Emma** age 10, **Eugene** age 6, and **Jerame** age 4.

An interesting story told by Myron Robbins related to **Baertheina** (his spelling) is worth retelling. Myron and his then wife, Irene (the Kentucky Summitt connection) were visiting in Nicholas County in the mid-1990s. They met an 87 year old distant relative of Irene's named **Ella Jones** living alone. She apparently did not tell who her mother or father was. She did

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Obituary

Lewis Carman Frie

(From the Daily Dunklin Democrat, Kennett, Mo., Wed., April 22, 1998)

Lewis Carman Frie, 83, died Sunday, April 19, 1998, at Arkansas Methodist Hospital in Paragould, Arkansas. Graveside services were Tuesday, April 21, at Cardwell Cemetery with Royce Boling officiating. Mr. Frie was born October 24, 1914, to Eugene Carl and Mary Ellen Smith Frie in Cardwell. He was a farmer, employee of the U.S. Postal Service, and a member of the Antioch Church of Christ near Cardwell. Survivors include a son, Larry Frie and his wife, Marda, of St. Louis; a daughter Shirley Hill and her husband, Leonard, of Paragould, Arkansas; a former daughter-in-law, Bonnie Foster of Corning, Arkansas; a sister, Irma Cummins of Kennett; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife, Iva Francis Glasgow Frie, a son Ray Frie, a brother Norman Frie; three sisters, Hazel Reels, Hester Eubanks, and Jessie Archer; and a grandson Jeff Frie. Pall bearers were P. Michael Summitt, Paul M. Summitt, Keith Wright, Billy McCrellis, Steve Frie, and Leon Foster.

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The above photograph is of Iva and Carman Frie as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 26, 1981. The couple was married Sept. 26, 1931, at Leachville. Their three children at the time of the anniversary included Dr. Ray Frie and Shirley Summitt of Jonesboro, Arkansas and Larry Frie of St. Louis. At that point they had seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



This photo was taken in April 1954 at the hospital in Kingsville, Texas. Paul M. Summitt is the baby being held by his grandmother, Iva Francis Glasgow Frie. Behind her stand his uncle, Larry Don Frie, and grandfather, Lewis Carman Frie.

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Bob Summitt was born December 23, 1932 in Knoxville, Tennessee to Robert Luther Summitt (b. Sep 8, 1908, Jonesboro, TN; d. May 15, 1976, LaFollette, TN) and Mary Ruth Layman Summitt (b. Jun 9, 1905, Knoxville, TN; d. Aug 24, 1986, LaFollette, TN). His father was first employed as a surveyor, then as a coal mining equipment salesman; he then became a coal mining company executive and later owned his own mine. His mother, Ruth, was a high school teacher prior to her marriage. She taught at Jacksboro (Tennessee) High School at the same time James Hancher Summitt was teaching there, and Robert Luther Summitt and Mary Ruth Layman were introduced to each other by James Hancher Summitt. Robert Luther (also called Bob) Summitt and Ruth Layman were married October 31, 1931 in Knoxville, TN; James Hancher Summitt performed the ceremony. In addition to Bob (Robert Layman Summitt), they produced one other child, the author, James Bruce (Jim) Summitt (b. Nov 9, 1941, Knoxville, TN). Jim is a dentist who retired in 1989 from the U.S. Air Force and now teaches at the University of Texas Dental School in San Antonio, TX.

Bob attended grammar school in Knoxville, TN and high school at Tennessee Military Institute, Sweetwater, TN. He graduated from LaFollette High School, LaFollette, TN in 1949. He attended Davidson College, Davidson, NC and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, prior to entering medical school in 1951. The University of Tennessee College of Medicine (Memphis) awarded him his MD degree in 1955. At UT College of Medicine he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He completed a pediatrics residency and earned his MS degree in pediatrics at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, in 1962. He finished a postdoctoral fellowship in medical genetics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, in 1963.

Bob married Joyce Ann Sharp (b. Sep 3, 1933, Middlesboro, KY) on Dec 23, 1955 in LaFollette, TN. They have three children, Robert Layman Summitt, Jr. (b. Nov 13, 1957, Pensacola, FL), Susan Kelly Summitt Pridgeon (b. Jan 5 1961, Memphis, TN), and John Blair Summitt (b. Mar 19, 1962, Memphis, TN), known to family and friends as Rob, Kelly, and Blair respectively. Both sons are physicians. Rob is associate professor of ob-gyn at UT, Memphis and is married to Margaret Anne (Peggy) Zavada Summitt (b. Feb 23, 1954, Wilkes-Barre, PA), also an obstetrician. They have two children, Elizabeth Anna Summitt (b. Sep 15, 1988, Memphis, TN) and Olivia Grace Summitt (b. Jun 29, 1994, Memphis, TN). Blair is a resident in surgery at UT, Chattanooga. Kelly is married to a surgeon, Dr. William Langley (Skip) Pridgeon. They have two children, Katherine Ann Pridgeon (b. Dec 22, 1986, Norfolk, VA) and Jonathan Summitt Pridgeon (b. Oct 16, 1989, Memphis, TN), and they reside in Jackson, TN.

Son Rob is also known as an extremely dedicated and capable physician and teacher. He has gained a national reputation himself for his expertise in laparoscopic ob-gyn procedures and pelvic reconstructive surgery. He says of his father, "He is a workaholic, and I suppose I get that from him. There is no doubt that he has always been my primary role model." "He always moved forward, often against the flow, and he maintained a level head during hard times. He is an excellent physician who has always loved clinical medicine -- and his patients love him. When I used to go with Dad to the office, people were always coming up to us and thanking him for the work he did. I think in some ways, he was a little sorry to move into administration."

The Man and His Career

At the time of this writing, Robert Layman (Bob) Summitt has been the dean of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine for the past 17 years. Said Dr. William



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say that her mother had died when she was small and she had been raised by her grandmother **Barthena**, daughter of **Jacob Summitt**. She said **Barthena's** mother (**Jacob's** wife) had died when she was small and **Barthena** was raised by her grandmother **Rosannah Graham Summitt**, wife of **George Summitt**. As told to her by **Barthena**, **Ella Jones** related a story she said was handed down from generation to generation about the Summitt's coming to Kentucky and retold by Myron Robbins in his article "The Summitt Family Story" as follows:

The **Summitt** people were Scotch. Soon after the end of the Revolutionary War the **Summitt** family was living in Pennsylvania, it is thought Pittsburgh. **George** built a large flat-boat and floated down the Ohio River with his family and all of his possessions, including his livestock.

They floated as far as where Marysville, Kentucky now is. There they took the Licking River as far as they could go with the flat-boat. In this territory which is now called Blue Lick [there] was a salt spring where the buffalo came to get needed salt. Also Blue Lick was the location of one of the very last and one of the most vicious battles of the Revolutionary War. * * * From there they followed a buffalo trace, south on what is now National Road 68. From this they reached the land that **Christian Summitt** had obtained from the Government. There were others in the group, likely **George's** brother, **Christian** and others. Soon after reaching this new land in Kentucky, so soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, there were still many Indians around. Their hatred toward the white pioneers had been encouraged by the English during the war and the whites were in very dangerous territory and did not feel safe. They built a large solid fort for all to live in. This were called Summitt Station.

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Williford, president of the UT College of Medicine Alumni Council and quoted in Nancy Bailey's article "The Mark of a Man" for *University of Tennessee Medicine Magazine*, winter 1997, "UT Memphis and Summitt are synonymous". On June 12th, 1998, Bob Summitt entered a new era of his life, stepping down as dean; he continues to serve UT as professor of pediatrics and anatomy. Prior to his appointment as dean in 1981, he served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at UT for two years. His record of leadership and his dedication to excellence in medical education have had great impact on literally thousands of physicians and the untold numbers of patients they serve. During his tenure as dean, the College of Medicine established a national reputation. Based on a survey of medical school deans and

residency program directors, UT College of Medicine was ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best in the nation for educating primary care physicians. In addition, the college has consistently been ranked in the top 20 schools in the nation by the Association of American Medical Colleges for both the number and percentage of graduates entering primary care specialties. During his time as dean, funding for basic science and clinical research increased from \$11 million to nearly \$26 million annually. Gifts to the college grew from less than \$1 million to nearly \$5 million per year, and the college's endowment increased dramatically to \$68.4 million.

In addition to his tremendous contributions to medicine and medical education in Tennessee, Bob has served his profession through many national organizations. He

Obituary

C.A. Beasley

(From State Gazette, Tennessee, May 2, 1998)

C.A. Beasley, 73, of Friendship died Thursday at his residence. He was a farmer, a retired employee of Republic Builders Products of Dyersburg; a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, in which he was a prisoner of war, and a member of Miller's Chapel Church of Christ. Services will be at 2 P.M. today in the chapel of Friendship Funeral Home with Oscar Bruce officiating. Burial will be in Believern Cemetery in Friendship. He leaves his wife, Celeste Beasley of Friendship; two daughters, Debra Cox and Pam Beasley, both of Friendship; a son, Larry Beasley of Friendship; three sisters, Wavadean Moore of Halls, Marie King of Dyersburg, and Myrtice Grossklaus of Flint, MI; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Billy Rodgers, Chip Finley, Joe Peevyhouse, Ronnie McLaughlin, Bob Brock, and Charles Wyrick.

(Thank you to Moody Summit for sending this to us.)

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"Quarry Days Festival"

June 25th, 26th and 27th
By John Allen Summitt and
William P. Adams

The event was held in the Town of Stinesville, Monroe County, Indiana and was attended by John & Debra Summitt of Indianapolis and Bill & Vanessa Adams of Owensboro, KY.

Christian Summitt son of Johann Francis Summitt settled in what is now Stinesville with his large family about 1827. Many of the Summitt descendants still live in or around this area.

A guided tour of the Old Dutch Cemetery outside Stinesville was provided by Steve Summitt, a trusty of the Old Dutch Church and Cemetery. The Church grounds are adjacent what was previously Christian's farm. Christian and many of his descendants are buried there. Christian sold the land to the church where the church and cemetery are located. Photographs and many items related to the history of Stinesville were displayed at the Stinesville Methodist Church courtesy of the Monroe County Historical Society and Mary Jane Baldwin. Mary Jane Baldwin was born in Stinesville and is very active in the preservation of Stinesville and it's history.

We took advantage of our trip to Monroe County by visiting the new genealogy room in the remodeled Monroe County Museum in Bloomington, Indiana. One very interesting as-

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2. Elizabeth Summitt.

As stated earlier, in the 1860 census listings **Jacob**, a farmer age 70, had in his household **William Clayton** age 36, **Elizabeth** age 33, **George** age 7, **Edy F.** female age 5, **John L.** age 2 and two other children named **Sarah Murphy** age 15 and **Wm. W. Murphy** age 13. This would place **Elizabeth** as born about 1827. An **Elizabeth Summitt** married **William Clayton** on April 8, 1850 in Nicholas County. **Elizabeth** is probably **Jacob's** daughter. Myron Robbins noted that **Elizabeth Clayton** was buried in the old walled cemetery on the **Summitt** place where **Jacob** and **Minerva** were buried. Her tombstone shows she died on January 19, 1863 at age 36. There is a possibility that this **Elizabeth Clayton** was **Solomon Summitt's** wife (see below), but since they were living in Indiana in 1860, the probability is that this is **Elizabeth Summitt Clayton**.

It is speculation who **Sarah Murphy** age 15 and **Wm. W. Murphy** 13 were. A possible guess suggests that they might be children of **Elizabeth** from a prior marriage. Another guess may be that they were **Jacob's** grandchildren from another daughter. This author has not found a marriage between a **Summitt** woman and a **Murphy**.

In sum, **Elizabeth Summitt Clayton's** children appear to be **George** born about 1853, **Edy F.** female born about 1855, **John L.** born about 1858, possibly **Sarah Murphy** born about 1845, and **Wm. W. Murphy** born about 1847.

3. Solomon Summitt

Solomon is listed in the 1850 Nicholas County census in **Jacob Summitt's** household as a farmer, age 20, born in Kentucky. He married **Elizabeth Clayton** on May 19, 1851. The LDS International Genealogical Index (1994 ed.) lists a (?) **Summet**, female, born June 17, 1854 to **Solomon Summet**, mother **Elizabeth Clayton**, Nicholas County, Ky. This is probably **Laura** listed in the 1860 Indiana census for Decatur County as 6 years old. (see below).

Solomon Summitt and family appears to have moved to Decatur County, Indiana about 1856. The 1860 Decatur County census shows **Solomon Summitt** a 30 year old Carpenter born in Kentucky, with wife **Elizabeth** age 32 also born in Kentucky and children **Manerva** age 8, **Laura** age 6, **Sarah** age 4, **Alvin** age 2, and **Evangeline** age 10 months. The first two children were born in Kentucky, while the last three were born in Indiana.

This author has only one other note on **Solomon's** children. In one of the Family Tree Maker WFT family files, **Sarah Ella Summitt**, born January 18, 1856 in Decatur County, Indiana is listed as having married a **George Washington Hydrick** on January 10, 1878. They had three children: **Guy Ernest "Ern" Hydrick**; **Oliver Story "Ollie" Hydrick**, and **Orda I. "Audry" Hydrick**. The children were all born between 1879 and 1885 west of Memphis, Tennessee in Hydrick, Cherry Valley, Poinsett County, Arkansas. Sarah Ella Summitt died on August 30, 1886, probably at the **Hydrick** family home in Arkansas and is probably buried there.

Myron Robbins' story notes that the cemetery on the old Summitt place had a tombstone listed as **Elizabeth Clayton** died on January 19, 1863 at age 36. As noted previously, this author leans toward the conclusion that this is the grave of **Elizabeth Summitt Clayton** rather than **Solomon's** wife. Myron Robbins says that **Solomon S. Summitt**, sometime after the War Between The States, went to live the rest of his life in Illinois and Iowa and that he died in Iowa on January 26, 1899 at Carson City--noting that he has heard that some of his descendants still live there. This author has no information concerning these subsequent moves.

In sum, the children of **Solomon** and **Elizabeth Summitt** as noted in the 1860 census were: **Manerva** born about 1852; **Laura** born about 1854; **Sarah** born about 1856; **Alvin** born about 1858; and **Evangeline** born in late 1859 or early 1860. There may well have been other children.

B. John Summitt.

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has been an examiner and member of the American Board of Pediatrics since 1977 and was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Medical Genetics 1985-1989. He was a consultant to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and consultant to the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the AMA's Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Bob had another distinguished career which was parallel to his academic career. After he completed his medical internship in December 1956, he entered active duty with the U.S. Navy in January 1957 with rank of Lieutenant. He was designated a Naval Flight Surgeon in September of that same year. After one tour of duty in Pensacola, Florida, he left active duty in January 1959 and began his pediatrics residency at UT. He, however, remained in the Naval Reserve and progressed through the ranks, retiring October 1, 1992 in the rank of Rear Admiral, upper half (two stars). Among his major achievements while serving in the Naval Reserve: recruitment of hundreds of medical students for the Navy Scholarship Program, development of the PRIMUS Program which recruits academic physicians for the Naval Reserve, and a short tour of active duty during Desert Storm.

He has received numerous honors, among them being awarded the 1997 Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association, being named the 1996 Tennessee Pediatrician of the Year, and receiving the 1984 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the UT Medicine Alumni Association. He holds fellowships in the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Medical Genetics.

A Brotherly Observation

Growing up with Bob Summitt as my older brother was not easy when it came to scholastic achievement. He was and is a loving brother, but the pace he set in school was impossible for me to emulate. Fortunately our parents had a great understanding of the fact that there were differences in their kids. Bob was and is a great role model, for me as well as his children, and for many others. Our parents also were excellent examples for us to imitate, instilling in us a tremendous work ethic as well as great family values. They were very proud of Bob's achievements, as are the rest of our family.

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pect concerning the church is that the church originally had a second floor. This design was extremely unique for a log building of the time. The second floor was a balcony open to the pulpit but ran the length of the building. The pulpit was allegedly raised so that the preacher could see the nappers in the balcony. One of the most dramatic aspects of the area is the quiet, serene location of the church and cemetery.

John Summitt and the Spanish Alarm Glen Summitt

A Summitt that predates, in the colonies, both Jacob Sammet (*Buelah*, 1753) and Frantz Samant (*The Minerva*, 1763), and of course Johannes Frantz Sammet of 1760 Lincoln County, NC?

Yes, John Summitt . . . And this is the actual spelling . . . Not Sammet. John Summitt was involved in the "Spanish Alarm" along the North Carolina coast during the years 1747-48. Here we are looking at a Summitt involved in a colonial military action, who by colonial law had to be at least sixteen years old to participate. This would put his birth, at the minimum, somewhere in the vicinity of the year 1731. Ten years before Johannes Frantz Sammet was born in Germany! Jacob was more than likely born in Germany during the 1730's.

But who is this John Summitt with an already anglicized name in the 1740's? Is he another German immigrant who came over long before Jacob and Johannes Frantz? A

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George Summitt's will indicated that he had a living son named **John**. Nothing therein or the subsequent minor court entries related to the probate of the estate further identify this **John**. Myron Robbins, in his Summitt family history, noted that this **John** and **Jacob** were twins. If so, **John** would have been born in what was then Bourbon County on December 23, 1790.

The author believes **George's** son **John** went next door to Fleming County to live and farmed there all of his life.

Unfortunately, the author has not fully researched the issue and has not positively made such a connection. The information in hand indicates the following information:

A **John Summitt** lived in Fleming at least as early as 1814 and was listed in the 1830 Fleming County census. A **John R. Summitt** is listed in LDS records as a male born about 1793 and married to **Margaret Ricketts**. No parents are listed. LDS also lists as children of **John R. Summitt** and **Margaret Ricketts** the following: **George Summitt** born ca. 1814 (the eldest); **James G. Summitt** born ca. 1819; **Mary Summitt** born ca. 1822; **Francis M. Summitt** born May 29, 1823; **Elizabeth Summitt** born ca. 1824; **Minerva Summitt** born June 16, 1827; **Julliet Summitt** born June 11, 1830; **John R. Summitt Jr.** born ca. 1832; **Rosanna Summitt** born ca. 1832; and **Louisa Summitt** born ca. 1834. There are obvious overlapping names between this family and the George Summitt family in Nicholas County.

Further helpful information is furnished by **Margaret Summitt** in seeking a pension for **John Summitt's** service in the War of 1812, Captain David Gooding's Company, Kentucky Militia. **Margaret** filed her first claim on August 17, 1872 and indicated she was residing in Hillsborough, Fleming County, Kentucky. Information in the file shows that her maiden name was **Margaret Ricketts**. **Margaret** was about 80 years old at the time, making her birth date around 1792. She was married to **John Summitt** on March 17, 1814 by Benjamin Worthcott at her father's residence in Fleming County, Kentucky. She states that he was drafted in Captain David Gooding's Company, 16th Regiment in August 1814 and discharged on March 9, 1815. **John** died at their farm in Fleming County on July 6, 1844. **Margaret** never remarried. There were accompanying affidavits by a Louis P. Crain and **Francis Summitt**, Hillsboro, Fleming County, Kentucky. The author does not have the text of those affidavits. Another affiant stated that he knew the family as early as 1819; that **John Summitt** lived in Fleming County and died on the family farm where the widow continued in 1872 to live. This affiant noted that the couple had several children, the oldest of whom was **George Summitt**, who was about 58 years old at the time (1872).

The 1850 Fleming County census lists **Margarette Summitt** age 56 born in Pennsylvania. In the household with her are **Francis Summitt** age 27, **Mary** age 26, **Manerva** age 22, **Juliatt** age 19, **Rosanna** age 18, and **Elizabeth** age 16. All the children were born in Kentucky. Obviously, this is the **John Summitt-Margaret Ricketts** family.

The 1850 Fleming County census also lists a **George Summitt** age 33 and an **Eleanor Summitt** age 22, with a **William Summitt** age 1, in the household of a **Lewis Craine** age 68 and **Elizabeth Craine** age 60 and **Simon H. Craine**. This author would guess that Eleanor's maiden name was **Craine**, but no marriage record has been found. It is interesting to note that a **Louis P. Crain** executed an affidavit in support of **Margaret Summitt's** War of 1812 pension application in 1872.

The 1850 Fleming County census also lists a **James G. Summitt** age 31, with **Nancy J. Summitt** age 24--no Summitt children, but two members of the household named **Elander Porter** age 42 and **William Porter** age 20. Here again, it is possible that James' wife's maiden name was Porter.

This author has not researched Fleming County Summitts in the 1860 or 1870 censuses, except to note that **George** and **Francis Summitt** are listed in the index for that county for the 1870 census. Francis appears to have joined the Confederate Kentucky Mounted Rifles in the Civil War. Obviously, a further search of census records and local county material should reveal a substantial amount of additional information on this large **Summitt** family with long residence in Fleming County. Whether speculation can be replaced with proof of whether this **John Summitt** was the missing son of **George Summitt** in Nicholas County probably will depend on location of the full estate file for **George's** estate.

C. James Summitt.

A **James Summitt** is listed in the 1820 Nicholas County census as a 26 to under 45 year old head of household, with one female under 10 and 1 female over 45. His age makes sense but his wife's does not.

James Summitt is listed in the 1850 Nicholas County census as a 58 year old farmer born in Kentucky. His wife is listed as **Maria Summitt** age 54, also born in Kentucky. We know from county records that **James Summitt** married **Mariah Barnett** on October 18, 1818 in Nicholas County. Based on the census record, he was born about 1792 and she was born about 1796. Three children are listed--**Sarah Jane** age 27, **William** age 21, and **James** age 14.

James is listed in the 1860 Nicholas County census as a 67 year old farmer born in Kentucky, with wife **Mariah** age 64 and **Sarah Jane** age 39. James is noted again in the 1870 Nicholas County census as a 74 year-old farmer born in Kentucky living in Carlisle with his wife, **Mariah** age 70, and their daughter **Sarah J.** age 48. James is listed as owning \$400 worth of land and \$200 worth of personal property.

In sum, the known children of **James** and **Mariah Barnett Summitt** were **Sarah Jane**, **William**, and **James**. There were probably other children that left home or died before the 1850 census, for example, the female under 10 years old noted in the

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1820 census.

Known children of **James** and **Mariah Barnett Summitt**: **Sarah Jane** born about 1823; **William** born about 1829, and **James** born about 1836. There probably were other children of **James Summitt** that we are unable to identify by census records--for example, the female under 10 years old in 1820.

Children of **James** and **Mariah Summitt**:

Sarah Jane Summitt

Sarah Jane born about 1821-1823. This author has no other information about her. She is still living with her parents in 1860 and 1870. The 1870 census appears to indicate she was a seamstress. We know she was still alive in 1881, since, as noted below, her brother **William** sold her his interest in the Summitt Station tract in that year. This author has no other information on her.

William Summitt

William, the individual now known to have been **William Harrison Summitt**, apparently moved to Indiana in the early 1850s. The 1860 Ripley County census shows **William Summitt** as a 32 year old farmer born in Kentucky, with his wife **Isabella** age 32 born in Ohio, and children **James** age 7, **Ann M.** age 5, **William** age 4, **Jacob** age 3, and **Elijah** age 1. All of the children were born in Indiana, though later records seem to indicate that **William Jr.** was born in Kentucky. This author believes the census is correct and that all the children were born in Indiana. Myron Robbins has noted that ultimately there were ten children in the family and that **William Harrison Senior** sold his share of the Summitt Station tract which was one-half of thirty-four acres to his sister **Sarah Jane** for \$50 in 1881. A check of the 1870 and 1880 census records would probably fill in those gaps.

As noted in the credits at the beginning of this article, descendants of this first William Harrison Summitt currently live in Arkansas.

James Summitt

James appears to be the **James B. Summitt** listed in the 1860 Nicholas County census as age 25 married to **Lucretia** age 26 and children **Elizabeth** age 2 and **unnamed infant** age 3/12 months. This would correspond with an entry in the LDS International Genealogical Index (1994 ed.) stating that **Elizabeth Isabella Summitt** was born October 3, 1858 in Nicholas County to **James B. Summitt** and **Lucretia Bowen** (no spouse for Elizabeth listed). This appears to be the **James Summitt** from Nicholas county that served in the Civil War as a private in Company D of the 26th Regiment of the Kentucky Volunteers. Review of subsequent census records should provide further information on this family.

D. Elijah Summitt.

Elijah married **Nancy Johnson** on September 21, 1825. Scott's papers giving Bourbon and Nicholas County, Kentucky tombstone inscriptions: **Elijah Summitt** born November 6, 1795 and died January 27, 1864. His wife **Nancy Johnson Summitt** 1806-1872. Others listed are: **Oscar Summitt, son of Elijah and Nancy Summitt**, born February 18, 1830 and died 1851; **Aby Louisa**, daughter of **Elijah** and **Nancy Summitt**, 1834-1873; **Mary Hammon, daughter of Elijah and Nancy Summitt**, 1838-1852; and **Jonathan Summitt (son of Elijah and Nancy Summitt)** 1834-1857.

The book, William Henry Perrin's book, "*History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky*", has a short piece on the family of **Nancy Johnson**. He notes that **Jonathan Johnson** was a native of Pennsylvania born in May 1780 and was brought by his parents to "Irish Station" when he was eight years old. His father, **Laban**, was the earliest settler in the area. **Jonathan** married **Rachael Dills**. They had five children. One of those children was **Nancy Johnson** who married **Elijah Summitt**. The book notes that **Elijah** and **Nancy Johnson Summitt** had eight children (does not name them), so it would appear that the lists below identifies all eight children. **Elijah Summitt** and **Nancy Johnson** are noted in Family Tree Maker WFT Vol. 5, #0875 which provides a somewhat fragmented view of the ancestors of **Nancy Johnson**, but provides no new information on the **Elijah Summitt** family itself beyond indicating that **Nancy** was born November 25, 1806.

In the 1850 Nicholas County census, **Elijah** is listed as a 54 year old farmer born in Kentucky, wife **Nancy Summitt** age 44, **Rachel** age 22, **Oscar E.** age 20, **Abi L.** age 17, **Jonathan G.** age 15, **Mary H.** age 12, **Sarah M.** age 10, and **Lucilla S.** age 6. All were born in Kentucky. **Elizabeth Jane** had married before the 1850 census and, therefore, is not listed.

In the 1860 Nicholas County census, **Elijah** is listed as a 65 year old farmer born in Kentucky, with wife **Nancy** age 54 and **Aby L.** age 28, **Sarah M.** age 20 and **Lucilla S.** age 16.

Nancy Summitt, Elijah's wife, is listed at age 60 as a head of household in the 1870 Nicholas County census, with daughters **Abetha (Abi)** age 35 and **Sarah** age 28. Also listed in the household were newly weds **Edgar Thomason** age 28 and **Elijah's** daughter **Lousella (Lucilla Snow) Thomason** age 27. **Nancy** is shown to have land valued at \$8000 and personal property valued at \$1200. By 1870 standards, **Nancy** would have been considered wealthy. but this author has not reviewed the actual

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census entry. As noted above, she died in 1872.

Family Tree Maker WFT Vol. 3, #5397, lists the following information about **Elijah Summitt** and his family purported to be taken from a family bible (this information may vary slight from other sources but apparently comes from a reliable source):

Elijah Summitt

born November 8, 1795

married September 20, 1825

died: January 27, 1866;

Nancy Johnson, Elijah's wife

born November 25, 1806

died December 8, 1872

Children:

Elizabeth Jane, probably the eldest child, no birth or death dates given; married to a James Rollins [AUTHOR'S NOTE:

There is a record of an **Elizabeth Summitt** married to a **James M. Rawlings** March 12, 1846 in Nicholas County];

Rachael Ann, born January 17, 1828 and died July 1, 1850;

Oscar E., born February 18, 1830 and died April 12, 1851;

Abigail Louisa, born December 7, 1831 and died January 27, 1874;

Jonathan G., born June 22, 1834 and died February 24, 1857;

Mary H., born April 29, 1838 and died August 23, 1852;

Sarah Mason, born April 8, 1840 and died June 6, 1906;

Lucilla Snow, born July 27, 1843 and died October 1930.

This author has no further information on the children of **Elijah Summitt** other than **Lucilla Snow Summitt** [Family Tree Maker WFT Vol. 3, #5952]. This source indicates **Lucilla Snow** married **Edgar Preston Thomason** on May 10, 1870 in Nicholas County. The couple lived in nearby Millersburg, Bourbon County, Kentucky most of their lives. He died on January 10, 19826 and, as noted above, she died in October 1930. They had six children: **Arthur Eldon**; **Nannie**; **Everett**; **Lena**; **Betty**; and **Alice James**.

E. Charlotte Summitt.

Charlotte Summitt married **Michael West** February 22, 1826 in Nicholas County, Kentucky and **Charlotte Summitt West** married **John Wyatt** on July 3, 1834 in Nicholas County. Researcher Von Stauffenberg notes that **Michael West** died in 1834. This author has no information on this point.

Charlotte is the daughter that stayed at home with her mother, **Rosannah**, after **George Summitt** died. She immediately inherited 25 acres of land upon his death. Charlotte is listed in the 1850 Nicholas County census in the household of her mother, Rosanna G. Summitt. Rosanna is noted to have been 84 years old and born in Pennsylvania. Charlotte is listed as age 49 and born in Kentucky. Her daughter, Ann E. West age 22, is also living in the household. This author does not have any further information concerning Charlotte. Presumably, she continued to live at Summitt Station until her death and may be buried somewhere on the property.

It should be noted that two of **George's** daughters married **West's**--**Christina** and **Charlotte**. **Christina** was deceased in 1838 when **George** died and his unnamed four grandchildren by her were given \$300 to be divided equally between them. We do not know who they were. The will also left the proceeds of the sale of "my young black mare" to his named granddaughter **Ann Eliza West** "to be put out on interest by my Executor for her benefit until he shall be of opinion she stands in need of the same, or until she arrives at lawful age." It is quite clear from an affidavit executed at age 77 (and, therefore, about 1910) by Mrs. **E. P. Thomason** called "**Snow**" **Thomason**, daughter of **Elijah Summitt**, that **Ann Eliza** was the only child and daughter of **Charlotte West** and not one of the four heirs of **Tena Summitt West** (affidavit reproduced in part as attachment to Myron Brown's Summitt Family Story with the date). The affidavit as reproduced by Myron Brown is as follows:

The affiant, Mrs. **E. P. Thomason (Edgar (Ben) Thomason)** called **Snow Thomason**, says that she is a resident of Millersburg, Bourbon County, Kentucky, and is 77 years of age. That her father's name was **Elijah Summitt**, and that her grandfather's was **George Summitt**. That prior to her residence in Millersburg, Bourbon County, Ky. this affiant resided in Nicholas County, Kentucky.

That she knows the land left by the said **George Summitt** at his decease, located in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and that in her childhood, she knew **Charlotte West**. That at the time the said **Charlotte West**, she, said **Charlotte West**, was living with this affiant's grandmother, **Rosannah Summitt**, the widow of **George Summitt**, and the mother of the said **Charlotte West**, and on land owned by the said **George Summitt** at his decease. That at said time, **Ann E. Earlywine** lived with her mother, **Charlotte West**, and her grandmother, **Rosannah Summitt**. That the said **Ann E. Earlywine** was the only child and only daughter of said **Charlotte West**, and that the Affiant's information is the said **Ann E. Earlywine** is now dead.

Ann Eliza West married **John Earlywine** October 8, 1850 at about the age of twenty-two.

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F. Malinda Summitt

Malinda married **Andrew Ashbrook** March 5, 1820. Her husband was one of the surety bondsmen for **George Summitt's** estate. A brief fragmentary entry in Family Tree Maker WFT Vol. 8, #1802 (primarily focused on the Ashbrook family) notes the Andrew and Malinda Summitt Ashbrook family, including information that his parents were Thomas and Agnes Ashbrook, that her parents were George and Rosannah Graham Summitt, that she was born in Bourbon County about 1796, and that they had children named Elizabeth, Thomas, George, Andrew, Polly, and Susan. This author does not have any further information on this family.

G. Cynthia Summitt

Cynthia married **James Hook** October 25, 1821. This author does not have any further information on this family.

H. Christina Summitt

Christina married **John West** October 21, 1819 in Nicholas County. Her nickname was "**Tena**." She died before **George Summitt** in May 1838, leaving four children. This author does not have any further information on the four children. It would be great to find the estate file for **George's** estate to see the details.

II. Fleming County Kentucky Summitts

Regarding the **John Summitt** above discussed in the section relating to the children of **George** and **Rosannah Graham Summitt**. This author has dealt with him as a son of **George** and **Rosannah** based on the fact that a son named **John** was identified in **George's** will in 1838 and this **John** lived in Fleming County adjacent to Nicholas County, but no positive proof of such a relationship has been found. It should be noted that LDS records list a **Rebecca Summitt** born in Kentucky in 1787 and LDS and other records show her married to a **James Story** February 25, 1808 in Fleming County. One could speculate that **Rebecca** and **John** might be sister and brother. Since **Rebecca** is noted as born before the marriage of **George** and **Rosannah** in 1789, such a finding would suggest that this **John Summitt** was not the son of **George** and **Rosannah**. In fact, referring back to the Kentucky Summitt article in *The Summitt Family Quarterly* April 1998 issue, both **Rebecca** and this **John** could have been the children of the **John Summitt** married to **Margaret Snap** in 1885 in Lincoln County, Kentucky. A lot of ifs, perhaps, but worth keeping in mind as researchers re-plow this fertile ground.

III. Spencer County, Kentucky Summitts

A. John Summitt

In the 1830 census, the first **Summitt** to be located appear in Spencer County, Kentucky is a **John Summitt** listed in the 1830 census in 1830. This author has not reviewed the actual census entry for him or checked the 1840 census for this county.

In the 1860 Spencer County census, **John Summitt**, a 73 year-old farm laborer born in Kentucky, is listed in the household of **Thomas Helm**, a 35 year-old farmer, and wife **Emily Helm**. The Helm children are listed as **Rebecca** age 7, **John** age 5, **William** age 3, and **George** age 11 months.

Additional research should be done with respect to this **John Summitt**, as well as the other limited early references to a Kentucky **John Summitt**. As noted previously article, a **John Summitt** acquired land in Jefferson County, Kentucky in 1783 and a **John Summitt** married **Margaret Snap** in Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1785. Spencer County was carved out of the original Jefferson County. Also, as noted below, a **John Summitt** is noted in the 1820 Kentucky census index for Jessamine County. It is possible that this Spencer County 73 year-old **John Summitt** in 1860 was the son of the **John Summitt** that married **Margaret Snap**—all having ties to the early **Christian** and **George Summitt** and the **Snap** family in Nicholas County. To Summitts with a connection to **Francis Summitt** in North Carolina with the German name **Sammet**, it is interesting to note that the marriage between **John Summitt** and **Margaret Snap** is also listed on the Family Tree Maker Marriage disk #2 under the name "**Samet**".

B. William Summitt

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In the 1850 Spencer County census contains two entries for Summitts: (1) **William Summitt** is listed in the 1850 census as a 32 year- old laborer, with apparent wife named **Sarah** and children **James L.** age 6, **John W.** age 4, **George W.** age 2, and **William I.** age 3 months; (2) **Amanda Summitt** age 22 is listed as living in the household of **William H. Combs** age 22 and **Catharine Combs** age 23. An **Amanda Summitt** married **Uriah Cooms** November 13, 1850 in Spencer County. This author does not have any further information on **Amanda**.

In the 1860 Spencer County census, **John Summitt**, a 73 year old farm laborer born in Kentucky, is listed in the household of **Thomas Helm** a 35 year old farmer and wife **Emily Helm**. The Helm children are listed as **Rebecca** age 7, **John** age 5, **William** age 3, and **George** age 11 months. All were born in Kentucky.

Also in the 1860 Spencer County census, a **Rebecca Summitt** age 7 months is listed in the household of **James Ashby** age 24, with family members **Lucy Ashby** 28, **John Ashby** age 21, **Addison Ashby** age 19, **Edward Ashby** age 14, and **Zachary Ashby** age 10. This author has no explanation for the presence of this infant in this in the Ashby family.

William Summitt's household is mentioned again in the 1860 Spencer County census, except that something has apparently happened to his wife, **Sarah**. His wife is now 22 year old **Matilda**. Spencer County records show that **William** married **Matilda Summers** March 13, 1855. The family is clearly the same, with children **James** age 16, **John** age 13, **George** age 11, **William** age 9, and **Theodore** age 3. Theodore would be the first child with Matilda.

William's household is still intact by the time of the 1870 census. He is listed as a 53 year old farmer born in Kentucky. His wife is **Matilda** age 32. The Children are listed as **Theodore** age 14, **Rosina** age 11, **Hallie (or Sallie)** age 5, **Rosa (probably)** age 4, and **Mary Jane** age 2. The author notes that this census was difficult to read. The LDS International Genealogical Index (1994 ed.) lists a **Stilla A. Summitt** from Spencer County as a male born January 30, 1874 to **William L** and **Matilda Summers Summitt**. **Matilda** would be the mother of all of these children.

Family Tree Maker WFT Vol. 6, #2123, contains a brief and incomplete entry on the **William L. Summitt** family, noting that he was born in Kentucky, that he married **Matilda Louisa Summers** on March 11, 1855 in Spencer County, that she was born in Spencer County on August 16, 1837 and died on November 19, 1910 in Rush County, Indiana, that two of their children were **Theodore** and **Mary Jane**, that **Matilda** had a second husband named **L. P. Wilkinson** she married in Maysville, Kentucky in November 1881, and that her parents were **William** and **Jennie (Russell) Summers** married in Shelby County, Kentucky about 1834.

In an aside somewhat beyond the scope of this paper, apparently two of **William's** sons by his first wife, **James L.** and **John W.**, served in the Union Army in the Civil War, survived, and subsequently filed for war related pensions.

James' record indicates he was born in Spencer County near Mt. Eden on June 6, 1840, served as a private in Company B of the 15th Regiment of the Kentucky Volunteers and died in November 1923 survived by his wife, **Sarah Ellen**, with a 13 year-old boy possibly James' son.

John's pension record shows, among other things, that he was born in Spencer county on January 16, 1844 to **William** and **Sally Miller Summitt**. He served as a private in Company D of the 6th Regiment of the Kentucky Volunteers from 1861 to 1865 and married **Margaret Elizabeth Gilpin** on March 29, 1865 in Anderson County. They had eight children still living in 1898 named **James Henry** (born January 25, 1866), **Livana Ann** (born April 14, 1868), **Bettie** (born September 3, 1871), **George William** (born April 25, 1875), **Susie May** (born December 29, 1880), **Jonas L.** (born October 20, 1886), **Emma Lee** (Born November 4, 1888), and **John Tom** (born March 29, 1893). **John** died on February 16, 1912 in Jefferson County.

This author cannot account for the birth date discrepancies between the census and pension file records. Perhaps both were under age at the time of enlisting in the army and made up birth dates. It is anyone's guess. This author relies on the census tabulation below.

In sum, the Spencer County **William Summitt** family can be set forth as follows:

William L. Summitt

First wife: **Sarah Miller** (record of marriage unknown)

Children: **James L.** born about 1844

John W. born about 1846

George W. born about 1848

William I. born about 1850

Second wife: **Matilda Summers**, married March 3, 1855, Spencer Co.

Children: **Theodore** born about 1857

Rosina born about 1860

Hallie or Sallie born about 1865

Rosa born about 1866

Mary Jane born about 1868

Stilla A. (a male) born January 30, 1874

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C. Amanda Summitt

Amanda Summitt age 22 is listed in the 1850 Spencer County census as living in the household of William H. Combs age 22 and Catharine Combs age 23. An Amanda Summitt married Uriah Cooms November 13, 1850 in Spencer County. This author does not have any further information on Amanda.

D. Rebecca Summitt

In the 1860 Spencer County census, a Rebecca Summitt age 7 months is listed in the household of James Ashby age 24, with family members Lucy Ashby age 28, John Ashby age 21, Addison Ashby age 19, Edward Ashby age 14, and Zachary Ashby age 10. This author has no explanation for the presence of this infant in the Ashby family.

E. Marriage Records in Spencer County

Marriage records in the author's files for in Spencer County show:

Lucy W. Summitt married **Wilson H. Miller** December 8, 1845

Sarah Jane Summitt married **Henry Ingram** February 7, 1850

Amanda Summitt married **Uriah Cooms** November 13, 1850

William Summitt married **Matilda Summers** March 11, 1855

Lavina A. Summitt married **Jno. T. Russell** July 7, 1886

Wm. Summitt married **Margaret Warford** February 9, 1888

IV. Oldham & Jessamine County Summitts

The 1850 Oldham County census lists a **James Summitt**, a 25 year old farmer born in Kentucky, his wife listed as **Maria** age 22 and a daughter **Sarah E.** age 3 months. A **James Summitt** is recorded as marrying **Marea Clark** July 26, 1849 in Oldham County. The LDS Ancestral file lists a **James T. Summitt** born ca 1830 married to **Mariah Clark**. This individual appears to be the **James Summitt** with a Civil War Pension file under the name **James F. Summitt**. This individual is no doubt the **James F. Summitt** who joined the Union Army on November 18, 1861 at Atlanta, Illinois, as a 45 year-old private in Company C. of Birge's Regiment of Sharp Shooters (14th Regiment of Missouri Volunteers & 66th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers) and subsequently given a disability discharge. His pension file indicates that he was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, on October 9, 1817 and lived there until he was about thirty years old. The file shows he married **Mariah Clark** on July 26, 1849 in Oldham County Kentucky where they were still living at the time of the 1850 census. They subsequently moved to Atlanta, Logan Co., Illinois. The couple had five children: **Sarah E.**, **Eliza J.** (or **L.**), **George W.**, **Gilbert H.**, and **John C. James** died November 23, 1892 at Hillsdale, Iowa. The widow continued to draw a pension until her death in December 1899.

This author notes an 1820 census listing for Jessamine County of a John Sumit. A gain, more research is required.

V. Bourbon County Summitts

The 1850 census for Bourbon County, Kentucky, lists a **John Summitt**, age 27 born in Kentucky, in the household of a **Jesse M. Boulder**. This would place his birth date around 1823. This author does not know anything else about this **John Summitt**.

Conclusion

The article "Early Summitt Kentucky Families," published in the April 1998 issue of *The Summitt Family Quarterly*, and this article have been written to introduce readers to a part of the early American Summitt family line that parallels but has no known intersection with the Francis Summitt line of early Lincoln County, North Carolina. The North Carolina and Kentucky Summitts appear to be the only early settlers of this name that can be traced in this country from the 18th century into modern times. The author believes that the Kentucky line, already establish with respect to the North Carolina line, originated in this country as German Lutheran immigrants with the name Sammet and probably are connected by ties at a junction here or in Germany. Readers are encouraged to take the modest beginnings of these two articles and continue the fascinating journey to discover the unknown ancestors and descendants of, perhaps, your Summitt relatives.

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brother, a father, grandfather of Frantz or Jacob? Or possibly a Summitt of English origins? He is listed among the English volunteers and draftees . . . Not the Germans.

Just to give you a brief history of the "Spanish Alarm," the following material is paraphrased and quoted from Lefler and Powell's *Colonial North Carolina: A History*. England was at war with France from 1744 to 1748. In June 1747 Spanish privateers sailed into Beaufort, North Carolina and captured several of the ships they found in port. Just as quickly as they had appeared in the port, they vanished. Having met no opposition, the Spanish returned on August 26th and this time they landed. The county militia was called out and they remained on duty until the town was abandoned by the Spanish three days later. John Summitt is listed as a colonial volunteer in the county militia.

This information was found in "The State Records of North Carolina," published under the supervision of the Trustees of the Public Libraries, by order of the General Assembly. The information was collected and edited by Walter Clark, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, Vol. XXII.

No other information or documentation such as tax, land or other records have been found in regard to this specific John Summitt.

The Loudon, TN Annual Summitt Reunion

The reunion was held June 14th at the Lenoir City Park. The Editor and Publisher (Paul and Mary) had hoped to attend this year's reunion and bring you pictures of the affair. Due to Paul's schedule at the television station, we were unable to get away from Cardwell at the time we had hoped and were unable to attend. If someone who attended will send us a list of those who attended and pictures of the event we would like to include some of that information in the October issue of the newsletter. Also, any reunion involving Summitt(s) is welcome to provide us with information so that we can post it on the web site and include it in an issue of this newsletter. Please feel free to post such information to the website at <http://www.summittnewmedia.com/Summitt.htm>

The map to the right is a portion representing the area near Carlisle of Nicholas County, Kentucky where the Summitt Station Tract was located.





Robert Francis Summitt

Parents of Robert Francis Summitt

1. JAMES LEE⁵ SUMMITT (*JONATHAN⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, FRANCIS², JACOB¹*) was born October 01, 1840 in Monroe County, Tennessee, and died January 13, 1927 in Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri. He married (1) AMY HANNAH RAGAIN September 25, 1858 in Monroe Co., TN, daughter of NATHAN RAGAIN and NANCY HARTSELL. He married (2) LUCY FRANCES WHITE January 10, 1883 in Crocket Co., TN, daughter of PETER WHITE and MELINDA HALL.

Descendants of Robert Francis Summitt

Generation No. 1

1. ROBERT FRANCIS⁶ SUMMITT (*JAMES LEE⁵, JONATHAN⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, FRANCIS², JACOB¹*) was born February 02, 1874 in Kentucky¹, and died March 31, 1928¹. He married (1) M. C.. He married (2) LILLY MACK OWEN September 15, 1920.

Child of ROBERT SUMMITT and M. C. is:

i. KATIE⁷ SUMMITT, b. March 29, 1902, Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee; d. July 21, 1902, Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee.

Children of ROBERT SUMMITT and LILLY OWEN are:

ii. ?⁷ SUMMITT.

Notes for ? SUMMITT:

Child born dead

2. iii. GORDON THORNTON SUMMITT, b. January 01, 1903, Tennessee.

iv. JAMES LEE SUMMITT, b. March 22, 1924.

v. ROBERT FRANCIS SUMMITT, b. January 15, 1927.

Generation No. 2

2. GORDON THORNTON⁷ SUMMITT (*ROBERT FRANCIS⁶, JAMES LEE⁵, JONATHAN⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, FRANCIS², JACOB¹*) was born January 01, 1903 in Tennessee. He married MARY LENA COVEY.

Children of GORDON SUMMITT and MARY COVEY are:

i. JEANETTE⁸ SUMMITT.

ii. WILLIAM SUMMITT.

3. iii. JAMES (BUTCH) WARREN SUMMITT, b. Waldo, Columbia County, Arkansas.

iv. GORDON THORNTON SUMMITT, JUNIOR, b. July 07.

v. WILMA SUMMITT, b. December 27.

vi. FRANCIS SUMMITT, b. October 1922, Keeval, Arkansas.

vii. AMNA SUMMITT, b. April 25, 1924, Keeval, Arkansas.

4. viii. CHARLES KENNETH SUMMITT, b. August 22, 1925, Keeval, Arkansas.

Generation No. 3

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The document to the right is the Diploma of James Hancher Summitt discussed earlier in this issue.



A tombstone of one of the John Summits that lived during the 1800s.



Research Notes:

From Dan Summitt

Emailed to us February 15, 1998

Sale of Land for Taxes, January 3, 1889, Caldwell Township, NC

Pauline (probably Perlve) Summit, 64 acres, Tax Due \$0.67

Perlve's tombstone can be seen to the left.

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3. JAMES (BUTCH) WARREN⁸ SUMMITT (GORDON THORNTON⁷, ROBERT FRANCIS⁶, JAMES LEE⁵, JONATHAN⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, FRANCIS², JACOB¹) was born in Waldo, Columbia County, Arkansas. He married PAT.

Children of JAMES SUMMITT and PAT are:

- i. SCOTT⁹ SUMMITT.
- ii. MICHELLE SUMMITT.

4. CHARLES KENNETH⁸ SUMMITT (GORDON THORNTON⁷, ROBERT FRANCIS⁶, JAMES LEE⁵, JONATHAN⁴ SUMMIT, DANIEL³, FRANCIS², JACOB¹) was born August 22, 1925 in Keeval, Arkansas. He married MARGARET RENA JOHNSON May 12, 1955 in Coronado, San Diego County, California.

Children of CHARLES SUMMITT and MARGARET JOHNSON are:

- i. CAREY LEE⁹ SUMMITT, b. June 09, 1951.
- ii. ROBIN ELIZABETH SUMMITT, b. August 15, 1957.

Endnotes

1. Brøderbund WFT Vol. 2, Ed. 1, Tree #4016, Date of Import: Apr 2, 1997

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