

**MEEK - BIG SANDY VALLEY, KY**

No.1) Edward Meek	M.	Ellen Chapman
B.2-23-1827	1-16-1851	B.6-26-1834
D.1027-1901		D.1-26-1881
		(dau.of David & Mariah McClure Chapman ?)

**Children:**

2) Nancy Meek(19)  
3) Elizabeth J.Meek(17) B.4-26-1853  
4) Julia A.Meek(15) B.12-11-1856  
5) Viola Meek(10)  
6) Minnie B.Meek(8) B.1862 M.11-20-1879 Leander Cox  
(see Cox Family Lawrence Co.KY)  
7) Jessy E.Meek(5)  
8) Henry Meek(1)

ages given above are from the 1870 Lawrence Co,KY Census,  
living in the 9th precinct.

Edward and Ellen are buried in Akers Cemetery off US23 in  
Lawrence Co,KY

No.2) Nancy Meek	M.	? Jones
3) Elizabeth Meek	M.	? Cains
4) Minnie B.is Minnie Bell(e)		

Will of Ellen S. Chapman Meek, probated 3-21-1881, lists  
additional sons Laban T.Meek and William C. Meek.  
Will Book 2 Lawrence Co,KY

Greenville Meek - M Hulda Price

B 1847-1901

Son of Isaac Meek Floyd Co M 6-19-1828 Sally Ward  
lived near mouth of Jones Creek

sister of Eber Meek who M MCK Wells

Daughter - Alice Jane Alke Meek ~~A~~ B on Buffalo Cr. in Johnson Co.

3-2-1877 M John Caldwell Calhoun Mayo

2-21-1897 D Ashland 9-5-1961 Buried behind Mayo

2 children Mansion in Paintsville

John Jr. - B Paintsville 12-18-1900

M 6-17-1938 Mary Nancy McClure of Men WVA - 5 Child.

Margaret D 2-17-1980 - Buried Ashland Cem.

State's Weathering Citizen J. C. Mayo B 9-16-1864 Pike Co

D 5-11-1914 Waldorf - Astoria Hotel N.Y. age 49

Buried on hilltop above Levisa Fork near Paintsville

Alice Jane M. Ind. Mr. Samuel P. Fetter of Portsmouth OH.  
in 1816.

John Jr. + Mary <sup>Nancy's children</sup> J. C. III, Andrew Jackson, Nancy McClure,  
Thos. Jeff., Alice Margaret

Ky Encyclop. John E. Kleber - Editor in Chief



fine point

+48  
Cen. Newspaper p 45 designated Commissioners  
Met - laid out County Mar 1, 1856

M'head Boundery p 46  
paragraph 11 9-19-1856 Act approved  
As. B. Rowan

p 46  
Education 1895 2.80 per cap.  
1956 80.00 per cap.

Salaries \$6500 p year  
1895 1st. Sec.  
3,000 Sec St  
8600 St Auditor  
Treas 3600  
Att Gen 400  
Supt 2500

p 66  
also In 1876 M'head  
p 100

In 1876  
only 2 stores p 66

46 M'head Boundery  
48 " become town



check 22  
No 15 William Meek M Elizabeth Mallett  
Children

Laurens Co  
9-5-1833

McLeod 1820

33 Rev. Nathan Meek M Columbia Webb  
(See Butchers)

34 Susan Meek M Richard Wells (See Wells)  
son of Wm. Meek

35 Elias Meek

36 Mary Meek M Marion Booth

37 Elizabeth Meek M William Ward

38 John Meek

39 Julia Meek M Preston Hall

40 Davis Meek

41 Jane Meek M Moses Stepp of Martin Co.?

No 17 ? Meek to Lauchon  
Children

#2 Lot Lauchon M Mayme Elliott

check 15  
No 22 William Meek M to ? (Peggy McLeod 1824-1820)  
Children

43 Zephaniah Meek M Elizabeth Osborne

D pneumonia 9-4-1909  
No 23 Zephaniah Meek B 1833 in Johnson Co M to Mary Jane (Polly) Davis  
Children

degree DD from Ky Military Institute 1885

44 Lafayette Meek D 10-2-1885 died of typhoid fever  
minister age 31

45 Davis Meek, of Catlettsburg } aided father with newspaper

46 ? Meek

47 Hessie Meek



Zeke Meek taught school in Johnson Co, was in the mercantile business, dealt in oil, was manager of the Central Methodist Church - a sixteen - page paper and published at Catlettsburg for the Methodist Church, assisted in the publishing of Eli's "History of the Big Sandy Valley", published several papers for his church and was a distinguished preacher and leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He lived at Catlettsburg. Mr. Meek also acted as county and circuit court clerk, but never catered to public office as he spent all his time in the interest of the Methodist Church.

No 28 Jesse Meek B 1842 M to Martha Neibert <sup>lived many yrs at White House</sup>  
B 1849, dau of James <sup>Neibert</sup> Neibert (See notes)  
Children

x 48 James N. Meek

49 Lattie Meek - D 1-2-1928 M Jasper Maynard

50 Green Meek

x 51 Mary Meek

Jesse Meek was born near the <sup>mouth</sup> of Tom's Creek. He lived for many years at White House where he farmed and "steamboated" until the boats gave away to the railroad up the Big Sandy. He sold out at White



House some years ago and bought another place near Paintsville at the mouth of Big Paint Creek where he now resides. Mr. Meek is one of Johnson County's old and respected citizens.

No 32 Eperson Johnson M to ? <sup>lived no yrs near Concord Church, at Shelma</sup>  
Children

X 52 John Johnson

53 ? Johnson

54 Gladys Johnson M Homer Castle (of Muddy Branch)

Eperson Johnson lived for a number of years near the Concord Church.

No 48 James N. Meek B 3-17-1870 M 1905 to  
Victoria Salyer D of William Salyer  
Children

55 Ernest Meek

56 Walter Meek

57 J. N. Jr. Meek

James N. Meek began his career at teaching in the rural schools of Johnson Co and in the Barboursville (W. Va.) College. He next went into business, conducting a general merchandising business at White House, <sup>(1902)</sup> later moving to Thealks, Ky where he also operated a store until about 1922.



During this time he became interested in coal mines and opened up one at the mouth of Greasy Creek, which he operated for a number of years, later acquiring some mines on Beaver Creek in Floyd Co which he still operates. He served as mayor of Paintsville and has been active in politics for some time.

No 51 Mary Meek M. J. H. Matney  
Children

58 Mary Catherine Matney M a Foley  
Mr + Mrs. Matney owned and operated a General store at Sheelka for many years. They sold out this enterprise to Mrs. Matney's brother, James H. Meek, and moved to Paintsville several years ago, where Mrs. Matney has since conducted a taxi and bus service.

No 52 John Johnson <sup>1st</sup> M to ?  
Children

59 Inez Johnson

60 Mary May Johnson

61 John Jr. Johnson

John Johnson M 2nd to Lyda (Preston) Stambaugh. After the death of Mr. Johnson's first wife he broke

up house keeping and the children are  
being reared by other families. Inez makes  
her home with Mrs. C. C. Price, Mary Mary  
is living at the home of John Stambaugh,  
while John Jr. is being raised by Mrs. James  
H. Spradlin.



## MEEK FAMILY OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

The Meek family is of Scotch-Irish descent. In 1765 a number of Meek families emigrated from Ulster (Northern) Ireland, landing at Charleston, South Carolina. With these families came other families including Andrew Jackson, Sr. and his wife Elizabeth (Hutchison) Jackson, parents of President Andrew Jackson, both of Scotch-Irish descent.

Reputable historians have stated that Adam Meek was a soldier of the American Revolution, serving in Captain Baker's Company under Colonel Francis Marion of South Carolina. The records show that Moses Meek had service in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain William Alexander's Troop in the Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Wade Hampton of South Carolina.

The U. S. Census of South Carolina for 1790 bears the names of Captain Adam Meek, James Meek, Sr., James Meek, Jr., John Meek, Thomas Meek, Athi Meeks, Jesse Meeks and Littleton Meeks.

According to family tradition James Meek and his brother William migrated from North Carolina to the Big Sandy Valley about 1800 and settled in the vicinity of the present-day Offutt, Johnson county.

1. ADAM MEEK; m. ————.

Children:

\*2. James Meek, Sr. *1790 SC census*

2. JAMES MEEK, SR., One James Meek m. Malinda Price in Floyd County, September 7, 1815.

Children:

\*3. William Meek.

\*4. James Meek, Jr.

*1833 Law Co*  
3. WILLIAM MEEK; m. Julia Poplar; resided near the mouth of Greasy Creek, Johnson county.

Children:

\*5. Isaac Meek.

6. William Meek. One William Meek m. Peggy McCord in Floyd County, January 24, 1820.

7. ——— Meek; m. Jackson White.

8. Polly Meek; m., August 5, 1832, Preston Hilton (See Hilton Family).

9. George Meek; m. Amelia J. ———.

10. Richard Meek.

4. JAMES MEEK, JR., m., firstly, ——— *Hilton*, in ——— county,

\* identifies car entry which does not  
consist of entire household

1850 Census E/Ky

Lou. Co

Schedule P 53

Meek, John 6, Precilla 41, Larena 5/12

Hutchinson p 184, 187, 195, 206

Webb p 185

~~Schedule~~ Schedule p 76\*

Meeks, Edward 22 - page 189

{ Chapman Andrew J 47 Cornelius 19, Mary 16, Martha F 13, Margaret 10, Juliana 8  
Sch. p. 81 - Bk p 192

Bk p 193 Sched. p. 83

Chapman Wm 21, Nancy 18

Bk p 197 Sched P 92

Meek Jesse P. 33, Abigail 29, Henry C 12, Eliza J. 10 Jacob 8, ~~Julian~~ <sup>Julian</sup> 7, Mary F. 5

Emily 2

Bk p 199 Sched 96

Chapman Eliza 1\*

Bk p 202 - Sch. 102

Anker, Alfred 24\*

Bk p 207 Sch. 18\*

John Wilson



——— Hilton; and, secondly, ———, in Lawrence County,

Children of James Meek, Jr., and ——— (Hilton) Meek:

11. Lucinda Meek; m. James (Whitehead) Ward. (See Ward Family).

\*12. Ellen Meek.

13. Elizabeth Meek; m. William Ward, Sr. (See Ward Family).

14. Malinda Meek; m. Jonathan Ward, brother of James Ward (See Ward Family). <sup>1-15-1816</sup> <sup>9-28-1823</sup>

\*15. William Meek.

Children of James Meek, Jr., and ———.

16. Jesse Meek, Jr.

\*17. ——— Meek.

18. Jacob Meek.

19. John Meek.

20. Richard Meek.

5. ISAAC MEEK; m., in Floyd County, June 19, 1828, Sally Ward; lived and d. near the mouth of Toms Creek.

Children:

21. Juda Meek; m. Charles Hilton (See Hilton Family).

\*22. William Meek.

23. Zephaniah Meek.

24. Pauline Meek.

25. Zinia Meek.

26. Shadrack Meek.

27. Sallie Meek; m. C. C. Price (See Price Family).

\*28. Jesse Meek.

29. Greenville Meek, b. 1847, d. 1901; m. Hulda Price (See Price Family).

30. Vinnier Meek.

31. Exer Meek; m. M. L. K. Wells (See Wells Family).

12. ELLEN MEEK; m., firstly, Andrew Francis; and secondly, ——— Johnson.

Children of Ellen Meek and ——— Johnson:

\*32. Epperson Johnson.

15. WILLIAM MEEK, m., in Lawrence county, September 5, 1833, Elizabeth Mollett.

Children:

33. Rev. Nathan Meek; m. Columbia Webb.

34. Susan Meek; m. Richard Wells. (See Wells Family).

35. Ellis Meek.

36. Mary Meek; m. Marion Booth.

37. Elizabeth Meek; m. William Ward. (See Ward Family).

- 38. John Meek.
- 39. Julia Meek; m. Preston Hall.
- 40. Davis Meek.
- 41. Jane Meek; m. Moses Stepp of Martin county.

17. ——— MEEK; m. ——— Lauhon.

Children:

- 42. Tot Lauhon; m. Mayme Elliott.

22. WILLIAM MEEK; m. ——— ———.

Children:

- 43. Zephaniah Meek; m. Elizabeth Osborn.

23. REV. ZEPHANIAH MEEK, D.D., distinguished minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and publisher, was b. in Johnson county in 1833. Having in his boyhood days but few opportunities to procure an education, he used these the best he could, and supplemented the lack of high-schools and academies by reading and studying the best books obtainable by loan or purchase. By systematic study, consecutively pursued, he was at thirty superior in knowledge and mental culture to almost any of his age in his native county. In early life he taught school, like most men who have come to prominence; acted as county and circuit court clerk for Johnson county and for some years engaged in mercantile business and speculated in oil and made considerable money; removed to Catlettsburg, Boyd county, in 1865 and made investments there; established, in the Spring of 1867, edited and published at Catlettsburg the *Christian Observer*, subsequently called the *Central Methodist*, a sixteen-page paper, as the organ of his Church; published for the author, William Ely, history of the "Big Sandy Valley", 1887.

Rev. Meek received the degree of D.D. from the Kentucky Military Institute, Farmdale, Kentucky, in 1885. He m., in Johnson County, November, 18, 1854, Mary Jane Davis.

Children:

44. Rev. LaFayette Meek, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; educated in East Kentucky Normal School, Millersburg College and Vanderbilt University, finishing the course in the School of Theology in the latter; entered the ministry in Tennessee where he was stricken with Typhoid fever; returned to Catlettsburg, Kentucky, where he d. October 2, 1885, at the age of thirty-one years.

- 45. Davis Meek; resided at Catlettsburg.

46. ——— Meek.

47. Hessie Meek.

28. JESSE MEEK, b. 1842; m. Martha Neibert, b. 1849, daughter of James Neibert; resided for many years at White House, Johnson



County, where he engaged in farming and "Steamboating" until the construction of the railroad up Big Sandy when he removed to near Paintsville at the mouth of Big Paint Creek.

Children:

- \*48. James N. Meek.
- 49. Hattie Meek, d. January 2, 1928, m. Jasper Maynard.
- 50. Green Meek.
- \*51. Mary Meek.

32. EPPERSON JOHNSON, m. ———; resided for a number of years near the Concord Church, Thelma, Johnson county.

Children:

- \*52. John Johnson.
- 53. ——— Johnson.
- 54. Gladys Johnson; m. Homer Castle.

48. JAMES N. MEEK, sometime teacher and college professor, merchant and coal operator, b. in Johnson county, March 17, 1870; began his career of teaching in the rural schools of Johnson county and subsequently was an instructor in Marshall College, Barbourville, West Virginia; conducted a general merchandise store at White House, Johnson county, later moving to Thealka, that county, where he operated a store until about 1922. Becoming interested in coal mining, he opened up and operated for a number of years a coal mine at the mouth of Greasy Creek, Johnson county, and later acquired and operated some coal mines on Beaver Creek, Floyd county.

Mr. Meek served as mayor of Paintsville, was active in politics for some time and was a leader of the Democratic party.

He m., in Johnson county, in 1905, Victoria Salyer, daughter of William Salyer.

Children:

- 55. Ernest Meek.
- 56. Walter Meek.
- 57. J. N. Meek, Jr.

51. MARY MEEK; m. J. H. Matney. They owned and operated a general store at Thealka for many years and, disposing of the store, they moved to Paintsville where Mr Matney conducted a taxi and bus service.

Children:

- 58. Mary Catherine Matney; m. ——— Foley.

52. JOHN JOHNSON; m., firstly, ———.

Children:

- 59. Inez Johnson.
- 60. Mary May Johnson.
- 61. John Johnson, Jr.  
John Johnson, m., secondly, Lyda (Preston) Stambaugh.

## FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MARRIAGES - 1808-1875

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GROOM	BRIDE	DATE
Mead, John L.	Roberts, Sarah	Sept. 16, 1870
Mead, Rhodes	Howell, Polly	Dec. 31, 1869
Mead, Solomon	Clark, Malissa R.	July 27, 1872
Meade, Abraham	Jones, Jane	Dec. 2, 1849
Meade, Rhodes	Branham, Polly	April 24, 1823
Meade, Robt.	Clark, Susanna	July 6, 1823
Meade, Rodes	Justice, Seatty	Sept. 30, 1850
Meade, Samuel	Acres, Fannie	Aug. 5, 1813
Meade, Samuel	Gearheart, Mary	May 15, 1859
Meade, Samuel	Yates, Susanna	Nov. 4, 1852
Meade, Wm.	Johnston, Elizabeth	Aug. 8, 1841
Meadlin ?, John	Sergent, Hannah	Oct. 10, 1872
Meadows, Elisha	Gray, Polly Ann	Sept. 14, 1846
Meed, Moses	Hackworth, Polly	Oct. 4, 1810
Meek, Isaac	Ward, Sally	June 19, 1828
Meek, James	Price, Melinda	Sept. 7, 1815
Meek, Wm.	McCord, Peggy	Jan. 24, 1820
Menex, Chas. Jr.	Patrick, Margaret	March 19, 1833
Menex, Jas.	Stone, Sally	Jan. 29, 1829
Merritt, Lewis P.	Derossett, Emily	Dec. 19, 1872
Milam, Edward	Lesley, Adah	Sept. 11, 1814
Milum, John	Puckett, Liza	Aug. 10, 1865
Miller, A. J.	Spradlin, Mary	Feb. 24, 1869
Miller, Abraham	Hensley, Caty	July 21, 1814
Miller, Benj.	Bradley, Dosha	Oct. 11, 1821
Miller, Edward B.	Stratton, Levicy	April 23, 1819
Miller, James	Wallen, Elizabeth	May 3, 1874
Miller, Samuel	Kilgore, Isabell	Feb. 5, 1870
Mills, John	Vaughan, Mary	Oct. 15, 1846
Mimmes, John D.	Friend, Armintha D.	Nov. 22, 1838
Moles, Emanuel	Grizzell, Elizabeth	Aug. 20, 1846
Mollett, James Riley	Yates, Nancy Jane	June 11, 1870
Montgomery, Jilson	Hager, Jane	July 3, 1847
Montgomery, Jno.	Jackson, Viney	May 11, 1848
Montgomery, Joseph	Howard, Matilda	Oct. 29, 1817
Montgomery, Phillip	McClintick, Margery	Nov. 25, 1814
Montgomery, Samuel M.	Sizemore, Catherine	Oct. 5, 1855
Montgomery, Silas	Sizemore, Aggy	Feb. 3, 1848
Montgomery, Wiley	Porter, Martha	Jan. 20, 1853
Moore, Anderson	Higgins, Luaney	Sept. 15, 1869
Moore, C. G.	Terry, S.....	April 11, 1867
Moore, Christopher	Auxler, Mary	Oct. 5, 1808
Moore, Franklin	Prater, Sarah	April 12, 1867
Moore, George	Nolen, Vina	March 21, 1873
Moore, Geo. W.	Triplett, Susanna	Sept. 25, 1851
Moore, Green B.	Moore, Louisa E.	May 6, 1866
Moore, Henderson	Moore, Eliza Jane	May 26, 1861
Moore, Jackson	Prater, Biddy	Jan. 29, 1871
Moore, Jackson	Jones, Milly	Feb. 20, 1869
Moore, Jas.	Barnett, Nancy	Dec. 26, 1816
Moore, Jerry	Moore, Eliza Jane	Dec. 18, 1866
Moore, Joel	Gibson, Luenna	Sept. 18, 1871
Moore, John	Moore, Sarah	Feb. 25, 1869
Moore, Jno.	Porter, Peggy	Dec. 14, 1826
Moore, Moses R.	Hicks, Susannah	March 8, 1868
Moore, Obadiah	Castel, Polly	March 18, 1818
Moore, Wm.	Gearheart, Nancy	Jan. 19, 1862