

1953

middle row - left to rt.

Sidney C. Skaggs

Eva Nelson Skaggs

Elizabeth Kershner Nelson

Stella Nelson

Rev. William M. Hall

Floyd C. LaBean

R 424

Taken day of Marion Nelson LaBean funeral

others are grandchildren and great grandchildren of Elizabeth Kershner Nelson

Oct. 27, 1976

Dear Ruth,

Received copy of family history and I think you have done a great job.

Hope you can hold your final draft for ten days or so at which time I hope to have an updated account of my end of the family. Also found two or three errors you might want to correct — will send information.

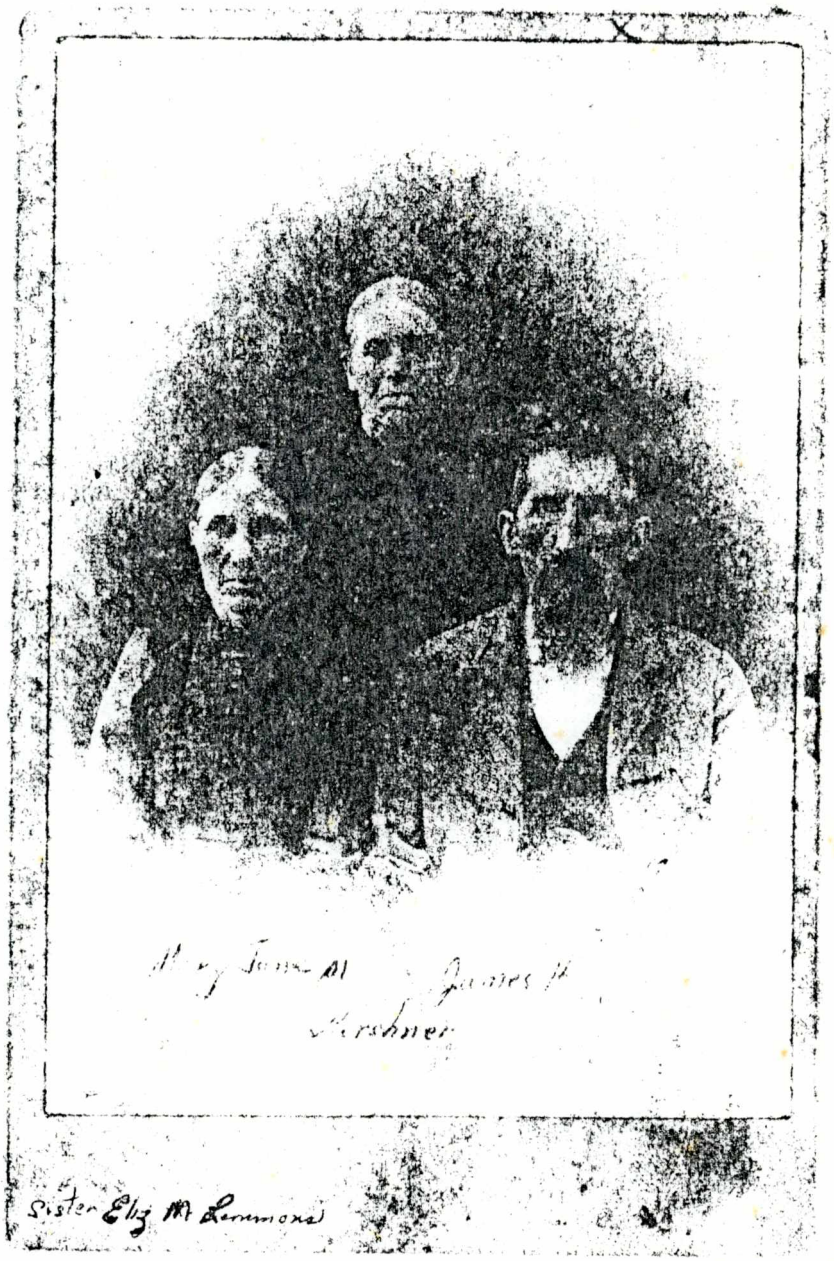
Will also write some of the family "tales" so you will have a little more than just names and dates -

Will be in touch again shortly -

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FAMILY DATA

KERSHNER-MURDOCK



Mary Jane and James H. Kershner

KERSHNER

* William Kershner was born in Pa. May 10, 1810. He died June 29, 1868 at Johnson's Cross Roads, Monroe Co., West Va. He was married on Dec 15, 1836 to Elizabeth Nicholas, daughter of Henry (1783-1831) and Hetty Nicholas of Nicholas County, W. Va. She was born Sep 17, 1810 and was the eldest of t twelve children. She died Oct 8, 1889 at age 79 years at the home of her son, James H. Kershner near Marvin Grove Camp-ground, Monroe County.

Their children were:

*James Harvey	Born: Nov 5, 1837	Married: Sep 10, 1860	Died: June 23, 1910	1901
Sarah Ann	" Oct 21, 1838			
Jacob P.	" Feb 4, 1840			
Mary Jane and Margaret Hetty	" March 23, 1841 "	Married: Feb 14, 1860 Died July 10, 1842 in Augusta Co, Va		
Martha Virginia	" Feb 14, 1843	Died May 28, 1844 Greenbrier Co, W. Va.		
Maddison M	" Dec 28, 1844	Married: Nov 25, 1864	Died: Jan 12 1918 in Ill.	
Lucinda Frances	" July 25, 1846	Married: Oct 28, 1870		
John William	" July 9, 1849	Married: Jan 2, 1872		
George Anderson	" Feb 23, 1854	Died Feb 18, 1860 Monroe Co. at age 6.		
Mary K.	" May 26, 1858			

Maddison M. Kershner (1844-1918) joined Bryan's Battery of Confederacy at age 18. He married Victoria Diddle, daughter of M. P. Diddle of Monroe Co. He was the father of eight children and one stepson. They lived in Fairbury, Illinoi

Their children were:

Frank	Ill	Hugh	Mich.
Lide	Ill	Charles	Iowa
Grace	Ill	Hoarace	Ill
Leslie	Calif	Gaston	Ark.
Ira	Calif		

*James Harvey Kershner (1837-1910) was a Confederate Veteran belonging to Bryan's Battery. He was a member of Broad Run Baptist Church at Wolf Creek, Monroe County. He was married to Mary Jane Murdock (1841-1939) on Sep 10, 1860 and they made their home at Marvin Grove Camp-ground, Monroe County W. Va. Ten children were born to this union. He was buried at Marvin Grove Cemetary. Mary Jane Kershner outlived her husband by nearly thirty years, and made her home in later years with her daughter Elizabeth K. Nelson at Alderson, W. Va. She was a member of Old Greenbrier Baptist Church. She died Nov 30, 1939 at age 98 years and was buried in the Nelson family plot at Alderson. She was Monroe County's oldest resident at the time of her death. Surviving her were four of her children, thirty nine grand children, forty five great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Their children were:	Born	Died:	Lived at:
William M	Oct 9, 1861	Nov 20, 1896	Gauley Bridge, W. Va
Lydda A	March 27, 1863	May 25, 1938	Hinton, W. Va
*Elizabeth J	Sep 10, 1866	Sep 15, 1954	Alderson, W. Va
Mary Sue	Aug 31, 1868	Dec 26, 1955	Winchester, Va
George w.	March 2, 1870	June 24, 1940	Sarton, Monroe Co
Hetty Va.	Jan 22, 1872	Feb 15, 1942	Alderson, W. Va

Kershner con't James & Mary Jane Kershner

Children	Born:	Died:	Lived at:
James Harvey, jr.	May 25, 1874	Feb 2, 1875 at 9	months old
Sarah Ella	Nov 28, 1875	March 29, 1922	Monroe Co, W. Va
John Stuart	April 10, 1878	June 30, 1937	Austin, Texas
Jacob Lacy	July 30, 1880	May 9, 1933	Houston, Texas

Marriages

Lydda Kershner was married		Nov 9, 1882 to Floyd Talbert
William M	"	Oct 10, 1883 to Cornelia Shields
*Elizabeth J	"	Aug 23, 1887 to Charles M. Nelson
Mary Sue	"	Dec 25, 1889 to Wallace O. Talbert
George W.	"	March 10, 1892 to Susan Huntley
Sarah Ella	"	May 1, 1895 to Henderson Gwinn
Hetty Va	"	Oct 4, 1899 to William Copeland
J. Stuart	"	Jan 23, 1907 to Virginia Guerrant
J. Lacy	"	Dec 20, 1911 to Lena Jenkins

Children of

Lydda (Floyd Talbert)--Fred, Emery, Chester, Harvey, Clara, Glena, Clint.
William (Cornelia)--Cosby, Bessie, Daisy, Amy, Frank, Guy.
*Elizabeth (Charlie Nelson)--Nellie, Stella, Eva, Marion. (See Nelson)
Mary Sue (W. O. Talbert)--Oscar, Ruth, Lois, Charles, Joyce.
George (Susan)--
Sarah Ella (H. Gwinn)--Burton, Gene, Alfred, Florence, Mary Frances.
Hetty (W. Copeland)--Harold, Edith, William.
J. Stuart (Virginia)--Stuart, Virginia, Stephen.
J. Lacy (Lena)--Sara Jane, Jack, Adelaide, J. Lacy jr., William.

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MURDOCK

The first Murdocks listed in Monroe county records were James and Elizabeth Murdock, and David and Margaret Murdock. James Murdock was granted a land patent by Greenbrier Land Company for 355 acres at Lickholes in 1778. David was granted a patent for 200 acres by the same company. Under early land conveyances, David and Margaret Murdock sold 200 acres. Their names do not appear in the Monroe County records again. In April 1787 a road survey was to be made in James Murdock's precient from his house to Benjamine Lewis's. In 1797 James and Elizabeth Murdock conveyed 135 acres to John Kerr and about the same time 100 acres to Henry Raeburn. James Murdock is listed as property owner for tax purposes in 1799. He is also listed as a qualified voter in presidential election of 1800, having to be a person of some property and consequence to be qualified. The relationship of James and Elizabeth to James L. Murdock (1820-1846), subject of this data is unknown. A Sarah Murdock married James Dunsmore in 1811 and their son John Dunsmore married Frances Murdock in 1847. Relationship unknown. Also William Murdock (1823-1905) married Margaret Ellis in 1850 and lived at Johnsons Cross Roads, Monroe County. He had a son John and four daughters. His obituary is in Kershner-Murdock family bible. He may have been a brother of James L. Murdock.

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* James L. Murdock was born 1820 and died in 1846 at the age of 26. It is beleived his parents were Thomas and Ann Blythe. (I can find no record of Thomas Murdock in Monroe Co. History). County records indicate that a Marriage Bond of $150 was posted by James Murdock and Charles Erskine in April 1840(1841?). James L. Murdock married Delilah Erskine (1819-1902) the daughter of Charles Erskine and ___McDowell(?). James and Delilah made their home at Sinks Grove, Monroe County, West Va.

Their children were:

*Mary Jane	born: Feb 25, 1841	died: Nov 30, 1939
	Married: James Harvey Kershner on Sep 10, 1860	
Elizabeth	born: _____	died: _____
	Married: George Lemons (1816-1892)	
James Lewis	born: July 26, 1845	died: March 8, 1904
	Married: Martha Tincher (1848-)	

Delilah, after the death of James, married William A. Marshall(1827-1896). They lived and raised a family of nine children at Sinks Grove, Monroe Co.

Their children were:

William Hamilton (1849-)	Ill.	Jennie-married C. M. Dunsmore-Monroe C.
Andrew Jackson	Ill.	Lydia-married O.F.B. Coffman-Kansas
Joseph Letcher (wife Lelia)	Mo.	Maggie-married James Longaniker-Monroe
Hunter Floyd	Ill.	Rose-married -Sam Pitzer. Lived in Ill.

Susan-married Ellis first and M.T. Pitzer second. Lived in Ill.

James Lewis Murdock (1845-1904) married Martha Tincher on Jan 1, 1866. She was the daughter of John and Barbara Haynes. They lived and reared a family in Greenbrier Co, W. Va., later moving to Colo for his health. He was a member of Old Greenbrier Baptist Church, Alderson; a confederate veteran of Bryan's Battery. He was buried at Longmont Colo. They had six boys and three girls

Their children were:

Wallace	Carey
William (1869-1963) Iowa Falls, Iowa	Alta (Calif

Fred-died in 1907, Fayette Co, W. Va leaving four children.
Mae-married Prentiss. Lived in Calif. (The others are unknown.)

* Mary Jane married James H. Kershner and had ten children. (See Kershner)