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Submitted by: Sam D. Lawson

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HURT NOTES

NEWSLETTER - NO. 1

"He who careth not from whence he came, careth little whither he goeth."

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HURT-BRYANT VOWS ANNOUNCED

On May 30, 1867, a wedding was performed in Macksville, Washington County, Kentucky. The minister was W.C. Campbell, and the witnesses were W.H. Barnett and William Yates. The pretty, blue-eyed, brown-haired bride was very young---16 1/2 years, and her name was Nancy Jane Bryant. The bridegroom stood 5 ft., 10 in. tall, had blue eyes and very light brown hair. He was 23 years old, and his name was Eli Mitchell Hurt.

Now, 96 years later, the descendants of this couple number more than 100. The exact count has not yet been determined.

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WHAT IS GENEALOGY?

"Genealogy", says Webster, "is the search of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor or ancestors; also the making or investigation of such accounts". A number of us have become very interested in the HURT genealogy. Adding limbs to our family tree is a fascinating, time consuming hobby. It involves checking old letters, family bibles, photo albums, and military records; reading or leafing through many, many library books; tramping through old or abandoned graveyards; trips to county seats; letters to record clerks; corresponding with kith and kin all over the country; subscribing to genealogical publications; and numerous other things in search for ancestor clues.

When you are struck with this "grandfather-on-the-brain" epidemic, a number of changes take place in your life. History, especially local history, takes on a new meaning. The Civil War becomes more than just a war that was fought 100 years ago. It becomes a personal thing, all because your grandfather or great-grandfather took part in it. Even the daily mail takes on a new expectancy. We must go back further than the grandfather point. Who was our great-grandfather? Who was our great-great-grandfather? And so on back!

HOW FAR BACK?

They say if you search long enough, and hard enough, you can trace your family back to the first arrival in America. Some persons have even been luck enough to trace their ancestors all the way back to Europe. There were no Hurts aboard the Mayflower. The Hurts were rural Englishmen, so they landed in Virginia, where there was land for farming. Yes, the Hurts, for the most part, have always been farmers. And after the Revolutionary War (there were Hurts in that war, too) , they wanted more land--new land--so they pushed on to new

frontier--Kentucky.

For the same reason, Eli and Nancy came to Illinois. Nick Spainhour, a Garrard County neighbor and old Civil War buddy of Eli, came to Illinois first. He wrote to Eli, describing farming conditions, saying crops were much better, and corn was selling for more per bushel than in Kentucky. So Eli and Nancy hitched up "Old Bill" to the wagon and set out for the Illinois Country in 1871.

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SHOOTING INCIDENT EXPLAINED

The Garrard County Historian at Lancaster, Kentucky, sent us the following story: "On August 6, 1866, Mitchell Hurt shot and wounded in the leg a James Allen Arnold, who lived in the same vicinity as Mitchell. Mr. Arnold lost his leg as a result of the shooting. Mitchell was brought before an examining court and discharged. Later he was indicted by the Grand Jury. He was pardoned by Kentucky's Governor Bramlett on August 8, 1867. Arnold was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and a very vicious character.

Incidentally, Governor Bramlett was a Democrat.

Eli was known as Mitchell in Kentucky. However, records show that he enlisted in the Civil War, and was married under the name of Eli.

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"Ancestral glory is, as it were, a lamp to posterity."

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CIVIL WAR RESEARCH NEWS

The grenades exploded with a resounding crack, and shrapnel whined through the air. The enemy fell before the town as though they were stalks of corn in a windstorm. It was early morning and still dark, and the enemy found themselves entangled in wire that was stretched across the field. Those who could not extract themselves were picked off by sharpshooters from outside the town. The defenders had been besieged in the city for over a week, and food was scarce. However, this morning was to be the end of the siege, and the enemy drew back and marched away, as word came that reinforcements for the city were on the way.

A scene in Korea or France? No! It was a battle fought at Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1864. The enemies were Confederate soldiers and the defenders were Union troops. Private Eli Hurt was one of the brave defenders of this city, along with the 11th Kentucky Cavalry.

A full account of the 11th Kentucky Cavalry throughout the War Between The States will be available at the Hurt Reunion, or you can get you copy right away by writing to:

Jerry A. Johnson  
Box 756  
St. Joseph, Illinois

Please enclose 25 cents to cover cost of materials and postage.

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NEWS ITEMS OF PRESENT-DAY HURTS

On December 28, 1962, Ronald and Sandra Swallow became the parents of a son, named Douglas Cary. Sandra is the daughter of Helen Hurt Jenkins.

On December 29, 1962, Ronald Johnson and Marilynne Miller were married in a candlelight ceremony at the First Methodist Church in Champaign.

They went to Kentucky on their honeymoon, and passed through Lancaster. They didn't have time to look up relatives, but they did find out that the HURTS live in the vicinity of Paint Lick, a small town 10 miles east of Lancaster.

Ronald, son of Hildreth Hurt Johnson, is the recording secretary of the HURT Genealogy Group.

Judy and Jamie Rudd and daughters, Kelly and Marla, spent tie Christmas holidays with Judy's parents, Blanche and Joe Heldt, of Gary, Indiana.

Judy will be remembered by reunion goers as the one who often gets the prize for traveling the greatest distance. The Rudds live in Aztec, New Mexico.

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This HURT NEWSLETTER has been the work of the following persons:

Hildreth Johnson, Editor

Helen Jenkins, Chief Reporter

Ronald Johnson, Recording Secretary

Jerry Johnson, Civil War Researcher  
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Submitted by: Sam D. Lawson

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NEWSLETTER - NO. 2

"We can choose our friends, but not our ancestors".

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EDITORIAL --by Hildreth Hurt Johnson, Editor

First of all, a great big thanks to all of you who have responded so favorably to our newsletter idea. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and helping hand, without which there would be no point in publishing this newsletter. The only "blue note" in our "Hurt Notes" is the fact that we have not heard from every one of you. I am sure you meant to reply, but in these hectic, busy-day world of ours, you either forgot to write, or

were just too busy. Please, let us hear from you this time.

Some of you have asked about the cost of publishing this newsletter. The actual financial layout for supplies is very little. It just takes time and effort (and several of your editor's lunch hours). I am lucky to have access to an electric typewriter and ditto machine where I work. However, I must do this work on my own time--hence the lunch hours. Postage is our main concern, since we mail out approximately 50 newsletters. If

each of you who wants a newsletter will just send us a self-addressed, large stamped envelope, that will solve our problem. Or, if it's easier for you, you may send a dime, and we will furnish the envelope and stamp.

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Keep sending your news items of present day Hurts, and any other information of interest to the Hurt family. You may send your correspondence to any of the following:

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St. Joseph, Illinois Urbana, Illinois  
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Box 756 410 W. Church St.  
St. Joseph, Illinois Champaign, Illinois

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"The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato-- the only thing that belongs to him is underground".

COMMENTS ON NEWSLETTER NO. 1

"Congratulations to you for giving birth to Newsletter No.1. May you have many more. Every word was enjoyable".

--William C. Hurt

"I think you folks have a marvelous idea. If these newsletters are continued and are filed away, what a record our children would have".

--Zola Hurt Delp

"We enjoyed the newsletter very much. Bernie, who is a junior this year, was studying about the Civil War and the Ku Klux Klan in his History class. He was very much surprised that his great-grand-father shot one of the Ku Klux Klan.

--Beulah Hurt Monroe

"Enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope for the next newsletter. Keep up the good work on it. We sure enjoyed it.

--Jim R. Hurt

"I enjoyed the newsletter of the Hurt family very much. I would like to receive your newsletters as they are published".

--Roberta Hurt Sharp

"Thank you for the newsletter. It was most interesting and told me many things."

--Sybil Hurt Dettro

"Just wanted you to know we enjoyed the "Hurt Notes" very much, and thank you for sending it."

--Alice Simerl Lutz

"I sure like the HURT name at the top of the newsletter".

--Maggie Hurt Hardwick

"We very much enjoyed receiving the newsletter of "Hurt Notes" and would like to receive future newsletters as they are published."

--Earl and Ruth Hurt

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

On Sunday, Feb. 24, 1963, Bonnie and Alva Simerl of Covington, Indiana, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with an open house at the Covington Library. The Simerls have three children living--Alice Lutz, of Danville, Ill., George and Rex Simerl, of Covington. Their son, Wayne, was killed in Germany during World War II. They have eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Bonnie is the daughter of Ida Hurt Goodwin, and she was Eli and Nancy Hurt's first grandchild. Congratulations, Bonnie and Alva. May you have many more happy anniversaries.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH --by Hildreth Hurt Johnson

ELI MITCHELL HURT was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, on Jan. 28, 1844, the son of ABEL and SALLY WRAY HURT. He had five brothers--JOHN H., JOSHUA, WILLIAM A., JAMES and DAVID-- and one sister--MARY J. ELI, like his father before him, was a farmer. He was only 18 years of age when he enrolled as a private in the Union Army, on Aug. 21, 1862. He and his brothers, WILLIAM and JOSHUA, fought with Co. A, 11th Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry Volunteers. WILLIAM and JOSHUA both died in hospitals during the war-- WILLIAM from small pox, and JOSHUA from measles. ELI, too, was stricken with both diseases while in the service, but managed to survive, and on July 12, 1865, he was

discharged at Louisville, Kentucky.

On May 30, 1867 ELI married NANCY JANE BRYANT in Maxville, Kentucky. In 1871, he and his wife migrated to Cumberland County, Illinois, where their nine children were born--IDA MAE, ANDREW N., HULDAH A., ELMER (TELL), OSWORTH (POD), JESSE ELI, BENJAMIN HARRISON, ALVA J., and LUTHER MARTIN. Only three of these children are still living-- ELMER, ALVA and LUTHER.

ELI purchased a farm in Cumberland County, near Vevay Park, where he continued his agricultural pursuits. But the rigors of war took their toll. Small pox and measles, and their after effects, left ELI subject to neuralgia and rheumatism. When his joints stiffened, and he became too crippled to perform his labors efficiently, he applied for a veteran's invalid pension on Sept. 26, 1885. The pension was granted, and he received the

"magnificent" sum of \$24.00 per month.

ELI was an expert horseman, truly "at home" in the saddle. He must have made an imposing figure as he rode erect, with shoulders back, ever mindful of his cavalry training. Though only 5ft., 10 in. tall, his excellent posture made him appear much taller. In his younger days, his hair was very light brown--almost blonde--but in middle age it had turned to gray. He had blue eyes and a fair complexion, and a beard that reached almost to his waist.

What kind of man was ELI MITCHELL HURT? I do not know. I am his grand-daughter, but he died before I was born, so I never knew him. There are so few persons still living who did. He was probably one type of person to his parents, another to his wife, someone else to his friends, and, no doubt, a stern parent to his children. ELI passed away at his farm home on Feb. 12, 1912, and was laid to rest in Washington Cemetery, a few miles southwest of Casey, Illinois. On Memorial Day we visit his grave beneath the cedar tree. A small American flag, placed thereon by a Civil War Committee, waves proudly in the breeze. And the simple monument at the head of his grave bears this inscription;

ELI HURT  
CO. A  
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INFORMATION WANTED

We have been very successful in tracing our HURT ancestors, but the BRYANTS seem to have eluded us. Please, all of you who are descendants of ELI HURT and NANCY JANE BRYANT, think! think! think! Can you remember any names or places Nancy Jane may have mentioned? The slightest clue is valuable, for it may tell us where to search

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for the information needed. We know she had a sister--Mary Bryant Dettro, who lived in

Southern Illinois; and a brother--Alexander Bryant, who lived near Terre Haute, Indiana, but WHO WERE HER PARENTS? The census records we have checked failed to disclose a family of Bryants with names of these three children. The only place we found Nancy Jane's name listed was as the wife of Eli Hurt in the 1870 census of Garrard County, Kentucky. We have found several families of Bryants listed in old records of Garrard County, but are any of them our Bryants? If so, which ones? Please help us if you can. We would like to do a biographical sketch of NANCY JANE BRYANT HURT in one of our future newsletters providing we can get enough information.

NEW RELATIVES DISCOVERED

--by Helen Hurt Jenkins,  
Chief Reporter

One of the biggest thrills in searching for your ancestors is finding new relatives, and the interesting correspondence that follows. For instance, I have had letters from the following persons:

MRS. MAGGIE HURT HARDWICK of Lancaster Ky., whose father was SALEM HURT and whose grandfather was JAMES HURT. She has written me a very interesting letter, not only of her ancestors, but also of her immediate family.

MRS. MARGUERITE HURT WEST, of Indianapolis Ind., formerly of Garrard Co., Ky., has also written some very interesting things. Her father was HENRY HURT, and her grandfather was JOHN HURT. Her father was first cousin to ELI HURT, and she remembers, as a child, hearing her mother and father speak of the MITCH HURT who came to Illinois. ELI was known as MITCH in Kentucky.

MR. JOHN YATER of Norwood, Ohio, formerly of Kentucky, also writes a very newsy letter. His grandmother was MARY HURT, who was also a cousin to ELI. MR. YATER was born Nov. 10, 1892.

MR. SAM J. HURT of Paint Lick, Ky., writes, in beautiful old-fashioned hand-writing, lots of information. He tells me he is a boy past 92 years of age. SAM will be 93 years old in July.

On Aug. 26, 1867, MR. HENRY HURT, SR. and his wife SUSAN sold 3 acres of land in Garrard Co., Ky., for the erection of a church building, which they built and named Locust Grove. Some years later the name was changed to Fairview. We wish to add that Mr. Hurt who sold the ground to build the church on, is MR. SAM HURT'S

great-grandfather. SAM is the oldest member of the Fairview Church, and it was his father,

JOSHUA HURT, who had a great part in building back the church after it was blown down. The building that now stands was completed in 1904. We are told that before there was an organ in this church, W.P. Kincaid (Bradley's father) led the singing with the use of a tuning fork. Remember Bradley Kincaid of WLS Barn Dance fame? Other letters have been received from MRS. SALLIE HURT BOWLING, Hamilton, Ohio, who is a sister to SAM J. HURT; MRS. HARRIS HURT, Lancaster, Ky.,; and MRS. CORA HURT GREEN of Paint Lick, Ky. More detailed accounts of these persons will be mentioned in our next newsletter.

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DON'T FORGET! WRITE TO US!

All comments and suggestions welcome!

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SIMILARITY OF FIRST NAMES

It seems that every Hurt family in Kentucky had sons named Henry, John, William, Joshua, and James. From Garrard County census records alone, we have found 7 Henry Hurts, 9 John Hurts, 12 William Hurts, 7 Joshua Hurts, and 6 James Hurts. It gets a little confusing at times, as you can well imagine. Nearly every HURT in Garrard Co. traces his or her family back to a HENRY HURT, SR., who was born in 1792. This HENRY HURT was

related to ABEL HURT, but just how we don't yet know. We hope to find out how, though. Just give us time!

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CIVIL WAR RESEARCH "Brother vs. Brother"

--by Jerry A. Johnson

No other war of recent times has had so pathetic a condition as the Civil War. When searching among the wounded and killed, after the battles were over, Kentucky Federalists found their brothers dead upon the field in the Confederate Uniform. Can we imagine now the effect these conditions had upon the men in blue or the soldiers in gray? "The horrors of war" is a tame expression. It was the very hell of war which these gallant

Kentucky boys found upon the battlefield, when they offered up their lives in defense of their respective opinions.

When the conflict had ended, and the men of both sides came home, the talk was only of the brave deeds of Federal and Confederate Kentucky troops. No animosity was shown between them, and once more neighbors, friends, and kin were re-united as before.

Although no brothers of ELI HURT fought for the South (as far as we know), he undoubtedly had friends and kin who did. In searching old and dusty Civil War rosters, I have run across several HURTS on the Confederate rolls.

The motto of Kentucky is "United We Stand, Divided We Fall". Even though Kentuckians fought on opposite sides, they were still united as Kentuckians, and never really divided as to loyalty for their state.

I quote Confederate General John Breckinridge at the end of the war, in a speech to his troops: "Go to your Kentucky homes, and there make such citizens as you have made soldiers, and your future, and the future of Kentucky is assured".

Copies are still available, giving a complete and concise account of the Union 11th Kentucky Cavalry throughout the Civil War. Send 25 cents for the cost of postage and materials to:

Jerry A. Johnson  
Box 756  
St. Joseph, Illinois

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NEWS ITEMS OF PRESENT DAY HURTS

Chuck and Helen Nichols of Greenup, Ill., became the parents of a baby boy on Feb.11, 1963. They named him Andy. Chuck is the son of Inez Hurt Nichols.

Roscoe and Dorothy Hurt of Chicago, enjoyed a three weeks Florida vacation this winter. After returning home to the snow and sub-zero temperatures of Illinois, they probably wished they had stayed in Florida.

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Bernie Monroe, son of Beulah Hurt Monroe, Casey, Ill., was in an auto accident on Jan. 29, and was in the Effingham hospital for a spell. Bernie, we hope you have fully recovered by this time.

Alva J. Hurt of Rural Route, Casey, Ill., spent most of the week of March 2 with his daughter, Helen Jenkins, of Urbana, Ill. Sorry to say that most of his visit was spent in bed, as he was recuperating from a virus. Happy to say that he is feeling much better now. Mrs. Jenkins drove her father home, and while in that vicinity, stopped for a short visit with Harold and Pearl Hurt. She reports that they spent a very interesting afternoon discussing the Hurt Genealogy.

Gwendolyn, daughter of Marguerite Hurt , west of Indianapolis, Ind., was injured in an automobile accident Dec. 20, and has been confined to her home ever since. But she is coming along fine now.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stone of Lexington, Ky., are the parents of a new baby, born Dec.4, 1962. Mrs. Stone is the niece of Maggie Hurt Hardwick.

Bettie, daughter of Zola Hurt Delp, lives in San Diego, California, and was one of the lucky ones who attended the World's Fair in Seattle, Washington, last July with her family. Bettie is quite a traveller. Seems that in previous years, her family has toured Washington, D.C., New York, Niagara Falls, and Canada.

Loistel and Dave have purchased the farm next to Loistel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Delp, Vevay Park, Ill. Good luck on your farming venture, Loistel, especially the baby calves.

Allen, 11 year old son of Ernest and Maxine Hurt, Urbana, Illinois, is recovering from a bout with pneumonia.

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THE HURT REGISTER --by Ronald E. Johnson,  
Recording Secretary

Is your name and the names of your immediate family listed in the HURT FAMILY REGISTER? As you know, there is an attempt to record the names, dates, and personal information of all the HURTS, whether living or dead, into one concise book.

However, we must have the cooperation of each and every member of the HURT family.

Some of you will note that we have enclosed a registration blank with your newsletter. This means that

we do not have the data on your immediate family as yet. If you will be so kind as to fill out and return this blank to us, we will greatly appreciate it. I hope to have a large chart, with all names and dates, ready for display at our annual reunion in August.

Those of you who have already sent this information may disregard this item. Among those who have been very helpful in sending genealogical information on their families are Eli H. Hurt, Sybil Hurt Dettro, Alice Simerl Lutz, and Daphne Hurt Reeder. Thanks a lot cousins!

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A last-minute letter from Maxine Hurt Connelly, Homer, Michigan, thanks us for sending her the first issue of "Hurt Notes". She enjoyed it very much and is looking

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forward to the next newsletter. She sends us the news that she and her husband, Denzil, are grandparents for the first time, as their daughter Caroline had a baby boy on Oct. 21, 1962. His name is Robert Kelly. Maxine also informs us that he mother, Mrs. Luther Hurt of Marshall, Ill., has just returned home from the hospital, where she underwent surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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We would send more newsletters to more cousins if we had more addresses. If someone in your family hasn't received one, it's probably because we do not have their address. Drop us a note with this information, and we will see that they get a newsletter.

We would especially like to locate the children of John and Ghuela Hurt; Darrell and Alberta Ruffner, children of Nora Hurt Ruffner; Ted Hurt, son of Huldah; and Phillip, son to Tell Hurt. Anyone knowing their whereabouts, please send us their addresses.

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Watch for our next newsletter sometime in May. We hope to have more information on the Hurt Genealogy, as well as more news items on present day Hurts.

Submitted by: Sam D. Lawson

May 29, 1963

HURT NOTES

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EDITORIAL --by Hildreth Hurt Johnson, Editor

Thanks again for your wonderful response to our Newsletter--HURT NOTES. We especially want to thank you for filling out the forms with data on your immediate families. These forms are passed along to our recording secretary, Ronald Johnson, who adds them to his files. There are so many names, I am wondering just what size his chart will have to be, to show them all. We'll find out at reunion time. A few of you have not yet sent back the forms. Please do so within the next month, if you wish to see your name on the chart.

We need more news items of present day Hurts. How about the June Graduates this year? Or tell us about your summer vacations. Any news of interest to the Hurt family will be appreciated.

Don't forget! A self-addressed stamped envelope, or one thin dime, will assure you of receiving the next Newsletter. (Several of you have already paid in advance)

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WHERE DO OUR NEWSLETTERS GO?

We really started something when we published that first issue of HURT NOTES, which was sent mostly to Illinois and Indiana relatives. Our circulation is steadily increasing, and now we're also sending Newsletters to California, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Ohio and Texas. One Newsletter even ended up in Newfoundland--going to Henry Thomas Hurt, III, U.S. Navy. Henry is the son of the late Henry Thomas Hurt, Jr., who was a brother to Sam J. Hurt. His

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mother, Mrs. Henry Thomas Hurt, Jr., sent me his Newfoundland address.

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30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Edford Johnson celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary April 20, with a party given at their home in St. Joseph, Ill. Edford Arlen Johnson and Hildreth Katherine Hurt were married April 20, 1933, in Champaign, Ill. They have two sons--Jerry A. and Ronald E. Jerry is married to the former Donna Jean Hostetler, and they have one daughter, Jill Arleen, age 7. Ronald was married last December to Marilynne Joyce Miller.

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MORE NEWSLETTER COMMENTS

"We did enjoy the HURT NOTES and our children did, also." --Shelby and Zola Hurt, Casey, Ill.

"Your little newspaper sure brings back old memories grandma used to tell. She told us the story many times of grandad shooting James A. Arnold."

--Daphne Hurt Reeder, Greenup, Ill.

"I would like to say I think this Newsletter is grand, and you'll find a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the next one."

--Hazel Hurt Ryan, Montezuma, Ind.

"I am glad to get the News, and think it is a great idea." --Russell Hurt, Indianapolis, Ind.

"Thanks a lot for the Newsletter. Sure enjoy them." --Blanch Hurt Heldt, Gary, Ind.

"The Newsletter is a wonderful idea. It has told me more about my relatives than I ever knew before. I hope you keep publishing them."

--Cora Hurt Green, Paint Lick, Ky.

"Would like very much to have any publication you might derive concerning the HURTS. I don't know how many were hung for horse-stealing, etc. However, it would be interesting to know more about our family line. Best of luck in your venture."

--Charles E. Hurt, Brodhead, Ky.

"Thanks very much for the Hurt Notes." --Jesse Van Huss, Mounds, Oklahoma

"Received the Hurt Notes and appreciate them very much."

--Mrs. Neli Gastineau, Richmond Ky.

"I enjoyed the Hurt Notes very much. Be sure to send me the next copy."

-Mrs. Elmer Lacey, Milroy, Ind.

"I want to continue to get the Newsletter. I sure enjoy them."

--Mrs. Lucy Adams, Somerset, Ky.

"I wish I could get a Newsletter every week."

--Sam J. Hurt, Paint Lick, Ky.

SAMUEL JACKSON HURT by Helen Hurt Jenkins

As the oldest living member of our Hurt Clan, we think that Cousin Sam and his family deserve a place of honor in our Hurt-Notes this month.

Samuel Jackson Hurt was born July 16, 1870, in Garrard County, Kentucky. He is known to all his friends as Sam. He is the oldest of ten children, of which he and a sister, Sallie, are the only surviving ones. Six members of this family lived to be past seventy-five years of age.

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Joshua (Josh) Hurt (1848-1917) and Lucinda Wray Hurt (1848-1927) were the father and mother of this family. The good work they did in their community will always be remembered. Joshua is credited with building the present building of the Fairview Christian Church, which he attended regularly all his life. (Sam is now the oldest living member of this church) Joshua and his sons did most of the actual building of the church and were generous in their support of it.

They had a well-equipped blacksmith shop, and if they needed wrenches or other tools, they didn't go to the store and buy them, they made them. Farmers around them could always get help to mend their farm tools.

They were always taking someone in to live with them. No one was ever turned away who went there for a meal, a loan or a home. They were a family having all the true Kentucky characteristics, such as hospitality, loyalty and friendliness.

Cousin Sam is quite famous for his cob pipes. In fact, the story of Sam and his pipes is so interesting that I want to share it with the rest of you.

Sam learned to smoke at the age of four, and a little later he learned to make his own pipes. When he was in his teens he made pipes and gave them to his friends. Sometimes when he was going to the store to loaf, he would take along some of his pipes and give them away. One day a young man who was a clerk in the store, told him he should sell them. Sam was afraid people would laugh at him for selling cob pipes, but his friends convinced him they wouldn't. So Sam made a dozen pipes, and in less than a week his friend had sold all of them and called for more. This is how Sam started selling Cob Pipes. His pipes became famous all over the United States, Germany, Mexico and Panama. Many famous people bought or received these pipes as gifts. Among some of these people was Joseph Blackburn, who had a very important job at the Panama Canal when it was being built. Blackburn had been governor of Kentucky and a U.S. Senator. Tommy Robinson, a friend of Sam, would buy seven or eight dozen pipes at a time to send to Washington, D.C. to be given to Congressmen and Senators who smoked. Sam, also had another friend who gave his pipes as gifts. He was Dr. D.C. Elkin, Brig. Gen. G.R.C., a surgeon at Emory University, School of Medicine, in Georgia. Dr. Elkin and his wife used to visit Sam quite often. His pipes also went to the Duke of Windsor and C.M. Beck, Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

Sam is also well known for his carvings from peach seeds. He makes several things. I have seen a jug, and it is beautiful, all hand made.

Cousin Sam still lives on the old home place. He has his favorite chair where he likes to sit in front of the fireplace. He still likes to whittle, and he loves to get mail. Sam will be ninety-three years of age on July 16 of this year.

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NEWS ITEMS OF PRESENT DAY HURTS

On April 15, Cora Hurt Green was burned quite badly on the right arm and hand. She is improved at this time, but still unable to use her arm much. Cora lives in Paint Lick, Ky.

Marguerite Hurt West of Indianapolis, Ind., visited relatives in Lexington and Lancaster, Kentucky, recently.

Mrs. Lucy Adams, Somerset, Ky., recently visited with her uncle, S.J. Hurt, in Paint Lick.

Billy Leavell, son of Mary Francis Hurt Leavell, and grandson of Mrs. Henry T. Hurt,

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Sr., was home on leave the first part of May, visiting relatives and friends in the vicinity of Lancaster, Ky. Billy is in the U.S. Army, stationed in Texas.

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Our next newsletter will be out in July, the last issue before the Annual Reunion in August. We will be happy to print any announcements you might have regarding the reunion. JUST TELL US!

A TRIP TO KENTUCKY by Hildreth Hurt Johnson

On March 24, we headed south for Kentucky--dad (Alva J. Hurt), brother Jim Hurt and his wife Nancy, and I. It was still winter in Illinois, but as soon as we crossed the Ohio River we began to see signs of spring--yellow jonquils in bloom, budding trees and shrubs, and green grass. We arrived in Lancaster early Sunday evening and registered at the Colonel Motel. Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Arnold, proprietors of the motel, were very friendly and accommodating. They helped us in our search for Hurts and Bryants--made telephone calls and took messages, jotted down addresses and other data, and were just wonderful in every way. It wasn't until the last evening of our stay that we mentioned the James Arnold--Eli Hurt shooting incident. They admitted being distantly related to James Arnold, and thought it was a pretty good story. Thank goodness the old feud no longer exists. Seems that James Arnold was called "Peg Leg" Arnold, and became a school teacher afterwards.

Lancaster, Kentucky, County Seat of Garrard County, is a nice little town, built around a public square, in the center of which is a small park. On one corner is the county courthouse designed in the Greek Revival Style. The business section encircles the park, from which the tree shaded streets radiate. The town was settled in 1798 by pioneers from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who designed and named it after their native city. Lancaster has a population of 3,021 friendly people. Of course we didn't meet all 3,021 of them, but the ones we did meet were the friendliest, most hospitable people you can find anywhere.

The highlight of our trip was a visit with Sam J. Hurt of Paint Lick. For a man almost 93 years old, he has a remarkable memory. He was able to give us lots of information on the Hurt family. It was through him that we learned that ABLE HURT was the oldest son of HENRY HURT, SR., but he could not remember the name of Henry's first wife.

We also visited in the home of Mrs. Henry Thomas Hurt, a sister-in-law of Sam. She and her daughter Lura Mae showed us many old pictures of the Hurt family, and allowed us to copy names and dates from the family Bible.

We visited Mrs. Maggie Hurt Hardwick at the home of her son, Leland, and there met other members of her family. Maggie thought my dad (Alva J. Hurt) looked a lot like her dad (Salem Hurt). Some of Maggie's family did have blue eyes and light hair,

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like many in our family. The other Hurts we met seemed to run to brown eyes and dark hair.

Dad and I spent a most enjoyable evening with Mr. Forrest Calico, the Garrard County Historian. His own library would be the envy of every book collector. He has volume after volume on Kentucky History, the Civil War, etc. He is the author of a book entitled "History of Garrard County Kentucky", copies of which are no longer available. Fortunately, Mrs. Arnold at the Motel had a copy, which she loaned me, and I sat up most all of one night reading it and taking notes on the Hurts, Bryants, and Wrays. Our Hurt family is as closely related to the Wrays as to the Hurts. In a future newsletter I will explain this relationship more fully.

We had previously corresponded with Mr. Calico, and he was doing research on the Hurts and Bryants for us. He loaned me his folder of HURT-WRAY notes, and I am still going through them, organizing and typing them. Lots of valuable information on birth and death dates, marriage records, court records, wills, etc.

I grew up hearing about "Back Creek" and "Sugar Creek" in Kentucky. Well, I finally got to see these two streams. "Sugar Creek" is the largest tributary of Scott's Fork and drains the largest section of Garrard County. "Back Creek" is a Paint Lick tributary.

Other people we met in Kentucky were: Mrs. Clarence Hurt, Mrs. William C. Hurt, Mrs. W.K. Hurt and daughter, and Mrs. Frank Hurt. And I must mention Janette Ray, who served us most of our meals at "The Milk Bar". Janette's late husband was a nephew of Maggie Hurt Hardwick. Incidentally, the restaurant food in Lancaster was delicious--just like real Southern home cooking--and the prices were very reasonable.

If you're looking for a place to go for a few days of longer this summer, I heartily recommend Kentucky, especially Lancaster and Paint Lick. You will find it will worth your while to visit the home territory of our ancestors, and you will be welcomed by both relatives and strangers. We only had four days for our entire trip, and we wished we could have stayed longer.

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Sandra and Ronald Swallow, of Urbana, Illinois, almost went to a picnic recently. Seems that Ron's Fraternity was staging a big picnic in Kickapoo Park near Danville, Ill., and the picnic fare was to be furnished by the Fraternity. Having received an invitation, Sandra and Ron set out for Kickapoo. They drove around and around in that vicinity for three hours and never did find the picnic. So, tired and hungry, they drove back to Urbana and ended up eating hamburgers at McDonald's Drive-In. Some Picnic!

THE HURT FAMILY TREE

Would you like to see how our family tree is growing? Well, here are some of the upper branches:

\*HENRY HURT (born approx. 1792) married first Nancy Dancy or Nancy Davey--Jan. 1, 1818

Children: (1) ABEL; (2) WILLIAM; (3) JOHN H.; (4) HENRY, JR.; (5) STACEY; (6) JOSHUA.

\*HENRY HURT married second wife -- SUSAN ANN CASEY (1837)

Children (7) ANDERSON; (8) MARY; (9) SALLY JANE; (10) LUCINDA; (11) MARTHA THOMAS; (12) TABITHA; (13) JAMES.

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- (1) ABEL HURT married SARAH WRAY (1836)  
Children: (a) JOHN H.; (b) JOSHUA; (c) WILLIAM A.; (d) ELI MITCHELL; (e) JAMES;  
(f) DAVID; (g) MARY JANE.
- (2) WILLIAM HURT married HANNAH or ANNA HUGHES (1839)  
Children: MARY, SARAH M., SUSAN A., JOSHUA, JOHN, and WILLIAM.
- (3) JOHN H. HURT married first wife - JANE CASEY (1840)  
Children: MARY C., AMANDA B., SUSAN, HENRY, JOSHUA, and JOHN.
- (3) JOHN H HURT married second wife - ELIZA A. YATER (1854)  
Children: SALLIE BELLE and LIZZIE
- (4) HENRY HURT, JR. married MARTHA JANE HURT (1848)  
Children: HENRY, JOSHUA, SALLY, JOHN and WILLIAM
- (5) STACEY HURT married WILLIAM (JOHN) DANCEY (1843)  
Children: ELIZABETH, JOHN, HENRY, WILLIAM, JANE, SUSAN, MARTHA and SARAH
- (6) JOSHUA HURT married ELIZABETH (SALLIE) WRIGHT (1862)  
Children: ???????
- (7) ANDERSON HURT unmarried (born 1838-died 1862)
- (8) MARY HURT married ???????
- (9) SALLY JANE HURT married JAMES M. GAY (1863)  
Children: ???????
- (10) LUCINDA HURT married first husband JOHN GAY (1861)
- (10) LUCINDA HURT married second husband MOSES DAVIDSON  
Children: ROBERT, PERRY and MARY.
- (11) MARTHA THOMAS HURT married HENRY PATTON WATTS (1868)  
Children: ???????
- (12) TABITHA HURT married \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ROBERTS  
Children: ?????????
- (13) JAMES HURT- unmarried (born 1856 - died 1873)
- (a) JOHN H. HURT married first wife - ELIZABETH MYERS (1861)  
Children: WILLIAM and NOAH
- (a) JOHN H. HURT married second wife - SARAH C. THURMAN  
Children: FRAZIER G.
- (b) JOSHUA HURT - unmarried (born 1839 - died in hospital in Civil War, 1864)
- (c) WILLIAM A. HURT - unmarried (born 1841 - died in hospital in Civil War, 1865)
- (d) ELI MITCHELL HURT- married NANCY JANE BRYANT (1867)  
Children: IDA MAE, ANDREW N., HULDAH ALLEN, ELMER CHARLES, OZWORTH, JESSE ELI  
BENJAMIN HARRISON, ALVA J., and LUTHER MARTIN.
- (e) JAMES HURT -unmarried - stayed on home place in Garrard Co., Ky. (b. 1846 - d.  
1923)
- (f) DAVID HURT married ANNIE McHALE  
Children: ED and CHARLES
- (g) MARY JANE HURT married JOHN DOLLINS  
Children: SALLY and FANNY
- Notification of any errors in the above chart will be appreciated.

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With apologies to Abraham Lincoln who said "God must have loved the common people -  
He made so many of them", I wish to paraphrase that statement and say "God must have

loved the HURTS - he made so many of them".

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Submitted by: Sam D. Lawson

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SEE YOU AUG. 18 - ANNUAL HURT REUNION - ALLERTON, ILLINOIS - SEE YOU AUG. 18\_\*\*\*\*\*

REUNION REMINDER

by Hildreth Hurt Johnson, Editor

The BIG EVENT we have been looking forward to for almost a whole year is coming up August 18--THE 7TH ANNUAL HURT REUNION-- at the City Park in ALLERTON, ILLINOIS. YOU ALL COME!

For those of you who are descendants of Eli Hurt and Nancy Jane Bryant, don't forget the trophy awarded to the largest family branch present. Shame on you, if you let Alva's family walk away with it this time! He already has three trophies on his TV set, but says there's room for one more. And, I think it only fair to warn you--the latest report is that all seven of Alva's children are planning to attend the reunion this year--even brother Don from Albuquerque, New Mexico. It will be the first time all seven of us have been together since 1951. So, the rest of you round up your clan and get them to the reunion, by hook or crook, for the final count. Remember--you all have an equal chance to win.

To all our new-found cousins in Kentucky, Indiana, and elsewhere, we extend a hearty invitation to come to our reunion and meet your Illinois Hurt relatives. Allerton, Illinois, is a small town, located on Route 49. It is approximately 15 miles south of Route 150 & Ogden, Ill., or 44 miles north of Route 40 & Casey, Ill. Get a good road map to follow and you can't miss it.

The reunion begins early in the morning and ends late in the afternoon. The morning is spent greeting one another, and catching up on the news of the past year. And at noontime, when all the picnic baskets have been unloaded, we eat--and eat--and eat. It's good-bye to diets and calorie counting for this day, for who can resist such delicious home-cooked food? In the afternoon, we have our business meeting, followed by an entertainment program. The amount and kind of entertainment is up to you. Please--all of you, children or grown-ups, if you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, tell jokes, do a comedy skit, or anything else entertaining, plan to take part in the program. Let's make this the biggest and the best HURT reunion ever.

SEE YOU AUGUST 18

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STILL MORE NEWSLETTER COMMENTS

"Received my newsletter and really enjoyed it, especially the article on Cousin Sam,

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as I know him well , and have visited in the home of his father. Thanks again for the newsletter."

--Minnie Hurt Hulette, Paint Lick, Ky.

" Received Newsletter #3--it was my first one, sure enjoyed reading it. You learn a lot of interesting things. Am looking forward to the the next one."

--Elveree Hurt Schooler, Lancaster, Ky.

"We have been receiving the Hurt Notes and enjoy them very much. It's interesting to learn of our ancestors and news of present day Hurts. Wishing you the best of luck in your work on the Newsletters."

--Roscoe and Dorothy Hurt, Chicago, Ill.

"I sure enjoy reading the Hurt Notes. It makes me feel closer to home."

--Judith Rudd, Durango, Colorado

"I was so thrilled to receive the little newspaper. It sure gave me a lot of pleasure to read about the different branches of the family, and being away from home, it was good to read about the people."

--Pearl H. Swoger, Newport News, Va.

"I would like to have the next newsletter. I enjoyed reading it very much."

--Mrs. Edward Hammonds, Paint Lick, Ky.

"I would like copies of the Hurt Newsletter. I think the history of the Hurt family tree is very interesting."

--Marie Hurt Tabbert, Mattoon, Ill.

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CORRECTION

Henry Thomas Hurt, III, U.S. Navy, stationed in Newfoundland, is the grandson of Henry Thomas Hurt, Sr., who was a brother to Sam J. Hurt, and not son, as we stated in Newsletter #3. Henry Thomas Hurt, Jr., of Lancaster, Ky., is his father. We're sorry, Henry.

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GRANNY SMALL - OUR COMMON ANCESTOR

by Hildreth Hurt Johnson

"Now, who was Granny Small?", you ask. Well, that's my little story. When I first started working on the HURT family history, early last fall, I had a library book listing early marriage records of Garrard County, Kentucky. Among the manes listed I found:

SMITH HURT married ELIZABETH EDWARDS April 8,1822

Bondsman, George Small

GEORGE SMALL married ELIZABETH HURT April 8, 1822

Bondsman, S. Jackman

"Well, a double wedding, of course", I say to myself. "Smith Hurt and Elizabeth Hurt were probably brother and sister." The names were not yet familiar to me, so I put the information aside for the time being. Then, when I went to Kentucky in March and visited Mr. Forrest Calico, he informed me that he had run across some information on an Elizabeth Small, widow of George Small, a Revolutionary War soldier. In the administration of her estate, her children were named as: HENRY HURT, SMITH HURT, JOSHUA HURT, JANE HURT DANCEY, and MARTHA HURT BOYLE. So evidently Elizabeth Small's

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first husband was a HURT--but WHO? Elizabeth Small's maiden name was MORRIS. She was born in 1764 in Virginia, the daughter of MOSES and NANCY MORRIS. She died in Garrard Co., Ky., July 20, 1852, at the age of 92. Thrilled over such a genealogy finding, I came home and , in checking over Virginia references, we found this:

JAMES HURT married ELIZABETH MORRIS December 7, 1786 in Halifax County, Virginia.

So there we are--all the way back 177 years in our ancestor hunt. Granny Small was my great-great-great-grandmother, and the same to all of you Hurt relatives reading this newsletter, with one great more or less. (For instance, to my children it would be four greats, and to my father two greats) The double wedding was not that of a brother and sister, but of a son and his mother.

When Sam J. Hurt was asked about Elizabeth Small, he said he remembered his father talking about Granny Small, but he didn't know where she fit into the Hurt family until we came up with the above information.

Of course, now we are searching for the father of JAMES HURT. (You see, we're never satisfied. The farther back we get, the farther we want to go.) I do not know if James was still living when his family moved to Kentucky. However, the 1810 census of Garrard County does list a James Hurt, but is it our James?

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A SUNDAY GLIMPSE OF EASTERN KENTUCKY

by Mrs. Ed Rulette (the former Minnie Hurt)

On Sunday, June 9, we left home at 6:00 A.M. and went up through Eastern Kentucky. You didn't realize you had gone over such heights until you had reached the top of the mountain, the way the roads were constructed. We went to Harlan, it was a real pretty town, and you could see no evidence of the vast flood they had earlier. One thing that impressed me was the small homes between the mountains, and the very small amount of tillable land, but every available bit was planted, in little patches of beans, potatoes and cabbage. Lots of very small clearings around the edge of the hillsides, where they buried their dead, recognized only by bright colored sprays of flowers.

We learned one thing though: most of them had washing machines, all on their front porches. We came back through Virginia through Pennington Gap, and many other interesting places, enjoyed a picnic lunch at a roadside table. Entered Kentucky again by Cumberland Gap. We saw beautiful wild magnolia trees with great white blooms. We attended part of a Sunday school class in the little mountain town of Everts, where my husband's sister teaches. All in all, we had a wonderful day, arrived back home at 6:00 P.M., rested a while, and attended our own church services. A total of 375 miles.

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THE HURT FAMILY TREE

I hope you have kept Newsletter No. 3, so you can refer to the family chart on page 4. We listed the names of Henry Hurt's children, and also gave you the names of his oldest son Abel's children-No. (1). No.(2)-William: we haven't much information on William's children, so we will skip him for the present and go on to No.(3)-John H. Hurt. Here is how his branch shapes up on our family tree:

No.(3) JOHN H. HURT (b. 1822-d.1908) married first to Jane Casey, June 8, 1840.

Their children:

(aa) MARY C. HURT m. John Yater (1863 Children: ???)

(bb) AMANDA B. HURT m. Ambrose A. Turner (1860) Children: ???

(cc) SUSAN HURT m. first to Thomas Doolen (killed in Civil War)  
m. second to J.F. Lawson Children: ???

(dd) HENRY HURT m. Catherine Spainhower (1866)

Children: Jane; Warren S.; C. Frances; A. Turner; Henry S.; K. Ann;  
Isabella; Marguerite

(ee) JOSHUA HURT m. Lucinda Jane Wray (1869)

Children: Samuel Jackson; Susan Jennie; John C.; David Turner; James;  
Annie Belle; Henry Thomas; Sallie Mary; William Comely;  
Elizabeth Curley.

(ff) JOHN HURT (b. 1851 - d. 186 ?) unmarried

No. (3) JOHN H. HURT married second to Eliza A. Yater (1854)

Their Children:

(gg) SALLIE BELLE HURT m. John Tatem Children: ???

(hh) ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) HURT m. Plummer Kincaid

Children: Bradley Kincaid (the well-known WLS radio singer)

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HURT & WRAY INTERLOCKING BRANCHES

Remember, in our last newsletter, we commented on the fact that we are related to the Wrays almost as much as to the Hurts? And we promised to clarify that statement, so here's the data:

Joseph Wray, a Revolutionary War soldier, came from Virginia to Garrard Co., Ky., in 1782, and settled on "Back Creek". Being Irish, he pronounced it "Bock Creek". He settled at the junction of Wooley's and Solomon Carpenter's forks of Back Creek, where he built a mill, known as Arnold's Mill, near Stony Point. The Hurts and Wrays of this section are descendants of Joseph Wray. (I figured out that Joseph Wray was my great-great-great-grandfather)

JOSEPH WRAY married ???

Children:

JOSEPH ELI WRAY

JALY WRAY (daughter)

ELIZABETH WRAY married Pennington Ladd (1829)

JOHN WRAY married JANE HURT (John was a doctor)

Their Children:

Elizabeth Wray m. Thomas Yater (1837)

Sarah J. Wray m. ABEL HURT (1837)

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Oliver Jackson Wray m. Eliza Jane Leasure (1844)

Wade Hampton Wray m. MAHALA HURT

Eli T. Wray m. Mary Thurman

Margaret A. Wray m. Wyatt Perkins

Lucinda Jane Wray who married Joshua Hurt (son of John H. Hurt) was the daughter of Oliver Jackson Wray, who was a brother to Sarah Wray who married Abel Hurt. Sam J. Hurt says this makes the children of Abel and Sarah and the children of Joshua and Lucinda double cousins. I can't yet place the Jane Hurt and Mahala Hurt mentioned above who married Wrays, but they were evidently related to our clan. Another HURT-WRAY marriage I came across is: William John Wray to Amanda T. Hurt (daughter of William) 1869.

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NEWS ITEMS OF PRESENT DAY HURTS

Michael Hammonds, age 17, graduated from Paint Lick High School June 3, with honors. He will enter Eastern State College, Ky., this fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hammonds and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hulette, Paint Lick, Ky.

Cheryl Hurt graduated June 8 from St. Joseph School, Chicago, and will enter St. Frances De Saler in September. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hurt, Chicago.

While on vacation in June, Jerry and Donna Johnson and Jill, of St. Joseph, Ill., spent a few days visiting with Donna's brother, Bob Ohls and family, in Havana, Ill. They also visited Burlington, Iowa, and Nauvoo, Ill. Bob will be remembered by reunion goers as one-half of our country music band. We have invited Bob (and his guitar) to the reunion this year, so perhaps he and Jerry will strum and sing a few numbers for us.

Jim and Nancy Hurt, and children Rosemarie, Brenda, and Andy of Highland, Ind., spent the weekend of June 9 with Jim's sister and brother-in-law, Hildreth and Edford Johnson of St. Joseph, Ill. They also journeyed on to Casey, Ill. for a short over-night visit with Jim's father, Alva J. Hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hurt of Chicago, spent most of their summer weekends at their cottage on Vermilion River in Indiana. They report that fishing hasn't been too good, but they enjoy getting away from the city.

Ron and Marilynne Johnson of Champaign, Ill., have been touring state parks this summer on weekends. So far, they have seen Starved Rock, New Salem, Fox Ridge, and Lincoln Log Cabin Parks in Illinois, and Turkey Run, The Shades, and McCormick State Parks in Indiana.

Ron and Sandra Swallow and Doug, of Urbana, Ill., spent the week of June 9 with Ron's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Swallow, in Lombard, Ill. Ron is away now with the National Guard, for two weeks training at Camp Ripley, Minnesota.

A letter from Alice Simerl Lutz, of Danville, Ill., states that we can add her two new grandsons to the Hurt family tree. They are: (1) Daniel Orlando Black - born March 27, 1963 (weight 11 lbs., 13 oz.) to Leslie and Betty Lutz Black. (2) David Eugene Shouse - born June 26, 1963 (weight 9 lbs., 2 oz.) to Robert and Helen Lutz Shouse. Welcome to the Hurt family, Daniel and David, and congratulations to your

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parents.

Joe and Blanche Heldt of Gary, Ind., are grandparents again. A baby boy, Todd Justin, was born to Ted and Jan Heldt, June 12, 1963, in Hammond Indiana. Blanche Heldt, of Gary, Ind., spent the weekend of July 14 with her sister, Hildreth Johnson, in St. Joseph, Ill. The same weekend, Wayne Hurt of Crown Point, Ind., Jim Hurt of Highland, Ind., and Ernest Hurt of Urbana, Ill., did their good deed of the summer - they painted their father's house for him -- said father being Alva J. Hurt of Casey, Ill.

While your editor is typing this newsletter, my chief reporter, sister Helen Jenkins, is off for a two weeks vacation with her family in Kentucky. Her husband Maurice is planning some fishing in Herrington Lake, while Helen visits our Hurt connections in Garrard Co., and surrounding territory. In all fairness to Helen, I must add that, before she left, she brought me her notes and news items, plus her share of stamped, addressed envelopes, so she didn't really leave me with all the work to do alone.

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WE CAN'T PRINT YOUR NEWS IF YOU DON'T SEND IT TO US

If our present-day news items seem to be mostly about our immediate families, it's because their goings and doings are the only ones we know about. Surely the rest of you are doing something, or going someplace. Please tell us about it, and we'll be glad to print it.

Submitted by: Sam D. Lawson

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EDITORIAL CHAT

September is here, and with it comes. the beginning of another school year, autumn, and the beginning of winter, and also another newsletter, but because your response has been so great, and because our circulation has gone beyond the one-hundred mark, we will only publish our Hurt Notes every three months from now on, instead of every two months as in the past. The next issue will be published in December -- in time for Christmas. The price of the newsletter is still the same -- 10 cents or a stamped envelope for a single copy. Most of you have been very generous in your contributions, and are paid up months in advance. We do want to say "thank-you" again for all the money received. A careful record is kept of each person's credit.

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Research on our family history is being continued by your editor and staff. The winter months ahead will find us reading reference books and genealogical publications, corresponding with county clerks, census readers, more Hurts and Bryants, and so forth. We feel that we have accomplished much during the past year, and with luck and persistent efforts, we may have traced our family back to Europe by this time next year. As usual we will keep you informed of important findings.

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VACATIONING IN KENTUCKY

-by Helen Jenkins

On Sunday, July 14, my husband Maurice and son Ray and I headed for Kentucky for a weeks vacation. Our first stop was in Louisville, Kentucky, where we visited with George and Fannie Lotz. From there we went to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where we made a tour of the army base. There is a plaque there dedicated to a Rev. John Hurt, who was the first minister at Fort Knox.

We visited Ed and Minnie Hulette, Cora Green, Ida Hurt, Eliza Ann King, and Mrs. John Ledford, all of Paint Lick.

We had dinner on Tuesday night with Leland and Maggie Hardwick and children on Sugar Creek. Other guests were Peachie Mae Montgomery of Danville, Kentucky, and Mrs. Janette Ray and children of Lancaster.

Then, on Wednesday morning, we went on to Somerset, Kentucky, where Maurice and Ray spent the rest of the week fishing in beautiful Lake Cumberland, while I visited with relatives, making my headquarters at the home of Red and Lucy Adams. At the same time, Cousin Sam Hurt was visiting there also. Lucy is Sam's niece.

We made a trip to Brodhead, Kentucky, where I visited with Charlie and Lena Hurt. Then on to Crab Orchard to see Mrs. Frazier Hurt, where I was able to get a picture of my great-uncle John Hurt, and also names and dates from his family Bible.

All too soon the vacation came to an end, and we had to return home -- and back to work

NEWS ITEMS OF PRESENT DAY HURTS

Mr. and Mrs. Shelburn Adams, of Somerset, Kentucky, spent their vacation in Indiana, visiting Mr. Adams's father. They also stopped in Louisville, Kentucky, to see Mrs. Adams's sister, Mrs. Myrtie Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wrenn and children, Sue Ann and Luke, of Franklin, Indiana, spent the weekend of July 26 with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Wrenn and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hulette of Paint Lick, Kentucky. They also visited friends in Lexington, Kentucky.

Several of the Hurt Clan attended the annual Farm Bureau Fish Fry at Paint Lick, Ky., on August 8. Kentucky farmers are busy now, housing their best money-making crop, "tobacco". They have had a very good season.

Ronald and Marilynne Johnson of Champaign, Illinois, traveled to Ft. Madison, Iowa, on September 7, to partake in the festivities of Cheyenne Frontier Days. They also visited in Burlington, Iowa, before returning home.

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### HURT REUNION - 1963

The seventh annual HURT reunion was held Aug. 18, 1963, at the city park in Allerton, Illinois, with 100 registered persons present. (There may have been a few who didn't register)

A business meeting was held following the delicious basket dinner, with Hildreth Johnson reading the minutes of the last meeting and giving the treasurer's report, substituting for Christine Neidigh, who was unable to attend. New officers elected for the coming year were: Jim Hurt, president, and Beulah Monroe,, secretary-treasurer.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Mrs. Nell Hurt, age 83, oldest person present; David Shouse, age 7 weeks, youngest; and Donald Hurt of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the person traveling the greatest distance to attend the reunion. Alva Hurt's family was awarded the trophy for having the largest branch present. Thirty-six members of his family turned out for the occasion.

Joseph Heldt acted as master of ceremonies for the entertainment program. Country music was furnished by Jerry Johnson and Bob Ohls.

Our genealogy booth was a popular area for genealogy discussion, and one of the main attractions was the family history chart on display. Actually there were two charts drawn up and displayed by Ronald Johnson, our recording secretary. One chart listed the names and dates of Eli Mitchell Hurt and Nancy Jane Bryant, and their descendants. The second chart, with the names of James Hurt and Elizabeth Morris at the top, listed the names of as many of their descendants as were known to us.

Members of the Hurt family present were: Alva Hurt, Nell Hurt, Beulah Monroe, Mrs. Harold Hurt, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hurt, Carole, Michael & Rebecca, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hurt, and Mr. & Mrs. Shelby Hurt--all of Casey, Illinois; Eunice Walters, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Reeder, Randy Hurt, Keith Reeder, and Elaine Reeder--all of Greenup, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Eli Hurt, Nancy & John, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hurt--of Allerton, Illinois; Tell Hurt of Martinsville, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Dale Mitchell, Carolyn, Bill, Jan & Becky--of Homer, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Chouning, Lori and Jeff--of Tilton, Illinois; Mrs. & Mrs. John Chouning, Jane & John--of Crete, Illinois;

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Lutz, and Jerrie, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shouse & David--of Danville, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Tabbert & Carrie--Mattoon, Illinois; Mrs. Janice Wallace & Jon--of Oak Lawn, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Burt, Steve, Allen & Mark, Mrs. David Fell & Kimberly, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Swallow & Doug, and Mrs. Helen Jenkins, Linda & Ray--all of Urbana, Illinois; Mrs. Hildreth Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Johnson & Jill--of St. Joseph, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Johnson--Champaign, Illinois; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Sweet, Kathy Shelby, Beth Shelby, and Mr. & Mrs. Alva Simerl--of Covington, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hurt, Cathy, Karen & Wayne Allen--of Crown Point, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

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Heldt & Michael, and Sharon Kincade -- of Gary, Indiana; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hurt, Rosemarie, Brenda & Andy -- of Highland, Indiana; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hurt, Roger & Ricky, and Matt, Cathy & Chandelle Redding -- of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Guests present were Bob Ohls, Havana, Illinois, and Sara Robinson and Royce Adamson, of Allerton, Illinois. All in all, it was a very successful reunion, and we are already looking forward to the "third Sunday in August -- 1964".

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Blanche Heldt wishes to announce that she has a few pictures left of our grandmother, Nancy Jane Bryant Hurt. She distributed some at the reunion. Pictures of Nancy Jane are very scarce. The one was taken in the late 1920's, when she was in her 70's. It measures 3 1/2 in. x 5 in., and if you are interested in a copy, you may have one for the low price of 10 cents plus 5 cents for postage. Send your requests to your newsletter editor.

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Jerry Johnson and Bob Ohls introduced a new song at the reunion, called "The Legend of The Hurt Boys". It is sung to the tune of "The Legend of The Johnson Boys", recorded in an album by Flatt & Scruggs. We changed their words a bit, and added a few verses of our own. The song proved to be a hit at the reunion, and we have had requests for the words, which you will find printed on the following page. (Get out your guitars and start singing.)

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Jerry A. Johnson, Staff Researcher Ronald Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Box 753 202 South Fair Street  
St. Joseph, Illinois Champaign, Illinois  
THE LEGEND OF THE HURT BOYS  
Lyrics--H. K. Johnson  
Music--J. A. Johnson

Have you heard the many of stories  
Told by old and young with joy  
Of the many deed of daring  
That was done by those Hurt Boys,  
That was done by those Hurt Boys.  
Those Hurt Boys were boys of honor,  
They knew how to court their maid,  
They know how to hug and kiss &im,  
Hop up pretty girls, don't be afraid,  
Hop up pretty girls, don't be afraid.  
They were lads of skill and courage,  
And their size was six-foot-four,  
And they joined their country's service  
In that awful Civil War,

In that awful Civil War.  
They were scouts in Lincoln's army,  
And were known far and wide,  
When the Rebels saw them coming,  
They'd throw down their guns and hide,  
They's throw down their guns and hide.  
And when the cruel war was over,  
Grieving still for those who died,  
Those Hurt boys went back to Back Creek,  
Took unto themselves a bride,  
Took unto themselves a bride.  
Those Hurt Boys' feet were itchin'  
So a few began to roam,  
Left the hills of old Kentucky,  
And in other states built homes,  
And in other states built homes.  
Now there's a Hurt in Indiana,  
Quite a few in Illinois,  
If you travel out to Kansas  
You will meet some more Hurt Boys,  
You will meet some more Hurt Boys.  
Those Hurt Boys raised sons and daughters,  
And had grand kids by the score,  
Scattered over this great nation,  
There'll be Hurts forevermore,  
There'll be Hurts forevermore.  
And each year the Hurts reunion  
Beckons Hurts where'er they be,  
Carries on the Hurt tradition,  
Those Hurt Boys of sixty-three,  
Those Hurt Boys of sixty-three.  
Helen Hurt Jenkins, chief reporter  
1308 West University Avenue  
Urbana, Illinois

MORE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Leland Hardwick, Jr., of Lancaster, Ky., was injured on September 6, when a piece of steel became imbedded in his eye. He was taken to a Lexington, Ky., hospital for emergency treatment, and later moved to a hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he underwent surgery.

A son was born on September 18, 1963, to Airman First Class and Mrs. David Fell, of Urbana, Illinois. Sue Fell is the daughter of Mrs. Ernest Hurt, Urbana. The baby has been named David Scott.

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HURTS & THE LAW IN GARRARD  
COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The sheriff of Garrard County is Leonard Hammons, who married Virginia Hurt. His deputy is Clifford Hurt, and the state police representative in Lancaster is Junior Schooler, whose mother is Elveree Hurt.

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A SALUTE TO MISS IDA HURTE

Miss Ida Hurte, who lives in Paint Lick, Ky., is the daughter of William and Cassandra Rhodus Hurt, and a granddaughter of Smith Hurt. She started teaching school at the age of 15, and taught for 55 years in the Garrard and Madison County schools. After her retirement at the age of 70, she worked in the local post office as clerk for several years. She was in the hospital for the first time at the age of 76. She has never had a shot of any kind, and she had her hair done at the beauty shop for the first time this summer. Miss Ida Hurte is 87 years old--a truly remarkable woman.

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DEFINITION OF ANCESTORS

"Ancestors are found along with old furniture and captive skeletons in all our best regulated families. Ancestors consist of forefathers and foremothers, to say nothing of foreuncles and aunts. Being an ancestor is one of the easiest and most attractive of jobs. It merely consists of being boasted by one's descendants. Thus many ancestors have been enabled to make good after they are dead.

Ancestors are one of the most valuable possessions. They are non-taxable and cannot be stolen. Their upkeep is practically nothing, and they do not deteriorate with age and neglect. In fact, they increase in value as they grow older. An ancestor 600 years old is worth a whole mass meeting of 56 year old ancestors. Adam is the oldest ancestor. He is 6,000 years old, and has a fine record. But he is a common possession, like education and liberty, so he is not valued very highly."

IN MEMORIAM

An obituary column is something we had hoped never to have in our newsletter, but recently we have been greived by the death of three members of our Hurt family:

ERNEST HURT

Funeral services for Ernes Hurt, 47, 1208 North Broadway, Urbana, Illinois, were held September 3 at the Bishop Funeral Home in Greenup, Illinois, with graveside services at Woodlawn Cemetary, Urbana. Rev. Fred Carlin, of Casey, Illinois, officiated at both services.

Mr. Hurt died suddenly Saturday evening, August 31, at the home of his father, Alva J. Hurt, near Casey, Illinois. A heart attack was given as the causes of death in an inquest held September 1 at Greenup.

Mr. Hurt was born May 6, 1916, near Greenup, Illinois, son of Alva J. and Sarah Lewis Hurt. His mother preceded him in death in 1951.

He married Maxine Burwell Sisney in January, 1949, at Greenup, Illinois.

Surviving are his widow; three sons at home in Urbana--Steven, Allen and Mark Hurt; three stepchildren--Mrs. Shelly Fults, Seymour, Illinois, Mrs. Sue Fell, Urbana, Illinois, and David Sisney, Seymour, Illinois; three brothers--Wayne Hurt, Crown Point, Indiana, Donald Hurt, Alburquerque, New Mexico, and Jim Hurt, Highland, Indiana; three sisters--Mrs. Hildreth Johnson, St. Joseph, Illinois, Mrs. Blanche Heldt, Gary, Indiana, and Mrs. Helen Jenkins, Urbana, Illinois; five step-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hurt was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Moose Lodge, Champaign, Illinois. He was employed at the Auto Doc Body and Fender Shop in Champaign, Illinois.

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GROVER P. SCHOOLER, SR.

Mr. Grover P. Schooler, Sr., 73, Lancaster, Kentucky, died unexpectedly at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, August 7, 1963, at the Garrard County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:30 P.M. Friday, August 9, at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Lancaster, Kentucky, with the Rev. R. Henry Campbell officiating. Burial was in the Lancaster Cemetery. Mr. Schooler was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elveree Hurt Schooler; a son, Grover Schooler, Jr., Lancaster, Kentucky; a daughter, Mrs. Harry Barker, Lancaster, Kentucky; two brothers--Ray and Herbert Schooler, Lancaster; two sisters--Misses Betsy and Margaret Schooler, Lancaster; and five grandchildren. Mr. Schooler was a retired farmer.

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SALLIE HURT RAY

Mrs. Sallie Hurt Ray, 69, Lancaster, Kentucky, died at 5:00 A.M. Saturday, August 24, 1963, at the Pattie A. Clay Hospital, Richmond, Kentucky, after a long illness. She was a member of The Liberty Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 P.M. Monday, September 26, at the Lancaster Baptist Church by Rev. B.V. Filson and Rev. Aubrey Eckenroth. Burial was in the Lancaster Cemetery. Ramsey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Survivors are to sons--L.B. Ray and Gilbert Ray, of Garrard County, Kentucky; Five sisters--Mrs. Leland Hardwick and Mrs. Joe Edgington, Mrs. Pearl East, and Mrs. Marion Sebastian, all of Garrard Co, and Mrs. Walker Montgomery, Danville, Kentucky; three brothers--Herbert Hurt, and Kirby Hurt of Lancaster, Kentucky, and Ted Hurt of New Albany, Indiana; seven grand-children and 2 great-grandchildren.

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"I cannot say, and I will not say that he is dead. He is just away!  
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,  
He has wandered into an unknown land, and left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there.  
Think of him faring on, as dear in the love of There as the love of Here;  
Think of him as the same, I say,  
He is not dead--he is just--away!"  
--From the poem, "Away" by James Whitcomb Riley

Submitted by: Sam D. Lawson

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NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Since our last newsletter in September, we have added some new subscribers to our mailing list.

A very interesting letter arrived from Mrs. Ghuela Hurt of Bridgetown, Missouri. Ghuela is the wife of the late John Hurt, son of Andy Hurt. Ghuela and John are the parents of 10 children--quite an addition to our family tree. Ghuela requested all back issues of Hurt Notes, and says she has plans to make the newsletters into a book form. We hope the rest of you are saving the newsletters and have similar plans for them.

Another letter came from Gerald Hurt, of Casey, Illinois. Having received all five newsletters at one time, he had quite a bit of reading to catch up on. He and his wife Helen found the letters very interesting, and their 10 year old daughter, Becky, was planning to show them off to her 5th grade class.

Edna Belle Shelby, of Covington, Indiana, is also one of our new subscribers. She is the daughter of Harold and Doris Hurt Sweet. Edna Belle and I have been corresponding in regards to our Bryant and Wray lines. We are trying to establish enough proof and data on one of these lines to gain Edna Belle's admittance to the D.A.R. The Wray line seemed the most logical, but although we believe that Joseph Wray was a Revolutionary Soldier, we cannot prove it, and have yet to receive his war record from Washington D.C. I have photocopies of John Bryant's Revolutionary War record and pension papers, but our missing link in this line is the father of Nancy Jane Bryant Hurt. There is no doubt that John Bryant and wife, Sarah Brown Bryant, were the great-grandparents of Nancy Jane, but which of their grandsons was Nancy Jane's father?

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### NEWS ITEMS OF PRESENT DAY HURTS

Henry Thomas Hurt III, our Navy man in Newfoundland, was home on leave recently for three weeks, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Hurt II, in Lancaster, Ky. "Tommy", as he is called, is now stationed in Port Hueneme, California, where he is enrolled in the Class A Drafting Engineering Aid School. The above news came in a letter from Tommy's mother, Allene Hurt.

George and Fannie Lotz sent a clipping from the Louisville, (Ky.) Times, dated Oct. 14, 1963, which stated that: ARecently George and Fannie Lotz, 2332 Rowan, Louisville Ky., celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. The mail brought, among other gifts, a package from a well-known manufacturer which uses for a trade mark '57 Varieties'. Mrs. Lotz is the former Fannie Dollins, daughter of Mary Hurt Dollins, who was a sister to our Eli Mitchell Hurt. Congratulations George and Fannie, and may you have many more happy anniversaries!

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lane, Lancaster, Ky., entertained, on October 20, with a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Lane's mother, Mrs. Maggie Hurt Hardwick.

James and Judy Rudd and children, Kelly and Karla, Have recently moved from Rayfield, Colorado to Gary, Indiana.

Linda Jenkins was chosen Queen of Urbana High School for the Annual Tri-Hi Dance. Linda is the daughter of Maurice and Helen Jenkins of Urbana, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Adams entertained recently with a birthday dinner for George Allen's mother, Mrs. Lucy Adams of Somerset, Ky.

### NOTES FROM HELEN'S MAIL BAG

A letter from Mrs. Susie Hurt of Crab Orchard, Ky., tells me how much she enjoys the Newsletters. Susie is only Hurt by marriage, but she is very interested in the Hurt Genealogy. Her husband was Frazier Hurt, the youngest son of John Hurt, Eli's oldest brother.

Sallie Hurt Bowling of Hamilton, Ohio, is busy making quilts these days. Sally tells me she owns a sugar chest that belonged to my great-grandparents, Abel and Sarah Hurt. Sally also belongs to a Senior Citizen Center, where she meets some very interesting people.

Cousin Sam Hurt, of Paint Lick, Ky., still writes those newsy letters I enjoy so much. He is helping me now on the Wray family tree. We hope to have a report of this in the near future.

Myrtie Lawson, of Louisville, Ky., spent several days in the hospital the last of September. Her sister, Lucy Adams, of Somerset, Ky., spent a week with her at that time. I am happy to report that Myrtie is doing fine now, and is back to work.

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### GENEALOGY NOTES --by Hildreth Hurt Johnson

We have been very fortunate indeed to discover another HURT genealogist--namely Oscar Hurt of Memphis, Tennessee. About 10 years ago, Oscar Hurt, as a hobby, began researching on the Hurt family. He has compiled a manuscript of well over 100 pages, entitled "Early Hurt Family of Virginia" and Early Hurt Records." His name and address was sent to me by another genealogist, and I immediately got off a letter to him, telling him about Hurt family line, and asking for any help he might be able to

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give us. Before I had received my reply, brother Don Hurt of Albuquerque, New Mexico, had also discovered Oscar Hurt through Oscar's nephew, Lloyd Hurt Jr., who lives in New Mexico. This nephew loaned Don a copy of Oscar's manuscript, and after reading it, Don was so enthused that he called me long-distance one night to say that he had the names which would take our Hurt family back 5 more generations. Well, that was enough to get excited about. According to Oscar Hurt's speculations, our Hurt line went like this: James Hurt who married Elizabeth Morris, was the son of John Hurt, also the son of a John Hurt, son of William Hurt, son of John Hurt, son of

William Hurt, Sr. This William Hurt, Sr., was born about 1630 in England and came to Virginia in 1650. Well, we walked on air for a few days, and then came my reply from Oscar Hurt. He said he had given up the idea he had earlier that our James Hurt was the same James who belonged to the John--John--William--John-- William, Sr. line, for the data he had aquired since did not check out this theory. What a let-down! However, although he cannot prove his first theory is right, he also cannot prove that it is wrong. So we are still hoping. He has promised to help us solve this "puzzle" as he calls it. I have some of the pages from Oscar's manuscript, and I hope to get a copy of the complete manuscript soon.

One bit of information from the manuscript which I think will interest all of you is this: The earliest record that Oscar Hurt found of the HURT family is in the year 1273. In that year he found three Hurt names on the Hundred Rolls of Oxfordshire, England, as follows:

1. Amicia le Hurt - County Osfordshire, 1273
2. Hugh le Hurt - County Oxfordshire, 1273
3. Thomas le Hurt - County Oxfordshire, 1273

The "Hundred Roll" is explained as a unit of government composed of 100 families, which was later expanded into a county or shire government.

It is well-known that the HURT family is of old English stock, and Oscar Hurt quotes from the book , "Homes of Family Names In Great Britain", by H.B. Guppy, as follows:

"The distinguished name of HURT is an ancient Nottingham (England) name. An ancient and distinguished, opulant famly of this name resided at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, from the 15th to the 17th century. The Hurts of Kniveton, Casterne and Alderwashly, in that county, were younger branches of the same. In the reign of Edward I (1274-1304), HURT was a common name in Oxfordshire, and it was also represented then in Lincolnshire and Devonshire. Richard Hurt was mayor of Nottingham, England, in 1595-1602 and 1609. John Hurt was vicar of St. Mary's Church (in England) in 1461."

There now -- aren't you glad you are a HURT?

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A PAIR OF COTTONS.....

Mr. and Mrs. Glenmore Cotton, Route #1, Lancaster, Ky., have reason to be doubly proud in regard to their two daughters, who are students at Berea College, Ky.

Miss Sue Janet Cotton, a senior elementary education major at Berea College, is doing her first practice teaching assignment at Knapp Hall, Berea College's laboratory elementary school. She has also been elected president of the Young Republicans at Berea College.

Miss Glenna Sharon Cotton has been elected vice-president of the public affairs forum at Berea College. In clubs like the Public Affairs Forum,

there is a tendency to foster a growth among the students in democratic ideals and leadership ability.

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IN MEMORIAM

--JOHN YATER

Services for John Yater, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Lancaster, Ky., were held at 2:00 P.M., Sept. 17, in the Lancaster Cenetry by the Rev. Tom Hix. Mr. Yater is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Crensborn Yater. Mr. Yater was the grandson of John and Mary Hurt Yater.

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MORE NAMES ON THE HURT FAMILY TREE

JAMES HURT and ELIZABETH MORRIS HURT

Children: HENRY, JOSHUA, SMITH, JANE AND MARTHA (PATSY)

SMITH HURT, son of James and Elizabeth Morris Hurt, was born

approximately 1794.

He married Elizabeth Edwards April 8th, 1822, in

Garrard County, Kentucky.

Children: The 1840 census of Garrard Co. lists 2 male

and 5 female children

In the family, but we know the

names of only 3....

- 1. WILLIAM HURT, SENIOR
- 2. JAMES HURT
- 3. ELIZABETH HURT

\*1. WILLIAM HURT, SENIOR, son of Smith and Elizabeth Edwards Hurt, was born Nov. 26, 1838.

His first marriage was to his cousin, Mary Hurt.

Their children:

- 1. William, Jr. (Born Nov. 26, 1861 - died June 29, 1949) He

married Mary Ralston,

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and they had 5 children, but we have only the names of two--Minnie Belle and Annie Lee.

2. Joshua (born Feb. 2, 1863 - died Feb. 2, 1868)

3. Sally A. (born Aug. 20, 1864 - died Dec. 24, 1880) Sally died from burns. She was never married.

4. Mary S. (born March 8, 1866 - died Dec. 16, 1937) Mary was unmarried.

\*1. WILLIAM HURT, SENIOR, was married the second time to Cassandra Rhodes. Their children:

5. Lou G. (born June 6, 1872 - died Sept. 18, 1872)

6. Martha E. (born March 29, 1874 - died Nov. 11, 1939) Martha married John Bettis,

and they had 6 children -- 4 girls and 2 boys. We do not have their names.

7. Ida M. (born March 17, 187? - Still lives in Paint Lick, Ky. Ida never married. She is a retired school teacher.

8. Edward (born June 17, 1877 - died Jan. 23, 1942) Edward married Gertrude McDonald. (No children)

9. Samuel (born April 17, 1879 - died Jan 29, 1946) Samuel married Maggie

Argenbrihte. They had one son -- Thomas A.

10. Susie (born June 18, 1881) Susie married Ancil Parks. They had 2 children -- 1 boy and 1 girl. we do not know their name.

11. Mike E. (born Aug. 26, 1883 - died July 31, 1916) Mike married Pearl Vernon.

Their children: George, Mae and 1 other son.

12. Arthur (born March 15, 1886 - died Feb. 18, 1961) Arthur was married first to

Mary Northern. Their Children: Virginia - Cassie - also 1 son. Arthur was married

second to Grace Goodrich. Their Children: Thomas William - 1 other son and 2 daughters.

13. Cora (born Feb 16, 1890) lives with sister Ida, in Paint Lick, Kentucky. Cora

married William T. Green (no children)

The above is merely a beginning in listing the names of the members of Smith Hurt's family. We will continue this in other newsletters. We still need lots more information, though, and any data you can send us will be appreciated.

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Please send us your news items. We cannot publish a newsletter without them. Also, those of you who have not yet filled out the forms that were sent to you, please get them in as soon as possible. Let's make our family tree complete.

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Send your correspondence, news items, forms, etc., to either:  
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A GENEALOGIST'S LETTER TO  
SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

My stocking is hung by the chimney with care--Please fill it up with some unusual  
fare.

Reach way down deep in your magical packs,  
And pull out the facts, Santa, just give me the facts.

Like--who was the father of a Hurt called James?

Surely you have a list of such names!

Was it John, or Thomas, or Moses or Bill?

And where can I find a print of his will?

And who was his mother, if I'm not asking to much?

Who was his grandpa, if you have knowledge of such?

Now, who was the wife of old Joseph Wray?

And did he take part in the Wars of his day?

And while you're about it, without too much ado,

Please help me out with my Bryants, too.

My grandmother's name was Nancy Jane,

I've searched for her father, but all in vain.

Somewhere in Kentucky a Bryant did stay,

Who married Amanda, the census did say.

But his name is unknown by today's Bryant

clan--

Father to Mary, Nancy and Alex--who was this man?

On all the above, Santa, please set me right--

Merry Christmas to you, and to you a  
good night.

--A Hurt-Wray-Bryant Genealogist

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BOOK BROWZING WITH HILDRETH

A study of genealogy is also a study of  
history, and in reading such material,  
one runs across some interesting facts.

In Colonial Virginia, where our Hurt forefathers lived in the 1700's, much of  
the social life centered about the taverns. Here planters, traders, and professional  
men met to discuss business and politics. Cheats and speculators peddled their  
wares. Here traveling groups gave shows and games of chance were frequent. Cards and  
dice were the favorite gambling devices on the inside of the buildings, while on the

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outside, bets were placed on wrestling matches, cock-fights, gander head-pulling contest, and horse-races. Bootlegging was illegal, and for selling liquor with-out a license, a man could be fined up to 2,000 lbs. of tobacco. (Tobacco was often used in place of money in those days). Some of the drinks served in the taverns were French brandy, Canary and Madeira

wines, Virginia peach and apple brandy, English beer, cider, Sangaree, Lemonade, citron water, rum and ale. Prices were high. In 1750 a working man was able to buy a half-gallon of rum or two gallons of ale, for a day's pay. Laws were strict. You could be fined 50 lbs. Of tobacco for being drunk and swearing in public, or failing to attend church for two months, or for going to church drunk. For robbery, forgery, assault and battery, etc., the punishment was usually 25 lashes at the whipping post.

Did someone mention "the good old days"?

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THANKSGIVING DOINGS

Thanksgiving, with its traditional turkey and trimmings, and family get-to-gether, has come and gone. We hope yours was a happy one. Thanksgiving Day, in Illinois, was a bright, sunshiny day, with temperatures in the high 50's. We can't say what each of you Hurts were doing on Thanksgiving, for we don't know. We can only report how your Newsletter Staff and members of their families spent the day:

Linda and Ray Jenkins traveled from Urbana, Illinois, to Gary, Ind. for the Holiday week-end. Ray ate Thanksgiving dinner with the Wayne Hurt family in Crown Point, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Heldt entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner at their home in Hammond, Ind. Those present besides the host and hostess were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heldt and Michael, Sharon Kincade, Mr. and Mrs. James Rudd, Kelly and Karla, Linda Jenkins, and Teresa, Tammy and Tod Heldt.

Ron and Sandra Swallow, of Urbana, Ill., went to Lombard, Ill., to spend Thanksgiving with Ron's parents, Mrs. And Mrs. Joseph Swallow.

Jerry and Donna Johnson and Jill, of St. Joseph, Ill., ate dinner with Donna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hostetler of Urbana, Ill.

Ronald and Marilynne Johnson of Champaign, Ill., went to Decatur, Ill., for a family gathering at Marilynne's grandmother's house.

Maurice and Helen Jenkins of Urbana shared their turkey dinner with Helen's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. McMurray of Champain, Ill.

Hildreth and Edford Johnson spent a quiet day at home in St. Joseph, eating a "small" turkey, knowing that their turn to entertain would come on Christmas Day. They did have evening guests for pumpkin pie and coffee--Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson and Jill.

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"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures up and preserves the history of his ancestors."

- -- -Edmund Burke

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Submitted by: Sam D. Lawson

Editor's Note - Newsletters 7 thru 9 are not found on the source website

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EDITORIAL

Another Christmas season is upon us. Each year it seems to arrive a little earlier. We are now in that magical and ever-quickening flurry of the days and weeks before Christmas, when lists are drawn up, gifts bought and hidden away, cards addressed for mailing, Christmas trees and decorations being put up in all our homes, and parties and visits joyously planned. In the midst of all this hustle and bustle, we of the Newsletter Staff are taking time out to publish your December issue of Hurt Notes, and to wish each and every one of you the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year ever.

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NEWS ITEMS

The Kentucky HURT reunion was held this year at the home of Mrs. Minnie Pearl Lane, Lancaster, Ky., with 53 present. It rained all day. The 1965 reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hurt in Lancaster, Ky.

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On July 12, Mrs. Elveree Schooler, Mrs. Evelyn Cotton, Beatrice Hurt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barker, Pam, Sandra, and Pat Barker, and Sharon Cotton, all of Lancaster, Ky., spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lacy of Milroy, Indiana.

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Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hardwick of Lancaster, Ky., are the proud parents of a baby girl, born July 5, 1964. The new baby has been named Tammera Dee.

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Another new little twig on our family tree is Thomas Lee Hurt, who was born Sept. 16, 1964. His proud parents are Jim and Nancy Hurt of Abiquiu, New Mexico.

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Beryl Gay of St. Paul, Indiana, is recovering from a car accident on July 29.

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He suffered a broken neck and spinal injuries. His grandmother was Katie Gay, and she was the daughter of Henry Hurt of Garrard Co. Kentucky.

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MORE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Shelburn Adams (Red and Lucy), of Somerset, Ky., were surprised by a farewell dinner given by 38 of their neighbors before moving into their new home on September 10.

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Sallie Hurt Bowling, of Hamilton, Ohio, celebrated her birthday on October 16. She is the sister of Sam J. Hurt.

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On Nov. 6, Blanche Heldt, Wayne Hurt, Helen Jenkins, Hildreth Johnson, Maxine Hurt, and their aunt, Rose McMurray, made a trip to Casey, Greenup, and Toledo, Ill. They paid a last visit to the "Old Home Place"--Alva Hurt's home near Casey. They gathered hickory nuts and persimmons. They walked through the garden and orchard, and down by the pond. They wandered through the empty rooms of the house, recalling the many happy events and family gatherings that had taken place there. They said a silent goodbye as they turned the key in the door for the last time, and proceeded on to Toledo, where the property was sold at auction-- to George Simerl, of Covington, Indiana. George is a cousin of the family-- his mother being Bonnie Simerl, a niece of Alva Hurt. So we are quite pleased that our home place is still in the Hurt family.

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On Nov. 9, Wayne Hurt suffered a serious heart attack and was rushed by ambulance to a hospital in Gary, Indiana. He was on the critical list for several days, but finally rallied. We are very happy to report that he is now recuperating at his home-- 301 Birch St., Crown Point, Indiana. His sister, Helen Jenkins, went to Gary for three days while he was in the hospital.

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Sybil Hurt Dettro has recently moved from Los Gatos, California, to Omaha, Neb. She says she is happy to be back in the Midwest where she can "see corn, eat corn, and be corny".

A GALA DAY AT DISNEYLAND

It seems that everyone who goes to California wants to see Disneyland-- even Nikita Khrushchev. Not all of us are fortunate enough to visit California and Disneyland, but three members of our Hurt clan made it in October of this year-- Donna and Jerry Johnson and daughter Jill, who live in Bakersfield, California. Donna writes of the highlights of their trip as follows:

"We finally went to Disneyland. We left early Saturday morning, Oct. 24, for the 111-mile trip. The first thing we did after arriving was to park the car, and a little train came out to the parking lot and took everyone up to the main gate. Free, too. Then we rode the big train that goes all around the park. It went through tunnels where they had a diorama of the Grand Canyon. It looked so real. Then we went all around the Main Street. They have a three-block area made to look like a 1900 village, and all the clerks were dressed in styles of that period. They had ice cream parlors, drug stores, and a silent movie theatre, where, for a dime, they

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were showing movies with Lillian Gish and other stars of the silent screen. They also had horse drawn carriages, and for 10 cents you could ride all around.

Next we went to Adventure Land and took the Jungle Cruise. We all enjoyed it. Disney had wild animals all through, and they were very realistic, moving and swimming around. The guide was sure good at his job, as he kept telling us to be real quiet so the animals wouldn't attack. About that time a big hippo came up and the guide pulled out a gun and "shot" it. Scared Jill to death. They had head hunters jump out of the bushes at us.

Disney can really make things look true to life.

Then we took a big steamboat ride down the river. That was a lot of fun, too. They have the treehouse there where they made the Swiss Family Robinson movie, and we climbed 80 feet up to the top. The Castle that Disney uses on the opening of his TV show is there, and that is the entrance to Fantasyland. Jill and Jerry went on a tunnel ride where they had witches and other scary things. He said Jill was on his lap before they got too far.

In Tomorrowland we took a space ride to the moon. You actually feel like you're taking off. The seats vibrate and they have a big screen in the bottom of the floor, so it looks like you're really traveling through space. We took a submarine ride, too. It was fixed so you could look out the portholes and see fish, mermaids and serpents.

Jill and Jerry got on the Skyway ride. It is like those ski lifts, and I decided to stay on the ground. It went all over the park and through a mountain. They have the set where they filmed "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea", and we went through that. We went through the House Of Tomorrow, and I'd like to have it today. It was fabulous. The thing that impressed me most about Disneyland was the cleanliness of the place. Men go around constantly with a broom and dustpan, sweeping up.

They are presently working on three new exhibits there. One is a haunted mansion, another is a replica of New Orleans and the third is a Pirate Ship. We had a motel room right next to Disneyland and spent Saturday night there. Sunday we got up early and went to Knott's Berry Farm. The Farm is laid out like an old time Western Mining Town. It doesn't cost anything to go through, but if you want to ride on the mining train or pan for gold, or go through any of the buildings, it is 50 cents for each thing. We spent about three hours there. Jill enjoyed the big dollhouse exhibit that this family has been working on for years-- dollhouses from every period. In the modern house, they actually had a 2-inch Television set that worked. On the way home we drove 20 miles to the ocean at the end of Balboa Island. (Scene of the TV series, The Baileys Of Balboa). We went to Newport Beach, and I got a glimpse of Los Angeles from the Freeway. The traffic was terrible, but the trip was wonderful."

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Once again we beg of you to please send us your news items. We cannot publish a newsletter without news, you know. When you are making your New Year's resolutions, please resolve to send us more news items during 1965. Between now and March 1, when the next newsletter goes to press, why not send us a postcard giving us at least one news item? It doesn't have to be a stupendous item. We are interested in the "little" things, too.

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HURT FAMILY FACT AND POSSIBILITY

-- by Ronald Johnson

As much of our HURT family genealogical research is based on uncertainties, I would like to add a few general possibilities of my own. These possibilities are based on the known fact that the present day Hurts are generated from the Kentucky branch of the family and the assumption (which actually must be accepted as fact) that those Kentucky Hurts migrated from the more populous Eastern states of the late 18th century.

Henry Hurt (b. 1792- d. 187-?) And his brother Smith Hurt (b. 1794- d. 18--?) Evidently migrated to Kentucky in the late 1700's with their parents, James and Elizabeth Morris Hurt. In all probability they migrated from Virginia or, maybe, North Carolina. If from Virginia, they undoubtedly traveled by way of the Wilderness Road and the Cumberland Gap, situated near the present day towns of Cumberland Gap and Middlesboro, Ky. I use the term 'undoubtedly' quite loosely because the possibility remains that other roads or traces might have been opened by that time. I must recount, however, that George Washington, in his travels through the 'West' in 1784, found the Wilderness Road the only trace that could be loosely called a passable road, and it was difficult to travel. But the period from 1784 to 1800 saw much migrating movement to, and the resultant settlement of, the Kentucky-Tennessee Frontier, along with the Northern Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio Frontiers. Therefore, the existence of other 'roads' must be acknowledged as a good possibility.

However, let us assume that our James Hurt family traveled the Wilderness Road and viewed the fertile lands of Kentucky for the first time from atop the Cumberland Gap. Assuming their migratory movement carried them directly to Garrard County, Ky., let us trace a possible journey to their homestead. Descending the Appalachians, they traveled through the northern reaches of the defunct State of Franklin, which ceased to exist in the year 1788, after being founded in 1784. This was a State formed by the early settlers of the region who were dissatisfied with the Virginia Government, which at that time exercised control over the area, along with the State of North Carolina, which was responsible for the suppression of the short lived State.

Crossing the Cumberland River, which was roughly the northern boundary of Franklin, the family journeyed through southeastern Kentucky, passing near the present towns of Corbin and Mt. Vernon. The Hurts settled in Garrard Co., Ky., most of them along Back Creek. Henry Hurt grew up there, married, and raised his family there, and remained there the remainder of his life.

Assuming the Hurt family arrived in Kentucky during the late 1700's or early 1800's, let us quickly note what was occurring throughout the country at that time:

Kentucky had already become a State, that event occurring on June 1, 1792. The Kentucky Resolutions, an assertion of State's Rights and a challenge to federal authority had been published in 1798. In 1812, the second war with Great Britain began. No evidence of any of our Hurt's participation in this event has been established at the time of this writing.

In 1818, Illinois became a State, which bore no importance to the Hurts at that time, but that State, as we can attest to, became an important part of many Hurt lives beginning with Eli Hurt and his wife, Nancy Jane Bryant Hurt.

Needless to say, the period of time in which our early Hurt ancestors lived was

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a time of great importance and change, and in passing, I have named only a few of the many interesting happenings of that period.

As a footnote, I might also add that Daniel Boone's village of Boonesboro was located in either Northern Garrard Co. Or Madison Co., quite close to the Hurt Homestead.

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On our genealogy page this time, we have listed the complete family register of Ida Hurt Goodwin, oldest child and only daughter of Eli Mitchell and Nancy Jane Bryant Hurt.

In later issues of Hurt Notes we hope to list the families of the sons of Eli and Nancy. We do need more information on some of these, so if you have not yet sent us your family data, please do so soon as possible.

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"OH FAMILY TREE! OH FAMILY TREE!
HOW LOVELY ARE THY BRANCHES."

IN MEMORIAM
ORA J. HURT

Funeral services for Ora J. Hurt, age 66, lifelong resident of Decatur County, Indiana, and widely known farmer were held October 13, 1964, at Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home. The Rev. Raymond Finkbiner, pastor of Mt. Aerie Baptist Church at Letts, officiated. Burial was in Mt. Aerie Cemetery. The Milford Masonic Lodge held a memorial service at the grave.

A resident of Rural Route 5, Greensburg, Indiana, Mr. Hurt died at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in Bartholomew County Hospital at Columbus, Ind. He had been a patient there since Sept. 18 when he was struck by an auto while crossing in the 900 block of east Main St. Both legs were fractured.

The son of Walter D. And Fannie Hill Hurt, he was born in Decatur County on Nov. 18, 1897. He was a farmer throughout his adult life. For the past 37 years he had resided at his home north of Letts.

Mr. Hurt was a member of Mt. Aerie Baptist Church at Letts. He was also affiliated with the Milford Masonic Lodge and the Milford Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. For many years he had been a member of the Decatur County Farm Bureau, and he was also affiliated with the Decatur County Conservation Club.

His marriage to Stella E. Springmier took place in Greensburg on Oct. 19, 1919. His survivors include: The widow, Mrs. Stella E. Hurt of R.R. 5, Greensburg; a daughter, Mrs. Earl W. (Mignom F.) Capper Jr., and two foster children, Mr. and Mrs. George Blackledge, all of R.R. 5, Greensburg; and five grandchildren. Two brothers who survive are: Dr. Laverne B. Hurt of Delray Beach, Florida, and Oscar A. Hurt of Greensburg. He also leaves three nephews. A grandson, Stephen James Capper, died in infancy.

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AUGUSTA RAYMOND TURNER

Funeral services were held Oct. 17 in Indianapolis, Indiana, for Augusta Raymond Turner, 77 years old. He taught school in Adams, Indiana, about 1918. He later taught in St. Paul High School until 1924. In recent years he had operated Turner's Old Coin and Gold Shop at 112 West Ohio St., Indianapolis. His mother was

Amanda Hurt Turner. Raymond was never married.

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MOLLY WATSON BENGE

Molly Watson Benge passed away Oct. 15, 1964, at the age of 85. She was the daughter of Lizzie Dancy Watson. She had five children-- one boy and four girls. She was the last one of eight children. Molly was a second cousin to Eli Mitchell Hurt and to Joshua Hurt. The information sent us regarding Molly's death did not indicate her place of residence. We assume it was Garrard Co., Kentucky.

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COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas in a country school house in the days of long ago,  
Held a wonder and a rapture that we ne'er again will know.  
Santa Claus upon the black board....Christmas angel atop the tree....  
Paper chimes along the windows....What a glorious sight to see.  
O, the stringing of the popcorn for the trimming of the tree....  
And the making of the presents....how it filled our hearts with glee!  
And the giving of the program....how we worked for days and days,  
On the singing of the carols, and the acting of the plays!  
Presents stacked upon the table, waiting for each girl and boy....  
Bags of candy, nuts, and popcorn, helped to swell the Christmas joy.  
Now the old deserted school house sits amid the winter snow,  
Dreaming of the vanished glory found in Christmas long ago.

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"...and it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well....May that be truly said of us!  
And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us, Every One!" (From "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens)