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From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2002 3:56 PM
Subject: Re: Photos!

Hi Darla,

I am so happy to hear that you finally received the photos. I'm glad that you enjoy them. I have always felt so fortunate to have photographers in our family, and parents and grandparents who kept things in very good condition.

Is this the first time that you have seen a picture (taken 1893-1895) of your Samuel Cole and his wife? Do you presume that it is Lucia (Hill) Cole in the big Cole Reunion picture with her husband Sam? Let me know if you have questions about the people in the Reunion picture. If I recall correctly, all but one or two were identified. However, you have to know a few key people in order to follow the list properly on the back of the picture.

You sent a couple of attachments to an e-mail (CD Creator 5 Platinum) as Button_Mom with a .mim file extension. I couldn't open these files. If it is an image, I usually have no problem with .jpg files, and with text I usually have no problem with .doc word processing files. There was another e-mail from an LKotto@aol.com with an attachment that I couldn't open, but your name was in the fine print information at the end of the e-mail. Do you know anything about that?

I assume you received the 2 messages that I received from Jackie Higdon and forwarded to you regarding the possible parents and grandparents of Elijah Cole, Sr.

I have contacted Kenneth Lemmon, who was referred to me by Jackie Higdon. He responded that he had no further information than what was posted at Ancestry.com. While researching the Cole GenForum, I came across a Ken Cole with some interesting posts. I sent a message; he responded, and said he would send more information this weekend.

I'll keep you informed. I think we are "hot on the Cole trail" but will have lots of conflicting information and leads to be verified.

Take care,

Ron

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2002 3:09 PM
Subject: Re: Cole Photos

Good Afternoon Darla;

Happy to hear all went very well for you, and that the trip was great.

I'm assuming that the "family group of seven" you mentioned is the one of Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris and their seven children. It sounds to me that you may have it blown up too large for your monitor. When you open the image for viewing is there some way for you to make it smaller on the screen. It is an unusual picture, but maybe it just doesn't look as good on your computer. In any case, it should look pretty good when I make the commercial copies after we get back from North Carolina. The people in the picture I think you are referring to are:

"Front" row (l to r): Sarah Barbara "Sade" Medaris - Rice Medaris - Mary (Cole) Medaris - Lavena "Vene" (Medaris) Lux

Second row (l to r): Samuel "Sam" Medaris - William Arthur "Art" Medaris - Joseph "Joe" D. Medaris

Top row (l to r): Nancy "Nan" Medaris - Nellie (Medaris) Suffern

Sade and Nan never married.

If this is not the picture you were questioning, let me know.

What was so particularly fortunate in Mother's family was that fact that there were two professional photographers: William Arthur Medaris and Troy Medaris. "Art" was Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris' son; Troy was Joseph D. and "Belle" (Dawson) Medaris' son.

The story about John Benton Cole's Brick and Tile Factory was very interesting. Thanks for sharing it.

Ron Durbin

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2002 8:32 PM
Attach: Rice & Mary Medaris family.JPG
Subject: Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris' Family

Hi Darla,

I thought one of the earlier images that I sent of a chart of the descendants of Rice and Mary was actually the one attached with this e-mail. The identification of the 9 people should have applied to the attached picture with this message. Sorry for any confusion.

Now with regard to the "Chart of Descendants." That document was prepared by someone within my family many years ago, and is quite useful, but I haven't reviewed it carefully for any errors. If you see anything in conflict with other information that I sent, or if there is anything in conflict with any information that you may have, please let me know so we don't perpetuate too many errors.

I still have the ~1917 picture yet to send to you.

Kind regards,

Ron



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From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
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Attach: Cole-Bem.Cem.Rec.JPG; Cole-Bem.Cem.Rec.JPG
Subject: Bement, Illinois- Cemetery Records

Hello Darla,

Attached is a scan of the records in the "Bement, Illinois-Cemetery Records" book published in July of 1982, copyright of Piatt County Historical and Genealogical Society, Box 123, Monticello, Illinois 61856.

The asterisk after the date of 2-27-1923 means that was the date of the person's burial not date of death.

I suppose you may already have these records, but just in case you do not, here they are. I also have supplements for most of the years after this publication if you think there is another Cole we should look up in those documents.

Looking forward to hearing from you after you have had some time to digest all of the information.

Ron

11/4/2002

Willie Cohns,	SW	184		7-19-1880	1	13
Bernard Cole,	NE	44		1911		
B. R. (Benjamin R.) Catherine	NE	207	Green Co., Ind. 8- 1-1835	7-22-1907		
Charles W. Frankle	SW	232		10- 6-1884	3	10
Fred Harvey	SW	61		1-22-1870	3	
Geo. E. George Fred	SW	228	1875	2-24-1871	6	10
Infant	SW	228		9-16-1933	8	6
Infant	SW	232		10-21-1873	4	
Infant	SE	232		10-21-1873	1	20
John S. Joshua	SW	61		11-25-1866		
Louisa Naomi	SW	232	1860	11-24-1867		1
Roma Samuel	SW	228		11-24-1874		
Thomas B. Collins,	SW	228	Piatt Co., Il. 5-11-1872	1903		
Aaron Sr. Andrew	SW	232		10-30-1873	6	1
Baby	SW	61		9-19-1952	80	
	SW	228	Bement, Il.	11-10-1876		
	SW	232		2-27-1923*		
	SW	228		10- 5-1974	76	2
	SE	56				
	SE	104		3- 1-1930	76	5
	SE	238		10-23-1939	57	1
				1-16-1929*		11

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
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Subject: Re: 1880 Census/Illinois

Hi Darla,

So sorry to hear that your computer ate the message you had written to me. I have been there and it is very frustrating. I will look forward to reading what you have put together when you have time to rethink your thoughts.

At the LDS site I found that Elijah and Corinth Stoddard were married on Sep 29, 1864, in Pike Co., Illinois.

The post from Carla Proudfoot is quite interesting. The question will be whether or not Samuel's Elijah is also our Elijah. I wonder if this Samuel was ever in KY. If not, this will not lead us to Elijah's parents.

When I viewed Carla's post at the GenForum, I found one by Joeleen Lee where it was said that Samuel is her 4th g grandfather with the line going back to royalty...Joeleen's e-mail is: TurboBird36@aol.com.

I have not contacted either Carla or Joeleen. Do you want to prepare a short e-mail for Carla, and perhaps Joeleen, and send it to them?

I hope that the pictures that I mailed to you arrive at least by Tue.

Take care,

Ron

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
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Subject: Sarah W. Cole Birth Date

Hello Darla,

In your recent message, you wrote:

SARAH W. COLE b. Oct. 3, 1832 Unknown d. August 5, 1846

From Peg Spencer (does lookups for Pike Co.), I received the following based upon cemetery records:

b. 5 Oct. 1843- d. 5 Aug. 1846

From Pat Ruble (another Pike Co. lookup person), I received from what was apparently the same records:

b. 5 Oct. 1822- d. 5 Aug. 1846

Although everyone agrees on the date of death, I noted three choices for the DOB.

I asked for confirmation from Peg and Pat. Peg confirmed the same dates as sent earlier, while Pat's recheck indicated an earlier error in the birth date and now states it as 5 Oct. 1843, in agreement with Peg.

Do you know the source of your date of birth of Oct. 3, 1832? In my family research I have already come across cases where what is "chiseled in stone" is incorrect.

Let me know what you think is the most accurate date.

Happy Halloween!

Take care,

Ron

Husband: Elijah Cole, Sr.

Born: Unknown *14 Dec. 1869* in:
Married: in:
Died: *30 JAN 1847* in: Anderson Co., KY
Burial:
Father:
Mother:
Other Spouses:

Wife: Unknown

Born: Unknown in: Ohio
Died: in:
Burial:
Father:
Mother:
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 M	Name: Elijah Cole, Jr. Born: April 1799 in: Kentucky Died: February 01, 1883 in: Fairmount Twp., Pike Co., IL Burial: in: Hinman-Yates Cemetery, Griggsville Twp., Pike Co., IL Married: Abt. 1820 in: Spouse: Sarah Hill Married: September 29, 1864 in: Pike Co., IL Spouse: Corinth Stoddard
2 M	Name: James Cole Born: <i>Jan 30, 1847</i> in: Married: in: Died: in: Burial: Spouse:
3 F	Name: Elizabeth Cole Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Burial: Spouse:
4 M	Name: Sleathiel Cole <i>SALATHIEL COLE, SR. 2262442</i> Born: in: Married: in: <i>D. 14 DEC. 1769</i> Died: in: <i>SARA UNKNOWN</i> <i>Belongs to ELISAB Cole, Sr.</i> Burial: Spouse:
5 M	Name: William Cole Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Burial: Spouse:
6 F	Name: Sally Cole Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Burial: Spouse:
7 M	Name: Stephen Cole Born: in: Married: in: Died: in:

7 M	Died: Burial: Spouse:	in:
8 F	Name: Martha Cole Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
9 F	Name: Nancy Cole Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in:
10	Name: Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in: in:
11	Name: Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in: in:
12	Name: Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in: in:
13	Name: Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in: in:
14	Name: Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in: in:
15	Name: Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in: in:
16	Name: Born: Married: Died: Burial: Spouse:	in: in: in: in:

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Subject: Elijah Cole

Hi Darla,

I was quite excited when I saw your post at the Genealogy.com GenForum. I have found no one working on my Cole line. First, I am a direct descendant of Elijah and Sarah Cole. I grew up in Bement, Illinois, and am now living in Delaware. My direct line is from Elijah and Sarah to Mary Cole, who married Rice Medaris in Pike Co. in 1846. Then to Joseph Dimmitt/Dimmit Medaris to Della Medaris to Thelma Priestley, my mother, who died in 1996. She did a great job on family history, but I didn't really get interested in pursuing it until I retired from Hercules Inc. about 3 1/2 years ago.

Rice Medaris was born Mar. 22, 1817 in Montgomery Co., Kentucky, d. Nov. 28, 1908 in Monticello, Illinois. He married (1) Rosannah Cole on Nov. 13 or 18, 1841 (2) Mary Cole, on Mar. 13, 1846. Mary was b. Jan 24, 1827, in Xenia, Ohio, d. Apr. 11, 1923 in Monticello, Illinois. Do you know if Rosannah was Mary's sister? I have always thought that might be true.

I have a very old picture of Elijah and Sarah. On the back of the tin-type is scratched: Sarah and Elijah Cole, 1799-1883, 1799-1863 and parents of Mary, 1827-1923, wife of Rice Medaris. From our family collection of old photographs is an especially well-detailed one of the Cole brothers and sisters: "Uncles" Sam, Bent, Ben; "Grandma" Mary Medaris; and "Aunt" ... (Cole) Newton. What you see above was written on the back of the picture. Grandma Mary is Mary (Cole) Medaris. I have since learned that the Cole sister, Margaret, married John Newton on 2 Mar. 1854. In addition there is a "reunion" photo taken in the mid 1890s prior to Bent Cole's move to California. Also I have one that was taken, as I recall in Monticello, Christmastime in about 1917.

BTW - My copy of the Bement, Illinois, Cemetery Records book shows Samuel Cole buried Feb. 27, 1923; and Catherine died Oct. 6, 1884. Does that fit with your records?

Obviously, I wish to learn everything that you are willing to share with me. I have some more information that I've not included here, and would be happy to provide you with everything I have gathered.

If I should send pictures in a JPEG format, do you think you could view them on your computer? I used fairly high resolution in the scans I made in order to retain the quality. I have an iMac so I would translate it to PC compatible format if you are using a PC. Just let me know if you want me to do this, and send electronic copies to you. I could also go to "Sir Speedy" and have commercial copies made.

12/10/2002

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From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
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Subject: Cole Family

Hi Darla,

Great to hear from you! I was quite worried that I would not be able to contact you when the "@home.com" was rejected, and then remembered that some people we know had changed their address to "comcast.net." Until you got back from Ohio, I had no idea in what mailbox my message was waiting.

In my next e-mail, hopefully this afternoon, I'll send copies of about five pictures that I have converted to JPEG images. If you are able to view them, you can see them at their best on your computer screen. I'll do what I can to identify people in the pictures. Several of them have a list of names on the back. Then, in a few days, I'll be happy to make commercial copies for you. You need not pay for them, as I would like copies of the pictures that you mentioned. And if yours are more extensive or costly in any way, I'll be glad to reimburse you.

Let's start with what I think I know about my Cole line. I've been putting together the information in the computer in the form of semi-organized notes. I'll copy and paste that information below. Please review it carefully, and ask about any questions that arise. A few of your questions will be answered in those notes. Because I have been working again only recently on the Cole line, I have just received some information from "lookup" people in counties relative to my Cole migration from Kentucky to Ohio to Indiana? to Illinois. I'll forward any e-mails containing information about our Coles. Some of the information in forwarded e-mails will be redundant with what follows. Are you aware of what I think was a short stay by the Coles in Indiana?

Elijah Cole (~1799-1883) m. Sarah Hill (1799-1863) in 1833 [1820s is much more likely]. If I recall correctly, Sarah's maiden name was found at the LDS web site, although Mother may have recorded her maiden name as well. I would have to check my notes to see if I can find where the 1833 came from, which I don't believe now.

On the back of a tin-type picture of Elijah and Sarah is scratched: Sarah and Elijah Cole, 1799-1883, 1799-1863 and parents of Mary, 1827-1923, wife of Rice Medaris.

From page 290 in the "History of Greene County, Ohio" by George F. Robinson, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago, 1902, regarding Greene County Pioneers from 1803 to 1840, Sandi Kuchenreuther found under the Cole surname:

1. COLE, William R., Xenia Township, 1811; married a daughter of Josiah ELAM; Represented Greene County in Legislature.

2. COLE, Elijah, Xenia Township, 1821; Millwright [one whose occupation is to build mills, or set up and perhaps maintain their machinery] for Forsman and Akeney on Massie's Creek and Falls of the Little Miami. (No other information).

3. COLE, Joshua, Xenia Township, 1827. (No other information).

4. COLE, David, Xenia Township, 1827. (No other information).

5. COLE, Jesse, (no township listed), 1838. Married Elizabeth PRATT, 4, July 1830. (No other information).

From Mother's notes (recorded at the Decatur, Illinois, Public Library) with confirmation and additions by Peg Spencer, look-up volunteer for Pike County, IL, regarding the 1850 Federal Census of #1462/1508 in Fairmount Twp., Pike County, IL:

Elijah Cole	51	born KY farmer	1200 (Real Estate)
Sarah [Hill]	50	OH	
Margaret	19	OH	
John	17	OH farmer	
Benjamin	14	OH	
Samuel	12	IL	
Benton	9	IL [1841 or 40, Thomas B.]	

At this time, Elijah and Sarah's daughter Mary would have been age 23, and married to Rice Medaris, as will be confirmed by census data shown later.

Peg Spencer also said that in the 1850 census there was a Russell B. Cole and a John and Elizabeth Cole, all having children born in Ohio. She reported further that Russell B. Cole married Nancy Ann Shinn in Pike County on March 16, 1848; John Cole married Sarah H. Lane on August 14, 1854; and John Cole married Melinda Burk on August 14, 1856. A number of Hills from Ohio were noted in the 1850 census. What relationships do any or all of these people have with our Cole line?

At the Pike County USGenWeb site, a link to the "1880 Pike County History," page 853, revealed that David Cole was one of the first settlers of Kinderhook Township. Was David, Elijah's father? Also, at this site an index of the book, "Copperheads, Black Republicans and Bushwhackers," which is a history of Pike County during the Civil war, shows the names of Benj. and John Cole. Is this the same Benjamin, son of Elijah and Sarah?

Hinman-Yates Cemetery is located in the N W of Section 6 of Griggsville township. It is well maintained. The cemetery is enclosed by an iron fence. Here also is found the largest funeral marker in Pike County. It measures 9' long, 6' thick and 8' high. It marks the Noble family well to the back side of the cemetery. Look-ups provided by Pat Ruble revealed additional data on Elijah and Sarah Cole, and evidence of the birth of several more of their children and relatives:

Cole, Joseph D. (son E.&S.) 11 Dec. 1829-28 Feb. 1842
 Elijah d. 1 Feb. 1883 (83-9-24)
 Sarah d. 21 Jun. 1863 (63-9-21)
 Sarah W. (dau. E.&S.) 5 Oct. 1822-5 Aug. 1846
 Joshua 17 Oct. 1822-14 Dec. 1859
 James D. (son L.H.) d. 6 Oct. 1860 (1-3-10)
 Ann (wife of B.R.) d. 14 Oct. 1862 (26-9-20)
 Nancy (dau. of E.&S.) 5 Feb. 1825-17 Oct. 1841

So, Joseph D., Sarah W., Joshua, and Nancy are additional children of Elijah and Sarah. Ann may be the wife of Benjamin R. Cole. This should be clarified by the 1860 census record. I do not know for whom L. H. stands.

Pat also found:

Medrie, Charles E. (son of R.&M.) d. 5 Sept. 1842
 Ruzannah (wife of R., dau. of E.S. Cole) 1 Feb 1823-22 Jan. 1842
 Felicia d. 27 Feb. [Feb.] 1878 (66-11-8)

Thus, Charles was a son of Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris, and Ruzannah/Rosannah was Rice's first wife. My guess would be that Charles was a premature infant? From an article, which follows, on John Medaris, we learn that Robinson Medaris' wife was Felicia. This tells of the very early arrival of John's father, Robinson Medaris, to Pike County, IL.

From the "1880 Pike County History," page 620, published by Chas. C. Chapman & Co., is an article on William McLaughlin whose mother was Sarah (Cole) McLaughlin, and whose grandfather was John Cole:

William McLaughlin is a native of the old Dominion State, and was born Dec. 2, 1802. His father, James McLaughlin, was a native of Ireland, and his mother, Sarah McLaughlin, nee Cole, was born in New Jersey. William was married in 1823 to Anna Boggess, a native of Ohio, where she was born in 1806, who bore him 12 children, 6 of whom are living. Four of the sons are married, and living in Fairmount township. His wife and all his children, except one, are members of the M. E. Church. Farming has been his life occupation, and he at present owns 575 acres of land in Pike county. When he arrived at Griggsville Landing, in this county, in 1836, he owned but one horse, \$25 in money, and a very limited amount of household furniture, and had a family of wife and 5 children. From this meager position he has become one of the wealthiest men in the county, accumulating by close attention to business, hard labor and perseverance. He has seen the country change from its wild state to a fertile field of plenty. When he first settled here he thought he would always have plenty of outside range. He has held about all the township office, and has been Steward, Class-Leader and Trustee of his church, and has been licensed as an Exhorter.

The question here is whether or not Sarah (Cole) McLaughlin is possibly related to Elijah Cole. And, although highly speculative, does this give us a clue that our Coles may have first settled in New Jersey?

Finally, a very interesting item on page 327 of the 1880 Pike County History appears:

Stephen Cole et. al.

Were, according to the record, indicted for murder March 9, 1857. In this suit it seems that no parties were ever brought to trial.

An account by Brian "Kelly" Madaris regarding Rice Medaris, as well as information on many of Rice's ancestors and descendants, may be found at <http://www.mindspring.com/~kellcin/index.htm>. I have more information on Rice's descendants than shown here.

Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris had the following children all born in Illinois:

1. Sarah Barbara b. 1847 never married d. 29 Mar. 1926
2. Joseph Dimmitt b. 1849 d. 9 June 1933 married Mary Isabelle "Belle" Dawson on 10 Feb. 1874
3. Lavina b. 1852
4. Samuel C. b. 1855 d. 1906 1905?] married Minnie May Dresbach on 3 Nov. 1881
5. Nancy b. 8 Aug. 1857 never married d. 19 Aug. 1940
6. Nellie b. 1861 married J. [James] C. Suffern on 15 Feb. 1888 [d. 19 Jan. 1928]
7. William Arthur b. 1 Oct. 1865 d. 24 Oct. 1948 married Meda Brady on 21 Dec. 1892 .

Rice and Mary and many of their children are buried in the Monticello Cemetery in Monticello, Illinois.

The "Illinois Statewide Marriage Index 1763-1900" lists the marriage of Rice Medaris to Rosannah Cole on 11/18/1841, and to Mary Cole on 3/13/1846, both in Pike County, Illinois.

From our family collection of old photographs, is an especially well-detailed one of the Cole brothers and sisters: "Uncles" Sam, Bent, Ben; "Grandma" Mary Medaris; and "Aunt" ... (Cole) Newton. In addition, there is a "reunion" photo taken prior to Cole's move to California. The notations on the back of the original photograph were probably made by Della (Medaris) Priestley. I would place the approximate date of the photograph in 1893.

I searched the LDS site and found information that the birth years of Margaret, Ben and Sam Cole were 1833, 1836 and 1838, respectively. These data are somewhat more credible than usual in that their parents were shown as Elijah and Mrs. Sarah Cole; also, Margaret and Ben were noted as having been born in Ohio, while Sam was born in Pike Co., Illinois. This implies that the Coles moved from Ohio to Illinois in 1836/1838. The "IL Marriage Index" shows the marriage of a John Newton to Margaret Cole on 3/2/1854. Furthermore, Mother's notes, which appear to be based on an obituary of Benjamin R. Cole, places his birth in Green County, Indiana, on August 1, 1835. This was confirmed in the Bement Cemetery Book, where it was

additionally noted that he died on 7/22/1907. He was married twice. [According to "Piatt County Marriages 1841-1874, and the "Illinois Statewide Marriage Index," a Benjamin R. Cole married Margaret Savage on November 29, 1866, William Stilwell, J.P.; and in the "Index", a Benjamin Cole married Maude Weaver on January 2, 1893.] Neither of these women were apparently buried in the Bement Cemetery. Mother's notes continue: "Last Fall, Mr. and Mrs Cole sold their farm and 'went' [or planned to go?] to California in search of better health. Before leaving for the Pacific coast, they went to Atlanta on an fateful trip to visit their daughter and her husband. Both became ill; Mrs. Cole recovered, but he was unable to combat a combination of diseases. At the age of 72, Benjamin R. Cole died in 1907 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Morris." This was the year of Mother's birth, and because my grandmother, Della (Medaris) Priestley, was only about 13 years old in the "reunion" picture, I suspect that Ben's brother, Thomas Benton Cole went to California in the early or mid-1890s, while Benjamin R. Cole planned to go there in 1907. The "obituary" notes also suggest that the family of Elijah and Sarah Cole spent a short time in 1835 in Indiana on their journey westward. I suspect that Benjamin R. Cole is listed as "Ben" in the LDS data, and that the one known as "Bent" noted on the back of the "Cole siblings" picture was "Benton" or Thomas B., a younger brother born about 1841, based on 1850 census data.

Mother's notes from the Decatur Library shows census data for Rice and Mary in 1850 in Pike County, Illinois:

Rice Medaris	35	KY farmer	400
Mary	23	OH	
Sarah	4	(this is "Sade", one syllable)	
Joseph	2	(this is my great grandfather)	

From the 1870 Federal Census for the State of Illinois is found the household of Rice Medaris in Piatt County, Bement Township, a 54-year old farmer born in Kentucky. Living with him was his wife, Mary (a housekeeper, age 43), born in Ohio; Sarah Barbara, 23; Joseph, a farmer, 20; Lavina, 18; Samuel, 14; Nancy, 12; Nellie, 9; Arthur, 4.

Generally the same information as above was given in the 1880 census with the addition that Rice's mother and father were both born in Virginia. Because of marriages, Joseph and Lavina [Lavena?] were no longer in the household, and there were the usual minor discrepancies in ages that were recorded.

I have an excellent composite photo of Rice, Mary and their seven children. This picture of Rice, Mary and their children had been in Mother's collection for many years. According to Mother, it shows in front: Sade, Rice, Mary (Cole) Medaris and Lavena "Vene" (Medaris) Lux; second row: Sam, Art, and Joseph D.; top row: Nan and Nellie (Medaris) Suffern. In Mother's 1972 diary is written "Roseanna Lavena Medaris-Lux."

In the late 1990s, Mary (Cole) Medaris's great grandson, Duane Medaris, wrote that his "great grandma Medaris lived in the northeast part of Monticello. She was very hard of hearing and I can remember talking to her through a

horn. It had a large end like a bell that she put to her ear and we would talk into the other end of a hose. It was made for this purpose.

I can also remember she had a cookie jar in the pantry, which always had best sugar cookies.

Her name was Mary Medaris. This makes three Mary Medaris' with our Mary. [Duane is referring to Mary (Cole) Medaris, Mary Isabelle "Belle" (Dawson) Medaris, and Duane and Martha's adopted daughter, Mary.]

Darla, Duane is my Mother's first cousin who lives with his wife, Martha, in Bement, Illinois. We stay with them when we visit in Illinois. Duane is one of six boys born to Guy Duane and Eugenia Adeline (Davies) Medaris. Guy's father was Joseph Dimmitt and Mary Isabelle (Dawson) Medaris. Guy was one of their three children: Troy, Della and Guy Duane. Troy married Maude Harshbarger; they had no children. Della Medaris (1880-1960) married Thomas Elmer Priestley (1880-1926) and had one child, my Mother, Thelma Verne Priestley (1907-1996) married Glen Durbin (1906-1983) in 1934. Again, an only child, I was born in 1939; married Rita Haley in 1961; two children: Laura, b. 1965; Andrew, b. 1967. I was divorced, and married Susan Elaine (Lignitz) Perry in 1987. She has three children: Emily, b. 1977; Jennifer, b. 1979; April, b. 1983. To review my line: Elijah Cole - Mary Cole - J. D. Medaris - Della Medaris - Thelma Priestley - me.

Recall that Joseph Dimmitt Medaris is one of the seven children born to Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris.

Sorry for being so long-winded, and overwhelm you like this. I hope you can figure it out. Please ask any questions, and let me know if I've made some mistakes. I still may have a few "scraps" of information, so ask anything. What may not have appeared to be important to me in my earlier work on this line may now be important to you.

Thanks for the information that you have already provided.

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Attach: Elijah & Sarah Cole.JPG
Subject: Elijah & Sarah Cole

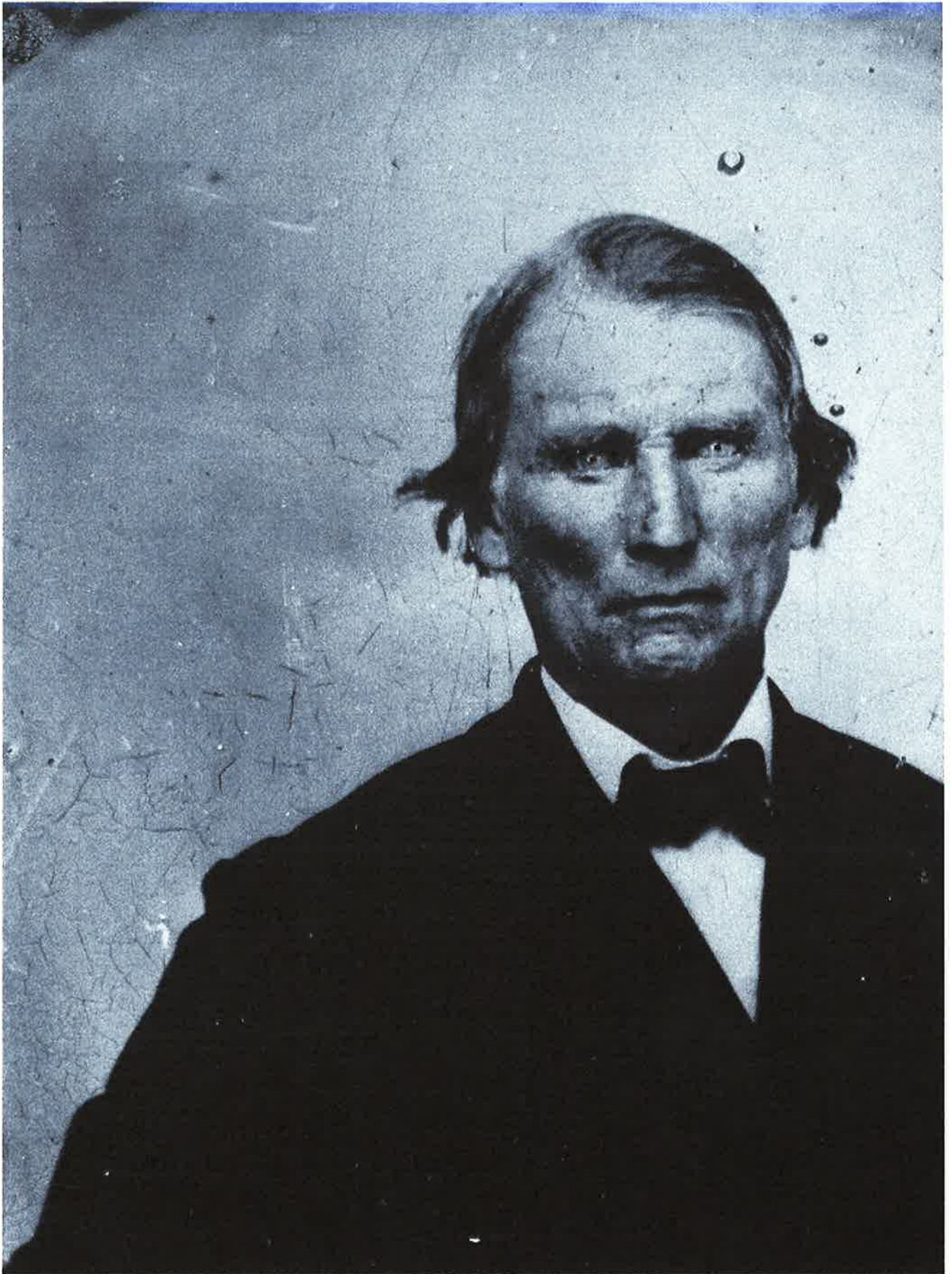
Darla,

This is the tin-type of Elijah and Sarah that I referred to earlier. I scanned it in fairly high resolution to retain all the detail possible in the original, which makes a pretty large file. I saved it as a TIFF image in my iMac computer. Then I, hopefully, translated the image from Mac TIFF to PC JPEG.

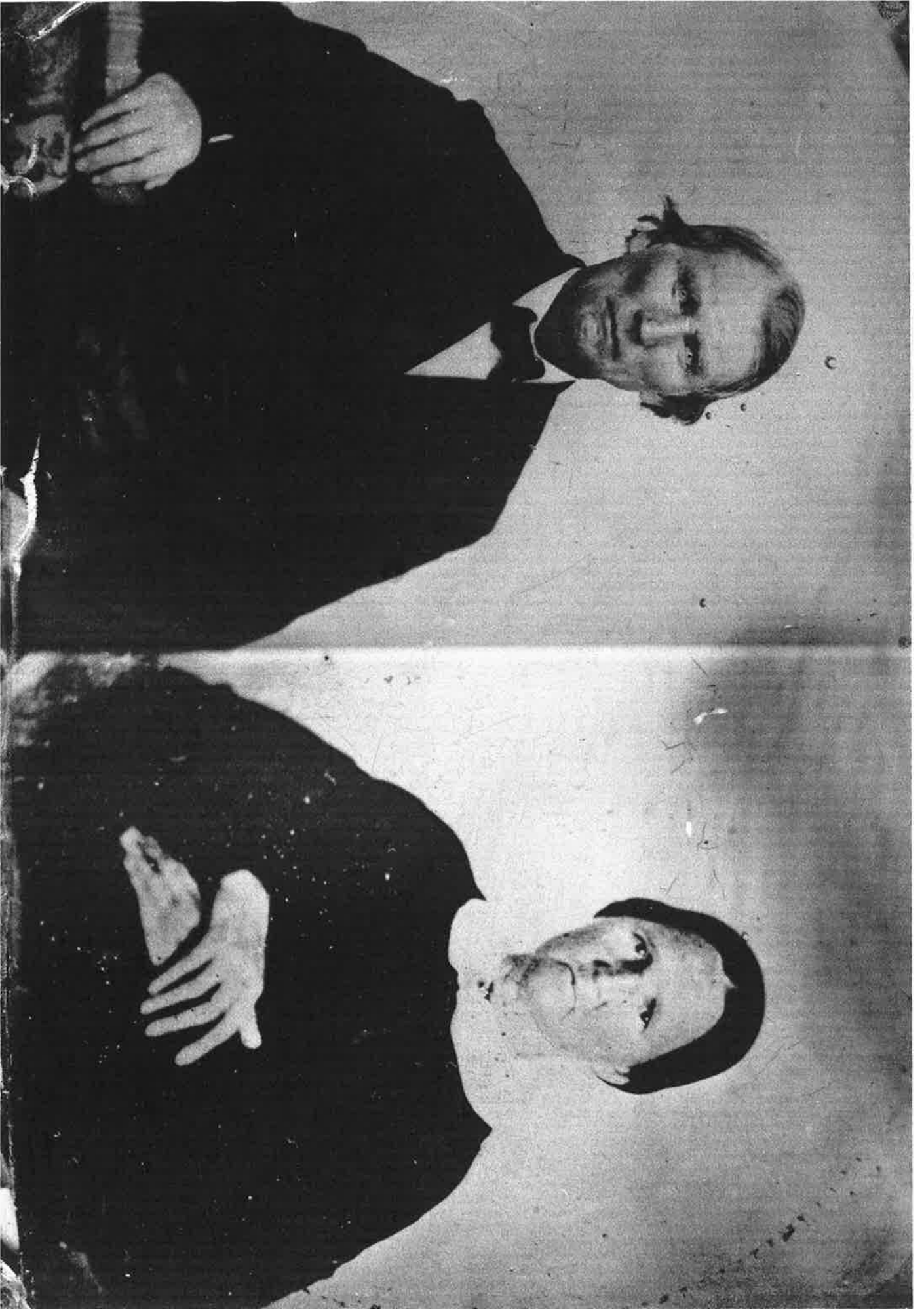
Let me know if you can view it. The next image was first saved as a JPEG image on my iMac, and then translated to PC JPEG. I hope you can view either of them, and the following ones too. Let me know which, if any, you are unable to view and I'll see if I can figure out a way to make it work.

I'm sending one image at a time to avoid the automatic compression of data by AOL. I don't like it when they do this, as it makes it necessary for you (the receiver) to be able to decompress the file with software that you may or may not have built into your computer.

Ron



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• Rice	1817-1908	Mary Cole	*1846
• Nannie		Unmarried	
• Lavina	1853-1936	Nicholas Lux	1852-1915
• Fred	1890-1962	Clara Lefever	1890-1975* 1917
• Wilma Frances	1918	Unmarried	
• Miriam	1920	Gordon Batchelder	1918 1942
• Sue Ellen*	1950		
• Lonnie	1951		
• Fred E.	1922	Shirley Summers	1924 1946
• Edwin	1946		
• Barbara	1950		
• Robert	1954-		
• William N	1921-1921		
• Frank	1890	Lelia Hull	1892 1913
• Elsie	1916	William Bryan	
• Steve	1950		
• William	1947		
• Thelma	1918	Robert Moberly	1942
• Robert	1948		
• Richard	1953		
• Mark	1956		
• Virginia	1923	Donald Ryerson	1944
• Donna Jean	1948		
• Douglas	1951		
• Frank	1927	Joyce Anderson	1948
• Peggy	1953		
• Bruce	1954		
• Karen Jo	1938	Raymond Miller,	
• Randy			
• Flossie	1894-1946	William Watts	
• Gloria <i>Sister Mary Prua</i>	1932	Unmarried	
• William	1920-1965	Phyllis Atwood	1943
• Wendy*			
• Gertrude	1866-1966	Unmarried	
• Walter	1883-1931	L. Kieler, D. Clow, Helen	
• Daisy	1881-1940	George Larson	1876
• Thuraa	1880	Unmarried	
• Jesse	-1918	Margaret Nielson	-1966
• Kathleen	1904	Unmarried	
• William		Any Perry	
• Clarice			
• Ernest			
• Joyce			
• Cecil			
• Lacy	1878-1918	William Parrish	1875-1964
• Florence	1914	Fred Sullivan	1911-1952 1932
• Barbara		Donald Moody	
• Patricia			
• Irma	1906	Ross Chaney	
• Marjorie		Orville Welch	
• Phyllis		Chumbley	
• Elsie L		Donald Brown	

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Darla Kizer

From: "Brian Kelly Madaris" <kellcin@mindspring.com>
To: "Darla Kizer" <dkizer@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2002 7:07 PM
Subject: Medaris

Thank you for the compliments on the page. I trust you were able to find your link on our site? If I can be of any assistance please let me know.

--

Brian "Kelly" Madaris

"Madaris, Medearis, Medaris, McDaris, McDearis, Medaries"
"Family Tree Home Page"

<http://www.mindspring.com/~kellcin/index.htm>

Tinney / Tenney Family of Coweta County, Georgia

<http://www.mindspring.com/~kellcin/Tenney.html>

Crook Family of Coweta County, Georgia

<http://www.mindspring.com/~kellcin/Crook.html>

Smith Family of Possum Snout, Georgia

<http://www.mindspring.com/~kellcin/Smith.html>

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
To: <dkizer@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2002 3:09 PM
Subject: Re: Cole Photos

Good Afternoon Darla;

Happy to hear all went very well for you, and that the trip was great.

I'm assuming that the "family group of seven" you mentioned is the one of Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris and their seven children. It sounds to me that you may have it blown up too large for your monitor. When you open the image for viewing is there some way for you to make it smaller on the screen. It is an unusual picture, but maybe it just doesn't look as good on your computer. In any case, it should look pretty good when I make the commercial copies after we get back from North Carolina. The people in the picture I think you are referring to are:

"Front" row (l to r): Sarah Barbara "Sade" Medaris - Rice Medaris - Mary (Cole) Medaris - Lavena "Vene" (Medaris) Lux

Second row (l to r): Samuel "Sam" Medaris - William Arthur "Art" Medaris - Joseph "Joe" D. Medaris

Top row (l to r): Nancy "Nan" Medaris - Nellie (Medaris) Suffern

Sade and Nan never married.

If this is not the picture you were questioning, let me know.

What was so particularly fortunate in Mother's family was that fact that there were two professional photographers: William Arthur Medaris and Troy Medaris. "Art" was Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris' son; Troy was Joseph D. and "Belle" (Dawson) Medaris' son.

The story about John Benton Cole's Brick and Tile Factory was very interesting. Thanks for sharing it.

Ron Durbin







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Trying to make a connection

Posted by: [Lyle Thomas](#) (ID *****7513)

Date: October 19, 2002 at 10:53:43

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I'm trying to connect my ggg - grandmother, Louisa (sic) Cole born about 1810 in Ohio. Married William Thomas in 1834 in Franklin Co. Ohio. They moved to Pike Co.IL. in the early 1840's. I'm trying to connect her to these Cole's.

John Cole, born abt. 1780 in Penn. died 25 Apr. 1859. Wife, Elizabeth (unknown) born abt. 1787 in Penn. died 13 Apr. 1859. Both John and Elizabeth are buried in the Johnson Cemetery in Pike Co.IL. They are listed in the 1850 census in Hadley Twp., Pike Co. IL. I have information on one son of their. I believe they had more children. The one son I have information on is.

Charles W. Cole, born 22 Oct. 1828, died 6 Jun. 1905. I think he was born in Ohio. He served in the Civil War with the 78th IL. Inf. Co.E. Charles W. Cole married Nancy Jane Stauffer in Adams Co.IL. on 23 Apr. 1857. Nancy was born 3 Jan. 1837 and died 29 Apr. 1914. They are both buried in Mound Prairie Cemetery in Beverly Twp.,Adams Co.IL. Charles and Nancy lived most their lives in Pike Co.IL. and Beverly Twp. Adams Co.IL. Nancy's mother's name was Sarah. The children I have for Charles W. Cole and Nancy J. Stauffer, are Sarah E; John D; Alice; William S.; Fanny Etta; Mary L.; Annie Jane.

I hope someone can help.

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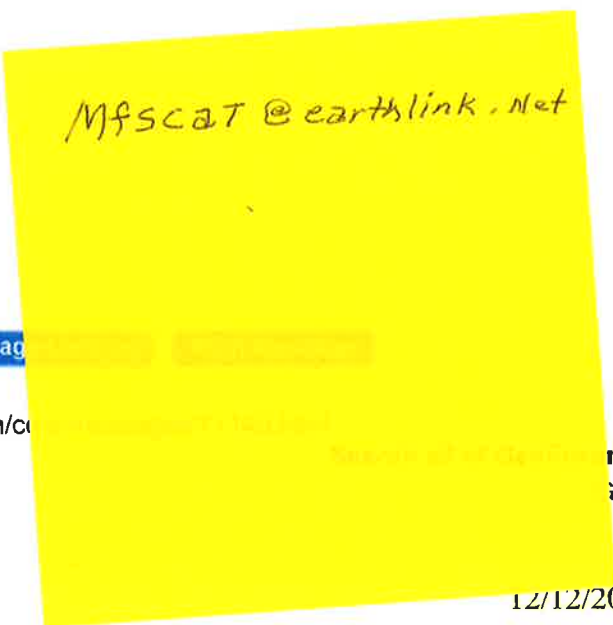
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Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
To: <dkizer@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 11:39 AM
Subject: Re: Cole Family

Hi Darla,

Yes, we arrived home safely. Had a good visit with April and sightseeing in the mountains. We went to Grandfather Mtn., Mount Mitchell, the Folk Art Center, Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. Everything was quite enjoyable, and the weather was good. We learned that a portion of the filming of "The Last of the Mohicans" was done in the area very near Chimney Rock. On the way home we passed through Ashland, VA, via I-95 about 3 hours before the shooting. Susan's daughter, Jennifer, lives in Gaithersburg, MD, which is very near where many of the shootings have occurred. I appreciate your concern for our safe travel.

Is the article in the book you mentioned concerning a Thomas B. Cole who died on Oct 5, 1974, at the age of 76y 2m 2d? He is buried in Bement Cemetery. If so, Mother's notes said that he had a sister, Helen, who married a man with the surname, Day. Based on Bement Cemetery Records, I believe Thomas B. is the son of Fred and Naoma/Naomi Cole. Do you know if Fred is the son of Benjamin R. Cole? I found a picture of this Tom Cole, and will include it in the package of pictures.

Yes, I added the "(1841 or 40, Thomas B.)." This was not in the original census data, and my notation is based upon census data in 1850 listing a Benton Cole (9); and in 1870 census data there is a Thomas Cole (28) with wife Phoebe (27) living with children Nellie (7) and Frank (1). I strongly suspect that this is the same "Bent" Cole whose full name may have been Thomas Benton Cole; son of Elijah and Sarah Cole. He is not to be confused with the much younger Thomas B. Cole in the above paragraph.

The only comment that I can offer regarding the possible backtracking of David Cole from near the Mississippi River to Piatt County is that the farmland was much richer in Piatt County than that found in Pike County.

Another point that you have not raised yet is the coincidence of the family's settlement in Greene Co., OH, then in Greene Co., IN. Although the data seems to be fairly consistent, I've always wondered if they really spent time in Indiana. If I recall correctly, the 1850 Pike Co. Illinois census showed that Benjamin Cole was born in OH, not IN. But I think that is the only discrepancy, and it would be easy to make that mistake with the census taker. What do you think?

Indeed, it is strange about the circumstances surrounding the birth/death of Charles E. Medrie [Medaris]. I don't know what I could add to what you have already said.

I am curious about the full name of Sam Cole's wife. Was it Mary McGuire or Catherine McGuire or Mary Catherine McGuire? According to the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index:

a SAMUEL M. COLE married MARY MAGUIRE in Pike Co. on Oct 8, 1858

a SAMUEL M. COLE married CATHERINE MCGUIRE in Christian Co. on Feb. 14, 1864

and finally

a SAMUEL COLE married MRS. LUCIA A. HILL in Piatt Co. on Aug. 22, 1887

For now, I assume that the Samuel M. Cole marriages are for your Samuel Cole, son of Elijah and Sarah. Is this correct? I don't know about the 1887 marriage. Do you? What I do have is that a Lucia A. Cole (1842-1895) is buried in the Monticello Cemetery. That leads me to believe that Lucia is your Samuel Cole's third wife. And furthermore, Lucia may be the "Mrs. Sam Cole" in the Reunion/Farewell photo. I don't know this, but some evidence suggests that this may be true.

What is the correct spelling of the McGuire name? McGuire? Maguire? or? Also your marriage license for Sam and Mary says Oct. 7, 1858, not Oct. 8 reported by the "Marriage Index."

Yes, I agree that in the photo, it is Margaret (Cole) Newton. My research leads to the same conclusion as yours.

Thanks for pointing out the correction to the fact that the Benjamin Cole who married Maude Weaver is the brother of your grandfather, John Benton Cole. I think I had realized that earlier, but when putting together my notes it, indeed, appeared to be confusing.

I have the copies of the pictures ready to send to you. They should go out in today's or tomorrow's mail. That's about all for now.

Kind regards,

Ron Durbin

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
To: <dkizer@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2002 4:46 PM
Subject: Cole-New Information

Good Afternoon Darla,

The Latter Day Saints web site just added the 1880 U.S. Census to search freely at

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=census/search_

census.asp Here is what I found for Elijah Cole, born in KY:

Elijah COLE
 Male

Other Information:

Birth Year <1799>
 Birthplace KY
 Age 81
 Occupation Retired Farmer
 Marital Status M
 Race W
 Head of Household Elijah COLE
 Relation Self
 Father's Birthplace MD
 Mother's Birthplace OH

Source Information:

Census Place Griggsville, Pike, Illinois
 Family History Library Film 1254242
 NA Film Number T9-0242
 Page Number 467B

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Household:

Name/Relation/Marital Status/Gender/Race/Age/Birthplace/Occupation/Father's Birthplace/Mother's Birthplace

Elijah COLE Self M Male W 81 KY Retired Farmer
 MD OH

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Corintha COLE Wife M Female W 63 NY Keeping House
RI RI

Source Information:

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Of greatest importance is the place of Elijah's parents' birth, i.e., MD and
OH, respectively. I hope Elijah knew the information and the census taker
got it accurately. If so, it's a great clue. Also, I was unaware of
Elijah's apparent second wife. Take a look at the site. I have always been
unable to download the gedcoms associated with the LDS site. It is not
compatible on my computer.

That's all for now.

Ron

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
To: <dkizer@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2002 5:13 PM
Subject: Elijah's Ancestry

Hi Darla,

I've been pounding away at my computer and making a few more contacts. At the Anderson County, Kentucky, GenWeb site I found the name of a Jackie Higdon, a person who has registered the Cole surname.

I will now forward those messages to you. The second one that I just received is a very exciting lead. We will need to confirm the information.

Kind regards,

Ron

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
To: <dkizer@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2002 5:16 PM
Attach: ATT00161.eml
Subject: Fwd: Anderson County Surnames-Cole

Here is the potential breakthrough message.

Ron

Darla Kizer

From: <Bonnev58@aol.com>
To: <dkizer@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2002 3:56 PM
Subject: Re: Photos!

Hi Darla,

I am so happy to hear that you finally received the photos. I'm glad that you enjoy them. I have always felt so fortunate to have photographers in our family, and parents and grandparents who kept things in very good condition.

Is this the first time that you have seen a picture (taken 1893-1895) of your Samuel Cole and his wife? Do you presume that it is Lucia (Hill) Cole in the big Cole Reunion picture with her husband Sam? Let me know if you have questions about the people in the Reunion picture. If I recall correctly, all but one or two were identified. However, you have to know a few key people in order to follow the list properly on the back of the picture.

You sent a couple of attachments to an e-mail (CD Creator 5 Platinum) as Button_Mom with a .mim file extension. I couldn't open these files. If it is an image, I usually have no problem with .jpg files, and with text I usually have no problem with .doc word processing files. There was another e-mail from an LKotto@aol.com with an attachment that I couldn't open, but your name was in the fine print information at the end of the e-mail. Do you know anything about that?

I assume you received the 2 messages that I received from Jackie Higdon and forwarded to you regarding the possible parents and grandparents of Elijah Cole, Sr.

I have contacted Kenneth Lemmon, who was referred to me by Jackie Higdon. He responded that he had no further information than what was posted at Ancestry.com. While researching the Cole GenForum, I came across a Ken Cole with some interesting posts. I sent a message; he responded, and said he would send more information this weekend.

I'll keep you informed. I think we are "hot on the Cole trail" but will have lots of conflicting information and leads to be verified.

Take care,

Ron