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**From:** <Bonnev58@aol.com>  
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**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2002 10:15 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Checking birth dates

Good Morning Darla,

You asked a very good question regarding the dates received from Sandy K. I wrote and asked her what they meant. On Oct. 15, she responded:

I am not positive what the dates signify by the names. I think they must represent, some document date, that verifies the existence of the Cole person, listed. I should write the library myself and ask...as I'd really like to know too, Just one of those little tasks, I put off, and never seem to get around to ! :)

Then on Oct. 25, I called the Xenia Community Library in Ohio at 937-376-2996, ext. 221, and was told that the dates in the history book referred to the time the person was "first known to be or actually arrived in Greene County, Ohio." I would interpret that to mean that the person was known to have been in the County by the date quoted, but might have been there a short time earlier.

I should have remembered to tell you about what the dates meant. That detail got lost in the pursuit of new information. I'm glad that your question reminded me to let you know what I had done.

Recently, I called the Allerton Public Library in Monticello, Illinois, and asked for a few obits, one being the obituary of Mary (Cole) Medaris who died April 11, 1923. Unfortunately, it was not published or at least not found by the librarian. They did send one on Rice Medaris who died Saturday evening, November 28, 1908.

We had a very bad drought here during the summer, but now frequently getting soaker rains that are replenishing the ground water. We are almost back to normal.

Keep in touch.

Ron

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**Attach:** Rice&Mary Medaris' descenda.JPG; Rice&Mary Medaris' descenda.JPG  
**Subject:** Rice & Mary's Children

Here is an image of Rice and Mary and their children identified by my Mother:

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

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

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

Briefly, their descendants are:

"Vene" and Nicholas "Nick" Lux	Sam and Minnie (Dresbach)
Jesse	Otis
Will	Charles
Lacy m. Parrish	
Thursa	
Daisy m. Larson	Art and Meda (Brady)
Walter	Ruth m. Morgan
Gertrude	Lloyd
Frank	
Fred	Joseph D. and Mary Isabelle "Belle"
(Dawson)	
Flossy m. Watts	Troy
	Della m. Priestley
	Guy Duane

Nellie and James Suffern  
Alma m. Spires

Note: Frank and Fred were twins, and are seen as boys about 3 years old in the "Bent Cole to CA" picture. The two boys are standing on the right hand side of the photo.

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MEDARIS

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 Tull	1892 1913
Elsie	1916	William Bryan	
Steve	1950		
William	1947		
Thelma	1916	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 PRAV</i>	1932	Unmarried	
William	1920-1965	Phyllis Atwood	1943
Wendy*			
Gertrude	1886-1966	Unmarried	
Walter	1883-1931	L Kieler, D. Clow, Helen	
Daisy	1881-1940	George Larson	1876
Thursa	1880	Unmarried	
Jesse	-1918	Margaret Nielson	-1966
Kathleen	1904	Unmarried	
William		Amy 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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**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.

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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:

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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?

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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/~kellecin/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

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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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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.

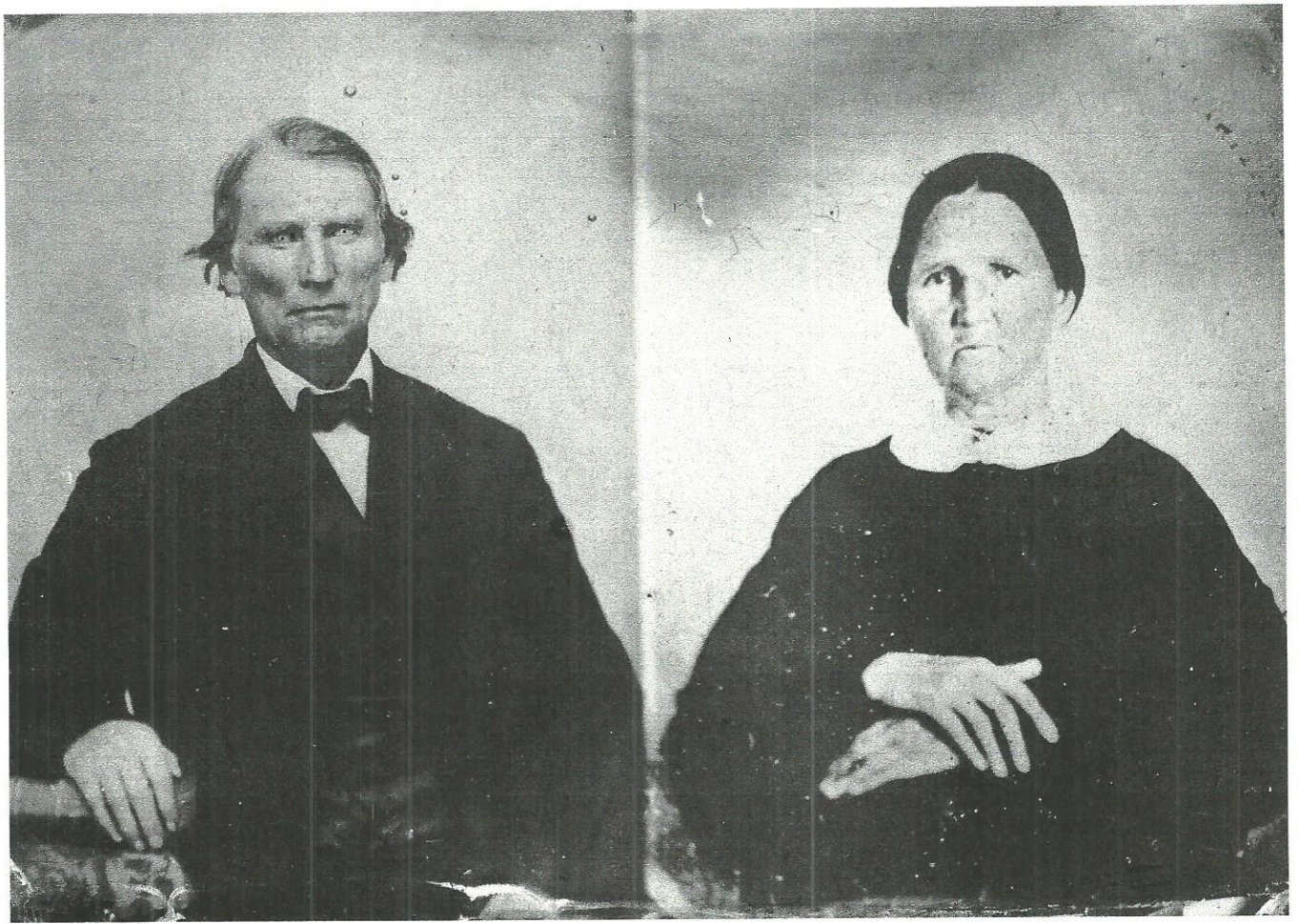
Let me know if you can view it. The next image was first saved as a JPEG image on my iMac, and then translated to PC JPEG. I hope you can view either of them, and the following ones too. Let me know which, if any, you are unable to view and I'll see if I can figure out a way to make it work.

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.

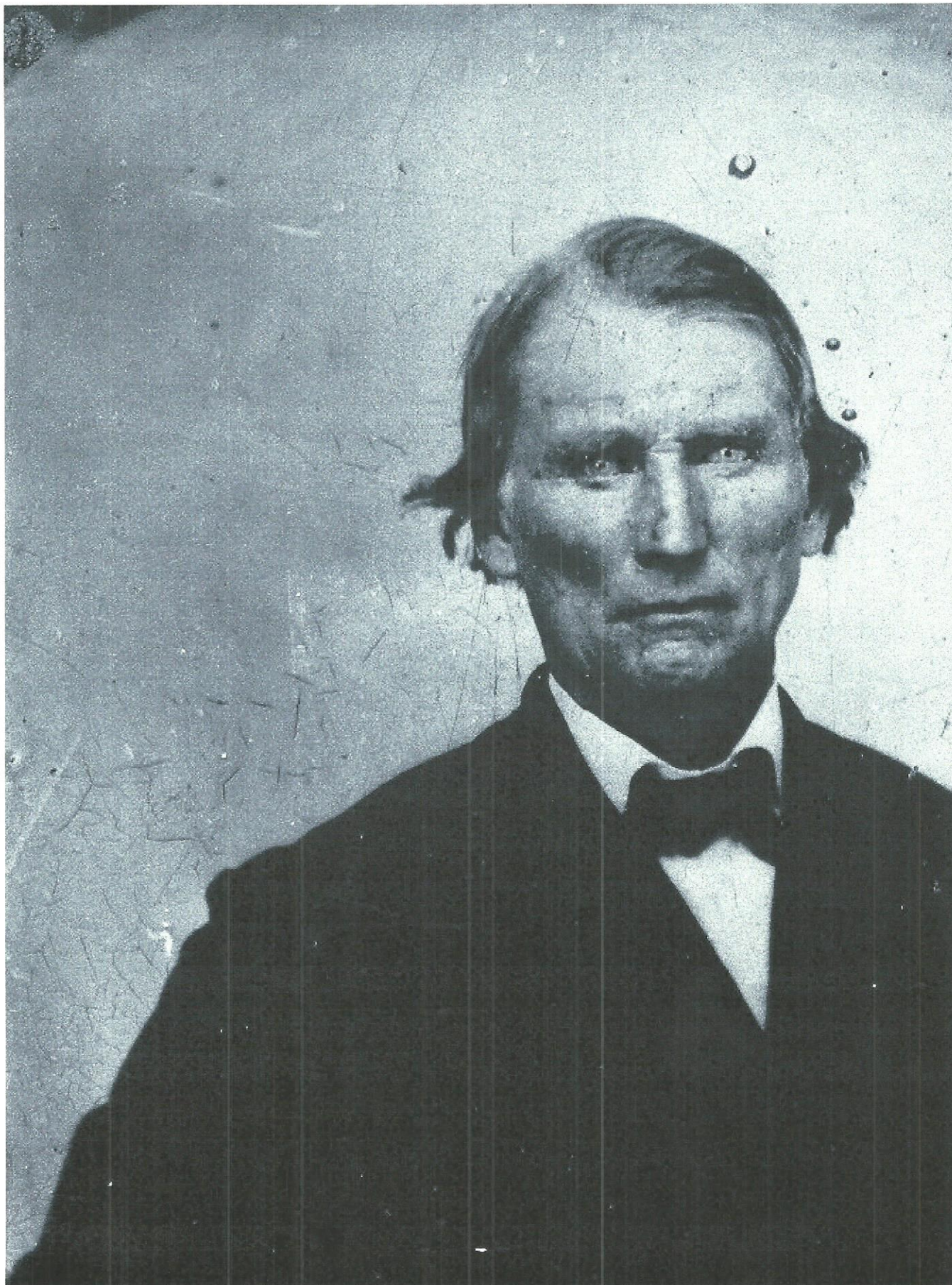
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*Elijah and Sarah Cole*



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Family Group Sheet

**Husband: Rice Medaris**

b. 3-22-1817 Ky  
d. 10-28-1908 Ill.

Married: November 18, 1841

in: Kentucky

in: Ohio? Ill.

**Wife: Mary Cole**

*ROCKAWAY COLE*

Born: January 24, 1827

Died: April 11, 1923

Father: Elijah Cole *m. 3-13-1846*

Mother: Sarah Hill

in: Xenia, Ohio

in: Bement, IL

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**CHILDREN**

1  
M

Name: Dewan Medaris

2  
M

Name: Lux Medaris

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**Husband: James E. Cole**

Born: August 25, 1863	in: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois
Married: February 23, 1887	in: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois
Died: November 6, 1939	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
Father: Samuel M. Cole	
Mother: Mary Maquire	

**Wife: Clara May Brown**

Born: May 22, 1865	in: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois
Died: April 26, 1961	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
Father: James Arlington Brown	
Mother: Margaret Ann Hull	

**CHILDREN**

1	Name: Mary A. Cole	
F	Born: December 15, 1889	in: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois
	Died: April 14, 1906	in: Hicksville Twp., Defiance Co., Ohio
2	Name: Kathryne Olive Cole	
F	Born: October 13, 1891	in: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois
	Married: December 11, 1912	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
	Died: October 23, 1955	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
	Spouse: Frederick Franklin Ferris	

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**Husband: Frederick Franklin Ferris**

Born: December 29, 1889	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
Married: December 11, 1912	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
Died: December 26, 1955	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
Father: George Henry Ferris	
Mother: Josephine Welty	

**Wife: Kathryn Olive Cole**

Born: October 13, 1891	in: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois
Died: October 23, 1955	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
Father: James E. Cole	
Mother: Clara May Brown	

**CHILDREN**

1 F	Name: Mary Carma Ferris	
	Born: July 13, 1914	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
	Died: May 26, 1973	in: Winnetka, Illinois
	Spouse: Robert E. Scott	
2 F	Name: Clara Josephine Ferris	
	Born: May 5, 1919	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
	Married: July 6, 1946	in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
	Spouse: Alan Samuel Lichtenberg	

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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Husband: Samuel M. Cole	
Born: ABOUT 1832	Place: Ohio
Married: October 8, 1858	Place: Pike Co., Illinois
Died: UNKNOWN	Place: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois Hicksville, Defiance Co., OHIO
: <del>FAIRMOUNT</del> CEM:	Place: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois BEMENT, ILL
:	Place:
Father: ELIJAH Cole	
Mother: SARAH ( ) Cole	
Other Spouses:	
Wife: Mary Maquire	
Born: ABOUT 1841	Place: Ireland
Died: UNKNOWN	Place: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois
:	Place: Came over 1841-1859
:	Place:
Father:	
Mother:	
Other Spouses:	
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)
M/F	in order of birth
1. <u>M</u>	Name: Joshua Cole Spouse:
	Born: 1859 Place: Illinois
	M Married: Place:
	Died: 1903 Place:
2. <u>M</u>	Name: James E. Cole Spouse: Clara May Brown
	Born: August 25, 1863-1864 Place: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois
	M Married: February 23, 1887 Place: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois
	Died: November 6, 1939 Place: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
	Buried CEM: MONTICELLO, PIATT CO, ILL.
2. <u>M</u>	Name: JOHN BENTON Cole Spouse: EMMA ALICE LARGE
	Born: 1860 Place: FAIRMOUNT TWP., PIKE CO., ILLINOIS
	Married: Dec. 6, 1893 Place: DWANECD, CHRISTIAN CO., ILLINOIS
	Died: JAN. 12, 1918 Place: HICKSVILLE, Defiance Co., OHIO
	Buried
4. <u>M</u>	Name: BENJAMIN Cole Spouse: MAULDE (MARCH 26, 1870 - Oct. 16, 1909)
	Born: 02 MAR. 1871 (1870) Place: FAIRMOUNT TWP., PIKE CO., ILLINOIS
	Married: Place:
	Died: 1944 Place:
	CEM: MONTICELLO, PIATT CO., ILL
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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Husband: John <sup>BENTON</sup> <del>Beaton</del> Cole	
Born: 1860	Place: FAIRMOUNT TWP., PIKE Co., ILL.
Married: Dec. 6, 1893	Place: OWANECO, CHRISTIAN Co., ILL
Died: JAN. 12, 1918	Place: HICKSVILLE, Defiance Co., OHIO
:	Place:
:	Place:
Father: Samuel M. Cole	
Mother: Mary Maquire	
Other Spouses:	
Wife: <sup>ALICE</sup> EmmanCole	
Born: Nov. 9, 1860	Place: OWANECO Twp., CHRISTIAN Co., ILL.
Died: MAY 5, 1932	Place: HICKSVILLE, Defiance Co., OHIO
:	Place:
:	Place:
Father: SAMUEL E. LARGE	
Mother: MARIA LARGE	
Other Spouses: SIDNEY SMITH	
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)
M/F	in order of birth
① F	Name: Kathrine <sup>LADINE</sup> <del>Ladine</del> Cole Spouse: JOHN. KNERR
	Born: July 15, 1904 Place: OWANECO, CHRISTIAN Co., ILL
F	Married: JUNE 10, 1928 Place: HICKSVILLE, Defiance Co., OHIO
	Died: AUG. 18, 1991 Place: BRADENTON, MANATEE Co., FL.
② M	Name: JAMES Hollis Cole Spouse: MARY WESTALL DAVIS
	Born: JUNE 24, 1899 Place: OWANECO, CHRISTIAN Co., ILL. 1899-1981
	Married: Place: NEW MEXICO
	Died: MARCH 4 1984 Place: OAKLAND, CA.
	CEM: FOREST LAWN OAKLAND, CA.
3.	Name: Spouse:
—	Born: Place:
	Married: Place:
	Died: Place:
4.	Name: Spouse:
—	Born: Place:
	Married: Place:
	Died: Place:
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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Husband: James E. Cole		
Born: August 25, <del>1863</del> <sup>1864</sup>	Place: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois	:
Married: February 23, 1887	Place: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois	:
Died: November 6, 1939	Place: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio	:
: August 25, 1865	Place: Pike County, Fairmount TWP. Ill.	:
:	Place:	:
Father: Samuel M. Cole		
Mother: Mary Maquire		
Other Spouses:		
Wife: Clara May Brown		
Born: May 22, <del>1865</del> <sup>1867</sup>	Place: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., <sup>VIRGINIA</sup> Illinois	:
Died: April 26, 1961	Place: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio	:
CEM.	Place: MONTICELLO, TWP, PIATT Co., ILL.	:
:	Place:	:
Father: James Arlington Brown		
Mother: Margaret Ann Hull		
Other Spouses:		
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F	in order of birth	
1. <del>F.</del> <sup>A</sup> Name: Mary Cole <sup>15,</sup>	Spouse:	
Born: December 1889	Place: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois	:
F Married:	Place:	:
Died: APRIL 14, 1906	Place: Hicksville Twp., Defiance Co., OHIO	:
	CEMETARY: MONTICELLO, PIATT CO., ILL	
2. <del>F.</del> Name: Kathryne Olive Cole	Spouse: Frederick Franklin Ferris	
Born: October 13, 1891	Place: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois	:
F Married: December 11, 1912	Place: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio	:
Died: October 23, 1955	Place: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio	:
3. Name:	Spouse:	
— Born:	Place:	:
Married:	Place:	:
Died:	Place:	:
4. Name:	Spouse:	
— Born:	Place:	:
Married:	Place:	:
Died:	Place:	:
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# Family Group Record

Husband		COLE, SAMUEL M.	
Birth		1838	
Chr			
Death		27 FEB 1923	
Burial		BEMENT CEMETARY, BEMENT, PIATT COUNTY, ILLINOIS	
Marriage			
Father		ELISAH COLE	} NATIVES of Kentucky.
Mother		SARAH ( ) COLE	
Wife		CATHERINE MCGUIRE	
Birth		26 JUNE 1838	
Chr			
Death		06 OCT. 1884	
Burial		BEMENT CEMETARY, BEMENT, PIATT CO., ILLINOIS	
Father			
Mother			
Children			
1		JOSHUA E.	
Birth		1860	(1859 = 11 yrs on 1870 Census)
Chr			
Death		1903	
Burial		BEMENT CEMETARY, BEMENT, PIATT CO., ILLINOIS	
Marriage			
2		JOHN BENTON	
Birth		1860	(1861 = 9 yrs on 1870 Census)
Chr			
Death		JAN. 12 1918	
Burial		HICKSVILLE, DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO	
Marriage		EMMA ALICE LARGE (EMILY) m. Dec. 6, 1893 - OWANECO, CHRISTIAN CO., IL	
3		JAMES E.	
Birth		AUG. 1864	(should be 1862 according to 1870 Census)
Chr			
Death		NOV. 8, 1939	
Burial			
Marriage		CLARA BROWN	
4		MARY	
Birth		1864	
Chr			
Death			
Burial			
Marriage			
5		GEORGE E.	
Birth		21 OCT 1869	(Should be 1868) See photo of Stone + Cemetery List + 1870 Census List
Chr			
Death		4 YRS OF AGE	
Burial			
Marriage			
6		BENJAMIN	
Birth		MARCH 7, 1872	
Chr			
Death		JULY 23, 1944	
Burial		MONTICELLO TOWNSHIP CEMETARY, ILLINOIS	
Marriage		JAN. 2, 1893 MAUDE WEAVER (3) OCT 21, 1911 LOU ELLA WARNER	
Prepared by:		7. CHARLES	
		8. ALICE	
	Comments:	11	

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I'm not sure of dates but names are correct according to the 1870 Census and Obituaries enclosed. Obituaries were copied in Monticello Library Archives. Really need the 1880 + 1890 U.S. Censuses to be totally accurate. I will try to get them soon. Paula.

COLE, Ben, whose experiences have been somewhat varied, is one of the successful farmers of Goose Creek Township. He was born in Rement Township, Platt County, Ill., March 7, 1872, a son of Sam and Catherine (McGuire) Cole, natives of Pike County, Ill., and Ireland. The grandparents were Elijah and Sarah Cole,

natives of Kentucky and Ohio, and James McGuire, and all were early settlers of Illinois. The parents after marriage located on a farm in Rement Township, where the mother died in 1886. The father survives and lives with his children.

Ben Cole attended the public schools of Platt County until he was fifteen years old when he began working among the neighboring farmers by the month. In 1893 he went on a farm in Henry County, Ill., but five years later returned to Platt County, and for five years more continued his agricultural work in Monticello Township. Being appointed superintendent of the poor farm of Platt County, he served faithfully as such until the spring of 1913, when he moved to a farm of 255 acres of land in Goose Creek Township, 160 acres of which are under cultivation, and the balance in pasture. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising, and has been very successful in his work.

In January, 1893, Mr. Cole was married to Maud Weaver, born in Monticello Township. Their children were as follows: Florence, who is a nurse residing at Rochester, Minn.; and Ralph and Nellie, who live at home. Mrs. Cole died in October, 1909. On October 21, 1911, Mr. Cole was married a second time and has by that union the following children: Pauline, Kenneth and Marian. In politics Mr. Cole is a Democrat. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Monticello. An industrious worker, he has made his way in the world, and has every right to feel proud of the progress he has made.

Sept 1912  
New Steward at Poor Farm.

Ben Cole, who has served as steward of the county farm for the past twelve years, tendered his resignation to the board of supervisors at their meeting held last week, to take effect March 1. The long time Mr. Cole served as steward is sufficient evidence that he gave satisfactory service to a majority. He will take charge of the Jesse Warner farm in Goose Creek township, northwest of Monticello. Chas. Devaux was elected as Mr. Cole's successor. TPC R

KENNETH COLE NAMED  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE PCR

Kenneth Cole has been appointed administrator of the estate of his father, Ben Cole, by Judge B. E. Morgan, upon filing bond in the sum of \$4,000. Mr. Cole died July 23.

The estate consists of approximately \$2,000 in personal property and heirs include the widow, Luella Cole, four sons, two daughters and two granddaughters. Aug 3 1944