

**Husband: John Benton Cole**

Born: 1860  
 Married: December 6, 1893  
 Died: January 12, 1918  
 Father: Samuel M. Cole  
 Mother: Mary Maquire

in: Fairmount Twp., Pike Co., ILL  
 in: Owaneco, Christian Co., ILL.  
 in: Hicksville Twp., Defiance Co., Ohio

**Wife: Emily (Emma) Alice Large**

Born: November 9, 1860  
 Died: May 5, 1932  
 Father: Samuel Large  
 Mother: Maria Large

in: Locust Twp., Christian Co., ILL.  
 in: Hicksville Twp., Defiance Co., Ohio

**CHILDREN**

1 Name: Kathrine Ladine Cole  
 Born: July 15, 1904  
 F Married: June 10, 1928  
 Died: August 18, 1991  
 Spouse: John Knerr

in: Owaneco, Christian Co., ILL.  
 in: ~~Hicksville Twp., Defiance Co., Ohio~~  
 in: Bradenton, Manatee Co., FL.

*Perrysburg, Wood Co., OHIO*

2 Name: James Hollis Cole  
 M Born: June 24, 1899  
 Died: March 1983

in: Owaneco, Christian Co., ILL.  
 in: Oakland, CA

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**CHILDREN**

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Name: Darla-Cole *KNERR*

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**Husband: Benjamin Cole**

Born: March 2, 1871 in: Fairmount Twp., Pike Co., ILL  
 Married: October 11, 1911  
 Died: July 23, 1944  
 Father: Samuel M. Cole  
 Mother: Mary Maquire CATHERINE  
 Other Spouses: Maud Weaver

**Wife: Lou Ella Warner**

Father: Jesse Warner b. 25 Sept 1883  
 Mother: Mrs. Warner LOUISE CONNER d. 26 MAY 1964 Peoria, Peoria County, ILLINOIS

**CHILDREN**

2	1	Name: Kenneth Cole b. JAN 8, 1914 d. Feb 11 1943	(Loudenback) Spouse E: MARY ANN LILLY
5.	2	Name: Lyle Cole b. July 15, 1924	Spouse: <del>Dorothy</del> MARJORIE
4	3	Name: Robert Cole Born: June 19, 1917 Married: May 25, 1941 Died: October 15, 1991 Spouse: Dorothy May VanHorn	in: Rural Hammond <i>Children (2) adopted could debate</i>
3	4	Name: Marian Cole b. June 9, 1916 d. (1) DALTON m. (2) KENNETH HODSON	in: Peoria <i>See GENEALOGY SHEET BOOK</i>

1. Pauline

b. 3 Oct 1912  
 d. 28 Dec. 1943 (Peoria, ILL)  
 m. 20 APR. 1936 - Kenneth "Red" Hodson  
 b. 1907  
 d. 1987

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**Husband: Elijah Cole**

in: Ohio  
 in: Pike Co., (Near the town of Perry)

**Wife: Sarah Hill**

in: Ohio  
 in: Pike Co., (Near the town of Perry)

*HINMAN  
 Cemetery*

**CHILDREN**

1 M	Name: Samuel M. Cole Born: Abt. 1838 Married: October 8, 1858 Died: <del>Unknown</del> <i>FEB 27, 1923</i> Spouse: Mary Maquire	in: Ohio in: Pike Co., Illinois in: Hicksville, Defiance Co., Ohio
2 M	Name: Thomas B. Cole Born: October 2, 1840 Married: July 3, 1860 Spouse: Phoebe Beatty	in: Pike Co., ILL in: Pike Co., ILL.
3 F	Name: Mary Cole Born: January 24, 1827 Married: November 18, 1841 Died: April 11, 1923 Spouse: Rice Medaris	in: Xenia, Ohio in: Ohio ? in: Bement, IL

*ROZANNAH  
 Cole*

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**Husband: Samuel M. Cole**

Born: Abt. 1838 in: Ohio  
 Married: October 8, 1858 in: Pike Co., Illinois  
 Died: ~~Unknown~~ February 27, 1923 in: Hicksville, Defiance Co., Ohio  
 Father: Elijah Cole  
 Mother: Sarah Hill

**Wife: Mary Maquire**

Born: Abt. 1841 June 19, 1839 in: Ireland  
 Died: ~~Unknown~~ Oct 6, 1884 in: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois

**CHILDREN**

1 M	Name: Joshua Cole Born: 1859 Died: 1903	in: Illinois in: Bement Twp.,
2 M	Name: James E. Cole Born: August 25, 1863 Married: February 23, 1887 Died: November 6, 1939 Spouse: Clara May Brown	in: Fairmount TWP, Pike Co., Illinois in: Monticello TWP, Piatt Co., Illinois in: Hicksville TWP, Defiance Co., Ohio
3 M	Name: John Benton Cole Born: 1860 Married: December 6, 1893 Died: January 12, 1918 Spouse: Emily (Emma) Alice Large	in: Fairmount Twp., Pike Co., ILL in: Owaneco, Christian Co., ILL. in: Hicksville Twp., Defiance Co., Ohio
4 M	Name: Benjamin Cole Born: March 2, 1871 Married: October 11, 1911 Died: July 23, 1944 Spouses: Maud Weaver, Lou Ella Warner	in: Fairmount Twp., Pike Co., ILL
5 M	Name: Charles Cole Born: <del>Unknown</del> JAN 1, 1873	<sup>DIED</sup> in: Decatur JAN 26, 1964
6 F	Name: Alice Cole Born: Unknown Spouse: Samuel Holmes N.J.	in: Decatur

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**Husband: Thomas B. Cole**

Born: October 2, 1840 in: Pike Co., ILL  
 Married: July 3, 1860 in: Pike Co., ILL.  
 Father: Elijah Cole  
 Mother: Sarah Hill

**Wife: Phoebe Beatty**

Born: May 18, 1841 in: Pike Co., ILL.  
 Father: Taylor Beatty  
 Mother: Annetta Marsh

**CHILDREN**

1 F	Name: Nettie Cole
2 M	Name: Edgar B. Cole
3 M	Name: Fred Cole
4 F	Name: Ivy Cole
5 F	Name: Claude Cole
6 F	Name: Essie Cole
7 F	Name: Marsh Cole
8 M	Name: Frank Cole
9 F	Name: Anna Cole
10 M	Name: Alvin Cole

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July 25, 1997

Dear Jim;

This letter is to update you on what is transpiring here with the "Cole" family genealogy. Thank you for your response to my request for the family pages off of your computer several weeks ago. They were so very helpful, both then and now as I work through the family lines.

Driving over to Illinois last week I spent Tuesday thru Friday working on leads. Let me fill you in on some of what I have learned. I took my camera along and have taken some photos of a lot of the headstones in several cemeteries documenting names, dates and events.

First I went back to the library at Monticello and got a copy of the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 Federal census. There is no census for the year 1890 due to a fire which occurred in Washington, D.C., in 1891 destroying almost the entire census for the U.S. Only a couple of states remain as they had not forwarded their census to D.C. Unfortunately Illinois is not one of those remaining. I can use these copies as we work to detail and document dates.

\*(Sorry this paragraph is out of sequence.) The first time Elijah Cole appears on the census is 1840\* and that year only *\* In Pike County* lists the names of the head of each family unit; giving ages of those residing in the household but not any names, or other data. Very sketchy. This was taken from Microfilm on Page 124. It shows 3 sons: 1-under 5 yrs.; 2 sons from ages 5-10; 1 son 10-15; 1 son 15-20. Also, 3 daughters: 1 from 5-10; 1 from 10-15; 1 from 15-20.

If I had a copy machine I would copy the page from the *Hinman* Cemetery where 3 of them are buried, but I will type for you what is on the page I have listing them.

Cole, Joseph D. (son E.S.)	b. 11 Dec. 1829
	d. 28 Feb. 1842
" , Elijah	d. 1 Feb. 1833
	(83yr.9mo.24da.)
" , Sarah	d. 21 Jun. 1863
	(63yr.9mo.21da.)
" , Sarah (dau. E.S.)	b. 5 Oct. 1843
	d. 5 Aug. 1846
" , Joshua	b. 17 Oct. 1822
	d. 14 Dec. 1859
" , Nancy (dau. E. & S.)	b. 5 Feb. 1825
	d. 17 Oct. 1841
" , Rozannah (dau. E. & S. Cole)	b. 1 Feb. 1823
	d. 22 Jan. 1842*

\*Headstone

Rozannah Wife of R. Medaris (married Nov. 18, 1841) According to the marriage records this is correct. So...they were only married just over two months prior to her death. Later he must have married her younger sister, Mary Cole. Because in 1841

*See  
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1850  
unmarked*

Mary would only have been 14 years of age. Rice Medaris was born on 22 Mar. 1817, in Kentucky and Rozannah on 1 Feb. 1823, in Xenia, Ohio. Mary Cole Medaris was born on 24 Jan. 1827 in Xenia, Ohio. I have found that this was very common in those days to marry a sister following the death of a wife. **\*\***(End of sequence.)

Then I went out to visit a cousin, Kenneth and Mary Ann Cole, who still live in Monticello. Kenneth is a son of Benjamin and Lou Ella Cole; from Ben's second marriage of which ~~four~~ *Five* children were born.

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| 1. Pauline | b. 3 Oct. 1912<br>d. 28 Dec. 1943 (Peoria, Ill)<br>m. 20 Apr. 1936-Kenneth Hodson<br>b. 1907<br>d. 1987   |
| 2. Kenneth | b. 8 Jan. 1914<br>m. 11 Feb. 1943-Mary Ann Lilly Loudenback<br>b. 9 Feb. 1918   |
| 3. Marian  | b. 9 Jun. 1916<br>m. 30 Jun. 1945-Kenneth Hodson<br>(2nd. Marriage for both)<br>(Both have children from first marriages.)<br>(Her 1st. spouse was Dalton |
| 4. Robert  | Correct information as you have it listed already. Has two adopted children. No names known.  |
| 5. Lyle    | b. 15 Jul. 1924<br>m.   |

Marjorie

Regarding the Thomas B. Cole family. He is not a son of Elijah and Sarah Hill Cole. All other data is correct but Kenneth and Mary Ann said that he is not a member of our family line. We do not know yet what his parents names are but we need to delete him from this family, at least for now. I will keep the Family Group Sheet for future reference if we determine that he goes in another family. He may be a nephew of Elijah Cole or something like that.

In the Samuel M. Cole family there is additional information on Charles Cole. He was born on 1 Jan. 1873, died on 26 Jan. 1964 in Decatur. He was an alcoholic and resulted in divorce by his wife. Kenneth didn't know of any children. Kenneth and Mary Ann were the only two persons present at his funeral. They saw it in the newspaper Obit column. Thats sad; to live your whole life and no one attends your funeral. Like no one cares!

Additional information on Alice Cole: was married to Samuel Holmes and lived in N.J. She was home to Monticello for funeral of Ben Cole, her brother in 1944, but Kenneth didn't see her again. She died in N.J., and was buried there, but he did not have any date. They had no children.

*Charles is buried in Monticello cemetery on James E. Cole family plot - No headstone for him*

Rice Medaris Group Sheet:

b. 22 Mar. 1817  
d. 25 Oct. 1908

Ky. *May be Anderson County*  
Piatt Co., Ill.

(Buried Monticello Twp.  
Cemetery, Piatt Co., Ill.)

m. #1 Rozanna Cole

11 Nov. 1841

Fairmount Twp.; Pike Co., Ill.  
(Buried: Hinman Cemetery  
Griggsville Twp. Pike Co. Ill.)

m. #2 Mary Cole

Unknown *1846*

Fairmount Twp.; Pike Co., Ill.  
(Buried Monticello Twp.  
Cemetery, Piatt Co., Ill.)

Children 2nd spouse:

1. Sarah Medaris

b. 1847 Pike Co., Ill.

d. 1926 Piatt Co., Ill.

2. Nancy Medaris

b. 1857 Pike Co., Ill.

d. 1940 Piatt Co., Ill.

Note on Rice Medaris Group: These are the only two children that I can document. Both are interred in Monticello Cemetery beside of their parents in a family plot. There are three other Medaris' buried in the same plot but I can't put them in this family yet. I don't know where or how they fit.

The name of Dewan (should be spelled: Duane) Medaris is probably a grandson of Rice and Mary Cole Medaris and Duane lives in the town of Bement (7 miles south of Monticello); but Mary Ann isn't sure about who Duane's father is. We will work on this by mail to determine relationship and names.

The name of Lux Medaris is in error. There is no one by this name. The "Lux" family is related to us but Mary Ann wasn't sure just how. She will check further on this and inform us.

John Benton Cole Family Group:

Note: All information is correct except that James Hollis Cole is the firstborn and Kathrine Ladine Cole is second born.

John Knerr Family Group:

John Knerr

b. 6 Sept. 1891 - Detroit, MI.

d. 15 Dec. 1950 - Sarasota, FL.

m. # 1. 1917 - Florence Middaugh

Marriage ended in divorce est. 1924

# 2. 1928 - Kathrine Ladine Cole

Marriage ended in death 15 Dec. 1950

Father: Henry George Knerr

Mother: Catherine Theresa Cumiskey

Children:

1. Dorothy Mae Knerr

b. est. 1918 Toledo, Lucas Co., Ohio

2. Robert "Bobby" Knerr

b. ~~est. 1921~~ Toledo, Lucas Co., Ohio

*NOV-28, 1923*

*Middle → JAMES  
NAME OF*

3. James Keith Knerr
  - b. 5 Sept. 1929  
Maumee Twp., Lucas Co, Ohio
  - m. #1. Alma Gwinner  
15 June 1955 - Stuttgart, Germany  
Divorced
  - m. #2. Peggy Bradshaw  
22 Feb. 1973 - Tallahassee, Leon Co., Fl.  
Death
  - m. #3. Laura Louella Meadows  
15 Jan. 1977 - Tallahassee, Leon Co., Fl.  
~~Death~~
4. Darla Corinne Knerr
  - b. 24 Nov. 1930  
Swanton Twp., Lucas Co., Ohio
  - m. #1. Lester Christopher Yancey  
7 June 1949 - Lakeland, GA.  
Ended in death: 26 Oct. 1986
  - m. #2. Raymond Noah Beachy  
29 Aug. 1987 - Sarasota, FL.  
Ended in death: 7 Mar. 1996
  - m. #3. Melvin Eugene Kizer  
4 Jan. 1997 - Sarasota, FL.
5. Harold Laurence Knerr
  - b. 5 Apr. 1932  
Melbourne, Brevard Co., FL
  - m. Mary Lois Castleman  
21 Sept. 1952 - Palmetto, Manatee Co., FL.
6. Donald Leroy Knerr
  - b. 5 July 1939  
Sarasota, Sarasota Co., FL.

Note: Additional on John Knerr Family Group.

The first two children born to my father and his first wife we have nothing more than their names at this time. The wife was remarried to a man by the name of "Bohn" or "Boehn" and I have been told years ago that they went by that last name. I have a photograph of "Bobby" taken during the WWII in his uniform in either the Army or Air Force. Not sure which. They may not be alive yet today, we don't know. Are still trying to locate them. I have not listed any of the grandchildren as it becomes too lengthy. I will enclose that listing separate for information only for you. You use what you like and delete remainder.

Note: On Benjamin Cole Family Group.

I made notes in several places while Kenneth and Mary Ann were talking and just found that I have not listed the three children from Ben Cole's (Kenneth's father) first marriage. So let me do that here to catch you up. I have a photo of these three children from the first marriage in my Mother's photo album. I would estimate these three were probably 7-5-3 years of age in the *photo.*

(Editor Note: I accidentally erased the remaining portion of your letter, so now I will go back to my notes and try to recapture some of it and hope I don't miss something. Sorry for being so "clutzy".)

Note: Benjamin Cole Family

Ben and Maude (Weaver) had six children prior to Maude's death on 16 October 1909 from childbirth complications. These are:

- |                    |   |           |
|--------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Infant Son      | d. 15 Jan. 1893                           | Stillborn |
| 2. Florence        | b. 1895*<br>d. <i>unknown</i><br>m. Smith |           |
| 3. Nellie          | b. 22 Aug. 1897<br>d. 24 Nov. 1918**      |           |
| 4. Ralph           | b. 1900<br>d. 1944 est.***                |           |
| 5. Alice           | b. 24 Aug. 1905<br>d. 4 May 1908 #        |           |
| 6. Infant Daughter | d. 1 Oct. 1909                            | Stillborn |

NOTE: \* Was a nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She married a man named "Smith" and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska. They had two children: A son; Dr. Robert Smith who still lives there and is in medical practice. *a daughter who is now dead.* Florence and her husband also owned land in Mission, Texas.

\*\* Was a Nursing student in Chicago when she contracted the Flu and died of Pneumonia.

\*\*\* Lived in Chicago and died there shortly after death of his father, Ben in 1944.

# Died in Willow Twp., Piatt Co. Ill. of Whooping Cough. Ben and Lou Ella Warner had five children from their marriage. and I have already listed them for you on the second page of my letter.

NOTE; Rice Medaris Group - Additional Information.

I just found the wedding date for Rice and Mary (Cole) Medaris is 1846 (No Month or Day listed).

I found the following information in the 1880 Census of Piatt County:

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	Age, Sex, Race	Marital	Occup.	Birthstate	
MEDARIS, Rice	63, M, W	M	Farmer	KY	
Mary	53, F, W	Wife	M	Keep House	OH
Sarah	30, F, W	Daughter	S	Asst House	IL
Samuel	24, M, W	Son	S	Asst House	IL
Nelly	17, F, W	Daughter	S	School	IL
Nancy	19, F, W	Daughter	S	School	IL
Arthur	14, M, W	Son	S	School	IL

I really regret that I "wiped out" two pages on this letter last night on the computer. Tried to retrieve it today but couldn't. So there may be information on those pages that I have not remembered but it may come out later.

This is probably all the information that you can "digest" at this time.

I wanted to forward on to you this information as we are in the process of moving permanently to Florida on the 30th. July, so by the time you receive this we will be at another address. The house here has sold and we are mostly packed. I'll look forward to hearing from you after you have had time to process all of this data. I really appreciate your help with this and I plan to visit your mother and sister in Jupiter, Fla. sometime in the near future.

Looking forward to meeting you one day, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Barla*

WILL: GRIFFY, David, 30 April 1847, Anderson County

Submitted by: KWright354@aol.com (Judy Wright)

Anderson Co. Ky. Will Bk. \_ p. 118  
#89 David Griffy's (Griffey, Griffie) will

Be it remembered that I David D. Griffy of the county of Anderson and state of Kentucky, being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life and believing all men must die and being desirous to dispose of all such worth by Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

1st I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Griffy all my estate, both real and personal of what nature or kind it may be, during her natural life, provided she continues my widow, not hereafter otherwise disposed, but should she marry again, she shall be just to draw third part, except a negro woman named Ellen which woman, my wife may hold during her natural life, provided her second husband shall give good and ample security for the forth coming of said negro woman with her increase, at the death of my wife Nancy Griffy, in order that she said negro woman with her increase, may then be equally divided among our children that my wife Nancy has given birth to or that may be here after born but in case my wife continues or remained my widow, all of my estate as above written to remain hers during her natural life and after her death to be divided or disposed of in --form and manner following that is to say the above negro woman named Ellen and her increase to be equally divided among all my children by my second wife Nancy Griffy or that she may here after have viz. Jordan W. Griffy, Leroy D. Griffy, Elvina Griffy, Sarah Jane Griffy, William Griffy and Anthony C. Griffy. And a certain negro boy named Edmund at the death of my wife Nancy provided she remains my widow to be equally divided between my first children by my first wife Elizabeth, John B. Griffy and Laurinda Griffy, should either John B. Griffys or Laurinda Griffy die without heirs before my wife Nancy Griffy, their stepmother then and instead can the other one to have the aforesaid negro boy Edmond, but in case both John B. Griffy and Laurinda Griffy should die without heirs before the death of their stepmother the second negro boy to descend to my second wife Nancy Griffy but should my wife marry again, then and in that case, the aforesaid Negro boy Edmond shall descend to John B. Griffy and Laurinda Griffy forth et al upon the condition above named.

2nd All the rest of my estate both real and personal of what nature or kind it may be I desire at the death of my wife Nancy Griffy shall be equally divided among all my children, both by my first wife and my second wife, viz. John B. Griffy, Laurinda Griffy, Jordan W. Griffy, Leroy A. or D. Griffy, Elvinia Griffy, Sarah Jane Griffy, William Griffy, and Anthony C. Griffy. But should my wife Nancy Griffy marry again, the division to be made among my children as soon after her marriage as practicable, according to the conditions of this will.

4th I (no 3rd) It is my wish and desire that my beloved wife Nancy Griffy sell such property as she can best spare and pay all my debts. This my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness I have hereunto set hand and official my seal this 30th of April 1847. Signed David Griffy.

Test:

Edwin E. HAWKINS

Elijah GUDGILL

State of Ky. Anderson County.

I Jordan Walker, Clerk of this county court for the county aforesaid do certify that at a county court held for the county aforesaid, at the courthouse in Lawrenceburg on Monday this 14 day of June 1847 this writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of David D. Griffy, dec. was

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produced in court and proven by the oaths of Edwin E. Hawkins and Elijah Gudgill the two subscribing witnesses is thereto to be the act and desire of the said David D. Griffy, decd. Whereupon the same was examined, ordered to be recorded and filed. Given under my hand this 22nd day of June 1847. Jordan H. Walker , Clk.

Next will #90 is will of James ROBERTSON

Will at the top of this page is end of Elijah COLE's will. The part on this page says:

And bequeath to my son James Cole, Martha YOUNG and Nancy CATLETT ? The two horses that are at my son James Cole's should I never call for them he is to have them, my skirting? Horse and waggon I give to my daughter Martha Young. January 30, 1847.

Signed Elijah Cole

Witnesses James B. LITTLEPAGE

Coatman HUNDON

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