

# ***Head Family Genealogy Notes***

## ***Missouri***

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*MO, State Death Index {10886}*

4 Dec 1917	Morehead, Phenella female, widowed, occupation: housekeeper b. <u>30</u> Sep 1840, MO d. Moberly, Randolph Co., MO cause: cerebral hemorrhage buried @ Moberly father: Waller Head (b. VA) mother: Hardenia Garth (b. VA) informant: Mrs. A. J. McHugh [(#5483)] certificate # 42400	#548
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*Benton Co., Marriages {18121}*

27 Feb 1859	Davis, James C. Head, Catharine A. filed in Book A, p. 262	#7A1
13 Mar 1860	Kelly, Thomas G. Head, Lavinia Berretta filed in Book A, p. 276	#7A2

***Boone Co., Marriages {4131}***

1 May 1855	Price, Edwin W. Bradford, Kittie E.	#5A1
8 May 1884	Head, Charles W. McElwrath, Elmon E.	#7A5

*Callaway Co., Marriages {10121}*

21 Sep 1864 Gray, J. Wellington  
Head, Clara Elizabeth

*Clay Co., Marriages {3906}*

2 Apr 1844	Boze, Bird Payne, Sarah	#273
17 Dec 1845	Hicks, James M. Payne, Susan M.	#271

*Cole Co., Marriages {4128}*

26 Jul 1860 King, Thomas B.  
Chiles, Emma A.

#575

***Henry Co., Windsor Twp., Laurel Oak Cemetery {18119}***

Head, Charles Waller Dr.	b. 30 Jan 1855	d. 11 Jan 1932	#7A5
Head, Mora E. McElwrath	b. 1858	d. 1905	#7A5/1
Head, Waller J.	b. 1887	d. 1945	#7A51
Head, Alfred William	b. 17 Oct 1889	d. 31 Aug 1957	#7A52
Head, Mary	b. 1892	d. 1948	#7A53
Head, Raymond	b. 1894	d. 1920	#7A54

***Henry Co., Springfield Twp., Mount Olivet Cemetery {18120}***

*Located in Section 23 of T42 R24.*

Gray, Clara Elizabeth Head	b. 22 Mar 1845	d. 12 Jun 1919	#7A4
Gray, J. Wellington, Dr.	b. 20 Feb 1840	d. 17 Jun 1918	#7A4/1

*History of Henry County, Missouri, by Eul W. Lamkin (Historical Publishing Company, 1919), p. 565 (Joseph W. Gray) {18114}*

“Joseph W. Gray - The Gray family in Henry County is one of the oldest and most distinguished in this section of the State, and was founded here in 1836 when the grandparents of Joseph W. Gray came to Henry County and entered the land where the old Gray homestead is now located and which the subject of this sketch is now cultivating. This old family has also contributed a descendant to the service of the Nation in the great World War, a son of Joseph W. Gray having been the first private soldier from Henry County to die at Camp Doniphan. Joseph W. Gray was born at Windsor, Missouri, October 15, 1871, the son of Dr. J. W. and Clara E. (Head) Gray, who were parents of six children, as follow: Effie E. Cecil, Springfield township; Dr. Alfred A., a practicing physician, Calhoun, Missouri; Joseph W., of this review; Charles V., Hollister, Missouri; Harry P., a veterinarian at Chilhowee, Missouri; Mrs. Clara Bennett, Long Beach, California. Dr. J. W. Gray was born in Henry County February 20, 1840, the son of Rev. W. A. and Mary (Loftis) Gray, both of whom were born in Kentucky. Rev. W. A. Gray first came to Missouri in 1835 and taught school. In 1836 Rev. W. A. Gray removed with his family to Henry County and entered land in sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Springfield township. He followed farming during the remainder of his life while preaching as a minister of the Baptist Church. Nine children were born to Rev. W. A. and Mary Gray, of whom Dr. J. W. Gray was the eldest. Doctor Gray was educated in the St. Louis College of Medicine and began the practice of his profession in 1863 near Lincoln, Benton County, Missouri. He located in Windsor in 1865 and practiced in this city for a period of twelve years. He then, in 1876, came to the Gray homestead and practiced his profession while looking after his farming interests, retiring from active practice in 1913. He made his home on the old homestead until his death on June 17, 1918. Mrs. Clara Gray was born March 22, 1845, in Benton County, Missouri, the daughter of Dr. Alfred and Rhoda (Vincent) Head, natives of Virginia. Doctor Head was practicing his profession in Benton County during the Civil War. Joseph W. Gray received his education in the district school and the Clinton Academy, taught by Professor Lamkin. He began for himself in 1891 and was engaged in farming until 1901. He then went to Montana and spent a year there, after which he purchased a general store at Roseland, Missouri. He conducted this store until 1906 and then sold out. He clerked in the Red Front Dry Goods Store at Clinton until 1907 and was then engaged as traveling salesman with the George W. Perry Rubber Company until 1909. Since 1909 he has been engaged in tilling the home farm of 240 acres. Mr. Gray was married October 26, 1893, to Miss Ruth A. Phelps, who was born August 1, 1875, in Henry County, Missouri, the daughter of David and Louise (Moore) Phelps, natives of near Belleville, Illinois. The Phelps family came to Johnson County in 1872 and came to Henry County, Missouri, in 1874, and Mr. and Mrs. Phelps now reside in Calhoun. Seven children have been born to Joseph W. and Ruth A. Gray, as follow: Guy P., born May 19, 1895, and departed this life at Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, November 30, 1917, while an enlisted soldier in the service of the National Army, his life being the first to be given by Henry County in defense of the freedom of the world - he died a soldier; Ruth, born January 20, 1900, and died January 28, 1900; Joseph, born April 9, 1902; Eugene, born April 14, 1904; Mary L., born November 17, 1905; Wilma, born March 4, 1909, died May 16, 1918; Clara B., born August 29, 1910. Mr. Gray is a Democrat and has long been prominent in the affairs of his party in Henry County. In 1912 he was elected to the office of township tax collector and served for two years. In 1915 he was elected township assessor, an office which he is now capably filling. He is a stockholder of the Farmers Cooperative Company and is keenly interested in all worthy civic movements.

Mr. Gray is a Mason, his father before him having been a charter member of the Windsor Masonic Lodge. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He and Mrs. Gray are members of the Baptist Church.”

*Howard Co., Marriages {3912}*

22 Dec 1835	Blakey, Benjamin B. Payne, Marietta C.	#272
17 Feb 1848	Tyre, Abraham Chiles, Sarah Martha	#571
12 May 1853	Medley, James W. Blakey, Sarah W.	#51B
24 Sep 1855	Hicks, James M. Payne, Panelope S.	#271/1
12 Dec 1855	Ewing, H. C. Childs, Georgia E.	#572
23 Sep 1858	Rucker, Franklin H. Thompson, Amanda Kate	#553
19 Feb 1863	Hughes, Samuel T. Hughes, Laura C.	#5341
22 Aug 1865	Gilkey, Benjamin T. Hughes, Lucy A.	#5342
25 Apr 1866	Head, J. C. Wallace, Susan A.	#566
8 Nov 1866	Wisdom, James R. Hughes, Hettie C.	#5343
11 Sep 1867	Jordan, Charles H. Hughes, Fannie	#5344
30 Sep 1868	Willis, Peter T. Price, Martha Stella	#5A5
12 Jun 1872	Trent, T. E. Price, K. E.	#5A11

*History of Howard and Cooper Counties (St. Louis, MO: National Historical Company, 1883) {3965}*

**Chariton Twp., pp. 456-486**

**June Williams [#554/1]**

"Who in youth attended Hon. James G. Blaine's school in Kentucky, and was born and reared in that state, has been a citizen of Howard county since 1853, and is one of the substantial and highly respected farmers of the county. He was born December 3, 1830, and at the age of nineteen, in 1849, bid good-bye to the dear ones of his native home in Scott county, and started for the gold fields of California. He remained in the Aladdin land of the Pacific until 1851, when he returned to "His old Kentucky home, far away." But on his trip he had passed through Howard county, this state, and had become impressed with the fertility of its soil and its other superior natural advantages, and accordingly, in 1853, he came to this county, where he settled and engaged permanently in farming. His place is about four and a half miles from Glasgow, and contains 212 acres of the best quality of land. On the 18th of December, 1854, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Martha Rucker, of Randolph county, but formerly of Virginia, and they have nine children living - Junie, Granville, Archie, Dabney, James, Mattie, Horace, Rena and Carrie. One, besides, is dead - Sidney. Mr. Williams is a member of the Masonic order. His father, Merrett Williams, was a Virginian by birth, but was reared in Kentucky. Mrs. Merrett Williams, mother of June, whose maiden name was Eliza Smith, was of Fayette county, Kentucky."

*Jackson Co., Marriages {4134}*

30 Sep 1885 Williams, Dabney  
Gannon, Gertrude

#5544

*Jasper Co., Marriages {4139}*

20 Aug 1874 Boaz, Bird  
Payne, Catherine B.

#273/1  
#276

*Johnson Co., Marriages {11739}*

21 Feb 1883 Williams, O. D.  
Jordan, M. F.

*Lafayette Co., Marriages {10231}*

31 Mar 1875 Sydnor, George B.  
Burton, Adaline L.

#5622

*Linn Co., Marriages {17432}*

26 Oct 1848 Medley, Ambrose B.  
Ware, A. A.

#517

***Macon Co., Marriages {3762}***

11 Nov 1845	Medley, Ambrose B. Crocket, Sarah by Samuel C. Davidson (or Sam Davies), M. G. filed in Book A, p. 63	#517
4 Mar 1846	Shortridge, George Maloan, Amanda by P. M. Pinkard, Preacher filed in Book A, p. 68	#5111
20 Jan 1847	Sharp, Thomas G. Meadley, Margaret by James Dysart, Minister filed in Book A, p. 91	#51A
26 Oct 1859	Epperson, Charles G. Malone, Fannie by Samuel Benjamin Franklin Caldwell, M. G. filed in Book D, p. 186	#5116
1 Jun 1869	Turner, John C. Shortridge, Elizabeth A. E.	#51111
16 Aug 1870	Shepherd, John Sharp, Mary Emma	#51A2
11 May 1875	Sharp, T. Edwin Harrison, M. J.	#51A3
27 Jun 1878	Days, William T. Shortridge, Sue C.	#51113
14 Jan 1879	Miller, Julius V. Sharp, Stella	#51A4
24 Sep 1885	Sharp, Chas. D. Shortridge, Katie	#51116

***Macon Co., Macon, Oakwood Cemetery {3758}***

Shortridge, Amanda	b. 29 Sep 1829	d. 2 Dec 1902	#5111
Shortridge, Sarah	b. 11 Sep 1849	d. 25 Nov 1902	#51112
Shortridge, Addie F.		d. 50 May 1924	#51114
Sharp, Kate	b. 1864	d. 1914	#51116
Sharp, Charlie	b. 1864	d. 1945	#51116/1

Shortridge, Charles A.	b. 13 Nov 1865	d. 25 Jan 1922	#51117
Malone, Minnie M.	b. 8 Apr 1848	d. 9 Apr 1879	#5115/1
Malone, James R.	b. 1875	d. 1875	#51154
Malone, Jennie	b. 3 Mar 1879	d. 15 Feb 1910	#51156

***Macon Co., Bloomington Cemetery {3759}***

*Located three miles east of Bevier*

Shortridge, George A. (d. @ age 45y-8m-25d)		d. 6 Oct 1865	#5111/1
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*Monroe Co., Marriages {4118}*

28 Oct 1885 Head, Geo. L.  
Smith, Nannie

#5612

*Randolph Co., Marriages {4119}*

30 Oct 1830	Dailey, James Medley, Sally	#513
14 May 1833	Price, Sterling Head, Martha	#5A
1 Jul 1834	Davis, Daniel G. Medley, Harriet E.	#515
26 May 1835	Pulliam, Benjamin G. of Saline Co., MO Head, Sarah Margaret	#531
13 Sep 1837	Hughes, Van C. of Howard Co., MO Head, Mary	#534
13 Dec 1838	Clark, William Medley, Jane	#516
28 Jan 1842	Tinsley, Henry H. Burton, Harriet A.	#532/1
9 Feb 1842	Clark, (Dr.) William Medley, Cornelia	#516/1 #519
28 Apr 1842	Boniface, George Medley, Martha	#518
19 Jun 1845	Thomas, S. [?] C. Head, Susan	#541
8 Dec 1846	Freight, James Head, Hannah S.	#542
5 Dec 1848	Boulmore, ----- Head, (Mrs.) Hardina P.	#54/1
23 Dec 1852	Rucker, Joel W. T. McCampbell, Ellen E.	#551
13 Dec 1854	Williams, James Rucker, Martha	#554
9 Jun 1857	Beasley, William Head, Elizabeth	#562

21 Apr 1858	Smith, William Head, Florence	#547
1 Sep 1859	Head, Thomas B. Patterson, Betty	#546
10 Jun 1863	Rucker, James E. Smith, Kate	#556
15 Oct 1863	Morehead, St. Clair T. Head, Texie	#549
6 Apr 1864	Nash, William P. Boniface, Hattie F. father: George Boniface	#5181
14 Feb 1865	Morehead, S. T. Head, P.	#548
12 Oct 1869	Wight, William A. James, Laura G.	#5421
28 Jan 1870	Snell, James C. Thomas, Kate	#5411
5 Dec 1871	Sellers, William Burrns, Virginia	#565
30 Sep 1880	Williams, Major Blackford, Mattie	#5542
15 Nov 1882	Rucker, John F. Coates, Minnie	#5531
21 Mar 1883	Pitts, J. A. Head, Florence H.	#5461
18 Dec 1884	Head, James D. Wayland, Lizzie B.	#5462
10 Mar 1885	Price, Sterling Walcott, Emma B.	#5A12

## *History of Randolph & Macon Counties [Missouri] 1884, Chapter IX, Silver Creek Township {17430}*

“Silver Creek is one of the four townships into which Randolph county was originally divided. It was made the smallest in extent of territory because it embraced the most thickly settled portion of the county at the time of its organization. This fact, taken in connection with its location along the border of Howard county, which was settled first, leads us to infer that it is the oldest township in the county. Although originally the smallest in area, it has recently given up 18 square miles of its territory to the newly organized township of Moniteau, and being without railroad or a railroad town within its borders, it still ranks sixth in population among the eleven townships into which the county is now divided, and shows a greater voting strength than four others which have railroads running through them. These facts show that outside of the towns and cities, Silver Creek township is still the most thickly settled of any in the county. It is situated in the south-west corner of the county.

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The leading Protestant religious denominations, embracing Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterians and Christians, have places of public worship and hold regular services; the Missionary Baptists being the most numerous while the others are quite respectable in numbers. There are three churches in the township - three of which are Baptists and the other two are union churches.

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There are two voting precincts in Silver Creek township, one at Mt. Airy and the other in that part of Roanoke which lies in this county.

Mt. Airy is located on the public road leading from Huntsville to Roanoke, about 7 miles from the former place and 12 miles from Moberly. There is plenty of coal in this township and the local demand is easily supplied, for which purposes only have the mines been so far developed. The indications are, however, that with proper facilities for transportation, a large business could be done in shipping this mineral to outside markets.

There are two corn and saw mills in the township, one owned by J. C. Head and the other by James Bagby. The latter is engaged also to some extent in the manufacture of flour.

### OLD SETTLERS

Silver Creek has held on well to its old settlers, and quite a number who settled there before and about the time the township was organized are still living there in advanced age, while the descendants of most of those who have since died, yet cling to the homes of their childhood and linger around the graves of their fathers.

Among these are John Viley, who has been judge of the county court, Nicholas Dysart, George W. Dameron, once sheriff, Woodson Newby, James Goodman, Morgan Finnell, William Burton, William Thompson, William R. Burch, George Ellis, Newton Bradley, Jeff. Fullington, Samuel Cockrell, John Minor, Paschall Troyman, Leven I. Dawkins, John Vaughan, Cornelius Vaughan, Allen Mayo, John Alexander, William E. Walden, William Nichols, Roderick O'Brien, William Holman, Joseph Holman, Sr., John Sears, Sr., Hardy Sears, Iverson Sears, Allen Mayo, William Mayo, Valentine Mayo, John Rowland, Younger Rowland, D. R. Denny, Samuel C. Davis, Isaiah Humphrey, William Fort, Asa Kirby, John Head, Ambrose Medley, Basil Mc Davitt, Sr., Roger West, James Davis, Rev Samuel C. Davis, Thomas Bradley, Tolman Gorham, Jr., Thomas Gorham, Ambrose Halliburton, William Morrow and Joseph Morrow.

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About the year 1837, Capt William Upton, another old settler, opened a store at his place in connection with D. C. Garth, who lived at Huntsville, and had another store there. A blacksmith shop and a tobacco factory were soon after erected, and the place was first called Uptonville. The enterprising people of the vicinity, however, were not long in obtaining a post-office, which was christened Mt. Airy, a name which has ever since borne. Capt. Upton, several years before the late war, sold out his farm and store and moved south of the Missouri river, where he still lives, so advanced in years.

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Judge James Head, one of Silver Creek's pioneers, a resident when the county was organized, and one of the judges of the first county court, founded Roanoke on the Howard county line in 1838. The place at first went by several names, as suited the fancy of the settlers, such as Head's Store, and Van Buren, the favorite and successful Democratic candidate for the presidency for the year. But when the post-office was established there, at the suggestion of Judge Head, it was named for the residence of a favorite statesman of his native State -- the celebrated John Randolph, of Roanoke. The Judge Head emigrated to Randolph county, from Orange county, Virginia, several years before the county was organized. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Fannie Medley and her husband, Jacob Medley, who settled near him, and was the first collector of Randolph county. Judge Head lived on his farm adjoining Roanoke, and carried on business in the town, until 1849, when he moved to Lockhart, Texas, where he died in 1875, at the age of 82 years. He was followed to this State in 1831 by his father and mother, and all his remaining brothers and sisters, except Mrs Minor Rucker, who came with her husband and family in 1837. They all settled in Randolph county. His father, John Head, and his brother, John Head, Jr. settled in Silver Creek, two miles north of Roanoke, the former on the farm where he resided until his death in 1852, and which the latter now owns and occupies. All the others settled in and around Huntsville. There were Dr. Walker Head, who was twice elected to the Legislature from this county, and at the time of his death in 1845, he had just been elected a delegate to the State Convention, to revise the Constitution. Mrs. Emily Chiles, Mrs. Sarah D. Allen, Mrs Amanda Garth, and Mrs Harriet Rucker were other members of the family. Mrs. Marsha Price, the youngest daughter, was single when she came to the State, and was married to General Sterling Price, at her father's residence in Silver Creek township, in the year 1833. Capt. John Head, who, as we have stated, resides upon his father's homestead adjoining the farm on which he settled in 1831, has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for 52 years. He raised a family of nine children - four sons and five daughters, seven of whom are still living. Capt. Head has always taken a lively interest in politics on the Democratic side, ever since the days of Andrew Jackson, for whom he cast his first vote for President in 1824.

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*Randolph Co., Higbee News, 29 Sep 1916, Obituary of James E. Rucker [#556]*  
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“JAMES E RUCKER DEAD--James E. Rucker, long recognized as one of Randolph county's most progressive farmers, as well as one of its most high minded, kind hearted and charitable citizens, died at his home just north of town at 9 o'clock Sunday night, Sept. 24, 1916, following an illness of several weeks.

Deceased was a son of Capt. Minor Rucker, a valiant soldier of the War of 1812, who moved to Missouri from Virginia in 1833, locating in what was then Howard, but is now Randolph county, entering and buying 1900 acres of land where Randolph Springs are. It was on this farm that James Edwin Rucker was born, Oct 3, 1839, and where he grew to manhood.

Being of a studious turn of mind, he was given a thorough education, graduating with high honors from Mt. Pleasant College in 1860 under the guidance of William R. Rothwell.

In 1863 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Smith, daughter of Joel Smith, one of the county's prominent farmers and capitalists. They were blessed with a family of eight children, all of whom, with the mother, survive, viz: J. Walker, Mrs. Wm. Higginbotham, Mrs. G. M. Nichols, Mrs. Wm. McGlothlin, Mrs. W. F. Spotts, Joel S., Mrs. W. L. Cave and Mrs. W. D. Burke.

Mr. Rucker had been a citizen of Moniteau township for almost fifty years, having resided continuously on the farm where he died since 1874. The township nor the county never contained a broader minded or more tender hearted man, nor one more willing to give of his time and means in the aid of any worthy cause or to relieve those in distress. He united with the Baptist church in 1884 under the preaching of the Rev. S. Y. Pitts, and had been an active officer in the church since its organization in 1886.

Funeral services were conducted at the church Tuesday afternoon by his former pastor, the Rev. L. M. White, assisted by Eld. E. Y. Keiter. Interment was made in the city cemetery, the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased had long been an honored member, having charge of the services. In the death of this good man the county as well as his family has suffered an irreparable loss, and the sympathy of all goes out to the bereft.”

*St. Louis, Marriages {17590}*

2 Jan 1867    Price, Celsus  
                  Price, Celestie B.

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*Saline Co., Marriages {3711}*

16 Dec 1868	Bradford, L. A. Webb, S. A.	#2522 ?
23 Feb 1869	Bradford, Benjamin F. Webb, Susie F.	#2523 ?
4 Jul 1883	Bradford, L. A. Collier, Lara F.	#2522 ?
4 Feb 1885	Hall, John R. Thomas, Marceline W.	#5414

*Saline Co., Marshall, Ridge Park Cemetery {17355}*

Bradford, Laura F.                      b. 11 Oct 1854                      d. 30 Nov 1903                      #2522/2 ?  
(wife of Landon A. Bradford; dau. of Valentine S. & Frances Collier)

*Scott Co., Marriages {3685}*

21 Dec 1843	Brady, Jas. Wesley Mansfield, Mary Emily filed in Book 1, p. 102	#68/2
3 Aug 1851	Newman, Alfred Brady, Mary Emily by George W. Tayler, J. P. (Kelso Twp.) filed in Book 1, pp. 151 & 166	#68/2
27 Nov 1864	Head, Benjamin Newman, Emily filed in Book 2, p. 49	#68
29 Nov 1864	Walker, James Head, Susan Fanny filed in Book 2, p. 46	#683
16 Dec 1869	Head, George Marshall, Jane filed in Book 2, p. 208	#684
24 Jan 1872	Head, Henry W. Foster, Martha filed in Book 2, p. 245	#686
9 Apr 1872	Griffiths, Alvin Head, Marthy E. filed in Book A, p. 13	#687