

Head Family Genealogy Notes

Missouri

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MO, State Death Index {10886}

4 Dec 1917	Morehead, Phenella	#152548
	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 [(#1525483)]	
	certificate #152 42400	

Benton Co., Marriages {18121}

27 Feb 1859	Davis, James C. Head, Catharine A. filed in Book A, p. 262	#1527A1
13 Mar 1860	Kelly, Thomas G. Head, Lavinia Berretta filed in Book A, p. 276	#1527A2

Boone Co., Marriages {4131}

1 May 1855	Price, Edwin W. Bradford, Kittie E.	#1525A1
8 May 1884	Head, Charles W. McElwrath, Elmon E.	#1527A5

Callaway Co., Marriages {10121}

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

Clay Co., Marriages {3906}

2 Apr 1844	Boze, Bird Payne, Sarah	#152273
17 Dec 1845	Hicks, James M. Payne, Susan M.	#152271

Cole Co., Marriages {4128}

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

#152575

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

Head, Charles Waller Dr.	b. 30 Jan 1855	d. 11 Jan 1932	#1527A5
Head, Mora E. McElwrath	b. 1858	d. 1905	#1527A5/1
Head, Waller J.	b. 1887	d. 1945	#1527A51
Head, Alfred William	b. 17 Oct 1889	d. 31 Aug 1957	#1527A52
Head, Mary	b. 1892	d. 1948	#1527A53
Head, Raymond	b. 1894	d. 1920	#1527A54

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	#1527A4
Gray, J. Wellington, Dr.	b. 20 Feb 1840	d. 17 Jun 1918	#1527A4/1

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.	#152272
17 Feb 1848	Tyre, Abraham Chiles, Sarah Martha	#152571
12 May 1853	Medley, James W. Blakey, Sarah W.	#15251B
24 Sep 1855	Hicks, James M. Payne, Panelope S.	#152271/1
12 Dec 1855	Ewing, H. C. Childs, Georgia E.	#152572
23 Sep 1858	Rucker, Franklin H. Thompson, Amanda Kate	#152553
19 Feb 1863	Hughes, Samuel T. Hughes, Laura C.	#1525341
22 Aug 1865	Gilkey, Benjamin T. Hughes, Lucy A.	#1525342
25 Apr 1866	Head, J. C. Wallace, Susan A.	#152566
8 Nov 1866	Wisdom, James R. Hughes, Hettie C.	#1525343
11 Sep 1867	Jordan, Charles H. Hughes, Fannie	#1525344
30 Sep 1868	Willis, Peter T. Price, Martha Stella	#1525A5
12 Jun 1872	Trent, T. E. Price, K. E.	#1525A11

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

Chariton Twp., pp. 456-486

June Williams [#152554/1]

"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

#1525544

Jasper Co., Marriages {4139}

20 Aug 1874 Boaz, Bird
Payne, Catherine B.

#152273/1
#152276

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.

#1525622

Linn Co., Marriages {17432}

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

#152517

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	#152517
4 Mar 1846	Shortridge, George Maloan, Amanda by P. M. Pinkard, Preacher filed in Book A, p. 68	#1525111
20 Jan 1847	Sharp, Thomas G. Meadley, Margaret by James Dysart, Minister filed in Book A, p. 91	#15251A
26 Oct 1859	Epperson, Charles G. Malone, Fannie by Samuel Benjamin Franklin Caldwell, M. G. filed in Book D, p. 186	#1525116
1 Jun 1869	Turner, John C. Shortridge, Elizabeth A. E.	#15251111
16 Aug 1870	Shepherd, John Sharp, Mary Emma	#15251A2
11 May 1875	Sharp, T. Edwin Harrison, M. J.	#15251A3
27 Jun 1878	Days, William T. Shortridge, Sue C.	#15251113
14 Jan 1879	Miller, Julius V. Sharp, Stella	#15251A4
24 Sep 1885	Sharp, Chas. D. Shortridge, Katie	#15251116

Macon Co., Macon, Oakwood Cemetery {3758}

Shortridge, Amanda	b. 29 Sep 1829	d. 2 Dec 1902	#1525111
Shortridge, Sarah	b. 11 Sep 1849	d. 25 Nov 1902	#15251112
Shortridge, Addie F.		d. 50 May 1924	#15251114
Sharp, Kate	b. 1864	d. 1914	#15251116
Sharp, Charlie	b. 1864	d. 1945	#15251116/1
Shortridge, Charles A.	b. 13 Nov 1865	d. 25 Jan 1922	#15251117

Malone, Minnie M.	b. 8 Apr 1848	d. 9 Apr 1879	#1525115/1
Malone, James R.	b. 1875	d. 1875	#15251154
Malone, Jennie	b. 3 Mar 1879	d. 15 Feb 1910	#15251156

Macon Co., Bloomington Cemetery {3759}

Located three miles east of Bevier

Shortridge, George A. (d. @ age 45y-8m-25d)		d. 6 Oct 1865	#1525111/1
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Monroe Co., Marriages {4118}

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

#1525612

Randolph Co., Marriages {4119}

30 Oct 1830	Dailey, James Medley, Sally	#152513
14 May 1833	Price, Sterling Head, Martha	#1525A
1 Jul 1834	Davis, Daniel G. Medley, Harriet E.	#152515
26 May 1835	Pulliam, Benjamin G. of Saline Co., MO Head, Sarah Margaret	#152531
13 Sep 1837	Hughes, Van C. of Howard Co., MO Head, Mary	#152534
13 Dec 1838	Clark, William Medley, Jane	#152516
28 Jan 1842	Tinsley, Henry H. Burton, Harriet A.	#152532/1
9 Feb 1842	Clark, (Dr.) William Medley, Cornelia	#152516/1 #152519
28 Apr 1842	Boniface, George Medley, Martha	#152518
19 Jun 1845	Thomas, S. [?] C. Head, Susan	#152541
8 Dec 1846	Freight, James Head, Hannah S.	#152542
5 Dec 1848	Boulmore, ----- Head, (Mrs.) Hardina P.	#15254/1
23 Dec 1852	Rucker, Joel W. T. McCampbell, Ellen E.	#152551
13 Dec 1854	Williams, James Rucker, Martha	#152554
9 Jun 1857	Beasley, William Head, Elizabeth	#152562
21 Apr 1858	Smith, William	

	Head, Florence	#152547
1 Sep 1859	Head, Thomas B. Patterson, Betty	#152546
10 Jun 1863	Rucker, James E. Smith, Kate	#152556
15 Oct 1863	Morehead, St. Clair T. Head, Texie	#152549
6 Apr 1864	Nash, William P. Boniface, Hattie F. father: George Boniface	#1525181
14 Feb 1865	Morehead, S. T. Head, P.	#152548
12 Oct 1869	Wight, William A. James, Laura G.	#1525421
28 Jan 1870	Snell, James C. Thomas, Kate	#1525411
5 Dec 1871	Sellers, William Burrns, Virginia	#152565
30 Sep 1880	Williams, Major Blackford, Mattie	#1525542
15 Nov 1882	Rucker, John F. Coates, Minnie	#1525531
21 Mar 1883	Pitts, J. A. Head, Florence H.	#1525461
18 Dec 1884	Head, James D. Wayland, Lizzie B.	#1525462
10 Mar 1885	Price, Sterling Walcott, Emma B.	#1525A12

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 Uptonsville. 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 [#152556]
{12288}*

“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.

#1525A3

Saline Co., Marriages {3711}

16 Dec 1868	Bradford, L. A. Webb, S. A.	#1522522 ?
23 Feb 1869	Bradford, Benjamin F. Webb, Susie F.	#1522523 ?
4 Jul 1883	Bradford, L. A. Collier, Lara F.	#1522522 ?
4 Feb 1885	Hall, John R. Thomas, Marceline W.	#1525414

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

Bradford, Laura F. b. 11 Oct 1854 d. 30 Nov 1903 #1522522/2 ?
(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	#15268/2
3 Aug 1851	Newman, Alfred Brady, Mary Emily by George W. Tayler, J. P. (Kelso Twp.) filed in Book 1, pp. 151 & 166	#15268/2
27 Nov 1864	Head, Benjamin Newman, Emily filed in Book 2, p. 49	#15268
29 Nov 1864	Walker, James Head, Susan Fanny filed in Book 2, p. 46	#152683
16 Dec 1869	Head, George Marshall, Jane filed in Book 2, p. 208	#152684
24 Jan 1872	Head, Henry W. Foster, Martha filed in Book 2, p. 245	#152686
9 Apr 1872	Griffiths, Alvin Head, Marthy E. filed in Book A, p. 13	#152687