

LINVILLE ROOTS

Introductory Issue

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This is a first! You've probably received "Linville Roots" before, but now it's time to change the informal family newsletter into a meaningful way to share family news, progress in research and details about our ancestors' and relatives' lives. Our family mailing list is upwards of 750. With the abundance of Linville news that you all send me regularly and the cost of reproducing and mailing that information, it is necessary to start producing the newsletter twice a year on a subscription basis.

Each issue will contain a genealogy with updated, corrected information on a branch of the family. This issue has John Linville of Harrison, WV. The next issue will explore the Lenwell's and how they fit into our family. Biographies, census information not included in *The Linville Family in America* (1982), vital records, and family happenings of present generation Linvilles, and hopefully pictures, will round out each issue.

LINVILLE'S "FALCON CREST"!

The Winston-Salem Journal and Sun carried a byline story by Parker Maddrey on Aug. 30, 1982 called "Large Winery Has its Roots in North Carolina". It seems that Canadaigua (NY) Wine Co. which produces the largest selling wine label in America ("Wild Irish Rose") is fortified with NC grapes, but the first NC wine was made by Robert Fair Linville (LFA p. 89). Apparently after the Civil War, Linville started making and selling his Forsyth County NC wine in a big way. After his death in 1892, his daughter (name not mentioned) and her husband Neil Crews resumed the operation under their own label Crews Winery. The following information about the Linville operation was gathered from the 1880 Agricultural Census.

In 1879 Robert Linville, age 57, had five acres of vineyards from which he sold 2,100 pounds of grapes and made 307 gallons of wine. He also owned six acres of 300 apple trees and five acres of 300 peach trees. Farming was his main occupation, however. He owned in that year one mule, one horse, no oxen, three milk cows, four sheep, four lambs that were slaughtered, 17 hogs and 25 chickens. His 30 acres of corn produced 500 bushels, but he had also planted 30 acres of oats and 20 of wheat. With no tobacco being grown on the farm, the rest of the 400 acres was pasture and woods. The wine house and some of the vines stood at the intersection where Interstate 40 and Linville Road now

form a cloverleaf. Anyone going to town would have passed by the vineyard.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN LINVILLE OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
(Chapter 13 p. 376 *LFA*)

1 John Linville's ancestry has not yet surfaced [8/99 - New evidence strongly suggests he is either the youngest son of John and Maria Christina (Stephens) Linville or their grandson - See 1990 issues: Vol. 6, Nos. 1-2 for discussion]. One major source of possible information is the original tax lists of Virginia, which included West Virginia and are located at Virginia State Archives in Richmond. This is one repository which has been untapped for Linville roots and may well turn up the necessary connections between this John as well as Peter Linville who was paid for Revolutionary War Service in Romney, West Virginia. The John Linville under discussion was born, according to the 1810 census of Harrison Co. WV, before 1765.

He was married October 23, 1792 to Elizabeth Shivertaker in Frederick County, WV. Elisha Phelps, was the minister. Her ancestry has also not been determined except to note that a Philip Shivertaker appears on the 1782 tax list of Virginia. John and Elizabeth Linville apparently named a son Philip Linville, perhaps after a grandfather.

Their household in 1810 consisted of a male over 45, a female in the same age bracket and seven possible children born between 1792-1810. Elizabeth herself is enumerated on the 1820 and 1830 census records with a discrepancy in her age. The male age 80-90 on the 1830 census in son Philip's household is more likely a father-in-law. No additional information is available on the lives of John and Elizabeth. Suggestions about their family connections appear in *LFA*. The information which follows on the apparent children comes from Harrison County Family Records [HCFR] #163783, on file at LDS branch libraries. The file lists several sources of information collected in the 1930's. In addition Harrison County Birth Records [HCBR]; Marion County, WV Death Records [MDR], pension records, and land records were used. Mr. Howard Hickman of Berkeley, California continues to pursue this branch.

CHILDREN:

- dau ? born 1784-1794
- Lewis Linville mar. Sarah Dunham Aug. 23, 1816 [HCFR]. This is possibly a second marriage for him. In 1820 he appears on the census I Harrison County with 3 males under 16 and 1 female 10-16 and a female 26-45 [8/99 Archilles Linville, p. 403 *LFA* is a probable child. Sarah (Dunham) Linville's father was Archilles Dunham. If this connection is correction, the family moved to Calloway County, MO.

- 2 Jacob Linville born 1796 in VA
 - Elijah Linville born ca. 1794-1800 according to 1820 Census in Harrison County.
 - son ? born ca. 1794-1800
- 3 John Linville born 1800-10
- 4 Philip Linville born ca. 1800

2 Jacob Linville (John ¹) listed his age on the 1850 census for Cincinnati, Ohio as 54, having been born in Virginia.

He married, according to Harrison County Marriage Records [HCMR], Mary Magill on Nov. 5, 1816. Her age on the 1850 census is also 54. There are two Jacob Linvilles, one spelled Lindeville, on the same page of the 1840 Hamilton County OH census. They are nearly duplicate families with several children. Two names of Jacob's children are revealed on the 1850 census when only one family appears. A third child is a likely possibility because of the date of her birth and places of residence (See *LFA* p. 401).

CHILDREN:

- ? Lucinda Linville born 1831 Ohio (See *LFA* p. 401)
- Susan F. Linville born 1833 OH
- William W. Linville born 1836 OH (See 1860 Hamilton Co. OH census)

3 John Linville (John ¹). This John Linville, according to Grandville Cunningham's Family Bible in possession [Sept 19, 1935] of G. Lafayette Cunningham, Fairmont as noted in HCFR, married Margaret Gifford, dau of John and Mary (Jacobs) Gifford on Jan 1, 1822. [HCMR lists Jan 11, 1822]. She was born June 25, 1802.

John bought 91+ acres of land on Murdock Run in Harrison County in 1825 [Vol. 17, p. 516 HC Deeds] and sold most of it to brother Philip and his wife Amelia in 1844 [Vol. 32. p. 374].

According to the citation in the HRFr, he died "on his own farm on Little Indian Run" of smallpox. No date given.

CHILDREN:

- 5 Elizabeth Linville born 1822-25 mar. Christopher C. Cunningham and died Sept 27, 1907 in Marion Co. WV
 - Constantine H. Linville born 1827 mar. Rebecca Sharp Jan 3, 1854 Marion Co. WV. Died May 23, 1896 (Civil War Pension App. #240-969]
- 6 John Allen Linville born Sept 17, 1835
- 7 William Jasper Linville born Nov 16, 1846
 - Joseph Linville
 - Nancy Linville mar. Abraham Bolton
 - Luna Linville mar. James Halpenny
 - Mariah Linville mar. Benjamin Landy

- Mary Linville mar. James Brown

REF: HCFR and Marion County Death Records

4 Philip Linville (John ¹) was born in 1804 although the microfilm copy of the 1850 census of Harrison County appears to read 76 instead of 46. He married Amelia 'Mahala' Crim, dau of Peter Crim about 1822.

He purchased a number of tracts of land in Harrison County [Vol. 15 p. 313 100a on Horner Run, May 1822; Vol 20 p.12, 204a. on Shinn's Run Jan 15, 1830] including the one from John and Margaret (Gifford) Linville on Murdock's Run.

Harrison County Family Records indicate that he died of smallpox on Murdock's Run.

CHILDREN:

- ?male born 1825-30
- 8** Lewis Linville born Mar 7, 1830
- 9** Oliver Linville born 1833
- Rachel Linville born 1835 mar. _____ Watkins
- Emily Jane Linville born 1837 mar. Granville Hall
- 10** Joseph Linville born July 12, 1837 VA
- 11** Jesse Linville born ca. 1840/2 VA
- Nancy Linville born ca. 1841 VA

REF: 1850 census Harrison County, WV; HCFR; Joseph Linville's Civil War Pension Application (#564-204)

5 Elizabeth Linville (John ², John ¹) who was born in 1822-5 and married Christopher Cunningham was reported to be the dau of Jacob and Mary (Magill) Linville in *LFA*. The HCFR indicate that instead she was the daughter of John, Jacob's brother. Her descendants can be found in *LFR* p. 379-80.

6 John Allen Linville (John ², John ¹) was born Sept. 17, 1835 in Harrison County, WV. There may be some significance to his middle name being Allen, but if so, it has not yet been discovered. He married Amy Robinson, dau of Richard and Edith (Cunningham) Robinson on June 31, 1856. Ages and names of parents of both bride and groom are recorded on the marriage license in Harrison County. Amy was born Mar. 19, 1839 and died July 14, 1915 in Wilsonburg, WV.

According to an interview with Jefferson Robinson of Wallace, WV [HCFR Mar. 8, 1930], John died in Wilsonburg April 11, 1909. His undated will was probated in Harrison County on April 19, 1909 [Bk 8 p.479]. His estate was left to wife Amy and after her death to two daughters, Amandy and Fidellia. He was a stone mason, Baptist and Republican.

CHILDREN:

- Amanda M. Linville born June 30, 1857
- George W. Linville born Aug 7, 1858, died Nov 11, 1858
- Martha Linville born Sept 15, 1859 mar. Mar 24, 1900 to Lewis Wilson [Note: father's will lists Martha J. married to a Drumman]
- Fidellia born Oct 26, 1861
- Victory born Dec 13, 1864 mar. Eli Smith, son of Leonadis Smith on Apr 5, 1896. Victory died Sept 14, 1899 and left a son P.A. Smith who received property in his grandfather's will.
- Virginia E. Linville born Oct 25, 1866 mar. _____ Kelly.

REF: Dates of birth and marriages from HCFR.

7. William Jasper Linville (John ², John ¹) was born Nov 6, 1846 in Harrison CO. WV and married Harriet Robinson, a sister of his brother John Allen's wife. Harriet was born July 17, 1845 and died Nov 29, 1913 probably in Clarksburg, WV.

According to family records gathered June 28, 1934 from Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Linville in Wilsonburg, WV [HCFR] there were eight children.

CHILDREN:

- John R. Linville born July 7, 1868, mar. Contenti Rogers April 9, 1893. There are two listed as theirs in HCBR - Artis R. b. Apr 16, 1894 and Arlis C. b. June 19, 1899
- Thomas T. Linville born Jan. 20, 1870 mar Mary Nora "Mollie" Estlack Oct 8, 1899. HCBR list children as Harriet b. July 30, 1900; R. Blaine b. June 15, 1909
- Benjamin F. Linville born Dec 11, 1871 mar. Ada M. Robinson July 12, 1896. Children: Trella C. b. Oct 1, 1901 and mar. E. Glenn Coltiana in Oakland, MD; Lyle L. born Nov 18, 1902 mar. Ruby Lyons Jan 13, 1923.
- Armatha Anna Linville born Dec 28, 1873 mar. Taylor Talkington Oct 19, 1892
- Charles W. Linville born July 23, 1876 mar. Lillie Ash July 9, 1897.
- Orlando K. Linville born Dec 5, 1877 mar. Gertrude Strother July 9, 1897, dau. of French and Harriet R. (Plant) Strother. Children: Orville Dewey Linville b. Feb 23, 1899; Carl Vance b. Aug 9, 1900; Eugene b. Apr 5, 1905.
- Harrison C. Linville born July 6, 1881
- George W. Linville born July 11, 1885 mar. Rosa Martin Aug 14, 1903.

8 Lewis Linville (Philip ², John ¹), oldest known son of Philip and Amelia (Crim) Linville was born Mar 7, 1830 according to his obituary in *Fairmont*, a Marion County newspaper in May 1908 and HCFR. He married Sarah Jane (Jarvis) Hall in Harrison Co. Nov 30, 1853. She was born May 17, 1829 the dau of Joseph and Lusa Jarvis. Sarah's first husband had been John Hall.

Lewis died near Mannington WV at age 78 yrs. 1 mo. 10 da. [Jan. 29, 1908?].

CHILDREN:

- Dock Linville died at Mannington, WV
- Joseph Linville - institutionalized
- Kate Linville mar. Jordon Shanks

REF: HCFR

9 Oliver Linville (Philip ², John ¹) born ca. 1833 in WV mar. Sarah F. (----) [HCBR]. The first three of their children are listed in HCFR; the last two in HCBR.

CHILDREN:

- Charles Linville
- James Linville
- Isaac Newton Linville
- William Linville born Aug. 1, 1860 mar. Josephine _____ and died in OH.
- Jane Linville born Aug. 12, 1862

10 Joseph Linville (Philip ², John ¹) was born July 12, 1837 according to his Civil War Pension records (#564-204). He married Catharine Somers on Dec 28, 1863 in Grafton, Taylor Co. WV and died Sept 12, 1908. Catharine continued to receive a pension until her death Jan 19, 1925. His declaration of pension states that he was 5'11", light complexion, blue eyes and dark hair and suffered from piles and the effects of exposure and typhoid fever. Their first two children died before the pension application was filed in 1890.

CHILDREN:

- Ida A. Linville born 1865
- Albert Linville born 1867
- Ford L. Linville born July 12, 1872 mar. Emma E. McCloud and had children Carrie b. Sept 8, 1878; Boyd Lee born Jan 30, 1902 and Gladys born Nov 5, 1903
- Clara J. Linville born July 21, 1878

11 Jesse Linville (Philip ², John ¹) and his wife Sarah J. _____ are listed as the parents of the following children in Harrison Co. Birth Records.

CHILDREN:

- John W. Linville born June 29, 1865
- Rachel V. Linville born Feb 18, 1868
- Mary C. Linville born Oct 12, 1870
- Elizabeth Linville born Feb 27, 1879
- William C. T. Linville born Sept 25, 1882
- George E. Linville born May 24, 1886

LINVILLES WHO RUSHED IN

When gold was discovered in California there were some Linville families who had already made the trek west. But both Lewis Linville, age 28, and William P. Linville, age 20, were clearly beckoned by the "rush" since they are listed on the 1850 census in Sacramento County as gold miners, born in South Carolina. It would seem they were from the South Carolina branch (LFA p. 381) and may be descended from Lewis (John, Richard, Thomas), born about 1774-84 and mentioned in Lewis Linville's estate records (Box 4, #8 1822 Laurens Co. SC).

By 1860 the following Linvilles are recorded in California Gold fields:

Abram H. Linville	Santa Rosa, SONOMA Co. p. 407
Allen Linville	Crescent, DEL NORTA Co. p. 635
Bysam Linville	Santa Rosa, SONOMA Co. p. 395
Josephine Linville	Santa Rosa, SONOMA Co. p. 408
Sylvester H. Linville	Yreka, SISKIYOU Co. p. 126
W.M. Lenwell	Township #4, TUOLUMME Co. p.153

Can you find them in *Linville Family in America*?

SEARCHING FOR HANNAH'S FATHER

Hannah (----) who married Thomas Linville of Conestoga, PA moved with him down the Shenandoah Valley in the 1730's. Consequently, she must have been of marriageable age and living in the same vicinity about 1727-8. Given these facts, the search for her parents has concentrated on males living in the same area in the 1720s with the same names as her eldest sons living in that area. They are:

David Jones	Richard Davis	David Griest	Richard Owen
Thomas Gale	Richard Carter	William Hughes	Thomas Morgan

Only one man has been eliminated from the list - Richard Carter. At present [Aug 1999], the search is centered on William Hughes and

David Jones. The Hughes family traveled along the Shenandoah Valley at the same time, were neighbors of the Linvilles in Yadkin NC and even involved in the settlement of Ann Linville's 1785 estate in South Carolina.

REUNION IN 1987

Suggestions about the location and activities for the 1987 reunion are still being discussed. The two most commonly suggested places are Media, PA again (if the Linvills will have us again) or the Forsyth County area of North Carolina. It happens that the National Genealogical Society annual convention will be in Raleigh, NC in 1987 and it might be appropriate to try and schedule the reunion to coincide with it. Please continue to send suggestions. Several smaller, more local reunions have been held in the last two years, all with good fun! "Linville Roots" will try to include as much information about them as is possible. This year [1984] the North Carolina Reunion in Sunday, October 7 on Columbus weekend.

Subsequent errata from this original publication:

None available.