

THE NEEL FAMILY

A LINE OF DESCENT FROM HENRY TO HENRY

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Taken 1898 - Top: John Lucas Neel, Asby Neel, Henry Neel, Mary Neel Smith; Bottom: Felix Hempstead Neel, Mary Taylor Neel, Felix Hawkins, Edith Neel Hawkins, Emma Hawkins



Lám Dearg Éirinn – The Red Hand of Ireland

Argent two lions rampant combatant Gules supporting a dexter hand couped at the wrist of the last, in chief three estoiles of the second, in base waves of the sea therein naiant a salmon all proper

Conn (Constantine) Bacach O'Neill – 1st Earl of Tyrone 1484-1559

Hugh O'Neill – 2nd Earl of Tyrone 1550-1616

Brian (Bernard) O'Neill – 2nd Baron of Dungannon – slain 1651

Phelim (Felix) O'Neill – Commander in Chief Northern Forces 1604-1653

Thomas O'Neill – Hereditary Prince of Ulster 1619-1670

Henry O'Neill – Native Prince of Dungannon 1665-murdered 1698

Viscount John O'Neill of Shane's Castle – died 1790

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Many in the Neel family have asked me to construct a document that gives the basic ancestral line of our father and grandfather, Henry Eugene Neel 1886-1976. In this work, I will thoroughly explore each individual in the line of descent from the probable immigrant, Henry O'Neal, who died in 1749, and follow with a basic listing of his descendants carrying the Neel/Neal surname.

I completed a previous booklet in 1981, shortly after the death of our grandparents, entitled, *Some Comments on the Ancestors of Henry and Edith Sanders Neel of New London, Ohio: Including a List of All the Known Descendants of Barnet O'Neil of Greene County, Pennsylvania*. Another work, *The Ancestors of Gregg Livingstone Neel*, completed by a cousin, Gregg L. Neel, in 1973, contains a large amount of documentation on the same Barnet O'Neil, but gives no treatment of our family line which comes through his son, Henry Neel. This too, will not be a complete Neel genealogy. Perhaps I will find time to do that on retirement, but it is indeed important to get something in print now while I still have older family members left to enjoy it.

The Descent:

Henry O'Neal, died Jan 1749 – wife Sarah (later married to James Seals)
Barnet O'Neil, born 1749, died Nov 1778 – wife Mary
Henry Neel, born ca. 1772, died after 1821 – wife Elizabeth Vanmeter
John Neel, born 1797, died 1872 – wife Sarah Hempstead
Felix Hempstead Neel, born 1835, died 1916 – wife Mary Jane Taylor
John Lucas Neel, born 1860, died 1947 – wife Mary Jane Jenkins
Henry Eugene Neel, born 1886, died 1976 – wife Edith S. Sanders

Ireland:

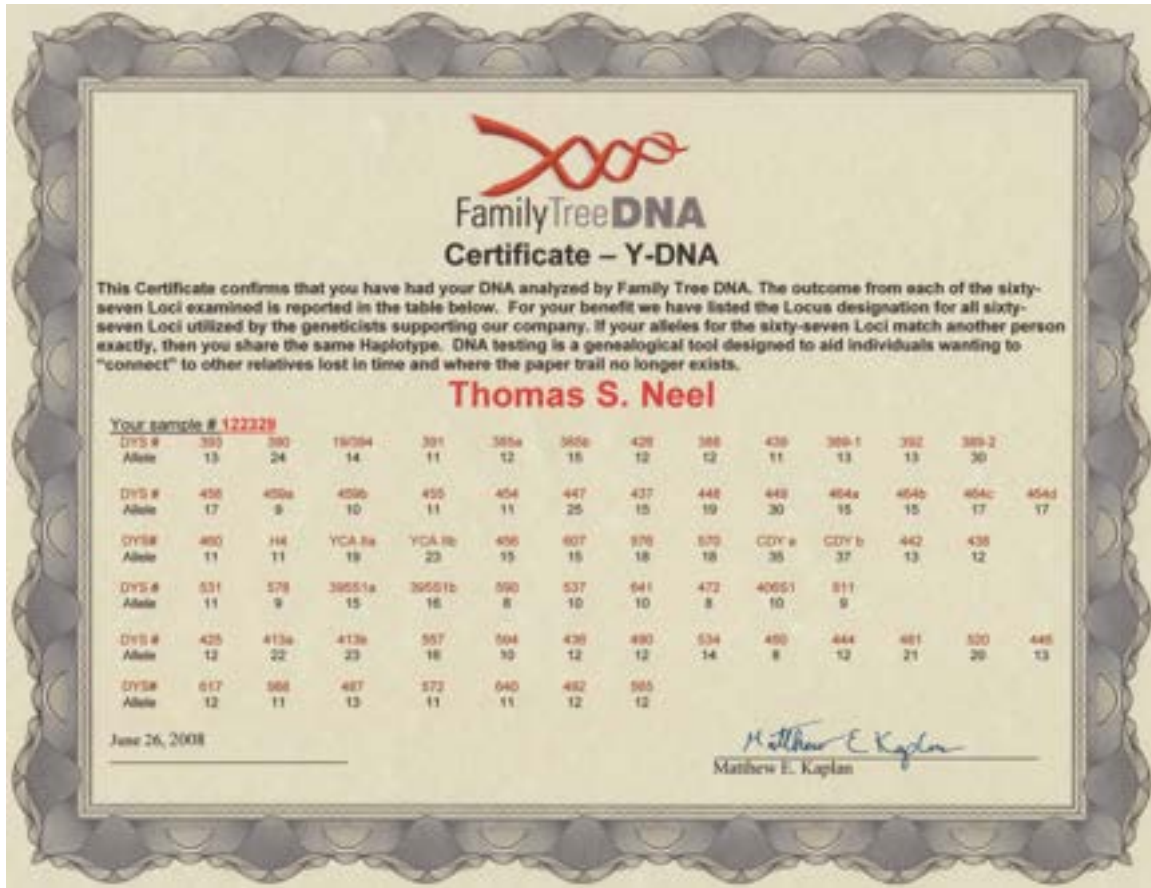
That we are Irish is definite. My DNA has been tested by Family Tree DNA for 67 markers.¹ That is, actual allele values are provided for 67 locations on the Y chromosome. This particular strand of DNA is passed from father to son and remains unaltered for long periods of time. In fact, a descendant of Henry Neel (1802-185?), a brother to our John Neel (1797-1872), matches exactly – no changes in seven generations.² We also match an O'Neill family that originated near Dungannon, County Tyrone, Ireland, and migrated to Philadelphia PA in the 1790s, fifty years after our family emigrated.³ Traditionally, our O'Neil family is said to be from Inver, County Donegal, Ireland, on the coast, some seventy miles west of Dungannon.⁴

¹ FamilyTreeDNA Certificate, Y-DNA, sample #122329, issued 26 Jun 2008. Tested to verify results by two other companies, Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation and 23andMe.

² Daun Marrs to Tom Neel, email "RE: Exact DNA match!" with her uncle, Wesley Neel, sent 24 Jun 2008.

³ Josephine Mandeville to Tom Neel, email "RE: O'Neil DNA" on match with Peter Michael O'Neill, sent 8 Aug 2008.

⁴ Hughes, Thomas. *My Family Memoirs*. Baltimore: John Murphy & Co., 1880.



Our haplotype, R1b1b2, has been termed “The O’Neill Variety” [ON], a group descended from a member of the royal O’Neill line of Tyrone, Ireland, whose line was interrupted by a Non-Paternal Event (NPE), that is, the intermixing of a different surname as a father, sometime prior to the 1500s. This O’Neill clan “per history/legend/myth” descends from Niall of the Nine Hostages (380-405), the 127th King of Ireland, and genetically, our Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) is Conn Bacach O’Neill (1519-1559), King of Tir Eoghain and 1st Earl of Tyrone.⁵ Descendants repeatedly name their children Constantine (Conn), Brian (Barnet, Barnabas, Bernard, Bennett), Hugh, and Phelim (Felix).

I have not located our earliest ancestor Henry O’Neal on a passenger list. My current theory is that it might be related to the following three documents:

Indenture, 14 Dec 1732, between Charles Carroll, John Digges, and Charles Carroll, acting executors of the last will and testament of James Carroll of Anne Arundel Co MD, gentleman, of the one part, and Thomas Shea of Baltimore Co MD, planter, of the other part, in consideration of the sum of 42 pounds 3 shillings sterling money of Great Britain, do grant to Shea 200 acres, part of a tract of land called The Out Quarter, on the draughts of Deer Creek in Baltimore County.⁶ [Thomas Shea was later administrator of Henry O’Neal’s Deer Creek estate].

⁵ O’Neill, Edwin B. and John D. McLaughlin, “Insights into the O’Neills of Ireland from DNA Testing,” in *Journal of Genetic Genealogy*, 2006:2, pp. 18-26.

⁶ Baltimore County, Maryland Deeds, TB C, p. 129-130, Maryland State Archives.

Act of the Upper House, 12 Apr 1735, read the second time the bill entitled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entitled an Act Laying an Imposition on Negroes & Several Sorts of Liquors Imported and Also on Irish Servants, to prevent the importing too great a number of Irish Papists into this Province.⁷

Instructions to Saml. Ogle, Lt. Governor, 26 May 1735, whereas Mr. John Diggs hath made application for a quantity of land on the border and frontiers of our province in order to settle several families or inhabitants thereon, and promote and carry on an Indian trade and other improvements, and as we are willing to encourage settlement on the remote parts of our province, we hereby direct, that a warrant may issue to the said John Diggs for the quantity of 5000 acres of land, to be laid out where he shall think fit on the remote borders and parts of our province.⁸

John Digges and Thomas Shea were Catholics, specifically promoters of the Jesuit sect at Deer Creek, and I believe they promoted the importation of Irish “Papists” to settle these lands, now located in Harford County, Maryland (formed 1773). Perhaps Henry O’Neal, a valued blacksmith, was one of these immigrants to Deer Creek.



Priest Neale’s Mass House – Cool Spring Road, Churchville, Harford Co MD

Deer Creek and its mission at Priest’s Ford (ca. 1743 - still standing) was a project of the Jesuits or Society of Jesus. They had established several Catholic schools throughout Maryland and it is believed that John Diggs, Thomas Shea, and possibly Charles Carroll, were all trained in its principles. The group had a history of dealing

⁷ Steiner, Bernard Christian, ed. Archives of Maryland: Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland 1733-1736. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1919, p. 185.

⁸ Steiner, Bernard Christian, ed. Archives of Maryland: Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland 1733-1736. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1919, pp. 510-511.

directly with Rome in regard to the acquisition of land and struggled with Maryland's leader, Cecilius Lord Baltimore, who got them to execute a release to land they had claimed from the Indians, in order to avert expulsion from Maryland.⁹

It was apparently while the future of Catholicity looked so dark that, about 1747 the missionaries in Maryland purchased a tract of land on Deer Creek, near a spot still called Priest's Ford, in Harford County. Here they established the Mission of St. Joseph and erected a house such as the laws then permitted, embracing a Chapel under the roof of the priest's house. The first missionary stationed here of whom we have any note, was the Rev. Benedict Neale [son of Anthony Neale and Mary Elizabeth Diggs], in 1747, and he is probably the one who erected the building which is still standing, and which was referred to about the time we mention as Priest Neale's Mass House.¹⁰ [Built probably by 1743 by Rev. John Digges Jr., predecessor to Rev. Bennet Neale – probably not related to our Henry O'Neal]

Henry O'Neal, died 1749:

Henry O'Neal acquired "Oneals Chance", 50 acres, on the south side of Deer Creek, east side of the Green Branch, Harford County, Maryland, part of a 150-acre warrant surveyed 16 May 1742 by Thomas White and patented 14 Jul 1743.¹¹ Through a Baltimore County deed from Daniel Murdock, weaver, Henry Oneal, blacksmith, further acquired a 100 acre tract called "Murdock's Chance" on "the draughts of Deer Creek" on 3 Dec 1748.¹²

There are other minor mentions of Henry Oneal in the court records of Baltimore County. In settling the estate of John Crow, 14 Feb 1745, a payment is made to Henry Oneal.¹³ In John Durbin's administration account, 17 May 1746, Isaac Wood, Thomas Gash, and Henry Neal, were among those to whom payments were made.¹⁴ On 9 May 1749, to settle the estate of Rachel Paca, payments were made to bills submitted by Felix Hughs, Henry Oneal, and others.¹⁵

Henry Oneal died in January 1749 as his inventory was taken 17 Jan 1748/49 in Baltimore County by Michael Gilbert and Isaac Wood.¹⁶ Thomas Shea was administrator of the estate. The inventory included 26 lbs of old pewter, 9 old locks, 1 sword and belt, a parcel of old axes and iron wedges, a set of smith's tools, 37 lbs of old iron, 89 lbs of old iron, 54 lbs of new iron – all further evidence of Henry's trade as a blacksmith. The value was set at 72 pounds, 10 shillings, 10 pence, and debts due the estate amounted to another

⁹ Andrew, G. W., M.D. "History of the old Catholic Chapel at Priest's Ford in Harford County, MD", in *United States Catholic Historical Magazine*, vol. 3, 1890, p. 41-64.

¹⁰ Shea, John Gilmary. *History of the Catholic Church in Colonial Days, 1521-1763*. New York: John G. Shea, 1886, p. 413.

¹¹ Baltimore County Certificate LG E p 195; Patent LG B, p. 697. Maryland State Archives.

¹² Baltimore County Deed TR C, p. 134-137. Maryland State Archives.

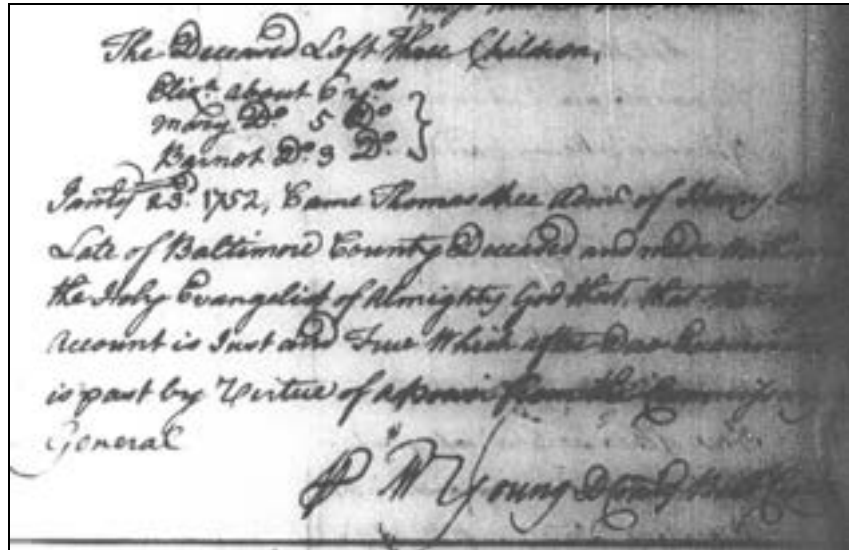
¹³ Skinner, V. L., Jr. *Abstracts of the Administration Accounts of the Prerogative Court, Libers 1 through 28, 1744-1750*. Brookeville, MD: V. L. Skinner, Jr., 1997, p. 36 – Liber 22, folio 62.

¹⁴ Skinner, V. L., Jr. *Abstracts of the Administration Accounts of the Prerogative Court, Libers 1 through 28, 1744-1750*. Brookeville, MD: V. L. Skinner, Jr., 1997, p. 54 – Liber 22, folio 328.

¹⁵ Skinner, V. L., Jr. *Abstracts of the Administration Accounts of the Prerogative Court, Libers 1 through 28, 1744-1750*. Brookeville, MD: V. L. Skinner, Jr., 1997, p. 123 – Liber 26, folio 101.

¹⁶ Baltimore County Inventories 41, p. 354-357. FHL #12876.

114 pounds, 1 shilling, 5 pence.¹⁷ Two accounts dated 23 Jan 1752 name Henry Oneal's "three children", Elizabeth, about 6 years old; Mary, about 5 years old; and Barnet, about 3 years old.¹⁸ In a Baltimore County deed, 12 Jun 1753, Thomas Shea, executor of Henry Oneal, conveyed 16 pounds, 5 shillings to James Seal. Signed, Sarah (her X mark) Seal. John Cretin was the witness.¹⁹



After the settlement of the estate, there was an interesting conveyance to the son, apparently just five years old at the time. On 24 Feb 1754, Thomas Gash, planter, deeds to Barnett Oneal, "son of Henry Oneal deceased", 40 acres, "Gashes Purchase", part of a larger tract called "Westwood" on a draft of Deer Creek, adjoining "Murdagh's Chance", witnessed by Michael Gilbert, among others.²⁰ Gash had acquired 100 acres of Westwood from Robert West on 7 Apr 1740.²¹ West had married Johannah Gash 22 Jan 1732 at St. George's Parish. If this indeed is a five-year old Barnet Oneal acquiring land (paid 45 pounds), one wonders if there was not some relationship with Thomas Gash. Sarah, a daughter of Thomas and Johannah (Gilbert) Gash²², was born 16 June 1719 in St. George's Parish, and this would be a candidate for Barnet's mother Sarah. However, Gash researchers point out that a Sarah Gash married 13 Jul 1736 to Thomas Burchfield in St. George's Parish. It is not known when this Thomas Burchfield died, but he was on the list of debts due the estate of Henry Oneal 26 Jan 1749.²³

¹⁷ Baltimore County Testamentary Proceedings, Vol. 33, p. 85. FHL #12937.

¹⁸ Baltimore County Balance Book, Liber 1, p. 21; and Baltimore County Accounts, Liber 32, pp. 13-15. FHL #12861 and #12908.

¹⁹ Baltimore County Deeds, TR E, p. 122. Maryland State Archives.

²⁰ Baltimore County Deeds, BB I, pp. 158-160. Maryland State Archives.

²¹ Baltimore County Deeds, HWS 1 A, p. 411. Maryland State Archives.

²² Note: Johanna Ashford was actually married first 1 Apr 1703 to Thomas Gilbert, who died 24 Oct 1713, and then as Johanna Gilbert, she was married second to Thomas Gash on 22 Dec 1715, all in St. George's Parish records.

²³ Baltimore County Inventories, Liber 41, folio 354-357; FHL #12876.

Baltimore County is By Virtue of a Common Warrant granted out of his Lordships Land Office, on the 27th Day of November 1745, to lay out for Thomas White of Baltimore County one Hundred and fifty Acres of Land or Fifty Acres Part thereof Being on the East Side of May then next by the said Thomas White signed unto Henry Oneal of the said County.

I Thomas White Deputy Surveyor of Baltimore County have laid out for the said Henry Oneal a Tract of Land lying on the South Side of Deer Creek Beginning at Two bounded white oaks growing from one Stone on the East side of the Green Branch at the head of a Meadow running Thence North Thirty Seven Pches. North Seventy Deg West Sixty Six Pches South Thirty Seven Pches South by West Sixty Six Pches South Thirty Five Deg West Seventy Pches East Forty Six Pches Thence by a Straight Line to the Beginning containing Land out for Fifty Acres more or less to be held of the Manor of Baltimore by the Name of Oneals Chance.

May 10th 1742

Thos White Deputy Surveyor

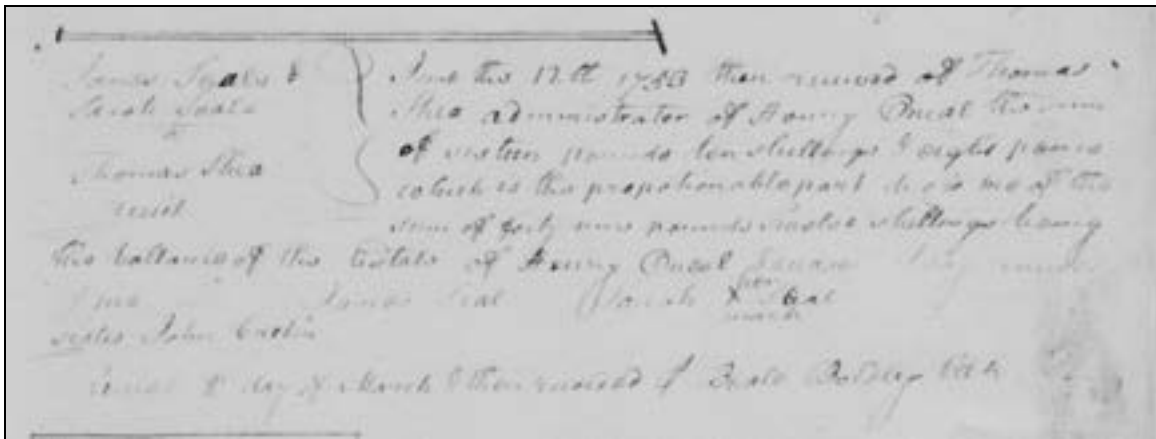
Not a Scale 100 Pches in an Inch

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On 12 Jun 1753, Thomas Shea, administrator of Henry Oneal, deceased, gives the balance of the estate to Sarah (her X mark) Seal and James Seal, witness John Cretin, suggesting that the widow had remarried by this time.²⁴ This is just seven months prior to the Gash deed. Perhaps the transaction to a five-year old occurred to secure his right to his father's land since a stepfather James Seal was now in the picture. Relationships are further confirmed in a much later deed when the child Barnett reaches the age of majority (21 years). By an indenture filed 21 Oct 1771, Barnett ONEale and wife Mary, of Frederick Co., Virginia, sell to William Cox of Baltimore Co., Maryland, the tract "Murdaugh's Chance" originally granted 16 Aug 1742 to Daniel Murdaugh, deceased,

²⁴ Baltimore County Deeds, TR E, p. 122. Maryland State Archives.

and by him conveyed 3 Nov 1748 to Henry ONeal, deceased, “the aforesaid Barnett ONeal is Eldest son and Heir-at-Law”. The parcel was in the beginning 100 acres, but “being foul of Green Spring Forrest” contains only 94 ¾ acres. Witnesses were James Cox and Richard Morris.²⁵ “Also came James Seals and Sarah Seals his wife which said Sarah Seals was formerly wife of Henry O’Neale deceased and has her third of said Land during her Natural Life and which said James Seals & Sarah Seals did now acknowledge and surrender all their right” as did “Mary wife of the aforesaid Barnett ONeal”. John Harris and Jeremiah Sheredine were witnesses to this affidavit. The “plantation Murdaugh’s Chance and tract 40 acres West Wood or New West Wood both under tenure to James Ellis” are noted as a bequest to minor son Isreal Cox in the will of William Cox, made 13 Apr 1781 and proved 16 May 1782.²⁶



Was our ancestor Henry Oneal a part of the Jesuit colony at Deer Creek? The original parcels Oneals Chance, Murdagh’s Chance, and Gashes Purchase (Westwood) are all physically located near the Deer Creek Mass House tract (Mission of St. Joseph), that was sold by John Diggs, a Jesuit²⁷, on 14 Dec 1732 (aforementioned) to Thomas Shea, a Jesuit; then sold by Shea back to Diggs on 14 Mar 1753²⁸; then willed by Diggs to Priest Bennett Neale 14 Mar 1743 (recorded 1746)²⁹; and further conveyed by Shea to the Priest Neale on 8 Oct 1764.³⁰ Since Thomas Shea is the same man who administered our Henry Oneal’s estate, and since John Cretin, a known Jesuit, was a witness to the administration, it is very likely that our ancestor was indeed a participant in the Society of Jesus at Deer Creek and a practicing Catholic.

Henry Oneal’s trade as a blacksmith is evident from the estate inventory and he was identified as such in deeds. An historical lecturer once told me that the blacksmith

²⁵ Baltimore County Deeds, AL D, pp. 325-329. Maryland State Archives.

²⁶ Morgan, Ralph H., Jr. *Harford County Wills 1774-1800*. Silver Spring, MD: Family Line Publications, 1990 - Wills, AJ 2, pp. 92-95.

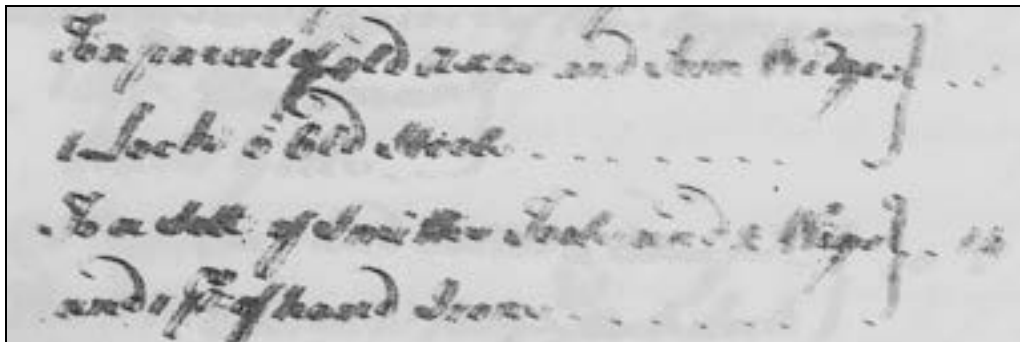
²⁷ Note: The Papers of Rev. John Digges, Jr., consisting of Catholic devotional manuscripts and spiritual dialogues from 1734 to 1746 at St. Joseph’s Mission (Deer Creek) are located at Georgetown University Libraries, Special Collections (Lavinger Library), Washington DC.

²⁸ Baltimore County Deeds, TB C, p. 465. Maryland State Archives.

²⁹ Hughes, Thomas. *History of the Society of Jesus in North America*. Cleveland: Burrows Brothers Co., 1908, p. 265, 288.

³⁰ *United States Catholic Historical Magazine*, No. 9, p. 50.

was the most valued person in the 18th century community, rated above the priest and the politician. Oneal also could have been involved with ironworks although history does not state how early they were in operation in what is now Harford County, Maryland.



**To a parcel of old axes and iron wedges
1 lock & old stock
To a set of smith's tools and a [--?--]
And 1 pr of hand iron**

Colonel Thomas White, whose family had an impressive home in the Deer Creek region, was connected with the Bush River Iron Works prior to 1776.³¹ Lancaster Forge operated on Deer Creek near Priest's Ford just prior to the Revolutionary War, and during the war, ironworks were initiated all along Deer Creek with names such as Redrum, Lancaster, Rock, Cumberland, Nottingham, and Lebanon.³² The blacksmith trade continued to be followed for generations in the Neel family.

The children of Henry and Sarah Oneal were:

1. Elizabeth O'Neal, b. ca. 1746; no further record.
2. Mary O'Neal, b. ca. 1747; died 1836; married Ezekiel Morris.
3. Barnet O'Neal, b. ca. 1749; died 1778; wife Mary.

The Oneal and Seal families must have moved to Virginia the year of the last Baltimore County deed (October 1771 from Frederick Co VA) as James Seal Sr.'s debt of 6.18.7 pounds was noted 1 Jan 1771 at the Rock Run store in Maryland.³³ James Seals, Sr., was born ca. 1730 in Collin Hundred, Prince George's County, Maryland, and died in May 1797 in Morgan Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, as his estate was entered for probate 13 May 1797.³⁴ His wife was noted as Sarah in the will. The children of James Seals, and therefore children of our ancestor Sarah Oneal – Seals and half siblings of our ancestor Barnet Oneal, from a variety of unverified sources³⁵, were:

³¹ Preston, Walter Wilkes. *Harford County History*, 1901, p. 33.

³² Preston, Walter Wilkes. *Harford County History*, 1901, p. 264.

³³ Peden, Henry C., Jr. *Abstracts of the Ledgers and Accounts of the Bush Store and Rock Run Store 1759-1771*, Harford County Genealogical Society Special Publication, No. 21, 1999, p. 38.

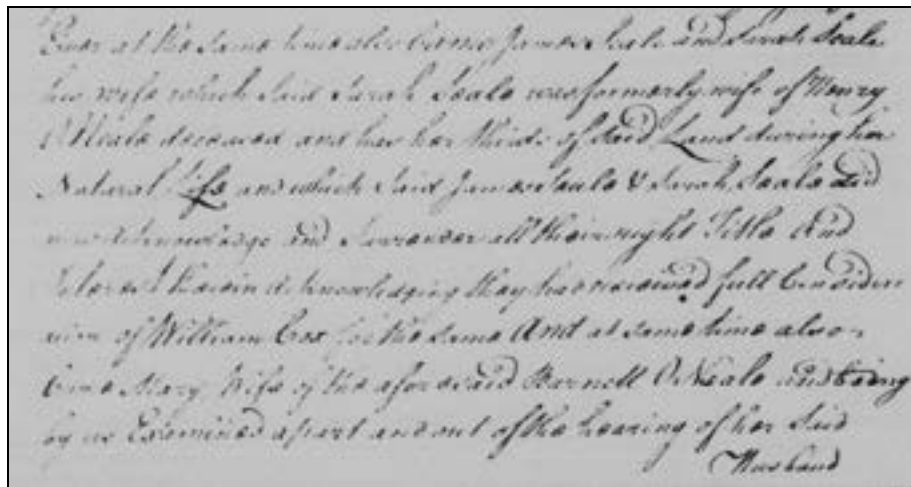
³⁴ Greene County Will Book 1, p. 4.

³⁵ Leckey, Howard L. *The Tenmile Country and Its Pioneer Families: A Genealogical History of the Upper Monongahela Valley*. Waynesburg, PA: Greene County Historical Society, 1977, pp. 354-356.

1. Mary Seals, b. ca. 1749, d. ca. 1811 Pickaway Co OH; married Richard Morris, who married second to Nancy (Seals) Vanmeter.
2. Nancy Seals, b. ca. 1754; married Jesse Vanmeter, who died in 1814 Greene Co PA; she then married second to Richard Morris.
3. James Seals, Jr., b. 14 Nov 1755, d. 6 Nov 1832 Greene Co PA; married in Jul 1784 by Rev. John Corbly to Sarah Brown; her estate was settled 1 Mar 1847 in Greene Co PA.
4. Samuel Seals, b. 1757, d. ca. 1797 Mason Co KY; married before 1780 to Mary McCormick; she married second to John Wiley, Sr.
5. Joseph Seals, b. ca. 1760, d. ca. 1814 Greene Co PA; widow Elizabeth.
6. Elizabeth Seals, b. ca. 1763; m. Eli Wiley; moved to Mason Co KY.
7. Martha Seals, b. ca. 1766; m. Elijah Wiley; moved to Kentucky.
8. Sarah Seals, b. ca. 1767.

Barnet O'Neal 1749-1778:

Barnet O'Neal, son of Henry and Sarah O'Neal, was born ca. 1749 in Deer Creek, Harford Co., Maryland, as he is listed as "about 3 years old" on 23 Jan 1752 per the distribution of his father's estate.³⁶ Since Henry O'Neal left no will, it is not known if Barnet was born before or after his father's death. Howard L. Leckey, in his massive work, *The Tenmile Country and its Pioneer Families*, states that "a frayed page in the Swan-Hughes Bible indicates that Barnet O'Neal was born in 1751," however, the whereabouts of this Bible today is not known for verification and an image. It does not appear in the O'Neal section which is portrayed in Leckey.³⁷ Since Henry O'Neal was dead by 17 Jan 1749, the 1751 date for the birth of a child is not possible.³⁸



³⁶ Baltimore County Balance Book, Liber 1, p. 21; and Baltimore County Accounts, Liber 32, pp. 13-15. FHL #12861 and #12908.

³⁷ Leckey, Howard L. *The Tenmile Country and its Pioneer Families: A Genealogical History of the Upper Monongahela Valley*. Waynesburg, PA: Greene County Historical Society, 1977, p. 166-169, 217, 225.

³⁸ Baltimore County Inventories 41, p. 354-357. FHL #12876.

As mentioned, Barnett Oneal, “son of Henry Oneal deceased”, was conveyed a 40-acre tract, Gashes Purchase, on Deer Creek, by Thomas Gash 24 Feb 1754.³⁹ Whether a 5-year old heir could be party to a Maryland deed is unknown. And by being the first born and only son, Barnet also owned the adjacent 94 ¾ acre tract, Murdaugh’s (Murdock’s) Chance at the Green Spring Forest, which he and his new wife Mary sold from Frederick Co., Virginia on 21 Oct 1771 to William Cox.⁴⁰ It is not known how the 50-acre adjoining tract Oneal’s Chance on Green Branch of Deer Creek was transferred after Henry’s death. Barnet, his two older sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, his mother Sarah, and step-father James Seal, must have had control of these 185 acres from 1749 to 1771 when Barnet became an adult. Only the sale of the 94 ¾ acres has been located. No references in the Baltimore/Harford County records to Barnet O’Neal have been discovered during the time period of his youth.

Frederick County VA, Hampshire Co WV, and Monongalia Co WV beyond would be the home of the O’Neil clan as they migrated towards southwestern Pennsylvania. An Auditor’s Account Book, dated 24 Oct 1783 at Richmond, Virginia, lists among the Virginia Militia who served during the Revolutionary War, “Warrt. To Barnett O’Neal for d.o. [his services], 2.6”. Other names on the list included several eventual pioneers of Greene Co PA, viz., Wm. Owens, Jesse Pigman, Thomas Johnson, Edward Murdock, and Henry Vanmeter.⁴¹ The date, long after Barnet’s death, might be troublesome but for the fact that the government was slow to issue payment for military service. Descendants are eligible to join DAR/SAR through this document and other receipts in Barnet’s estate packet.

A handwritten list of military warrants, likely from the William Harrod Papers. The list is written in cursive and includes the following entries:

Warrt. to ...	40	1	4
Warrt. to Philip Dumin, for d.o.	40	1	4
Warrt. to <u>Barnett O'Neal</u> , for d.o.	2	6	-
Warrt. to Jesse Pigman, for d.o.	7	15	8
Warrt. to Thomas Johnson, for d.o.	1	10	8
Warrt. to Edw. Murdock, for d.o.	1	10	8
Warrt. to Isaac Pritchett, for d.o.	5	15	-
Warrt. to ...	2	6	-

The William Harrod Papers contain mention of our ancestor relative to his Revolutionary War service:

“October 22, 1776, Captian Harret, Sir, We understand that there has been A complaint made against our Captian (Mr. David Owens) at our last meeting and before he knew of the same he readly compilyd with the orders that he received; and as we chose him for our Captian we would willingly comply with any orders that his or our Superior officers may Transfer to him or us. But on Joining your Company we now [?not] willing. Any time that he receives orders or Ocation Serves to go in the Defence of our country 25 of us or the half of us is willing on condiditon we have the Capt we chose to lead us; as we

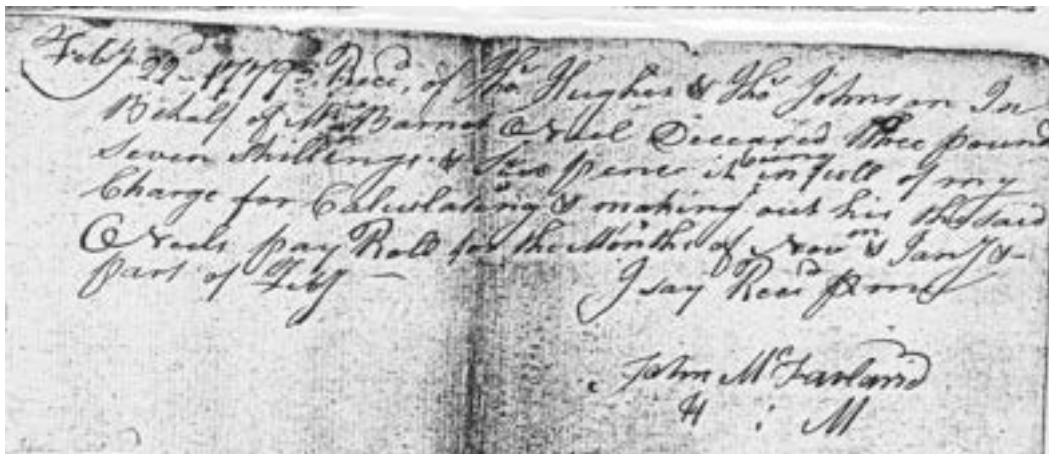
³⁹ Baltimore County Deeds, BB I, pp. 158-160. Maryland State Archives.

⁴⁰ Baltimore County Deeds, AL D, pp. 325-329. Maryland State Archives.

⁴¹ Virginia State Archives No. 25053, Rev Soldiers Aud. Acct. XV (15) A595.

have Intire Confidence in him and never Intend to forsake him untill we find some sufficient cause or some Dissafaction to his Country. And Captain Harrit we think there is as Competant judges among us Either you or Barney Neil we therefore Disire to have a hearing of the nature of of [sic] the complaint that is had against him for we can redily know the lielike milicious report that has been made of him to be intrelly false and only the spiteful Detraction of some Evil Designing Persons which in proper time we think to make appear. So no more [?] till further tryal; but we Desire of you send report of our Disobediance pray send these few lines Enclosed and in so doing you will much oblige Captian Owen's Company.”⁴²

Additional proof of military service may be found in Barnet O'Neel's estate packet: “Oct. 14th, 1777, Received of M. Andrew Boyce [Boyd] of Frederick County State of Virginia three hundred and fifty five pounds neat of flour, and three hundred and seventy two pounds of beef for the use of myself and eight drivers in my brigade in the service of the United States – given under my hand, Barnet O'Neel, Horse Master.” Another note: “August 7, 1779, Rec'd. of Tho. Hughes & Thos. Johnston in behalf of Barnet O'Neel deceased eighteen pounds eighteen shillings & nine pence in full of my one horses wages for the service done in both brigades of sd. O'Neel's raising. I say rec'd. by me, Wm. Harrod.”⁴³ In another bill, John McFarland submits a bill 22 Feb 1779 for L 3.7.6 “in full of my charge for calculating & making out his the said O'Neels pay Roll for the Month of Novm. & Jany. & part of Feby.”⁴⁴



The image shows a handwritten receipt on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Feb 22 1779. Recd. of Mr. Hughes & Tho. Johnson in behalf of Mr. Barnet O'Neel deceased three pound seven shillings & nine pence in full of my charge for calculating & making out his the said O'Neels pay Roll for the month of Novm & Jany & part of Feby -" followed by the signature "John McFarland" and the initials "H : M".

It is possible that O'Neel served in Lord Dunmore's War of 1774, a group of skirmishes that opened up settlement in Kentucky. Although our ancestor is not named, all his neighbors filed public service claims in West Augusta County, Virginia on 18 Sep 1775 – “To Captain William Harrod for provisions; to Thomas Roach for 500# bacon; to Jacob Vanmeter for 186# bacon; to Henry Vanmeter for 7 bullocks; to Daniel Murdock to 2 Steers; to Felix Hughes for provisions; to Levy Harrod for horse hire & bull & 3 beeves.”⁴⁵

⁴² Draper Manuscripts, Series NN, Vol. 4, p. 30 – William Harrod Papers.

⁴³ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet for Barnet O'Neel, 1790.

⁴⁴ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of John McFarland, dated 22 Feb 1779.

⁴⁵ Skidmore, Warren and Donna Kaminsky, Lord Dunmore's Little War of 1774, his Captains and Their Men who Opened up Kentucky & the West to American Settlement. Westminster, MD: Heritage Books., Inc. 2002, pp. 58, 61; Document image also available on Ancestry.com – accessed 2004.

Was Barnet O'Neel in Kentucky? We don't really know, but the names Barnet Neal, Wm. Harrod, Levi Harrod, John Corble, Jesse Pigman, Abm. Vanmetre, and other Tenmile Creek neighbors, totalling 84 men, signed what is called the Petition of Transylvania, drawn up in December 1775, or more formally, "The Petition of the Inhabitants, and Some of the Intended Settlers, of that part of North America now denominated Transylvania."

Whereas some of your petitioners became adventurers in that country from the advantageous reports of their friends who first explored it; and others since, allured by the specious show of the easy terms on which the land was to be purchased from those who style themselves proprietors, have, at a great expense and many hardships, settled there. But your petitioners have been greatly alarmed at the late conduct of those gentlemen, in advancing the price of the purchase money. At the same time they have increased the fees of entry and surveying to a most exorbitant rate. And your petitioners have been more justly alarmed at such unaccountable and arbitrary proceedings, as they have lately learned that the said lands were included in the cession or grant of all that tract which lies on the south side of the river Ohio. We humbly expect and implore to be taken under the protection of the honourable Convention of the Colony of Virginia, of which we cannot help thinking ourselves a part, and request your kind interposition in our behalf. December, 1775, Harrodsburg.⁴⁶

First on the list of names appended to the document is James Harrod, the man who founded Harrodsburg, Kentucky. His brother, Captain William Harrod is associated with Barnet O'Neel in the Virginia militia records during the Revolutionary War. Harrod was in the Illinois campaign with George Rogers Clark and afterwards spent the year of 1779 building a settlement at the Falls of the Ohio, now Louisville. Ezekiel Morris, brother-in-law of Barnet O'Neel, is one of those with land in William Harrod's group at the Falls. Sarah O'Neel, daughter of Barnet, eventually married William's son, Samuel Harrod. No doubt, Barnet O'Neel would have been involved with the settling of Kentucky had he lived.⁴⁷

The will of Barnet O'Neel is with the packets [#13 1/2] in the Orphans Court vault, Washington Co PA. The late Charles G. Stock, Law Librarian, determined while I visited July 19, 1989, that it had never been recorded in the ledgers, and he promised to do so.

"In the Name of God, Amen, I Bernard ONail of the State of Virginia and County of Monongallea Planter, being Weak in Body, but of sound mind and memory (blessed be God) do this Tenth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred seventy eight, make and Publish this my last will and Testament, in manner following (that is to say - I Give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved wife Mary O'Neel and to my Eldest Son Henry and to my Second son Barnet O'Neel and Likewise to my Daughter Sarah O'Neel and Give to a Child yet unborn of which my wife is now pregnant with all my Real and personal Estate to be Equally Divided Bitween them or the survivirs of thim - not as Joint Heirs but as Common, and I make and Constitute my Beloved wife Mary Oneel and my Good Friends Thomas Hughes and Thomas Johnston to be my Executors. In witness whereof I the said Barnet O'Neel have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the Day and year first above written. Barnet His + Mark

⁴⁶ Ranck, George W. Boonsborough. Louisville, KY: Filson Club, 1916, Publication No. 16, Appendix U.

⁴⁷ Leckey, Howard L. *The Tenmile Country and its Pioneer Families*. Waynesburg, PA: Greene County Historical Society, 1977, pp. 240-255.

O'Neel {seal}. Signed sealed by the said Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, Felix Hughes, Pd, Thomas Johnston, Pd.⁴⁸

In the Name of God Amen I Bernard O'Neil of the State of
Virginia and County of Monongalia Plentor, being
Weak in Body, but of sound mind and memory (blessed
God) do this Tenth day November in the year of our
Lord one Thousand Seven hundred Seventy Eight, make
and Publish this my last will and Testament, in words
following (that is to say - I give and Bequeath unto
my well Beloved wife Mary O'Neil and to my Eldest Son
Henry, and to my Second son Barnet O'Neil and
likewise to my Daughter Sarah O'Neil and
give to a child yet unborn of which my wife is
pregnant with all my Real and personal Estate
to be Equally Divided between them or the sur-
vivors of them - not as joint Heirs but as Common-
-er. and I make and constitute my good Beloved
Beloved wife Mary O'Neil and my good Friends
Thomas Hughes and Thomas Johnston to be
my Executors In Witness whereof I the said
Barnet O'Neil have to this my last Will and
Testament set my hand and seal the Day
and Year first Above written
Signed sealed by }
the said Testator }
to be his last will and }
Testament in the }
presence of us }
Felix Hughes Pd }
Thomas Johnston Pd }

His
Barnet O'Neil
the Mark

⁴⁸ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Will Packet for Barnet O'Neil, #13 ½.

The Executor for the Barnet O'Neel estate in Washington Co PA was Thomas Hughes – (5 Aug 1790) “Of his administration by which it appears that there is a Balance of L 44.2.10 ¼ in the hands of the said Executors subject to distribution according to the direction in the will.”⁴⁹ On my second research trip to Pennsylvania in 1989, Charles G. Stock, Law Librarian, said that all but a few Orphans Court packets had been stolen and sold by a local antique dealer. Luckily, I had made a nearly complete photocopy during my earlier visit. The inventory, made by William Crawford, Charles Swan, and John Vantress, totaled L 3003.6.4, an amazingly large sum for a Revolutionary War era man still under the age of thirty. One can draw a picture of the farm and household by reviewing the inventory: three heifers, four cows, four calves, one young mare, one young horse, one mare colt, one young horse, six geese, twelve ducks, six hogs, two ewes, one lamb, one old horse, wheat, rye, one wagon, one man's saddle, one woman's saddle, smith's tools, pewter & tin, one rifle gun, one red cloak, one blue gown, one calico gown, one white sack gown, one woman's hat, one broadcloth coat, one hunting shirt, one Bible, one sythe, one feather bed & furniture, two deer skins, rye, flax seed, one raccoon skin, candle molds, four chairs, two bedsteads, corn, wool, one pair plain silver buckles, many iron implements, and perhaps most interesting: one Negro man, one Negro woman, one Negro girl, and one Negro boy. The inventory is extensive. This is just a sampling.⁵⁰

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one Negro woman Do to	600 0 0
one Negro girl Do to	300 0 0
one Negro Boy Do to	100-0-0
Three coats Do to	1-10-0
one Table Do to	1-2-0
one pair plain silver buckles ..	5-0-0
one silver shoe buckle Do to	4-10-0
one pair brass buckles Do to ..	4-10-0
Corn at 3/9 p B -	10-00-0
one Currying knife Do to	0-7-0
Wool at 20/0 p lb } 1/4 L.	1527-4-10

Many Greene County pioneers long associated with the O'Neel family turned up at the sale. A sampling includes: James Hughes, William Crawford, Thomas Johnston,

⁴⁹ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Orphans Court Docket, Book A1, p. 82.

⁵⁰ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Inventory for O'Neel Estate, taken 4 [?] Mar 1779, exhibited 24 May 1790 by Thos. Hughes, Executor.

Phelex Hughes, Richard Swan, Jessey Pigman, Ralph Smith, James Carmichaels, Samuel Kinkade, Thomas Clare, William Teagarden, Rachel Moredock, Thomas Roach, Daniel Moredock, John Swan, George Teagarden, Jacob Cline, Hugh Crawford, James Seals, John Hughes, Benjamin Wood, James Flanigen, Rachel Swan, Ezekel Morris, Thomas Hughes, and many more. The total money realized was phenomenal – L 6263.12.11, far more than was estimated in the valuation.⁵¹

Thomas Clare, an Irish gentleman who settled just across the Monongahela River near New Geneva, in Fayette Co PA, purchased 1 Negro Woman for L 1410.15.0 and 1 Negro Boy for L 362.5.0. In 1790, Clare was residing in Springhill Township with two slaves in his household. His 11 Apr 1814 will manumits his slaves – “I do accordingly set free my Negro man Isaac” and “Item my Negro man Richard and his sons Samuel and Abraham I also set free.” According to the Pittsburgh Gazette, Richard, a slave of Thomas Clare, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, had run away on January 4, 1794 and a reward was offered for his return. Presumably, the same Dick Clare, a person of color, was listed in the 1820 census for New Geneva, Springhill Twp., Fayette Co PA, with nine free persons in his household. Other evidence suggests that Thomas Clare, a single man, fathered his slave Richard Clare.⁵² It is known if Isaac Clare could be the “Negro Boy” purchased of the Barnet O’Neel estate, but it is certainly plausible, and Richard’s mother could have been the “Negro Woman” owned by O’Neel. The “Negro Girl” in the inventory was purchased by Thomas Hughes for L1013.1.3. In the Negro (Slave) Register for Washington Co PA, taken in 1780, Mr. Thomas Hughes reports that he owns “Negroe Jaan aged 39 years” and “Negroe Sam aged 6 years.”⁵³ It is not certain if Jaan is a female, but the age would suggest that she isn’t the “Negro Girl” purchased of O’Neel the year prior. Mr. Phelix Hughes owned a girl, Ruth, age 10 years, on that same Negro Register.⁵⁴ O’Neel’s fourth slave, a “Negro Man” was purchased by William Teagarden for L1016.0.0 in April 1779. He does not appear as a slave owner in the 1780 Negro Register or in the 1790 census. Cumberland Township residents Jacob Cline, William Crawford, James Carmichael, James Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Thomas Roach, James Seaton, Elizabeth Seaton, and John Swan were all listed as holding slaves at that time – 23 African Americans in the township.⁵⁵ All but the Seaton family were on the O’Neel sale bill.

Well, how did one get from an estate valued at over 6000 pounds in 1779 to just over 44 pounds in 1790? Barnet O’Neel was a horse master in a Revolutionary War militia brigade and a blacksmith, like his father before him, with many unsettled accounts. The estate packet is full of such receipts with a long listing of payments made

⁵¹ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Vendue for O’Neel Estate, taken 2 Apr 1779, exhibited 24 May 1790 by acting Executor, Thomas Hughes.

⁵² Rootsweb.com, Greene Co PA Mailing List, 24 Sep 2000, posting from bad2500@alltel.net, entitled: Manumission, Clare Family; no name of author provided.

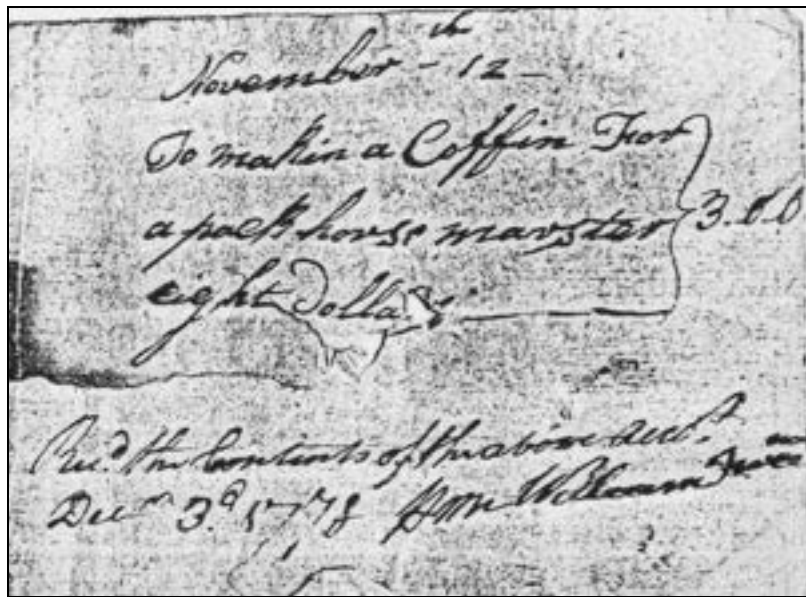
⁵³ Bramsom, Marlene and William Allen Davison. Early African American Life in Waynesburg, Greene County, Pennsylvania. Indiana, PA: A.G. Halldin Publishing Co., Inc., 2002, p. 2.

⁵⁴ Note: Cornerstone Genealogical Society, Vertical File, no author listed, states that on 1 Mar 1780, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania passed an act to gradually abolish slavery. All slaves were to be registered by the clerk of quarter sessions, and the first such list for Greene County is dated 1782 [not 1780]. Thirty-three slaves were registered, most of these in Cumberland Township.

⁵⁵ Bramsom, Marlene and William Allen Davison. Early African American Life in Waynesburg, Greene County, Pennsylvania. Indiana, PA: A.G. Halldin Publishing Co., Inc., 2002, p. 3.

by the executors. Likewise, three small children, Sarah, Henry, and Barnet, were growing to majority and presumably were raised by relatives or guardians with expenses. The most likely candidate is Thomas Hughes, the Executor. Eleven years to settle, the presumed death of the widow Mary shortly after her husband, the acquisition of land, and three small infants likely meant that the money was steadily drained even though it was a fortune for 1779. Barnet O'Neel would certainly have been a man worthy of the local history books if he had survived the war.

There are several suppositions from the estate file papers that should be explained. They are educated guesses, but definitely not proven. First, Barnet O'Neel, weak in body, made his will on 10 Nov 1778, barely etching a mark instead of making a full signature as he had done on earlier documents. A receipt returned by William Powell: "November 12 – to makin a coffin for a pack horse marster eight dollars – recd. the contents of the above acct. Decr. 3rd, 1778."⁵⁶ This strongly suggests that Barnet O'Neel died within a two day period and likely on 11 Nov 1778 and probably at his home in Cumberland Township rather than on some distant military field; however, Dr. J. Thomas Neel, a great-grandson, compiled a short family account at age fifteen and stated that his "respected ancestor died in camp."⁵⁷



Another telling document is the bill of Chas. Wheeler – “Jan. the 6, 1779, Rec’d. of Mr. Jas. Hughes, Forty dollars for the Inoculation of Mr. Neales family.”⁵⁸ There was basically one disease that they gave shots for in this time period – the feared smallpox. For example: “A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Washington was held 25 Jan 1778 to determine whether it was proper to introduce the smallpox inoculation into their

⁵⁶ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of William Powell, dated 3 Dec 1778.

⁵⁷ Neel, Gregg Livingstone. *The Ancestors of Gregg Livingstone Neel*. Pittsburgh, PA: Gregg L. Neel, 1973, p. 9.

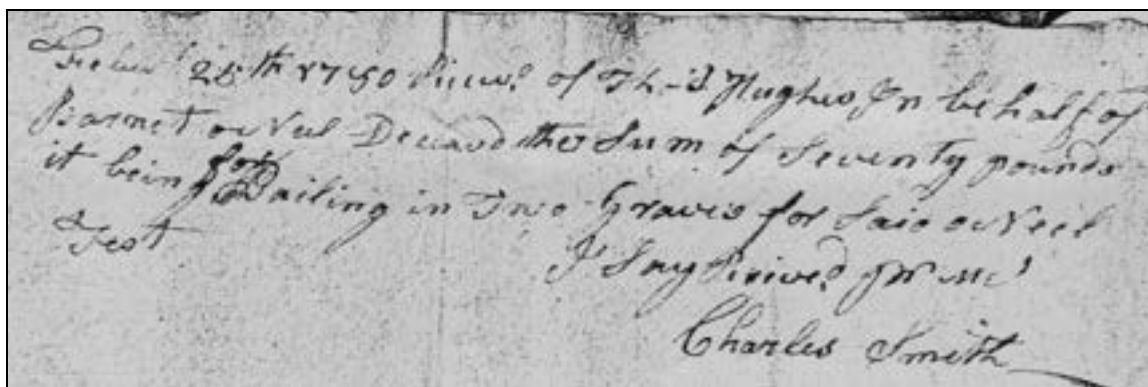
⁵⁸ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of Charles Wheeler, dated 6 Jan 1779.

families. One vote 'yes,' twenty-six votes 'no'.⁵⁹ We cannot say for certain that the father, Barnet O'Neel, died of smallpox, but his family almost certainly suffered from the disease.



Jan⁶ 1779 Rec^d of M^r J^r Hughes
for 15⁰ 0⁰ Dollars for the Inoculation
of M^r Neel's Family -
Chas^r Wheeler

Mary O'Neel, Barnet's widow, may have died of smallpox, or she could have died of her pregnancy – recall the will “a child as yet unborn of which my wife is now pregnant”. The note of Charles Smith is telling: “Febr. 25th, 1780, recvd. Of Thos. Hughes in behalf of Barnet O'Neel deceased the sum of seventy pounds it being for bailing in two graves for said O'Neel.”⁶⁰ This receipt clearly says “1780”, however, John Conaway, Esq., includes a bill: “Mar. 6th, 1779, recevd. Of Thos. Hughes & Thos. Johnston in behalf of Barnet O'Neel Deces'd, six pounds, seven shillings & six pence, it being for making of two coffins.”⁶¹ It is likely that one of these dates is an error. Although no names are provided, Mary O'Neel and her newly born child probably died a day or two prior to 6 Mar 1779, just a few weeks after the smallpox inoculations.



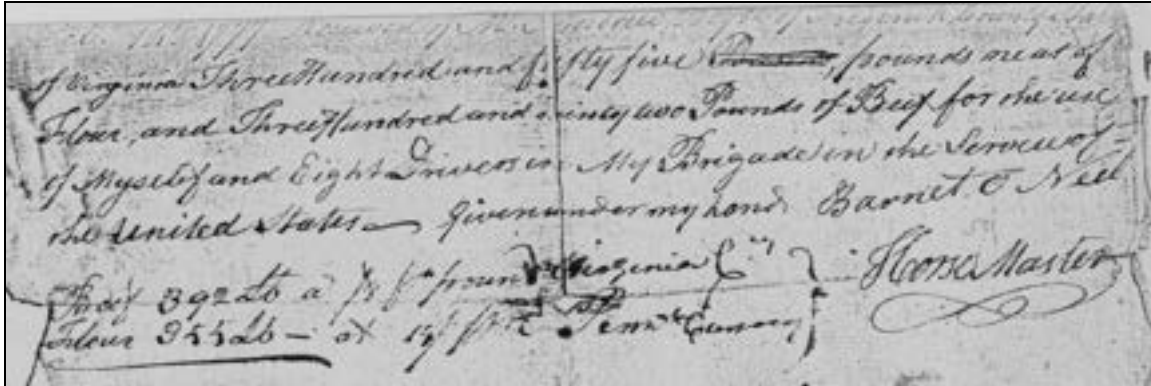
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⁵⁹ Miscellaneous Historical Papers from the LeMoyné House, Vol. III, p. 175, in *Keyhole*, The Genealogical Society of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Vol. XXII, No. 2, Apr. 1994, p. 66.

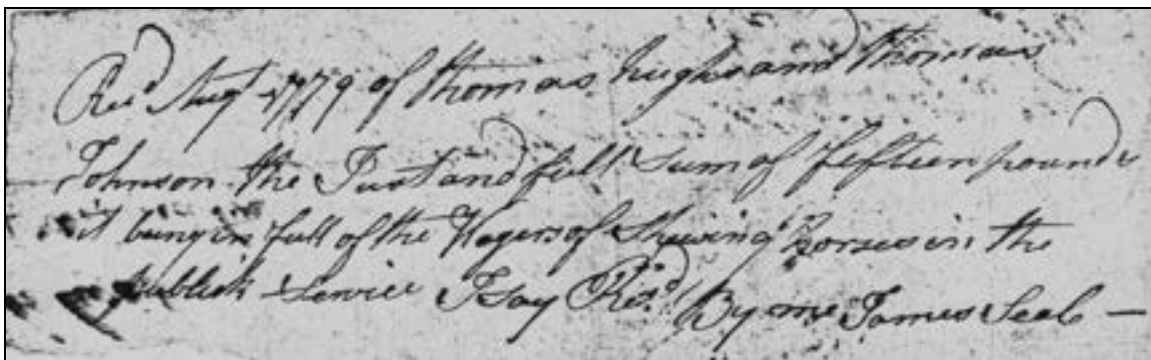
⁶⁰ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of Charles Smith, dated 25 Feb 1780.

⁶¹ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of John Conaway, dated 6 Mar 1779.

In his will, Barnet O'Neel identifies himself as a "Planter" of Monongalia Co VA and the inventory and vendue suggest that he owned a variety of livestock with crops of wheat, rye, and flax.



Besides the term "Horse Master" in the military documents, and the iron noted in the inventory, several other receipts suggest that O'Neel carried on the blacksmith trade like his father. "Rec'd. Aug. 1779 of Thomas Hughs and Thomas Johnson the just and full sum of fifteen pounds it being in full of the Wages of Shewing horses in the publick service I say rec'd by me, James Seal."⁶²



James Seal was Barnet's step-father and perhaps the man who raised him and taught him his trade. Mr. James Seal, Reuben Perkins, and Ralph Smith were also sold several bushels of flax seed from the estate 17 Mar 1779 prior to the inventory and vendue, indicating perhaps a close relationship with Barnet O'Neel.⁶³ Another bill, "Aug. the 6, 1776 Barney O'Neel, Dr. [debit] to Rubin Pribble, To 5 lb. of Iron, to an Ax, sworn before Henry Vanmatre."⁶⁴ Ralph Smith was one of the largest creditors in the estate and a sample billing from Nov 1777, "To 2 lb of Steel at 1 s 3 d per lb."⁶⁵ Another lengthy

⁶² Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of James Seal, dated Aug 1779.

⁶³ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Inventory, Barnet O'Neel, exhibited May 1790.

⁶⁴ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of Rubin Pribble, dated 6 Aug 1776.

⁶⁵ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of Ralph Smith, transaction dated Nov 1777, sworn before Levi Harrod Jun 1783.

account, dated 11 Aug 1779 Monongalia County, makes it evident that Barnet O'Neel was a blacksmith: "To one ax Bar of Iron that I left at his shop which I saw there yesterday, To one square bar of Inglesh Steel eleven inches long, to half pound Blister [?] Steel, To a small bar of Iron that I left there but how much it weighed I cannot tell, but Jesse Pigman has got a part of sd. Bar",⁶⁶ and the following: "The Estate of Barnet O'Nail Deceased Dr. to Daniel Mordock to making three hundred and eighty shingle nales."⁶⁷ This Daniel is likely related to the gentleman who sold Deer Creek land to Barnet's father, Henry O'Neal, back in 1748. There are many additional receipts for iron, steel, and broken artifacts that were probably sitting in O'Neel's smith shop waiting repair.

Although the court clerk lists Bernard O'Nail in the 1778 will, it is initialed by Barnet O'Neel. He signs his own name Barnet O'Neel on the 1777 militia receipt. Other notes in the estate, written by others, give his name as Barney O'Neel, Barnett O'Neal, Mr. Neal, Barnard O'Neal, Barsed O'Neele, Barnet, O'Nail, Bernard Neil, Barne Oneal, and Barnabas O'Neil. His own signature, family tombstones in Greene Co., Pennsylvania, and the Swan-Hughes Bible all say O'Neel, so that is what I have chosen to use for him.

There is also variation in the locale. The 1771 land deed and the 1777 militia records list Frederick County, Virginia. Barnet O'Neel claims to be from Monongalia County, Virginia in his 1778 will. There is a 29 Oct 1779 receipt from Samuel Strode "to balance in a swap of a horse" which notes Yohogania County, Virginia.⁶⁸ The 1773 Assessment Roll for Springhill Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, includes Barnet O'Neal, Philemon (Felix) Hughes, Thomas Hughes on Muddy Creek, James, William, and Levi Herrod, Daniel and James Moredock, Henry, Abraham, and Jacob Vanmeter and others familiar to Barnet O'Neel.⁶⁹ The 1790 estate filing is in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The O'Neel land is now in Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. How can this be? One must remember that counties were being formed at this time amidst a border dispute between Virginia and Pennsylvania. Frederick County was formed in 1738, Bedford County in 1771, Yohogania in 1776 (discontinued 1786), Monongalia in 1776 from a short lived "District of Augusta", Washington County in 1781, and Greene County in 1796. These counties are in three states, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania; however, O'Neel may have moved directly to Cumberland Township in 1771 and been a resident of all these places as the political borders were settled.

Barnet O'Neel's land was in fact adjacent to the Monongahela River in what is now Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The property is located at 508 Crucible-Carmichaels Road, Crucible PA 15325.⁷⁰ Now that the O'Neel family were no longer Virginians, there were several steps in securing Pennsylvania land.

⁶⁶ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of Torrance Clark, dated 11 Aug 1779, sworn before Henry Vanmatre.

⁶⁷ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet, Receipt of Daniel Mordock [Murdock], sworn before Henry Vanmatre, 4 Nov 1779.

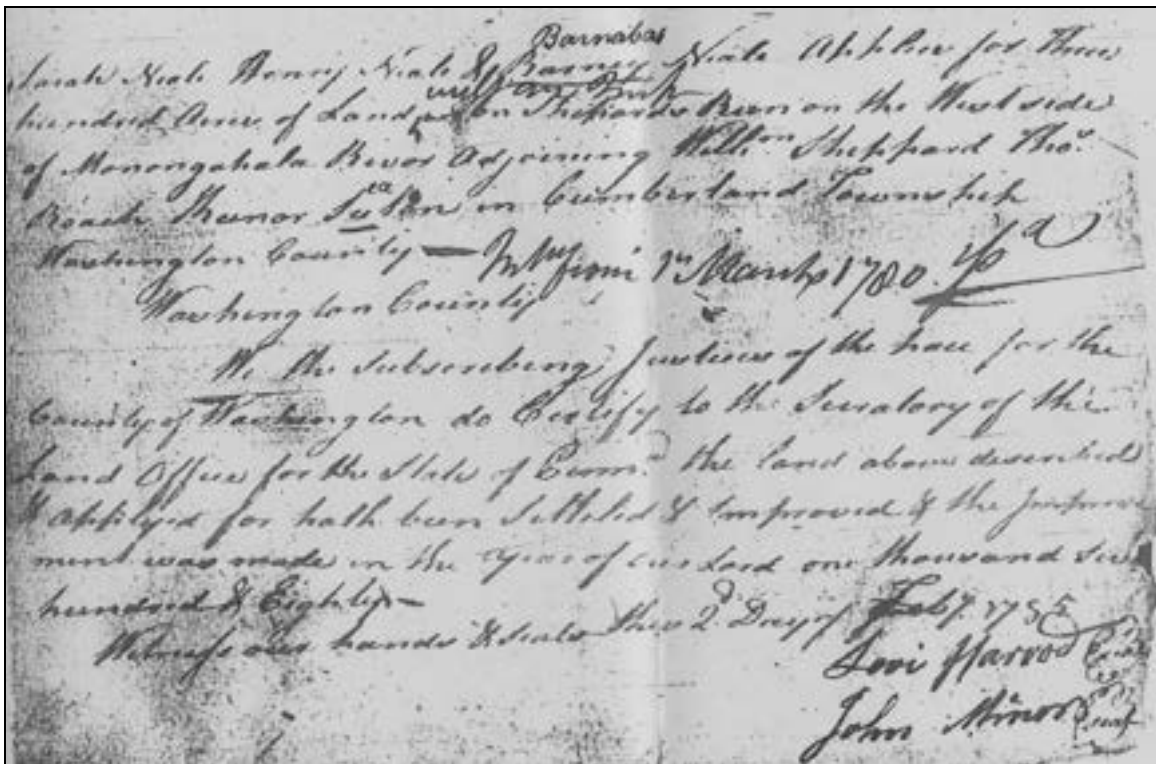
⁶⁸ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Estate Packet for Barnet O'Neel, 1790.

⁶⁹ Leckey, Howard L. *The Tenmile Country and its Pioneer Families*. Waynesburg, PA: Greene County Historical Society, 1977, pp 126-129.

⁷⁰ Note: The O'Neel property and cemetery was owned by Mrs. Donald Murphy in the 1980s (personal visit), whose grandmother, Harriet Horner Waters, had purchase it in 1893 from N.H. & Zella Biddle.

Application for Warrant:

“Sarah Neale, Henry Neale, & Barney [overwritten Barnabas] Neale Applies for Three hundred Acres of Land upon Shepards Run on the West side of Monongahala River adjoining Willm Sheppard Thos. Roach Keener Sutton [overwritten “ea”] in Cumberland Township Washington County. Intre [interest] from 1st March 1780 ss. Washington County. We the subscribing Justices of the peace for the County of Washington do Certify to the Suratory of the Land Office for the State of Penna. the land above described applied for hath been setteled & improved & the improvement was made in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty. Witness our hands & seals this 2d Day of Feby. 1785. Levi Harrod, John Minor.”⁷¹

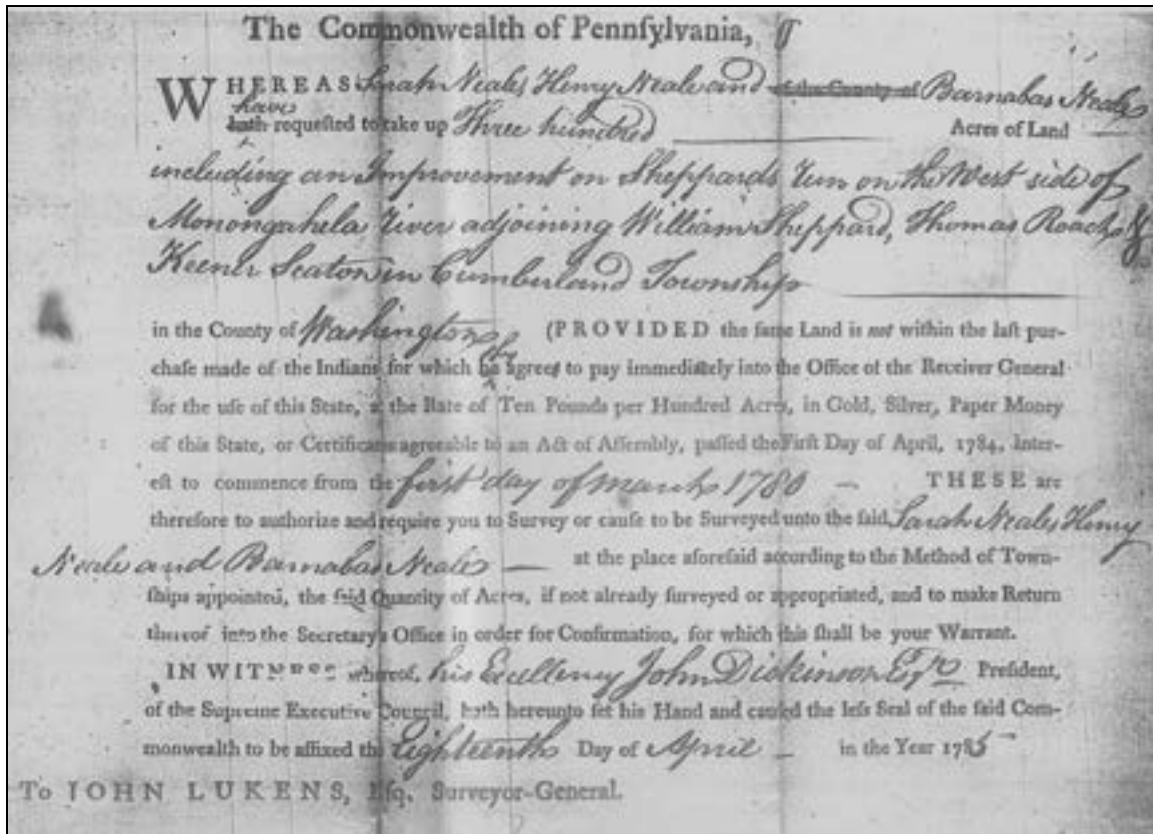


Warrant:

Whereas Sarah Neale, Henry Neale and Barnabas Neale have requested to take up three hundred Acres of Land including an Improvement on Sheppards Run on the west side of [the] Monongahela River adjoining William Sheppard, Thomas Roach & Keener Seaton in Cumberland Township in the County of Washington (Provided the same Land is not within the last purchase made of the Indians for which they agree to pay immediately into the Office of the Receiver General for the use of this State, at the Rate of Ten Pounds per Hundred Acres, in Gold, Silver, Paper Money of this State, or Certificate agreeable to an Act of Assembly, passed the First Day of April, 1784, Interest to commence from the first day of March 1780 – These are therefore to authorize and require you to Survey or cause to be Surveyed until the said Sarah Neale, Henry Neale and Barnabas Neale – at the place

⁷¹ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Application for Warrant, Roll 984956.

aforesaid according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of Acres, if not already surveyed or appropriated, and to make Return thereof into the Secretary's Office in order for Confirmation, for which this shall be your Warrant. In Witness whereof, his Excellency John Dickinson, Esq. President, of the Supreme Executive Council, hath hereunto set his Hand and caused the less Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed the eighteenth Day of April – in the Year 1785. To John Lukens, Esq., Surveyor-General.⁷²



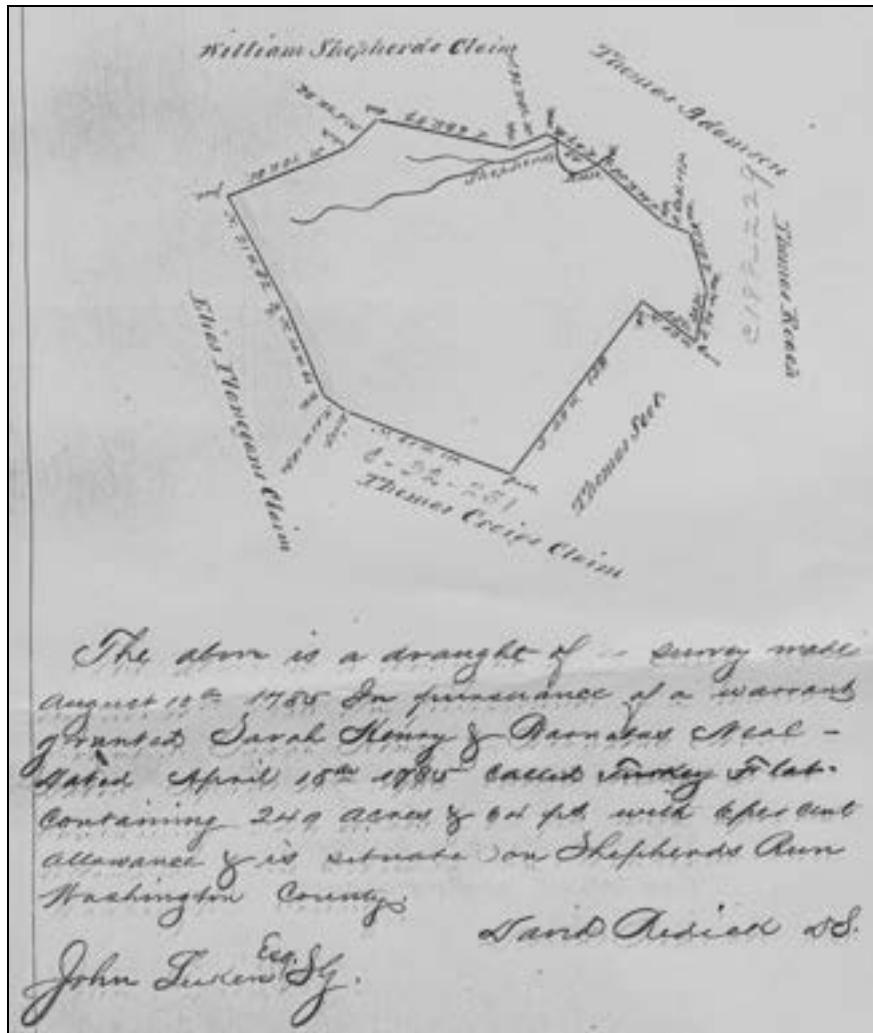
Survey:

[Abstract] Sarah, Henry & Barnabas Neal, 249 acres and 64 perches. Drawing of survey made 10 Aug 1785 in pursuance of a warrant dated 18 Apr 1785 for land called Turkey Flat, situate on Shepherds Run. David Redick, Deputy Surveyor. Neighbors were William Sheppard, Thomas Adamson, Thomas Roach, Thomas Scot, Thomas Craig, and Elias Flanagan.⁷³

Note: The picture given on the following page is a copy of the original survey drawn by David Redick, Deputy Surveyor, and John Lukens, Esq., Surveyor. My photocopy of the original survey is not as clean and is a negative print so will not reproduce well.

⁷² Washington Co., Pennsylvania Warrant #8, Roll 1028809; note returned 26 Aug 1793.

⁷³ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Survey, Vol. N, p. 267; Note that drawing is also in *The Horn Papers*, Vol. III, by W. F. Horn, 1945.



Patent:

Patent to land issued 4 Jan 1794, to above land, said tract now called "Union" to Samuel Harrod & Sarah his wife, Henry Neal, and Barnabas Neal. It states that this was Sarah Neal, since intermarried with Samuel Harrod.⁷⁴

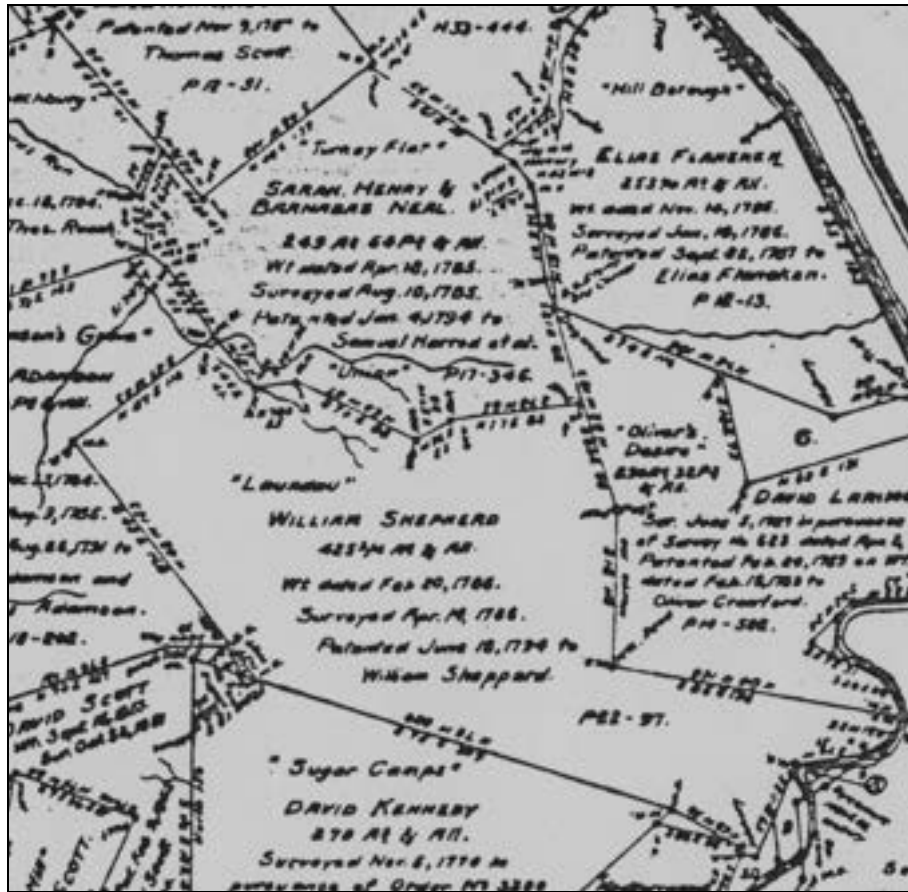
Lastly, a partition of this land was filed in April Term 1798 (although the case file has not yet been located) by "Samuel Harrod and Sarah, his wife, which Sarah was one of the devisees of Barnabas O'Neel, deceased, vs. Henry O'Neel and Barnabas O'Neel, issued 6th Jan 1798, Summons in Partition."⁷⁵ A partition suit is generally initiated to seek a division of land.

Barnet O'Neel also is noted in several petitions filed at the state level. These documents were often undated until their presentation in legislative records. Since all are after Barnet's death, it was either a multiyear process, or Barnet's two male children were listed on the petitions by their guardian as landowners.

⁷⁴ Washington Co., Pennsylvania Patent, Vol. P3, pp. 110-113; Vol. P17, p. 346.

⁷⁵ Greene Co., Pennsylvania Appearance Docket, Vol. 1, p. 44, filed by John Trump for the Harrods.

Original Land Patents, Cumberland Twp., from Volume III of the *Horn Papers*:



At the Virginia State Library in Richmond, Dr. Raymond M. Bell located a petition to His Excellency, Governor Benjamin Harrison of Virginia, which was presented on 22 Jun 1782. “We the Petitioners Inhabitants of that part of Territory North of Masons and Dixons Line and West of the Laurel Hill seems to be considered by Pennsylvania to be within their jurisdiction and their Court authority; both by their Courts of Justice and Militia Law, has been actually to a considerable distance extended over us that have settled under the faith of Virginia and they pretend it is by your Consent ... you have not by Proclamation or otherwise given us Publick notice that you have cast us off and given us up to Pennsylvania. This makes us think that we are bound by our oaths not to pay elegiance to any other state untill we are discharged in a regular way from our former elegiance; for these reasons we have not submitted to their authority until the line is settled and actually run” Barnet Neal, George Teagarden, Samuel Harrod, William Hard [?], Felix Hughes, Felix Hughes Jr., Thomas Hughes, Ezekiel Morris, Henry O’Neal, Henry Vanmatre, and others on the Monongahela signed this petition.⁷⁶

A sister document, the petition (with a map) to form a new state, from inhabitants of the west side of the Laurel Hill Mountains, was delivered to Congress Jan. 1783. The

⁷⁶ Vogt, Helen Elizabeth. *Genealogy and Biographical Sketches of Descendants of Abraham Teagarden*, 1967, revised 1988, pp. 37-39; also found in *Petitions from Yohogania County, Virginia*, by Raymond M. Bell, in *The Virginia Genealogist*, 17:3 (1973), pp. 216-223.

document itself has no date. “That your Petitioners have long laboured under the most intolerable Grievances from the unhappy dispute between the Commonwealths of Virginia and Pennsylvania” ... “that your Honourable Body will be pleased to take their unhappy Situation under your immediate Consideration and lay off a New State upon these Western Waters...” Among the nearly 1000 who sign are included: “William Herrod, Samuel Herrod, Benjamin Lemmon, Felix Hughes, Henry Neal, Barney Neal, John Hughes” all in order, with Henry, Joseph, Jesse, and Absalom Vanmeter just a couple names above. The surnames Roach, Swan, and Pigman, are all nearby. The new state was to be called Westsylvania.⁷⁷



I must finish this story of Barnet O’Neel with how others usually begin, with the traditional account provided by Thomas Hughes in “My Family Memoirs,” written in 1874 and copied in every history of Greene County, Pennsylvania. “Settling in the Valley of Virginia, in Loudoun county, before the year 1739, Thomas Hughes, son of Felime or Phelime Hughes, and his wife and with his brother Felime or Felix Hughes, all from Inver in Donegal, Ulster, first laid the foundation of the family in this country. Thomas Hughes in early life had married his cousin Bridget O’Neill, unto whom were born three children... The children of Thomas Hughes and his wife Bridget, were: Phelime, John,

⁷⁷ Papers of Continental Congress, 1774-1789, Series M247, Roll 62, Item 48, *Memorials of People in Illinois, Kaskaskia, and Kentucky, 1780-1789*, pp. 251-253. Note: The typed list of same, entitled *Two Lists of Early Residents in Southwestern Pennsylvania*, by Helen L. Harriss, C.G., 1984, is full of transcription errors. In the above alone, she skips Jesse Vanmeter, and has Absalom as Abraham. Mrs. Harris believes that this is a door to door list.

Thomas.... Felix Hughes was born at Inver, County Donegal, Ireland, in 1723, and died in Greene county, Pa., in 1805.”⁷⁸

Don Corbly in his book on Pastor John Corbly correctly identifies Frederick Co VA as their origin and gives a detailed summary of a 1768 migration, although references are not provided in this section:

In early 1768 Jacob VanMeter, together with John Swan Sr and others, toured the lands then claimed as part of northwestern Virginia. They decided to sell their properties in the Winchester vicinity and relocate on land granted for their service in the French and Indian War. A company of fifty-two people was formed in Maryland and Virginia to cross over the mountains and select homes west of the Monongahela River which was then classed as the extreme western frontier. These early settlers consisted mostly of families, not just roaming individuals. Some of the heads of the families were Felix and Thomas Hughes; John and Charles Swan, and the large, extended VanMeter family. Other settlers included Letitia (Strode) and Jacob VanMeter, William Harrod, Coleman Brown, John Rice Jr., James Kincaid, Richard Chenoweth, Elias Garard, and David Heaton.

They came by way of Neacolin’s Path. Six miles east of the present location of Uniontown they left the Braddock Road and went to Old Fort Redstone where Brownsville now stands, and then ten miles to the mouth of Ten Mile Creek, so named because that was the distance to it from Redstone Fort. They crossed the Monongahela River at Fredericktown and traveled toward George and Margaret Hupp’s cabin about one-half mile up Ten Mile Creek, the stopping point for most settlers coming to this region. Margaret Hupp was the first white woman mentioned in history to live west of the Monongahela River.

The men left their families with the Hupps while they selected locations for future homes near Muddy Creek. They reached Carmichaels (in present-day Greene County, Pennsylvania) and tomahawked such land as they wanted along Muddy Creek in what was known as Ten Mile Country, that land lying along Ten Mile Creek, a tributary of Muddy Creek.

Jacob VanMeter and some other VanMeters settled on Pumpkin Run, others became the first settlers of Muddy Creek. Felix Hughes and Thomas Hughes built their cabins near Carmichaels; Charles Swan selected a place about one mile west of Carmichaels; and Jacob VanMeter, the patriarch, decided to settle on lower Muddy Creek in then Augusta (now Greene) County.

The top priority was the construction of forts for mutual protection from the murderous Indians. Working together, four men erected forts near each other on bottom land beginning at a point two miles west of the mouth of Muddy Creek and two miles north of Carmichaels. Jacob VanMeter built Fort VanMeter on Muddy Creek. John Swan built Fort Swan on Swans Run and Henry VanMeter built his Fort VanMeter on Swans Run not far from John Swan’s fort. Returning to their homes by Gerrardstown they brought back their remaining family members, slaves, and such household goods as could be carried on pack horses.

Jacob VanMeter was granted 400 acres (Application Number 2405, dated April 3, 1769) and a grant for a 211 tract he called Burgundy on the west side of the Monongahela River. John Swan, Thomas Hughes and Henry VanMeter, brother of Jacob, were also granted bounty land for transporting migrating families.⁷⁹

Greene County historian, Howard L. Leckey, states: “About 1767, Thomas Gist led a party of Maryland and Virginia people to the Tenmile Country to settle on land

⁷⁸ Hughes, Thomas. *My Family Memoirs*, 2nd edition (compiled 1874). Baltimore, MD: King Brothers, 1918, p. 8-9, 14.

⁷⁹ Corbly, Don. *Pastor John Corbly*, p.

which had been sold December 12, 1757, by John Owens, Indian Trader at Fort Pitt, to Abraham Teagarden of Frederick County, Maryland. The subsequent transfers of this land have not been found to show how John Swan, pioneer, obtained the land, which he later patented. The party led by Gist included in addition to Swan, the Henry Vanmeter family, the James Hughes family, the Hillers, the O'Neals, and probably the family of Thomas Foster, half brother of John Swan, pioneer, all of whom settled close together, between the Tenmile and Muddy Creek."⁸⁰

Gregg L. Neel states in his Neel genealogy that "tradition relates that two of Felix Hughes' cousins, Henry and Barnet (Barnabas, Barny) O'Neil, who were about the age of his own sons, one of whom was Thomas Hughes, were with him. It has been said that the O'Neil boys were orphans, however, there is no documentary proof of this, except that the O'Neil boys came without any others of that name, as far as it is known."⁸¹

I started my genealogical research as a Cub Scout project in 1969, about the time that Gregg Neel was preparing his book. In the forty years since, genealogists have published record indexes and abstracts of all types, and in the last five years, images of documents have begun appearing in online databases. The art of genealogy is so much easier now and the references are at our fingertips in many cases.

I have found no evidence that Barnet O'Neil was in Loudoun Co., Virginia, although there are several families of our surname located in Loudoun and neighboring Fairfax County. The Baltimore County, Maryland deed of Barnet O'Neil, which links the Frederick Co VA man to his father Henry, had not been discovered by earlier researchers. This deed led to the estate file of Henry O'Neil in Baltimore which clearly identifies just three heirs, Elizabeth, Mary, and Barnet – no child with the name of Henry. The assumption that Barnet's orphaned brother, the Revolutionary soldier, Henry O'Neil of Fayette Co PA was just a guess. DNA tests of descendants of the two families yield a similar background, but not close enough to be brothers. There was no clue in the 1970s of the link to Sarah and James Seal who followed the same migration path to Greene Co PA. Barnet still had a mother living and, technically, was not an orphan. It was the next generation, the two children of Barnet and Mary, the brothers Henry and Barnet, along with a sister Sarah, who were the orphaned children. Bridget (O'Neill) Hughes has not yet been documented in the historical record, but the Hughes family was from the same Deer Creek neighborhood as our Henry O'Neil.

Who is Mary O'Neil? I have no idea at this point. Barnett O'Neale was obviously married by 21 Oct 1771 when he and "wife Mary" sold his father's tract, Murdaugh's Chance on Deer Creek, as a resident of Frederick Co VA. Genealogists advise to examine the witnesses, and John Harris and Jeremiah Sheredine signed to Mary's release of the property (separate from her husband).⁸² This is fascinating, because the late Dale Neel in my local Huron County Chapter OGS at Norwalk OH descended from William and Ann (Sheridan) Neel of Guernsey Co OH and Harford Co MD. We'll have to compare DNA closely as we had at one time decided that the two clans were not related. The Cox family in Baltimore/Harford Co MD, the purchasers of Murdaugh's Chance, could also be

⁸⁰ Leckey, Howard L. *Tenmile Country and Its Pioneer Families, a Genealogical History of the Upper Monongahela Valley*. Waynesburg, PA: Greene County Historical Society, 1977, p. 169.

⁸¹ Neel, Gregg Livingstone. *The Ancestors of Gregg Livingstone Neel*. Pittsburgh, PA: Gregg L. Neel, 1973, p. 3.

⁸² Baltimore Co. MD Deeds, Book AC D, pp. 325-329. Maryland State Archives.

connected to Mary. The Barnet O'Neel estate executors, Thomas Hughes or Thomas Johnston, could be connected to Mary. She might be related to the Murdock or Morris families who are always intertwined. Hopefully we will discover Mary's identity with further research.

Children of Barnet and Mary O'Neel:

1. Sarah O'Neel, probably born about 1770; married Samuel Harrod (1769-1832)
2. Henry O'Neel, born by 1772; died after 1821; married Elizabeth Vanmeter
3. Barnet O'Neel, born 1776; died 1860; married 1799 Martha Hughes (1781-1857)
4. Infant O'Neel, died a day or two prior to 6 Mar 1779

Henry Neel ca. 1772 – after 1821:

Henry Neel, eldest son of Barnet and Mary O'Neel, was born by 1772, as he appears on a tax valuation of 1793 and should have been at least age 21, the age of majority, at that time.⁸³ The 1800 census lists him as age 26 and older, so he definitely was born by 1774.⁸⁴ The location of birth could have been Frederick Co VA or he may have been born in what is now Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA.

Not many children are mentioned in court records prior to adulthood, but Henry apparently appears in many such documents. He is called "my eldest son Henry" in the will of Bernard O'Neil of Monongalia Co VA, dated 10 Nov 1778, and all real and personal estate was to be divided among the children.⁸⁵

The names Henry Neal and Barney Neal appear on a petition from the inhabitants of the west side of the Laurel Hill Mountains to the President of Congress, identified as being delivered in January 1783. Various writers have stated that several children are noted on this petition as well as the names of some who were deceased. Orphaned brothers, Henry and Barney, aged about 11 and 7 at this time, were certainly landowners.⁸⁶

Sarah Neale, Henry Neal, and Barney (Barnabas) Neale appear on the application for warrant, warrant, survey (all 1785), and patent (1794) for the 249 acre tract Turkey Flat, later called Union, where Shepherd's Run enters the Monongahela River in Cumberland Twp.⁸⁷

The family has not been located in the 1790 census. Perhaps the three children are living with their guardian or working for neighborhood families. Henry Neel appears on the 1793 Cumberland Township Valuation with 2 cows and is taxed .8 shillings. A second tax list notes two horned cattle. William Seaton's Day Book, a store account for the year 1793, has two mentions of Henry O'Neal, once "per order to Charity Noland"

⁸³ 1793 Valuation, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA.

⁸⁴ 1800 Census, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 54.

⁸⁵ Washington Co PA Will Packet, #13 ½.

⁸⁶ *1783 Memorials of People of Illinois, Kaskaskia, and Kentucky, 1780-1789*, Papers of Continental Congress 1774-1789, Series M247, Roll 62, pp. 251-253.

⁸⁷ Application for Warrant, roll 984956; Warrant, roll 1028809; Survey, Vol. N, p. 267; Patent, Vol. P3, p. 110-113 and Vol. P17, p. 346, Washington Co PA.

and another order “per Tony Heller”.⁸⁸ By 1794, the valuation, tax list, and return all survive, and Henry Neel owns 2 horses, 3 cows, and the south part of a tract of land, being 170 acres. A 1796 census for Cumberland Township, entitled “Mens Names”, and the valuation note that Henry Neel is a blacksmith, has 160 acres of land, 1 horse, 1 horned cattle, and a house. The 1797 tax list says indicates that Henry Neel had 160 acres valued at \$560, with 25 acres cleared, 1 house, an orchard valued at \$25, 4 horses valued at \$130, 3 cows valued at \$24, and his occupation was blacksmith. The Direct Tax for Cumberland Twp., lists Henry Neil on 160 acres, the original property owner being George Gregg. Henry has 1 log timbered dwelling measuring 18 by 16, a smith shop 14 by 12, a stable 12 by 10, and his lands adjoin Wm. Shepard and Jno. Trump.⁸⁹

Neil Henry	same	1 house	18 by 16	1	60	1 smith shop 14 by 12 feet 1 stable 12 by 12 feet	Wm Shepard Jno Trump 20 others
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The 1799 tax list notes just 70 acres of 2nd rate land valued at \$420, with 33 additional acres cleared valued at \$33, a house worth \$40, 4 horses at \$240, 1 cow at \$10, blacksmith tools \$12. for a total real and personal property valuation of \$755. Henry Neel seemed well on the way of becoming successful like his father and grandfather in the respected trade of blacksmith.

The Greene Co PA partition suit, aforementioned, filed in April Term 1799, mentions Henry and Barnabas O’Neel as defendants in a filing by Samuel and Sarah Harrod, all being devisees of Barnabas O’Neel, deceased.⁹⁰ Union was no longer an undivided parcel.

Henry Neal appears in the 1800 federal census in Cumberland Township with 3 males 0 to 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female 0 to 10, and 1 female 26-45.⁹¹ Another business account, that of Christian Steinbeck, is said to list Henry O’Neal and Barnabas Neil that year.⁹²

This same year, Henry Neel makes the first of several appearances in common pleas court. This might give us some idea of his personality.

1800 June Term, James McAllister vs. Henry O’Neel, replevin and served and the property delivered to plaintiff.⁹³

1803 June Term, Isaac Sharp vs. Henry O’Neal, summons trespass for assaulting, beating, wounding, biting, and ill treating the plaintiff; judgment for costs.⁹⁴

1803 September Term, Tench Cox, Supervisor for the Revenue for the District of Pennsylvania, vs. Henry O’Neal, debt \$36.96, with interest, judgment by consent with costs.⁹⁵

⁸⁸ *William Seaton’s Day Book*, abstract accessed form www.cornerstonegenealogy.com/william_seaton-day_book.htm

⁸⁹ *1798 Direct Tax for Pennsylvania*, Microcopy 372, Roll 24, National Archives and Records Administration.

⁹⁰ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 1, p. 44.

⁹¹ 1800 Census, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 54.

⁹² 1800 Account Book of Christian Steinbeck, in *Cornerstone Clues*, Vol. XV, No. 4, Nov. 1990.

⁹³ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 2, p. 35, recorded March Term 1801, No. 24.

⁹⁴ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 2, p. 225, recorded December Term 1804, No. 23.

⁹⁵ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 2, p. 255, recorded 6 Jun 1804.

1804 December Term, Isaac Sharp vs. Henry O'Neal, judgment for the defendant made known in the presence of John Trump and Ayliff Shepherd.⁹⁶

1806 March Term, Robert Campbell vs. Henry O'Neale, breaking and entering the still house of the plaintiff; taking whiskey and rye meal; writ not served.⁹⁷

1807 November Term, John Trump vs. Andrew Kennedy, Henry O'Neal, and Thomas Swan; rules for the case were issued in 1808 by the Clerk in New Lancaster, Muskingum Co OH, as one of the parties had moved there.⁹⁸

1808 August Term, James Rusa vs. Henry Neal, appeal by defendant from the judgment of Jonathan Johnson, Esquire, \$75.97, with interest.⁹⁹

Some of these cases are pretty serious. My guess is that the root cause might be related to his distillery. The 1801 tax list is unchanged from 1799. Neal has 70 acres 2nd rate land, 33 acres cleared, 1 house, 4 horses, 1 cow, and is a blacksmith – total value \$743. But in the next surviving list, 1803, along with the land, house, and a “cabben” barn, 5 horses and 4 cows, he now has a distillery – value \$1013. The tax value remained fairly steady, \$1045 in 1804, \$918 in 1805, but the distillery didn't last long. It was more profitable in those days for farmers to haul liquor over the mountains to sell than corn, but Henry might have been drinking some of his profits judging from all his activity in court.

A handwritten document, likely a tax list, with the heading "Neal Henry" and "1803". The list is organized into two columns. The left column lists items and their values, and the right column shows a running total. The items listed are: 70 acres of Land (470), 26 acres Cleared (22), 1 house (20), 5 horses (240), 2 cows (16), and 1 Distillery (200). The final total value is 918.

Item	Value	Total
70 acres of Land	470	
26 acres Cleared	22	
1 house	20	
5 horses	240	
2 cows	16	
1 Distillery	200	918

By an indenture dated 20 Oct 1806, Henry Neil and wife Elizabeth of Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA sell to Barnard Neil of Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA, for a consideration of \$800, part of a tract of land on the waters of Shepherd's run in Cumberland Twp., the same granted by the Commonwealth to Henry, Barnard, and Sarah Neil by patent dated 4 Jan 1794, border to William Shepherd, Elias Flanagan, John Trump, and Barnard Neil (a part of the same tract), containing 83 ¼ acres. Henry Neil [sic] signed his own name; Elizabeth made her mark. The witnesses were Felix Hughes and Richard Morris. Elizabeth was examined separately the same day by Thos. Hughes JP, and the action was recorded 8 Nov 1810 by John Boreman, Recorder.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁶ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 3, p. 89, recorded June Term 1803, No. 12.

⁹⁷ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 3, p. 194, issued 10 Feb 1806.

⁹⁸ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 3, p. 314, issued 1808.

⁹⁹ Greene Co PA Appearance Docket, Vol. 3, p. 368, filed 22 Aug 1808.

¹⁰⁰ Greene Co PA Deeds, Vol. 2/2B, pp. 203-204 (510 ½-511).

This was apparently all Henry's share in Turkey Flat/Union, as in the 1807 tax list, Henry Neel is not listed. Barney Neel has the entire property.¹⁰¹ Henry Neel remains without land in the 1809 tax list, but has 1 horse and 1 cow valued at \$48. Barnet Neel is listed with the farm, but this is crossed out with the strange notation in the margin "Removed, charged to Petter [sic] Heller."¹⁰² Henry Neel is still listed in the 1810 census with 3 males 0 to 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26 to 45, 2 females 0 to 10, 1 female 16 to 26, and 1 female 26 to 45.¹⁰³

Little is noted in the court records until 15 July 1817 when William S. Carmichael and his wife Nancy of Greene Co PA sell to Henry Neel of the same, for the consideration of \$60, Lot 49 in the plan of the town of Lisbon, Greene Co., fronting Market Street, 50 feet between Lot 50 and Gooseberry Alley, 150 feet back, being part of a larger tract patented to the heirs of James Carmichael, deceased, and by them surveyed and divided by deed of conveyance dated 17 Mar 1817, witnessed by Jay Thompson and Ayliff Shepherd.¹⁰⁴ This return to land ownership was short lived, as Henry Neel and his wife Elizabeth of Greene Co PA, on 15 Jun 1818, sell to Eleazer Luse, Jr., of the same location, in consideration of \$60, Lot 49 in the plan of the town of Lisbon. This was signed by Henry Neel [sic] and his wife Elizabeth made her mark. Witnesses were Elzr. Luse and Isaac Young, Jr. Elizabeth was examined separately, as was the practice, to assure that she was okay with the transaction.¹⁰⁵

Landless again, Henry Neel remains in Cumberland Twp., as he is listed in the 1820 census with 1 male 16 to 18, 3 males 16 to 26, 1 male over 45, 2 females 10 to 16, and 1 female over 45. Neighbors were Archibald Watt and Ann Prater.¹⁰⁶ In the 1821 enumeration of the inhabitants of Greene Co PA, Barnet O'Neal was a smith, Thomas Neel was a farmer, Henry Neel was a blacksmith, and Barnet Neel, Jr., was a blacksmith. It appears that Henry dropped the distillery and carried on his original trade.¹⁰⁷

Henry Neel is not listed in Greene Co PA in the 1830 census unless he is living in someone's household. The 1821 enumeration is the last record found. His death date is unknown. No estate record has been found. His children (only four names known) remained in Cumberland Township until about 1847 when they all moved westward into Ohio. The impetus for that move is not known.

The only evidence for the maiden name of Henry's wife is from the family Bible of their son. It reads: "John Neel son of Henry and Elizabeth Neel formerly (Vanmeter) of Green [sic] Co Penn was born November 2d, 1797." The Vanmeter family has been well studied by others and the identification of Elizabeth has been troublesome. I have always wondered if Elizabeth (Vanmeter) Neel was the widow of William Thomas who was killed by Indians in West Virginia in 1789. This young widow with a small child, William Thomas, Jr. (born 17 Dec 1788), would have returned to her parents in Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA – Henry and Martha Vanmeter – just around the corner from the Neel family. Vanmeter web sites record her birth in the 1750s, way too early to match our Elizabeth, but there is no basis for their dates and the alignment of Henry

¹⁰¹ 1807 Tax List, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 21.

¹⁰² 1809 Tax List, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 26-27.

¹⁰³ 1810 Census, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 113.

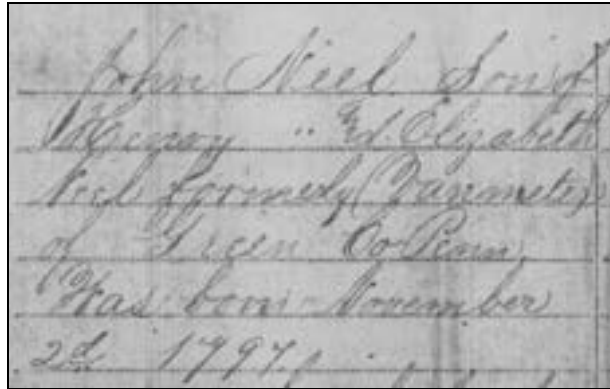
¹⁰⁴ Greene Co PA Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 74.

¹⁰⁵ Greene Co PA Deeds, Vol. 4, p. 76.

¹⁰⁶ 1820 Census, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 334.

¹⁰⁷ 1820 Enumeration of Inhabitants of Greene Co PA.

Vanmeter's children. With a first child born in 1788, she could have been born around 1770 and just a year or two older than our Henry Neel. Although Henry Vanmeter left an 1803 will naming his daughter Elizabeth, with special bequests to his grandson William Thomas, the estate packet, which might include a receipt showing the surname of Elizabeth, is missing from the courthouse. Henry and Elizabeth (Vanneter) Neel's first child was born in 1792, so the above scenario is quite plausible.



The story of the William Thomas Indian Massacre is related in the *Horn Papers* in detail, which, unfortunately, has been deemed inaccurate in a study published in the *William and Mary Quarterly*. We'll give the account here anyway:

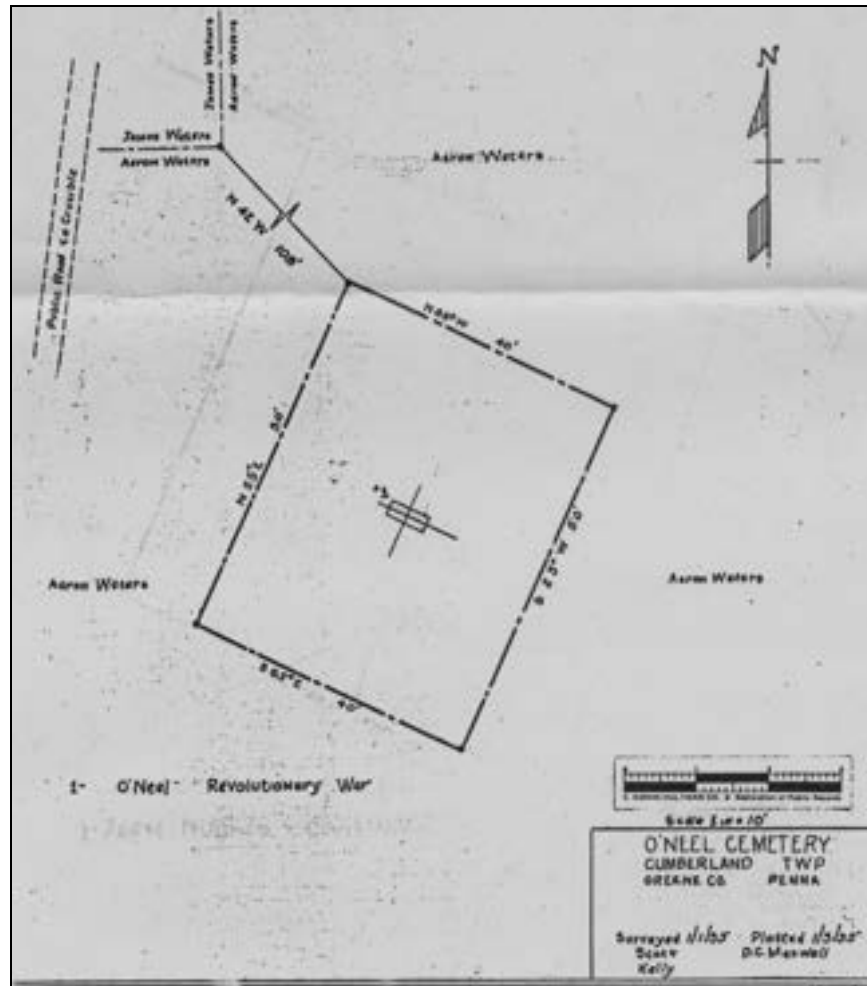
“About 1785, William Thomas and Elizabeth his bride, the daughter of Henry Van Meter of Carmichaels, Greene County, moved to the waters of Dunkard Creek on a branch of the creek now known as Miracle Run. They occupied the land which is now the home of Ralph Thomas, in Battelle District, Monongalia County, about two and one-half miles west of Blacksville, West Virginia, near the Mason and Dixon line. At this time there were no other settlers closer than the town of Blacksville and this part of the country was a wilderness. He took with him a team of horses, a plough, and other farm implements, built a log cabin, and proceeded to clear his land.

“On April 21, 1789, the Mingo Indians were scouring the country for horses and other loot. George Washington has just been elected the first President of the United States and was about to be sworn into this office in the city of New York. Late in the afternoon of that day, when William Thomas was working with his horses in a field near the log cabin, a band of roving Indians appeared at the edge of the clearing on the point about the house and fired several shots at him. One or more of the bullets hit him, but he leaped over the bank of a small stream in the edge of the clearing and hid himself in the top of a large fallen tree. There he stuffed leaves into the wound in order to prevent bleeding to death.

“His wife and infant son were in the cabin at the time. Hearing the shots, she snatched the infant from his cradle and ran to the thicket. There that night she made her way to her father's fort at Blacksville, where a posse was organized and sent to the scene of the massacre. There they found Thomas' body and buried him in what is now the family cemetery, a few yards from where he died. The posse then trailed the Indians, who had taken the horses with them, and crossed the Ohio River a short distance below Wheeling, where the pursuit ended.”¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁸ Horn, W. F. *The Horn Papers*, Vol. I, p. 218, 723.

Vanmeter family genealogists place the birth of William Thomas Sr as having occurred in 1749 and they have given a ca. 1761 date for Elizabeth's birth putting her about ten years older than what might be a likely age for our scenario.¹⁰⁹ Unfortunately, the Henry Vanmeter estate packet is not in the court files. The 1803 Greene Co PA will does survive and the Vanmeter daughters, including Elizabeth, each receive "five shillings lawful money in addition to what I have already given them." Surnames were not provided. "To my said Grandson William Thomas I will and bequeath one horse, one breeding mare, two cows, one set of plow irons and gears, six sheep, and bed and bedding, and also it is my will and desire that he shall have an equal divide with the other legatees in my personal estate." If fact, if the son John VanMatre [sic] does not survive, William Thomas is to have a "tract of land containing two hundred and fifty acres" in Hampshire County, Virginia. It is interesting that Daniel Murdock was listed as an adjoining landowner in Greene Co PA and none other than Thomas Hughes was a witness to the will.¹¹⁰



¹⁰⁹ Heidgerd, William. *The American Descendants of Chretien du Bois of Wicres, France*. New Paltz, NY: Du Bois Family Association, 1970, part 4, section D-169 and E-409.

¹¹⁰ Greene Co PA Wills, v. 1, p. 35-36, FHL 864503.

We do not know when Henry Neel or his wife Elizabeth (Vanmeter) Neel died, nor do we know where they were buried. The earliest members of the Neel and Hughes families are set to be buried in the O'Neel cemetery adjacent to the Barnet O'Neel Jr home on the Crucible-Carmichaels Road in Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA. Shepherd's Methodist Church and cemetery also adjoined the original Neel property. There is some thought that the original family burials were at that location. Perhaps a clue to the demise of Henry and Elizabeth Neel will turn up in court cases at some point. Something must have happened in the late 1840s to trigger all the Neel children, then nearing fifty years of age, to move to Ohio.



Children of Henry and Elizabeth (Vanmeter) Neel [incomplete]:

1. Barnet Neel [spelled Neal], born 1792; died 1869; married Mary Young
2. James Neel, born 1795; died 1863; married first Eliza Kelley; married second Nancy "Ann" [-----]
3. John Neel, born 1797; died 1872; married 1825 Sarah Hempstead
4. Henry Neel, born 1802; died 1850s; married Mary Williams

Note: Census records indicate several daughters but we have not located reference to any of them yet in the literature.

John Neel 1797 – 1872

John Neel's Bible specifically states that "John Neel Son of Henry and Elizabeth Neel formerly (Vanmeter) of Greene Co Penn was born November 2d, 1797" and "Sarah Neel formerly (Hempstead) was born March the 8th A.D. 1801" and "John Neel and Sarah Hempstead was married April A.D. 1825" and "Sarah Neel wife of John Neel died Feb. the 3rd A.D. 1869" and "John Neel Died Oct. 28, 1872 aged 74 years 11 Mo 26."

¹¹¹Bible records are certainly great during the time period in which vital records are lacking.

A photocopy of the Bible record was shared by Mary Ann Sarconi of Brookpark, Ohio, a granddaughter of Marion Neel.

John Neel son of Henry and Elizabeth Neel (formerly Vanmeter) of Greene Co Penn was born November 2nd, 1797

Sarah Neel formerly Hempstead was born March the 8th, A.D. 1801

Children

Susana S. Neel, born February the 1st, A.D. 1826

John E. Neel, born July 3rd, A.D. 1827

Henry Neel, born August 16th, A.D. 1829

Sarah Neel was born Jan. 30th, A.D. 1832

Eliza H. Neel was born Nov. the 25th, A.D. 1833

Felix H. Neel was born October 24th, A.D. 1835

William T. Neel was born August 20th, A.D. 1837

Elizabeth Neel, born March 9th, A.D. 1839

Barnet Neel, born February 5th, 1841

Asby Neel was born April the 20th, A.D. 1844

John Neel and Sarah Hempstead was married April A.D. 1825

John E. Neel and Elizabeth Sharpneck was married Aug. 23rd, A.D. 1857

Henry Neel and Martha Vanmeter was married Nov. 29, A.D. 1849

Alexander G. Curl and Sarah Neel was married Nov. 3, 1848

Eliza H. Neel and John Weatherspoon was married March 5th, A.D. 1858

Felix H. Neel and Mary Taylor was married December 19th, A.D. 1859

Elizabeth Neel and S.S. Shively was married April 3rd, A.D. 1861

Barnet Neel and Delilah Weaver was married February the 5th, A.D. 1867

Henry Neel and Mary P. Mathers was married August the 3, 1877

Asby Neel son of John and Sarah Neel died April 1st, 1864

Sarah Neel wife of John Neel died Feb. the 3rd, A.D. 1869

John Neel died Oct. 28, 1872, aged 74 years 11 mo 26

Sarah Curl died June 3, 1888

John E. Neel died Feb. the 14th, 1888

Henry Neel died April 5, 1900

Susana S. Edwards died Feb. 17, 1904

Eliza Witherspoon died March 22, 1904

Elizabeth Shively died March 26, 1915

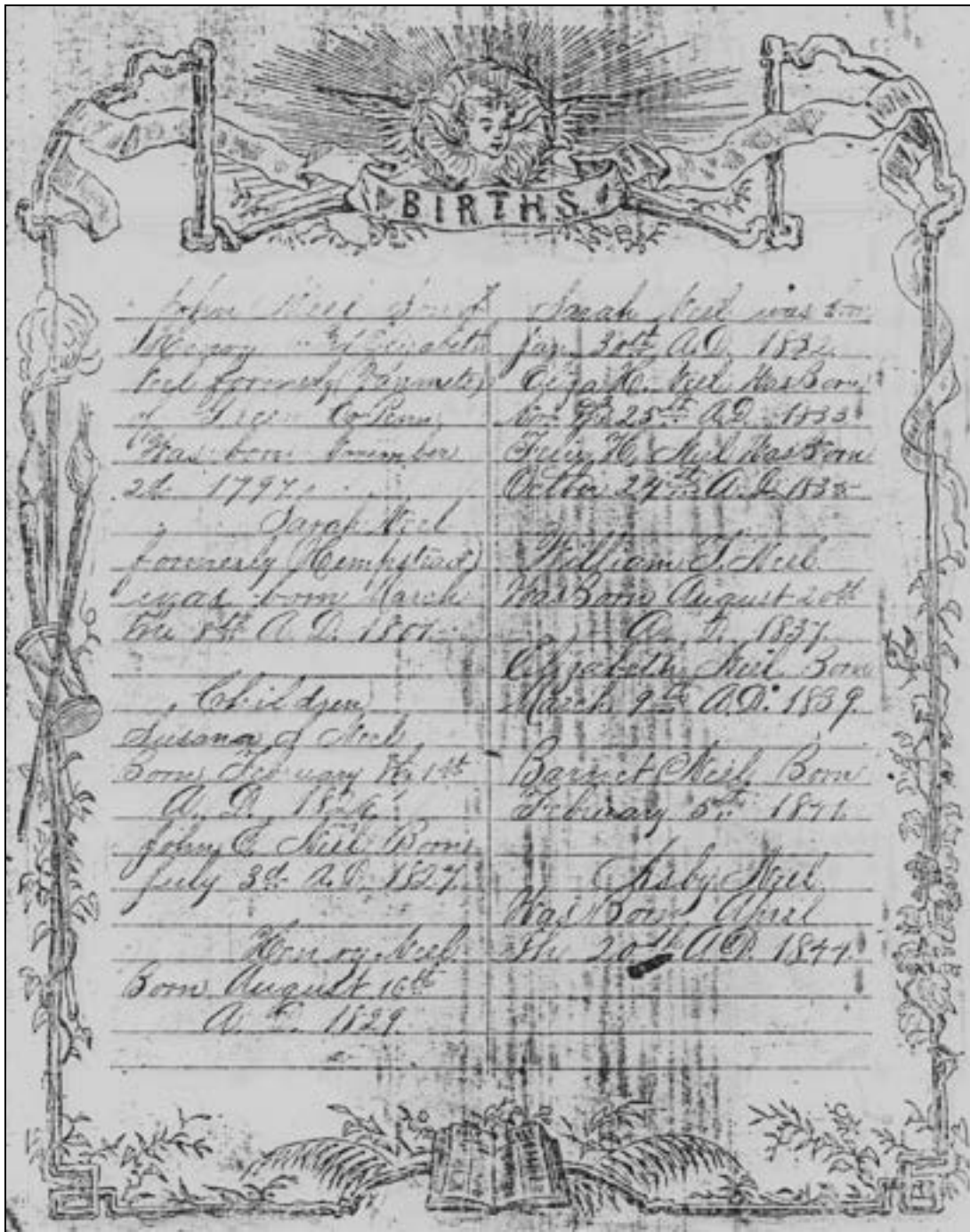
Felix H. Neel died September 5, 1916

William Neel died June 25, 1913

Barnet Neel died October 14, 1923¹¹²

¹¹¹ John Neel Family Bible. Philadelphia: Parmelee & Company. Owned by Mary Ann (Neel) Sarconi, Brookpark OH, 1988.

¹¹² John Neel Family Bible, photocopy from Mary Ann Sarconi, Brookpark OH, 17 Oct 1988



There are also other records to supplement the above statements of birth, marriage, and death. The 1840 census for Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, is written in the Maryland fashion with our ancestor's name as "John Neil of Henry" giving the parental name to distinguish him from a cousin John nearby.¹¹³

¹¹³ 1840 Census, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 97.

William Thompson	1	2	2	2		
Alexander Davidson		2	1		1	1
John Neil of Kemp	2	1	1			1
William Cloud				1	1	

Of course, their tombstones in Moultrie Cemetery, Row 6, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH say “John Neel 1797-1872 Father” and “Sarah Neel 1801-1869 Mother”.¹¹⁴



Further, the Columbiana County death ledger survives. Sarah Neel, born Fayette Co PA, died in West Twp., Columbiana Co OH on 9 Feb 1869, married, aged 67 years. She suffered from phlebitis according to B. S. Dibble, M.D. On the same page is John Neel, born PA, died in Bayard OH on 1 Nov 1872, married, aged 79 years, 11 months. The cause of death was unknown.¹¹⁵ Note that both death dates are a few days later than the Bible indicates.

As mentioned, John Neel was living in Cumberland Township, Greene Co PA in 1830 with 2 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 40-50, 2 females under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, and 1 female 30-40. Neighbors were Alexander Davidson and William Cloud.¹¹⁶

John Neel’s first real estate transaction was dated 14 Mar 1834 but actually predates this by several years. By arrangement with Ayliff Shepherd of Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, John Neel began paying Shepherd \$101 on 1 Apr 1825 followed by three additional equal payments each successive year for a tract of land that, by the will

¹¹⁴ Flavell [later Bell], Carol Willsey. Columbiana County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. 2, 1977, p. 149; also multiple personal visits,

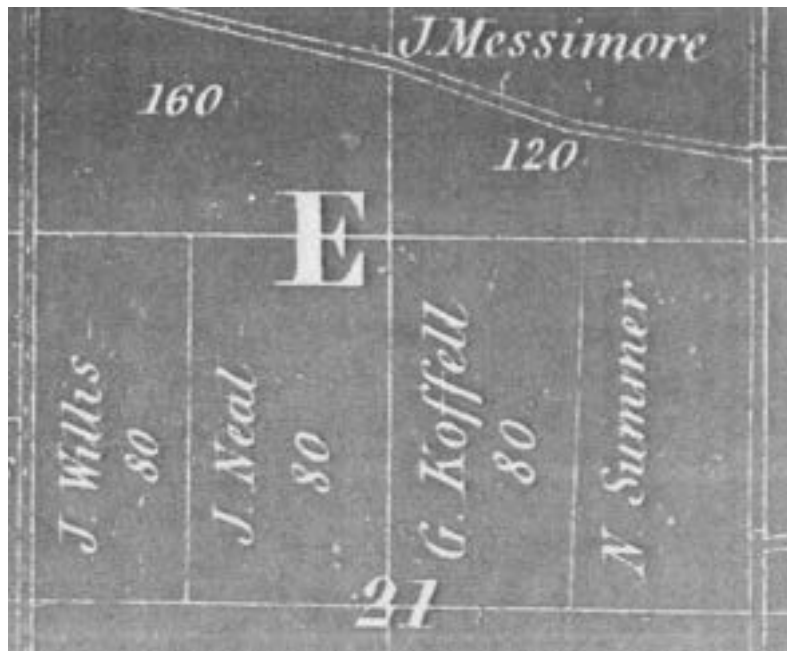
¹¹⁵ Record of Deaths, Probate Court, Columbiana Co OH, Vol. 1, p. 188-189, lines 8 and 26.

¹¹⁶ 1840 Census, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, p. 97.

of Pearson Shepherd, was subject to the maintenance of Dr. Samuel Shepherd, brother of the deceased.¹¹⁷ A similar agreement was established with Thomas Horner, with payments to Shepherd to begin on 1 Apr 1835.¹¹⁸ The land tract or acreage was not specified in either agreement, but Pearson Shepherd's 1822 will identifies it as "between George Litzenburgh and Abraham Scott's farm, thence to run a straight line to the road where it crosses the line between Barnet Neel and myself, which road leads to the Methodist meeting house, and which is the east end of my place."¹¹⁹ This Shepherd tract was immediately south of the Neel family patent of Turkey Flat/Union near Shepherd's Methodist Church. These deeds, Ayliff Shepherd to John Neel, and John Neel to Thomas Horner, were not straightened out until July 1896, long after our ancestor's death.¹²⁰

On 15 Nov 1834, John Neill and his wife Sarah of Greene Co PA sold Lots 55, 56, and 57 in the town of Lisbon, "commonly called Carmichaels", to William Wiley for \$400. This parcel was described as being cut into two angular triangles by the Morgantown road running through them bounded by Market Street and extending 150 feet forward and 150 feet back to an alley. Witnesses were John B. Minor and George Haver. This was not recorded until 2 Apr 1841.¹²¹

John Neel of Columbiana Co OH purchased the east half of the northwest quarter of Sect. 21 in West Twp., Columbiana Co OH on 3 Apr 1849 from John Fifer of Columbiana Co for \$1600. Witnesses were Joseph Willis and Jesse Vanmatre.¹²² "Neal" appears in the Jacob Essick store ledger in West Township under date 25 May 1849, although they could have arrived a year or two earlier.¹²³



¹¹⁷ Greene Co PA Deeds, Vol. 7, p. 436. FHL,#0857248.

¹¹⁸ Greene Co PA Deeds, Vol. 7, p. 435, FHL #0857248.

¹¹⁹ Greene Co PA Wills, Vol. 1, p. 226-227.

¹²⁰ Greene Co PA Deeds, Vol. 60, p. 201.

¹²¹ Greene Co PA Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 303-303 ½, FHL #0857249.

¹²² Columbiana Co OH Deeds, Vol. 48, p. 81, FHL #0926951.

¹²³ *Jacob Essick Ledger 1836-1856, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH* [OGS Library photocopy].

In the 1850 census, John Neil, age 53 PA, blacksmith, with \$1625 real estate value, is listed in West Township with Sarah 49 PA, John 23 PA farmer, Sarah 18 PA, Alexander Cirl 22 PA farmer, Eliza H. Neil 17 PA, Felix 16 PA farmer, William 14 PA, Elizabeth 12 PA, Barney 9 PA, and Ashley 7 PA. Samuel Hershberger and William B. Jones, both merchants, lived next door.¹²⁴ John Neel was carrying on the blacksmith trade of several generations. There are indeed remains of a house foundation and blacksmith shop on the property.¹²⁵

John Neil	53 m.	Blacksmith 1625	Pa.
Sarah Neil	49 f.		Pa.
John Neil	23 m.	Farmer	Pa.
Sarah Neil	18 f.		Pa.
Alexander Cirl	22 m.	Farmer	Pa.
Eliza H. Neil	17 f.		Pa.
Felix Neil	16 m.	Farmer	Pa.
William Neil	14 m.		Pa.
Elizabeth Neil	12 f.		Pa.
Barney Neil	9 m.		Pa.
Ashley Neil	7 m.		Pa.

In the 1860 census, John Neal, age 62 PA, farmer, had \$3100 in real estate in West Township and \$500 in personal estate. With him were Sarah 60, Wm. 22, Elizabeth 21, Bernard 19, Asby 16, Susan Lucas 33, Thomas Lucas 5, all listed as born in Pennsylvania. Neighbors were Isaac Koffel and George Koffel.¹²⁶

The 1870 census is quite difficult to read, but John Neal, age 74 PA, farmer, is again in West Township with \$6400 in real estate and \$1000 in personal estate. Living with him are Felix 36 PA, Mary 30 OH, John 10 OH, Peoria 8 OH, and Henry 1 OH. Neighbors were Elizabeth Edwards and Joseph Beez.¹²⁷

The name John Neil appears on a list of 43 charter members of the New Alexander Christian Church, founded in 1871, an outgrowth of the Disciples of Christ church in West Township. Another entry under the spelling Neal has him marked "deceased". "Sarah Neal", presumably the ex-wife of John Neel Jr, (2 Jan 1874) and "Felex Neal" also appear on the membership increase rolls.¹²⁸

¹²⁴ 1850 Census, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH, p. 408.

¹²⁵ Email, Steve Smith to Tom Neel, 27 Sep 2000, regarding visit to Egypt Road property by Steve Smith.

¹²⁶ 1860 Census, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH, p. 147.

¹²⁷ 1870 Census, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH, p. 448.

¹²⁸ New Alexander Christian Church Centennial, photocopy of Alphabetical Register and Register A – Increase, both with no pagination.

The will of John Neel is slightly different in the probate will ledger (spelled Neil) and the will packet (spelled Neel). The packet copy is represented here:

I John Neel knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind and memory do publish this my last will and testament in form following viz.

First That my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the affects;

Second That all my property both personal and Real be disposed of to the best advantage by my Executors as they think proper within one ~~year~~ year Excepting one fourth acre of land where the Family Grave yard is now located which is not to pass by deed to any person what so ever the proceeds of the balance is to be divided into nine equal parts and paid as follows to them or their heirs To my daughter Susan Edwards one equal part to my daughter Sarah Gull one equal part to my son David one equal part to my daughter Letty Wilkes one equal part to my son Philip H. Neel one equal part to my daughter Elizabeth Shively one equal part to my son William Neel one equal part and to my son Samuel Neel Two equal parts But to my son John E. Neel I will and bequeath nothing whatsoever

I hereby appoint my true sons Philip H. Neel and Samuel Neel as my sole Executors to this my will

I do hereby revoke all my former wills by me made

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Southwell day of April 1810

John Neel

Witnessed and acknowledged by me John Neel as his last will in our presence and signed in his presence

L. S. Wilkes
John E. Neel

I John Neel knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind and memory do publish this my land will and testament in form following, viz., First, That my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the affects; Second, That all my property both personal and real be disposed of to the best advantage by my Executors as they think proper within one year after my death, Excepting one fourth acre of land

where the Family Grave Yard is now located which is not to pass by deed to any person whatsoever, the proceeds of the balance is to be divided into nine equal parts and paid as follows, to them or their heirs, To my daughter Susan Edwards one equal part, to my daughter Sarah Curl one equal part, to my son Henry Neel one equal part, to my daughter Eliza Witherspoon one equal part, to my son Felix H. Neel one equal part, to my daughter Elizabeth Shively one equal part, to my son William Neel one equal part, and to my son Barnett Neel two equal parts, But to my son John E. Neel, I will and bequeath nothing whatsoever. Third, I hereby appoint my two sons Felix H. Neel and Barnett Neel as my soul Executors to this my will. I do hereby revoke all my former wills by me made. In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of April A.D. 1870. John Neel. Signed and acknowledged by said John Neel as his last will in our presence and signed in his presence, E. D. Wickersham, John Stackman.”¹²⁹

The inventory of John Neel’s estate mentions the crops in the fields, including corn, oats, wheat, and hay.

50.	1 Scoop Shovel		25
51.	1 Key Fork	(100 of one month)	
52.	1 Lot of Corn at 40cts per bu		20 00
53.	one hundred bu of Oats (ears or less)		50 00
54.	Forty bu of wheat		60 00
55.	1/3 of hay of the west end of 3rd mow		15 00
56.	1/3 of the Hay on the back mow		22 00
57.	2 Thrashing Flails		20
58.	1 Saddle		3 00
59.	1 Large Hammer		25
60.	1/3 of freight Hays of West End of 3rd mow		30 00
61.	1 Horse		75 00

Various objects of interest include 1 old Bible, 1 chest, 3 chairs, 1 cellar cupboard, 240 ft of fencing, 1 log-chain, 1 tanning mill, 1 cross-cut saw, 1 saddle, 2 thrashing flails, 1 horse, 2 bedsteads and bedding, another Bible, and more. The total value was \$5311.80 with debts and expenses of \$484.52, and the balance for distribution. Noted were the sale of 40.47 acres of land to Henry Neel and 40.47 acres to D. Whiteleather, both on 8 Mar 1873.¹³⁰

Bible	Henry Neel	7 75
hames	John Neel	25
year	Henry Neel	9 50
family Bible	Eliza Witherspoon	95

At the estate sale, Henry Neel purchase a Bible for \$7.75, Eliza Witherspoon bought the “family Bible” for 95 cents; and John and Henry Neel each bought a picture. George Walker buys a windmill. A sorrel horse, three steers, and two hogs were also sold. Although John Neel was purposely omitted from his father’s will, there was

¹²⁹ Columbiana Co OH Estate Packet #7456, Will of John Neel. FHL #2033918; also Columbiana Co OH Will Book 3, p. 258-259.

¹³⁰ Columbiana Co OH Inventories, Probate, Vol. 20, p. 419-421.

apparently no animosity in the family and he is mentioned several times in proceedings. Perhaps he merely had already received his share.¹³¹ Or, his father might have been upset with a petition for divorce that had just been granted in May 1872 in the case, John E. Neil vs. Elizabeth Neil.¹³² Felix H. Neel submitted an Executor's claim against the estate "for work and labor of self and wife at the request of said John Neel and in his lifetime by assisting in building a barn, boarding hands, splitting rails, making fence and other work done on the farm of said John Neel from Feb. 1st, 1868 to November AD, 1872, \$100.00; for taking care of said John Neel in his last sickness, boarding visitors and others, boarding at the funeral, at the appraisalment, and at the sale of personal estate of said dec'd., \$75.00."¹³³ Each heir supplied a receipt with signatures.¹³⁴

The deed, John Neel to David Whiteleather, by Executor, for part of Section 21 in West Township was filed in 1873.¹³⁵ There is no such instrument for the land that Henry Neel received per the notes in the estate packet.

One observation that should be noted is, that although the will clearly mentions a family cemetery on the Neel farm on Egypt Road in West Township, the gravestones are now found in Moultrie Cemetery. The markers are granite and much more modern than the death dates, suggesting later placement by relatives. One wonders if any of the original markers survive at the Neel farm site.

Children of John and Sarah (Hempstead) Neel:

1. Susan S. Neel, born 1826; m(1) Richard Lucas; m(2) 1863 Isaac P. Edwards
2. John E. Neel, born 1827; died 1888; m. 1857 Sarah Elizabeth Sharpneck
3. Henry Neel, born 1829; died 1900; m(1) 1849 Martha Van Matre; m(2) 1877 Mary L. Mathers
4. Sarah Neel, born 1832; died 1888; m. 1847 Alexander G. Curl
5. Eliza H. Neel, born 1833; died 1904; m. 1858 John H. Witherspoon
6. Felix Hempstead Neel, born 1835; died 1916; m. 1859 Mary Jane Taylor
7. William Neel, born 1837; died 1913; m. 1860 Susanna Miller
8. Elizabeth J. Neel, born 1839; died 1915; m. 1862 Samuel Shively
9. Barnet Neel, born 1841; died 1923; m. 1867 Delilah Weaver
10. Asby Neel, born 1844; died 1864

¹³¹ Columbiana Co OH Sale Bill, Probate, Vol. 20, p. 422.

¹³² New Lisbon Journal, 20 May 1872, Court Proceedings.

¹³³ Columbiana Co OH Estate Packet #7456, Filing of Felix H. Neel, 14 June 1873.

¹³⁴ Columbiana Co OH Estate Packet #7456.

¹³⁵ Columbiana Co OH Deeds, Vol. 100, p. 547.

He further states that the following named persons are heirs and legatees of the said John Neel decd, and are the only persons interested in the settlement of said estate to wit:

Barnett Neel, of Columbiana County Ohio.
 Henry Neel, of " " "
 Wm. Neel, of " " "

Eliza Weatherston, intermarried with John Weatherston of Columbiana County Ohio
 Elizabeth Shively intermarried with Samuel Shively of Columbiana County Ohio
 Susan Edwards intermarried with Isaac Edwards of Columbiana County Ohio
 Sarah Neel intermarried with Alexander Neel of the State of Missouri
 John Neel Jr. of Columbiana County Ohio

Felix Hempstead Neel 1835-1916

The family Bible states that "Felix H. Neel was born October 24th A.D. 1835," a child of John Neel and his wife Sarah Hempstead.¹³⁶ The same document lists his death: "Felix H. Neel died September 5-1916" and his marriage: "Felix H. Neel and Mary Taylor was married December 19th A.D. 1859."

Felix Neel
 and
 Mary Taylor

The State of Ohio Columbiana County ss. I certify that on the 19th day of December 1859 Mr. Felix Neel & Miss Mary Taylor were by me legally joined in marriage
 W. L. Nelson C. C.
 Returned Dec. 26th 1859 Recorded by Probate Judge.

¹³⁶ John Neel Family Bible. Philadelphia: Parmelee & Company. Owned by Mary Ann (Neel) Sarconi, Brookpark OH, 1988.

As usual, not everything matches. The civil married record filed in Columbiana Co Ohio states “that on the 11th day of December 1859 Mr. Felix Neel & wife Miss Mary Taylor were by me legally joined in marriage, W. L. Nelson, E.C.C.”¹³⁷ The marriage date in the Bible is what was celebrated as it appears in Felix Neel’s pension record with the location as East Rochester¹³⁸, and Dec. 19th is also listed in Mary (Taylor) Neel’s obituary.¹³⁹ The death record for Felix Hempstead Neel gives a birth date of 18 Oct 1836 in Greene Co PA and death date of 5 Sep 1916 in Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH of enteritis. This was signed by J. B. Thomas, MD. Burial was 8 Sep in Huntington Cemetery by F. E. Andrews, Undertaker, of Wellington OH.¹⁴⁰

County of <u>Lorain</u>		Township of <u>Huntington</u> Registration District No. <u>754</u>		Village of _____ Primary Registration District No. <u>5141</u>		City of _____		Ward _____	
FULL NAME <u>Felix Hempstead Neel</u>		Sex <u>Male</u>		Color or Race <u>White</u>		Date of Death <u>Sept 5 1916</u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Sept 2 1916</u> to <u>Sept 15 1916</u>	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		DATE OF BIRTH <u>Oct 18 1836</u>		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of <u>11 P.M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows enteritis</u>	
SEX <u>Male</u>		COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>Sept 5 1916</u>		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Oct 18 1836</u>		SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Widower</u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Sept 2 1916</u> to <u>Sept 15 1916</u>		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
BIRTHPLACE <u>Greene Co Pa</u>		NAME OF FATHER <u>John Neel</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>		BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Penn</u>		11 P.M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows <u>enteritis</u>		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
NAME OF FATHER <u>John Neel</u>		MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Don't know</u>		_____		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Penn</u>		BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>Don't know</u>		_____		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF		SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Ecclesiastical, Former of (Date) Residence _____ How long at _____ Place of Death _____ Days _____		_____		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
(Informant) <u>Asby Neel</u>		PLACE OF BURIAL or REMOVAL <u>Huntington</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>Sept 8 1916</u>		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
(Address) <u>New London 1</u>		UNDERTAKER <u>F. E. Andrews Wellington</u>		_____		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
Filed <u>Sept 6 1916</u>		_____		_____		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	
_____		_____		_____		AGE <u>79 years, 10 months, 14 days</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of _____	

The death certificate for Mary (Taylor) Neel, daughter of Jacob Taylor and Nancy Henry, gave her birth date as 30 Mar 1840 in East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH, and her death

¹³⁷ Columbiana Co OH Marriage Records, Vol. 4, p. 394.

¹³⁸ Civil War Pension Felix H. Neel, certificate #211122, affidavit dated 30 Sep 1899.

¹³⁹ Wellington Enterprise, 26 May 1915.

¹⁴⁰ Lorain Co Health Department Death Certificate for Felix Hempstead Neel.

as having occurred 7 May 1915 of intestinal perforation in Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH. J. B. Thomas, MD, attended her and burial was in Huntington Cemetery on 9 May 1915. The undertaker was F. E. Andrews of Wellington.¹⁴¹

PLACE OF DEATH			CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
County of <u>Lorain</u>			Registration District No. <u>754</u> File No. _____		
Township of <u>Huntington</u>			Primary Registration District No. <u>5140</u> Registered No. <u>75</u>		
Village of <u>Huntington</u>			(No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)		
City of _____			[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name and number of street and ward.]		
FULL NAME <u>Mary Neal</u>					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	MARRIAGE <u>Married</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>May 7, 1915</u>		
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Mar 30, 1840</u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased, from <u>Feb 4, 1915</u> , to <u>May 7, 1915</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>May 2, 1915</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>4:00 P.M.</u>			
AGE <u>75 yrs. 1 mo. 7 da.</u>		The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Intestinal Perforation</u>			
OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>		Contributory <u>Inflammation</u>			
BIRTHPLACE <u>East-Rochester, O</u>		(Duration) <u>2 yrs. 2 mo. 2 da.</u>			
NAME OF FATHER <u>Jacob Taylor</u>		(Signature) <u>J. B. Thomas</u> M. D.			
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Penn.</u>		Date <u>May 8, 1915</u> (Address) <u>W. H. O. Wellington, O</u>			
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Mary Henry</u>		*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in death from Venereal Causes, state (1) Means of Injures; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.			
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>O</u>		LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)			
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		At place of death <u>_____</u> yrs. <u>_____</u> mo. <u>_____</u> da. In the State <u>_____</u> yrs. <u>_____</u> mo. <u>_____</u> da.			
(Informant) _____		Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence _____			
(Address) _____		PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Huntington</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>May 9, 1915</u>	
Filed <u>May 5, 1915</u> <u>J. B. Thomas</u>		UNDERTAKER <u>F. E. Andrews</u>		ADDRESS <u>Wellington</u>	

Henry Neel often related the following story about his grandfather. During their courtship, Felix Neel visited Mary Taylor and she got mad, chasing after him with a whisk broom, speaking “the Pennsylvania Dutch”. Felix couldn’t understand a word of German but he got the picture.¹⁴² In fact, after Jacob B.L.S. Taylor and Nancy Henry were divorced, their daughter, Mary Jane, resided with her maternal grandparents, Martin and Anna (Messimore) Henry in West Twp., Columbiana Co OH.¹⁴³ The Henry and

¹⁴¹ Lorain Co Health Department Death Certificate for Mary Neal.

¹⁴² Interview with Henry Neel, ca. 1975, New London

¹⁴³ 1850 Columbiana Co OH Census, West Twp., p. 397 [divorce in Tuscarawas Co OH Appearance Docket, Vol. 8, p. 235 and Tuscarawas Co Chancery Record, Vol. 6, p. 393-395].

Messimore families had been in York Co PA for a couple generations but were still German-speaking. They “could not speak a word of English,” related Henry Neel.

It is said that family tradition lasts three generations and this, indeed, is the first generation remembered by grandchildren living at the time of this research. Thelma (Neel) Potter recalled that Mary Neel used to scrub her basement steps white with sand. Thelma also remembered that her grandmother used to let her pick out eggs laid by the bantam hen which she raised. Thelma further recalled that her grandfather, Felix Neel, lived in Jeromesville with Henry for almost a year after Mary died. He used to tie Thelma with a cord and tie one end to the front porch and he would watch her that way. He would relate stories until Thelma was sick of listening to them. If only she could have remembered some of them seventy years later!¹⁴⁴

Felix and Barnet Neel [spelled Neen in record] both appear on the Enumeration of Soldiers and Marines for West Township, for the year 1865, in Co. D, 115 OVI. Felix’s wife Mary is named, with a 4 year old male and 2 ½ year old female in the family. The assessor was to “designate the degree from 1 to 5, 1 being the least needy” and the Felix Neel family was marked with a “1”.¹⁴⁵



**Civil War
Soldiers
Monument
Moultrie
Cemetery**

Felix Neel, age 25, and his brother, Barnet Neel, age 19, enrolled 15 Aug 1862 at Bayard OH in Capt. Lewis McCoy’s Company D, 115th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years service.¹⁴⁶ The group was mustered in 18 Sep 1862 at Camp Massillon OH. Through October, 1863, the 115th were assigned to duty as provost guards at Camp Chase, Dennison, Maysville, Covington, and Newport. On 23 Oct 1863, they were ordered to Chattanooga TN, then to Murfreesboro where they were attached to the Army of the Cumberland. They served along the line of the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, especially selected because of the great number of mechanics and artisans among its ranks. There were small skirmishes at Cripple Creek, Woodbury Pike, and

¹⁴⁴ Interview, Thelma Potter with Tom Neel, 25 May 1986; repeated 15 Aug 1988.

¹⁴⁵ Enumeration, Soldiers and Marines, West Township, Columbiana County, O., for the Year 1865, in Columbiana County Archives and Research Center, Lisbon, OH.

¹⁴⁶ Muster-In Rolls, 115th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Smyrna. They participated in the Siege of Murfreesboro 5-12 Dec 1864. They were mustered out 23 Jun 1865 at Tullahoma TN. Just 1 officer and 8 enlisted men were killed in battle. Disease caused the deaths of 4 officers and 138 enlisted men.¹⁴⁷ A large part of the 115th OVI (but not Company D) boarded the ill-fated steamer Sultana en route home and 83 men were lost when it exploded. The regiment was mustered out 23 Jun 1865.¹⁴⁸ Henry Neel pointed out that his grandfather had a family at the time of the war. “My grandfather married her [Mary] just before the war of the rebellion, and then my dad, I think my dad was born before he went to war, then all the rest of them was born after that. Now, Ed, Aunt Ed was born while he was in the war – in the army.”¹⁴⁹

Register: A, Increase.						
No.	Name.	Date.	Admitted	Transferred	Discontinued	Remarks.
1	Felix Neal	Jan 1876	..			Gone to Mo.

“Felix Neal” appears on the rolls of the New Alexander Christian Church in West Twp., Columbiana Co. OH, having joined in Jan 1876, but it is then marked “Gone to Mo.” This is the same church that his father joined in 1871 as a charter member.¹⁵⁰



Moultrie Chapel

At the death of the father, John Neel, a deed was filed in Columbiana County 1 Apr 1873, Felix H. and Barnett Neel, executors of the estate of John Neel, deceased, in consideration of \$3209.56 received by David Whiteleather, 40 acres, being the north part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Sect. 21, Twp. 16, Range 5, “excepting one fourth of an acre, set apart for a grave yard purposes”. Witnesses were Andrew C. King

¹⁴⁷ Dyer’s Compendium.

¹⁴⁸ Stevens, Larry. Website, www.ohiocivilwar.com/cw115.html.

¹⁴⁹ Interview with Henry Neel, 1975.

¹⁵⁰ New Alexander Christian Church, Register A, Increase, no pagination.

and Joseph Coulson.¹⁵¹ A series of quit claim deeds from family members filed in the Recorder's Office in Lisbon had placed the land in Felix's hands: Henry and Martha Neel to Felix 1872, A. L. Curl to Felix 1873, Isaac P. Edwards to Felix 1873, and Henry and Martha Neel to Felix 1873.¹⁵²

36,228	Atkes, Thomas	do	impotent w/d, head & l. eye	8 00	
211,122	Coet, Felix H	do	chr. diarr	6 00	June, 1882
198,165	Hassall, Elizabeth C	do	widow	8 00	July, 1882
22,748	Lagan, Wesley H	Republic	loss left arm	18 00	
71,722	Robertson, Jane C	do	widow	8 00	
38,626	Pearce, Celia	do	do	8 00	
84,264	Howard, John C	do	wound left arm	22 00	
8,274	Lord, Margaret D	do	widow	8 00	July, 1874
157,828	McDaniel, Jackson	do	r. h. & left forearms	3 00	Mar, 1878
287,945	Harvey, William V	do	dis. leg & elbow	8 00	Feb, 1882
183,386	Dugger, Elias	Springfield	dis. of kidneys & bladder	4 00	Mar, 1882

Felix H. Neel, Certificate #211,122, was noted as a pensioner in North Springfield, Greene Co MO on 1 Jan 1883. He received \$6.00 monthly beginning June 1882 for chronic diarrhea.¹⁵³

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer: Oct. 24 = 1856 - Green Co - Pa -
The name of organization in which you served? Answer: 112 - 8728

No. 2. What was your post office at entrance? Answer: East Rochester Ohio

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer: Mary Neel's Deputy Taylor

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: Dec 27, 1867 - East Rochester Ohio, Rev. W. F. Coulson, p.c.

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer: Official
If so, where? Answer: New Lisbon, Columbiana Co. Ohio

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer: No

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer: No

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer: Yes / No

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer:

John L. Neel, Born Oct. 2, 1860
Ezra O. Neel, Born Oct. 19, 1862
Henry Neel, Born March 23, 1869
Gabriel Neel, Born Feb. 26, 1872
Deputy Neel, Born Aug. 14, 1876

March 19, 1882
Felix H. Neel

Neel's original declaration for invalid pension had been filed 17 Nov 1879 in the Court of Common Pleas in West Twp., Columbiana Co OH. At the time of discharge, Felix was age 25, born in Greene Co PA, height 5 feet 8 inches, of fair complexion, light

¹⁵¹ Columbiana Co OH Deeds, Vol. 100, p. 547, FHL 0926919.

¹⁵² Columbiana Co OH Deeds, Vol. 96, p. 117, 542-543; Vol. 101, p. 10.

¹⁵³ U.S. Congress. Senate. *List of Pensioners on the Roll, January 1, 1883*, p. 519.

hair, and blue eyes. In the declaration, the 42-year old farmer said his diarrhea had been caused by “the exposure incident to camp life, the intense heat, impure water, and probably the rations furnished by government had something to do with causing the disease.” He had also received a severe sprain in service which has disabled him. John F. Jerome of Minerva, Stark Co OH, was his attorney.¹⁵⁴ Joshua Edwards, of West Twp., who served in the same company, confirmed that Neel suffered from acute diarrhea. Christian Shaffer, another fellow soldier, from New Chambersburg, Columbiana Co., stated that the problems began while Neel was still in service. Felix H. Neel, age 53, applied a second time on 9 Jul 1890 from Springfield, Greene Co MO, and reported that his chronic diarrhea resulted in total disability and he was not able to do any manual labor. The Act of June 27, 1890, had given additional provisions to pensioners.

War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

334-1159 Washington, *May 5, 1887*

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Felix Neel a private of Company D,
 4th Regiment Ohio Inf. Volunteers, was enlisted on the
 15th day of August, 1862, at Bayard
 and is reported: 1000 muster in roll dated Sept. 18/62
 and 1000 muster rolls to April 30/65 present.
 He was mustered out with Company
 June 22/65 at Murfreesboro Tenn.
 Also borne as Felix H. Neel.
 Return for July 1865 does not report
 him absent.

*Company's returning Report Book shows him gone to Bayard
 at Bayard Tenn. Aug 7/64. Cause of absence in
 Report not stated. The records of this office furnish
 no evidence of alleged disability during term of service.*

In 1908, C.B. Weedman, a physician from New London, Huron Co OH, examined Neel – “all 106 pounds in weight; claimant is very much emaciated and general condition feeble and all muscles of body flabby & wasting; he has muscular tremors; has large flabby & deeply fissured tongue very red; heart action weak irregular and rapid.” In addition, he reported some small tumors and an ulcer on the anterior wall of the rectum. The “bowels will run from 6 to 10 operations a day keeping him in a continual weakened condition.” J. C. Dignan, M.D., from Wellington, Lorain Co OH, says much the same and adds that he

¹⁵⁴ Civil War Soldiers Pension File #211122, National Archives and Records Administration.

“has for 16 years had large protruding piles so that patient can’t at times sit down.” A card noting that the pensioner had been dropped, indicated that he was getting \$30 monthly at the time of his death, 5 Sep 1916, RD 5, Wellington post office.

Felix and Mary Neel must have decided to return to Ohio in 1894 per a Lorain Co OH deed, 2 Nov 1894, George W. & Nora Miller to Felix H. Neel, both of Greene Co MO, consideration \$3000, for Lot #11 in Tract 2, Huntington Twp., bounded on the west and north by the highway, on the east by R. Adams, and on the south by R. Spellman, being 52 acres; also 8 acres southeast of the above, bounded by Rilen Spellman, R. Adams, and N. Chapman, excepting the right of way of the Pittsburgh, Akron & Western Railway.¹⁵⁵ Another 1 acre tract was purchased 15 Nov 1901 by warranty deed from George E. & Minnie Skeese to Felix H. Neel, both of Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH. This was part of Tract 11 (perhaps Lot 11), commencing 24 rods east of the “center stone” of the township and running east.¹⁵⁶ Thelma Neel recalled that her great grandfather lived on the corner of Baker and Stewart roads. A porch went all around the house.¹⁵⁷ The couple also sold parcels to their family at various times. On 14 May 1901, Felix H. and Mary Neel, sold to Asby and Alpha O. Neel, 40 acres, being part of Lot 11, Tract 2, 32 acres of the first tract excepting the north 20 acres; also the 8 acre parcel.¹⁵⁸ On 24 May 1902, Felix H. and Mary Neel sold to Henry Neel, both of Huntington Twp., part of Lot 11, Tract 2, being 22 acres less 2 acres deeded to the railroad company.¹⁵⁹ This land was mortgaged¹⁶⁰ and Henry’s widow, Hettie F. Neel, sold the land back to her father-in-law on 25 Feb 1908 for \$50 and for moving her.¹⁶¹ The 1-acre parcel was mortgaged by Felix H. Neel to C. H. Burnett in 1902.¹⁶² Felix must have made good on his mortgage, because a full 21 acres were distributed in three actions in 1917 after his death. Felix H. Neel, by will, to Mary Neel and others, real estate; Felix Neel, by sheriff, to Mary J. Neel, 22 acres minus the 2 owned by the railroad; and John L. and Mary J. Neel to Mary M. Smith, 1 acre.¹⁶³

The family may also be followed in federal census records. In 1850, 16-year old Felix Neil, a farmer, born in PA, was noted with his parents and siblings in West Twp., Columbiana Co OH, the Egypt Road farm.¹⁶⁴ Newlyweds Felix and Mary Neel are not with their family in 1860 and have not yet been located. In 1870, Felix Neal, age 36, noted as a “Renter” with \$900 in personal estate, born PA, was still residing with his father on the farm in West Twp., but now with a wife Mary 30 OH, and children: John 10 OH, Peoria 8 OH, and Henry 1 OH. Neighbors were Elizabeth Edwards and Joseph Betz.¹⁶⁵ In 1880, Phelix Neel 44 PA is still in West Twp., with wife Mary 39 OH; and children: John 19 OH, Edith 17 OH, Henry 11 OH, Asby 8 OH, and Mary M. 1 MO.

¹⁵⁵ Lorain Co OH Deeds, Vol. 72, pp. 397-398.

¹⁵⁶ Lorain Co OH Deeds, Vol. 87, pp. 70-71.

¹⁵⁷ Interview with Thelma (Neel) Potter, 15 Aug 1988.

¹⁵⁸ Lorain Co OH Deeds, Vol. 85, pp. 450-451.

¹⁵⁹ Lorain Co OH Deeds, Vol. 87, p. 557.

¹⁶⁰ Lorain Co OH Mortgages, Vol. 66, p. 47.

¹⁶¹ Lorain Co OH Deeds, Vol. 109, p. 78; Elyria Evening Telegram, 27 Feb 1908, real estate transfers.

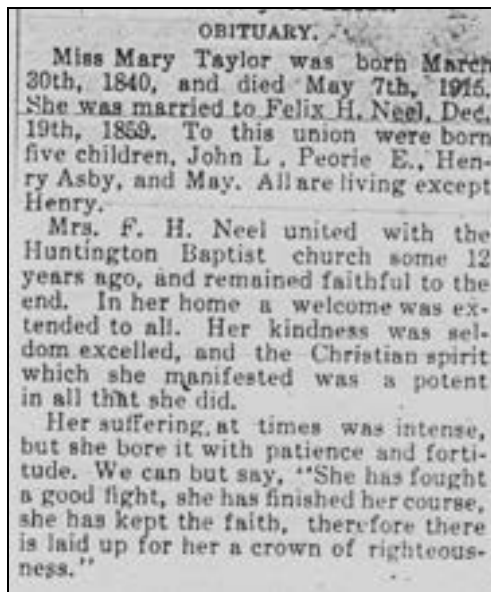
¹⁶² Lorain Co OH Mortgages, Vol. 63, p. 462.

¹⁶³ Lorain Co OH Deeds, Vol. 141, pp. 508, 543; Vol. 145, p. 576.

¹⁶⁴ 1850 Columbiana Co OH Census, p. 408.

¹⁶⁵ 1870 Columbiana Co OH Census, p. 448.

Neighbors were E. Gillis and David Henry.¹⁶⁶ The 1890 population scheduled was destroyed by fire many years ago, however, the list of veterans survives. Felix H. Neel was noted in Franklin Twp., Greene Co MO, p. 3, as a veteran of Co. D, 115th Ohio Infantry, having enlisted 13 Aug 1862 and discharged 27 Jun 1865. Family names were not provided in the military schedule.¹⁶⁷ In the 1900 census for Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH, Felix Kneal, born Oct 1835 PA farm laborer, is with wife Mary, born Mar 1840 OH; and grandson Phelon Hawkins, born Aug 1885 MO. Neighbors were Sarah Drake and John Robinson.¹⁶⁸ The last census record for the family was in 1910 Huntington Twp., with Felix H. Neel 74 PA, wife Mary 71 OH, and a grandson George 16 MO. Rather than an occupation noted, it just said that he had is "own income", perhaps the Civil War pension. Neighbors were Emery D. Piper and Sarah M. Burnett.¹⁶⁹



The issue of the Wellington Enterprise which should contain the obituary for Felix Neel is missing from the original copies and microfilm maintained by the Herrick Memorial Library, but the obituary for Mary (Taylor) Neel does survive.

Miss Mary Taylor was born March 30th, 1840, and died May 7th, 1915. She was married to Felix H. Neel, Dec. 19th, 1859. To this union were born five children, John L., Peorie E., Henry, Asby, and May. All are living except Henry. Mrs. F. H. Neel united with the Huntington Baptist church some 12 years ago, and remained faithful to the end. In her home a welcome was extended to all. Her kindness was seldom excelled, and the Christian spirit which she manifested was a potent in all that she did. Her suffering, at times was intense, but she bore it with patience and fortitude. We can but say, "She has fought a good fight, she has finished her course, she has kept the faith, therefore there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness."¹⁷⁰

¹⁶⁶ 1880 Columbiana Co OH Census, p. 713A.

¹⁶⁷ 1890 Census of Union Veterans, Springfield, Franklin Twp., Greene Co MO, p. 3.

¹⁶⁸ 1900 Lorain Co OH Census, p. 141A.

¹⁶⁹ 1910 Lorain Co OH Census, p. 13A.

¹⁷⁰ Wellington Enterprise, 26 May 1915.

On 17 Feb 1915 in the Wellington Enterprise, Mrs. F. H. Neel had been “considered critical.”¹⁷¹ On 28 Apr 1915, Phelix Neel [perhaps Hawkins] of Toledo, grandson of Mrs. F. H. Neel, is a visitor, and it is reported that there is “little hope of recovery. A longer obituary in the paper gives a little more detail:

HUNTINGTON,
 Mrs. F. H. Neel departed this life May 7, after a long illness, at the age of 75 years. She had made it known to the members of the family that life would soon come to a close with her, and made all the necessary arrangements for her own funeral which was largely attended. Her suffering at times was severe, but with what fortitude she endured it! Her consolation lay in the hope of the Great beyond, and this thought alone had much to do seemingly with alleviating her suffering. She was a member of the Baptist church of this place, and remained faithful to the end, and was associated with the Ladies of the G. A. R. who paid tribute of respect to the deceased and members of the family. Rev. Copeland of Magnetic Springs, delivered the funeral sermon from the text taken from Amos 5th chapter, 8th verse, which he made very impressive. Rev. Rapping also presented some very timely remarks, and the singing by Mrs. C. S. Andrews and Miss Hazel Allen was very pleasing and appropriate for the occasion. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Mr. Andrews of Wellington, had charge of the services as funeral director. Mrs. Neel leaves a husband, four children, relatives a host of friends to mourn her loss. This community extends sympathy to the bereaved, especially to Mr. F. H. Neel who is growing very feeble with age. Thus again our community is deprived of one of its oldest residents, but, “Not my will, thine be done.”

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Although the obituary for Felix Hempstead Neel has not been located, the Wellington Enterprise does report the following on 9 Feb 1916: “Mr. F. H. Neel is confined to his bed with indications of grippe.”¹⁷³



¹⁷¹ Wellington Enterprise, 17 Feb 1915, Huntington column.

¹⁷² Wellington Enterprise, Wednesday, 12 May 1915, p. 8.

¹⁷³ Wellington Enterprise, 9 Feb 1916.

The will of Felix H. Neel was made in 1911 in Lorain Co OH and filed for probate after his death in 1916. The estate is #90669.

I, Felix Neel, of the Township of Huntington, County of Lorain and State of Ohio being about seventy seven years of age and of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling any and all will or wills by me made heretofore: First, my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall be found convenient. Second, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Neel all the estate I may own at my decease both real & personal, wherever located, with the right & power to sell any or all of it for her comfort & support & deed to purchasers in fee simple & to make & execute without any order of court therefore. She shall be the sole judge of her needs & whether or not to sell the same. A deed executed by her shall convey a fee simple to the purchaser. At her decease whatever may be left of my estate, if any thing, shall go as follows: to my two daughters, Peoria Waite & May Smith & to my daughter-in-law Mary J. Neel, share & share alike. In case an executrix shall be necessary, I name my said wife without bond. In testimony whereof I have set my hand to this my last will and testament, at Elyria, Ohio, this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven. Signed, Felix H. Neel.¹⁷⁴

In the name of the Benevolent Father of All. Amen. 1911

I, Felix Neel _____ of the Township _____ of
Huntington _____, County of Lorain _____ and State of
Ohio _____ being about seventy seven _____ years of age and of
sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will
and testament, hereby revoking and annulling any and all will or wills by me made
heretofore:

First: My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my
estate as soon after my decease as shall be found convenient.

Second: I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Neel all _____
the estate I may own at my decease both real & personal, where-
ever located, with the right & power to sell any or all of it
for her comfort & support & deed to purchasers in fee simple
& to make & execute without any order of court therefor.

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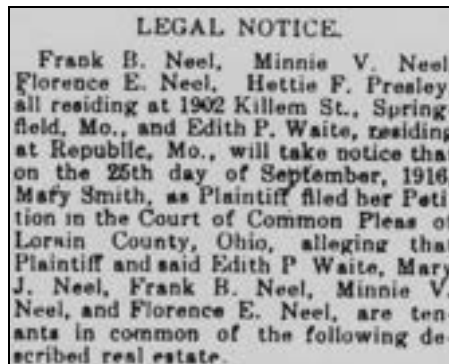
¹⁷⁴ Lorain Co OH Will Book 24, p. 436; Estate packets film, p. 1018.

It is significant that the two surviving sons, John Lucas Neel and Asby Neel, were not named in the will. I'm sure that Felix had a reason for leaving them out. However, the court appointed John Neel administrator of the Felix H. Neel estate on 20 Sep 1916.¹⁷⁵

The Application for Probate of Will lists the heirs of Felix H. Neel as follows:

John L. Neel		Son	Huntington, Ohio
Peora Waite		Daughter	Republic, Mo.
Asby Neel		Son	Huntington, New London, O, R.D.
Mary Smith		Daughter	Wellington, Ohio, R.D.
Frank Neel	age 19	Grandson	Springfield, Mo.
Minnie Neel	age 17	Granddaughter	Springfield, Mo.
Florence Neel	age 13	Granddaughter	Springfield, Mo.
Mary Jane Neel		Daughter-in-law	Wellington, Ohio, R.D.

Mary Neel, Peoria Waite, May Smith, and Mary J. Neel were identified by the will as the devisees of the real estate, and that statement was recorded in the deed books, but the wider circle of descendants above were identified by the court as heirs, apparently entitled to something in the case.¹⁷⁶



Sure enough, the following legal notice appears in the Wellington Enterprise in Oct 1916:

Frank B. Neel, Minnie V. Neel, Florence E. Neel, Hettie F. Presley, all residing at 1902 Killem St., Springfield, Mo., and Edith P. Waite, residing at Republic, Mo., will take notice that on the 25th day of September, 1916, Mary Smith, as Plaintiff filed her Petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Lorain County, Ohio, alleging that Plaintiff and said Edith P. Waite, Mary J. Neel, Frank B. Neel, Minnie V. Neel, and Florence E. Neel, are tenants in common of the following described real estate. Situated in the County of Lorain, in the State of Ohio, and in the township of Huntington, and known as a part of lot No. 11, Tract No. 2 and bounded on the West and North by the centers of the highways; on the East by the East line of said lot No. 11; the said South boundary being the North line of lands in said lot No. 11, known as the A. and A. Neel lands. Containing within said boundaries 22 acres of land, less 2 acres deeded to the Northern Ohio Railroad Company which crosses said premises, be the same more or less. Said Mary Smith and Edith P. Waite, and Mary J. Neel owning each an undivided 1/4; and said Defendants Frank B. Neel, Minnie V. Neel, Florence E. Neel, own each an undivided 1/12 of said premises. And also alleged that said Defendant Hettie F. Presley did own an

¹⁷⁵ Wellington Enterprise, Wednesday, 11 Oct 1916, p. 2, Notice of Appointment.

¹⁷⁶ Lorain Co OH Estate Packet film, p. 1020, Application for Probate of Will; Lorain Co OH Deeds, v. 145, p. 576.

interest in said premises as widow of Henry Neel, deceased, but that she conveyed the same to the decedent from whom said tenants in common obtained said title to said property, and that therefore she has no interest in said premises. The prayer of said Petition is that said premises may be partitioned, and for equitable relief. They are further notified that they are required to answer, if they so desire, on or before the 6th day of December, 1916, or judgment will be taken for the partition of said premises in accordance with the above. Mary Smith, by Weber & Weber, her attorneys.¹⁷⁷

The estate was declared final in Sep 1917.¹⁷⁸

There was a family Bible, however, Uncle Ben Neel told me that it was on his back porch and may have been pitched after a roof leak. However, entries are found in the 1892 Holy Bible for Mr. & Mrs. John R. Smith, owned by the late Mari Lynn Smith of Shenandoah, OH, and now by a daughter. I have no photocopy.

Felix H. Neel, Born October 24, 1834; married December 19, 1859
Mary Taylor, Born March 30, 1840; married December 19, 1859
John L. Neel, Born October 2, 1860
Peorie E. Neel, Born October 19, 1862
Henry Neel, Born March 23, 1869
Asby Neel, Born February 26, 1872
May Neel, Born August 14, 1878
Asby E. Neel, Died [blank]
Mary May Smith, Died Dec. 22, 1955



Children of Felix Hempstead and Mary Jane (Taylor) Neel:

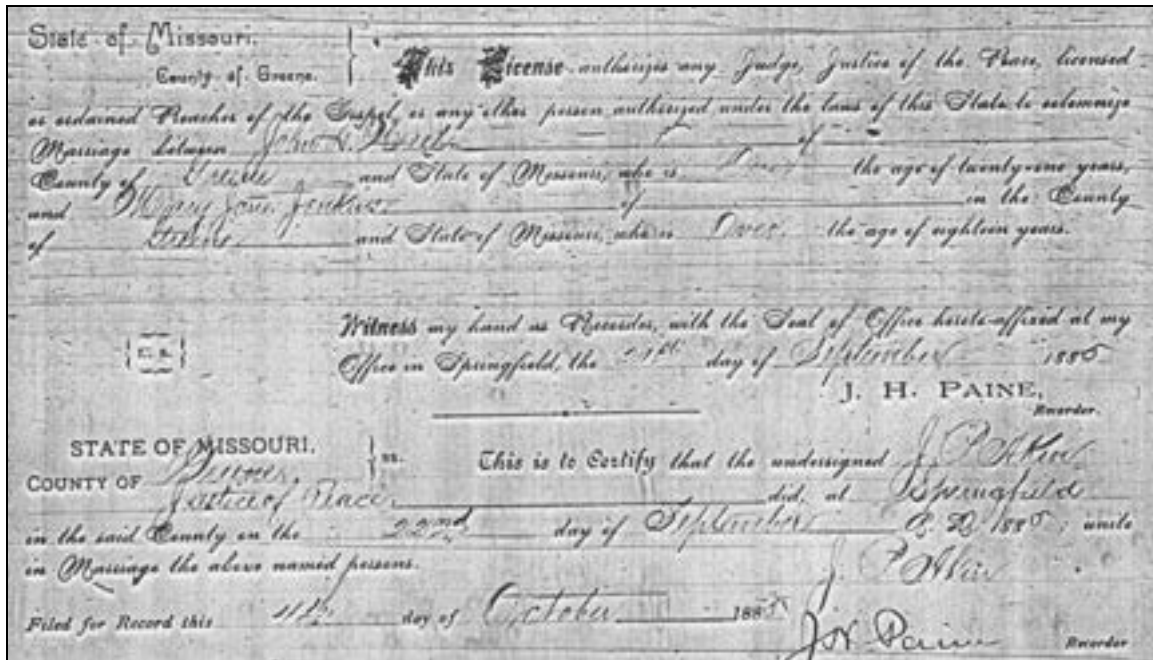
1. John Lucas "Jack" Neel, born 1860; died 1947; m. 1885 Mary Jane Jenkins
2. Peoria Edith "Ed" Neel, born 1862; died 1943; m(1) 1886 Delois Hawkins; m(2) 1889 Ralph Burdell "Del" Waite
3. Henry "Hen" Neel, born 1869; died 1906; m. Henrietta Florence Emerson
4. Asby C. "Ab" Neel, born 1872; died 1955; m. 1892 Alpha Omega Godwin
5. Mary May Neel, born 1878; died 1955; m(1) John Raphael Smith; m(2) Lee E. Welch

¹⁷⁷ Wellington Enterprise, Wednesday, 4 Oct 1916, p. 2.

¹⁷⁸ Elyria Evening Telegram, 27 Sep 1917; also 4 Oct 1917.

John Lucas Neel 1860-1947

John Lucas Neel, son of Felix Hempstead Neel and Mary Jane Taylor, was born 2 Oct 1860 in East Rochester, West Twp., Columbiana Co., Ohio.¹⁷⁹ He was possibly named after John Lucas who died 31 Jan 1859, a brother to Richard Lucas who married Felix's oldest sister, Susannah Neel. John L. Neel was married 22 Sep 1885 in Springfield, Greene Co MO by J.P. Akin, JP, to Mary Jane Jenkins.¹⁸⁰ Her birth date was 6 Jun 1856 in Springfield to Wesley Jenkins and wife Mary Alexander.¹⁸¹



The Neel family moved back to Ohio separately, Felix H. Neel returning first. John Neel moved his family to Huntington, Lorain Co OH in 1899. He had traded houses with a man from Ohio. His son Henry Neel related that he was 13 when they left on their trip in a covered wagon in late September 1899. It took them six weeks to get to Ohio, as they made several stops along the way. Ben had just been born that June. Edith Neel often remarked how hard it must have been for Mary to take care of the baby on a rough trip like that. There were six people crowded in the Conestoga wagon: John, Mary, Henry, Tom, Alta, and Ben. Cousin Bird Williams said that the group stayed the night at her mother's (Aunt Dutch) house before commencing the trip. They had two horses on the wagon, which John and the two older boys would take turns leading. They would stop by a creek at night and wouldn't drive on Sundays. Although the road was muddy, they did not once get stuck. John L. Neel got sick in Sagamore, Illinois, so they were held up in that city for a week. Henry and Tommy found jobs helping with the local harvest. The Wabash Railroad passed through there, and Henry could remember the famed "Wabash Cannonball" chugging through town. At Bloomington IL, they met the Prosser family

¹⁷⁹ Huron Co OH Death Record, #63952; obituary in New London Record, Thursday 9 Oct 1947.

¹⁸⁰ Greene Co MO Marriage Records, Vol. H, p. 48.

¹⁸¹ Lorain Co OH Death Record.

who were also heading for Ohio, and the two families traveled together until they reached Lima. One picture of Henry Neel sports a button with a photograph of the Prosser girl. At one point on the trip, the corn which they burned to heat the wagon caught fire, and they had to put it out with snow. But they finally arrived at Huntington, Ohio, at Hen Neel's house on the day before Thanksgiving, 1899. Tommy had contracted a cold which led to pneumonia, and he died in January. His mother, Mary (Jenkins) Neel, never appreciated Ohio from that time on.¹⁸²

The first census record that the couple is in that survives is 1900. They are living in Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH. John "Kneel" is age 38 OH, his wife Mary J. 42 MO, with children, Henry E. 14 MO, Mary A. 7 MO, and Benton E., 1 MO. John's occupation was farmer. The neighbors were Mary Peterson and Nuton Sprinkle.¹⁸³ In 1910, they are still in Huntington Twp. John L. Neel 48 OH, Mary J. 53 MO, Henry E. 23 MO, Alta M. 16 MO, Benton E. 10 MO, and Edith 16 MO (identified here as a daughter-in-law) are living as a household next to Ed C. Kelsey. John is identified as the renter of a farm and Henry was a laborer on the railroad section.¹⁸⁴ In 1920, still in Huntington, the family consisted of John Neel 56 OH, Mary 63 MO, Alta 27 MO, and Benton 20 OH. Neighbors were George Kelsey and Catherine Cassell. John was still farming.¹⁸⁵ In 1930, John Neel is living at 48 Sherman St., New London, Huron Co OH, age 68 OH, with his daughter, Alta, age 37 MO. John's occupation was railroad section laborer. Neighbors were Fred Bigelow and Arthur Farmer.¹⁸⁶

Orile (Neel) Selzer gave an interesting account of her grandparents:

The bathroom was behind my grandparent's farm home in an outhouse. I always remember an incident with their Jersey cow that was a bit wild. It got me cornered in the outhouse and my grandmother Mary told me to stay in the outhouse until she could get someone who could control the cow. I remember that their basement always smelled so good. The scent came from potatoes and apples stored there. In those days, the threshers would all come to a single farm. All the men in the neighborhood would come to help. The women all got dinner. There was everything you could think of at the table. The threshers went from farm to farm. They would all be wearing very heavy clothes and a red cloth around their neck in the hottest part of summer, but it was to keep out the chaff that flew all around. I remember that grandmother would buy me ginger snaps off a peddler with a traveling cart. That is how they sold things then. I ate too many and got sick. She would always kid me about that incident. Grandpa's apple orchard smelled so good. The apples in the orchards today are too doctored now and the smell of ripe apples is no longer apparent. John and Mary Neel lived at Baker's Crossing, along New London Eastern Road, about 8 miles east of town. The railroad went behind the barn. The train passed twice a day. Grandpa's brother's farm (Asby Neel) was just on the other side of the railroad tracks. I recall Mary Neel swishing around the house as she always wore a

¹⁸² Interview with Henry Neel, about 1975. Note: In checking to see if a town called Sagamore IL exists (it does not, the closest being Sanger near Springfield or Sangamon County), I discovered that the Wabash Cannonball was a fictional train mentioned in a folk song originating in some 1882 sheet music, entitled, Rock Island Route, by J. A. Roff. Popular with hobos, it was supposed to be a ghost train. There was no actual steam train with that name until 1949 when the Wabash Railroad used it for their express run from Detroit to St. Louis. Who is correct? Wikipedia or Grandpa Neel? I can clearly remember his words "Here she comes boys, here she comes!" when the Cannonball came into view.

¹⁸³ 1900 Census, Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH, ED 84, sheet 6A.

¹⁸⁴ 1910 Census, Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH, ED 118, sheet 16A.

¹⁸⁵ 1920 Census, Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH, ED 53, sheet 3A.

¹⁸⁶ 1930 Census, New London Village, New London Twp., Huron Co OH, ED 17, sheet 15A.

long dress clear to the floor. I always thought Uncle Ab (Asby) was bright or seemed to know a lot. His daughter married a drunkard. His name was Earl Ewell. He yelled at me once to get my feet off the table. These were the first words that I remember as a child. He had several children. There were some neighborhood kids the same age as us. I remember one time when four kids got on a big plow horse. It stumbled and we four kids all slid off onto the road. In those days, the water would collect in ruts in the roads. Horse hair would get caught in the ruts and it would move around in the water. I always thought that it looked like snakes were in the water. Just horse hair would wiggle in the puddles. I have told this during story programs here (Venice on the Isles Retirement Complex) and no-one else seems to ever remember horse hair gathering in puddles or thinking of this as looking like snakes. I was in the third grade about this time. We would walk a mile or two from where we lived to Grandpa's house. We always saw blue racers and black snakes in the road. The blue racers would follow you. When you stopped, they did; when you started, they did. Neighbors would often have dances. The largest room in the house would be cleared out and the dance would be held in the house. There were two brothers who came, immigrants who lived in the neighborhood, who were untaught fiddlers. They were good and played all the dances. One was named Carmine; I don't remember the name of the other brother. Everyone brought their children to the dances. There was no other place to leave them. The babies were laid on the bed. Any children that could stand would watch the adults and larger children dance. The dance went from house to house. It was held at their house once. There was a caller. One house in our neighborhood had ornate woodworking around the ceiling. The builder had brought the skill from Europe. When we moved into New London, we did not get to visit our grandparents as much.¹⁸⁷

Betty (Neel) Wheaton, who was ten years younger than Orile, had memories from her grandfather's later life.

Ben and Mildred Neel and family lived on Washburn Street – East [might be referring to Short Sherman]. John Neel lived with them after his wife had died. John Neel was a railroad employee and did some farming. He helped Ab Neel building barns for several years. When Ben bought the house on Clinton Street – they had rented before – his dad John would live in the house, so they fixed up the shed in back with a stove, etc. Ben's children were all young then. John Neel and Alta would eat Sunday dinner at Henry and Edith's each week. Alta's house at the end of Williams Street on the west side of James Street is no longer there – was lost when she divorced Runyan. Alta lived on Washburn Street for a time also.¹⁸⁸

The oldest sister, Thelma (Neel) Potter also related stories about her grandmother that were similar.

John Neel hated farming. He taught school a year in Missouri when they couldn't find a teacher. One student who was larger than he was rigged a bucket of water at the top of the door which fell on him. He disciplined the student. John hated to milk the cow. It would bawl every morning at 5:00 until it was milked. John Neel moved to New London and bought the house where Uncle Ben lived about 1947. Uncle Ben thought he had tuberculosis and was in Mount Vernon for several weeks. Mildred thought he was going to die, so she and the kids moved in with John Neel. Ben returned and John got sick of the kids and removed to the woodshed where he remained. He would come in for meals. Every Sunday he ate at Henry and this is the only descent meal he got, said Edith.¹⁸⁹

¹⁸⁷ Interview with Orile (Neel) Selzer, 7 Oct 2005 at Venice FL.

¹⁸⁸ Interview with Betty (Neel) Wheaton, 27 Sep 1998 at New London OH.

¹⁸⁹ Interview with Thelma (Neel) Potter, 15 Aug 1988 at New London OH

The youngest sibling, Vaughn Neel, also had one good story about his grandfather.

On one occasion, John Neel, while living in Huntington, traveled into New London for the day and got drunk. On such evenings, the horse had to take him home. This particular evening, it had stormed and the horse evidently became spooked from the lightning and took off down the Northern Ohio Railroad tracks from Route 58. After some time, Mary (Jenkins) Neel began to wonder about her husband as he had not returned, so she sent her son Henry after him. Henry found the horse with his front legs stuck between the ties in a bridge culvert with the wagon yet attached and his father on the seat still fast asleep!¹⁹⁰

Mary Jane (Jenkins) Neel died first, on 8 May 1924 at the age of 67 years, 11 months, and 2 days, of cancer of the bowels. Her doctor, C.B. Weedman, of Wellington, signed the Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH death certificate.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
<p>1 PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Sorain</u> Registration District No. <u>754</u> File No. _____ Township <u>Huntington</u> Primary Registration District No. <u>5140</u> Registered No. <u>30</u> or Village _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____ or City of _____ (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)</p>			
<p>2 FULL NAME <u>Mary Jane Neel</u> Did Deceased Serve in U. S. Navy or Army <u>No.</u> (a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____ Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ (If apartment give city, town and State) (b) New born in U. S. If of foreign birth? _____</p>			
<p>3 SEX <u>Female</u> COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u> Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) <u>married</u> (c) If married, widowed or divorced, (or) WIFE of <u>John Neel</u></p>		<p>14 DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) <u>5-8-24</u> I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended (signature) _____ from <u>4-3-24</u> to <u>5-8-24</u> (d) I last saw (signature) on <u>5-7-24</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>1300 a.m.</u></p>	
<p>6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>6-6-1856</u> 7 AGE Years <u>67</u> Months <u>11</u> Days <u>2</u> If LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. _____ min.</p>		<p>The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Cancer of Bowels</u></p>	
<p>8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>house-wife</u> (b) General nature of business, or establishment where employed (or temp.) _____ (c) Name of employer _____</p>		<p>CONTRIBUTORY (ACCIDENT) (Age: _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.) 18 Where was disease contracted (if not at place of death) _____ Did an operation precede death? <u>No.</u> Date of _____ Was there an autopsy? <u>No.</u> What was employed (signature) <u>Classical</u> <u>C. B. Weedman</u></p>	
<p>9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Springfield</u> MO. (State or country)</p>		<p>19 On this day _____ at _____ <u>Huntington O. 5-18-24</u></p>	
<p>10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Wesley Jenkins</u> 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) <u>Kentucky</u> (State or county)</p>		<p>12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Mary Alexander</u> 5-8-24 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) <u>Wellington O.</u> (State or county)</p>	
<p>14 Inhabitant of _____ <u>John Neel</u> <u>Wellington O.</u> <u>5-8-24</u></p>		<p>15 _____ <u>ASW</u></p>	

¹⁹⁰ Interview with Vaughn K. Neel, 12 Jun 1987 at New London OH

She was buried in Huntington Cemetery.¹⁹¹ She had been suffering from health problems for several years. The Elyria paper reported as early as 1919 that “Henry Neel of Jeromeville spent the past week at the home of his father, J. Neel, called there by the serious illness of his mother, who does not improve.”¹⁹² There is a short obituary, funeral report, and card of thanks in the local Wellington paper.



Mrs. John Neel [sic] Passed Away Early Thurs – Mrs. John Neel, 68, died at her home in Huntington at 2 a.m. Thursday, May 8, of cancer. Funeral services will be held at the home at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 10. Burial at Huntington.¹⁹³

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. John Neel from out of town were Henry Neel and family, of New London; Mrs. May Smith and two daughters, Amy and Iona Hanson and husband of Elyria; Felix Hawkins and wife of Bellefontaine; Miss Mildred Mann of New London, and Marion Neel and family of Spencer.¹⁹⁴

Card of Thanks – We wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted us in any way during the sickness and death of our loving wife and mother; to the minister for his comforting words, and the many friends for the beautiful floral offerings. John L Neel, Henry E. Neel and family, Alta Neel, Bennie E. Neel.¹⁹⁵

As indicated in the distribution of the Felix Neel estate, it was his daughter-in-law, Mary J. Neel, who was the legal heir and not his eldest son, John Lucas Neel. Mary, too, is the one who left a will and estate record.

I, Mary J. Neel, of the Township of Huntington, County of Lorain, and State of Ohio, being of full age and of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made.

Item I. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate as soon as practicable after the time of my decease.

¹⁹¹ Lorain Co OH Death Certificate

¹⁹² Elyria Evening Telegram, 31 Jan 1919, column repeated 6 Feb 1919, Baker’s Crossing News.

¹⁹³ Wellington Enterprise, Friday, 9 May 1924, p. 1.

¹⁹⁴ Wellington Enterprise, Friday, 16 May 1924, p. 4, Huntington News.

¹⁹⁵ Wellington Enterprise, Friday, 23 May 1924, p. 8.

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Item II. I give and devise to my husband, John L. Neel, during his natural lifetime, the use, control and management of the home where we now reside, situated in Huntington Township, Lorain County, Ohio and containing about eighteen acres of land, and all of the income derived therefrom, subject, however, to the right of my two children, Mary A. Neel and Benton E. Neel to occupy the dwelling house thereon so long as she or he shall remain single; the said Mary A. Neel, without charge for rent or board, and the said Benton E. Neel without charge for rent.

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Item III. After the death of my said husband, I give and devise said premises to my three children, Henry E. Neel, Mary A. Neel and Benton E. Neel, share and share alike and to their heirs forever, but for the purpose of partially recompensing my said daughter, Mary A. Neel, for the care she has given me during my sickness, I give and bequeath to her in addition to her said share, the further sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Item IV. All of the balance and residue of my estate, whether real, personal or mixed, I give, devise and bequeath to my said husband, John L. Neel.

Item V. In the event that the income from said premises because of sickness, accident or for any other reason should be insufficient to properly provide for my said husband, or because due to the infirmities of age he should be unable to realize a sufficient income therefrom to properly care for him, then I hereby empower and authorize my executor hereinafter named herein, in his discretion, to sell or further incumber the said farm premises by a mortgage or otherwise, and for that purpose to execute and deliver a deed, or deeds, mortgage or other form of conveyance, as fully as if I myself were living and did the same, and to use the proceeds therefrom, or as much as he may deem necessary, for the care and comfort of my said husband, John L. Neel.

Item VI. I make, nominate and appoint my son, Henry E. Neel, of New London, Ohio, to be the executrix of this, my last will and testament, and I request that no bond be required of him as such. I further request that no inventory of my estate be made or taken in so far as the same may be lawfully omitted.

Dated at Huntington, Ohio, this 2 day of April, A.D. 1924. Signed, Mary J. Neel.
 Witnesses, Ray Fish residing at Huntington, Ohio; and Christ M. Detrich, residing at Huntington, Ohio.¹⁹⁶

In the Application for Probate of Will, the heirs of Mary J. Neel were John L. Neel, her widower, who resided at Huntington; Mary A. Neel, daughter, Wellington OH RFD; Benton E. Neel, son, New London OH; and Henry E. Neel, son, New London OH. Henry E. Neel signed as the petitioner, 17 May 1924.¹⁹⁷ The will was entered as stated in the Lorain County deed volumes to officially devise the land and other property to the heirs.¹⁹⁸

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APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, And Journal Entry, Orders for Filing Will, Notice and Hearing.

Gen'l Code, Secs. 10497-51.

Probate Court. Lorain County, Ohio.

In the Matter of
 THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
Mary J. Neel
 Deceased.

Application to Admit to Probate.

To the Probate Court of said County:
 Your petitioner respectfully represents that Mary J. Neel
~~late a resident of the township of~~ Huntington in said County, died on or
 about the 5th day of May A. D. 1924, leaving an instrument
 in writing, herewith produced, purporting to be her last Will and Testament.
 That the said Mary J. Neel died leaving
John L. Neel her widower who resides at Huntington, Ohio,
 and the following named persons her only next of kin, to-wit:

NAME	Age of Years	DEGREE OF KINSHIP	P. O. ADDRESS
<u>Mary A. Neel</u>		<u>daughter</u>	<u>Wellington, Ohio, R.F.D.</u>
<u>Benton E. Neel</u>		<u>son</u>	<u>New London, Ohio.</u>
<u>Henry E. Neel</u>		<u>son</u>	<u>New London, Ohio.</u>

John L. Neel of 48 Clifton Street, New London Village, died on 1 Oct 1947 at 11:15 AM by decapitation when struck by a passenger train at the Big Four crossing on North Main Street according to Jay D. Bradish, MD, Huron County Coroner. Edith Neel was the informant on the death certificate and L. D. Gerber and J. H. Sackett handled the embalming and funeral. John Neel's occupation was noted as retired farmer.¹⁹⁹

¹⁹⁶ Lorain Co OH Wills, Vol. 35, p. 623; Estate Packet films, p. 978-979.

¹⁹⁷ Lorain Co OH Estates Film, #981, Application for Probate of Will.

¹⁹⁸ Lorain Co OH Deeds, Vol. 211, p. 80.

¹⁹⁹ Huron Co OH Deaths, Ohio Department of Health, #63952.

TRAIN KILLS JOHN NEEL

On Wednesday morning, Mr. John (Jack) L. Neel, 87, while returning from a trip to town, and having faulty vision, failed to notice the approaching train, walked on the N.Y.C. tracks just in time to be struck by the eastbound passenger train, No. 446, which arrives here at about 11 o'clock.

Death was instantaneous. The remains were taken to the Sackett Funeral Home.

Mr. Neel was a retired farmer. He is survived by two sons, Henry and Ben of New London and one daughter, Alta Neel England, who resides in Missouri.

He is also survived by a brother, Mr. Asby Neel here and a sister, Mrs. May Smith of Elyria.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Sackett Funeral Home with burial in the Grove Street cemetery.

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Obituary – John Lucas Neel, eldest son of Felix H. and Mary Taylor Neel, was born October 2, 1860, at East Rochester, Columbiana Co., Ohio. His early boyhood was spent in Columbiana County. When a young man of 20 he moved with his family to Springfield, Mo. On September 21, 1885, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Jenkins, of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. To this union six children were born, two of whom died in infancy, and one in early childhood. His wife preceded him in death twenty-three years ago, May 8, 1924. He departed this life October 1, 1947, lacking one day of being 87 years of age. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Alta England of Bowling Green, Missouri, two sons, Ben and Henry Neel of New London, one sister, Mrs. Mary Smith of Elyria, one brother, Asby Neel of New London, twelve grand children, three great grandchildren, and a number of nephews and nieces. Services were held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Sackett Funeral Home with Rev. Mitchell officiating. Burial was made in the Huntington cemetery.²⁰¹

OBITUARY

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²⁰⁰ New London Record, Thursday, 2 Oct 1947, p. 1.

²⁰¹ New London Record, Thursday, 9 Oct 1947.

I was always told that Jack Neel was returning from the New London Public Library with books to read. He was buried beside his wife and parents in Huntington Cemetery.



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COLUMBUS

6:3052

Reg. Div. No. 427 State File No. _____
 Primary Reg. Div. No. 2587 Registrar's No. 979

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census

1. PLACE OF DEATH (a) County <u>Suron</u> (b) <u>New London</u> (c) Name of hospital or institution <u>St. Mary's, Bay View Crossing</u> (d) Length of stay in hospital or institution _____ In this community <u>20 yrs</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (a) State <u>Ohio</u> (b) County <u>Suron</u> (c) City or village <u>New London, Va.</u> (d) If foreign born, how long in U. S. & P. _____	
3. NAME (a) <u>John Neel</u> (b) Maiden name _____		4. SEX <u>Male</u>	
4. OCCUPATION <u>Retired Farmer</u>		5. MARRIAGE (a) Date of marriage _____ (b) Name of spouse _____ (c) Date of death of spouse _____	
6. BIRTH (a) Date <u>Oct 2, 1878</u> (b) Place <u>Green Co., Pennsylvania</u>		7. DEATH (a) Date <u>Oct 1, 1947</u> (b) Time _____ (c) Place <u>Huntington, Ohio</u> (d) Cause of death <u>after struck by a passenger train - 1 m</u>	
8. EDUCATION (a) School _____ (b) Degree _____		9. MEDICAL HISTORY (a) Diseases _____ (b) Operations _____ (c) Habits _____	
10. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN <u>J. H. Suckell</u> (a) Address <u>22 Walnut St., Huntington, Ohio</u> (b) Date <u>Oct 2, 1947</u> (c) Place <u>Huntington, Ohio</u>		11. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR <u>Jay D. Grabish</u> (a) Address <u>New London, Ohio</u> (b) Date <u>10-1-47</u> (c) Place <u>Suron County, Columbus</u>	

Children of John Lucas and Mary Jane (Jenkins) Neel:

1. Henry Eugene Neel, born 1886; died 1976; m. 1910 Edith S. Sanders
2. William Neel, born 1888; died 1889
3. Thomas Neel, born 1890; died 1900
4. Mary Alta Neel, born 1893; died 1984; m(1) 1933 Edsall G. Runyan; m(2) 1940 Charles England
5. John W. Neel, born 1896; died 1897
6. Benton Ellsworth Neel, born 1899; died 1983; m. 1924 Mildred Ella Mann



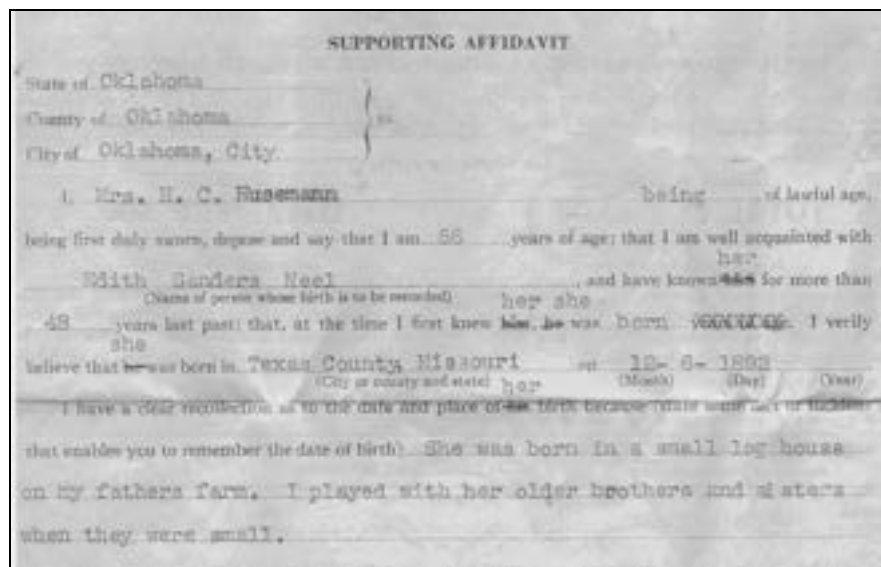
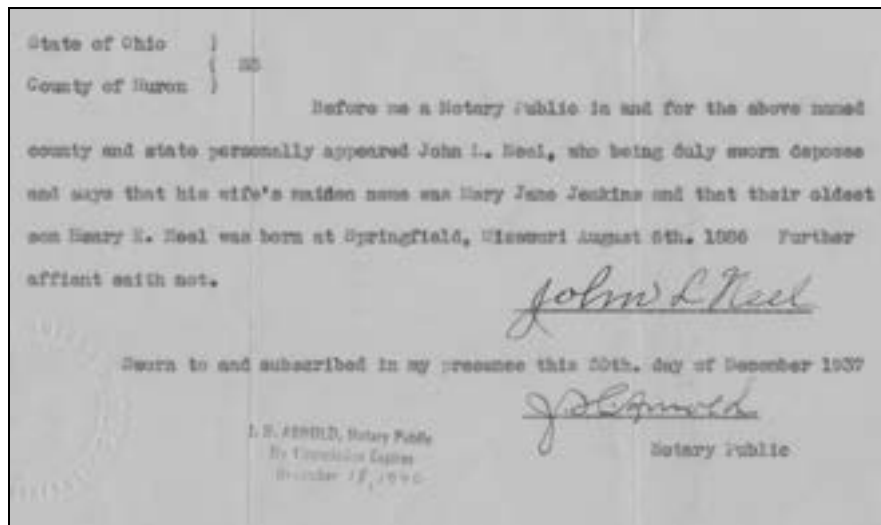
**John Lucas Neel
Henry Eugene Neel**

Henry Eugene Neel, 1886-1976

In December 1937, before J. H. Arnold, a notary public in Huron Co OH, “appeared John L. Neel, who being duly sworn deposes and says that his wife’s maiden name was Mary Jane Jenkins and that their oldest son Henry E. Neel was born at Springfield, Missouri, August 6th, 1886. Further affiant saith [sic] not.”²⁰² Edith Neel, Henry’s wife, also lacked a birth certificate as Missouri was bad about keeping vital records in that time period. She filed an “Application to Record a Birth After Twelfth Birthday” with the Missouri State Board of Health on 2 Jul 1942. Edith Sanders, daughter of William Derias Sanders and Elizabeth Jane Spurgeon, was born 6 Dec 1893 near Mountain Grove in Texas County, Missouri. An older cousin, Mrs. H. C. Husemann, of

²⁰² Notary Public Statement, J.H. Arnold, 20 Dec 1937.

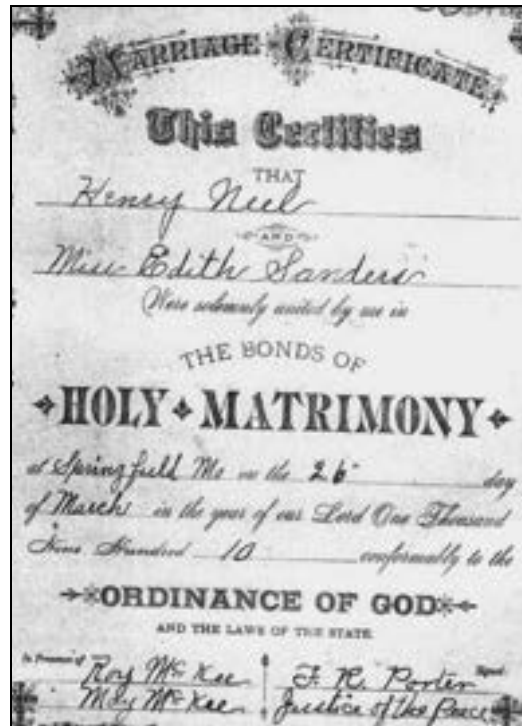
Oklahoma City OK, who gave a supporting affidavit, stated that “she was born in a small log house on my father’s farm. I played with her older brothers and sisters when they were small.”²⁰³



The Henry Neel Family Bible states that “Henry Neel and Miss Edith Sanders were solemnly united by me in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at Springfield MO on the 26th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred 10 conformably to the ordinance of God and the laws of the state, signed, F. R. Porter, Justice of the Peace; in presence of Roy McKee, May McKee.”²⁰⁴

²⁰³ Missouri State Board of Health Delayed Birth Certificate, 2 Jul 1942 and Affidavit, 8 Jul 1942.

²⁰⁴ Henry Neel Family Bible, Marriage Certificate.



The story about an Ohio man securing a wife in Missouri is interesting. Thelma Potter and Mary Mahl related that their father had always had an interest in prize fighting, and in the summer of 1909, there was a big prize fight to be held in St. Louis MO. Henry Neel took the train to St. Louis for the boxing match and then took a side trip to his hometown in western Missouri to visit relatives. Both daughters also related that his friend Roy Campbell's father was after him because of an incident with Roy's sister. In other words, Henry took off for more than one reason.²⁰⁵

**Henry Neel
1899**



²⁰⁵ Interview with Thelma Potter, Mary Mahl, Vaughn Neel, Ted Mahl, 28 Apr 1996, at Fisher-Titus Hospital, Norwalk, at Aunt Thelma's bedside.

In Springfield MO, Henry got a job on the streetcar line as a conductor and met a girl who regularly traveled on his car. That 15-year old girl, Edith Sanders, was in Springfield working as a housekeeper for Mr. and Mrs. Harve Boner. The two became engaged and planned to marry in August 1909, but Henry was fired from his job, and the marriage was necessarily delayed until Spring. After the marriage, Grandpa left for Ohio alone, as he didn't have enough money for two train tickets. He borrowed money for the second ticket from his father and sent for Edith who arrived in Wellington to quite a welcome, as Henry had been bragging her up to all his Ohio buddies, and they were curious to see what she looked like. Meanwhile, Henry had been working on an Akron streetcar line for two weeks to replenish his funds.²⁰⁶ "The happy couple ... started housekeeping at Baker's Crossing seven miles east of town [New London]. They recalled they ate their first meal in their new home from an orange crate and slept on the floor the first night because the wagon hauling their furniture met with an accident and didn't arrive until the next day."²⁰⁷



In 1911, Henry got a job on the A.C.Y. section out of Baker's Crossing. The next year, he got on the L.A. & S. section between Ashland and Wellington. He built the fence from Wellington to the B&O crossing and worked unloading ties and rail at Baker's Crossing during the winter of 1913-1914. He laid the transfer switch and one-half mile of track each way. In March 1914, he caught pneumonia and was off work for three weeks. Then he started laying the track, beginning just north of Baker's and working south until he met the work train coming north from Ashland just this side of Savannah. When this job was finished, Henry got on the L.A. & S. section at Oberlin but was soon fired for

²⁰⁶ Interview, Henry and Edith Neel, about 1975.

²⁰⁷ New London Record, Mar 1970, "Couple to Observe 60th Anniversary".

trying to start a union. He then went to Bellefontaine in Logan County to work at his cousin Felix Hawkin's filling station. Then a vacancy opened on the A.C.Y. section. Grandpa had known the road master who had been the section foreman at New Washington when he worked there before, so Henry got the job. His father John was working the New London section at the time, and Henry eventually took it over from him in 1923. He worked this job until his retirement in 1951.²⁰⁸

Henry Neel's section worked all along the railroad lines and Henry and Edith rented several houses as Henry's work kept moving. They did not own an automobile. My grandmother wrote down the places they had lived for my genealogical files. Names in brackets are the children born while residing in a particular home.



Jeromesville Home

1. Beckley Place, Baker's Crossing – 1910
2. Miller House, Baker's Crossing – 1911 [Thelma]
3. Kelsey Place, Baker's Crossing
4. Dirlam House, Baker's Crossing
5. Sharp House, Ashland – 1913 [Orile]
6. House on 2nd Street, Ashland
7. Kayhoe Log House, Craigton
8. Kayhoe House, Craigton – 1916 [Graydon]
9. Winbigler House, Jeromesville
10. House on Main Street, Jeromesville
11. Strine House, Jeromesville
12. Bough House, Jeromesville – 1919 [Doyle]
13. Dirlam House, Baker's Crossing - 1920
14. House on Park Street, Oberlin
15. Half House on Lorain Avenue, Oberlin
16. House by Greenhouse on Lorain Avenue, Oberlin
17. House on North Detroit Avenue, Bellefontaine – 1923 [Mary]
18. Sage House, Baker's Crossing - 1923
19. Abe Freeman House, 91 North Railroad Street, New London – 1923

²⁰⁸ Interview, Henry Neel, about 1975.

20. Fred Crawford House, 153 Newkirk Street, New London – 1925 [Betty]
21. Newkirk House, 157 Newkirk Street, New London – 1930 [Vaughn]
22. Permanent home at 22 Walnut Street, New London – 1934 to 1979

There not much documentation in the historical record of these moves, but railroad historian Bill Snyder of Ashland did find the following Jeromesville news: “Henry Neal [sic] has sold his property here and will move to Baker’s Crossing on January 1st, 1920. Mr. Neal is an employee of the Lorain, Ashland & Southern R.R. and has been foreman for a number of years and expects to continue the work there for the company. We are sorry to lose Mr. & Mrs. Neal and family, but wish them success in their new home. Benjamin Neal, who has been staying at the home of his brother and also works for the L.A. & S., expects to accompany him to Baker’s Crossing and reside with his parents who live there.”²⁰⁹



**Henry Neal
Edith Sanders
1910**

Another undated note taken during an interview states that Henry Neal once worked at Myer’s Grocery. Afterwards, during WWI, he worked again for the railroad on the extension to Custaloga and was in charge of foreigners who were employed by the railroad while many railroad workers were in the military service. The L.A.&S. then folded and Henry was transferred to Oberlin and afterwards to Lorain. He worked for the State for one year. He had a job at Hum’s Greenhouse and then went to Bellefontaine to work at a cousin’s gas station.

During a stint on the Lorain, Ashland, and Southern, they called him back to build through the muck lands south of Jeromesville. They got him because he knew how to build trestle bridges. The government sent work crews made up of Turks and foreigners from countries neighboring the Turks and the groups were not friendly. Grandpa had to carry a gun to work to protect himself. One such crew member came after him with a

²⁰⁹ Ashland Times Gazette, 26 Dec 1919.

knife. But the enemies got together to buy him liquor when his first son, Graydon, was born. It was one of the few times he was really drunk. They had to carry him home.²¹⁰

This same story was related in greater detail over ten years earlier by Thelma, Orile, Doyle, and Vaughn in conversation:

1915 at Jeromesville, about the time that Graydon was born, Grandpa was foreman over contracted foreign crews and worked through an interpreter. He had charge of one car of Armenians and one car of Turks who were at odds with each other. They would work for two or three years in America and then return with the good railroad wages to their native lands to “be somebody”. The Turks were belligerent and carried weapons. Some thought they could get the best of their foreman “Neely”, as they called Grandpa, and he came home with knife wounds. Finally, the contractor replaced the Turks with another nationality – Romanians, we think. Ordinarily, the contractor would send half the wages to the family at home and give the rest to the employee when his term was up. Two of the Turks came to the house in Jeromesville often – John Morgan and John Jurgen – called “Long John” to distinguish him as he was tall and skinny – this probably not their Turkish names. John Jurgen liked Orile and used to give her candy and pennies. Orile remembers that she saved up many of Jurgen’s pennies and then dropped them all over the floor causing quite a mess for a small girl to clean up.²¹¹

With regard to the early life of Edith S. Sanders, I’ll merely repeat what was in the 1981 edition of this book, taken from several personal interviews with my grandmother from 1974 to 1979.

Our mother and grandmother, Edith S. (Sanders) Neel, was born in a small log house in the meadow behind her Uncle William Cox’s big, square, white farmhouse in Clinton Twp., Texas Co MO. Her father, William Derias Sanders, had sold his farm in 1892 and had moved to Seattle WA. However, he could not make it there, lost his money, and was forced to return to Clinton Township and take abode in his brother-in-law’s cabin where a warm fireplace welcomed the winter season and a sixth child on December 6th. Soon William and Jane (Spurgeon) Sanders and their four surviving children, Lee, Bessie, Elsie, and Edith, moved to a farm just down the road from the Cox residence, but the Sanders children often returned to that old log cabin to play together when they visited their Uncle Bill and Aunt Cynthia years later.

W. D. Sanders rented his new 120 acre farm from a lawyer who lived along the Gasconade River. Grandma’s father would fill the wagon bed with straw, while Jane Sanders would make ready some hot stones in a bucket to provide some warmth on the long trip to pay the rent. The children would jump in, cover themselves with blankets, and they would be off to the lawyer’s large estate. This was about the only time they left their home in the foothills of the Ozarks for any length of time. They had all they needed except for coffee and sugar, which they bought with money obtained from selling eggs. They made their own lard and butter out of their cow’s milk, and they ground up their wheat for flour at the mill in Mountain Grove. Mr. Sanders used to get one half a barrel of flour at a time. There were always chickens, ducks, and turkeys running about. The turkeys were too dumb to come out of the rain, so Edith and her sisters and brother had to carry them in, as the young ones would die if they got wet. Near the William Sanders

²¹⁰ Interview with Thelma Potter, Mary Mahl, Vaughn Neel, Ted Mahl, 28 Apr 1996, at Fisher-Titus Hospital, Norwalk OH.

²¹¹ Interview with Thelma Potter, Orile Fackler, Doyle Neel, Vaughn Neel, 12 Jul 1982.

residence was a grove of walnut trees down next to the creek, and everyone from town would come out to get the nuts. Grandma would take out the meats so that her Mom could make cakes with them.

Grandma didn't speak much of her early family life. Her older sister Elsie was her best friend. Elsie was very popular and made friends easily. Grandma always mentioned that her sister received twice as many valentines as she did in school. Speaking of school, Grandma did not like the long trip over the rocky terrain to the schoolhouse. She spent eight years avoiding mountain snakes to get her education, and this is the picture of Mountain Grove that stayed in her mind over the years, so she had no desire to return to that area to live after seeing Ohio.

Edith did not know her paternal grandparents' names. Her grandmother's maiden name was McIntosh and died when Edith was one year old, and Grandfather Sanders had died long before. In fact, the McIntosh woman had married brothers – one after the other had died. Grandma recalled viewing her Uncle Peter, an army career man, dressed in his Union uniform (he had been Confederate earlier) as he lay in the coffin about 1899. His wife, Caroline, was an ardent Methodist [descendants say Baptist] and used to shout Hallelujah in church, which evidently bothered Grandma greatly. Her Uncle Jim was a doctor in Mountain Grove. He wanted to take out her tonsils when she began getting sore throats, but Jane Sanders was hesitant about letting her brother-in-law operate on her daughter, so nothing came of the offer. Dr. Roseberry of New London finally cured Grandma's tonsillitis problems with a radiation process years later.

Grandma used to work in New London for the C.E. Ward Company when Mary and Betty were babies. She carried them in a wagon over the snow to Ward's and brought home materials to make robes on her old sewing machine. She also farmed five gardens at one time – victory gardens, during World War II. They included her own garden, one in back of Mrs. Knapp's, one in back of Mrs. Mahnon's, one where Siemens Corporation (Roth) now stands, and another one along the railroad.

On 30 Nov 1997, the six surviving Neel children gathered for dinner in New London as Thelma Potter was leaving for Venice FL to move in with Orile and her husband Maurice Selzer. Doyle recalled he and Graydon at the back steps of the Baker's Crossing house. Thelma said it was the Sage place. The two boys had dumped water and snow and iced it smooth to make a slide. Their father didn't see it returning from work and fell down. Graydon and Doyle (just a couple years old) were sent out to hack away at the steps with an ice pick until clean. Another time, the cows got out of the barn and Doyle was surrounded by them. It didn't bother him but he remembered this because his mother seemed real concerned. The Sage house is still standing; the large barn is gone. Orile and Thelma recalled riding to school on the kid wagon and on a sleigh in the winter. It had a straw bed with a cover. It was warmer than outside but still very cold. Sometimes if it was real cold and the road rutty with snow, they would head down the L.A. & S. railroad from school by foot because it was a lot quicker trip home. Mary said that their mother told them as children that the boys place was outside and the girls inside. Doyle and Thelma remembered all the trains going by on the L.A. & S., but Orile didn't really have a memory of the noise.²¹²

Census records also chart the movement of the family, although one would not get a true picture of all the moves. In 1910, Henry E. Neel, age 23 and married, a railroad

²¹² Interview with children of Henry & Edith Neel, 30 Nov 1997, New London OH.

section laborer, was living with his parents in Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH. Edith Neel, age 16, born in Missouri, was listed at the bottom of the family grouping.²¹³ In 1920, the residence was again in Huntington Twp., and Henry Neel was age 33 MO, a section foreman, with wife Edith 26 MO, and children: Thelma 8 OH, Orile 5 OH, Graydon 3 OH, and Doyle ½ OH. Neighbors were Orland Dirlam and Earl Hewitt.²¹⁴

Neel Henry	Head	R	M	W	33	M
— Edith	Wife		F	W	26	M
— Thelma	Daughter		F	W	8	M
— Orile	Daughter		F	W	5	M
— Graydon	Son		M	W	3	M
— Doyle	Son		M	W	½	S

In 1930, the family lived at 157 Newkirk Street in New London. Henry Neel 42 MO was a foreman on the railroad section, with wife Edith 36 MO, and children: Thelma 18 OH (absent), Oral 15 OH, Graydon 13 OH, Doyle 10 OH, Mary 6 OH, and Betty 4 OH. Recorded next to them were Esic Poole and Ralph Randleman.²¹⁵

Henry and Edith Neel did maintain a family Bible which now sits in my cabinet. It also tracks the movement of the family in the births section.

FAMILY RECORD			
NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF MARRIAGE.
FATHER Henry E. Neel	Springfield Mo.	Aug 6 th 1896	March 26 1910
MOTHER Edith Sanders	Mtn. Grove Mo.	Dec 6 th 1893	" "
CHILDREN			
Thelma Ruth	Bakerswing Ohio	Oct 11 1911	
Orile Gertrude	Cuyland Ohio	Dec 21 1911	
Graydon Harold	Shreve Ohio	Apr 23 1916	
Doyle D.	Farmville Ohio	June 29 1918	
Mary Jane	Bellefontaine O.	June 2nd 1923	
Betty Jean	New London O.	May 17 1925	
Vaughn Kirk	New London O.	July 9 1930	

²¹³ 1910 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH Census, ED 118, sheet 16A.

²¹⁴ 1920 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH Census, ED 53, sheet 2A.

²¹⁵ 1930 New London Twp., Huron Co OH Census, ED 17, sheet 7A.

Henry E. Neel, Springfield MO, Aug. 6th, 1886 – married March 26, 1910
 Edith Sanders, Mtn. Grove, MO, Dec. 6th, 1893
 Thelma Ruth, Bakers Crossing, Ohio, Oct. 1st, 1911
 Orile Gertrude, Ashland, Ohio, Dec. 29th, 1914
 Graydon Harold, Shreve, Ohio, Apr. 23rd, 1916
 Doyle D., Jeromeville, Ohio, June 29 – 1919
 Mary Jane, Bellefontaine, O., June 2nd, 1923
 Betty Jean, New London, O., May 17, 1925
 Vaughn Keith, New London, O., July 9, 1930

The last property owned, 22 Walnut Street, is the location that was the Neel home for over forty-five years. The home was purchased from Lee A. and Mary Welch (aka Aunt May Neel Smith) in the spring of 1934, it “being the whole of lot No. 454 in said village as per plat recorded in vol. 1, page 35 of Huron Co. Plat Records, bounded on North by land of Chas. H. Knapp, on East by land formerly owned by Lucy Brundage, on South by William St., on West by Walnut St. Above is land formerly owned by E.L. and Helen Collingwood.”²¹⁶

1227 - REGISTRATION CARD		No. 6
1	Name in full	Henry Eugene Neel
2	Place of birth	Jeromesville Ohio
3	Date of birth	August 6th 1886
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) do here you declare you intend to become a citizen	(1) citizen
5	Where were you born?	Springfield Missouri
6	What is your present trade, occupation, or profession?	Railroad Section Foreman
7	By which employer?	L.A. & S. R.R. Co
8	Where employed?	Jeromesville
9	Have you a father, mother, or child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)?	Wife & children
10	Married or single (which)?	Married
11	What military service have you had? Rank	None
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify which)?	no

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

H. E. Neel
 (Signature of Registrant)

Henry Eugene Neel, age 30, is noted in Precinct #1, Ashland County, Ohio, on 5 Jun 1917 when he filled out his WWI draft registration card. He noted his 6 Aug 1886 birth in Springfield MO. He was employed as a railroad section foreman for the L.A. & S. Railroad Company out of Jeromesville, Ohio. He identified himself as tall, slender,

²¹⁶ Huron Co OH Deeds, 1934.

with light blue eyes, and black hair. His wife and three children were not named. Henry Neel was not drafted nor did he serve in the World War.²¹⁷

PETITION FOR DEGREES

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of Leroy 4-86 Chapter No. 82
 Order of the Eastern Star, New London 0

The undersigned respectfully petitions to receive the degree of the order of the Eastern Star, and become a member of your chapter. If accepted, I will be pledged to a cheerful obedience to the laws of the Order.

Do you believe in a Supreme Being? Yes

How long have you lived in this jurisdiction? 40 years

Have you petitioned any other Chapter and been rejected? No

If so, when and where?

Occupation? Paul Reed

Recommended by:
D. M. Hotchkiss
Cora A. Broughton

Referred to the following Committee:
Cora Muecke
Thelma Tuback
H. J. Harrison

Signed D. M. Hotchkiss
 of Floral Lodge No. 260
 F. & A. M. of New London
 Residing 22 Walnut
New London 0

REPORT

The undersigned, your Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report favorably.

Cora Muecke
Thelma Tuback
H. J. Harrison

Committee

H. E. Neel was nominated 26 Apr 1944 by D. M. Hotchkiss and Cora A. Broughton for membership in Leroy Chapter No. 82, Order of the Eastern Star in New London. He was accepted 24 May 1944. It was noted that he was a member of Floral Lodge No. 260 (Masons) of New London and resided at 22 Walnut Street.²¹⁸

Henry Eugene Neel died 18 Jul 1976 at Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk, Huron Co OH of congestive heart failure due to arteriosclerotic heart disease according to his death certificate. Harold D. Erlenbach was the physician. Richard F. Eastman was noted as the funeral director.²¹⁹ Edith Sanders Neel died 13 Nov 1979 at Willard Hospital in Willard, Huron Co OH of acute myocardial infarction due to arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Grandpa had been ill just a year; Grandma had been living with heart disease for 15 years. John V. Emery was noted as the physician in charge. Richard F. Eastman was the funeral director.²²⁰

Henry E. Neel was buried 20 Jul 1976 and Edith Neel was buried 16 Nov 1979, both in Grove Street Cemetery in Lot 566. Their daughter Thelma Potter purchased part of that same lot and son Doyle Neel purchased an adjoining lot.²²¹

²¹⁷ Ashland Co OH WWI Draft Registration, FHL roll 1819736, card 34-2-1A [1227 no. 6].

²¹⁸ Petition for Degrees, Leroy Chapter No. 82, Order of the Eastern Star, Collection in New London Area Historical Society Museum.

²¹⁹ Huron County Department of Health Death Certificate, Registration District No. 39, for Henry Eugene Neel.

²²⁰ Huron County Department of Health Death Certificate, Registration District No. 39, for Edith Sanders Neel.

²²¹ New London Cemetery Association, Lot Book, copy at New London Public Library.

Reg. Dist. No. 39		OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		Date Filed No.	
Primary Reg. Dist. No. 1901		DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		Register's No. 253	
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
DECEASED—NAME First Middle Last HENRY EUGENE NEEL			SEX MALE	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) JULY 18 1976	
RACE (Full, negr., american indian, etc.) WHITE	AGE (years) 69	UNDER 1 YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEARS 10 YEARS 15 YEARS 20 YEARS 25 YEARS 30 YEARS 35 YEARS 40 YEARS 45 YEARS 50 YEARS 55 YEARS 60 YEARS 65 YEARS 70 YEARS 75 YEARS 80 YEARS 85 YEARS 90 YEARS 95 YEARS 100 YEARS	DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) JULY 6, 1906	COUNTY OF DEATH HURON	
CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION OF DEATH NORWALK		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (If not in within, give street and number) FISHER-TITUS HOSPITAL			
STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., name country) MISSOURI	CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY USA	MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) MARRIED	SPOUSING SPOUSE (If not in within, give maiden name) EDITH SANDERS		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 706-12-6837	WAS DEPORTED EVER ON U. S. ARMED FORCES? (If no, no. of weeks) NO		(If yes, give date of service)		
USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, state if retired) SECTION FOREMAN		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY RAILROAD			
RESIDENCE—STATE OHIO	COUNTY HURON	CITY, VILLAGE OR LOCATION NEW LONDON	STREET AND NUMBER (If not in within, give street and number) 22 WALNUT STREET		
FATHER—NAME First Middle Last JOHN L. NEEL	MOTHER—Maiden name First Middle Last MARY JANE JENKINS				
INFORMANT—NAME EDITH NEEL		RESIDING ADDRESS (Street or R.F.D. no., city or village, state, zip) 22 WALNUT STREET, NEW LONDON, OHIO 44851			
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))					
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (The no. or, as a consequence of, condition, if any, which gave rise to immediate cause (a), unless the underlying cause is)		APPROXIMATE PERIOD (Month, Year, Day, Year)		APPROXIMATE PERIOD (Month, Year, Day, Year)	
1. <i>Cerebral heart failure</i>		5 mo			
2. <i>Arteriosclerotic heart disease</i>		1 year			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (Condition contributing in death but not related to cause given in part I (a))					
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, MURDER, OR UNDETERMINED (Specify)		DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)	HOUR	HOW DEATH OCCURRED (Give nature of injury in part I of part II, item 1b)	LOCATION (Street or R.F.D. no., city or village, state, zip)
CERTIFICATION—(Month, Day, Year) (Month, Day, Year) (Month, Day, Year)		AND LAST LAW MAKER ALIVE (Month, Day, Year)	DEATH OCCURRED (Month, Day, Year)	IF YES, DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)	IF YES, DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)
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SIGNATURE (Type or print) Harold D. Eberhart		INSTRUCTIONS M.D.	DATE SIGNED 19 July 76		
ADDRESS (Street or R.F.D. no., city or village, state, zip) 43 S. Wilson New London, Ohio 44851					
BURIAL OR CREMATION (Specify) BURIAL	DATE JULY 20, 1976	NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORIUM GROVE STREET CEMETERY	LOCATION (City, village, or county) (State) NEW LONDON, OHIO		
FUNERAL HOME AND ADDRESS EASTMAN FUNERAL HOME 200 WEST MAIN ST., NEW LONDON, OHIO 44851		SIGNATURE (Type or print) Richard F. Eastman			
DATE FILED (Month, Day, Year) JULY 20, 1976	REGISTER'S SIGNATURE Marilyn Collins	DATE PERMIT ISSUED JULY 20, 1976	REGISTER'S SIGNATURE R. F. Eastman	PAGE NO. 39	

The last will and testament of Henry Eugene Neel reads as follows:

I, Henry Eugene Neel, of the Village of New London, County of Huron and State of Ohio, being of full age and of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made.

Item I – I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate as soon as practicable after the time of my decease.

Item II – All the property, both real and personal, of every kind and description, wheresoever situate which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease, I give, bequeath and devise to my wife, Edith Neel, absolutely and in fee simple.

Item III – In the event that my said wife, Edith Neel, shall not survive me or that we be killed in common disaster, then I give and bequeath to each of the following grandchildren, they being children of my deceased son Graydon, Richard Neel, Donald Neel, Douglas Neel and Mary Kay Neel the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in cash.

Item IV – All the rest, residue and remainder of my property, both real and personal, of every kind and description, wheresoever situate which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease I give, devise and bequeath to my children, they being Thelma Potter, Orile Fackler, Doyle Neel, Mary Enderby, Betty Wheaton and Vaughn Neel, equally, share and share alike, absolutely and in fee simple.

Item V – I make, nominate and appoint my son, Doyle Neel, to be the executor of this my last will and testament, hereby authorizing and empowering my said executor to compound, compromise, settle and adjust all claims and demands in favor of or against my estate; and to sell, at private or public sale, at such prices and upon such terms of credit or otherwise, as he may deem best, the whole or any part of my real or personal property, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds and other proper instruments of conveyance thereof to the purchaser or purchasers. No purchaser from my executor need see to the application of the purchase money to or for the purpose of the trust, but the receipt of my executor shall be a complete discharge and acquittance therefore.

In the event that my said son shall be unable or unwilling to act as executor, I request that my son, Vaughn Neel, be appointed as executor with all the powers hereinbefore granted to Doyle Neel as executor.

I request that no bond be required of my said executor.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at New London, Ohio, this 2nd day of July, 1974. [Signed] Henry Eugene Neel.

Last Will and Testament
OF
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Edith Neel made an identical will at the same time. Margaret Johnson of New London, Ohio, and Elenor Szabo of Wakeman, Ohio, were witnesses. Grandma later added a codicil dated 30 May 1979:

I Edith Neel being of sound mind do this day will to my daughter Orile Fackler my marble top dresser and was stand – also my sewing machine – and any other thing she wants.

To my daughter Mary Enderby, I leave my dining room table, table that sits in my front window, and my old kitchen wash stand, and bed in small room upstairs.

To my granddaughter, Mary Jo Miller, I leave my 4 dining room chairs.

To my grandson Bill Enderby, I leave my davenport and my two arm chairs.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
Form No. 35 Revised May 1962	39 1903	Register No. 340	
Name: EDITH SANDERS NEEL		Sex: FEMALE	Date of Birth: Nov. 13, 1919
Age: 55	Color: WHITE	Date of Death: Dec. 6, 1979	County of Death: Huron
Place of Birth: Willard		Hospital: Willard Hospital	
State of Birth: Missouri		Citizenship: USA	Social Security Number: 293-09-1055
Race: AMERICAN		Marital Status: WIDOWED	Occupation: Homemaker
Usual Residence: At Home		Address: 22 Walnut Street	
City: New London		State: Ohio	
Physician: William B. Sanders		Attending Physician: Elizabeth Spurgeon	
Address: Doyle Neel		Address: 99 S. Clifton St., New London, Ohio 44851	
DEATH CAUSED BY: Acute Myocardial Infarction			
IMMEDIATE CAUSE: Acute Myocardial Infarction		MANNER OF DEATH: Sudden	
CONDITIONS OF DEATH: Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease		AGE AT DEATH: 15 years	
DATE AND HOURS OF DEATH: 11/16/79 2:30 pm			
Signature of Physician: <i>William B. Sanders</i>		Signature of Registrar: <i>Richard F. Eastman</i>	
Name and Address of Registrar: John V. Emery, M.D., 218 Myrtle Ave., Willard, Ohio 44890		Name and Address of Registrar: Richard F. Eastman, 5220A, 6767	
Date of Burial: Nov. 16, 1979		Location: Grove Street Cemetery, New London, Ohio	
Funeral Home: Eastman Funeral Home, 200 West Main Street, New London, Ohio 44851		Signature of Registrar: <i>Richard F. Eastman</i>	
Date of Report: 11-16-79		Signature of Registrar: <i>Richard F. Eastman</i>	

Children of Henry Eugene and Edith S. (Sanders) Neel:

1. Thelma Ruth Neel, born 1911; died 1998; m. 1934 James Alvin Potter
2. Orile Gertrude Neel, born 1914; died 2010; m(1) 1939 Paul Fackler; m(2) 1995 Maurice Selzer
3. Graydon Harold Neel, born 1916; died 1963; m(1) 1940 Rose Barson; m(2) 1946 Kathleen Jessie Bates
4. Doyle Douglas Neel, born 1919 (living); m. 1943 Jean Marie Foreman

5. Mary Jane Neel, born 1923 (living); m(1) 1942 Joseph Donald Enderby; m(2) 1990 Theodore Mahl
6. Betty Jean Neel, born 1925; died 2010; m. 1946 George Price Wheaton
7. Vaughn Keith Neel, born 1930 (living); m. 1955 Lois Rae Fetterman



Edith and Henry Neel



Grove Street Cemetery, New London OH

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS



John Raphael Smith



Mary Jane Jenkins Neel



“Jack & Sis” Neel with Wesley & Mary Jenkins Family



Possibly Felix Neel – Taken in Minerva



Possibly John L. Neel
Taken in Minerva



Mary Jane Jenkins Neel



Mary May Neel Smith Welch



Mary Young Neel



Asby Neel, May Neel Smith, John L. Neel



Asby Neel, Alpha Neel, Marion Neel



Mary Alta Neel, Charles England



Mary May Neel Smith Welch



Asby C. Neel



Barn in Cumberland Twp built by Barnet Neel Jr



Barnet Neel about 1910/1911



Edith Neel Waite and Annie Waite



Henry Eugene Neel



Edith Sanders Neel



22 Walnut Street, New London



Waite Family thinks this is Felix
and Mary Taylor Neel (?)



Benton E. Neel



Alta Neel & Edsal Runyan



Alta Neel, John L. Neel, Mary Jane Jenkins Neel, Rhetta Williamson Alsop



Vaughn Neel, Betty Neel Wheaton, Mary Neel Mahl,
Thelma Neel Potter, Doyle Neel, Orile Neel Selzer



Benton E. Neel



Minnie, Renno, & Florence Neel 1915



Doyle D. Neel



Mary Alta Neel England



Tom Neel (author), Mike Neel holding Torin Neel, John Neel, Paul Neel



Edith Neel, Thelma Neel, Orile Neel, Graydon Neel, Doyle Neel, Henry Neel



Don Neel, Carl Neel – Sicily, WWII



Graydon H. Neel



Dale Neel



Carl Neel



Lois & Vaughn Neel, Carol Neel Bartlett, Ted and Mary Neel Mahl, Betty Neel Wheaton, Ellsworth Neel, Doyle and Jean Neel, Deloris Neel Brimhall



Thelma Neel Potter, Katie Bates Neel, friend of Mary Jo, Lois Fetterman Neel, Mary Jo Fackler, Jean Foreman Neel, Alberta Braun Foreman, Edith Sanders Neel, Mark Neel, Doyle Neel, Graydon Neel holding Mary Kay, Orile Neel Fackler, Mary Neel Enderby



Henry Eugene Neel



Vaughn Keith Neel



Monongahela River across from Barnet Neel "Turkey Flat" Farm

NEEL DESCENDANTS (Neel Surname Only)

First Generation:

Henry O'Neal, birth date and place unknown (possibly Ireland); died shortly before 17 Jan 1749 at Deer Creek, Baltimore (now Harford) Co MD; wife Sarah, married second by 1753, James Seals, b. ca. 1730 Collin Hundred, Prince George's Co MD; d. May 1797 Morgan Twp., Greene Co PA.

Second Generation (all children of Henry):

1. Elizabeth O'Neal, born ca. 1745 Deer Creek, Harford Co MD; no further information
2. Mary O'Neal, born ca. 1746 Deer Creek, Harford Co MD; died 15 Nov 1836 Pickaway Co OH; married Ezekiel Morris, b. ca. 1744; d. 24 Sep 1822 Pickaway Co OH
3. Barnet O'Neal, born ca. 1748 Deer Creek, Harford Co MD; died a day or two prior to 12 Nov 1778 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; wife Mary, birth unknown; died a day or two prior to 6 Mar 1779 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA

Third Generation (all children of Barnet):

1. Sarah Neel, m. Samuel Harrod, b. 8 Jan 1769; d. 1832 Clark Co IN
2. Henry Neel, born by 1772 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; died after 1821; wife Elizabeth Vanmeter
3. Barnet O'Neal, born 23 Apr 1776 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; died 15 Sep 1860 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; m. 6 Jun 1799 Martha Hughes, born 11 May 1781; died 31 Oct 1857 Greene Co PA
4. Infant O'Neal, died a day or two prior to 6 Mar 1779 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA, with the mother.

Fourth Generation (initial for name of parent):

Children of Henry Neel (ca. 1772 to after 1821):

- H1 - Barnet Neal, b. 1792 Greene Co PA; d. 1 Dec 1869 Boylan's Grove, Butler Co IA; m. Mary Young, b. 31 Mar 1795; d. 22 Mar 1892 Butler Co IA
- H2 - James Neel, b. 20 Jul 1795 Greene Co PA; d. 21 Apr 1863 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; m(1) Eliza Kelley, b. 19 May 1802; d. 4 Feb 1834; m(2) Nancy "Ann", b. ca. 1803 PA
- H3 - John Neel, b. 2 Nov 1797 Greene Co PA; d. 28 Oct 1872 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; m. 1825 PA Sarah Hempstead, b. 8 Mar 1801 Fayette Co PA; d. 3 Feb 1869 Columbiana Co OH
- H4 - Henry Neel, b. ca. 1802 Greene Co PA; d. between 1850-1860 probably Richhill Twp., Greene Co PA; m. Mary Williams, b. ca. 1801 Greene Co PA; d. 10 Sep 1889 Aleppo Twp., Greene Co PA, age 88 y, 2 m 23 d

Children of Barnet Neel (1776-1860):

- B1 – Thomas O’Neel, b. 3 Jan 1800; d. 31 Aug 1877 Inlet, Lee Co IL; m. 5/7 Jan 1821 Mary McCall, b. 21 Sep 1800 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 14 Aug 1878 Inlet, Lee Co IL
- B2 – Henry O’Neel, b. 30 Mar 1802; d. 26 Feb 1856; m. 28 Jul 1825 Rhoda Hiller; b. 30 (or 26) Mar 1799; d. 25 Sep 1868 Red Bluffs, Tehama Co CA [Neel on tombstone]
- B3 – Lucretia O’Neel, b. 11 Oct 1805; d. 9 Dec 1807
- B4 – Elizabeth O’Neel, b. 19 Jan/Nov 1806; d. 6 Dec 1884 Appanoose Co IA; m. 3/5 Apr 1828 Jesse Swan, b. 3/31 Aug 1800; d. 8 Feb 1851
- B5 – Mary O’Neel, b. 4 May 1808; d. 6 Dec 1876; m. 21 May 1829 James Wiley, b. 8 Apr 1809; d. 4 Mar 1889
- B6 – Barnet O’Neel, b. 5/15 Sep 1810; d. 12 Apr 1899 Appanoose Co IA; m. 25 Sep 1831 Margaret Kincade; b. 20 Jul 1814 PA; d. 23 Oct 1881 Appanoose Co IA
- B7 – Sarah O’Neel, b. 22 Mar 1813, d. 15 Jun 1893; m. 7 Dec 1837 William Sharpnack, b. 9 Jun/Jul 1810, d. 18 Jan 1892 or 29 Sep 1907
- B8 – John H. O’Neel, b. 4/24 Nov 1815, d. 2 Sep 1868; m. 6 Jun 1837 or 6 Jul 1835 Sarah Moredock, b. 28 Jul 1817; possibly the couple divorced 12 Oct 1859 Greene Co PA; she d. Oct 1908
- B9 – James C. O’Neel, b. 29 Jan 1818 PA, d. 21 Mar 1867 Greene Co PA; m. 17 Jul 1840 Eliza Ann McElvaney, b. 1819 PA; d. 12 Nov 1896 Carmichaels, Greene Co PA
- B10 – Nancy Ann Lott O’Neel, b. 6 Mar 1820 Greene Co PA; d. 7 Apr 1871 Wirt Co WV; m. 15 Sep 1842 John Veon, b. 3 Jan 1818 PA; d. 2 Apr 1910 Beatrice, Gage Co NE; he m(2) 29 Jan 1873 Wirt Co WV to Hulda Christina Burner, b. 1844; d. 1925
- B11 – Remembrance O’Neel, b. 9 Jun 1822; d. 20 Jan 1907 Windom, McPherson Co KS; m(1) 21 Mar 1844 Eleanor Thomas, b. 4 Aug 1824; m(2) 29 Jul 1866 Mary Neff, b. 10 Mar 1832; d. 1 Feb 1907 Windom, McPherson Co KS
- B12 – Aliff Shepherd O’Neel, b. 4 Sep 1824, d. 21 Nov 1863; m. 13 Mar 1851 Maria Louisa Thomas, b. 1830, d. 20 Feb 1885

Fifth Generation (initial for name of parent and grandparent):

Children of Barnet Neel (1792-1869):

- BH1 – Lucinda Neal, b. 22 Sep 1815 Greene Co PA, d. 24 Jan 1896 Butler Co IA; unmarried.
- BH2 – Thomas Jefferson Neal, b. 4 Aug 1817 Greene Co PA, d. 29 Dec 1901 near Pratt KS; m. 28 Feb 1841 Uniontown, Fayette Co PA to Clarissa Elizabeth Colley, b. 4 Aug 1820 near Brownsville, Fayette Co PA; d. 1870 Johnson Co MO
- BH3 – Barnet Neal, b. ca. 1821 Greene Co PA, d. 5 Sep 1901 Allison, Butler Co IA; m. 1838 Carmichael, Greene Co PA to Carolina Ensley, b. 7 Jul 1820 PA; d. 13 Feb 1909 Clarksville IA.
- BH4 – Isaac Newton Neal, b. 9 Jul 1822 Greene Co PA, d. 27 Oct 1863 Opelansas LA; m. 15 Jan 1846 Woodsville, Monroe Co OH to Thirza Ellen Colledge, b. 29 May 1828 England; Thirza m(2) 30 May 1870 Monroe Co OH to William S. Davis
- BH5 – Joseph Nathan Neal, b. 28 Jun 1829 Rice’s Landing, Greene Co PA; d. 8 Oct 1912 Butler Co IA; m(1) 29 Mar 1854 Monroe Co OH to Elizabeth Mitchell, b. 22 Feb 1830 Woodsfield, Monroe Co OH; d. 26 Sep 1888 Bristow, Butler Co IA; m(2) Ella (Porter) Gibson

Children of James Neel (1795-1863):

- JaH1 – Elizabeth Neel, b. ca. 1825 PA
JaH2 – Harriet Neel, b. ca. 1827 PA; m. Enoch Estle, b. ca. 1815 PA
JaH3 – James Neel, b. ca. 1827 PA; d. 1905 Greene Co PA; m. Charlotte Cumpston, b. ca. 1833 PA
JaH4 – Sarah Ann Neel, d. 1911 Greene Co PA
JaH5 – William Neel, b. ca. 1832 PA

Children of John Neel (1797-1872):

- JoH1 – Susan S. Neel, b. 1 Feb 1826 PA; m(1) Richard Lucas; m(2) 29 Oct 1863
Columbiana Co OH to Isaac P. Edwards, b. ca. 1815 PA
JoH2 – John E. Neel, b. 3 Jul 1827 PA, d. 15 Feb 1888 Columbiana Co OH; m. 23 Aug
1857 Columbiana Co OH to Sarah Elizabeth Sharpneck, b. 1842 PA, d. 1909 OH;
divorced
JoH3 – Henry Neel, b. 16 Aug 1829 PA, d. 1900; m(1) 29 Nov/1 Dec 1849 Columbiana
Co OH to Martha Van Matre, b. ca. 1831 OH; d. possibly 11 Oct ??; m(2) 3 Aug 1877
Mary L. Mathers
JoH4 – Sarah Neel, b. 30 Jan 1832 PA, d. 3 Jun/Sep 1888 Browning MO; m. 8 Nov 1847
Alexander G. Curl, b. 24 Apr 1828; d. 13 Sep 1908
JoH5 – Eliza H. Neel, b. 25 Nov 1833 PA, d. 22 Mar 1904 Columbiana Co OH; m. 7 Mar
1858 Columbiana Co OH to John H. Witherspoon, b. 22 Dec 1830 PA, d. 12 Mar 19?
Columbiana Co OH
JoH6 – Felix Hempstead Neel, b. 24 Oct 1835 Greene Co PA, d. 5 Sep 1916 Huntington
Twp., Lorain Co OH; m. 19 Dec 1859 East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH to Mary
Taylor, b. 30 Mar 1840 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 7 May 1915 Huntington
Twp., Lorain Co OH
JoH7 – William T. Neel, b. 20 Aug 1837 PA; d. 26 Jun 1913 West Twp., Columbiana Co
OH; m. 15 Nov 1860 Columbiana Co OH to Susanna Miller, b. Dec 1840 OH; d. 1909
Columbiana Co OH
JoH8 – Elizabeth J. Neel, b. 9 Mar 1839 PA; d. 26 Mar 1915 Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co
OH; m. 3 Apr 1862 Columbiana Co OH to Samuel S. Shively, b. ca. 1837 OH; d. 1897
OH
JoH9 – Barnet Neel, b. 5 Feb 1841 PA; d. 14 Oct 1923 OH; m. 5 Feb 1867 Knox Twp.,
Columbiana Co OH to Delilah Weaver, b. Jan 1845 OH; d. 4 Jul 1923 OH
JoH10 – Asby Neel, b. 20 Apr 1844 PA; d. 1 Apr 1864 OH

Children of Henry Neel (1802-1850s):

- HH1 – Susan Neel, b. 19 Oct 1827; d. 9 May 1917 Aleppo Twp., Greene Co PA; m.
Greene Co PA to James McVay, b. 22 Mar 1822; d. 17 May 1908 Aleppo Twp., Greene
Co PA
HH2 – William Neel, b. 5 May 1830 PA; d. 27 Apr 1896 Vermilion Co IL; m. Greene Co
PA to Mary Jane Macomb, b. 6 Nov 1838 VA; d. 3 Jun 1890 Vermilion Co IL
HH3 – Benjamin Neel, b. Jan 1837 PA; d. 31 Dec 1901 Aleppo Twp., Greene Co PA;
single
HH4 – Elizabeth Neel, b. 1838 PA; d. 1924 Aleppo Twp., Greene Co PA

HH5 – Hannah Neel, b. ca. 1840 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 14 Aug 1896 Aleppo Twp., Greene Co PA, age 56 y 4 m; m. Henry Ullom
HH6 – Warren Neel, b. 2 Apr 1842 Uniontown, Fayette Co PA; d. 18 May 1920 Monmouth, Polk Co OR; m. 1881 Arkansas City, KS to Elva Pickering, b. 13 Mar 1863 Fulton Co IL; d. 24 Apr 1938 Monmouth, Polk Co OR
HH7 – Thomas Neel, b. 1844 PA
HH8 – Mary Neel, b. 4 Dec 1847 PA; d. 29 Nov 1911 Aleppo Twp., Greene Co PA; m. 14 Aug 1902 Greene Co PA to Noah Whipkey, b. 12 Jan 1839 Somerset Co PA; d. 24 May 1925 Aleppo Twp., Greene Co PA
HH9 – Minerva Neel, b. 1849 PA; m. Mr. Conrad

Children of Thomas Neel (1800-1877):

TB1 – Henry Neel, b. 18 Dec 1821 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 1900 Marble Rock IA; m. 2 Nov 1845 Knox Co OH to Margaret Austin, b. England
TB2 – Alexander Neel; b. 24 Jun 1823 PA; d. 3 Jun 1912 Claiborne Twp., Union Co OH; m. 26 Sep 1844 Knox Co OH to Charlotte Warrick, b. 3 Mar 1825 Licking Co OH; d. 5 Apr 1884, bur. Thompson Twp., Delaware Co OH
TB3 – Margaret Neel, b. ca. 1830 PA
TB4 – Melissa Neel, b. 23 Sep 1833 Greene Co PA; d. 23 Sep 1867 Lee Center Twp., Lee Co IL; m. 10 Apr 1856 Lee Center, Lee Co IL to Elisha Ford, b. 12 Apr 1828 Bradford Co PA; d. 9 Jan 1909 Lee Center Twp., Lee Co IL
TB5 – Rhoda Ellen Neel, b. 19 Jan 1830 [ca 1836 OH per 1850 census] Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 19 Mar 1914 Lee Center, Lee Co IL; m(1) 28 Jan 1853 Lee Co IL to Ralph E. Ford, b. 5 Jun 1831 Bradford Co PA; d. 5 Feb 1903 Lee Center, Lee Co IL; m(2) 1 Oct 1913 Lee Center, Lee Co IL to Martin L. Clink, b. 1832
TB6 – Mary Mathilda Neel, b. 11 May 1839 Milford Twp., Knox Co OH; d. 13 Jul 1914 Lee Center Twp., Lee Co IA; m(1) Nicholas R. Harris; m(2) Elisha Ford, b. 12 Apr 1828 Bradford Co PA; d. 9 Jan 1909 Lee Center Twp., Lee Co IL (had been married to her sister Melissa)
TB7 – Barnet Neel, b. ca. 1840 Milford Twp., Knox Co OH; m. ca. 1861 Lee Co IL to Mary, b. ca. 1847 England
TB8 – Juliann Neel, b. ca. 1842 Milford Twp., Knox Co OH

Children of Henry Neel (1802-1856):

HB1 – Barnet O'Neil, b. 20 Oct 1827; d. 6 Aug 1870 Red Bluffs, Tehama Co CA; m. 31 Mar 1858 Caliphunia Johnson, b. MO
HB2 – Martha O'Neil, b. 17 May 1830; m. 15 Aug 1847 John Minor
HB3 – William O'Neil, b. 11 Nov 1832; d. 1 Aug (or 6 Apr) 1872 Red Bluffs, Tehama Co CA
HB4 – Margaret O'Neil, b. 5 Jan 1835; m. 21 Mar 1863 James D. Potts
HB5 – Elizabeth O'Neil, b. 12 Oct 1838; d. 1926 Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA; m. 30 Apr 1863 Remembrance Hughes Campbell, b. 3 Dec 1839
HB6 – Mary O'Neil, m. 3 Dec 1868 William Sample Wilcox, b. 24 Mar 1832; d. 5 Jun 1892 Red Bluffs, Tehama Co CA

Children of Barnet Neel (1810-1899):

- BB1 – Martha Mariah Neel, b. ca. 1833 Greene Co PA; d. 26 Oct 1860; m. 27 Dec 1855
George Teagarden
- BB2 – William Kincade Neel, b. 19 Dec 1833 Greene Co PA; d. 13 Dec 1883; m. 19 Sep
1872 elsewhere 11 Sep 1871 Greene Co PA to Sarah Jane Haver, b. 15 Dec 1844 Green
Co PA; d. 19 Apr 1879 Appanoose Co IA
- BB3 – Mary Neel, b. 27 Aug 1836 Greene Co PA; d. 12 Apr 1913; m. 2 Apr 1864
George Lloyd, b. 25 Mar 1837; d. 20 Feb 1929
- BB4 – Ann Sarah Neel, b. 21 Feb 1839 Greene Co PA; d. 31 Jul 1913; m. 1 Jan 1856
George Rex Haver, b. 19 May 1833; d. 2 Aug 1914
- BB5 – Jane Neel, b. 14 Feb 1842 Greene Co PA; d. 27 May 1863 Appanoose Co IA
- BB6 – Elizabeth Neel, b. 11 Nov 1843 Greene Co PA; m. 11 Mar 1891 Wells Peppers
- BB7 – Catherine Neel, b. 20 Dec 1846 Greene Co PA; m. 7 Feb 1866 George Teagarden
- BB8 – Susan Emma Neel, b. Jan 1850 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; m. 25 Feb 1869
Eldred Glover
- BB9 – Barnet “Bart” Neel, b. 19 May 1863 Johns Twp., Appanoose Co IA; d. 18 Feb
1932 Appanoose Co IA; m. 3 Apr 1887 Mary Irene Wade, b. 10 Mar 1868; d. 9 Jan
1929 (according to web site is Margaret’s child?)

Children of John Neel (1815-1868):

- JoB1 – Priscilla O’Neil, b. 25 Apr 1838; d. 26 Mar 1929; m. 8 Dec 1866 Israel Shultz, b.
30 Jan 1843; d. 2 Dec 1918
- JoB2 – Minerva O’Neil, b. 29 Jun 1842; m. 13 Dec 1865 Andrew Jackson Young, b. 28
Dec 1837; d. 27 Jan 1910
- JoB3 – Mary Ellen O’Neil, b. 8 Aug 1853; m. John Lawson Bane, b. 13 Mar 1858

Children of James Neel (1818-1867):

- JaB1 – Barnet Neel, b. 11 Oct 1841 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 11 Oct 1841
- JaB2 – Martha Neel, b. 29 Sep 1842 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 11 Mar 1898
- JaB3 – Susan Neel, b. 29 Jul 1845 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 11 Jul 1909; m.
21 Mar 1871 David Kerr, b. 1843; d. 1920
- JaB4 – Aliff Shepherd Neel, b. 10 Sep 1848 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 1916
- JaB5 – Elizabeth Neel, b. 26 Jan 1851 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 6 Jun 1883;
m. 21 Mar 1879 Hiram Kerr, b. 1847
- JaB6 – Mary Margaret Neel, b. 12 Jan 1854 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; m. 17
Mar 1885 J. S. Burwell
- JaB7 – Virtue Neel, b. 8 Apr 1857 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 4 Jul 1899
- JaB8 – Sarah Ellen Neel, b. 8 Apr 1859 Cumberland Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 1919

Children of Remembrance Neel (1822-1907):

- RB1 – Catherine O’Neil, b. 8 Jun 1845; m. J. S. Courtier
- RB2 – Joshua O’Neil, b. 20 Dec 1846; wife Mary
- RB3 – Barnet O’Neil, b. 20 Dec 1846; d. 15 Sep 1896; m. 15 Nov 1871 Mary Catherine
McCall, d. 9 Sep 1883 Greenbush IL
- RB4 – Martha O’Neil, b. 10 Feb 1849; m. 4 Aug 1872 Albert E. Jacobs, b. 12 Apr 1846
- RB5 – Aliff Shepherd O’Neil, b. 2 Mar 1851; d. 23 Feb 1932 Windom, McPherson Co
KS; wife Ann, b. 10 May 1856; d. 28 Jun 1932 Windom, McPherson Co KS

RB6 – Ellen O’Neil, b. 21 Mar 1853; m. 11 May 1872 Spencer Huffman, b. 26 Sep 1847; d. 5 Feb 1899

RB7 – John O’Neil, b. 29 Apr 1867 PA; wife Anna Linda

RB8 – Elizabeth O’Neil, b. 4 Jan 1871; m. 28 May 1892 Benjamin F. Myers, b. 12 Apr 1869

RB9 – Louemma O’Neil, b. 5 Sep 1874; m. John Corcoran

Children of Aliff Shepherd Neel (1824-1863):

AB1 – Martha Louemma Neel, b. 3 Feb 1852

AB2 – Elizabeth Neel, b. 23 Mar 1854; d. 2 Jul 1873

AB3 – Joshua Thomas Neel, b. 17 Jan 1856 near Rices Landing, Greene Co PA; d. 17 Nov 1926; m. 1 May 1886 Carmichaels, Greene Co PA to Rhoda Ann Gregg, b. 12 Nov 1855 Carmichaels PA; d. 14 Feb 1944 St. Augustine FL

AB4 – Remembrance Hughes Neel, b. 12 Apr 1859; d. 1938 Greene Co PA; m. Martha May Garwood; d. 1951 Greene Co PA

AB5 – Ella Neel, b. 9 Feb 1872; m. 25 Dec 1905 Greene Co PA to John A. Shape

Sixth Generation (initials for parent, grandparent, great grandparent):

Children of Thomas Jefferson Neel (1817-1901):

TBH1 – John Neal, b. 4 Dec 1841 Fayette Co PA; d. 1842

TBH2 – Mary Magdalena Neal, b. 25 Oct 1842 Fayette Co PA; d. 13 Aug 1940 CA; m(1) 9 Aug 1866 Bealsville, Belmont Co OH to George G. Amlin, d. 4 Jan 1870 Newport, Washington Co OH; m(2) 30 Jul 1871 Warrensburg, Johnson Co MO to Lewis Rudy, b. 15 Nov 1825 Trumansburg, Tompkins Co NY; d. 21 Mar 1896 Warrensburg MO; m(3) W. E. Borthick, d. 13 Mar 1928 Glendale CA

TBH3 – Clarissa Elizabeth Neal, b. 11 Mar 1847 Monroe Co OH; d. 13 Jan 1935 Shattuck OK; m. 3 Sep 1865 Monroe Co OH to Silas Emmet Young, b. 7 Mar 1842 Antioch, Monroe Co OH; d. 8 Jan 1941 Shattuck OK

TBH4 – Lucinda C. Neal, b. 11 Mar 1847 Monroe Co OH; d. 20 Feb 1868; m. ca. 1863 to Ezra Barker

TBH5 – Nancy Ross Neal, b. 23 Jul 1849 Monroe Co OH; d. 19 Mar 1936 Woodsfield, Monroe Co OH; m. 18 Apr 1867 to Albert Ewing Thornberry, b. 16 Jun 1843 Beallsville OH; d. 5 Apr 1918 Woodsfield, Monroe Co OH

TBH6 – Joseph Barnet Neal, b. 30 Dec 1852 near Antioch, Monroe Co OH; d. 16 Jan 1941 Pratt KS; m. 29 Sep 1882 Kingman KS to Susan Ellen Branaman, b. 17 Aug 1859 Henry Co IL; d. 3 Feb 1938 Pratt KS

TBH7 – John Martin “Dock” Neal, b. 18 Jul 1854 near Antioch, Monroe Co OH; d. 31 Dec 1917 Hobard OK; unmarried

TBH8 – Thomas Jefferson Neal, b. 21 Feb 1857 near Antioch, Monroe Co OH; d. 24 Nov 1906 Pagosa Springs, Archuleta Co CO; m. 1 Feb 1888 Clayton, Colfax Co NM to Amelia Mae Wolford, b. 22 Aug 1867 Colfax Co NM; d. 22 Aug 1955 Albuquerque NM

Children of Barnet Neel (1821-1901):

BBH1 – Mary “Maggie” W. Neal, b. ca. 1841; 9 Jan 1897 Butler Co IA; m. 10 Mar 1859 Monroe Co OH to James H. Merrill
BBH2 – Thomas Jefferson Neal, b. ca. 1844; d. Des Moines IA; m. 21 Feb 1870 Black Hawk IA to Fanny Martin
BBH3 – Isaac Newton Neal, b. 28 Apr 1849 Monroe Co OH; d. 26 Aug 1923 Allison IA; m(1) 3 May 1868 Bristow, Butler Co IA to Sarah Elizabeth “Bessie” Boylan, b. ca. 1850 IN; d. 10 May 1877 Jackson Twp., Butler Co IA; m(2) 16 Sep 1877 Clarksville, Butler Co IA to Katheryn “Kate” Moffat, b. 9 May 1857; d. 18 Jun 1911
BBH4 – Caroline Neal, b. 1851 Monroe Co OH; d. 1934 Allison IA; m. Alvin C. Crawford, b. 29 Jun 1842; d. 1913 Allison IA
BBH5 - Elizabeth
BBH6 – Jennie (Jane) Neal, b. ca. 1866 (must be older); Jane m. 16 Feb 1873 Butler Co IA to William Boylan
BBH7 – John B. Neal, b. ca. 1870 IA; m. Eva M. Swan

Children of Isaac Newton Neel (1822-1863):

IBH1 – Clarissa Neal, b. ca. 1847 OH; m. 19 Feb 1868 Monroe Co OH to Eli Whitlach
IBH2 – William Neal, b. ca. 1849
IBH3 – Joseph Raymond Neal, b. 10 Jul 1851 Monroe Co OH; d. 11 Aug 1852 Monroe Co OH
IBH4 – Isaac Newton Neal, b. 15 May 1852
IBH5 – Francis Marvin Neal, b. 17 Jun 1857
IBH6 – Kate Neal, b. 17 Mar 1861

Children of Joseph Nathan Neel (1821-1912):

JBH1 – Thomas Mitchell Neal, b. 27 Mar 1854 Antioch, Monroe Co OH; d. 14 May 1927 Eugene OR; m. 19 Apr 1883 Ella E. Sidmore, b. 23 Oct 1861 or 1862; Ella m(2) 2 Jul 1914 to Abraham Seitz
JBH2 – Barnet Ames Neal, b. 10 Nov 1855, near Antioch, Monroe Co OH; d. 23 Feb 1931 Butler Co IA; m. 10 Nov 1879 Bristow IA to Laura Nichols, b. Oct 1858 IA; d. 1931 Butler Co IA
JBH3 – John Henry Neal, b. 6 Apr 1857, near Antioch, Monroe Co OH; d. Sep 1941 Belmont IA; m. Mary Hatch
JBH4 – Mary Elizabeth “Mollie” Neal, b. 8 Jun 1859; d. Albert Lea MN; m. Beard T. Leverich
JBH5 – Joseph Nathan Neel, b. 5 May 1861 Cochransville, Monroe Co OH; d. 18 Jun 1948 Greene IA; m(1) 1883 to Lucy A. O’Brien, b. 20 Aug 1862; d. Nov 1887; m(2) 1 Jan 1890 to Helena M. Bicknese, b. 9 Jul 1868; d. 16 Jul 1936
JBH6 – William J. Neal, b. 27 Mar 1865; d. 17 May 1865
JBH7 – Maud Ilorie Neal, b. 11 Aug 1867 Beallsville, Monroe Co OH; d. 1950 Minneapolis MN; m. 18 Nov 1886 Clarksville IA to William August Arnold

Children of James Neel (1827-1905):

JJaH1 – Mary Neel, b. ca. 1857 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA
JJaH2 – James Neel, b. ca. 1858 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA
JJaH3 – Isaac Neel, b. ca. 1860 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA

JJaH4 – Charlotte Neel, b. ca. 1861 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA
 JJaH5 – Laura Gilbreth Neel, b. 22 Apr 1863 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 23 Apr 1942 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; m. 31 Dec 1891 Greene Co PA to Joshua Milton Nichols, b. 16 Apr 1862; d. 22 May 1933
 JJaH6 – Anna B. Neel, b. ca. 1866 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. Mar 1945 Greene Co PA
 JJaH7 – John Cotterel Neel, b. ca. 1868 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. Jun 1933 Greene Co PA; m. Olive Cary Gwynn, b. ca. 1875 PA; d. Feb 1958 Greene Co PA
 JJaH8 – Sadie Neel, b. ca. 1872 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. Jan 1945 Greene Co Pa; unmarried
 JJaH9 – George Neel, b. ca. 1877 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA

Children of Henry Neel (1829-1900):

HJH1 – Jesse V. Neel, b. Jun 1850 OH; d. 1900 Columbiana Co OH; m. 19 Nov 1872 Columbiana Co to Ophelia Francis Coulson, b. 5 Dec 1853 Columbiana Co OH; d. 15 Jan 1915 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH
 HJH2 – Susan L. Neel, b. Aug 1852 Columbiana Co OH; d. 28 Apr 1936 Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH; m. 14 Dec 1871 Columbiana Co OH to James Albert Kibler, b. 9 Dec 1851 Columbiana Co OH; d. 15 Sept 1913 Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH
 HJH3 – Mary E. Neel, d. 15 Dec 1860, age 4 years, 8 days
 HJH4 – Sidney B. Neel, d. 24 Dec 1860, age 1 month

Children of Felix Hempstead Neel (1835-1916):

FJH1 – John Lucas “Jack” Neel, b. 2 Oct 1860 East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH; d. 1 Oct 1947 New London, Huron Co OH; m. 22 Sep 1885 Springfield, Greene Co MO to Mary Jane Jenkins, b. ca. 31 Jul 1858 Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 8 May 1924 Huntington, Lorain Co OH
 FJH2 – Peoria Edith “Ed” Neel, b. 19 Oct 1862 East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH; d. 14 Jul 1943 Springfield, Greene Co MO; m(1) 1 Jan 1886 Greene Co MO to Delois Hawkins, d. 29 Jan 1888 Springfield, Greene Co MO; m(2) 2 Jul 1889 Springfield, Greene Co MO to Ralph Burdell “Del” Waite, b. 11 Mar 1848 Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH; d. 18 Nov 1914 Republic, Greene Co MO
 FJH3 – Henry “Hen” Neel, b. 23 Mar 1869 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 21 Jan 1906 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH; m. Henrietta Florence Emerson [she married 2nd to Mr. Presley]
 FJH4 – Asby C. “Ab” Neel, b. 26 Feb 1872 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 4 Oct 1955 New London, Huron Co OH; m. 3 Aug 1892 Springfield, Greene Co MO Alpha Omega Godwin, b. 25 Jan 1874 Montgomery Co MO; d. 20 Jun 1942 New London, Huron Co OH
 FJH5 – Mary May Neel, b. 14 Aug 1878 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 22 Dec 1955; m(1) Greene Co MO to John Raphael Smith, b. 29 Oct 1866 Grashett, WI; d. 1 Nov 1926 Carlisle Twp., Lorain Co OH; m(2) Lee E. Welch

Children of William T. Neel (1837-1913):

WJH1 – Orlando E. “Lan” Neel, b. 26 Jan 1862 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 1 Feb 1934 Dalton, Wayne Co OH; m. 11 May 1884 Stark Co OH to Malissa Miller, b. 20 Oct 1865 near Paris, Stark Co OH; d. 14 Feb 1930 Orrville, Wayne Co OH

WJH2 – Barnet Elmer Neel, b. 15 Jul 1864 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 28 Jun 1926 near Mechanicstown OH; m(1) 21 Mar 1885 Columbiana Co OH to Jessie Alice Weaver, b. 11 Feb 1869 Columbiana Co OH; d. 28 Jan 1902; m(2) Hannah “Lib” Ferguson, b. 24 Apr 1864; d. 15 Mar 1942

WJH3 – Racheal Emma “Em” Neel, b. 27 Dec 1867 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 24 Jan 1944 Paris Twp., Stark Co OH; m. 24 Dec 1885 Columbiana Co OH to John Ellsworth Reese, b. 10 Apr 1865 Freeburg OH; d. 25 Mar 1947 Mary Day Sanitarium, Paris Twp., Stark Co OH

WJH4 – Sarah May “Tal” Neel, b. 15 Dec 1869 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 12 May 1954 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; m. 28 Dec 1892 Columbiana Co OH to Archer John Barnes, b. 1873; d. 10 May 1941 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH

WJH5 – James Madison Neel, b. 24 Jun 1872 Bayard, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 30 Apr 1935 Madison Twp., Richland Co OH; m. 23 Dec 1896 Stark Co OH to Rachel Elenora Spore; b. 14 Apr 1876 Minerva, Stark Co OH; d. 24 Jul 1951 Mansfield, Richland Co OH

WJH6 – Florence Neel, b. 8 Mar 1875 West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 9 Aug 1959 Canton, Stark Co OH; m(1) 7 Oct 1896 Columbiana Co OH to Harry Jackson, b. 9 Jul 1873 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 29 Apr 1927 Minerva, Stark Co OH; m(2) Harvey L. Kelley, b. 3 Jul 1867 East Rochester, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH; d. 22 Oct 1953 Alliance, Stark Co OH

Children of Barnet Neel (1841-1923):

BJH1 – Asby Clarence Neel, b. 7 Jun 1869 North Georgetown, Columbiana Co OH; d. 18 Jun 1952 East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH; m(1) 19 Sep 1894 Columbiana Co OH to Olive R. Reeder, b. Oct 1872; divorced Aug 1903 Stark Co OH; m(2) 3 Nov 1904 Columbiana Co OH to Nellie M. Davis, b. 3 Apr 1878 Columbiana Co OH; d. 1965 OH

Children of Warren Neal (1842-1920):

WaHH1 – Mabel Neal, b. 8 Apr 1882 KS; m. Carl Frances Grover

WaHH2 – Joseph W. Neal, b. 25 Aug 1884 KS; d. 1904

WaHH3 – William Neal, b. 22 Jul 1887 KS; m. Alma Atkins

WaHH4 – Clara P. Neal, b. 11 Jul 1899 Polk Co OR; d. 1915 Monmouth, Polk Co OR

Children of Henry Neel (1821-1900):

HTB1 – Mary Jane Neel, m. Philip Shultz

HTB2 – Martha Ellen Neel, m. William Daers

HTB3 – Sarah Ann Neel, m. Frank Bemar

HTB4 – Matilda Lenore Neel, b. 1858 Melugin’s Grove, Lee Co IL; m. Robert Barr

HTB5 – Adel Neel, m. James Barr

HTB6 – John Henry Neel

HTB7 – Margaret Elizabeth Neel

HTB8 – Louella Neel

Children of Alexander Neel (1823-unknown):

- ATB1 – Thomas P. Neel, b. Aug 1845 OH; m. Elizabeth Jane Hawkins - Williams, b. 19 Apr 1850 Delaware Co OH; d. 27 Dec 1934 Richwood, Claiborne Twp., Union Co OH
- ATB2 – Rhoda Ellen Neel, b. ca. 1850 OH; m. Jonathan Fayman
- ATB3 – Mary Arminda Neel, b. 4 Aug 1856 (tombstone 1857) OH; d. 1 Jun 1916 Claiborne Twp., Union Co OH; m. William Hite, b. 11 Jan 1848 OH; d. 6 Jun 1921 Claiborne Twp., Union Co OH
- ATB4 – William A. Neel, b. 25 Dec 1864 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH; d. 23 Apr 1940, Magnetic Springs, Union Co OH; m. 4 Oct 1883 Union Co OH to Ora J. Smart, b. 7 Sep 1867 Richwood, Union Co OH; d. 18 Mar 1947 Magnetic Springs, Union Co OH
- ATB5 – John H. Neel, b. Jul 1867 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH; d. 1942, bur. Thompson Twp., Delaware Co OH; m. Mary Bell Swartz, b. 21 Jun 1865 Delaware Co OH; d. 28 Jan 1945 Magnetic Springs, Union Co OH

Children of Barnet Neel (1840-unknown):

- BTB1 – George Neel, b. ca. 1862 IL
- BTB2 – Charles Neel, b. ca. 1867 IL

Children of Barnet Neel (1827-1870):

- BHB1 – Granville Doll Neel, b. 1863; d. 1926 Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA; m. Martha, b. 1861; d. 1932 Red Bluff, Tehama Co CA

Children of William Kinkade Neel (1833-1883):

- WBB1 – (Infant Son) Neel, buried Concord Cem., Appanoose Co IA (no dates)
- WBB2 – Barnett Neel, b. 1873; d. 1942; m. Elizabeth Rider, b. 1878; d. 1954
- WBB3 – William Kinkade Neel, b. 1876 Appanoose Co IA; d. 1948 Wayne Co IA; m. 31 Dec 1896 Appanoose, Wayne Co IA to Lenna Darrah, b. ca. 1877 Appanoose Co IA

Children of Barnet Neel (1863-1932):

- BBB1 – Barnet LeRoy Neel, b. 1888 Johns Twp., Appanoose Co IA; d. 1969 Gervais OR; m. 25 Dec 1912 Wayne Co IA to Bonnie Lydia Lord, b. 1891 South Fork Twp., Wayne Co IA
- BBB2 – Edna Jane Neel, m. Mr. Myers
- BBB3 – Eleanor Neel, b. ca. 1893 Plano IA; m. 30 Oct 1912 Centerville, Appanoose Co IA to C. W. Crawford, b. ca. 1891 Corydon IA

Children of Aliff Shepherd Neel (1851-1932):

- ARB1 – Ernest R. Neel, b. 16 Oct 1882 KS; d. 1 Jun 1902 Windom, McPherson Co KS
- ARB2 – Walter S. Neel, b. Oct 1885 KS
- ARB3 – Asa Ailiff Neel, b. 1888 KS; d. 2 Jan 1967 KS; m. Pearl W. Draper, b. 1895 KS; d. 1982 KS

Children of John Neel (1867-unknown):

- JRB1 – Francis A. Neel, b. Nov 1894 McPherson Co KS
- JRB2 – Rudolph A. Neel, b. Aug 1896 McPherson Co KS

Children of Joshua Thomas Neel (1856-1926):

JAB1 – Joshua Thomas Neel, b. 6 Feb 1887 Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co PA; d. 6 Feb 1887

JAB2 – Paul Vincent Neel, b. 17 Mar 1888 Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co PA; d. 6 Oct 1970;
m(1) 15 Sep 1913 Andrea A. Argenson, b. 30 Nov 1888; d. 21 Oct 1929; m(2) Helen S.
Thompson

JAB3 – Alice Havergal Neel, b. 26 Sep 1889 Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co PA; d. 16 Dec
1966 Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co PA

JAB4 – Gregg Livingstone Neel, b. 1 Feb 1893 Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co PA; d. 24 Feb
1975 Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co PA; m(1) 2 Feb 1914 Hazel O. Mancha, b. 26 May
1894; d. 9 Sep 1938; m(2) 1 Jul 1957 Harrisburg PA to Avis Mary Custis Cauley, b. 26
Aug 1901; d. Oct 1986

Children of Remembrance Hughes Neel (1859-1938):

RAB1 – Aliff O. Neel, b. 18 Apr 1896 Rice's Landing, Greene Co PA; d. 13 Dec 1974
Waynesburg, Greene Co PA; m(1) Lenora Crago, d. Apr 1918 Greene Co PA; m(2) 5
Jan 1920 to Mary Pearle Bane, b. 19 Feb 1897; d. Jul 1976 Greene Co PA

Seventh Generation (initials for parent, grandparent, great grandparent, great great grandparent):

Children of Joseph Barnet Neel (1852-1941):

JTBH1 – Maud Neel, b. 3 Jan 1884 near Pratt KS; d. 4 May 1957 Spokane WA; m. 16
Oct 1907 Larned KS to Clifford A. Munger, b. 19 Jan 1884 Harper KS; d. 12 Feb 1956
Spokane WA

JTBH2 – Alice Neel, b. 27 Mar 1885 near Pratt KS; d. Dec 1982 Greensburg KS; m. 28
Nov 1931 to Penn B. Peden; divorced Oct 1946

JTBH3 – Rosa Katherine Neel, b. 24 Jul 1887 near Pratt KS; d. 6 Jul 1944 Pratt KS;
unmarried

JTBH4 – Dorothy Elaine Neel, b. 12 Jul 1892 near Pratt KS; d. 18 Nov 1978 Pratt KS;
unmarried

JTBH5 – Helen Irene Neel, b. 7 Dec 1893 near Pratt KS; d. 19 Mar 1985; m. 22 Feb 1914
to Frank Samuel Cochran, b. 1892

JTBH6 – Joseph Lester Neel, b. 13 Apr 1895 near Pratt KS; d. 15 Jan 1963 Pratt KS;
m(1) 18 Mar 1928 Hazel Keen; divorced; m(2) 23 Feb 1946 Viola F. Mozart; no
children

Children of Thomas Jefferson Neel (1857-1906):

TTBH1 – Elizabeth Eleanor Neel, b. 26 Jan 1889 Cimarron Co OK; d. 5 Feb 1971 CA;
m(1) 22 Aug 1912 Clayton NM to Charles Suthers, b. 23 Jul 1881 Tazewell VA;
divorced 1922; he d. 1935 Tucumcari NM; m(2) 2 Oct 1925 Gallup NM to Isaac
Newton Eblen, b. 26 Jun 1886 Lenoir City TN

TTBH2 – Major Phlem B. Neel, b. 22 Nov 1891 Cimarron Co NM; d. 25 Jan 1901
Clayton NM

TTBH3 – Grace Virginia Neel; b. 24 Dec 1892 Cimarron Co NM; d. 27 Dec 1981
Glendale CA; m(1) Jack Durar; divorced; m(2) 1 Jan 1925 to D. T. Kingsbury

TTBH4 – Robert Lee Neel, b. Nov 1895 Tramparas NM; d. Sep 1902 Clayton NM

TTBH5 – Clarence Neel, b. Sep 1898 Union Co NM; d. Sep 1902 Clayton NM

TTBH6 – Charles Earl Neal, b. 17 May 1902 Clayton NM; d. 2 Aug 1979 Albuquerque NM; m. Isabel Daming, b. 4 Dec 1901

Children of Isaac Newton Neel (1849-1923):

IBBH1 – Ada B. Neal, b. ca. 1869 Butler Co IA; d. 1956; m. 22 Feb 1888 Charles Klinetob

IBBH2 – Arthur Neal, b. 1 Nov 1874 Bristow IA; d. 30 Apr 1951 Shell Rock IA; m. 26 Aug or Apr 1903 Maude Clarissa Wilder, b. 28 Dec 1883 East Wallingford VT; 30 Mar 1974 Bristow IA

IBBH3 – Ethel L. Neal, b. 1880 IA; d. 30 Jan 1911, never married

IBBH4 – Margaret E. “Maggie” Neal, b. 1885 Butler Co IA; m. 29 Jan 1901 Greene IA to A. J. McMahan; no children

IBBH5 – Myrtle Neal, b. 1887 Butler Co OH IA; d. 1966; m. Leo Clark

IBBH6 – Frank B. Neal, b. 2 Sep 1889 Butler Co IA; d. 1959 Allison IA; m. 2 Jul 1935 to Agnes Marie Bailey, b. 16 Aug 1891; d. 1982; no children

IBBH7 – Robert James Neal, b. 1891 Butler Co IA; d. 1927 Allison IA; m. Zola Meade; no children

Children of Thomas Mitchell Neel (1854-1927):

TJBH1 – Howard Neal, b. 2 Jan 1884; d. 1984; m. Irene Plater

TJBH2 – Maude Neal, b. 18 Apr 1886; m. 18 Oct 1902 Sherman Young

TJBH3 – Verna Neal, b. 12 Apr 1888; m. M. Hatfield

TJBH4 – Nettie E. Neal, b. 5 Feb 1893; m(1) Ivan Benage; m(2) Mr. Paddock

TJBH5 – Francis Paul Neal, b. 21 Aug 1895; d. 26 Sep 1902

Children of Barnet Ames Neel (1855-1931):

BJBH1 – Edna Eloise Neal, b. 17 Jan 1881 Bristow, Butler Co IA; d. 8 Nov 1972; m. 11 Feb 1900 Bristow, Butler Co IA to Joseph E. Needham, b. 1876 Bristow, Butler Co IA

BJBH2 – Grace Leota Neal, b. 24 May 1883 Bristow, Butler Co IA; m. 16 Nov 1904 Marion, Linn Co IA to George W. Ikenberry, b. 1876 Green IA; no children

BJBH3 – Jay Cleveland Neal, b. 4 Jan 1885 Bristow, Butler Co IA; d. 1984 possibly Oklahoma City OK; m. 15 Dec 1916 Centerville IA to Grace Madonna Dailey, b. 1893 Lineville IA

BJBH4 – Clifford F. Neal (adopted), b. May 1890 SD

Children of John Henry Neel (1857-1941):

JohJBH1 – Elwyn Neal, b. 1896

JohJBH2 – Bennett C. Neal, b. 1898

Children of Joseph Nathan Neel (1861-1948):

JosJBH1 – Floyd J. Neal, b. 18 Dec 1884; d. 4 Aug 1964; m. Joyce Schafer, d. 11 Jun 1957

JosJBH2 – Elizabeth C. Neal, b. 28 Mar 1886; d. 7 Aug 1935; m. 29 Sep 1909 to Wasson C. Quinn

JosJBH3 – Pearly Faye Neal, b. 15 Mar 1893; d. 18 Apr 1909

JosJBH4 – Merle J. Neal, b. 18 Jul 1895; d. 9 Apr 1933

JosJBH5 – Frank Raymond Neal, b. 28 Dec 1899; m. 7 Mar 1919 Ruth Lucille Eikenberry, b. 25 Dec 1883; d. 29 Mar 1983

JosJBH6 – Joseph B. Neal, b. 23 May 1906; d. 17 Oct 1906

Children of John Cotterel Neel (1868-1933):

JJJaH1 – Walter Ernest Neel, b. 8 Apr 1893 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 6 Apr 1937 Wilkinsburg PA; m. Maude Lilian Livingston, d. Sept 1947 Greene Co PA

JJJaH2 – Norval Rogers Neel, b. 7 Jun 1895 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. Sep 1961 Greene Co PA; m. Della Rush, b. 3 Apr 1899 PA; Nov 1973 Greene Co PA

Children of Jesse V. Neel (1850-1900):

JHJH1 – Mahlon C. Neel, b. 3 Jan 1874 East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH; d. 19 Jan 1947 Hanoverton, Columbiana Co OH; m. 12 Apr 1899 Toronto, Jefferson Co OH to Margaret McCausland, b. Mar 1880 PA

Children of John Lucas Neel (1860-1947):

JFJH1 – Henry Eugene Neel, b. 6 Aug 1886 Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 18 Jul 1976 Norwalk, Huron Co OH; m. 26 Mar 1910 Springfield, Greene Co MO to Edith S. Sanders, b. 6 Dec 1893 Clinton Twp., Texas Co MO; d. 13 Nov 1979 Willard, Huron Co OH

JFJH2 – William Neel, b. 5 Aug 1888 Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 2 Jul 1889 Springfield, Greene Co MO

JFJH3 – Thomas Neel, b. 3 Apr 1890 Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 25 Jan 1900 Huntington, Lorain Co OH

JFJH4 – Mary Alta Neel, b. 9 Apr 1893 Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 28 Mar 1984 Bowling Green MO; m(1) 23 May 1933 Norwalk, Huron Co OH to Edsall George Runyan, b. 25 Nov 1888 New London, Huron Co OH; d. 13 Jan 1947 New London, Huron Co OH; divorced; m(2) 18 Oct 1940 New London, Huron Co OH to Charles England, b. 15 Dec 1886; d. 17 Sep 1955

JFJH5 – John W. Neel, b. 8 May 1896 Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 16 Jun 1897 Springfield, Greene Co MO

JFJH6 – Benton Ellsworth Neel, b. 20 Jun 1899 Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 18 Jan 1983 New London, Huron Co OH; m. 10 Sep 1924 New London, Huron Co OH to Mildred Ella Mann, b. 8 Jan 1904 Sullivan, Ashland Co OH; d. 17 Dec 1960

Children of Henry Neel (1869-1906):

HFJH1 – Jesse E. Neel, b. 2 Jun 1892 MO; d. 25 Feb 1909 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH; single

HFJH2 – George Neel, b. 22 Mar 1894 MO; d. 19 May 1912 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH; single

HFJH3 – Frank B. Neel, b. Mar 1896 MO

HFJH4 – Minnie V. Neel, b. 2 Sep 1898 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH

HFJH5 – Florence Emma Neel, b. Sep 1902 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH

HFJH6 – Edgar Neel, b. 16 Sep 1904 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH; d. 4 Dec 1904 Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH; single

HFJH7 – Rennie Willie Neal, b. 21 May 1908 [?] Springfield, Greene Co MO; d. 1968
Kansas City KS; m. 1933 Viola Abigail Sampel, b. 22 Apr 1916 Emporia, Lyon Co KS;
d. 10 Nov 1954 Kansas City KS

Children of Asby C. Neel (1872-1955):

AFJH1 – Marion Luther Neel, b. 8 Oct 1896; d. 5 Aug 1973; m(1) Mabel C. Dietrich, b.
19 Aug 1898; d. Sep 1967; m(2) Beryl Weiller

AFJH2 – Beatrice Neel, b. ca. 1898 Springfield, Greene Co MO; m(1) Earl Ewell; m(2)
Sam Long

AFJH3 – Doris Mary Neel, b. 22 Jan 1903 Huntington, Lorain Co OH; d. 10 Feb 1915
Huntington Twp., Lorain Co OH

AFJH4 – Reva Neel, b. 5 Feb 1908 Huntington, Lorain Co OH

Children of Orlando E. Neel (1862-1934):

OWJH1 – William Earl Neel, b. 28 Nov 1884 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 23 Aug
1959 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 1 Jan 1906 Iva Smith, b. 30 Apr 1882 East Canton,
Stark Co OH; d. 5 Sep 1933 Canton, Nimishillen Twp., Stark Co OH

OWJH2 – Howard Glenwood Neel, b. 23 Mar 1886 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 26
Feb 1957 Canton, Stark Co OH; m(1) 19 Jun 1904 Nellie Lee Curry, b. 9 Feb 1885 OH;
d. 25 Apr 1934 Canton, Stark Co OH; m(2) Eleanor Vaughn, divorced; m(3) Thea Caw,
b. 13 Sep 1876; d. 14 Jul 1964

OWJH3 – Emma May Neel, b. 11 Mar 1888 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 8 Jun 1968
Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 19 Dec 1906 Edward C. Roshong, b. 10 Sep 1885; d. 13 Aug
1944 Canton, Stark Co OH

OWJH4 – Lawrence Emmett Neel, b. 5 Mar 1893 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; m. 14
Nov 1923 Canton, Stark Co OH to Alice Irene Rogers, b. 25 Feb 1899; d. 1 Jan 1981
Orrville, Wayne Co OH

OWJH5 – James Orlan Neel, b. 22 Dec 1894 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 18 May
1968 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 29 Apr 1917 Canton, Stark Co OH to Charlotte Alberta
Graber, b. 28 Jul 1897; d. 23 May 1976 Canton, Stark Co OH

OWJH6 – Russell Perry Neel, b. 3 Feb 1897 Bayard, Columbiana Co OH; d. 19 Sep 1981
Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 28 Dec 1921 Canton, Stark Co OH to Myrtle Alice Albaugh,
b. 17 Dec 1897 New Cumberland, Tuscarawas Co OH; d. 10 Nov 1974 Canton, Stark
Co OH

Children of Barnet Elmer Neel (1864-1926):

BWJH1 – Harry Earl Neel, b. 1 Mar 1886; d. 18 Jul 1963 New Franklin OH; m.
Columbiana Co OH to Minnie M. Hertel Gerrin, b. 1890; d. 23 Dec 1965 New Franklin
OH

BWJH2 – Zora Neel, b. 23 Dec 1887 New Alexandria, West Twp., Columbiana Co OH;
d. 20 Apr 1970 Salem, Columbiana Co OH; m. 24 Mar 1909 Mechanicstown OH to
Bessie May Heltzel, b. 19 Jun 1891 Salinesville OH; d. 11 Mar 1971 Canton, Stark Co
OH.

BWJH3 – Bessie Neel, b. 14 Oct 1889 Guilford Lake, recorded West Twp., Columbiana
Co OH; d. 24 Sep 1975 East Carroll Nursing Home; m. 3 Jan 1906 Mechanicstown,
Carroll Co OH to Hugh Ferguson, d. 12 Apr 1968

BWJH4 – Orva E. “Tucker” Neel, 15 Mar 1891 New Chambersburg OH; d. 1 Mar 1960 Alliance OH; m. 1 Mar 1916 Youngstown, Mahoning Co OH to Viola Clark, b. 13 Jul 1892 New Castle PA; d. Jul 1983

BWJH5 – Lela Neel, b. 21 Mar 1893 Columbiana Co OH; d. 28 Mar 1974 Canton, Stark Co OH; m(1) George Wolfe, divorced; m(2) Donald Rodgers

BWJH6 – Infant Neel, b. 28 Jan 1902; d. 28 Jan 1902 Mt Zion Cem.

Children of James Madison Neel (1872-1935):

JWJH1 – Earl Emerson Neel, b. 2 Jun 1898 Brown Twp., Columbiana Co OH (marriage says 1900 birth in Canton); d. 12 Dec 1972 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; m. 25 Sep 1925 Richland Co OH to Bertha Alice Maguire, b. 6 Apr 1900 Mansfield, Richland Co OH

JWJH2 – Edgar Arthur Neel, b. 8 Feb 1902 Canton, Stark Co OH; d. Mar 1970 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; m. 8 Nov 1922 Mansfield, Richland Co OH to Leone E. Derror, b. 7 Sep 1903 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; d. Aug 1981 Mansfield, Richland Co OH

JWJH3 – Virgil Kenneth Neel, b. 13 Aug 1906 Harrisburg, Stark Co OH; d. 15 Nov 1988 Sun City AZ; m(1) 4 Sept 1926 Richland Co OH to Naomi Bender, b. 11 May 1905 Butler, Richland Co OH; m(2) 12 Feb 1944 to Mabel Lucille Graham, b. 16 Oct 1914 Morrow Co OH; d. 10 Jul 1999 Vista CA

JWJH4 – Florence Virginia Neel, b. 9 Sept 1909 Canton, Stark Co OH; d. Oct 1995 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; m. 3 Oct 1927 Mansfield, Richland Co OH to John Charles Guthrie, b. 17 Mar 1905 Butler, Richland Co OH; d. Jan 1991 Mansfield, Richland Co OH

JWJH5 – Lula B. Neel, b. 18 Jun 1912 Ashland, Ashland Co OH; d. 18 Jun 1975 Columbus, Franklin Co OH; m. Benjamin Myron Connelly, d. May 1967 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; no children

JWJH6 – Ruth E. Neel, b. 12 Dec 1915 Lucas, Richland Co OH; d. 12 May 2007 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; m. July 1940 to Henry Edward Wilcox, d. Jan 1990 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; d. Jan 1990 Mansfield, Richland Co OH

Children of Thomas P. Neel (1845-unknown):

TATB1 – Margaret “Nellie” B. Neel, b. ca. 1868 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH

TATB2 – James P. Neel, b. ca. 1872 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH; d. before 1900; m. Estella M., b. Sep 1876 OH

TATB3 – Bertha A. Neel, b. ca. 1874 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH

Children of William A. Neel (1864-1940):

WATB1 – E. Ray Neel, b. May 1885 Union Co OH; m. 29 Jun 1904 Marion Co OH to Ettie Griffith, b. ca. 1885

WATB2 – Olive May Neel, b. 22 Oct 1896 Richwood, Union Co OH; m. 1 Mar 1913 Union Co OH to Eugene Force

Children of John H. Neel (1867-1942):

JATB1 – Orpha J. Neel, b. Oct 1884 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH

JATB2 – Grace M. Neel, b. Jan 1887 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH

JATB3 – Jessie P. Neel, b. Oct 1891 Leesburg Twp., Union Co OH

JATB4 – Louie B. Neel, b. Feb 1895 Magnetic Springs OH; m. 14 Jan 1917 Union Co OH to Alfred E. Miller

Children of Barnet Neal (1873-1942):

BWBB1 – Isal Vivian Neal, b. 1897 Plano IA; d. 1922; m. 26 Aug 1917 Seymour, Wayne Co IA to Merl B. Redding, b. 1895 Seymour, Wayne Co IA

BWBB2 – Opal Jean Neal, b. 1901; d. 1922

BWBB3 – Margery Neal, b. 1906; d. 1912

Children of Barnet LeRoy Neel (1888-1969):

BBBB1 – Barnet “Bart” Neel

BBBB2 – John Neel

Children of Asa Ailiff Neel (1888-1967):

AARB1 – Acelee D. Neel, b. 3 Aug 1913 CA; d. 5 May 2011 McPherson Co KS; m. Mr. Ellwood

AARB2 – Almon S. “Sonny” Neel, b. 8 Jul 1914 CA; d. 20 Jan 1996 McPherson Co KS; m. Virginia M., b. 28 Oct 1917; d. 16 Aug 2000 McPherson Co KS

AARB3 – Anna P. Neel, b. ca. 1919 KS; m. Mr. Holler

AARB4 – Mertie Neel, b. ca. 1920 KS; m. Mr. Carison

AARB5 – Madeleine H. Neel, b. ca. 1920 KS; m. Mr. Nelson

AARB6 – Willa M. “Billie” Neel, b. ca. 1922 CA; m. Mr. Hall

AARB7 – Donna Dean Neel, b. 29 Nov 1923 Tranquility CA; d. 13 Mar 2010 Newton, Harvey Co KS; m. 18 Aug 1943 KS to Vilas Kaufman, b. 19 Feb 1924

Children of Gregg Livingstone Neel (1893-1975):

GJAB1 – Helen Virginia Neel, b. 21 Aug 1917 Donora PA; d. 10 Jul 1952

GJAB2 – Ruth Gregg Neel, b. 1 Dec 1920 Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co PA

Children of Aliff O. Neel (1896-1974):

ARAB1 – William E. Neel

ARAB2 – Mary Neel, m. Ralph Reynolds

ARAB3 – Naomi Neel, m. Jack Cummins

Eighth Generation (initials for parent, grandparent, great grandparent, great great grandparent, great great great grandparent):

Children of Charles Earl Neel (1902-1979):

ChTTBH1 – Mike Neal (adopted), b. 5 Dec 1943 Kansas City MO; m. 25 Oct 1963 to Oniva Archlecta, b. 26 Jan 1944

Children of Arthur Neel (1874-1951):

AIBBH1 – Lloyd Eugene Neal, b. 11 Sep 1904 near Allison IA; m(1) Ella Wilderson; m(2) Helen Edith Repine, b. 28 Jul 1913

AIBBH2 – Mildred C. Neal, b. 2 Oct 1907 near Allison IA; m. William Clayton Boylan

AIBBH3 – Ernest A. Neal, b. 13 Dec 1925 Bristow IA; m(1) Dorothy; m(2) Gail; m(3) Mary Lou Weaver

Children of Floyd J. Neel (1884-1964):

FJosJBH1 – Robert James Neal, b. 14 Mar 1919 Iowa Falls IA; d. 11 Aug 1981 Hanover, West Germany; m(1) 18 Mar 1946 Margaret Gabor; divorced Aug 1967; m(2) 24 May 1968 Roseville IA to Steinbery Majewski

FJosJBH2 – Ann Gwendolyn Neal, b. 23 Dec 1921 Waterloo IA; m. 19 Jun 1947 Nashville GA to James Carroll Tyson

FJosJBH3 – Harriet Arlene Neal, b. 23 Apr 1923 Greene IA; m. 19 Jun 1947 Greene IA to Frederick Eugene Smith

FJosJBH4 – Patricia Lee Neal, b. 26 Oct 1925 Greene IA; m. 26 Dec 1947 Mason City IA to George Howard Brown

FJosJBH5 – Joseph Raymond Neal, b. 9 Jun 1928 Greene IA; m. 24 Nov 1946 Donna Mae Shultz

Children of Norval Rogers Neel (1895-1961):

NJJJaH1 – Norval R. “Glen” Neel, b. 22 Mar 1917 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; d. 11 May 1972 Monongalia Co WV

NJJJaH2 – Martha J. Neel, b. ca. 1923 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA

NJJJaH3 – John R. Neel, b. ca. 1926 Jefferson Twp., Greene Co PA; m. Blanche

Children of Mahlon C. Neel (1874-1947):

MJHJH1 – Clyde M. Neel, b. 19 Mar 1900 East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH; d. Mar 1948 Hanoverton, Columbiana Co OH; m. Clara F., b. 17 Mar 1903; d. 8 Sep 1987 Hanoverton, Columbiana Co OH

MJHJH2 – William K. Neel, b. 9 Mar 1904 East Rochester, Columbiana Co OH

Children of Henry Eugene Neel (1886-1976):

HJFJH1 – Thelma Ruth Neel, b. 1 Oct 1911 Baker’s Crossing, Lorain Co OH; d. 15 Dec 1998 Norwalk, Huron Co OH; m. 9 Sep 1934 Kent, Portage Co OH to James Alvin Potter, b. 1911 Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH; d. 1986 New London, Huron Co OH

HJFJH2 – Orile Gertrude Neel, b. 29 Dec 1914 Ashland, Ashland Co OH; d. 22 Dec 2010 Venice, FL; m(1) 3 Jul 1939 Ashland KY to Paul Fackler; d. 3 Apr 1982 Venice FL; m(2) 29 Dec 1995 to Maurice Edward Selzer, b. 7 Aug 1912; d. 21 Mar 2011 Venice FL

HJFJH3 – Graydon Harold Neel, b. 23 Apr 1916 Craighton, Wayne Co OH; d. 26 Apr 1963 Pittsfield, Lorain Co OH; m(1) 30 Jun 1940 Wellington, Lorain Co OH to Rose Barson; m(2) 20 Feb 1946 Kathleen Jessie Bates, b. 8 Dec 1921 Dover, Tuscarawas Co OH; d. 11 Dec 2008 Elizabeth PA. Katie m(1) Donald Goss and m(3) Gene Perkins

HJFJH4 – Doyle Douglas Neel, b. 29 Jun 1919 Jeromesville, Ashland Co OH; d. 4 Oct 2018 New London, Huron Co OH; m. 9 Jun 1943 Wakeman, Huron Co OH to Jean Marie Foreman; b. 29 Apr 1921 Elyria, Lorain Co OH; d. 4 Jan 2009 New London, Huron Co OH.

HJFJH5 – Mary Jane Neel, b. 2 Jun 1923 Bellefontaine, Logan Co OH; d. 7 Jun 2012 New London, Huron Co OH; m(1) 28 Jul 1942 Napoleon, Henry Co OH to Joseph

Donald Enderby, d. 24 Sep 1989; m(2) 27 Oct 1990 Anaheim CA to Theodore Mahl, b. 2 Aug 1922; d. 1 Apr 2015 Columbus GA

HJFJH6 – Betty Jean Neel, b. 17 May 1925 New London, Huron Co OH; d. 12 Oct 2010 New London, Huron Co OH; m. 23 Nov 1946 George Price Wheaton, b. 20 Dec 1919; d. 31 Aug 1995

HJFJH7 – Vaughn Keith Neel, b. 9 Jul 1930 New London, Huron Co OH (living); m. 3 Sep 1955 New London, Huron Co OH to Lois Rae Fetterman, b. 19 Nov 1932 Mansfield, Richland Co OH (living)

Children of Benton Ellsworth Neel (1899-1983):

BJFJH1 – Lillian Arlene Neel, b. 17 Jun 1925 New London, Huron Co OH; d. 19 Nov 1996 CA; m. 14 Jul 1958 George Kovich

BJFJH2 – Ellsworth Eugene “Bud” Neel, b. 3 Sep 1926 New London, Huron Co OH; d. 1 Feb 2006 Cordele GA; m. 16 Jun 1950 Mary Ann James, b. 17 Nov 1932

BJFJH3 – Delores Irene Neel, b. 25 Nov 1931 New London, Huron Co OH; d. 11 Feb 2017 Cairo MI; m(1) 27 May 1949 James Story; m(2) 20 Sep 1952 Norwalk, Huron Co OH to Howard Gray; m(3) 29 Dec 1967 Phil B. Brimhall, d. 7 Oct 1999

BJFJH4 – Lyle Volney Neel, b. 31 Oct 1936 New London, Huron Co OH; d. 26 May 2001 Phoenix AZ; m. 21 Mar 1958 Phoenix AZ to Betty Suttin, divorced

BJFJH5 – Carol Ann Josephine Neel, b. 4 Oct 1944 New London, Huron Co OH (living); m. 16 Jul 1966 Larry Bartlett

Children of Rennie Willie Neel (1908-1968):

RHFJH1 – Shirley Anne Neal, b. 25 Aug 1935 Kansas City KS; m(1) Lahmond Baker; m(2) Wilbur Spivy “Buck” Sivils, 1928-2015

Children of Marion Luther Neel (1896-1973):

MAFJH1 – Lucille I. Neel, b. 16 Feb 1916; d. Sep 1985; bur. Brunswick, Medina Co OH; m. Oscar Harold Ramsier, b. 15 Apr 1914 Lorain Co OH; d. 7 Jan 1992 Medina Co OH

MAFJH2 – Donald P. Neel, b. 13 Sep 1918; d. 15 Dec 1989; bur. Mount Vernon, Knox Co OH; m(1) Pearl Snyder; m(2) Mary E., 1924-2005

MAFJH3 – Carl Neel, b. 26 Jun 1921 Huntington, Lorain Co OH; d. 11 Jul 2006 Medina, Medina Co OH; wife Mary Elizabeth Riley

MAFJH4 – Paul Neel, b. ca. 1923; d. 17 Sep 1996 Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH; wife Betty J.

MAFJH5 – Betty Neel, b. 1925; d. Jun 2017; bur. North Olmsted, Cuyahoga Co OH; m. Mr. Ellero

MAFJH6 – Dale A. Neel, b. 1929; d. 16 Feb 2001 CO; m. 2 Oct 1998 Lily; divorced 1999

Children of Howard Glenwood Neel (1886-1957):

HOWJH1 – Lloyd Emerson Neel, b. 3 Dec 1906 Canton, Stark Co OH; d. 24 Aug 1979 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 14 Oct 1926 Wheeling, WV to Clara May Seckler; b. 1 Jun 1906 West Newton PA; d. 15 Jul 1976 Canton, Stark Co OH

HOWJH2 – Howard Donald Neel, b. 24 Jun 1911 Ashland, Ashland Co OH; d. 14 Sep 1967 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 11 Jan 1930 Canton, Stark Co OH to Margaret Misch, b. 14 Dec 1907 Canton, Stark Co OH; d. 10 Apr 1982 Canton, Stark Co OH

Children of Lawrence Emmett Neel (1893-1923):

LOWJH1 – Lawrence Emmett Neel, Jr., b. 26 Nov 1929 Orrville, Wayne Co OH; m. 19 Sep 1950 Orville OH to Betty McAfee, b. 28 Oct 1928 Orville OH

Children of James Orlan Neel (1894-1968):

JOWJH1 – Viola Mae Neel, b. 9 Feb 1918 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 23 Nov 1939 Canton OH to Henry Wendel, b. 25 Dec 1916 Canton OH

JOWJH2 – Edward Emil Neel, b. 15 Aug 1919 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 4 Nov 1939 Canton OH to Gladys Smith, b. 11 Dec 1919 Canton OH

JOWJH3 – Harold James Neel, b. 22 Mar 1928 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 17 Jun 1951 Canton OH to Phyllis Jean Barnett, b. 7 Sep 1932 Canton OH

JOWJH4 – Pauline Elizabeth Neel, b. 15 May 1929 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 9 May 1948 Canton OH to Donald Baker, b. 14 Jul 1929 Uhrichsville OH

JOWJH5 – Leonard Gene Neel, b. 2 Jul 1930 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 8 Apr 1951 Canton OH to Patricia Sue Robinson, b. 8 Apr 1931 Canton OH

Children of Russell Perry Neel (1897-1981):

ROWJH1 – Wilma Ruth Neel, b. 25 Apr 1926 Canton, Stark Co OH (living); m. 24 Nov 1948 Canton, Stark Co OH to Charles Walter Cowley, b. 26 Mar 1927 Canton, Stark Co OH; d. 24 Jul 1987 Canton, Stark Co OH

ROWJH2 – Wilbur Russell Neel, b. 28 Mar 1930 Canton, Stark Co OH; d. 5 Aug 2009 Canton, OH; m. 3 Apr 1965 Canton, OH to Patricia Ellen Marty, b. 7 Feb 1936 Canton OH

ROWJH3 – Lois Jean Neel, b. 23 May 1935 Canton, Stark Co OH; m. 15 Feb 1964 Canton OH to William Haldi, b. 22 Dec 1935 Canton OH; d. 18 Sep 2021 Canton OH

Children of Harry Earl Neel (1886-1963):

HBWJH1 – Clarence Gerrin Neel

Children of Zora Neel (1887-1970):

ZBWJH1 – Edwin Arthur Neel, b. 15 May 1910 Salineville OH; d. 13 Dec 1957 Salineville OH; m(1) 19 Nov 1936 Alberta Stout; divorced 1938; m(2) 13 Dec 1957 to Ruth E. Hayes, b. 6 Jul 1904 Stratton OH; d. 14 Nov 1980 Salineville OH

ZBWJH2 – Mervin Lloyd Neel, b. 24 Feb 1912 Salineville OH; d. 21 Feb 2003 Steubenville, Jefferson Co OH; m. 10 Jun 1934 near Bergholz, Jefferson Co OH to Flora Lillian Stout, b. 20 Dec 1914 Salineville OH; d. 6 Dec 1986

ZBWJH3 – Mildred Anna Neel, b. 21 Apr 1915 Salineville OH; d. 26 Dec 1967 East Liverpool OH; m. 29 Mar 1941 to Gerald Simpson, b. 4 Mar 1914

ZBWJH4 – Allen Eugene Neel, b. 18 Apr 1917 Mechanicstown OH; m. 5 Jul 1938 Cumberland MD (or 29 Mar 1944 Columbiana Co OH) to Mary Elizabeth Stroie, b. 30 Aug 1917

Children of Orva E. Neel (1891-1960):

OBWJH1 – Delmar Neel, b. 2 Apr 1917 Salineville OH; d. 5 Jan 2001; m. 3 Jun 1944 to Betty Schehl, b. 11 Apr 1926 Sebring OH (living)

OBWJH2 – Virgil Ray Neel, b. 22 Jan 1922 Fox Twp., Carroll Co OH; m. 22 Jan 1959 New Franklin OH to Cathrine June Betz Whiteleather, b. 16 Feb 1925 New Franklin OH

Children of Earl Emerson Neel (1898-1972):

EaJWJH1 – Florence Neel; m. Mr. Fry

Children of Edgar Arthur Neel (1902-1970):

EdJWJH1 – James L. Neel, b. 6 Jun 1939 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; d. 15 Mar 2008 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; no children

EdJWJH2 – Virginia Neel, b. 31 May 1926 Mansfield, Richland Co OH; d. 19 Oct 2009 Boardman, Mahoning Co OH; m(1) James Connelly; m(2) Jay Coulter; m(3) Joseph Miovac

EdJWJH3 – Mary Neel; m. Guy Fugitt

EdJWJH4 – Daniel Neel; m. Helen Carver

EdJWJH5 – Frank Neel; m. Jul 1964 Mansfield, Richland Co OH to Marilyn J. Eller, d. Nov 1987 Mansfield, Richland Co OH

EdJWJH6 – Richard Neel; m. Sarah

Children of Virgil Kenneth Neel (1906-1988):

VJWJH1 – Bill R. Neel

VJWJH2 – Stephen Neel

VJWJH3 – Mike Neel

VJWJH4 – Tamara Neel; m. Mr. Becerra

Children of E. Ray Neel (1885-?)

EWATB1 – Ellsworth E. Neel, b. ca. 1906 Union Co OH; m. Frances

EWATB2 - Glennard G. Neel, b. 1908 Union Co OH; d. 6 Feb 1978 Richwood, Union Co OH; m. 1931 to D. Pauline Fryman, b. 20 Dec 1912; d. 3 Dec 2002, bur. Thompson Twp., Delaware Co OH

The Ninth Generation, Tenth Generation, and Eleventh Generation have been removed from this web version since most of those individuals are living.

Note:

This work is only on seven men in a straight line of descent and their wives – Henry (Sarah), Barnet (Mary), Henry (Elizabeth), John (Sarah), Felix (Mary), John (Mary), and Henry (Edith) – my grandfather. Each person in this list of Neel (surname only) descendants also has a unique story. Imagine how long an all-encompassing book would be! I made no effort to search for family not already found in my research files. I'm sure that many other branches in that 5th and 6th generations have left a multitude of children and grandchildren and that the number of Neels living today is really much more extensive.

Tom Neel, New London, Ohio, December 2011