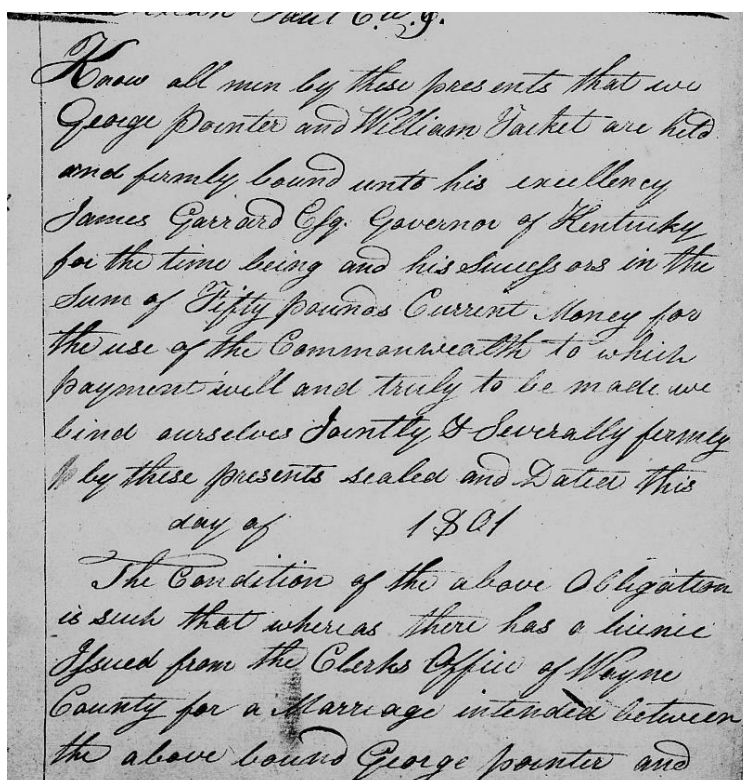


GEORGE POINTER/JOANNAH TACKETT OF WAYNE CO KY AND GASCONADE CO MO – by Thomas Stephen Neel, New London OH

George Pointer was born in Kentucky and died between 3 Oct and 28 Oct 1823 (likely after the 10th) in what was then Gasconade Co MO. He was married 1 Sep 1801 in Wayne Co KY to Joannah Tackett. She was born ca. 1785 NC and died sometime after the 1850 census, perhaps in Osage Co MO. I hesitate to put in parentage at this point without more study. The marriages for the Missouri Pointers seem to occur primarily in Wayne Co KY with some in the parent county Pulaski Co KY. John Pointer is the only one taxed for land and horses in Wayne County, 1809 to 1814, with 48 acres entered by Jesse Wright, I believe on Meadow Creek, a tributary of the Cumberland River. There are no Pointers on the tax lists from 1801 to 1808 Wayne County, but William Tackett is there. Pulaski County is north of Wayne County and Lincoln Co KY is north of that, some distance from the Cumberland. The Revolutionary War soldier George Pointer lives there, and, of course, everyone ties this family to him. More study is needed at least from the records that I have viewed.

"Know all men by these presents that we George Pointer and William Tacket are held and firmly bound unto his excellency James Garrard Esq., Governor of Kentucky, for the time being and his successors in the sum of fifty pounds current money for the use of the Commonwealth to which payment will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly & severally firmly & by these presents sealed and dated this ____ [blank] day of ____ [blank] 1801. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there has a license issued from the Clerk's Office of Wayne County for a marriage intended between the above bound George Pointer and Joannah Tackett of this County ss. Therefore there be no lawfull [sic] to obstruct the same then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force. George Pointer, Wm. Tackett. Signed & ackd. in presence of M. Faul C.W.C. [Clerk of Wayne County] [Wayne Co KY Marriages, Vol. A, p. 6-7]. The Sept. 1st date comes from a published Wayne Co KY Marriages 1801-1860 by June Bork, p. 90.



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day of 1801
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Issued from the Clerks Office of Wayne
County for a Marriage intended between
the above bound George Pointer and

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 Isannah Tackett of this County. If
 therefore there be no lawfull cause to
 obstruct the same then this obligation
 to be void Also to remain in full force
 Signed & ack'd
 in presence of
 M. Paul C. M.C. } George Pointer
 Wm. Tackett

This Pointer/Tackett marriage gives no statement of relationship, but a second Tackett/Pointer marriage in Wayne Co KY provides the link to a George Pointer Sr. as the probable father. This occurred 25 Aug 1802 between Phillip Tackett and ___ [blank] Pointer. Phillip Tackett and William Tackett put up the bond and sign together. This one has an addition: "Sir please to let the bearer have a license for my daughter and you will oblige your H.B.S. [?]" This is signed by George Pointer (the father) and Betsea Pointer (likely the bride). Witnesses are Joseph Pointer and William Pointer [Wayne Co KY Marriages, Vol. B, p. 25].

A "Memorial to the Inhabitants of the Territory to the Land Commissioners" dated 1810 contains many of the Pointer relatives in Section 26 of the subscribers. This was basically a concern expressed by those who had acquired land claims by settlement under Spanish law in the Louisiana Territory prior to the cession to the United States and the new rules set up governing land – entry, survey, warrant, patent, etc. Those named of interest include: William Pointer, Charls [sic] Philips, John Philips, Wm. Oens [sic], George Pointer, Joseph Pointer, Cornelious Pointer, John Pointer, Gorg [sic] Pointer Senor [sic], Philip Tacket, Joseph Pointer, Wm. Tacket, and Berryman Tacket [The Territorial Papers of the United States, compiled by Clarence Edwin Carter, Vol. XIV, p. 382-384, 397].

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 Exd and sent Dec 18.
 12 JAMES MONROE, President of the United States of America,
 TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, Greeting:
 KNOW YE, That George Boynter and John Phillips
 of St. Louis County Missouri
 having deposited in the General Land Office a Certificate of the Register of the
 Land Office at St. Louis in Missouri, whereby it appears that full
 payment has been made for the North West quarter of Section
 Thirty two of Township forty four in Rang Six
 West containing One hundred and sixty Acres

“Know Ye, that George Pointer and John Phillips of St. Louis County, Missouri, having deposited in the General Land Office, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at St. Louis in Missouri, whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the northwest quarter of section thirty-two of township forty-four in Range six west containing one hundred and sixty acres.” This was signed by President James Monroe (his secretary) on 6 Aug 1819 [Patent 12, Vol. 98, p. 12]. I do not see the name George Pointer in tax lists for Wayne Co KY, Pulaski Co KY, or Gasconade Co MO prior to this land purchase.

There are several George Pointers in the family, but of interest is the estate sale of Joseph Pointer, held 7 Mar 1822, where George Pointer purchases a bull for \$5.37 ½ and George Pointer Junr. purchases a heifer for \$4.30. Since Joseph Pointer didn't name a son George in his will, this probably refers to our George who died in 1823 and either his son George Jr. (who married in 1826) or George, the son of William Pointer who died in 1820/21 [Gasconade Co MO Wills, Vol. A, p. 9].

Gasconade Co MO Deeds, Vol. A, p. 15-16, indenture, 24 Feb 1823, George Pointer and Joehanna [sic] his wife and John Phillips and Mary his wife all of Gasconade Co., to William Granstreet of Franklin Co MO, in consideration of \$300, 100 acres on the Gasconade River, the east end of NW ¼ Sect. 32, Twp. 44, Range 6 W. It is signed by George (his X mark) Pointer and John (his X mark) Phillips. James Kegan is the witness. Joannah Pointer and Mary Phillips are examined separately and release their rights. The deed was recorded 6 May 1823 by David Edward for David Waldo, Clerk.

On 20 Oct 1823, William Pryor vs. George Pointer, slander, is on the court docket in Gasconade County. Pryor comes into court and says that he will not further prosecute his suit. Pointer is instructed to recover his costs and defense fees of Pryor [Gasconade Co MO Circuit Court, V. A, p. 28]. No doubt, Mr. Pryor knew that Pointer was very ill. Because Pointer's death is not mentioned, his actual date of death may have occurred between this 20 Oct court date and 28 Oct when his will was brought into the court.

Although it has nothing to do with George Pointer, there is another interesting suit in circuit court at this time where the State of Missouri has an action against William Pryor, James Jett, Robert Pryor and Jonathan McColly, for disturbing religious worship [Gasconade Co MO Circuit Court, Vol. A, p. 30]. We really do not have any indication of the family's denomination, although the area was heavily Baptist at this time.

George Pointer drafted his will on 3 Oct 1823 and it was recorded on 28 Oct 1823 in Gasconade Co MO indicating that he had died sometime that month. It is an extremely short will and gives little detail as to family: “In the name of God amen, I George Pointer infirm in body but in mind sound and in memory strong, make this my last will and testament. First, I command by body to the ground and my soul to God that gave it. First, I wish my lawful debts paid out of my property and the remainder horses cattle with my stock of hoggs [sic] and house furniture and all the property that I own to remain in her possession for to raise my children and for their use this 3rd day of October Anno 1823. To my wife Joanna Pointer, I give one Negro girl named Doll with the above named property for to raise my children, day and date above written.” Signed, George his X mark Pointer. Witnesses, Fredrick Barbrick, Leonard his X mark Reed. Recorded October 28 A.D. 1823. D. Waldo, Clk (Clerk) by D. Edwards DC (District Court) [Gasconade Co MO, Will Book A, p. 11]. This tells us that his wife is the George Pointer who married Joanna, and it perhaps suggests that his children were minors since they needed to be “raised”. He was a slave owner. It does not specify real property, although that might be implied because of the livestock. The will tells us little else.

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The Will of George Pointer Deceased
 In the name of god Amen I George Pointer a firm in Body but
 in mind Lame and in memory Strong make this my last Will and
 Testament first I Command my Body to the ground and my Soul to
 God that gave it first I Wish my lawfull Debt paid out of my first
 and the remainder horses cattle with my stock of hoggs and hawkes
 furniture and all the property that I own to remain in her possession
 for to raise my Children and for them on the 3rd Day of October
 Anno 1823
 Whereas present } To my wife Joannah Pointer I give
 one negro girl named Doll with the above
 named property for to raise my Children say
 Frederick Barbrick and Dora above written
 Leonard ^{of} Reed
 mark
 George ⁱⁿ Pointer
 mark
 Recorded October 28th 1823
 D Waldo CLK By D Edwards DB

On 24 Nov 1823, David Waldo, Clerk of the County Court of Gasconade Co MO approved Joannah [sic] Pointer as Executor of the estate of George Pointer, deceased, having entered into bond with security. She is ordered to secure an inventory of the goods and chattels of the estate [Gasconade Co MO Will Book A, p. 16]. An inventory is presented to the court on 6 Dec 1823 by three appraisers, Abraham Derryberry, Thomas Shockley, and Lewis David. The location is identified as Bowlware Township in this document. The total value is not given on this page.

Inventory of George Pointer, Deceased (1823):

3 plains [sic] - \$3.00
 4 frissens - .75
 1 Ford hen [?] - .50
 1 Tomahock [sic] - .62 ½
 1 hand saw - \$2.50
 1 drawin [sic] knife - .75
 1 pair of stilyards - \$3.50
 1 hammer - .25
 1 pair of hames and tongues - \$2.75
 1 broad axe - \$2.00
 1 adds [sic] - \$2.50
 1 ax - \$1.25
 1 hoe - .75
 1 kettle - \$3.50
 1 oven and kasks [sic] - \$2.00
 1 pot and pot hooks - \$2.00
 2 jug gin - .50
 1 dish and 7 plates - \$3.25
 To tin ware - \$1.12 ½
 2 glasses and lin [?] - \$1.62 ½

1 plow and plow coulter [?] - \$4.50
 1 bead [sic] and furniture and beadsted [sic] - \$15.00
 1 bead [sic] and furniture - \$7.00
 1 iron wedge - \$1.00
 1 cagg [sic] - .50
 1 trunk – \$2.50
 1 gun and pouch - \$8.00
 1 gun - \$6.50
 1 horse named Jack - \$15.00
 1 belt and collar - .75
 1 black mare - \$25.00
 1 roan horse named valtandy [?] [no value given]
 1 bay mare - \$25.00
 1 hided heiffer [sic] - \$4.50
 1 hided heiffer - \$3.00
 1 hided cow and yearlin [sic] - \$7.00
 1 white heiffer - \$4.50
 1 motherless calf - \$1.50
 1 black cow and calf - \$8.00
 1 hided cow and calf - \$8.00
 1 hided cow - \$5.00
 1 improvement on publick [sic] land - \$65.00
 1 Negro girl named Doll - \$200.00

The inventory contains the tools of a cabin of that day and age. There were only 2 or 3 beds mentioned, so sharing was a must with all the children. There were several horses and more cows/cattle than usual. There is a hint here at real estate and of course the slave “Doll”. This was the norm in parts of Missouri at this time. The probate records for Gasconade and Osage counties are full of black Americans – often identified with a first name.

An additional document identifies items old by Joannah Pointer on 6 Dec 1823 from the estate [Gasconade Co MO Wills, Vol. A, p. 18].

Joannah Pointer – one brown horse - \$15.00
 Thomas Biddocks – 1 broad ax - \$2.12 ½
 Joannah Pointer – 1 roan horse - \$17.25
 Lewis David – 1 pair stilard [sic] - \$4.00
 Joannah Pointer – 2 plains - \$2.00
 Henry Cowen – 1 white cow - \$5.00
 Joannah Pointer – 1 hided heiffer - \$4.18 ¼
 Phillip Tackett – 1 black cow and calf - \$9.12 ½
 James Jett – one black mare - \$32.62
 John Wiet = one pr adds [sic] - \$2.00
 Joannah Pointer – one bay mare - \$25.25
 Thomas Bidicks – one gun - \$9.25
 Joannah Pointer – one black cow - \$4.00
 Joannah Pointer – 1 calf - \$1.50
 Joannah Pointer – 1 black cow and calf - \$9.12 ½
 Total \$142.43 ¼

*Abstract of the Property of George Pointer Deceased Sold by Joannah Pointer Adm^r
 on the 6th of December 1823*

Joannah Pointer	one ^{Pony} Black Horse	15-00	James Pett	one black Mare	55-68 1/2
Thomas Biddicks	one Road Ox	2-12 1/2	John Niet	one pr saddle	82-62 1/2
Joannah Pointer	one Roan Horse	17-25	Joannah Pointer	one bay Mare	25-25
Lewis David	one pair Stear	4-00	Thomas Biddicks	one gun	9-25
Joannah Pointer	2 Plains	2-00	Joannah Pointer	one black Cow	4-00
Henry Cowen	1 white Cow	5-00	Joannah Pointer	1 calf	1-00
Joannah Pointer	1 India Heifer	4-18 1/4	Joannah Pointer	1 black Cow	0-12 1/2
Philip Tackett	1 black Cow calf	9-12 1/2			
				Total \$	193-31 1/4
					\$ 142.43 1/2

*I William Bumpass Do Solemnly Swear that I am not interested in
 such sale nor of kin to any to any person interested in the Estate and that
 the D list Contains a true account of the Sale made by such Administration
 to the best of my knowledge So help me god William Bumpass
 Subscribed and Sworn to before me Abraham Derry Barry a Justice of
 the Peace for the Township of Rowan on the 6th Day of December 1823
 Recorded the 26th of December 1823 David Waldo Clk
 By David Edwards X C*

The inventory tells us that perhaps Joannah Pointer wasn't dirt poor since she was able enough to purchase much of the livestock. More importantly, there are no Pointer children mentioned, which is almost always a case at an estate sale. This might suggest that they are all quite young. Also, a Tackett relative is mentioned which helps tie this George to that Wayne Co KY 1801 marriage.

By no means, was the estate settled in 1823. The case continued until at least 1830 according to Gasconade County probate minutes.

Vol. C, p. 2, 6 Aug 1827 Court: "John Phillips vs. Joana Poynter, admx. of George Poynter, dec'd. now on this day appears the said Plaintiff by his agent as well as the said defendant by her attorney thereupon the court after hearing the evidence of the parties are of an opinion that the said plaintiff take nothing by his said suit and that the said defendant go thereof without day [sic - "delay"] and that she recover of the said Phillips her costs & charge by her laid out & appended in this behalf and that she have thereof execution."

Vol. C, p. 5, 6 Aug 1827 Court: "Upon motion of William Clark it is ordered that Joana Poynter administratrix of George Poynter deceased pay the costs illegally accruing as this case long since decided in the Circuit Court whereas William Pryor was plaintiff and her deceased husband defendant in and as follows to wit to William Clark the sum of three dollars and fifty cents & to David Waldo clerk of the Circuit Court the sum of sixty cents & that they have thereof execution accordingly.....On motion of David Waldo it is ordered that Joana Poynter administrator of George Poynter pay to David Edwards the sum of two dollars and eighty two & a half cents for fee as clerk and it is ordered that execution go accordingly."

Vol. C, p. 33, 25 Oct 1830 Court: "Joanah Pointer administratrix of George Pointer deceased comes into open court and proceeds to make annexed settlement of her said administration and settles to the amount of four dollars and fifty cents and was allowed of by the court."

These actions give three important clues. There was a circuit court case (filed under William Pryor) that was active at the time that George Pointer died. There appears to have been a case regarding the estate filed by John Phillips. Usually, these are partition cases to divide up land, but in this case, Phillips seems to have been dissatisfied with Joanah Pointer's speed in her work as administrator. The third hint is that a settlement was annexed to the record. This is not in the probate minutes or will books digitized on FamilySearch. This may provide the amount given to each heir – wife and children in this case. I have learned that there are two George Pointer estate files at the Gasconade County Historical Society, and they also have records of the circuit court case files. I will either visit or spend some money and may change this story after viewing the original case packets.

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Know all men by these presents, That we the undersigned James Poynter, Thomas Poynter, William Poynter, Sally and Thomas Owens, Elizabeth Poynter and Jonah Poynter Amy and James Jett, heirs of Jonah Poynter, all of Gasconade County, Missouri for and in Consideration of Eleven hundred Dollars, lawful money to Jonah Poynter paid by William Kerley of the County and State aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained and sold unto the said William Kerley and his heirs, all our rights, title, interest and claims in and to the following property to wit, One Negro woman named Doll aged about 23 years, also her two children, one named Phebe aged about seven years, also Bell aged about 4 years old, said slaves, are now in the possession of the said William Kerley. Do have and to hold said slaves and their increase, from ourselves our heirs and legal representatives unto the said William Kerley and to his heirs forever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the first day of February 1839.

James Poynter
William Poynter
John Phillips
Joanna Phillips

Recorded May 3rd 1845
J. B. Harrison Recorder

The heirs of George Pointer are actually implied in an 1839 deed concerning slaves owned by the family. James Poynter, Thomas Poynter, William Poynter, Sally and Thomas Owens, Elizabeth Poynter, and Jonah [sic] Poynter, and Amy and James Jett, "heirs of Jonah Poynter," all of Gasconade Co MO, for consideration of \$1100, sell to William Kerley of Gasconade County, "all our rights all interest and claims in and to the following property to wit, one negro woman named Doll aged about 23 years, also her children, one named Phebe aged about seven years, also Bell aged about 4 years old, said slaves are now in the possession of the said William Kerley." This document is dated 1 Feb 1839. It is signed only by James Poynter, William Poynter, John Phillips and Joanna Phillips [Gasconade Co MO Deeds, Vol. E, p. 327]. The deed was not recorded until 3 May 1845 by J. B. Harrison, Recorder. The child, Joanna Pointer, must have gotten married to John Phillips between 1839 and 1845, since John was not named in the deed (indeed in 1843). This document is vital to the study of our family. The slave Doll was given by George Pointer to his wife Joanah in the 1823 will, Joanah sells Doll and her two daughters to William

Kerley, and it is felt that George's heirs still need to sign off. The question could be posed, could this group of siblings be "heirs" if the mother Joannah (Jonah in this document) is still living? Let's hope so, or this family structure will get real confusing!

There was actually an earlier deed for slaves sold in 1835. Gasconade Co MO Deeds, Vol. A, p. 227-228, says "Know all ye men by these presents that I Joannah Poynter of the County of Gasconade and State of Missouri for and in consideration of the love and affection that I have for my son James Poynter as also for the sum of one dollar lawfull [sic] money of the United States the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have given granted bargained sold aliened [sic] and conveyed to the said James Poynter the negro girl named Polly a slave for life one year old and do also for the consideration aforesaid give to my daughter Joannah Pointer one other negro girl named Phebe about three years old and a slave for life and I do by these present give grant bargain sell convey and confirm the aforesaid slaves unto the aforesaid James Poynter and Joannah Poynter and to their heirs and assigns forever and I the said Joannah Poynter do covenant with my son James Poynter and my daughter Joannah Poynter aforesaid that I will warrant and forever defend the title of the aforesaid slaves to them and to their heirs and assigns forever against me or any person claiming through me or from the lawfull [sic] demands and claims of all and every other person or person whosoever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by seal this 27th of August 1835. Joannah (her X mark) Poynter, signed sealed and delivered in the present of J.B. Harrison. Recorded August 27th, 1835, J.B. Harrison, Clk & ExOff Recorder."

Although a border state during the Civil War, it will come as no surprise to longtime genealogical researchers of this region that Missouri and even southern Illinois were heavily populated with slaveowners. Our family were certainly not into the abolition movement at this time. With the 1823 will of George Pointer and these two deeds, the following can be put together:

Doll, born ca. 1816 [George Pointer to wife Joannah Pointer 1823, then to William Kirby 1839]
Phebe, born ca. 1832 [daughter of Doll; Joannah Pointer widow to Joannah Pointer Jr who is age 13 in 1835]
Polly, born ca. 1834 [no relationship given; Joannah Pointer widow to James Pointer who is age 20 in 1835]
Bell, born ca. 1835 [daughter of Doll; sold to William Kirby 1839 – could be same girl as Polly]

In the 1840 census for Gasconade Co MO (township not given), p. 251, the female aged 50-59 in the James Pointer household seems to be the best candidate for Joannah Pointer since she is not named as a head of household. There are no African Americans noted in the household. Thomas Pointer and James Jett are adjacent householders. The only slaveowner nearby is one John McDaniel with four slaves. He is serving as the county Sheriff at this time. William Kerley is some distance away on page 270 but lives next to Lewis and Phillip Tackett. If the pages are filmed out of order, and page 2 is before page 1, then he does own 4 slaves, a female age 24 to 36, and three females under age 10. It fits! In the 1850 census, p. 35a, for Linn, Osage Co MO, William Kerley is living next door to Amos Pointer, age 49 TN, with an Elizabeth Pointer 73 MD in the household. African Americans do not seem to be enumerated in 1850 or 1860 (which does happen sometimes in northern states). Nothing stands out for these first names in the 1870 Osage Co MO census, the first to name African Americans. Tracing black families is not easy in either direction. Since Doll was born ca. 1816, it is likely that George Pointer acquired the slave in what was then St. Louis Co MO (before the formation of Franklin 1818, Gasconade 1820, Osage 1841). No clue here yet.

However, further study of William Kerley suggests that the one in the 1850 census might not be the one to whom Joannah Pointer sold her slaves. By 1844, Kerley was dead! "Joannah Pointer allowed the sum of seventy five dollars agst. [sic] the estate of William Kerley at ten per cent interest from the 3rd of January 1843 [Gasconade Co MO Probate Minutes, 22 Jul 1844, Vol. D, p. 12]. On 28 Oct 1844, it is "Ordered by the court that Wm. B. Pannell, administrator of the estate of William Kerley, proceed to sell

the personal property belonging to the estate of William Kerley deceased at public vendue according to law (Vol. D, p. 16-17), and then (Vol. D, p. 49, 27 Jan 1846), "It is ordered by the court that William B. Pannell administrator of the estate of William Kerley proceed to hire out the slaves belonging to said estate at the courthouse door in the Town of Hermann for the balance of the year 1846." I believe still in the January court term (Vol. D, p. 54), "Wm. B. Pannell, administrator of William Kerley, files an addition inventory for \$36.00 on the hire of slaves for 1846." On 18 May 1847 (Vol. D, p. 76), the same thing, William B. Pannell, administrator of the estate of William Kerley, charges himself for the hire of slaves for the year at \$36.00. A familiar name again appears in court the next day in regard to the Kerley estate [Vol. D, p. 77, 19 May 1847], "The said administrator [Pannell] is ordered by the court to pay of the demand that Joanna Pointer has against said estate out of the funds in his hands, if any." It isn't known if Joana Pointer was successful in getting more funds, but the Kerley estate is settled on 15 May 1848 [Vol. D, p. 112], the Kerley heirs are nicely outlined on 16 May 1848 [Vol. D, p. 113], a guardianship is noted Aug 1848 term [Vol. D, p. 132], and Pannell asks to be discharged from his duties in the case 13 Nov 1849 [Vol. D, p. 178]. I have checked Gasconade and Osage County deeds for these slaves with no success. The Kerley estate was valued at \$1671.50, so one would need to examine those original papers to see if they went to family members or were simply sold at auction on the courthouse steps.

Another George Pointer died in 1845 and that has been confusing to researchers who try to link the two cases under the same man. Gasconade Co MO Probate Minutes, Vol. D, p. 45, Thursday, 6 Nov 1845: "It is ordered in the court that the letters of administration on the estate of George Poynter heretofore granted to Joannah Poynter be revoked and that letters of administration de bonas now be granted to John Phillips and that he be required to give bond in the sum of one hundred dollars." Several researchers have suggested through the years that this is still the ongoing estate of George Pointer, Sr., from 1823, however, there is no continuance mentioned in probate minutes (that I can see) and no draw of any type from that estate after 1830 when his widow recorded the settlement. I think this 1845 estate is for George Pointer, Jr. Although perhaps married, I suspect that he didn't have any heirs, his mother was named administrator, and she and his siblings were the heirs. However, I cannot find any said appointment of administration for the mother. Gasconade Co MO Letters of Administration, Vol. A, p. 155, indicate – "whereas George Poynter late of said county died intestate" and had property, John Phillips was appointed administrator, signed 10 Nov 1845. Another phrase in the letters of administration, that George Poynter "having property liable to be lost or diminished if speedy care not be taken", we do hereby appoint Phillips, etc. To me this sounds as if Poynter had recently died and was not the one from 1823. Gasconade Co MO Bonds, Vol. A, p. 139, include the bond and security for John Phillips in this estate. John Phillips as principal; William Bumpass and Thomas Owens as securities, indebted to the State of Missouri in the sum of \$100, 10 Nov 1845, that Phillips has now been appointed administrator of the estate of George Poynter, deceased. It is signed by John (his X mark) Phillips, Wm. Bumpass, and Thos. (his X mark) Owens. The witness is J.B. Harrison, and it is recorded 10 Nov 1845 by J.B. Harrison, Clerk. The one thing that troubles me is that it said that letters of administration were "heretofore granted to Joannah Poynter" and that they be revoked. I cannot locate anything in that record in the administration or bond volumes since 1823.

I should point out that others believe that the 1823 George Pointer estate was not settled until 1845 by John Phillips and that this "intestate" administration is the same case that started out with the 1823 will. A nice posting by Linda Butler Fisher on the West-Hufstedler family gives four actions in the court minutes that I just cannot find anywhere myself. All these were between the two areas of activity and suggest that the two Georges were the same.

Item 1: "James Jett gives notice to Joana Pointer as one of the heirs of George Pointer's estate, that she should have to give new security because both former securities are dead (William & Phillip Tackett). This is dated 24 Jan. 1839. Signed, James Jett, one of the heirs."

Item 2: "Summons for Thomas Owens to appear in Gasconade County Court on 5th of Feb. 1839 in town of Mount Sterling to testify for the plaintiff in case where James Jett is suing Joannah Poynter"

Item 3: "Summons for Johanna Pointer executrix of last will & testament of George Pointer to present her accounts for settlement at next term of County Court of Gasconade to be held 4th Monday of October 1845, dated 8th day of Oct. 1845, J.B. Harrison, Clerk."

Item 4: Statement by Sheriff John J. McDaniel that he had presented notice to Joannah Pointer 13 Oct 1845."

The only action that I can spot in the various minute books for this time period and this party is a case, 8 Apr 1839, State of Missouri vs. James Jett, for playing cards [Gasconade Co MO Non-Probate Court Minutes, p. 238]. Items 3 and 4 could refer to the mother initially administering her son George's 1845 intestate case, but Items 3 and 4 would certainly suggest that it is all one case. The Gasconade County Historical Society definitely has the two estates filed in separate folders with two different numbers. We will see what they say!

Maybe I am wrong, but I need to see these other things for myself first. This is very important, because we may have an 1823 George Sr whose estate was not settled until 1845, or we may have an 1823 George Sr whose estate was settled in 1830 and a second George Jr whose estate was brought forward in 1845 and settled immediately. If I am making the wrong interpretations, I apologize to all. I have not viewed anything available only locally on my trips to Missouri yet. My work is only via FamilySearch court film images and through extensive correspondence, primarily in the 1980s. A correspondent, Linda Pointer of Columbus OH, in fact, was the first who pointed out to me that it was difficult for her to believe that George with a will in 1823 was the same man as the intestate George of 1845. Of course, it had been 22 years, and perhaps the court had forgotten about the will when it used this terminology.

Joannah Pointer is mentioned in an indenture filed in Osage Co MO on 12 Dec 1850, John Philips and his wife Joannah, and Joannah Pointer, both of Osage Co., to James Jett, Jr., of Osage Co., in consideration of \$190, the NE ¼ SE ¼ Sect. 36, Twp. 43, Range 8 W, described in duplicate no. 10129, entered at St. Louis by Joannah Pointer, and conveyed by her to James Pointer. All three sellers sign by their marks – Joannah her X mark Pointer, John his X mark Phillips, and Joannah [sic] her X mark Phillips. It was witnessed by Rob. P. Howerton JP and recorded on 16 Dec 1850 by E McJilton, Clerk [Osage Co MO Deeds, Vol. D, p. 165].

I do not locate any record of death for Joannah (Tackett) Pointer. She probably died in Osage Co MO between the 1850 and 1860 census since most of her family are still in this location in 1860.

Children of George and Joannah (Tackett) Pointer:

1. Elizabeth Pointer, b. ca. 1802 Wayne Co KY; possibly d. 30 Apr 1855 Osage Co MO; m. ca. 1820 James Monroe Jett.
2. George Pointer, Jr., b. ?; last in 1830 Gasconade Co census with wife and 2 females under 5, but not in 1840; perhaps the one with the 1845 Gasconade Co MO intestate; m. 14 May 1826 Gasconade Co MO to Ruth Butler; is a Ruth Pointer in Arkansas in 1850 with dau Mary.
3. William Pointer, b. ca. 1808 KY; d. after 1880 Osage Co MO census; m. 8 Jan 1835 Gasconade Co MO to Vicinda Daniel.
4. Sarah "Sally" Pointer, b. ca. 1812 MO; d. after 1850 Osage Co MO census; m. 11 Mar 1830 Gasconade Co MO to Thomas Owens.
5. James S. Pointer, b. 27 Nov 1815 Franklin Co MO; d. 22 Nov 1898; bur. College Hill Cem., Linn, Osage Co MO; m. 10 Jan 1836 Gasconade Co MO to Nancy Branson.
6. Thomas Pointer, b. 11 Oct 1817 MO; d. 1880 Wood Twp., Wright Co MO; m(1) ca. 1836 Nancy Gilmore; m(2) 16 Jul 1863 Osage Co MO to Nancy "Milly" McCarty.

7. Joanna "Hanna" Pointer, b. ca. 1822 MO; died after 1870 Wright Co MO census and before 1880 Texas Co MO census when John was listed as a widower; m. 29 Jun 1843 Gasconade Co MO to John Phillips.

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Section 32, Township 44 N, Range 6W – from 1913 Standard Atlas of Gasconade Co MO – the George Pointer land remained in Gasconade County when Osage County was created.

