

COOLEY COUSINS

A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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DALE WALKER, EDITOR

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REUNION NOW HISTORY!

Our Cooley Family reunion has now become part of our family history-- Held the week-end of August 19-21 to honor the 150th anniversary of the marriage of Timothy Goode and Lucinda Ann (Mullinix) Cooley. It was a real success! More than 97 persons were in attendance during the week-end, of which 63 were direct descendants of Timothy and Lucinda. Folks attended from 7 States.

Descendants of 4 of Timothy and Lucinda's children were there: representing the Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix line were 11 persons; the Benjamin F. Cooley line had 12; the John I. Cooley line had 14, and the William M. Cooley line had the most with 26 attending. There were also 3 persons attending who represented Cooley lines other than descent from Timothy and Lucinda.

A highlight of the reunion was a tour of old family "sites" on Saturday. Fourteen carloads of folks caravanned around Bevier township making 11 stops to view places of interest, including Cooley houses, cemeteries, etc. Especially interesting was the stop at the old Banta/Cooley Cemetery on the Bill Single Farm where Timothy and Lucinda are buried.

Another highlight was the family picnic held Sunday at the Macon County Fairgrounds. The food was wonderful and certainly plentiful. Awards were presented to the eldest male descendant present; the eldest female descendant; the youngest male; youngest female; Mother of most Cooley descendants, and the person coming farthest to attend. After eating a group photograph was made of all in attendance.

A special highlight of the reunion was the presentation of a gift quilt that illustrates in cloth the history of the Cooley Family to Dale Walker, the organizer of the reunion, by Wynona (Cooley) Coburn, the creator of the quilt. This truly beautiful work of art was two years in the making and made a deep impression on everyone in attendance. The quilt is certainly a precious family "treasure" and will bring joy to generations of Cooleys yet to come.

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EDITORS NOTE

At the recently held family reunion, it was decided to begin the practice of issuing a Family newsletter to come out on an approximately quarterly basis. This is the first issue of that newsletter.

Everyone is urged to send items for possible inclusion in future newsletters to the editor:

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This newsletter is designed for all of us to keep in touch with each other. Even though it is basically for the descendants of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley, anything regarding the Cooley or any allied family will be considered for inclusion.

The Editor wishes to thank all of those at the reunion who generously contributed to a fund to help make the newsletter a reality. We raised a total of \$105.00--A great start!

Many Thanks!

Dale

REUNION CONTINUED

() Those attending the reunion were: Ray Leath, Juanita Davison Leath, Hugo A. Alexander, Frances Alexander, Gordon Welch Jr., Susan Webb Welch, Gordon Welch III, Carol Stephenson, Eva Davison, and Wilma McKinstry, all of Macon, Mo.; Lisa Webb Wood and Tara Jean Webb of Brookfield, Mo.; Thomas F. Cooley, Thelma Cooley Pargeon, Donald R. Pettitt, Cleo Cooley Pettitt, Helen Green Deardeuff, Kathy Pettitt Campfield, Bill Campfield, Wendy Campfield, Richie Campfield, Charles Salyer, Grace Mullinix Salyer, Bill Green, Della Fible Green, Thomas Wagoner, Shirley Sims Gary Nelson, Christina Pettitt Nelson, Stacey Nelson, Sarah Nelson, Pearl Lucas, Ann Glover, Tony Green, Mary Jo Green, Richard Pettitt, Maria Pettitt and Pam Pettitt, all of Hannibal, Mo.; Sylvia Douglas Cooley, Wilber Dick Mullenix, Maggie Cooley Mullenix, Greg R. Cooley and Ciara Mae Shumaker, all of Kirksville, Mo.; Pattsy Davison Griffin, Glenda Griffin, Evan Davison and Mary Willard Davison, of Columbia, Mo.; Marion Nelson and Pearl Davison Nelson of Murry, Mo.; Rubia Cooley and Rex Cooley, of Unionville, Mo. Earl Anderson and Elizabeth Webb Anderson of Belton, Mo.; Ron McElroy, Janet Winegar McElroy, Tony McElroy, Melissa McElroy and Michelle McElroy of Monroe City, Mo.; Harold Pickett, Mildred Cooley Pickett and Jack Pickett of Novinger, Mo.; Shirley Pickett Hays of Atlanta, Mo.; Lois Gillum of Greencastle, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robison of Greentop, Mo.; Waunetta Pettitt Webb, Jennifer Webb and Mandy Webb of Ethel, Mo.; Edna Singleton Traylor of Huntsville, Mo.; Archie Cooley of Moberly, Mo.; Dale L. Walker of St. Louis.

Also attending were: Doris Cooley Crews and Michelle Gessner of Lincoln, Neb.; Ruth Green Rodgers, Sam Rodgers, Elvora Rodgers Swartzendruber, Roger Swartzendruber and Lore Swartzendruber, all of Iowa City, Iowa; Helen Cooley Billington of Waterloo, Iowa; Robert Sanders of Dodge City, Kansas; Neva Cooley Sanders of Pratt, Ks.; Norma Newcome Babcock of Chesterton, Indiana; Juanita Cooley Newcome of Valparaiso, Ind.; Ramona Cooley Weaver of Decatur, Ill.; Wynona Cooley Coburn of Lyons, Ill.; Maureen Cooley Gibson of Ojai, Calif.; Larry House and Judy Shumaker House of No. Hollywood, Calif.; David House, Donna Shumaker House and Mark House of Valencia, Calif.; James Stanton, Sandra Swanker Staton and Cindy Stanton of Rancho La Costa, Calif.; Marta Levertan Metcalf of Manhattan Beach, Cal. Leslie and Shirley Buirch of Lodi, Calif.

Anyone who would like to order any copies of the group photograph taken at the recent reunion can do so direct by contacting the photographer:

Photography by Franke

121 No. Rollins St.

Macon, Missouri 63552

For each copy wanted, enclose your check or money order for \$7.00.....

SPECIAL THANKS!

A special note of thanks is due to Mrs. Wilma McKinstry (widow of Gerald) of Macon who so graciously lent us a wealth of family material and photographs to copy and learn from. The wonderful "Green Box" she brought to us contains a great deal of previously unknown family information. In fact, as a result of this material, we were able to discover a whole "nest" of new found relatives in Galesburg, Illinois---see related articles this issue. Thanks very much Wilma, it is really appreciated!!

"NEW" KINFOLKS DISCOVERED

As a result of a newspaper clipping in the "green box" lent us by Wilma McKinstry, it was learned that several of the children of Jesse D. Cooley had moved to Galesburg, Ill. some 45 years ago. Your editor wrote to two Cooley households there and was successful in making contact with a number of "lost" kinfolks. Letters and telephone calls have resulted in a great deal of information being shared. Then on Sunday Sept. 4th, your editor spent a wonderfully enjoyable afternoon in Galesburg visiting with Mr. Edward L. "Eddie" Cooley, a son of Jesse D. Cooley and his wife Rosa Reffett (see following article)

PASSING OF EDDIE COOLEY

Your editor must sadly report the untimely death of Mr. Edward L. "Eddie" Cooley of Galesburg, Illinois. Mr. Cooley departed this life on Thursday, Sept 8th at Keokuk, Iowa. He had been on a trip to visit scenes of his childhood in Missouri. He suffered a heart attack while being driven in a car by his nephew Lawrence "Toby" Cooley just north of Canton, Mo.. He was rushed to the hospital at Keokuk, and expired there about 12:30 a.m.

Eddie Cooley was born in Macon Co., Mo. in 1916, the youngest child of Jesse and Rosa (Reffett) Cooley. He is survived by his wife, Barbara of Galesburg and several children and step children.

Mr. Cooley's death leaves his sister Mrs. Anna Frances "Frankie" Cooley Hall of Galesburg, as the sole remaining of their entire generation of Cooleys.

Be at rest, Dear kinsman!

QUESTIONS AND QUERIES

Does anyone know the whereabouts of any descendants of Ezra Cooley, born ca. 1902, the son of Charles and Savannah (Peterson) Cooley? Ezra was said to be a career soldier and at one time was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.---Reply to the Editor.

From Macon Paper Date Feb. 9, 1915: Results of United Mine Workers election: ran 2nd for Dist. Vice President was James Cooley of Novinger. Can anyone identify this James Cooley?---reply to the Editor.

KNOW YOUR KINFOLKS!

Editors note: It is our intention to present a brief sketch of a Cooley descendant in each issue of the newsletter.

WYNONA (COOLEY) COBURN

The creator of the wonderful family history quilt, and a very talented lady, Wynona Belle Cooley was born June 9, 1918 in Kirksville, Missouri. She is the youngest child of Frank Hampton and Susie (Summers) Cooley.

Orphaned as a young girl, she has had a life of hardship and struggle. After years of working for the Steel mills, she studied Beautician Science and became a hairdresser. For some time now, she has operated Wynona's House of Beauty in Lyons, Illinois.

Previously married to Robert Coburn, she is the mother of a daughter and son: Ramona Darlene Coburn, 35, of Los Angeles, Calif. and Darryl Dennis Coburn, 31, of Chicago, Ill.

A dedicated Christian, she devotes much time to Church activities and creates wonderful items of her great talent as a seamstress--witness the precious family history quilt. To know Wynona is to love her immediately--We all join in saluting our kinswoman: Wynona Belle (Cooley) Coburn of 7911 West 45th St., Lyons, Illinois 60534

BITS AND PIECES

The former Joyce C. Cooley, now Mrs. George Laughmiller, was delivered of a daughter earlier this year. The baby was named Jessica. This is the first grandchild of Elmo F. Cooley and wife, the former Delores Bowers, of Broomfield, Colorado--Congratulations!

The former Angela Sue Ross, now Mrs. Richard O'Brien, was delivered of a daughter on Aug. 27th. The baby, named Meagan, weighted in at 6lbs, 12ozs. The proud grandparents are Leroy and Carolyn (Pettitt) Ross. Great grandparents are Donald and Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt of Hannibal, Missouri.

Cooley Family Association!!!!!!

Those who were unable to attend the reunion but would like to be members of the family society and be on the newsletter mailing list are urged to fill out and return the blank below. Everyone who attended the reunion is automatically a member and on the mailing list. They, and anyone joining before Jan. 1, 1984 will be considered charter members.....

Mail to: Dale L. Walker
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GENEALOGY CORNER

Each issue it is our intention to present a brief genealogical study on some line of our family. Since we have only learned some of the following information since the recent reunion, it is appropriate that this family group should be first to be sketched:

JESSE DEMARCUS COOLEY, son of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley, was born Jan. 12, 1852 and died early in 1917. He was a farmer and coal miner in Macon Co. Mo. Jesse was twice married: first to Nancy Jane Peterson and second to Rosa B. Reffett. He was father to 16 children, seven by his first wife. These children were:

1. Minnie F. Cooley, born 1876.
2. Timothy H. Cooley, born Feb. 4, 1878. He married Mildred Dooley, lived at Bevier, and died Nov. 1945.
3. Joseph E. Cooley, born Sept. 11, 1880. He married Gertrude Shearon Oct. 24, 1909, lived at Bevier, and died Apr. 13, 1959.
4. A Male infant, born Sept. 24, 1883.
5. Emery Cooley, born Aug. 12, 1884. He married Effie Reffett, lived at Bucklin, and died Feb. 22, 1935.
6. G. B. Cooley, born Nov. 16, 1885. He married Maude Phipps, lived at Springfield, Ill., and died in the 1960's.
7. Gomer C. Cooley, born Jan. 18, 1888.
8. Savannah Cooley, born Feb. 1897. She married Ben Spicer and died 1937 in Ill.
9. Mary Cooley, born and died as infant.
10. John W. Cooley, born 1900. Married Ruby Kincaide, lived in Galesburg, Ill., and died 1962.
11. Jessie Myrtle Cooley, born 1903. She was married several times, lived in Ill. and died in 1982.
12. Irwin Cooley, born 1905. He married Margaret Richardson, lived Galesburg, and died 1957.
13. Anna Frances Cooley, born 1907. She married Edward Wall and is still living at Galesburg, Ill.
14. Chester C. Cooley, born 1909. He married Florence Wilson, lived in Galesburg and died 1964.
15. George Wilbur Cooley, born Aug. 10, 1911. He married 3 times, lived at Peoria, Ill. and died 1969.
16. Edward L. Cooley, born Dec. 15, 1916. He was married twice. His widow is Mrs. Barbara (Stancomb) Cooley of Galesburg. As reported elsewhere in this issue, Eddie died Sept. 8, 1983..

Yes, I want to be a member of the COOLEY Cousins Association

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NEWSLETTER RESPONSE GREAT!

Response to the first issue of the Newsletter was overwhelmingly positive. Your Editor recieved correspondence from Cooley descendants all over America. Everyone heard from expressed delight in the newsletter idea and many new members were enrolled. The first issue was Seventy-five copies, and this issue is expected to top ninety copies.

As stated in Issue One, it is planned that the newslatter will be on a quarterly basis--thus issues are to be expected to come out about the First of Jan., April, July and October. This newsletter is designed for all of us to keep in touch with each other. Even though it is basically for the descendants of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley, anything regarding the Cooley or any allied Family will be considered for inclusion. Everyone is urged to send items for possible inclusion in future newsletters to the editor:

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RUBY COOLEY DIES

Your Editor must sadly report the death of Mrs. Ruby (Daiprai) Cooley of Moberly, Mo. on Sept. 13, 1983. Mrs. Cooley was the wife of Archie Lee Cooley.

Born Jan. 17, 1910 in Randolph Co., Mo., she was the daughter of Benjamin and Angela Daiprai. Survivors include her husband Mr. A.L. Cooley and daughter Mrs. Wanda Cumberland of Ste. Genevieve, Mo. Burial was in Oakland Cem. at Moberly.

NEW BABY BORN

The former Henrietta Baker, now Mrs. David K. Devereaux, of Oxnard, Calif. was delivered of a baby boy on Oct. 6, 1983. The baby, named Mark Kenneth, weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 ozs., and is the 2nd son born to them.

Retta is the daughter of Jesse H. and Alida (Downey) Baker and a descendant of Noah and Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix. The new parents make their home at 1715 So. Oxnard Blvd.

HAPPY

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KNOW YOUR KINFOLKS!

EARL J. COOLEY

One of the oldest living descendants of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley is Earl J. Cooley of Lebanon, Ohio. Earl was born Feb. 8, 1901 in Putnam Co., Mo. --- Thus in just one month he will celebrate his 83rd Birthday. His parents were William B. "Bloss" and Emily (Lipp) Cooley.

Growing up on his father's farm in Elm Township of Putnam County, Earl attended local schools and as a young man he went to work for the John Deere Co. as a representative.

In 1919 he was joined in matrimony with Miss Pearl Barnhouse and they were the parents of two daughters: Jewel K. Cooley, born 1920 and died 1950; and Mrs. Alyce N. Haines, born 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley now make their home at 266 Charlotte Ave. in the Turtle Creek subdivision 3 miles North of Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Mr. Cooley is blessed with a wonderful memory and enjoys sharing his remembrances of his early life and Cooley family history. Let us all join in a salute to one of the real Grand Old Gentlemen of our Family:

Earl Joseph Cooley

RUSSELL E. GLEASON

A son of Carl and Lucinda Ann (Cooley) Gleason and thus a Great Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley, is now residing in Grants Pass, Oregon after many years spent in Southern California.

Although now 70 years old, born Apr. 10, 1913, he is still very active. He tends garden and other chores on 1.6 acres: bowls twice a week, and calls square dances occasionally for church groups.

His wife, the former Pauline Bradford is active also. They will celebrate 50 years of married life in Dec. 1984. They are parents of two daughters: Mary Dahl and Irene Gentry.

Best wishes to Russ and Pauline!

QUESTIONS AND QUERIES

Does anyone have any information about descendants of Gomer Cooley, son of Jesse D. Cooley? Last notice of him was in Nov. of 1945 when he was a resident of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Anyone have any idea where Benjamin Cooley, younger brother of Timothy, removed to when his family disappeared from Macon County in the late 1870's?

Reply to the Editor

Copies of the Reunion group photo can still be obtained by sending check or money order to the Photographer:

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GENEALOGY CORNER

MALINDA JANE COOLEY, the eldest child of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley, was born Nov. 27, 1833 in Chariton Township of Randolph Co., Mo. At age 20, on Dec. 22, 1853 she married a 2nd cousin, Noah Mullinix. Noah was born in Nov. of 1826 in Putnam Co., Indiana, the son of Elisha and Charity (McCullom) Mullinix. He had been previously to Celia Shoemaker who died leaving him a widower and father of a small boy, Jonathan, born 1852.

Noah and Jane, as she was called, were farmers and owned a 40 acre place in Sec. 11 of Chariton Township, Macon Co.

They were parents of 8 children:

1. Rebecca Elizabeth Mullinix, born Jan. 11, 1855. She married John Thomas Baker on May 20, 1875. They lived on a farm in Macon County. She died Dec. 2, 1943. There were 3 children.
2. Peter G. Mullinix, born 1858. He married Lizzie Dodd and ran a blacksmith shop in Hannibal, Mo. He died in Jan. of 1944. There were six children.
3. Emma L. Mullinix, born 1860. Nothing further known.
4. Thomas Mullinix, born March 1862. He is believed to have lived in Moberly, Mo. but very little known.
5. Benjamin Franklin Mullinix, born Apr. 18, 1864. He married Etta Davison on Dec. 11, 1887. She was the daughter of Dock and Cassie (Sneed) Davison. He was a farmer in Randolph Co., Mo. and died there on Feb. 21, 1908. His untimely death occurred as a result of a badly set broken leg. There were 3 children.
6. Noah C. Mullinix, born 1865. Nothing further is known.
7. George W. Mullinix, born 1867. Nothing further is known.
8. Mary J. Mullinix, born 1870. Nothing further is known.

FROM OUR FILES!



T. A. COOLEY

Death of Gomer Bevier, Citizen
Timothy Allen Cooley, son of Preston and Mary Cooley was born three miles south of Bevier, November 5, 1880, and passed away at the Rock Springs, Wyo. hospital, June 22, 1943, at the age of 62 years, 7 months and 17 days.
He was reared and educated near Bevier. He left for the West when a young man.
He leaves to mourn his passing, two brothers, Sidney of Bevier and J. W. of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Mary McKinstry of Bevier, other relatives and a host of friends.
He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two wives.
Funeral services were held at the Edwards Funeral Home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by the Rev. O. C. Ringhart of the First Baptist Church.
The body was taken to Rochester, Ill. Sunday morning and buried by the side of his wife.

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MEMBERSHIP WIDESPREAD — 14 STATES

Our Cooley Cousins Family Association has, even though still in its infancy, experienced wonderful response and continued growth. Our membership comes from fourteen different states! Even though Missouri certainly ranks number 1. in numbers, it might be surprising to some that the State with the second highest number of our membership is California. Following closely are Illinois and Iowa.

The other States from which our membership comes are: Indiana, Oregon, Idaho, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Arizona, Texas and Colorado.

Every member of the association is urged to share the newsletter with other Cooley descendants so that our Association can continue to grow. Further, each member household is urged to send items for possible inclusion in future issues.

QUESTIONS AND QUERIES

Does anyone know the married names of any of the daughters of Ray and Lizzie Byers? They are thought to live in Des Moines, Ia. These would be grand-daughters of George S. and Mary E. (Cooley) Byers.

To join the Cooley Cousins Assoc. just send \$3.00 and your name and address to:

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"NEW" KINFOLKS FOUND

The wonderful "green box" so graciously lent your editor at the reunion last August by Mrs. Wilma McKinstry has again worked its "magic."

Within the box was a newspaper clipping regarding the death of Sidney W. Cooley, who died in 1953. The clipping stated that both of Sid's daughters lived in Des Moines, Iowa. Taking a chance, your editor wrote to a few Six and Clark (their married names) family households in Des Moines--with wonderful response.

A delightful letter was received from Mrs. Frances (Cooley) Six, the daughter of Sid and wife Minnie (Adams) Cooley. Mrs. Six celebrated her 80th birthday this past Dec. 21st. She is a widow, having lost her husband of over sixty years on Jan. 3, 1981. Mrs. Six makes her permanent home at 5645 N.W. 62nd Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50323 and spends the winter in Brownsville, Texas.

Mrs. Six and her husband (William C. Six, Sr.) were parents of two sons: Vincent L. Six, born 1921 and Wm. C. Six, Jr., born 1924. Several of their descendants continue to live in the Des Moines area.

KNOW YOUR KINFOLKS!

LOU ETTA (COOLEY) BENDER

Lou Etta Cooley was born Dec. 23, 1902 in Macon Co., Mo. She is the oldest of nine children born to Daniel and Martha (Davison) Cooley.

Growing up in Ardmore where her Father was a coal miner, she attended local schools. Then as a young teen-ager her family moved to Kirksville, Mo. where she lived until womanhood.

While working in Kansas City, she met and married Paul Smith in 1924. He was a native of Kansas and employed by the U.S. Post Office. After many years spent in Independence, Mo., he retired and they moved to Chatsworth, Calif.

Losing Paul to death in the early 1970's, she married for the second time to Louis Bender on Oct. 21, 1979. They make their home at 22134 Costanzo St. in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Long active in Church and Fraternal Orders, she is Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and also member of White Shrine.

Mrs. Bender is the Mother of one Daughter: Virginia Ann (Smith) Blair, born 1925, and now living in Willmette, Ill. She is also blessed with two fine grandchildren.

Let us all join in a salute to a dear Grand Lady--Lou Etta (Cooley) Smith Bender.

BITS AND PIECES

We are sorry to announce the death of Jesse Henry Baker. He passed away Jan 27, 1984 in Kay Co., Okla. while on the way from his home in Green Rock, Ill. to California. Burial was in the Dayton Cem. at Colona, Ill.

Born Sept. 15, 1923 at Bevier, Mo., he was the son of Wm. J. and Theresa (Schneider) Baker and grandson of John T. and Rebecca (Mullinix) Baker. He was married Sept. 16, 1942 to Alida Downey, who survives him. Also surviving are two daughters Marjorie Sparbel and Henrietta Devereaux. We express deepest sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Hazel Cooley, wife of Lester Cooley of Hannibal, Mo. departed this life Jan. 1, 1984 in Columbia, Mo. where she had been hospitalized since Dec. 3rd. Lester is the son of Benj. F. and Mary Lou Etta (Blew) Cooley and a great grandson of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley. Our deepest sympathy to Lester and family.

We proudly announce the birth of Jason Walker on Oct. 10, 1983. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Sherry Walden) Walker and the great grandchild of Thelma (Cooley) Pargeon of Hannibal, Mo.

Thomas L. Pettitt of Hannibal, Mo. was joined in Holy Matrimony with Leeann Ladd on Dec. 31, 1983. The groom is the son of Donald and Sharon (Allensworth) Pettitt and grandson of Donald R. and Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt all of Hannibal. Congratulations, Tom and Leeann!

GENEALOGY CORNER

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COOLEY, The eldest son of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley, was born April 11, 1836 in Chariton Township of Randolph Co., Missouri. As an infant he was taken to his father's new farm in Bevier Township of Macon Co., Mo., where he grew up.

As a young man in the 1850's he removed to Putnam County, Missouri and settled in Elm Township where he became a successful farmer. His farm was in close proximity to where his grandparents (Mullinix) had pioneered nearly 20 years previously.

On Feb. 11, 1858, he took as his bride Miss Susanna "Susan" Lawson. She was born on March 22, 1842 in Tennessee, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Lawson. They were to celebrate 51 years of married life and raise a fine family.

Ben Cooley departed this life on July 18, 1909 at the age of 73. Susan survived him until March 24, 1920.

The children of Benjamin F. and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley were:

1. Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Cooley, born March 2, 1860. He married Julia A. Lipp on Sept. 20, 1881. They lived in Putnam Co., Mo. He died Dec. 11, 1938. There were 7 children.
2. William B. "Bloss" Cooley, born Aug. 12, 1861. He married 1st to Emily Lipp in 1881. After her death he married 2nd to Nevada Johnson. He lived in Putnam Co., Mo. He died Nov. 8, 1950 at age 89. He fathered 15 children, 9 by his first wife.
3. Mary J. Cooley, born Jan. 9, 1863. She married Charles Hendrick and was Mother of 8 children.
4. Lucinda Cooley, born Feb. 12, 1865. She married a man named Roberts.
5. Timothy H. Cooley, born Feb. 14, 1867. He married Mary Steen and lived in Pratt, Kansas. He died Oct. 22, 1951.
6. Amanda E. Cooley, born Jan. 29, 1869. She died as a child in 1873.

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TINK

The following is an excerpt from TINK; The story of Timothy Goode Cooley, a Nineteenth Century Missourian--a manuscript written and copyright 1980 by your editor. It is hoped to from time to time to present such extractions in further issues of COOLEY COUSINS.

"Four Cooley brothers and their families, along with a number of other Kentuckians, made that trip from Kentucky to Missouri the Spring of 1811. The travelers shoved off early one morning from their encampment along the Green River and began their long trip to the new Western land. There were several dozen flat-boats, generally one to a family but with some doubling up.

The flatboats had been built at the chosen spot for embarkation from existing material close at hand. A flat-boat was River transport reduced to bare essentials: a broad bottomed, boxlike structure, perhaps with a little rake at the bow. It was steered by a board fastened to a long pole, and was steadied in the current by clumsy, oarlike sweeps on each side, called "Broad-horns." It was built of green timber sawed from the forest near the river and put together with wooden pins. The roof might be gabled or rounded. The roof covered at least half, or as much as two-thirds of the boat. The larger flatboats measured up to 20 by 100 feet and could carry heavy loads. The better boats were fancied up, with a pump to take care of leakage, and a brick or stone fireplace with a chimney, for cooking and good cheer.

The Cooley flatboat was loaded with the provisions for the trip, family personal effects and items that would be needed at journey's end. One end of the flatboat was an enclosed pen where several horses, a milk cow and some hogs were kept. Inside the boat cabin was a place to cook, sit and sleeping space for James, his wife and the children, including a crib for year old little Tink. Also on board was a young male slave owned by James. This negro, called Sam, helped James and the 13-year-old Mark to steer the boat.

The trip down the narrow Green River was for the most part uneventful and except for keeping the awkward craft from collision with the driftwood "rafts", the high water of the Spring run-off enabled them to make good progress. Every night camp was made at a chosen spot along the bank--all the boats gathering together for mutual protection and congeniality. There was still some danger from a surprise Indian attack, and each night different men of the party took turns keeping watch.

Along with the James Cooley family was three of his brothers and several other families, including the Carson, Fugate, Brown, Richardson, Todd, Young, McLane, Creason, Burckhardt, and a number of others--counting wives, children and slaves well over 300 persons started the long trip."....."They landed near the site of present day Golconda at a isolated trading post run by a Frenchman.

Here, as they had hoped, the party was able to sell the flatboats to some freighters on the Ohio and buy some extra horses for the trip overland. After several days spent in preparation and the lucky hiring of a Frenchman returning to Cahokia as a guide, the travelers again struck out to make their way across the huge peninsula that lay between the Ohio and their destination of Saint Louis. The trip was a hard one as they had not horses enough for all to ride and there being little or no semblance of a road, the few wagons they had had a rough time going. Skirting the edge of the prairies along the highlands they made their way slowly, finally arriving at Cahokia, just across the river and a bit South of St. Louis.".....

"After a couple of days spend in replenishing supplies and conferring with the fur trappers and traders about the country that lay ahead, the party again took up their march one morning and arrived that evening on the Missouri River bank opposite the village of St. Charles. Crossing the River in the morning, a new camp was made just south of the present city center (about where the Interstate 70 bridge is). Here, leaving the main body in camp, a deputation of men, including Daniel Cooley, was sent to confer with Daniel Boone at his son's home some several miles up river and SW of St. Charles. It had been suggested to the Kentuckians that they seek the advice of Boone who, of course, knew the Booneslick country intimately.

They found the old Frontiersman at home, and he, contrary to Governor Clark's suggestion, encouraged them to continue on to Fort Cooper. He vividly described the country to them, and spoke of the need to advance the settlement there. Thus encouraged, and more than ever determined to go on, they returned to the main camp."

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ST. LOUIS, MO.

DEATH OF MAE VASS

We sadly announce the death of Rosa Mae (Roberts) Vass, age 95, of Bevier, Mo. on Jan. 29, 1984. Mrs. Vass was born Aug. 13, 1888 at Callao, Mo., the daughter of Thomas J. and Evelyn (Blankenship) Roberts. She was a Grand-daughter of Mr. Burrell and Alzada (Cooley) Roberts. Her Grandmother, Alzada Cooley (b. Aug. 25, 1826-d. Jan. 11, 1907) was a daughter of James and Jane (White) Cooley-James being an older brother of Timothy G. Cooley. Jane White was a daughter of Randolph and Margaret (Kirkland) White.

On Feb. 18, 1912, Rosa Mae was married to Robert A. Vass, who preceded her in death. Surviving are one son Lloyd W. Vass of Bevier, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Burial was at Antioch Cem. in Macon County.

BITS & PIECES

We are glad to announce the birth of James Michael Brokes on Feb. 13, 1984. He is the son of Rick and Ginger (Deard-euff) Brokes of Davenport, Iowa. The proud Grandmother is Helen (Green) Deardeuff of Hannibal, Mo., who is a descendant of Noah and Jane (Cooley) Mullinix.....Congratulations!

We are glad to announce the birth of Terry Alan Pettitt on Feb. 22, 1984. He is the son of Jeff and Shelia Pettitt of Hannibal, Mo. Proud Grandparents are Donald L. and Sharon (Allensworth) Pettitt--Great Grandparents are Donald R. and Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt, all of Hannibal, Mo.....Congratulations!

We are glad to announce the birth of Erika Danielle Edwards on Jan. 17, 1984. She is the daughter of Tom and Laura (Buirch) Edwards of West Jordan, Utah. Proud Grandparents are Leslie and Shirley Buirch of Lodi, Calif. Leslie is a descendant of Noah and Jane (Cooley) Mullinix.....Congratulations!

THIS EDITION EARLY

Because your editor will be on his Vacation in California during the last two weeks of June--this issue of our Cooley Cousins Newsletter is coming to you a bit early. The next issue, due about Oct. 1st should be back on the regular schedule.

NEW MEMBERS

Our Family Association continues to grow--some of our latest members are:
-Mrs. Frances (Cooley) Six of Johnston, Iowa.
-Mrs. Bernita Sharp of Salem, Oregon
-Mrs. Arcia Weber of Clarence, Mo.
-Mrs. Betty Wassam of Kirksville, Mo.
-Thomas W. Cooley of Laurel, Maryland
-Connie D. Cooley of Queen City, Mo.
-Mrs. Patricia Bledsoe of Nampa, Idaho
-Vincent L. Six of Des Moines, Iowa
-Michael W. Six of Houston, Texas

With the membership of Mr. T.W. Cooley we now have members in 15 states...

SOLDIER IN THE FAMILY

Timothy L. Sparbel, son of Kenneth and Marjorie (Baker) Sparbel, and Grandson of Jesse and Alida Baker, enlisted in the U.S. Army last September. He did his basic training in Missouri and is now stationed in Texas. Timothy will be 19 on Aug. 14th.. Best wishes, soldier!

GLENWOOD SPRINGS 1986 ????



GENEALOGY CORNER

REBECCA ELIZABETH COOLEY, the third child of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley was born August 4, 1838 in Bevier Township of Macon Co., Missouri. As a young woman she was married to John C. Shoemaker, a son of Archibald and Elizabeth (Summers) Shoemaker. They made their home in Bee Branch Twp. of Chariton Co., Mo. where he was a farmer. They had two known children: Eliza F. Shoemaker, born ca. 1855 and Mary Jane Shoemaker, born ca. 1857.

John Shoemaker was killed in an explosion of a boiler at Vader's Mill in 1872. Five other men were killed at the same time beside John: Thomas Tabor, Jonnson Summers, John Buster, James Williams and Paul Vader.

After this accidental death of her husband, no further trace of Rebecca has been found. She perhaps remarried, thus changing her name and preventing her being found in subsequent records. If anyone has any further information on Rebecca or any of her children, it would be deeply appreciated.

THOMAS JEFFERSON COOLEY, always called Jeff, the 4th child of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley was born Jan. 18, 1840 in Bevier Township of Macon Co., Mo. He spent his entire life as a farmer on the old Cooley farm in Bevier Township. During the early days of the Civil War, young Jeff volunteered for six months in a Rebel Company under Capt. Ben Guthrie to defend Missouri. This Company joined the State forces under Gen. Price and participated in the battle of Lexington. His enlistment time was up the very day that Price began his retreat into Arkansas, so Jeff left the Army and returned home, thus missing the great battle of Pea Ridge.

Jeff Cooley was first married on Sept 27, 1863 to Welthy Barrow, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Downing) Barrow. After her death on Nov. 15, 1874, he remarried in 1875 to Mary F. "Janie" James. She died June 25, 1881. After awhile he married for the third time to Elizabeth Brammer, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Brammer.

Just when Thomas Jefferson Cooley died is not yet known--but he lived well into the 20th Century as several are still living who remember him. By all three wives, Jeff Cooley was father to nine children:

1. Ida Rosetta Cooley, born 1865. She married William H. Barnes and died 1915. They had 4 children.
2. David Arthur "Art" Cooley, born Jan. 1870. He married Ida Miller in 1891. They had 5 children.
3. Eva Nora Cooley, born Nov. 1871. She married William Adams in 1889. They had several children.
4. Charles Cooley, born May 26, 1876. He married Savannah Peterson and lived at Keota, Mo. He was killed in a coal mine accident on Mar. 15, 1917. One known son.

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5. Thomas Franklin Cooley, born April 1880. Nothing further known.
6. A son born Nov. 12, 1883. Apparently died young.
7. Everett J. Cooley, born July 1887. Nothing further known.
8. Zollie E. Cooley, born April 1890. Nothing further known.
9. Zeddie C. Cooley, born Feb. 1893. He never married, lived at Bevier, and died in 1931.

KNOW YOUR KINFOLKS!

THOMAS FREDERICK COOLEY

Thomas F. "Fred" Cooley was born April 20, 1916 in Macon Co., Missouri, the son of Lonzo and Emma Belle (Corbin) Cooley. His paternal grandparents were William M "Will" and Sarah (Brammer) Cooley.

As a young boy he moved with his family to Hannibal, Mo. where he graduated from Hannibal High School in the class of 1934. After living a few years in Peoria, Ill., he returned to Hannibal where he has made his home since.

He went to work for the Hannibal Cab Companies in 1949. He first worked with "150" Cabs, later going to the Yellow Cab Company where he was Dispatcher and Book Keeper. The last few years He was in complete charge of the Company. He had to retire in Nov. of 1979 because of health.

A highly regarded and well known citizen of Hannibal, he now makes his home in the household of his sister, Mrs. Donald (Cleo) Pettitt at 307 So. Levering ST.

Although severely handicapped with Arthritis since age 18, Mr. Cooley has led a useful and inspiring life and everyone who crosses his path is charmed by his sparkling personality. Blessed with a sharp mind and a marvelous sense of humor, Fred Cooley is a beloved figure in the Cooley Family.

Let us all join in a salute to one of our Family's true "treasures"--Thomas Frederick "Fred" Cooley of Hannibal, Missouri.

FROM OUR FILES

Mary McKinstry Rites Pending

Mrs. Mary Frances McKinstry, 73, of Bevier died at 10 a.m. today at the Samaritan Hospital. The body is at the Edwards Funeral Home in Bevier, where funeral arrangements are pending.

Among the survivors are: Five sons, Carl and Johnny of St. Joseph, Norman of Denver, Colo., Orien and Gerald of Bevier; one daughter, Mrs. Juanita Koole of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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TINK

The following is an excerpt from TINK; The story of Timothy Cooley, a 19th Century Missourian--a manuscript written and copyright 1980 by your editor. From where we left off in the last issue, the story continues.

"They again took up the march and advanced to Loutre Island, where an earlier settlement had been made. Staying there for awhile, they continued, and after many days of hard travel through the timber and across the prairies making their own road and either building temporary bridges or finding fording places---The party found themselves at their destination: the stockade fort that had been erected the previous year by Col. Benjamin Cooper. Here the weary travelers were hailed by the "old" pioneers of the previous summer and after the barrage of questions--the first of which was "Any Indian trouble coming?"--a celebration of welcome was begun, beginning with a good feast of venison and culminating that evening with a dance on the bare ground of the fort. James Cooley, being but one of several fiddle players present, helped with the music.

The next day was given over to the serious business of planning the new settlement, as it was decided that rather than all crowding together at "Cooper's" fort that the families disperse to three general locations so as to better possess the territory and provide better opportunity to start crops.

Upon the recommendation of Col. Cooper and with the consent of the majority of the men, a site was chosen on the bluff about 2½ miles North of the point on the River where today is the Boonville Bridge. Here they immediately began the erection of a fort to be known as Fort McLaine (later changed to Fort Hempstead) after the recognized leader of the group: William McLaine. Another group erected Fort Kincaid about one mile South.

Each fort was a series of log houses, built together around an enclosure. In each house lived a family, and the stock was corralled, and the property of the settlers secured at night in the enclosure. There were smaller forts, but these three: Cooper, McLaine and Kincaid were the most important. Soon after the building of these forts, the men organized themselves into a Military Company with Sharshall Cooper (son of Col. Benj.) as Captain.

The area that they had come to, which would afterwards be Howard Co., Mo., was a beautiful place of good timber, small prairies, plenty of water and wild game of all kinds was very abundant, and so tame as to not be easily frightened at the approach of the hunter. This game furnished all the meat of the settlers and, in fact, for most of that early time they had little else than meat. There were large numbers of Elk, Deer, Bear, Turkeys and other large animals, and to use the expression of an old settler, "they could be killed as easily as a sheep in a pasture." The settlers spent most of their time in hunting and fishing, as it was no use to plant crops, which would just be destroyed by the Indians or the game. Small game, such as squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, partridge, etc. swarmed around the homes of the frontiersman in such numbers that when they did attempt to raise a crop of any kind, in order to save a part of it, they were forced to kill them in large numbers.

Not only were the settlers and their families thus well provided with food for themselves by nature, but also their animals were furnished with everything necessary to their well being. The range was so good during the whole year, that the stock lived without being fed by their owners. Even when the ground was covered with snow, the animals, taught by instinct, would in a few minutes paw from under the snow enough grass to last them all day. The stock did have to be protected however from the numerous wolves. In fact, James Cooley's only two hogs that survived the trip were both devoured by the wolves shortly after the arrival. Their only use of corn, which they planted very little, was to make bread, and bread made of corn was the only kind they ever had.

Life in the forts was not one of idleness and ease. It was one of vigilance and activity the first few years. The settlers were deprived of many of the comforts and pleasures which are enjoyed by people today. They had but little labor-saving devices, and what they had were imperfect and inefficient..... The forts were also supplied with spinning wheels and hand looms. A cog-wheel Horse Mill was erected at Fort Kincaid and later another at Fort Hempstead. The first cloth made in the forts was manufactured from a poisonous plant, which was indigenous to the Country, and known as the "Spanish Needle", which was covered with sharp, brittle hairs. The cloth was used for pants, dresses and shirts for summer wear. In the winter, buckskin hunting shirts and pants were worn..... Thus began the life on the edge of the frontier for the James Cooley family and their kinsmen and neighbors of McLaine's Fort."

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COUSINS ATTEND REFFETT REUNION

Several members of our Cooley Cousins Association spent the week-end of Aug. 4-5 in Macon County, Mo. where a tour of the old "Cooley Country" was made on Saturday and then Sunday they attended the Reffett Family Reunion at New Cambria.

As there were two marriages of Cooley men to Reffett women, a number of those in attendance were also Cooley descendants. The reunion, which was attended by over 100 persons, was most enjoyable and well organized. A special highlight of the gathering was the chance to meet Mrs. Mary (Cooley) Carriker, the only daughter of Emery and Effie (Reffett) Cooley of Bucklin, Mo. Attracting great attention was the showing of the "Cooley Quilt" by your Editor.

Cooley Cousins attending were: Wynona (Cooley) Coburn of Lyons, Ill.; Juanita (Cooley) Newcome of Valparaiso, Ind.; Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt of Hannibal, Mo.; Toby and Rosie Cooley of Galesburg, Ill.; and Dale Walker of St. Louis, Mo.



JOHN I. AND BELLE (YOUNGBLOOD)
COOLEY

BITS AND PIECES

We sadly announce the death of Howard V. Cooley, age 74, of Memphis, Mo. on July 20, 1984. He was the son of Wm. H. and Laura (Lewis) Cooley and was born Jan. 26, 1910 in Putnam Co., Mo. He had lived nearly all his life in Putnam Co., where he was a farmer. He was preceded in death by two wives and an infant son. Survivors include a son, Henry H. Cooley of Unionville, Mo.; a grandson, David Cooley; and two sisters, Mrs. Harold Robinson of Greentop, Mo. and Mrs. Fred Lewis of Green City, Mo. Burial was in Lipp Cem. near Sidney, Mo.

We sadly announce the death of Robert J. White, age 35, of Houston, Texas on June 26, 1984. He was the son of Mark Grisham and Laurele (Dunham) White and a descendant of Thos. K. and Jemima (Cooley) White. Born July 13, 1948 in Macon, he was a graduate of Cent. Mo. State Univ. and was a Commercial artist.

We sadly announce the death of Joseph C. Buirch, age 80, of Fresno, Calif. on June 9, 1984. Born Aug. 6, 1903 in New Jersey, he was for many years a resident of Macon Co. Mo. and went to California over 30 years ago. Surviving is his wife Bertha (Miles) Buirch who is a descendant of Noah and Jane (Cooley) Mullinix; a son, Leslie of Lodi, Calif. who is a member of our Association; two daughters, Marie Stever of Fresno and Effie Johnson of Wis.; seven grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

We proudly announce the birth of Blane Andrew Pettitt on Aug. 2, 1984. The parents of this new cousin are Tom and Leann Ladd Pettitt of Hannibal, Mo. Grandparents are Donald and Sharon Pettitt also of Hannibal, Mo.

We proudly announce the birth of Anna Ruth Treaster on June 19, 1984. She is the daughter of David and Beth Treaster of No. Liberty, Ind. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Treaster of Midland, Ohio. Fred is a descendant of Wm. M. "Will" and Sarah (Brammer) Cooley.

We are Happy to announce the Marriage of Melissa K. Pettitt to Keith F. Willing on June 14, 1984 at Arcn Street United Methodist Church in Hannibal, Mo. Melissa is the daughter of Gerald Pettitt of Arizona. Her grandparents are Donald and Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt of Hannibal. After a brief trip to the Ozarks the young couple are at home in Hannibal. Best wishes to Keith and Melissa.

GENEALOGY CORNER

JOHN IVEN* COOLEY, the 6th child & 4th son of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley was born June 24, 1845 in Bevier Township of Macon Co., Missouri. The early years of his life were spent as a farmer on the family place and later he worked as a coal miner. He enlisted as a volunteer in Company D, 42nd Missouri Infantry and his first months were spent defending the State during Price's Raid. Later the regiment was stationed in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was discharged on June 28, 1865 at Nashville.

Just prior to his enlistment, on June 16, 1864 he was joined in Holy Matrimony with Miss Martha Isabelle "Belle" Youngblood, the daughter of John H. and Polly (White) Youngblood. Belle was born July 29, 1847 in Macon County, thus was not quite 17 when their marriage occurred.

Except for a short stay in Arkansas, John and Belle Cooley lived in Macon Co. until 1909, at which time they moved to Kirksville, Mo. John I. Cooley died there on Sept. 19, 1915. He was buried at Highland Park Cemetery. After his death, Mrs. Cooley returned to Macon County and she died in Bevier on Sept. 5, 1931.

The children of John and Belle Cooley were:

1. Mary Emmaline "Sis" Cooley, born April 27, 1865. She married George S. Byers Nov. 27, 1887 and died July 31, 1930 in Kirksville, Mo. They had one son.
2. Reuben Greenbury "Rube" Cooley, born Oct. 29, 1866. He never married, was a coal miner, and died in Kirksville, Mo. on June 9, 1938.
3. Albert Omega Cooley, born Nov. 20, 1869. He was married Oct. 25, 1888 to Betsy Stone, later left her and went to Cherokee Co., Kansas where he was killed in a coal mine explosion on Mar. 19, 1900. No known children.
4. James Luther "Jimmy" Cooley, born Jan. 1, 1871. He died at age 18 and was buried in Banta-Cooley Cem. in Bevier Township.
5. Luvenia Cooley, born Jan. 1, 1873. She died at 2 days of age.
6. Trythenia Cooley, born Jan. 1, 1873, a twin to Luvenia. She died Dec. 23, 1875.
7. John William Cooley, born Oct. 31, 1875 and died Nov. 4, 1875.
8. Elnora Cooley, born Nov. 18, 1877. She married a kinsman, Talbert Cooley, on Dec. 23, 1901. She died July 28, 1907 leaving two children.
9. Frank Hampton Cooley, born Dec. 23, 1879. He married Susie Summers on Mar. 23, 1899. He died Feb. 28, 1930 as the result of a coal mine accident. He is buried in Clinton, Ind. They had 7 children.
10. Daniel Iven "Danny" Cooley, born July 22, 1881. He married Martha Davison on Jan. 1, 1902. He was a coal miner and later worked for a shoe factory. He died July 8, 1964 at Kirksville, Mo. This couple had 9 children.

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11. Ernest Everett "Ern" Cooley, born Feb. 9, 1884. He was a coal miner and lived in Springfield, Ill. He married Maude Reed on Aug. 9, 1904 and died Oct. 29, 1958 in Springfield. They had 2 children.

12. Henry Edwin "Ed" Cooley, born March 7, 1886 in Carroll Co., Ark. He was a coal miner and lived in Connelville, Mo. He married Luvena Summers on Oct. 7, 1906. He died April 19, 1978, the last of his family, and is buried at Novinger, Mo. They had 2 daughters.

13. Lucinda Ann Cooley, born Jan. 12, 1891. She married Carl Gleason in Kirksville on Dec. 4, 1909. They lived in Eagle Rock California. She died Sept. 11, 1968. One son.

*Evidence indicates that John was originally given the middle name of Even or Evans after his Great Grandfather. The change to Iven was apparently the result of a mistake when he joined the Union Army.

KNOW YOUR KINFOLKS!

EDISON COOLEY

Edison Cooley was born Jan. 30, 1912 in Putnam Co., Mo., the son of William B. and Nevada (Johnson) Cooley. Raised on the family farm and educated in local schools. He married Norma Stidmon on Sept. 3, 1934.

The couple lived in Putnam Co. until 1946 when they moved to Kirksville, Mo. For several years they were in the restaurant business and later operated a service station.

Norma Cooley departed this life on Mar. 21, 1968 and was buried at Maple Hills in Kirksville. On Oct. 11, 1970 Edison was re-married to Roselee Tietzort. They will celebrate their 14th anniversary in just a few weeks.

Mr. Cooley retired in 1974 and bought a small farm Southwest of Kirksville where he pursues his favorite hobbies of hunting, fishing and gardening. An accomplished Banjo picker, he has played for dances all over North Missouri and continues to do so.

Edison Cooley was the Father of two sons: Jimmie D. Cooley, born Jan. 27, 1936 and who died April 25, 1968 just five weeks after his Mother; and Greg R. Cooley, born Jan. 24, 1941 and who lives in Kirksville. Mr. Cooley has 8 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Let us all join in a salute to this fine citizen and honored kinsman-- Edison Cooley of rural Kirksville, Mo.

CORRECTION

In the last issue, the 6th child of Jeff Cooley was incorrectly called a son. In fact, this was a daughter born Nov. 12, 1883. Thanks to Sandra Stanton for pointing out the mistake...

TINK

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"It was well that they (the pioneers of Howard County) had dilligently prepared the fort as rapidly as they had ---In the spring of 1812, the war clouds which had hitherto given every indication of the coming storm, had at length unfurled their black banners in every part of the sky. Great Britain had again "loosed her dogs of war", and with gigantic strides was attempting to trample upon the most sacred rights of a free people. Calling to her aid, in the war against the American colonists, the hireling Hessian, she now inspired the Indians to espouse her cause against the unprotected whites, who were then dwelling upon the extreme frontier of the great West. These hostile Indians began their work of death in the Spring of 1812, and were mostly Sacs and Foxes, Kickapoos and some Pottawatomies.

Their first victims in the Boone's Lick Country were Jonathan Todd and Thomas Smith, who lived at McLaines Fort, but had gone down the River to hunt a stray horse, which had escaped from the Fort. While upon their errand the Indians attacked them, on Thrall's Prairie, not far from the present line between Howard and Boone Counties. After a long struggle in which several Indians were killed, Todd and Smith were slain. The Fox warriors, after killing them, cut off their heads and cut out their hearts, and placed them by the trailside on poles.

As soon as the news of the killing of Todd and Smith was brought to the Fort, a party of men, including James and Joseph Cooley, started out to get their bodies. After they had gone several miles, they captured an Indian Warrior, who seemed to be watching their movements, and started to take him to the fort, in order to get information from him. As they returned, after finding the two bodies, and when they were within 2 miles of the fort, the Indian prisoner suddenly broke away from them and attempted to escape. They chased him about 1/2 mile, when finding they could not overtake him, killing him instantly.....The word was spread to the other forts the melancholy news that they were indeed on the verge of a long and bloody war.

In July, some Indians killed a man named Campbell about 5 miles NW of present day Boonville.....Col. Benjamin Cooper and General Dodge, who had recently arrived with a troop of regular soldiers, took a company of about 500 men, composed of the soldiers and the frontiersmen, and started in pursuit of the Indians. The Indians, being surprised and not able to re-cross the River, threw up breastworks in order to repel the attack of the whites. When the troop of Cooper and Dodge appeared before the entrenchments, the Indians, realizing how outnumbered they were, after some parley, surrendered themselves as prisoners of War.

After the Indians had surrendered, Col. Cooper and Gen. Dodge had a memorable quarrel in regard to the prisoners. Col. Cooper insisted, although they had surrendered, they were not entitled to protection, and in accordance to custom, they should be hung immediately. General Dodge, insisted that as they had surrendered to him, he, being the superior officer, they were entitled to his protection as prisoners of war. So fiercely did they quarrel, that at one time the two forces (frontiersmen and regulars) came very near having a fight in order to settle the controversy. Finally a peaceful disposition was made, by General Dodge being permitted to take the prisoners to Saint Louis.

In the Spring of 1813, not having seen any signs of Indians for about three months, and being anxious to raise a crop that year, as they had been unable the previous year, many of the settlers returned to their fields, but in order to be alerted of the possible approach of an enemy, they stationed a guard at each corner of the field in which they were at work.

During the following two years they were kept continually on the watch against the red man, for every month or two, some small band of Indians would suddenly attack and slay some unsuspecting settler.....The Indians, never after the Campbell incident, marched a large band against the Howard County settlements, but came in small scouting parties.....

There has been some discussion of planning for another Family Reunion to be held in the future--a proposal has been made to hold such in Summer 1986 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado--Your editor would like very much to have every members thoughts and advice on this possibility. Please send your comments to: Dale L. Walker, 4256 Botanical Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

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GENEALOGY CORNER

DAVID SHELTON COOLEY, the 5th child and 3rd son of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley was born Jan. 16, 1842 in Bevier Township of Macon Co., Mo. He grew up on the Family farm, and as a young man he began farming on his own in Hudson Township of his native County. He had 120 acres. David S. Cooley married Melissa Caroline Barrow. She was born 1841 in Macon County, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Downing) Barrow. Mrs. Cooley died Dec. 4, 1883 and was followed shortly afterwards by David, who died Jan. 1, 1884. They are buried at old Antioch Cemetery, where they had been Church members. They had no Children.

MARY FRANCES COOLEY, the 7th child and 3rd daughter of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley was born Jan. 18, 1848 in Bevier Township of Macon Co., Mo. She married Green Lawson on Aug. 16, 1866 and they moved out to Oregon. After Green's death, she returned to Missouri and re-married to a man believed to be named Nickles. They are thought to have lived in Adair County. Nothing further known.

NOTICE

DUES for Cooley Cousins Association for 1985 are now due. Please remit \$3.00 per household to the editor:
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4256 Botanical Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri 63110
Several of you have already sent your dues in early--Thank you! You will receive all issues in 1985.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL!

BITS AND PIECES

We sadly announce the passing of Thomas Frederick "Fred" Cooley, age 68, of Hannibal, Missouri. He was born April 20th, 1916 in Macon, Mo., the son of Lonzo and Emma Belle (Corbin) Cooley, and the Grandson of Will and Sarah (Brammer) Cooley. He departed this life on Sept. 16, 1984 at Hannibal, Missouri. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Donald (Cleo) Pettitt of Hannibal, and a brother, Mr. Richard Cooley of Glendale, Arizona. Fred was a charter member of Cooley Cousins Association. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We sadly announce the passing of Lester L. Cooley, age 80, of Hannibal, Mo. He was born Mar. 18, 1904 in Novinger, Mo. He was the son of Benjamin F. and Lou Etta (Blew) Cooley, and grandson of Will and Sarah (Brammer) Cooley. He departed this life on Sept. 28, 1984 at Hannibal, Mo. He was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by a son and daughter, as well as a sister: Thelma (Cooley) Pargeon of Hannibal, who is a charter member of our association. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We sadly announce the passing of Ramona (Cooley) Weaver, age 56, of Decatur, Illinois. She was born July 5, 1928 in Dana, Indiana, the daughter of Dennis Cooley, and Granddaughter of Frank H. and Susie (Summers) Cooley. She departed this life on Oct. 6, 1984 at Decatur, Ill. She was a charter member of our Association. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We are delighted to announce that Russell and Pauline (Bradford) Gleason, of Grants Pass, Oregon, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 23, 1984. Russell Gleason is the son of Carl E. and Ann (Cooley) Gleason, and Grandson of John and Martha (Youngblood) Cooley. Congratulations Russ and Pauline!

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know that the first Cooley in America arrived in the Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam in January of 1624. This was less than 4 years after the arrival of the New England settlers, "The Pilgrims", at Plymouth.

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TINK

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"By 1815 the peace had been settled and the people were in no more danger from the Indians. For over 3 long years, had the pioneers lives been a constant vigil. Their foes were crafty and heartless, and they knew that without unfailing guard that any moment they might be slaughtered. Now the settlers could turn their attention to opening their farms and bringing true settlement to the country.

The Four Cooley brothers were no exception: all of them moved out of the fort to different areas. Joseph went up Bonne Femme Creek to the Salt Branch and entered land there. Perrin moved over on Moniteau Creek where he farmed and preached the gospel and Daniel settled close to the old Fort site.

James Cooley had entered a tract known as the "Spanish Needle District", and there erected a large cabin and began to farm, raise his horses, make whiskey and clearing a broad quarter-mile strip created a race path that came to be known as the "Spanish Needle Race Track", the first race track West of Saint Louis. Here his family was situated and here is where young Tink's first memories were set.

In 1816, when the village of Franklin was laid out, James had built a large log building there and opened a Tavern. In the usage of the time the Tavern was really an inn for travelers and catered to the fur trappers and traders going up the River, as well as new settlers and served as a gathering place for the residents of the area. He spent his time between his farm and the Tavern, riding the few miles several times a week. In his absence from the farm, his Negro slave, with the help of the older boys, did the necessary work. Later James bought another slave to help with the establishment of his horse raising operation.

James, himself, was not too awfully fond of hard work and enjoyed himself most when playing the host at the Tavern, or when engaged in his predominant passion: racing horses. He was well thought of by his neighbors and recognized as the outstanding Horseman of the region. Although he would never accept public office he enjoyed talking politics and Cooley's Tavern became a gathering center for the discussion of the topics of the day. James was a Jeffersonian in his political affiliation and a ardent supporter of Monroe.

One of Tink's early memories of which long afterward he was fond of telling, took place around the time of the founding of Franklin. The family were all in Franklin and at the Tavern---when a tall, rugged old white-haired man walked in---Tink remembered how the men quickly removed their hats and rushed to greet the old man, calling him Squire and Sir! Drinks were called for and the place of honor given to the old frontiersman. Then little Tink was told that he was in the presence of the noted old hunter and pioneer: Daniel Boone. Later he realized what it all meant and loved to relate the tale to his grandchildren.

On a neighboring farm lived the family of Lindsay Carson (who had came in the party from Kentucky), including his young son Christopher who was not quite a year older than Tink. The two boys were best friends and boyhood playmates--spending nearly all their spare time together. Christopher also had a nick-name: Kit. He would someday be one of the most noted of frontier scouts.

Another memorable event of Tink's young life was the arrival on May 28, 1819 of the first Steamboat ever to navigate the Missouri River--the boat was the "Independence", piloted by Capt. John Nelson. Word of its imminent arrival was brought to the settlers at Franklin and most of the people of the Booneslick Country came to the River landing at Franklin to see this wonderous sight. The Cooley's were no exception, and the entire family came from the farm to be part of this important happening. It was a very festive occasion being the first steamboat most of the people had ever seen, and it marked the opening of the West Country to regular dependable transportation--a solid link of the frontier to the rest of the Country.

Upon the arrival of the Independence, a public dinner was given the Captain and crew, at which all the leading citizens, including James Cooley, attended and at which was drank 31 toasts. James furnished the whiskey for the momentous occasion.

For Tink, growing up in those days on the edge of the American Frontier, it was a wonderful, but busy time. A good time to be a boy."

COOLEY COUSINS

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ST. LOUIS, MO. - D. WALKER, EDITOR

GENEALOGY CORNER

James Preston Cooley, the 8th child and 5th son of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley, was born May 4, 1850 in Bevier Township of Macon Co., Mo. He grew up in his native township and became a farmer and coal miner there, living his entire life on the old farm settled by his father.

Pres Cooley, as he was called, was married on Dec. 6, 1872 to Miss Mary F. Peterson. She was born Oct. 4, 1849 in Macon Co., Mo., the daughter of William and Martha Peterson. Mary (Peterson) Cooley died Oct. 24, 1906 and Pres remarried in 1908 to Mrs. Mae James.

Preston Cooley died Dec. 16, 1918 and was survived by Mae who died in 1928.

The children of James Preston Cooley were:

1. John Evans Cooley, born Jan. 14, 1874. He died as a child on Dec. 12, 1876.
2. James William "Barlow" Cooley, born Sept. 5, 1876. He married first to Miss Ethel Tate in 1901 and second to Mrs. Susie (Tiller) Davison in 1948. He lived at Bevier, Mo. and died Nov. 2, 1961. There were five known children.
3. Sidney Washington "Sid" Cooley, born Sept. 4, 1878. He married first to Miss Minnie Adams on Mar. 14, 1902. His 2nd wife, who he married Mar. 22, 1950 was Alice Harrington. He lived at Bevier, Mo. and died Mar. 14, 1953. He had two daughters.
4. Timothy Allen Cooley, born Nov. 5, 1880. He married 1st to Nellie Hale on Mar. 15, 1905 and second to Pearl Stone on Apr. 18, 1917. He lived in Montana and later Wyoming. He died June 22, 1943. No children.
5. Preston Cooley, born Feb. 10, 1883. He died as a child on Aug. 14, 1884.
6. Mary Frances "Molly" Cooley, born Jan. 4, 1886. She married J.O. McKinstry in 1903. They lived in Bevier, Mo. and she died Apr. 4, 1964. She was the mother of ten children.
7. Oliver S. Cooley, born Apr. 29, 1888. He married Emma Phipps on Aug. 11, 1908. He died on June 8, 1916 at age 28. They had one son.
8. Pearl Cooley, born 1909. She married Raymond Duncan in 1927 and at last notice was still living in Florida.

KNOW YOUR KIN FOLKS!

EARL M. ANDERSON

Earl Anderson was born April 30, 1913 in Kansas City, Missouri. He is the son of Charles and Junie Mae (Cooley) Anderson and a grandson of Will and Sarah (Brammer) Cooley.

He grew up in Kansas City and as a young man joined the Kansas City Fire Department, from which he is now retired after 35 years service.

Earl married Maude Elizabeth Webb on Jan. 18, 1934. They have two children: Judith Lee (Anderson) Craddock, born on Dec. 10, 1941 and Jerry Martin Anderson, born May 2, 1944. They are also blessed with two grandchildren.

Earl and Elizabeth now make their home at 305½ No. Scott St. in Belton, Mo. As often as possible, they slip away to the Ozarks where Earl enjoys fishing and relaxing.

Let us all join in a salute to a fine citizen and delightful gentleman---- Earl M. Anderson.

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know that one of the four companions of Daniel Boone on his first exploring trip into Kentucky in 1769 was William Cooley.

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BITS AND PIECES

We sadly announce the passing of Odetta (Cooley) Homer, of Transfer, Pennsylvania. A native of Missouri, she was the daughter of Henry E. "Ed" and Luvena (Summers) Cooley, and a grand-daughter of John I. and Martha Isabelle (Youngblood) Cooley. She departed this life on February 9, 1985 at her home in Pa. Surviving are her husband, Louis Homer, and children. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We are proud to announce the birth of Cindy Kay Weber on November 23, 1984 at Kirksville, Missouri. Cindy is the daughter of Ronald R. and Arecia K. (Lewis) Weber of Clarence, Missouri. She is a grand-daughter of Fred and Grace (Cooley) Lewis, and a great grand-daughter of William Henry Cooley (see picture in this issue). Welcome to the Family, Cindy!

We are happy to announce that Elmo F. Cooley of Broomfield, Colorado retired from Federal Government service on Jan. 3, 1985. Mr. Cooley is a son of Daniel and Martha (Davison) Cooley. Elmo and wife, Dolores, are planning a move to California to be closer to their children. Congratulations!

TINK

The following is an excerpt from TINK; the story of Timothy Cooley, a 19th Century Missourian—a manuscript written and copyright 1980 by your editor. From where we left off in the last issue, the story continues.

"It is important to remember, that while a majority of the Booneslick settlers were poor, poverty carried with it no crushing sense of degradation, like that felt by the very poor today. They lived in a log cabin it is true but it was their own, and had been reared by their own hands. Their home, while inconvenient and far from waterproof, was built in the prevailing style, and was just like the homes of their neighbors. They were destitute of many of the fin things of life, and of some things that are now considered necessities; but they patiently endured their lot and hopefully looked forward to brighter days. They had plenty to wear as a protection against the weather, and an abundance of wholesome food. They sat down to a rude table to eat from tin or pewter dishes; but the meat thereon—the flesh of Deer, Elk or Bear, of the wild Duck or Turkey, of possum, 'Coon, Rabbit or Squirrel—may darn well have been superior to that we eat today, and had been won by the skill of the settler or his vigorous sons. The bread they ate was made from Corn of their own raising. They walked the land of forest and prairie that surrounded them, not with the air of a beggar, but with the firm step of a self-respecting Free Man.

The settlers brought with them the keen axe, which was indispensable, and the equally necessary rifle. His first labor was to fell trees and erect his unpretentious cabin, which was rudely made of logs, and in the raising of which he had the cheerful aid of his neighbors. It was usually from 14 to 16 feet square, and seldom larger than 20 ft., and very frequently built entirely without glass, nails, hinges or locks. A large fireplace was built at one end of the house, in which fire was kindled to cook on and which furnished the needed warmth in winter. The ceiling above was covered with the pelts of Raccoon, Possum and Wolf to add to the warmth of the building. The cabin was lighted by means of greased paper windows. A place would be cut out of a log, and strong sheets of paper well greased with 'Coon or Bear grease would be carefully tacked in.

The furniture matched the house itself, and hence, if not elegant, was in perfect taste. The table had four legs, and was rudely made from split logs. Their seats were stools, having 3 or 4 legs. The bedstead was in keeping with the rest, and was often so contrived as to permit it to be drawn up and fastened to the wall during the day, thus affording more room for the family. The entire furnishings were simple, and were framed with no other tools than axe, draw knife and auger. Each man was his own carpenter, and some displayed considerable ingenuity in the construction of implements of Agriculture and utensils for the house. Knives and forks they sometimes had and sometimes had not. The common table knife was the hunting knife or a jack-knife. Horse collars were sometimes made of plaited corn husks, sewed together. They were easy on the neck of the horse, and would last a long time.

The women were like the virtuous women spoken of in the last chapter of Proverbs, for they "sought wool and flax and worked willingly with their hands." They, of course, made all the clothes for the family—of homespun and buckskin. They were contented and even happy without any of the elegant articles now

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considered necessary by ladies of today. Many of them were grown before they ever saw the interior of a dry goods store. They were reared in simplicity, lived in simplicity and were happy in simplicity.

Johnny cake and corn pone were served up at dinner, while mush and milk made a favorite dish for supper. The Dutch oven was used for baking. Wild meat was plentiful, and the streams abounded in fish. Many kinds of wild greens were eaten. The "Truck patch" furnished roasting ears, pumpkins, beans, squashes and potatoes. Coffee and Tea were used sparingly, as they were very dear, and the hardy pioneer considered them fit only for women and children: He preferred his homemade whiskey. Maple sugar was much used and honey was gathered from "Bee Trees". Wild grapes and plums were to be found in their season along the streams.

The men and boys, in most instances, wore pants made of buckskin, and the hunting shirt. The young man who wished to look captivating in the eyes of the maiden whom he was courting, had his "Bucks" fringed, which lent a pleasing effect. Caps were made of the skins of the Fox, Wolf or Raccoon, tanned with the fur on. The tail of the Fox or 'Coon often hung from the top of the cap, lending the wearer a jaunty air. Both sexes wore moccasins, which in dry weather were an excellent substitute for shoes.

The settlers, after the Indian troubles were over, were often separated from their neighbors by miles. There were no Church houses, or regular services of any kind to call them together; hence, no doubt, the cheerfulness with which they accepted invitations to a house raising, or to a corn husking, or a "Bee" of any kind. To attend these gatherings, they would sometimes go many miles. Generally with the invitation to the men, went one to the women, to come to a spinning or quilting.

Great quantities of provisions were prepared, as good appetites were the rule. The bread used at these frolics was generally baked on Johnny Cake boards; a board was made smooth, about 2 ft. long and 8 inches wide, the ends generally rounded. The dough is spread out on this board and placed leaning before the fire. One side was baked and the dough was changed on the board, so the other side was presented to the fire. At all these gatherings, it was customary for hard liquor to be provided--the homemade corn whiskey--but seldom was drunkenness a problem.

Almost always these gatherings would end in a dance. To prepare for this amusement fiddlers were in great demand and popular neighbors. As James Cooley was a fiddle player, and as he enjoyed entertaining, he was in attendance at many of the affairs of the early days. In those days they danced jigs and 4-handed reels. In these dances there was no standing still; all were in near constant motion. While dancing the by-standers cut one another out, so that a dance, once started, might last for hours. In the morning, all started for home on horseback or on foot. There were few wagons or carriages in those early days.

At all gatherings, foot-races, horse-races, jumping and wrestling were indulged in; and those who excelled were henceforth men of notoriety. Target shooting was much practiced, and shots were made at a mark by the men and boys with their fine old Kentucky Flintlock rifles. At these shooting matches, which were usually for the prize of a Turkey, or a gallon of whiskey, good feeling generally prevailed. If disputes arose, they were often settled by a square stand-up fistfight. They held no grudges after their fights, for this was considered unmanly.

With this flourishing Frontier scene, the Cooley family were beginning to prosper: the tavern was successful, the farm was being developed, James' fine horses were becoming noted over a wide territory, the eldest children had married and started lives of their own, the younger ones were healthy and growing, and all seemed to be well. Then in the year that Tink was eleven, tragedy struck!"

COOLEY COUSINS

A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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D. WALKER, EDITOR - ST. LOUIS, MO.

GENEALOGY CORNER

WILLIAM MARTIN COOLEY, the 10th child and 7th son of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley, was born Feb. 19, 1856 in Bevier Twp. of Macon Co., Missouri. He grew to manhood on his Father's farm and as a young man began to work in the coal mines of the area. During the 1890's he lived in Ardmore, Mo. and was a coal miner. In 1903 he moved to Kansas City and for the most part remained there until his death.

Will Cooley, as he was called, was married June 28, 1880 to Miss Sarah E. Brammer. Sarah Brammer was born Aug. 31, 1861 in Macon Co., Mo., the daughter of David and Sarah (Summers) Brammer. Will and Sary, as she was called, were to celebrate 50 years of wedded life before they were separated by death.

William M. Cooley departed this life on Sept. 3, 1930 at age 74. He was survived by Sarah who lived until August 9, 1935.

Will and Sarah Cooley were the parents of four children:

1. Benjamin F. Cooley, born Oct. 9, 1881 in Macon Co., Mo. He married Mary Lou Etta Blew on Sept. 17, 1902. He lived at Hannibal, Mo. and died Mar. 28, 1953. He had three children.
2. Lonzo Cooley, born Sept. 19, 1883 in Macon Co., Mo. He married Emma Belle Corbin on Apr. 13, 1913. He lived at Hannibal, Mo. and died Jan. 4, 1971. He had four children.
3. Floyd? Cooley, born ca. 1892 and died ca. 1898.
4. Junie Mae Cooley, born April 7, 1895 in Macon Co., Mo. She married first to Charles Anderson and 2nd to Jos. Grubb. She lived at Kansas City, Mo. and died Nov. 13, 1972. One son.

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know that Cooley's were among the very first settlers of Marion Co., Oregon -- They went West from Missouri by wagon train in 1845..

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KNOW YOUR KINFOLKS!

JUANITA (Cooley) NEWCOME
Juanita Irene Cooley was born Nov. 5, 1905 in Adair Co., Missouri. She is the Daughter of Frank and Susie (Summers) Cooley and the Grand-daughter of John I. and Martha (Youngblood) Cooley.

She grew to young womannood in Mo. and Indiana. She was married Sept. 25, 1925 in Crown Point, Ind. to William "Buttons" Newcome. He was a long-time steelmill worker. They snared over 57 years of wedded life and were separated only by Mr. Newcome's death on Apr. 1, 1983.

Wm. and Juanita Newcome were parents of two children: Norma Jean Babcock, born May 19, 1929, and a resident of Chesterton, Indiana; and Wm. Eugene Newcome, born Dec. 9, 1935, and a resident of Valparaiso, Ind. Juanita is also blessed with 7 Grandchildren and ten Great-grandchildren.

Let us all join in a salute to a fine and gracious Lady--Juanita I. (Cooley) Newcome of Valparaiso, Indiana.



WILL AND SARAH (BRAMMER) COOLEY
AND CHILDREN: BEN, LONNIE AND
JUNIE MAE.

BITS AND PIECES

We are sad to announce having learned of the recent death of Mrs. Viola (Wilson) Cooley of Hannibal, Missouri. Mrs. Cooley was the wife of Gilbert E. Cooley, who survives

We proudly announce the birth of Stephanie Lois Loughmiller on March 28, 1985 in Mountain View, California. The new arrival weighed in at 8 lbs 9 ozs and is the daughter of George and Joyce (Cooley) Loughmiller of Cupertino, California. Proud Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmo F. Cooley of Broomfield, Colorado.

We proudly announce the birth of Adam Troy Pettitt on Dec. 26, 1984 in Arizona. The new arrival is the son of Gerald R. and Sue (Becker) Pettitt of Phoenix, Arizona. Proud Grandparents are Donald and Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt of Hannibal, Missouri.

We proudly announce the birth of Adam Shane Wood on May 19, 1985. The new arrival is the son of Rex and Lisa (Webb) Wood of Brookfield, Missouri. Proud Grandparents are James and Waunetta (Pettitt) Webb of Ethel, Missouri.

We are happy to announce the marriage of Kathy (Pettitt) Campfield to Mr. William Ainsworth on May 10, 1985. Kathy is the daughter of Donald and Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt of Hannibal, Missouri. The newly weds make their home in Hannibal. Congratulations, Bill and Kathy!

We are happy to announce the marriage of Daniel M. Treaster to Cynthia Ann Woolwine on April 27, 1985 in Muncie, Indiana. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Treaster of Midland, Ohio and a grandson of Harold and Waunetta (Cooley) Treaster. Congratulations to Dan and Cynthia!

We are happy to announce the marriage of Donald W. Cooley to Yolanda Florencio on Feb. 28, 1985 in California. The groom is the son of Elmo and Deloris (Bowers) Cooley of Broomfield, Colorado. The bride is a native of the Republic of the Philippines. Congratulations Don and Yolanda!

We are happy to announce the graduation of Tony McElroy from the 8th grade in Monroe City, Missouri. Tony is the son of Ronald and Janet (Winegar) McElroy and Grandson of Thelma (Cooley) Pargeon of Hannibal, Missouri. Congratulations Tony--Good Luck in High School!

TINK

The following is an excerpt from TINK; the story of Timothy Cooley, a 19th Century Missourian--a manuscript written and copyright 1980 by your editor. From where we left off in the last issue, the story continues.

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"One late September day James Cooley started home on horseback from the Tavern at Franklin to ride the few miles to the farm. The weather was threatening to storm and after only a short distance a furious thunderstorm began to blow--hard driving rain--the visibility became nearly impossible--the temperature dropped quickly until it was quite cold--James was not dressed to match the conditions--he simply dropped the reins and allowed the horse (the great stallion Franklin) to take him home. By the time the animal had stopped in front of the log stable, he was completely chilled and feeling ill. He was helped into the house to the fire--it was shortly apparent that he had pneumonia and was very serious. He lingered several days and then was dead at the age of 49.

The family was, of course, shocked and deeply saddened. The death of his Father probably affected Tink more than the other children--the older ones being more able to accept and adapt--little Ben being too young to fully realize--Tink was just at that age when it was hard to understand and cope with the loss. Tink had been a favorite of his Father, perhaps because at a very early age he had shown the same great love of horses that was his Father's passion. For a long time after his Father's death young Tink spent a lot of time alone in the woods, mourning in his own boyish way.

The death of James Cooley brought some necessary adjustments to the family life-style. Although the Cooley's were far from wealthy, they had prospered about as well as any of the settlers and had no Wolf at the door. James' love of the good times had run him into some debt however and in order to satisfy all concerned, the Tavern was sold and the newest slave was purchased by Jemima's Father-in-law: Randolph White. The farm and faithful Sam were retained by Elizabeth, to be run with the help of the boys. The horses were divided

amongst the sons: Mark recieving the great stallion Franklin.

Franklin had been foaled in 1810 and his get were beginning to be noted as fine blood stock. The Dam of Franklin was the great old mare, Cooley's Maid, who made the trip from Kentucky with the colt at her side. He was descended from Janus through the Goode's Stallion Jupiter. In the years to come Franklin would be celebrated as one of the premier Studs of Missouri. Mark kept the Chestnut Stallion until his own untimely death in 1826. His widow, Rebecca, then sold the horse to Tom White, Jemima's husband. Years later, Tink was to buy Franklin back and owned him until the old Stallion died in 1838.

The next few years were years not of real hardship but trying to the widow and family attempting to wrest a living from the land that James had entered. It was a good farm and the hard work of Johnny, Ike and Tink, assisted by the Negro Sam, made it provide. Jim had married Jane White and struck out on his own. The family continued to raise some horses and other livestock, and planted tobacco and corn.

As Tink entered his teens, he became restless and began to spend more and more time at the gatherings of men where he was much in demand as a jockey in the matched races of the times. He had grown into a handsome, sturdy young man. He was not tall, his mature height being only 5 ft 5 inches, but was slender and well-built. He had gained areputation as an excellent horseman and was generally highly regarded by his elders. He helped with the farm work and spent much of his free time around horses and often in companionship with his boyhood chum: Kit Carson. Young kit had the same restless urges that affected Tink, and having been apprenticed to a harness maker named Workman at Franklin, was anxious to throw off the fetters that bound him. Their chance for adventure was to come soon.

The opening of the Santa Fe trail was to deeply affect the town of Franklin and with it two young men of the area: Kit Carson and Tink Cooley.

Although several earlier attempts had been made to establish trade with the great Spanish outpost, including the earlier explorer Zebulon Pike, it was Captain William Becknell who was actually to open the trade and become known as the "Father of the Santa Fe Trail."

William Becknell had been trading with the Indians long and sucessfully enough to have the honorary title of "Captain" bestowed on him by his fellow citizens of Arrow Rock, Missouri. He had been "to the Mountains" (Rockies) as the old saying had it, had traded with the Pawnee and Arapahoe, and had become as well acquainted with that country as any other White man.

In the late Summer of 1821, in Cooley's Tavern in nearby Franklin, he listened with interest to the talk about the Revolution in Mexico and the predictions that it would soon be over. Hopefully this might open the door for American trade with Santa Fe and the other New Mexican settlements. That seems to have been the conclusion Becknell reached, for almost immediately he began outfitting for what he said was the "Far West", which was indefinite enough to cover whatever he had in mind.

He selected four seasoned men to accompany him, and with cash and credit assembled a modest amount of trade goods. On September 1st he and his companions filed out of Arrow Rock and dissappeared into the West."

COOLEY COUSINS

A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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D. WALKER, EDITOR - ST. LOUIS, MO.

"LOST" KINFOLKS FOUND

Once again it is the pleasure of your editor to announce the discovery of "New" Cooley Cousins! Once again they hail from the Hawkeye State.

For many years, your editor has attempted to contact the daughters of Ray and Lizzie Byers--Grand-daughters of Mary E. "Sis" (Cooley) Byers (see Apr. 1984 edition)--and persistence has paid off!

Every year for the past several, when your editor visited the graves of his Great Grandparents at Kirksville, Mo. on Memorial Day, he has left notes attached to the tombstone of Ray and Lizzie--hoping one of the daughters would contact him. It finally worked this year: the Sexton kept the note and gave it to one of their daughters.

A couple of months ago your editor was surprised by a Sunday afternoon telephone call from Des Moines, Iowa--on the line was Mrs. Lucille (Byers) Washburn--middle daughter of Ray and Lizzie! Since then she and I have spoke again on the telephone and written to each other--She has kindly shared much Family information and what is more exciting, as a result, we have gained 13 new members of Cooley Cousins!

THE BYERS FAMILY

Ray Byers was born 1888 in Macon Co Mo., the son of George S. and Mary E. "Sis" (Cooley) Byers. Mary Byers was the eldest child of John I. and Martha I. "Belie" (Youngblood) Cooley.

Ray married Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Youst. She was born in Adair Co., Mo. on Aug. 14, 1890. They made their home in Kirksville, Mo. and later in Des Moines, Iowa. Ray departed this life in 1954, with Lizzie surviving until 1968.

Ray and Lizzie Byers were the parents of three daughters:

1. Ethel A. Byers, born Sept. 23, 1916 in Adair Co., Mo. She married Howard Courtney on April 23, 1935--thus they celebrated their 50th anniversary this past April. They now make their home at 4845 N.E. 30th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50317. Howard and Ethel are parents of three children:
--Martha June Courtney, born Oct. 12, 1939. She is married to George F. Holzhauser and they make their home in Des Moines. They have Three Children.

--Wayne Edwin Courtney, born April 9, 1942. He married Phyllis Richards and they make their home in Des Moines. They have four children.

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- Letha Marie Courtney, born June 21, 1947. She married David Ristter and has three children.
2. Lucille Byers, born Feb. 10, 1919 in Mahaska Co., Iowa. She was first married to Charles A. Burton on Sept 23, 1936. She is now married to Donald E. Washburn. They were married Oct. 30, 1970 and make their home at 344 Forest Ave., Des Moines, Ia. 50314. She has three children:
--Marcella J. Burton, born May 30, 1937. She married Norman J. Ballard on Jan. 31, 1953 and they make their home in Des Moines. They have seven daughters.
--Lorilla D. Burton, born Aug. 22, 1938. She married Fred J. Trujillo April 12, 1967 and they make their home in Norwalk, Iowa. Four children
--Ronald Lee Burton, born Oct. 25, 1942. He married 1st. to Sandy Bledsoe and 2nd to Coral Christson. He is Father of three (one deceased) and lives in Des Moines.
3. Edna C. Byers, born Feb. 15, 1921 in Polk Co., Iowa. She married Marlin A. Palmer on July 25, 1938. Marlin died Sept. 9, 1983 after 45 years of marriage. Edna makes her home at 815 E. 24th St. Ct., Des Moines, Ia. 50317. They had five children:
--Marlin G. Palmer, born Aug. 3, 1939. He married Dolores Rice on Nov. 8, 1958. No children.
--Raymond A. Palmer, born June 20, 1944. He married Janet Rice Dec. 6, 1964. They have two children.
--Cornella C. Palmer, born Nov. 1, 1946. She married Arlie L. Miller Dec. 6, 1964. They live in Des Moines and have two children.
--Robert M. Palmer, born Oct. 26, 1948. He was married to Linda McVey and they had two children.
--Sandra K. Palmer, born May 25, 1950. She is married to Garry A. Logan. They were married May 8, 1971 and they have two children. They live in Des Moines, Iowa.

INTO OUR THIRD YEAR

With this edition, Cooley Cousins begins its 3rd year of existence. Our Family Association has continued to grow ever since its founding at the reunion in Aug. 1983. From our letters the newsletter is as popular today as it was at the start. Cooley Cousins will be with us for many years to come!

DEATH OF MABLE SCURLOCK

We sadly announce the recent death of Mable (Baker) Scurlock of Santa Paula, California. She was born July 22, 1905 in Macon Co., Mo., the daughter of William J. and Minnie (Vestal) Baker. She was a Great Grand-daughter of Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix. She was married twice: first to Lloyd Cunduff and 2nd to Lonnie Scurlock.

Mrs. Scurlock entered into rest on her 80th birthday- July 22, 1985 in Santa Paula, Calif. Burial was in the Santa Paula Cemetery.

NEW ADDRESS REPORTED

Cousin Doris (Cooley) Crews writes that she has moved from Lincoln, Nebraska to Phoenix, Ariz.

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MARY E. "SIS" (COOLEY) BYERS

GENEALOGY CORNER

Having in the first two years of our Newsletters gotten through all the children of Timothy and Lucinda in this column, we will now turn our attention to their grandchildren, as known:

REBECCA ELIZABETH MULLINIX, the eldest daughter of Noah and Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix, was born January 11, 1855 in Macon Co., Mo. She grew up on the family farm in Chariton Twp., and at age 20 was married to John Thomas Baker. Their wedding took place on May 20, 1875.

John T. Baker was born ^{MAY} March 1, 1854 in Macon County, the son of Johnson P. and Louisa J. (Sparrow) Baker. He became a farmer in his native township and lived out his life in Macon County. J.T. Baker died March 30, 1918 and was survived by Rebecca, who lived until Dec 2, 1943. They were the parents of three children:

1. Louisa Jane Baker, born Feb. 20, 1876 in Macon Co., Mo. She married Sidney W. Miles Nov. 9, 1893. Sid Miles died on Mar. 19, 1920. Louisa lived until Feb. 20, 1940. They had three children.
2. William Jesse Baker, born Apr. 22, 1877 in Macon Co., Mo. He married 1st to Minnie Mae Vestal and 2nd to Theresa (Schneider) Yount. He fathered three children: two daughters by his first wife and a son by the 2nd. William J. Baker departed this life on Dec. 29, 1940.
3. Minnie Mae Baker, born Dec. 25, 1878. She married John Allen Powers. He was the son of Francis M. and Sarah (Miles) Powers and was born June 14, 1870 in Macon Co., Mo. John A. Powers died on April 9, 1946, with Minnie surviving until Aug. 9, 1958. They had 12 children.

PETER G. MULLINIX, the eldest son of Noah and Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix, was born 1858 in Macon Co., Mo. He married Lizzie Dodd and died Jan. 1944 in Hannibal, Mo. They had six children:

1. Lizzie Mullinix, born Jan. 1887. She married Gus Lucas.
2. Thomas Mullinix, born June 1889. He lived in Louisiana, Mo.
3. Rosettia Mullinix, born Feb. 1893.
4. Henry Clay Mullinix, born Aug. 10, 1894. He married Fay Vantine in 1934 and died Dec. 23, 1962 at Hannibal, Mo.
5. Myrtle J. Mullinix, born June 1899. She married Joe Green and they had three children.

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know that when Jesse Mullinix, the Father of Lucinda Cooley, settled in Putnam Co., Mo. there were only eleven other families in the whole County! That was in 1837..

TINK

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"It has been said that "Becknell did not even intend to go to Santa Fe, but only to trade with the Indians in the Rocky Mountains." It would be more accurate to say that trading with the Indians was an alternative that he meant to fall back on if he found the Frontier closed to him. After leaving the Missouri, he coursed directly for Santa Fe through yet unborn Osage City to the Arkansas River and up that River to the later site of Bent's Fort, then up the Purgatoire and over Raton Pass and down to the plateaus that stretched away to the first of the Mexican villages. In large part it was the route the Santa Fe Trail was to follow in years to come, known as the "Mountain Route" to distinguish it from the Cimarron "Cut-off" across the terrible "Jornada" which avoided the mountains altogether.

Becknell and his little party were fifty miles East of Santa Fe when they were accosted by a Mexican patrol. At first they were alarmed. But they had no reason to be; the Mexicans greeted them with warmth and friendship, and urged them to go on. The war was over and Mexico was free! as Becknell and his little cavalcade passed through San Miguel the people ran out to cheer them. "It was," as was said, "the honeymoon of liberty---the Mexicans and Americans were brothers."

Seventy-six days after leaving Arrow Rock, the traders rode into Santa Fe. At great profit to themselves they quickly exchanged their little stock of goods for Mexican Silver Pesos. Thus began the regular Santa Fe trade that was to grow and prosper in the coming years. The return trip took less time and on Jan. 29, 1822 they arrived back at Arrow Rock.

As the frontier surged westward it necessarily left behind great areas where for a decade or so, life was primitive and money scarce. In 1822, the interior of Missouri was still largely undeveloped country, much of the local trade being conducted by barter.

The thriving prosperity of Saint Louis was in a sharp contrast with that of the Howard County settlements. Missouri had attained Statehood, entering the Union under the terms of the hotly debated Missouri Compromise, as a slave state. The pro and anti-slavery factions were about equally divided, but at the time there was little indication that the slavery question would one day rock the State to its foundations and drench it with blood. Of more immediate interest were the prospects for acquiring sudden riches such as Becknell had demonstrated were within reach. Suddenly men and women with a few dollars were anxious to invest in one of his "Santa Fe Expeditions."

The winter was no sooner over than Becknell began preparing a 2nd expedition. It was to be a large one, numbering 21 men, of which 3 owned a share of the goods that were to be transported. The others were working for wages. As they were outfitting, Becknell decided that this time he would take wagons.

In Franklin, Col. Benjamin Cooper and his nephews, Braxton and Maj. Stephen, were outfitting an equally important expedition for the long trip to Santa Fe, comprised of 16 men and carrying between \$4 and 5,000 worth of goods.

Capt. Becknell's party was the first to get away, on May 22, 1822, but as they encumbered with wagons, the Cooper pack train soon outdistanced them and thus became the 2nd trading party to arrive in Santa Fe. The Cooper cargo consisted solely of dry goods, which was a departure from the assorted merchandise of other trips. They followed the route pioneered by Becknell the previous year. They did not use wagons because Major Stephen Cooper knew what he was going back to the United States.

In October, the Cooper party returned to Franklin with furs and "400 assorted Jacks, Jennies and Mules." From that nucleus was to originate the World-Famous "Missouri Mule". He was to multiply by the tens of thousands and Americans were to forget, if they ever knew, that he was a product of New Mexico. He filled a thousand needs. No other animal, man or beast, contributed more to the settling and development of the West.....

So Tink Cooley grew to young manhood surrounded by the excitement of the Santa Fe trade. He listened avidly to the tales told by the returning adventurers--he heard of the hard traveling, the Indians, the beauty of the Mountains--and the more he heard the more his desire to take part in it all grew. Then one day in early fall of 1826, while he was in Franklin to visit his harness-maker apprentice boyhood pal, an announcement was made that a large party was being got up for a trip and men were needed to go. After quickly conferring with each other, the two youngsters decided, and immediately signed up for the trip. They were both only 16, Kit being the eldest by a few months."

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A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Its that time again! Members are reminded that with this issue dues to our Association are again payable. Many of you have already renewed early, several have paid for an extended period, and to those we say thanks and take this opportunity for a gentle reminder to the others. Dues remain the same as since our founding in 1983: \$3.00 per household per year. To those who have recently become members, please be assured that your dues are paid thru 1986.

Many organized Family Associations have had the experience of having interest wane in its newsletter---this certainly is not so in the case of Cooley Cousins: it is as popular today as was the first issue.

One thing, however, is necessary for our newsletter to prosper and live up to its purposes: it needs the continual input of all the members and readers. Please send to your editor, any and all family news. Don't feel limited to births, deaths, weddings, etc.---Got someone who has just been elected/appointed to a club or public office? Just entering/graduating college? Joining the Service? a new job? a special vacation? Do you collect something? Retiring? All of these and many more are part of our Family History and should be shared and preserved. Send all items to Dale L. Walker, 4256 Botanical Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63110.

CORRECTIONS

What this newsletter needs is a better proof-reader! In the last issue (Oct. 1985) the birth-date given of John T. Baker should read May instead of March. Furthermore, in the sketch of the children of Peter Mullinix it is stated that he had six children, but only five are given. The missing child was the youngest (No. 6): George Mullinix, born 190? and who never married.

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know that Timothy Cooley as a boy in 1819 witnessed the arrival of the first steamboat ever to navigate the Missouri River as high as old Franklin and forty years later was present at the arrival of the first Locomotive at Bevier (1859) ?

TINK

The following is an excerpt from TINK; the story of Timothy Cooley, a 19th Century Missourian--a manuscript written and copyright 1980 by your editor. From where we left off in the last issue, the story continues...

"The caravan was to rendezvous on Sept. Fifth. Each man was to come equipped "with one good rifle, one pistol, four lbs. of powder, eight lbs. of lead, and twenty days provisions." Tink hurried back to the farm where he put together his outfit, saddled one of the fine young horses sired by the stallion, Franklin, and
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after a tearful departure from his gentle Mother, rode off to meet Kit at the rendezvous ground. Tink had signed on as a horse wrangler and Kit was to be a wagon driver and, as needed, harness repairman.

Kit, since he was apprenticed to Workman for two more years, had to sneak off and became a fugitive for the period before the party left. Tink, in on the conspiracy, brought food to the runaway and helped him to put together the necessary outfit.

The start was made on Sept. 16th. The caravan included 67 men, 147 horses and mules, 25 wagons, several two-wheeled carts and a small cannon "to scare the Indians." They followed Becknell's route up the Arkansas River to the Caches and then across that fearful stretch of desert between the Arkansas and the Cimarron. Once they were without water for nearly two days. But they pushed on. Seventy-three days after leaving Franklin, as the caravan toiled over the last hill, Tink saw the flat roofs and heard the bells of Santa Fe.

Santa Fe in 1826, was a fascinating place for the two young Missourians: Tink and Kit. Having seen little in their lives except the log houses of the settlements at home, the bustling adobe town was strange indeed. It opened their eyes! Here was a flat-roofed, one-story town on a high plain, backed with forest and high peaks. Located on the North side of the dusty, manure-filled plaza was the long, low flat-roofed "Palace of the Governors", fronted by a wooded awning resting on roughly hewn tree trunks. The ornate churches were the most prominent buildings in town.

Small stores, a dark tavern or two, a few private dwellings---bordered the rest of the square. Narrow streets meandered off among tawny houses surrounded by corn patches and orchards. An occasional ox-drawn cart laden with children and produce crept toward the plaza at snail's pace. The sides of each vehicle were a latticework of sticks; the wheels, formed of round pieces of wood sawn from Cottonwood trees, wobbled erratically and shrieked to high heaven on seldom greased wooden axles. Every now and then along came a donkey, invisible except for fuzzy ears and clicking hooves under towers of firewood. More dashing, and more attractive to Tink, were the curvetting horses that bore riders dressed in flat sombreros, tight jackets decorated with needlework, and silver-studded trousers slit from knee to ankle.

In front of the Church at the West end of the Plaza was the marketplace--a confused area shaded by a few ragged Cottonwoods, a center for throngs of people---tobacco chewing Missourians, Mountain Men, soldiers, Indians of several tribes, Spanish matriarches wrapped in fine lace shawls. Some young Senoritas smoked and flirted; others walked with protective escorts. Mixed in were mules, horses and strings of donkeys with their burdens of firewood, fodder or melons. Along the side streets were gambling halls and various "other" establishments.

Women in loose blouses and short red skirts sat beside fiber mats on which were arranged small piles of cheese, beans, chili peppers, loaves of bread baked in outdoor ovens, and corn husks for making the cigarettes that everyone smoked. Slabs of Mutton, Goat and dried Buffalo meat hung from a line stretched to one of the uprights supporting the "Palaces" portico. In the winter the flesh might be Bear, Turkey or Venison. At the Southwest entrance to the Plaza were neat bundles of grass that one could buy for one's horse or donkey to munch on as it waited in the center of the square for its master. Every night was generally taken over to drinking, gambling and dancing.

Everyone danced. Occasions were frequent--celebrating some Saints' Day, weddings, homecomings, or for no reason at all. Artfully adorned for such occasions, the younger Mexican women struck the Americans as pretty because of their small waists, small feet and uncorseted bosoms. True, their uninhibited ways could be shocking at first to people from a more puritanical land. Their whirling "Fandangos" struck many as lascivious. The newcomers from the United States were taken aback, too, by the fact that women smoked as readily as men. It was considered a great honor for a woman to light a man's Hand-rolled cigarette for him and place it between his lips while looking full into his eyes.

It being so late in the season, a decision was made not to attempt the return trip until Spring, so the Missouri traders settled into camp at the outskirts of Santa Fe. The winter was passed with getting the entire outfit ready for as early a start as possible, with some of the men moving into the surrounding mountains to do some trapping, and sending out small parties of buffalo hunters. Tink passed the time doing his job of caring for the horse herd. Occasional visits were made into Santa Fe to again "see the Sights".

FAMILY NEWS

We are proud to announce the birth of Ryan James Welch on July 5, 1985. He is the son of Gordon and Susan (Webb) Welch of Odessa, Texas and grandson of Rev. James and Waunetta (Pettitt) Webb of Ethel, Missouri. The new arrival weighed 8 lbs., 8 ozs and was 21 inches long. Welcome to the Family, Ryan !

We are proud to announce the birth of Alicia Marie Babcock on Oct. 27, 1985. She weighed 9 lbs, 1 oz and was 22 inches long. She is the daughter of Dennis and Debbie Babcock of Chesterton, Indiana and grand-daughter of Kenneth and Norma Jean (Newcome) Babcock, also of Chesterton. This new arrival is the 11th great grandchild of Juanita (Cooley) Newcome of Valparaiso, Indiana. Welcome to the Family, Alicia !

We are proud to announce the birth of Ashley Nicole Pettitt on Nov. 5, 1985. The new arrival weighed in at 10 lbs, 5 1/2 ozs. She is the daughter of Tom and Leann (Ladd) Pettitt of Hannibal, Missouri, and grand-daughter of Donald and Scharon (Allensworth) Pettitt, also of Hannibal. Welcome to the Family, Ashley!

We are proud to announce the birth of Rachel Nicole Burns on Sept. 23, 1985. She is the daughter of David M. and Angela (Cahill) Burns and grand-daughter of Milford and Avialee (Cooley) Burns, all of the Kansas City area. Welcome to the Family, Rachel !

We are proud to announce the birth of Alix Kathryne Dickey on Nov. 10, 1984. She is the daughter of Scott and April (Burns) Dickey and grand-daughter of Milford and Avialee (Cooley) Burns, all of the Kansas City area. A belated welcome to the Family, Alix !

We are happy to announce the new address of Leroy and Carolyn (Pettitt) Ross. Moving from Harrisonville, Mo., they now make their home at:
212 East Meadows Lane-Altamont, Illinois 62411

We are happy to announce the new address of Gary and Christy (Pettitt) Nelson. They now make their home at:
1601 Fulton St.- Hannibal, Missouri 63401

We are pleased to announce that James M. Stanton of Rancho La Costa, Calif. was recently elected President of the Academic Senate at Mira Costa College in Oceanside, Calif., where he is a member of the faculty. Mr. Stanton is the husband of Sandra (Swanker) Stanton, daughter of Clyde and Emma (Cooley) Swanker, and one of the strong supporters of our Cooley Cousins Association. Congratulations, Jim !

We are happy to announce that Elmo F. and Deloris (Bowers) Cooley have moved from their long time home in Colorado to a new one in the Silver State. Their new address is: 6416 Stormy Creek Rd.- Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

GENEALOGY CORNER

A grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley:
Benjamin Franklin Mullinix, fifth child of Noah and Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix, was born April 18, 1864 in Macon Co., Missouri. He grew to manhood in his native County and became a farmer. He married Dec. 11, 1887 to Georgia Etta "Ettie" Davison. She was born Sept. 2, 1870, the daughter of Dock F. and Cassie (Sneed) Davison. Ben Mulnix (which is how he spelled it) died Feb. 21, 1908 and was survived many years by Ettie, who died April 17, 1937. They were parents of three children:

1. Luther Edward Mulnix, born June 28, 1888. He married Bessie Summers on Dec. 23, 1908 and died July 9, 1962. Five children.
2. James Rufus Mulnix, born April 7, 1893. He married Della Dean on Mar. 4, 1917 and died April 5, 1974. Five children.
3. Laura Reabel Mulnix, born Sept. 16, 1906. She never married and died Jan. 24, 1968.

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HAPPY EASTER!

May the joy and peace of this glorious season be with each and everyone!!

May we all be blessed with the spirit of the Holiday and delight in the renewal of Spring.....

GENEALOGY CORNER :

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley:

Thomas Jefferson "Tom" Cooley, eldest child of Benj. and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley, was born Mar. 2, 1860 in Putnam Co., Mo. Tom was a farmer in Elm Twp. of Putnam Co.

He was married on Sept. 20, 1881 to Julia Alice Lipp. Julia was born June 22, 1863, the daughter of Albert and Martha (Stockton) Lipp.

- Julia died on March 13, 1925 and Tom survived until Dec. 11, 1938. They are buried in the Lipp Cemetery in Putnam County. Their children were:
1. A male infant, born Aug. 30, 1882 and died the same day.
 2. Lanora O. Cooley, born Feb. 28, 1884. She married Jasper Bell on Dec. 24, 1905 and died July 1, 1952 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 3. William H. Cooley, born March 9, 1886. He married 1st to Laura Lewis on Sept. 27, 1908. He married 2nd to Cora Brown on June 22, 1933. He died July 19, 1969.
 4. Evy F. Cooley, born May 15, 1890. She married Arthur Hartford on May 23, 1909 and died Nov. 26, 1970 in Putnam Co., Missouri.
 5. Lizzie L. Cooley, born May 7, 1892. She married Henry Gauer on Sept. 30, 1914 and later to John Royal. She died June 26, 1965 in Putnam Co., Mo.
 6. Oliver Pearl Cooley, born Nov. 5, 1898. He married Rubia Osborn on Nov. 8, 1919 and died July 30, 1970 in Putnam Co., Mo.
 7. Albert T. Cooley, born Aug. 23, 1902 in Putnam Co., Mo. He married Freda Capps on Oct. 6, 1923. He died Feb. 10, 1981 in Adair Co., Mo.

A grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley:

William Beaugard "Blos" Cooley, the 2nd child of Benjamin and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley, was born August 12, 1861 in Putnam Co., Missouri. Blos Cooley was a farmer in Elm Township of Putnam Co., Mo.

He was first married in 1881 to Emily Lipp. Emily was born Oct. 20, 1864, the daughter of Albert and Martha (Stockton) Lipp. After Emily died, on Nov. 26, 1902 Blos remarried to Nevada (Johnson) McCune. W.B. "Blos" Cooley died Nov. 8, 1950 in Putnam Co., Mo. His children were:

1. Noah Albert Cooley, born Jan. 22, 1883 in Putnam Co., Mo. He married Dora E. Steen on July 5, 1902 and died Sept. 14, 1965 in Pratt, Kansas.
2. Hattie L. Cooley, born Nov. 26, 1885. She married Fred Husted and died Sept. 18, 1977 in Putnam Co., Mo.
3. Benj. A. Cooley, born Oct. 12, 1887. He married Agnes Shibley and died March 22, 1958 at Unionville, Mo.
4. Clyde Ira Cooley, born Nov. 8, 1889 in Putnam Co., Mo. He married Letha Ralston and lived in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
5. Alie Edward Cooley, born Sept. 23, 1891 in Putnam Co., Mo. Died as an infant.
6. William Thomas Cooley, born Nov. 12, 1894 in Putnam Co., Missouri. He married Anna Lee Knight and died in the 1960's in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
7. Carmen John Cooley, born July 9, 1896 in Putnam Co., Mo. He married Mary Mecelie and died March 10, 1967 in Putnam Co., Mo.

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WM. B. COOLEY (1861-1950) AND WIFE
NEVADA (JOHNSON) McCUNE COOLEY

TINK

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"Tink was especially taken by the fine Spanish-blood horses, and in his mind a desire to own some of them began to build. Having signed on expecting to make the round trip, and it being understood he would be paid off back in Missouri, he was some cautious when he approached the leader of his caravan to see what possible accomadation could be made for recieving his due then, in Santa Fe. After explaining his scheme however, it was agreed to and, shortly, after some artful bargaining on his part he had ownership of six fine mares. These he intended to take back to Missouri to be bred to the stud Franklin.

As the caravan was preparing to make the return trip--Kit-- who had even been more taken by the things he had seen than Tink, came to him and told him that he had decided he would stay in New Mexico. He hoped to find work as a trapper or buffalo hunter, and with not much prospect waiting for him at home wanted to try his hand in this Country. Thus parted the young friends: Tink would return to Santa Fe again, but always make Missouri his home, and Kit would, of course, go on to be one of frontier America's most famed scouts and explorers.

The start home was made in late March, and the caravan stretched out for nearly a half-mile. The wagons and packhorses laden with the result of the winter's trading--including nearly \$100,000 in silver coin. The return was made without any serious incident, except for being caught on the plains of Kansas in a late winter storm that forced the caravan to go into camp for several days. Even then the trip back was made in less time than the trip coming---Tink arrived back in Franklin in Late May of 1827.

After a few days spent at home with his Mother and leaving his hard-bargained for mares in the care of Tom White, to be bred to Franklin, Tink hurried back to where another caravan for Santa Fe was forming. This time, being a seasoned hand and having demonstrated to his relatives that it could be done, he had a couple personal horses loaded with some trade goods of his own, financed by relatives interested in a possible profit.

The sky was still dark when the wagon-master roused the sleeping men with his loud "turn out!" They got up slowly that first morning, rolled and tied their blankets and tossed them into the wagons. That was hardly accomplished when they heard the second command 'catch up!' The men hurried to get the teams harnessed and hitched, amidst the squealing and kicking of half-broken mules. At last one teamster, quicker or more fortunate than the rest, sang out 'all set! One after another took up the cry, as each got his team in order; and when all had reported, the Captain gave the command to march: 'stretch out!'

It was an impressive sight, the way those 28 huge wagons, each drawn by an eight mule team, streamed out to the West in two long files. Beside the wagons there were the carriages and horseman of the Captain and his mess, the ponies of several Delaware Indian hunters, a few Mexican dandies mounted on their fine horses returning home, and the mountain men's saddle mules and pack animals. Last of all, scrambling along behind through the dust and the ruts, a miscellaneous herd of spare animals followed: extra saddle horses, sore backed mules, untamed ponies, mares with foals trotting beside--all excited, unstable, likely at any moment to stampede back to the settlements, back to their familiar pastures. This herd of spare animals was Tink's duty to wrangle as best he could. He followed them swinging one end of a rope, heading back the strays, whipping up the laggards, learning in ever repeated lessons the cussedness of mules and the waywardness of horseflesh.

For two weeks the caravan plodded along, halting during the heat of the noon for eating, making a miserable ten or twelve miles a day. Then Council Grove was reached, and the men and animals seemed to settle down to the business of the long trip, and make a little better time; for beyond the Grove was the real Plains Country, plains growing ever more arid, wilder, more dangerous, where Indians and Buffalo might be encountered.

About noon of the day they reached the Grand Arkansas they heard a confused, dull murmuring sound, which seemed to come from a distance, and grew louder and louder as they advanced. Soon after, dark masses showed on the plains ahead, and cries of 'Buffalo!' rang out along the train.

Tink strained his eyes through the dust of the horse herd, and his heart beat fast. Everywhere the hunters and sportsmen were mounting and riding off, everywhere there was a bustle, shouting, rejoicing. Now there would be fat cow meat, humpribs and tongue. Tink could already taste the deep-red buffalo meat.

TINK CONTINUED

The caravan moved steadily on, passed a few old bulls rolling in the dust to windward, saw the herds ahead all in motion athwart the trail, saw white puffs of smoke as the hunters neared the dark masses, saw them roll up in dust and vanish, hunters and all, in that dun cloud. How the teamsters longed to join the sport! How Tink would have loved to ride his blooded gelding after those flying herds, to run meat in genuine Indian style, to bring down fat cows for supper that night!

But the horse herd claimed all his care just then, some other herders coming to help. The mules were wild with excitement, eager to join the galloping buffalo, and Tink knew well enough that once a mule ran into the herds, he was gone for good. The chance of recapture was slim. So Tink remained at his job. His old flintlock had no opportunity to throw buffalo that day.

Before they halted for the night, the train found the Delaware hunters waiting by the trail, their ponies loaded with the choicest cuts. That night around the mess-fires there was gaiety and good living, and everyone ate until he felt like bursting. Tink heartily agreed with an old trapper, who declared 'civilized doings cain't shine with fat buffler, anyways ye fix it.'

Steadily the caravan advanced, following the windings of the River--- low barren banks, unmarked by trees; bare sandhills away beyond the grassy flats; shallow interlacing rivulets, vainly attempting to lay claim to the whole of the broad sandy bed. And all around, as far as the eye could see, the green prairie grass. When the caravan halted on the treeless plain, Tink would take his saddle blanket and in it help to gather those round dry buffalo chips which served in lieu of wood for the fires.....

The caravan continued on to Santa Fe where Tink renewed some acquaintances he had made the winter before; learned that Kit had taken off with some mountain men back into the Rockies. He did his trading, and prepared to cut out for home once more. He arrived back in Missouri in late October with a poke full of silver pesos and five more good Spanish mares."

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know, that during the "Brother's War", Jeff Cooley served under General Sterling Price in the Southern Cause, while later in the conflict his brother John Cooley, enlisted in the 42nd Missouri Infantry of the Union Army?

BITS AND PIECES

We are sad to announce that Mr. Ora E. Bowers died on Dec. 2, 1985 in Adair Co., Missouri. He was born April 15, 1905 in Adair County, the son of John R. and Eva Lena (Hanlin) Bowers. Mr. Bowers was the Father of Mrs. Elmo F. (Deloris) Cooley of Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition to Mrs. Cooley, he is survived by three sons. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Jeff Stanton, son of James and Sandra (Swanker) Stanton, recently received his CDP certificate and has been appointed Senior Programmer Analyst for Hewlett-Packard Co. His sister, Nancy (Stanton) Jordan is an Engineer for the same Corporation. Congratulations to Jeff and Nancy!

WE are pleased to announce that Mr. Donald W. Cooley of Santa Clara, California has been honored by a biographical insertion in two Who's Who volumes: Marquis Who's Who in the West and Marquis Who's Who in Frontiers of Science and Technology. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo F. Cooley of Las Vegas, Nevada. Congratulations, Don!

Genealogy Corner,Continued:

8. Burnie Isaac Cooley, born May 8, 1899 and died in the same year.
9. Earl Joseph Cooley, born Feb. 8, 1901 in Putnam Co., Missouri. He married Pearl Barnhouse and is living in Lebanon, Ohio.
10. Glen William Cooley, born October 10, 1907 in Putnam Co., Missouri. He married Alta L. Wiles on October 7, 1932 and died June 25, 1978.
11. Mary E. Cooley, born 1909 in Putnam Co., Mo. She married Chris Nenturg and died in 1970.
12. Edison Cooley, born January 30, 1912 in Putnam Co., Missouri. He married First to Norma Stitman on September 3, 1934. His second wife is Rosalee Barnhouse. He lives near Kirksville, Missouri.
13. Nellie Mildred Cooley, born March 22, 1914 in Putnam Co., Mo. She married Harold Hadley Pickett on Dec. 14, 1931. They live in Novinger, Mo.
14. Maggie Cooley, born May 9, 1917 in Putnam Co., Missouri. She married First to Clayton Guffey and is now married to Wilbur Mullinix. They live at Kirksville, Mo.
15. Odetta Cooley, born October 17, 1920 in Putnam Co., Mo. She married First to a Cook and Second to a Moore. She died in 1983.

A Grand-daughter of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley:

Mary J. "Molly" Cooley, 3rd child of Benjamin F. and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley, was born January 9, 1863 in Putnam Co., Mo. She married Charles Hendricks.

Their Children were:

1. Myrtle A. Hendricks, born 1883 in Putnam Co., Mo. She married Chester Hatfield.
2. George Hendricks, who married Anna May.
3. Henry Hendricks, who married Ola Hatfield.
4. Grace Hendricks, who married a man named Vansickle.
5. Verna Hendricks, who married Laurel Steel.
6. Beulah Hendricks, who married Voyd Dale.
7. Elma "Gabe" Hendricks, who married Edna Clay.
8. Thomas Hendricks, who married Ruth Young.



THOS. J. COOLEY AND WIFE
JULIA (LIPP) COOLEY



CHARLES HENDRICKS AND WIFE
MARY J. (COOLEY) HENDRICKS AND
FAMILY

COOLEY COUSINS

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GENEALOGY CORNER:

A Grand-daughter of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

Lucinda Cooley, 4th child of Benj. and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley, was born Feb. 12, 1865 in Putnam Co., Mo. She married Ira Roberts. Nothing else further known.

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

Timothy H. "Tink" Cooley, 5th child of Benjamin and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley, was born Feb. 14, 1867 in Putnam Co., Missouri. He was first a farmer in his native County and later worked for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad in Kansas.

He married, about 1889, to Mary Etta Steen, who was born 1873 in Putnam Co. Her date of death is not known. Tink Cooley departed this life on Oct. 22, 1951 in Pratt Co., Kansas and is buried there.

The children of Timothy and Mary E. Cooley were:

1. Charles V. Cooley, born Feb. 1890 in Putnam Co., Mo.
2. Willis F. Cooley, born Oct. 25, 1891 in Putnam Co., Mo.
3. Nava V. Cooley, born Oct. 1893 in Putnam Co., Mo.
4. Golda E. Cooley, born Oct. 1895 in Putnam Co., Mo.
5. Rollie F. Cooley, born Feb. 1900 in Putnam Co., Mo.
6. Harley Cooley, born ca. 1902 in Putnam Co., Mo.

A Grand-daughter of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

Amanda E. Cooley, 6th child of Benj. and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley, was born Jan. 29, 1869 in Putnam Co., Mo. Mandy, as she was called, died as a child in 1873.

A Grand-daughter of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

Ida Rosetta Cooley, eldest child of Thomas Jefferson and Wealthy (Barrow) Cooley, was born 1865 in Macon Co., Mo. She married William Henry Barnes, who born 1856 in Macon Co., Mo. Ida died in 1915 and Will survived until 1922.
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The children of Will and Ida (Cooley) Barnes were:

1. Harley Merle Barnes, born Nov. 27, 1884 in Macon Co., Mo. He died June 28, 1900
2. Lora Barnes, born July 1, 1886 in Macon Co., Mo.
3. Jesse O. Barnes, born Jan. 28, 1887 in Macon Co., Mo. He died Apr. 17, 1950.
4. John Barnes, born April 29, 1893 in Macon Co., Mo. He died June 19, 1949.



GILBERT E. COOLEY
BORN SEPT. 29, 1909
SON OF OLIVER S. AND
MARY E. (PHIPPS)
COOLEY

BITS and Pieces

We are sad to announce the death of Ethel A. (Byers) Courtney of Des Moines, Iowa on March 20, 1986. She was born Sept. 25, 1916 in Kirksville, Mo., the daughter of Ray and Lizzie (Yost) Byers. She was a grand-daughter of George S. and Mary E. (Cooley) Byers. She was married April 23, 1935 to Howard Courtney, who survives her. Other survivors include two daughters, Martha Holzhauser and Letha Risetter, both of Des Moines; a son, Wayne Courtney of Des Moines; two sisters, Lucille Washburn and Edna Palmer, both also of Des Moines; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery at Des Moines. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We are sad to announce the sudden death of Dennis Lee Thevenot of Decatur, Illinois. He departed this life on April 23, 1986. He was born May 4, 1948 in Decatur and had lived all his life there. He was the son of the late Ramona (Cooley) Thevenot Weaver, and a grandson of Dennis and Evelyn Cooley. Survivors are a daughter and a sister. Burial was in Camp Butler National Cem. at Springfield, Ill. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

We are nappy to announce the birth of Alicia Marie Babcock, who joined the family on October 27, 1985. The new arrival is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Babcock of Chesterton, Indiana, and grand-daughter of Kenneth and Norma Jean (Newcome) Babcock, also of Chesterton. The proud Great Grandmother is Juanita (Cooley) Newcome of Valparaiso, Ind. Welcome to the family, Alicia!

We are pleased to announce the wedding of Mr. Patrick Babcock to Patricia Pietroski on December 24, 1985. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Babcock of Chesterton, Ind. Congratulations to Pat and Patricia!

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Lawrence "Toby" Cooley of Galesburg, Illinois was married Nov. 13, 1985 to Luwella Powell. They were married at Galesburg with the Rev. Arthur Price officiating. Mr. Cooley is the son of the late John W. "Buck" Cooley and Grandson of Jesse D. and Rosa (Keffett) Cooley. Congratulations, Toby and Luwella!

We are pleased to announce that Brooke Anne Cooley of Independence, Mo., graduated recently from William Chrisman High School and will attend Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. this fall. Miss Cooley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas R. Cooley and a Grand-daughter of the late Glen W. Cooley. Congratulations, Brooke!

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know, that when Tink Cooley wanted to build a fine new house on his farm in Macon County, he hired a master carpenter, Hezekiah Sneed, to plan and supervise the construction. Many years later, a Grand-daughter of Hezekiah Sneed, Martha F. Davison, married one of Tink's Grandsons, Daniel Cooley.....

TINK

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Tink settled back into the Missouri life and visited around with relatives and boyhood friends. He spent some of his time selling and trading horses and as often as possible matching his best against those of the locals in head-to-head races. He was glad to be home in his beloved woods and prairies, but when the first hint of Spring began to show, he once again got anxious to be on the Trail.

Selecting a strictly pack-horse train that was outfitting, he signed on, this time not as a horse wrangler but as a hunter/scout. Early in May they set off, this time continuing on up the Arkansas to the Purgatoire and over Raton Pass. This was Tink's first real look at the Rocky Mountains, a vision of which he was to retain all his life.

Leaving Santa Fe he joined a different party returning to Missouri. They started home and had advanced as far as a small tributary of the Canadian River, about 25 miles SW of the Cimmaron, in the general vicinity of modern day Chico, New Mexico, when great tragedy struck.

Two young members of the caravan, both from Franklin, named McNees and Monroe, had strayed away from the main party and bedded down for the night beside the small stream. There that night, a group of Comanches stole upon them, shot them with their own guns, and taking their horses, fled.

At the sound of gunfire, the other members of the train rushed to the spot. They found McNees dead and Monroe dying from a mortal wound. Not knowing what impended, they buried McNees beside the little stream and on the spot named it McNees's Creek in his honor, after which they moved on, carrying the dying Monroe with them. He was dead when they reached the Cimmaron.

They buried him there, and just as the funeral ceremonies were concluding six or seven Indians appeared on the opposite side of the River. Some of the party proposed inviting them to a parley, while the rest, burning for revenge evinced a desire to fire upon them at once. It was entirely possible that these particular Indians were not only innocent but ignorant of the outrage that had been committed, or they probably wouldn't have ventured to approach the caravan so close and so openly.

The Comanches quickly saw the belligerent attitude assumed by some of the company, and therefore wheeled around and attempted to escape. One shot was fired, which wounded a horse and brought the Indian to the ground, where he was instantly riddled with balls. Almost simultaneously another discharge of several guns followed, by which all the rest were killed, except one, who escaped to bear the tribe the dreadful news. Tink did not fire the first shot, but certainly joined in the fusillade.

Afterwards walking up to the bodies of the dead warriors, Tink and his companions realized that what they had done might have further disastrous effects. It caused Tink some regret when he viewed the dead men, but they had little time to reflect on it as they feared another attack and must move out as fast as possible.

Hurrying as best they could, they started off straight for the Arkansas River and Missouri. Nearing the Arkansas and being stopped for the noon meal, they were suddenly attacked by a large force of Comanches who succeeded in driving off nearly all their horses and mules, almost a thousand head. But, in spite of a brief fight none of them were killed. Nearly afoot with only a few harness mules left they were forced to abandon much of their wagons loaded with the results of their trading and making do with what they had they set out, all, except a few wagon drivers, on foot for the Council Grove. Tink had lost a number of horses including his good saddle gelding out of Franklin. He always said in later years that he "Hoped some Comanche brave enjoyed himself."

Reaching Council Grove without any further incident and feeling perfectly safe there, way beyond Comanche country, they sent a small group, including Tink, on ahead to the settlements to get more stock and bring back to rescue the party. They were lucky, considering that two other parties behind them on the trail had worst happen to them.

Upon arriving at Independence, Tink was getting his remaining gear together to leave for home, when one of the traders at the Post casually asked him where he was heading for. Upon replying "Franklin", he was shocked to learn that Franklin no longer existed. That Spring right after he had left, during a heavy storm, the old Missouri had changed its channel and wiped out the town. Only one building had been left standing and the townpeople had moved up on the bluffs and began to build a "New Franklin". Thus did the historic town disappear from the Missouri frontier. For 12 years it had been of great importance to both the River trade toward St. Louis and the Santa Fe trade to the West. But even before it was destroyed it was losing much of its business to the new boom town of Independence, so much further up the Missouri."

COOLEY COUSINS

A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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GENEALOGY CORNER

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

David Arthur "Art" Cooley was born Jan. 1870 in Macon Co., Mo., the son of Thomas Jefferson and Wealthy (Barrow) Cooley. Art was a farmer and coal miner in his native county. He was married to Ida R. Miller about 1891. She was born Dec. 1874 in Macon County, the daughter of John Ed and Nancy (White) Miller.

Their known children were:

1. Maude Cooley, born Nov. 1892 in Macon Co., Mo.
2. Minnie Alice Cooley, born Oct. 1895 in Macon Co., Mo.
3. Ray Cooley, born Dec. 1898 in Macon Co., Mo.
4. Roy Cooley, born ca. 1902 in Macon Co., Mo.
5. Orrie Cooley, a daughter born Ca. 1904 in Macon Co., Mo.

A Grand-Daughter of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

Eva Nora Cooley, the daughter of Thos. Jefferson and Wealthy (Barrow) Cooley, was born Nov. 1871 in Macon Co., Mo. She married William Adams, who was born Oct. 1867 in Indiana. He was a coal miner in Macon County. Eva had at least six children, of which, these are known:

1. Rollie M. Adams, born ca. 1893 in Macon Co., Mo.
2. Flossie M. Adams, born ca. 1898 in Macon Co., Mo.
3. Howard W. Adams, born ca. 1902 in Macon Co., Mo.



ERNEST AND MAUDE (REED) COOLEY
AND SON GAIL — PHOTO CA. 1920

BITS AND PIECES

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Lisa Robinson of Unionville, Mo. to John Hamilton on Aug. 2, 1986 at the First Christian Church in Unionville. Lisa, a 1986 graduate of Putnam Co. High School, is the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Robinson and a descendant of William H. and Laura (Lewis) Cooley. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamilton of Kirksville, Mo. Congratulations to John and Lisa!

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Deloma (Cooley) McCann of Springfield, Illinois to George "Sonny" Harrod on July 12, 1986. Deloma is the daughter of Ernest and Maude (Reed) Cooley and a Great Grand-Daughter of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley. Mr. Harrod is the son of Mrs. Sam Atper of Oregon. Congratulations to Sonny and Deloma!

Since all of us descendants of Tink and Lucinda Cooley are also Mullinix descendants, we would like to announce the formation this past summer of the International Molyneux Family Association and the beginning of a quarterly newsletter devoted to the knowledge of the Family in all its many spelling variations: Mullinix, Mullanix, Muinix, Mullinicks, Mulleneix, etc. If any of you are interested in joining, the cost is \$5.00 annually (two free queries a year) and should be sent to:

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FAMILY FACTS

Did you know? Timothy Cooley, who cast his first Presidential ballot for Andrew Jackson's re-election in 1832, was once a candidate for Public Office. This was in 1876 when he was the candidate for Sheriff of Macon Co. on the Greenback Party Ticket. He was defeated, running second to the Democratic Party Candidate.

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TINK

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When news of the Indian attacks spread through out the Missouri settlements, newspapers and State officials joined in the demand that the Federal Government dispatch troops to guard the caravans. The cry became so insistent that in the Spring of 1829, when Tink was ready to hit the trail again, newly inaugurated President Andrew Jackson ordered Col. Henry H. Leavenworth, commander of Fort Leavenworth, some 30 miles up the Missouri from Independence, to detach from his command four companies of Infantry under a competent officer, to escort the American travelers on the Santa Fe Trail as far as the International boundary. To Major Bennett Riley and 4 companies of the 6th Infantry fell the task of confronting the hostile Indians.

Major Riley was both a capable Officer and an innovator. To pull his subsistence wagons he used oxen, the first time the clumsy beasts had been employed on the Santa Fe Trail, a custom that became universal in the years to come.

Without difficulty, the large party was escorted as far as Choteau's Island, on the Arkansas, where the trail crossed into Mexican territory and beyond which his orders did not permit him to go. He went into camp there and the traders train crossed the river and disappeared into the sand hills on the Mexican side. They had not gone far when the afternoon stillness was shattered by Kiowa war cries. Down from the surrounding hills swept several hundred painted warriors. One white man was killed and two others wounded before the wagons could be drawn up in a hollow circle and preparations made to stand off the Indians. During the night it was decided to try to send someone back to Riley's Camp. Immediately, Tink volunteered, arguing that he was superbly mounted on another fine Franklin gelding, the fastest horse among them. He took the Kiowa by surprise and succeeded.

Disobeying his orders, Major Riley put his command in motion, crossed the river and marched across Mexican Territory to the beleaguered caravan, reaching it at daybreak. After a skirmish, He put the Indians to flight. Having already burned his bridges behind him, so to speak, he accompanied the traders all the way to Sand Creek. Believing they were now safe, which they proved to be, he turned back to his camp on the American side of the Arkansas, where he settled down to a summer of discontent, the Indians never attacking in force but running off his stock and sniping at his outposts.

It was his purpose to remain where he was until the returning wagons from Santa Fe appeared and to escort them back to the settlements. But October arrived without bringing them, and he was about to break camp when word reached him that they were on their way. When they arrived, much to Major Riley's surprise, he discovered that they were being escorted by a Company of Mexican regulars under Col. Antonio Vizcarra.

This was the first time that the Mexican Government had supplied a Military escort for an American wagon train. It was a large party--consisting of several groups banded together--perhaps the largest ever to go over the Trail. But its size had not prevented it being attacked by a combined band of Kiowas and Arapahoes. The Indians had approached the train in friendly fashion, only to draw bows and unleash a cloud of arrows when they were within a few yards of the wagons. Having suspected treachery of that nature, the travelers flung their rifles to their shoulders and poured a withering fire into the ranks of the screaming warriors. When the Indians swung their mounts and attempted to flee, they were pursued, and the fight became a rout, with the party killing about 25 of the Indians, having only a couple whites wounded.

When Tink returned to Howard County that Fall he was a seasoned veteran of four years in the Santa Fe trade. He was nearly 20 years old and had grown into a self-assured, strong young man. His horse herd was growing, and although he was as brave as any man, the troubles on the Trail made him begin to think about settling down. As much as he had enjoyed his experiences on the Trail and in Santa Fe, he truly loved his own Missouri Country and was anxious to get some land of his own and devote his time to raising horses.....

COOLEY COUSINS

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GENEALOGY CORNER

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

Charles Cooley was born May 26, 1876 in Macon Co., Mo., the son of Thomas J. "Jeff" and Mary F. (James) Cooley. Charlie was raised in his native County and was a coal miner there. He lived in Keota, not far from his place of birth.

He married Savannah Peterson in 1899. Savannah was born June 4, 1878 in Macon Co., Mo., the daughter of Thomas and Martha Peterson.

Charlie Cooley was killed in a coal mine accident on March 15, 1917. Savannah survived him over 30 years, her death occurring Sept. 12, 1947. They are both buried in New Salem Cemetery in Macon Co., Mo. They had one known child:

1. Ezra J. Cooley, born ca. 1902 in Macon Co., Mo. He was said to have been a career Military Officer and to have lived in Washington, D.C. Nothing further known.

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley--

Thomas Franklin Cooley, was born in April 1880 in Macon Co., Mo., the son of Thos. J. "Jeff" and Mary F. (James) Cooley. Nothing further is known.



WEDDING PHOTO OF CARL E. GLEASON
AND LUCINDA ANN COOLEY — 1909

BITS AND PIECES

We are happy to announce the birth of Ashley Marie Walker on Oct. 13, 1986. Our new cousin is the daughter of Joe and Sherry (Walden) Walker and a Grand daughter of Kenneth and Carleeta (Winegar) Walden. The proud Great-Grand Mother is Thelma (Cooley) Winegar Pargeon of Hannibal, Mo. Welcome to the family, Ashley!

We are pleased to announce the Wedding in April of 1986 of Nancy (Winegar) Doran to William Helmer. Nancy is the daughter of Thelma (Cooley) Winegar Pargeon of Hannibal, Mo. The newly weds also make their home in Hannibal. Congratulations to Bill & Nancy!

We are pleased to announce the Wedding of Richard Pettitt and Jeanette Breeding of Hannibal, Mo. on Nov. 28, 1986. Richard is the son of Donald R. and Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt of Hannibal. Congratulations to Dick and Jeanette!

We are sad to announce the passing of Darrell Robert "Bob" Coburn who departed this life Sept. 26, 1986. Bob was born Oct. 5, 1922 and was the former husband of Wynona (Cooley) Coburn. His survivors include his children: Darrell Coburn of Lyons, Illinois and Ramona Coburn of Playa del Rey, Calif. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

FAMILY FACTS

Did you know? In the spring of 1850, Tink trailed a herd of nearly 100 head of horses from his farm in Macon County to St. Joseph to sell them to the Gold Seekers outfitting for the trip to California.

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A hearty welcome to our latest member of Cooley Cousins: Benna Dildine of Barnsdall, Oklahoma. She is a descendant of Thomas R. and Susan (Shipley) Cooley.

TINK

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"In 1829 a large numbers of families from Wayne Co., Kentucky had helped to push the limit of the frontier in Missouri northward by settling in the area that would later become Randolph County. This settlement had attracted a number of old Howard Countians also, including a number of Tink's relatives. And as the country along the River was becoming much less wild and more crowded, Tink decided to take his chances up that way also.

It was at this time that his youngest brother, Ben, came to him and asked if he could throw in with Tink. Ben said that he, now aged 14, wanted to strike out on his own by going with Tink. Tink quickly agreed--he was always very fond of Ben--and in the early Spring they went together toward the new settlements.

The early settlers of Randolph County were generally from Kentucky and North Carolina. Many of these pioneers located first in Howard County, but coming into Randolph on hunting expeditions, they were so favorably impressed with its diversified scenery, its fertile hills and prairies, its bountiful supply of timber and water, and the great amount of game found there, they returned with their families and hewed out homes for themselves and their little ones in this new land of promise.

That portion of Randolph County which borders upon Howard County was first settled, and is known now as Silver Creek and Moniteau townships. From the best and most reliable information that can be obtained, the first white man to permanently camp in what is now Randolph County, was William Holman, who emigrated to Missouri from Kentucky in 1817. He located in Howard County, where he remained until the following year and then moved to what is now Randolph, and settled on Silver Creek. From then on the area attracted a few settlers who in small numbers and slowly began to locate in the County. The large influx in 1829 really made it a settled territory and resulted in the formation of Randolph County.

Much of Randolph County was still wilderness when Tink and Ben Cooley arrived in 1830. After exploring around the area, they decided to enter a tract of land in the forks of Brush Creek in what is now Chariton Township. This is just slightly NW of Dark's Prairie where a number of their relatives had already entered land. The 200 acres they choose was mostly rolling hills with quite a bit of timber. It seemed suited to their plans of stock raising.

The two young brothers selected a site for their cabin, felled the logs, and on the appointed day, a gathering of neighbors and relatives came to help them raise it. Finished before dark, the group feasted on fresh venison, fried squirrel, corn bread, wild greens and as a special treat some early new potatoes grown by a relative.

That evening a dance was held on the bare ground cleared around the tiny new cabin. Tink had made a special trip back to Howard to furnish a barrel of whiskey, as there had not yet been time to set up a still and make his own. It was a jolly time and the two Cooley brothers felt truly welcomed to their new home.

Immediately after the house raising they worked to build corrals and stables for the horses and cleared, plowed and planted a small patch of corn and garden vegetables. Tink's horse herd had grown to 26 head, he also had 4 stout mules for farm work and as a house warming gift they were given a pair of hound pups: which were the first of a long line of good hunting dogs he was to own over the years. Using the last of his Santa Fe money he bought a milk cow and several young hogs. The Cooley brothers settled in to their new farm, feeling prosperous and quite serene.

The next few years passed quickly and were filled with both hard work and some good times. They improved their farm, planted more crops, erected a still to make whiskey, and found a ready market for the increase of the horse herd. Tink was involved in several match races during this time and was very successful in winning, which helped the cash flow. He had raised a fine young stallion from the mating of Franklin to one of his Spanish mares and named it "Santa Fe". This horse was to become as nearly celebrated as old Franklin himself. There was some Indian excitement during the time of the Black Hawk War, but the years were basically those of peace and tranquility. "

COOLEY COUSINS

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PASSING OF REX S. COOLEY ON MARCH 2nd

We are saddened to report the death of Rex S. Cooley, 71, of Unionville, Missouri on March 2, 1987.

Rex Shibley Cooley was born Jan. 16, 1916 in Putnam Co., Missouri, the son of Benjamin Auv-ille and agnes (Shibley) Cooley and a direct descendant of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley.

Mr. Cooley grew up on his father's farm near Powersville and graduated from the local High School. After a varied career ranging from farming to banking, he entered the farm machinery business in 1950. He owned and operated Farmer's Implement Co. in Unionville until September of 1986, when he retired.

Mr. Cooley was a prominent and active citizen of Putnam County. He had served on the Putnam County R-3 school District board and spent 18 years as a member of the City Council of Unionville.

In addition to his civic activities, he was a member of Lions Club, Rotary club, Masons (Past Master of Unionville Lodge No. 210 A.F. & A.M.), was secretary/treasurer of the Putnam County Livestock Marketing Association for 7 years, and a member of the First Christian Church of Unionville.

On March 28, 1937 at Unionville he was united in marriage with Mary Hancock, who survives him. Also surviving are 2 daughters, Carolyn (Mrs. Leonard) Aspergren and George ann Sievier both of Phoenix, Arizona; 2 Sisters, Shelda (Mrs. Victor) Jensen of Yuma, Arizona and Ann (Mrs. Garold) Godfrey of Seymour, Iowa; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Rex Cooley were held March 4, 1987 at Comstock Funeral home in Unionville with Ed Dooley, pastor of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial was in Unionville Cemetery.

We all join in expressing our sincere sympathy to the family.

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to our latest members of Cooley Cousins:

Cindy Williams of Des Moines, Iowa, who is a descendant of George and Mary E. (Cooley) Byers.

Lynne D. Young of Jackson, Tennessee, who is a descendant of Benjamin F. and Susannah (Lawson) Cooley.

Address all family news (Birthdays, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc., etc.) and any queries or comments to the editor:

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GENEALOGY CORNER

Correction: Thanks to Sandra Stanton of Carlsbad, California for a correction to the marriage date of Charles and Savannah Cooley in the last issue. I had given it as 1899, and actually it was Dec. 21, 1898.

A grandson of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley:

Everett J. Cooley was born July 1887 in Macon Co., Mo., the son of Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Cooley and his 3rd wife, Elizabeth Brammer. Everett is thought to have married a woman named Emma, but nothing further is known.

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley:

Zollie E. Cooley was born April 1890 in Macon Co., Mo., the son of Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" and Elizabeth (Brammer) Cooley. Nothing further known.

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley:

Zeddie C. Cooley was born Feb. 1893 in Macon Co., Mo., the son of Thos. J. "Jeff" & Elizabeth (Brammer) Cooley. He never married, was a coal miner and lived in Bevier Township. He died in 1931 and is buried in Antioch Cemetery.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Cooley Cousins all have birthdays coming up in this quarter:

April 10th- Russell E. Gleason of Grants Pass, Oregon.

April 27th- Neva (Cooley) Sanders of Pratt, Kansas

April 30th- Earl Anderson of Belton, Missouri.

May 9th- Maggie (Cooley) Mullinix of Kirksville, Missouri

May 16th- Doris (Cooley) Crews of Phoenix, Arizona

May 19th- Norma Jean (Newcome) Babcock of Chesterton, Indiana

May 25th- Claude A. Shumaker, Jr. of Reseda, California

May 30th- Marcella (Burton) Ballard of Des Moines, Iowa

June 2nd- Thelma (Cooley) Pargeon of Hannibal, Missouri

June 5th- Dale L. Walker of St. Louis, Mo.

June 6th- Michael W. Six of Houston, Texas

- Diana Lee (Six) Morgensen of Des Moines, Iowa

June 9th- Chester I. Lefforge of Canoga Park, California

- Wynona B. (Cooley) Coburn of Lyons, Illinois

June 13th- Lawrence "Toby" Cooley of Galesburg, Illinois

June 16th- Janet (Winegar) McElroy of Monroe City, Missouri

- Mildred (Gauer) Richmond of Novinger Mo.

June 19th- Lois E. (Robison) Gillum of Green Castle, Missouri

TINK

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"One thing was missing from Tink's life: having reached the mature age of 23, he more and more began to feel the natural urge to marry and raise a family of his own. Considerable thought was given to this and in his visiting around he had noticed a pair of twin sisters, daughters of one of the 1829 Wayne County Kentuckians: Jesse Mullinix. Mullinix, who was a noted hunter and spent much of his time in the chase, had settled on the edge of Dark's Prairie. Jesse and his wife, Betsy, were parents of several children, but it was the comely twins that caught Tink's eye. He began to make frequent visits to the Mullinix cabin, using the excuse that he was checking on the family during the many prolonged absences of the Father. He finally decided that Lucinda was the one of the girls he was more attracted to, rather than Malinda.

Finally getting up the courage to "pop" the question, he was accepted and at Huntsville (the County Seat) on March 21, 1833 they were joined in Holy Wedlock by her uncle Allen Wright, who was a minister of the Gospel. Lucinda, the blushing bride, was only 17, having been born in Wayne Co., Kentucky on January 21, 1816. They were to spend nearly Sixty years together.

The Mullinix Family, as well as Lucinda's Maternal Grandparents: the Wrights, were originally from North Carolina as had been the Cooleys. Jesse Mullinix was born 1789 in Randolph Co., North Carolina--the son of Jonathan and Susanna Mullinix. The Mullinixes had gone to Wayne County, Kentucky at about the turn of the 19th Century as had Betsy's parents: Evans and Rebecca (Summers) Wright. Jesse and Elizabeth Wright (always called Betsy) were married there in 1810. Both families had joined the Great Wayne County migration to Missouri in 1829.

Jesse, as said earlier, was a great hunter, one of the true pioneer "Long Hunters". After having settled in the Chariton Country he often made long expeditions up the River ranging far into what is extremely Northern Missouri and Southern Iowa. He was a restless man, a tall rangy fellow who was not content to stay at home and be a simple farmer; that is not to say that he did not provide for his family--on the contrary, it was his greatest concern that they be well supplied with meat--in his case wild game rather than domestic stock. Jesse was a throw-back to the likes of Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton and was at his happiest when out in pursuit of his quarry. He gained a certain notoriety as one of the premier hunters of the whole region. He was well acquainted with the Sauk and Fox Indians of the up country and was respected by them and never molested while on his rambles. He spoke their language and occasionally spent time in their villages. He took no part in the infamous Black Hawk War, and in fact, seemed to take the Indian side in the conflict. Many later credited him with being the reason no raiding parties appeared in the Randolph County settlements.

Betsy's family, the Wrights, were nearly the opposite. Her Father, Evans, was a planter of the first order and had a number of slaves which he put to good use in developing his land to profitable enterprise. In times to come, the Wrights were to be recognized as among the leading farmers and citizens of the vicinity. Some of Betsy's brothers were to serve in public offices and be counted as noted men.

When Lucinda came to make her home with Tink, his then 17 year old brother, Ben, moved into his own bachelor cabin that had been built a few hundred yards away from their first home. Ben was not to marry for another ten years and would remain allied to Tink and his soon expanding family in the meanwhile. The two brothers were partners in their enterprises and would remain close for all their lives. No two brothers have ever been more alike and able to develop the deep love and understanding that made them not only blood kin but the best of friends. Even later when Ben married and opened his own farm it was less than two miles away and the two were frequently in each other's company.

Tink and Lucinda certainly did not dawdle in the commencing of a family, for on November 27, 1833 their first child, a daughter: Malinda Jane, was born. She was to grow to be a fine young woman and would someday wed a cousin, Noah Mullinix, and raise a large brood of her own. Malinda was the eldest of what would be a family of eleven children.

It was about this time that Tink began a practice that he was to follow for many years: wanting to expand the market for his fine horses, he selected the best of his young stock and stringing them together he set out on a horse trading venture. His first trip took him to Independence where he found a good demand and returned to his farm with only his own saddle horse and a poke of hard money. Over the coming years he was to, once or even twice a year, make many of these trips, which took him all over North Missouri and even at times to St. Charles and St. Louis. He never missed a chance to match his horses in races and it became somewhat of a passion for widely scattered Missourians to try to beat the "Cooley" horses."

COOLEY COUSINS

A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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FAMILY NEWS

We sadly note the passing of Verneita B. Mullenix on May 25, 1987 at Unionville, Mo. She was a direct descendant of Jesse and Betsy (Wright) Mullenix.

Miss Mullenix was born Mar. 14, 1897 in Putnam Co. Mo., the daughter of James E. and Sarah J. (Sparks) Mullenix. Her paternal Grandparents were George L. and Sarah Mullenix. Never married, Miss Mullenix spent much of her long life away from her native County, but returned after her retirement in 1962.

Surviving her is one brother: Trusten Mullenix of Unionville. She was preceded in death by 4 brothers: Lee, Floyd, Murl and Guy Mullenix.

Services were held May 28th and burial was in the Unionville Cemetery.

We sadly announce the passing of Mrs. Mildred (Lay) Rubison of Springfield, Ill. on April 17, 1987. Mrs. Rubison was raised by Ernest and Maud (Reed) Cooley, her Mother having been a sister to Mrs. Cooley. Our Deepest sympathy is extended to her family.

We are happy to note that Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. "Larry" House of North Hollywood, California, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary recently. Mr. and Mrs. House (The former Judy Shumaker, the daughter of Claude A. and Maxine (Cooley) Shumaker) were married June 23, 1962. They were honored with a surprise Dinner planned by their children and family. Our heartiest congratulations, Larry and Judy!

We are pleased to note that Kelly Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Cooley, and a descendant of Benjamin and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley, was graduated from Schuyler County, Mo. R-1 High School recently. Congratulations, Kelly!

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Dorothy Gunner of El Paso, Texas recently became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Gunner is a descendant of Benjamin and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley. Congratulations Dorothy!

We are pleased to learn that Ramona Coburn of Laya del Rey, Calif. was recently honored by the State of California by being named to the "Golden Honor Roll". Miss Coburn, the daughter of Mrs. Wynona (Cooley) Coburn of Lyons, Ill., teaches English and Geography at Glendale High School. Congratulations, Ramona!

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Saint Louis, Missouri 63110

NEW MEMBERS

-Raymond Palmer of Des Moines, Iowa, who is a descendant of Geo. and Mary (Cooley) Byers.
Mrs. Garald (Ann Cooley) Godfrey of Seymour, Ia., who is a descendant of Benjamin and Susanna (Lawson) Cooley.

Welcome to Ray and Ann!

ROGENA GOES TO JAPAN

One of our young Cooley Cousins, Rogena Mata, the Grand-daughter of Norman and Marcella (Burton) Ballard and Great Grand-daughter of Lucille (Byers) Washburn, was recently selected by the Des Moines Public Schools to spend two weeks in Japan. She was one of 24 chosen from over 200 who had applied for the opportunity from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Her fun trip took place in March 1987 and she stayed with two families in the City of Kofu and had a wonderful time. Rogena will enter the 6th Grade this Fall. Join me in a salute to this fine youngster- Congratulations, Rogena!

BIRTHDAYS

The following Cooley Cousins all have Birthdays coming up this quarter:

- July 5th-Ryan J. Welch of Odessa, Texas
 - July 20th-Brooke Ann Cooley of Independence, Mo.
 - July 27th-Donald Fortner of Big Spring, Texas
 - July 28th-Donald W. Cooley of Santa Clara, Calif.
 - July 29th-Sylvia (Douglas) Cooley of Kirksville, Missouri
 - July 31st-Connie D. Cooley of Queen City, Mo.
-Minnie M. (Cooley) Lefforge of Canoga Park, California
 - Aug. 1st-Archie L. Cooley of Moberly, Mo.
 - Aug. 2nd-Blane Pettitt of Hannibal, Mo.
 - Aug. 3rd-Elmo F. Cooley of Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Aug. 5th-Deloma (Cooley) Harrod of Springfield, Illinois
-Joyce C. (Cooley) Loughmiller of Santa Clara, California
 - Aug. 22nd-Lorilla (Burton) Trujillo of Norwalk, Iowa
 - Aug. 26th-Douglas R. Cooley of Independence, Mo.
 - Aug. 27th-Meagan O'Brien of Hannibal, Mo.
-Judy (Shumaker) House of No. Hollywood, California
 - Sept. 1st-Elva (Mullnix) Oberto of Excello, Mo.
 - Sept. 3rd-Donald L. Pettitt of Hannibal, Mo.
 - Sept. 4th-Ronald W. Six of Des Moines, Iowa
 - Sept. 6th-Sandra (Swanker) Stanton of Carlsbad, California
-Deloris (Bowers) Cooley of Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Sept. 23rd-Rachel Burns of Kansas City, Kansas
 - Sept. 29th-Gilbert E. Cooley of Hannibal, Mo.
- Correction: Last issue I noted May 16th as the Birthday of Doris (Cooley) Crews Gessner
---correct date is May 14th!

A GENEALOGY NOTE:

A Grand-son of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley: Reuben Greenbury Cooley, born Oct. 29, 1866 in Macon Co., Mo., a son of John and Martha I. "Belle" (Youngblood) Cooley. Rube never married, was a coal miner, and died June 9, 1938 at Kirksville, Missouri.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

TINK

The following is an excerpt from TINK: The story of Timothy Cooley, a 19th century Missourian--a manuscript written and copyright 1980 by your editor. From where we left off in the last issue, the story continues.....

"Right after the birth of their second child and first son, Benjamin, on April 11, 1836 a decision was made to make another move---again to the Northward as the line of settlement progressed in that direction. Exactly why Tink and many others who had settled in Chariton Township of Randolph County decided to move again is not known. It probably was a combination of the pioneering spirit, the overcrowding that was happening, and the desire for more land. Whatever the pivotal reason, dozens of families, including the Wrights and other families allied by blood or marriage to Tink did in fact pull up stakes and advance to the North, but not very far--the average move was probably less than twenty miles.

The movement was at the time within the bounds of Randolph County but into that portion which would soon be set aside as a new County named in honor of Nathaniel Macon, a well regarded U.S. Senator from North Carolina.

Although the first permanent settlement was not made within the present limits of Macon County, until the year 1827, its territory was not by any means unknown to the pioneers of Howard, Chariton and Randolph Counties. The daring hunter, of which Jesse Mullinix was in the first rank, with his trusty rifle, had not only explored all the important water courses which vein its surface, but had, time and again, traversed its broad prairies in search of the game that everywhere abounded. That part of Macon County which borders upon Randolph and Chariton Counties, was, naturally, first occupied by the emigrant, as the latter counties ante-date the former, both in settlement and organization, and were at that time the only contiguous territory that contained any inhabitants, other than the Indians and wild animals.

From the most reliable information that can be obtained, the first white man to erect his cabin-home in the present limits of Macon County was James Loe, who came to Howard County in 1820 from Kentucky. Then he and his family came to what is now Macon County in 1827. They located just South-West of present day Callao near Stinking Creek.

For some time after their arrival they saw no human beings but Indians, whose acquaintance they were not particularly anxious to cultivate. During the hunting season the Indians passed within sight of their cabin almost everyday, and frequently camped on the Chariton River with their women and children. They continued to come to the County on their annual hunting trips until about the year 1836, when they were forced to remove westward.

Other early Macon County settlers were: James Rowland; Frederick Rowland; William Rowland; William Morrow; Lewis Green; Elisha Chambers; Randall Clark; Andrew Millsap; William Blackwell; Nathan Richardson and John Walker. These all came prior to 1832. After 1832 immigration to the County proceeded apace and by the time Tink came in 1836 there were maybe a hundred families scattered out though the timber lands along the creeks. These first families for the most part did not settle on the prairies for the reasons that they came from timbered areas, felt safer there, needed logs to build their homes and did not think that the prairie lands were as fertile--a misconception later totally disproved.

Tink Cooley, his brother Ben Cooley, brothers-in-law Peter Gilstrap and John Miller all entered land adjacent to each other along Claybank Creek in what is now Bevier Township and a scant two miles South of the present day town of Bevier. Tink originally entered some 520 acres of good rolling land, partly timbered, and ideal for his horse raising. This land was to remain his home for the rest of his days--almost 60 more years.

The United States in 1836, when Tink Cooley moved to his final home in Macon County, was a vastly different place than it is today. The union was 60 years old; there were 25 States, with Arkansas the last admitted; Andrew Jackson was in his last year as President; Roger B. Taney had just been appointed Chief Justice; the removal of the Indians from East of the Mississippi was underway; the long, unpopular Seminole War was beginning; Marcus Whitman had just reached Oregon; it was the great age of the steamboat and canals, the first American railroad was only 8 years old; and away off in San Antonio, a valiant band of Texans were wiped out at the Alamo fighting for Independence.

Missouri too was vastly different: Although she had had her Statehood for 15 years, and was approaching 300,000 in population, much of her territory was still untamed wilderness; in fact her Northern boundary was still in dispute. Most of Missouri's citizens still lived in log houses and the final Indian claims to the territory had just been extinguished; and Caldwell County was created as a "reservation" for the Mormons. Lilburn Boggs had just been elected Governor; her two United States Senators were Thomas Hart Benton and Lewis Linn. Macon County when Tink came there to settle was not even a County yet, but was still part of Randolph.

The 520 acres entered by Tink Cooley was along Claybank Creek and extended East from there; being a parcel of hilly land with both timber and prairie portions. It was good land with soil capable of growing most any crop suited to the latitude. Tink, however, saw it as pasture land; a place where on the abundant grass his horses and other stock could grow strong and fat. Although he did not realize it at the time, under part of the land lay rich deposits of coal. The site chosen for the erection of his cabin home was one of great natural beauty--on a high point up the East bank of Claybank, and overlooking the remainder of his property that spread out in rolling hills to the North-East.

Across Claybank Creek to the West was the land of his brother-in-law Pete Gilstrap, who had married Lucinda's older sister, Amy and to the South was the farm of another brother-in-law John Miller, the husband of the twin, Malinda. Scattered around in proximity were the newly entered farms of several families including the Wrights. The nearest town was Huntsville, the County seat, some 20 miles to the South."

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IMPORTANT FAMILY DATES NOW KNOWN!

As the result of a wonderful new book recently compiled and published by Phyllis Mears of Macon, Mo.: Macon County Obituaries 1889-1903, two of the most important dates to our Family history are now known:

Timothy Goode Cooley departed this life on December 28, 1893 at the age of 83.

Lucinda Ann (Mullinix) Cooley departed this life on December 20, 1899 at the age of 83

How wonderful that we finally are able to know the actual dates of death of the dear couple from whom we all descend---a special thanks is due to Mrs. Mears who has kindly passed along "Cooley" notes to your editor as she continues her research. For those true genealogists among you who might enjoy this very valuable book, it is available by mail for \$20.96 postpaid. Order from:

Phyllis E. Mears
1413 Stratford Dr.
Macon, Missouri 63552

GENEALOGY NOTES:

Also as a result of the wonderful information obtained from the Macon County Obituary book it was learned that Mary Frances Cooley, daughter of Tink and Lucinda, who married Green B. Lawson, later lived in El Dorado Springs, Cedar Co., Mo. The 1900 census shows them living on Broadway with a son: George H. Lawson, born August 1881.

Also from the Mears book it was learned that Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Cooley, son of Tink and Lucinda, died on December 3, 1900.

FAMILY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Burns (Avialee Cooley) of Kansas City, Kansas will be visiting in Israel during October with a group from their church. As members of the Church Band, they will participate in musical performances there. Milton and Avialee recently celebrated their 41st anniversary-- Congratulations!

We are happy to belatedly announce the wedding of David W. Sparbel to Darlene Cramer on March 14, 1987. David is the son of Kenneth and Marjorie (Baker) Sparbel and a descendant of Noah and Jane (Cooley) Mullinix. The young couple make their home in Santa Paula, Calif.---Congratulations!

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Please don't be shy! We need any and all news about members of the Cooley Cousins and their Families.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Cooley Cousins all have Birthdays coming up this quarter:

Oct. 25th-Ronald Burton of Des Moines, Ia.
Oct. 30th-Wauneta (Pettitt) Webb of Center, Missouri
Nov. 3rd-Cleo (Cooley) Pettitt of Hannibal, Missouri
Nov. 4th-Matthew Cooley of Independence, Mo.
Nov. 5th-Juanita (Cooley) Newcome of Valparaiso, Indiana
Nov. 7th-Harold Pickett of Novinger, Mo.
Nov. 15th-William Six of Des Moines, Iowa
Dec. 2nd-Kathy (Pettitt) Ainsworth of Hannibal, Missouri
Dec. 16th-Vincent Six of Des Moines, Iowa
Dec. 20th-Virginia (Smith) Blair of Willmette, Illinois
Dec. 21st-Frances (Cooley) Six of Des Moines, Iowa
-Maureen (Cooley) Gibson of Ojai, California
Dec. 22nd-Richard V. Pettitt of Hannibal, Missouri
Dec. 23rd-Lou Etta (Cooley) Bender of Woodland Hills, California

BEGINNING OUR FIFTH YEAR!

With this issue the Cooley Cousins family newsletter begins the fifth year of its existence--having been started as a result of the Cooley Reunion of August 1983. Our Family Association has continued to grow and interest has remained strong. We have members in 15 States, and the newsletter is regularly sent to over 90 households. It seems certain that we will see the Cooley Cousins continue for many years to come!

Members are reminded that the annual dues are \$3.00 per household and is due by the end of the last quarter of the year.



G.B. COOLEY AND HIS SON BERNARD

TINK

The following is an excerpt from TINK: The story of Timothy Cooley, a 19th century Missourian--a manuscript written and copyright 1980 by your editor. From where we left off in the last issue, the story continues.....

"The first order of business, as always in a newly settled area was the erection of the small log cabins that would be their first homes and shelter for the livestock. As work progressed on these needed improvements, it became apparent that the water supply in the vicinity was at best undependable and Tink, having noted a live spring along Claybank Creek on his land, began to develop it as a permanent well--this was the landmark known to this very day as "Cooley's Well". It was a source of good, clean, sweet water and never went dry. In years to come, Tink and his neighbors were to depend on it, in times of severe drought, as their only unfailing source of water.

One of the next projects that was tackled was the splitting of rails for the erection of snake fences around a great deal of the land that was to be devoted to pasture for the livestock. This Tink and Ben worked on during every spare moment. Later, the Wrights not having as much livestock and being more interested in actual farming, Tink hired the labor of some of their slaves to help in this difficult and slow job. Eventually he was to fence and cross fence over 300 of his acres.

By the time their 3rd child, Rebecca (named for her Great-Grandmother Wright), was born the Cooley place was beginning to look like a real homestead. The cabin had been expanded by adding an additional room with a roofed passageway between (this is what is known as a double cabin or "Dog Trot" cabin--the term comes from the fact that the family hounds usually slept in the passage), and a combination log barn-stable had been built. Corrals had been erected, a corn crib built, and a root cellar dug. The fences were extensive and the whole farm had a prosperous look about it.

Because of the activity of developing his new homestead, Tink had not made a horse selling trip in 1837, and he had several good prospects for the market. So in late summer of 1838 he set out for the settlements along the Missouri River, intending to go as far as St. Charles if need be. He left one morning riding one of his "Hot" young race horses and leading ten of his finest. It was to be a long and disappointing trip--the Country was still reeling from the panic of 1837, and although Missouri had not been as hard hit as the more Eastern States, many folks had little money to spare and what little they did have were reluctant to part with.

Tink's trip did take him from settlement to settlement along the Missouri to St. Charles. He finally returned via the new State Capital City of Jefferson, where he did sell a couple of horses. But he still returned home with three, beside his saddle horse, unsold and with little hard money to show. He had been forced to barter and coming back brought some mules he had traded for also. There was great fear on the land and time would be needed for it to alleviate.

The next few years would see a change for the better and he had some good trips and even began to do a lot of local business in both horses and mules. The stud horse Santa Fe attracted a lot of attention and his get commanded top prices. The old stud Franklin, which he had bought back from Tom White, died in the late fall of 1838, at the age of 28. The Wright slaves dug a large grave, and Tink laid the great stallion to rest under a large Oak a few hundred feet from the cabin. Santa Fe, who was foaled in 1827 was to live even longer, dying at age 33 in 1860.

Macon was organized as a separate County by the State Legislature in 1837, with the County seat located in Liberty Township and to be known as Bloomington. Soon afterwards, to Tink's delight, a race track was laid out at Bloomington. From this happening, Macon County became a "Hot Bed" of activity in the sport of horse racing in Missouri, and Tink Cooley was smack-dab in the middle of it all. He spent a great deal of his time around this early track, and was one of the most successful owners of winning horses. This track remained active until 1854 when a strong religious revival attitude caused it to be closed.

A year or two after the opening of this track, Tink had a fine 3 year old horse that he had named Comanche, as a humorous reference to his loss of an earlier speed horse that had been stolen by painted warriors of that tribe. This chestnut son of Santa Fe was to prove to be one of Tink's best ever. He was first started on the old Bloomington track as a three year old and won by six lengths. He went on to have 34 races and was only beaten twice (both times second) and earned the nickname "Fastest Horse in Missouri". Comanche was retired to stud in 1845, but died tragically of an apparent twisted intestine in 1849, aged 12. Comanche earned Tink a great deal of money, for those times, and his untimely loss was deeply felt. One of his Grand-daughters, the mare Maudy, was the dam of the later extremely famous race horse Cold Deck (1868-92). Cold Deck was proclaimed "The fastest horse on Earth", and was the founder of one of the foundation families of the modern American Quarter Horse.

To put all of this in perspective:

Jupiter (descended from Janus) was the sire of Franklin by a mating with the mare Cooley's Maid; Franklin was the sire of Santa Fe by a mating with a "Spanish mare"; Santa Fe was the sire of Comanche by a mating with Missouri Maid (a line breeding as Missouri Maid was a daughter of Cooley's Maid); Comanche was the sire of Maude by a mating with Summers' Bay Queen; Maude was the dam of Maudy by a mating with Iowa Chief (a Summers stallion); Maudy was the dam of Cold Deck by a mating with Old Billy in Texas.

One of Jesse James' favorite mounts was a son of Cold Deck named Red Fox. The infamous outlaw James was to have further contact with Cooley horses, but that story remains to a later time."

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A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FAMILY NEWS

We sadly announce the death of Loretta (Gauer) Hays on Aug. 25, 1987. Mrs. Hays was born on Dec. 5, 1921 in Putnam Co., Mo., the Daughter of Henry and Laura L. (Cooley) Gauer. Her maternal Grandparents were Thomas J. and Julia (Lipp) Cooley. Among her survivors are Brother Wm. Gauer and her Sister, Cooley Cousin Member, Mildred (Gauer) Richmond of Novinger, Mo. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Family.

We sadly announce the death of Eva Lena Hilton on Nov. 9, 1987. Mrs. Hilton was born March 10, 1908 in Macon Co., Mo., the Daughter of Wm. Jesse and Minnie (Vestal) Baker. She was the Great Grand-Daughter of Noah and Malinda J. (Cooley) Mullinix. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Family.

We sadly learn of the passing of Bill Heimer of Hannibal, Mo. on Oct. 31, 1987. Mr. Heimer was the husband of the former Nancy Sue Winegar and Son-in-Law of Cooley Cousin member, Thelma (Cooley) Pargeon of Hannibal. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Family.

We are proud to announce the birth of Jacqueline Diane Trujillo on Oct. 25, 1987. Her proud Grandparents are Fred and Lorilla (Burton) Trujillo of Norwalk, Iowa and her Great Grandmother is Lucille (Byers) Washburn of Des Moines, Iowa. Our new Cousin is a descendant of George S. and Mary (Cooley) Byers. Welcome to the Family, Jacqueline!

We proudly announce the birth of Amanda Edwards on Nov. 10, 1987. This new Cousin is the Daughter of Tom and Laura (Buirch) Edwards of West Jordan, Utah. Proud Grandparents are Cooley Cousins members, Les and Shirley Buirch of Lodi, Calif. Amanda is a descendant of Noah and Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix. Welcome to the Family, Amanda!

We are proud to announce the birth of Aaron Christopher Sparbel on Nov. 7, 1987. Aaron is the son of David W. and Darlene (Cramer) Sparbel of Santa Paula, Calif. and Grandson of Kenneth and Marjorie (Baker) Sparbel--a descendant of Noah and Malinda Jane (Cooley) Mullinix. Welcome to the Family, Aaron!

We also proudly announce the birth of Marquis Maria Joshida, the Daughter of Mark and Debbie Jo (Bledsoe) Joshida. Her Great Grandmother is Cooley Cousin member, Patricia (Cooley) Bledsoe of Nampa, Idaho. Our new cousin is also blessed that She has her Great, Great Grandmother, Rubia (Osborn) Cooley to join all of us in welcoming her to the Family!

We are pleased to announce the Wedding of Cheryl Lynn Cooley, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie D. Cooley of Lancaster, Mo., to Victor E. Bruhn on July 19, 1987 at the Hamilton St. Baptist Church in Kirksville, Mo. The Groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Bruhn of Cameron, Mo. The Bride is a descendant of Thomas J. and Julia (Lipp) Cooley. The young couple are making their home in Missoula, Montana. Congratulations to Victor and Cheryl!

We are pleased to announce the recent marriage of Irene (Gleason) Gentry to Bill McBride. The Bride is the Daughter of Russell E. and Pauline (Bradford) Gleason, Cooley Cousin members from Grants Pass, Oregon. Her paternal Grandparents were Carl and Lucinda Ann (Cooley) Gleason. Mr. and Mrs. McBride make their home in Meridian, Idaho. Congratulations to Bill and Irene!

We are pleased to announce that Michael Pettitt of Hannibal, Missouri was married Sept. 12, 1987 to Miss Michelle Bangert. The Groom is the son of Donald and Sharon (Allensworth) Pettitt and a Great Grandson of Lonzo and Emma B. (Corbin) Cooley. A note of special interest is that Mike's twin Brother, Patrick Pettitt, is married to his Bride's Sister, Lisa. Our congratulations to all these young people!

We are happy to note that Mr. and Mrs. Edeart L. "George" Richmond of Novinger, Mo. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26, 1987. Mrs. Richmond is the former Mildred Gauer, Daughter of Henry and Laura L. (Cooley) Gauer. The couple were married Nov. 26, 1937 in Macon, Mo. and are blessed with 3 children, 12 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren. Congratulations to George and Mildred!

BIRTHDAYS

The following Cooley Cousins all have birthdays coming up this quarter:

Jan. 1st - Nancy (Stanton) Jordan of California
Jan. 3rd - Lindy Jo (Babcock) Wilson of Indiana
Jan. 10th - Patricia (Cooley) Bledsoe of Nampa, Idaho
Jan. 12th - Kenneth E. Cooley of Tulsa, Oklahoma
Jan. 17th - Carolyn (Pettitt) Ross of Hannibal, Missouri
Jan. 17th - Pauline (Bradford) Gleason of Grants Pass, Oregon
Jan. 30th - Edison Cooley of Kirksville, Missouri
Feb. 5th - Henrietta (Baker) Deveraux of Port Hueneme, California
- Betty (Cooley) Wassam of Estes Park, Colorado
Feb. 8th - Earl J. Cooley of Lebanon, Ohio
Feb. 9th - Myrtle F. (Munix) Fortner of Big Spring, Texas
Feb. 10th - Lucille (Byers) Washburn of Des Moines, Iowa
Feb. 15th - Edna (Byers) Palmer of Des Moines, Iowa
Feb. 25th - William Richard Cooley of Glendale, Arizona
- Gerald R. Pettitt of Arizona
Mar. 8th - Christina (Pettitt) Nelson of Hannibal, Missouri
Mar. 10th - Patrick Babcock of Indiana
Mar. 19th - Matt D. Gentry of Idaho
Mar. 22nd - Mildred (Cooley) Pickett of Novinger, Missouri
Mar. 23rd - Mitchell D. Gentry of Idaho
Mar. 24th - Wynema Fern (Cooley) Robison of Greentop, Missouri
Mar. 26th - Julie Kay Fortner of Big Spring, Texas
Mar. 31st - William A. Green of Hannibal, Missouri
- Donna (Shumaker) House of Valencia, California

Corrections: In last edition, The Dec. 3rd birthday of Richard L. Swanker was overlooked; and in an earlier edition the wrong date was given as the birthdate of Mildred Richmond, correct date is June 29th.

TINK The following is an excerpt from TINK: The story of Timothy Cooley. From where we left off in the last issue, we continue

One interesting event of these times occurred in 1842, a few months after the birth of Tink and Lucinda's 5th child, David (Thomas Jefferson, called Jeff, had been born in 1840). Lucinda was anxious to visit her parents who had moved still further North into what is now Putnam Co., Missouri, and Tink finally consented. So one day the family was loaded into a stout wagon drawn

by 4 mules and they started on the trip North to see the Mullinixs.

They crossed over Claybank to the road that ran from Huntsville to Bloomington (now Route C). It was the only road of any nature in the township and was laid out in 1838. Once on this road they went to Bloomington, the County seat and took another pioneer road East-ward to intersect with the Bee Trace about 3 miles North of the present city of Macon. They then turned Northward to follow the Bee Trace to Putnam County. The Bee Trace followed the Grand Divide North and South across the Northern part of the State and was so called because it was the route followed by the old pioneers who hunted wild honey which in those days sold for a high price--there being little sugar or other sweetening available.

They traveled slowly across the prairie land and camped at night along the creek beds in groves of trees. This little caravan must have reminded Tink of a miniature model of the wagon trains of his days on the Santa Fe trail. The wagon pulled by 4 mules driven by one of the Wright boys, and with Tink and a couple other Wright relatives on horseback as outriders. Crowded into the wagon was their bedding, camp equipment, some simple gifts for the Mullinixs, extra clothing and the five children: Malinda, aged 8; Benjamin, aged 6; Rebecca, aged not quite 4; Jeff, a little boy of 2, and the baby David who had been born in January.

One night camp was made at the settlement that was on the site of the future Kirksville and an impromptu dance ensued. The pioneers in their tiny cabins were happy for the sight of any strangers and anxious to hear the news of the more Southernly settlements from which many of them had come. It was an enjoyable time and as interest was shown in Tink's horses, he mentally resolved to not forget this Northern settlements when he made his horse trading trips in the future.

After five hard days of traveling, the little family group hailed up on the East bank of the Chariton opposite the Mullinix settlement. Tink fired his rifle 3 times as a signal and before long a couple of lanky young men in buckskins appeared out of the trees on the opposite side. These were Evans and Jim Mullinix, the younger Brothers of Lucinda. The Chariton at this spot was too deep and swift to ford with the wagon, and for their own convenience in crossing the people of Mullinix settlement had made a large log raft to be used as a ferry. Hallowing across, the newcomers made themselves known, and shortly the two Mullinix boys made out from shore to pole across.

A joyful reunion was held on the Riverbank by Lucinda and her two Brothers, and fond greetings were extended to all. Even the basically shy, backwoodsy Mullinix boys seemed genuinely happy to see all, and chuckled the chin of the baby. None of the Mullinixs had even seen the two youngest Cooley children. The excitement of the first moments quickly subsided and the men set to work to ferry the wagon across the River.

The mules were unhitched, and with a lot of effort the wagon was pushed and pulled by hand onto the crude raft. With tree limbs, split on the spot by Tink's keen axe, the wheels were cacked and using several long poles a few of the men poled it across the swift running River. While this was going on, Tink forded the horses and mules across. When the opposite bank was reached the mules were rehitched and pulled, with the men pushing, the wagon as high up the bank as possible--coming to rest at the edge of the trees. This accomplished, the raft returned to pick up Lucinda and the children who had waited on the East bank.

It was considered impossible to drive the wagon across the broad flats of mud and marsh along the West bank to the Mullinix homestead which was inland away from the river bottom. So it was unloaded on the spot and everything necessary was packed on the horses or carried by hand the rest of the way. It was already late in the afternoon when the party approached the happy reunion at the Mullinix Settlement.

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COUSINS VISIT ISRAEL

Cooley Cousins Milford and Avialee (Cooley) Burns of Kansas City, Kansas recently returned from a tour of Israel as part of a group known as the Gospel Tabernacle Musicians and Singers. While on their tour the group presented several performances in a variety of places and were very well recieved everywhere. Cousin Avialee says the special highlight for her was singing a song she had written over 30 years ago entitled "He's the Master of Blue Galilee" while in a boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. They will be returning to Israel in April 1988 for another, more extended, visit.

A NOTE FROM THE PAST

The following item appeared in the social and personal column of the Macon Daily Chronical Herald newspaper on May 23, 1919:

"Omer Cooley, of Bevier, and his Brother, Tim Cooley, were in Macon this morning on business. The former returned from overseas about three weeks ago and is home on a 30 day furlough. He has been in France since June 7, 1917, and fought in the major battles of the War. At Soissons, Cantigny, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and in the Argonne. He was one of seven who survived from a company of 250 men and never recieved a wound or was gas-sed. He wears three service stripes and a sharp-shooters medal."

This refers obviously to the son of Jesse D. and Nancy (Peterson) Cooley, born January 18, 1888. We had previously thought his name to have been Gomer or Grover, but is given here as Omer.

GENEALOGY CORNER

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley: Daniel Iven Cooley, the 10th child of John I. and Martha Isabelle (Youngblood) Cooley, was born July 22, 1881 in Bevier Twp. of Macon County, Missouri. Raised in his native County, he, as a young man in his teens, became a coal miner and followed that employment most of his life. He later held a variety of jobs, including being employed by a shoe factory in Kirksville, Mo., to which town he had moved his family in 1915. Danny Cooley was married Jan. 1, 1902 to Miss Martha Frances "Mattie" Davison. She was born Oct. 5, 1885, the Daughter of Dock F. and Cassie E. (Sneed) Davison. They were to enjoy 52 years of wedded life and were the parents of nine children. Mattie Cooley departed this life on March 3, 1954 and Dan survived her until July 8, 1964. They are buried in the Maple Hills Cemetery in Kirksville, Mo. The children of Daniel and Martha Cooley were:

- 1.) Lou Etta Cooley, born Dec. 23, 1902 in Macon Co., Mo. She married 1st to Paul Smith and 2nd to Louis Bender and lives in Woodland Hills, California. One Daughter.
- 2.) Emma Belle Cooley, born June 6, 1905 in Macon Co., Mo. She married Clyde Swanker and died Nov. 4, 1978. They had four children.
- 3.) Reggie Luther Cooley, born April 15, 1908 in Macon Co., Mo. He married Sylvia Douglas and died April 8, 1976. No children.

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- 4.) John Cooley, born June 25, 1910 and died June 27, 1910.
 - 5.) Minnie M. Cooley, born July 31, 1912 in Macon Co., Mo. She married Chester Lefforge and they live in Canoga Park, California. They have four children.
 - 6.) Nina Maxine Cooley, born Jan. 31, 1917 in Adair Co., Mo. She married Claude Shumaker and died Sept. 30, 1965. They had three children.
 - 7.) Kenneth Elton Cooley, born Jan. 12, 1920 in Adair Co., Mo. He married June Britt and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have three children.
 - 8.) Delta Maureen Cooley, born December 21, 1922 in Adair Co., Mo. She lives in Ojai, California. One son.
 - 9.) Elmo Franklin Cooley, born Aug. 3, 1925 in Adair Co., Mo. He married Deloris Bowers and lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. They have two children.
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T I N K The following is an excerpt from Tink: the story of Timothy Cooley. From where we left off in the last issue, we continue:

8.35 "Jesse Mullinix, always the restless backwoodsman, had removed to what is now Putnam County in 1837. He had discovered the fine country along the Chariton at the foot of Blackbird Ridge on one of his hunting forays into the area, and decided it would be a fine place to settle. So returning to Macon County he packed up his family that was left un-married, and with his sons-in-law John Sumpter and Fred Miller (a Brother to Malinda's man John), together with a few other families who had caught his enthusiasm, removed up River. The place where they built their cabins was to be known for many years afterward as the "Mullinix Settlement", and was in the close vicinity of the later village of Lowground, Mo. When the Mullinix party arrived, there were only eleven other families in all of what would be today's Putnam County.

Everyone in the tiny settlement turned out to greet the arrival, men coming from their field work, and even old Jess himself, who, unusual for him, was at home. Lucinda had a tearful reunion with her dear Mother, Betsy. Betsy (Wright) Mullinix was a typical pioneer woman, dressed in a simple homemade cloth dress and barefoot. There was a premature touch of gray in her light brown hair, belieing her not so many 47 years. The many years of frontier life had been hard and it showed in her wrinkled, but beaming face. The Father, grizzled, Lanky old Jess still stood straight as a ramrod and moved with a grace worthy of a man of half his 53 years.

The tears were soon forgotten, and with enthusiasm everyone set about getting re-aquainted. The children were all presented in turn to their Grandparents who they hardly knew, and nothing would do but that Betsy had to take the baby, David, in her arms and setting in a rough-hewn rocking chair that Jesse had made, soothe the infant to sleep, while her smiling face lit up the room.

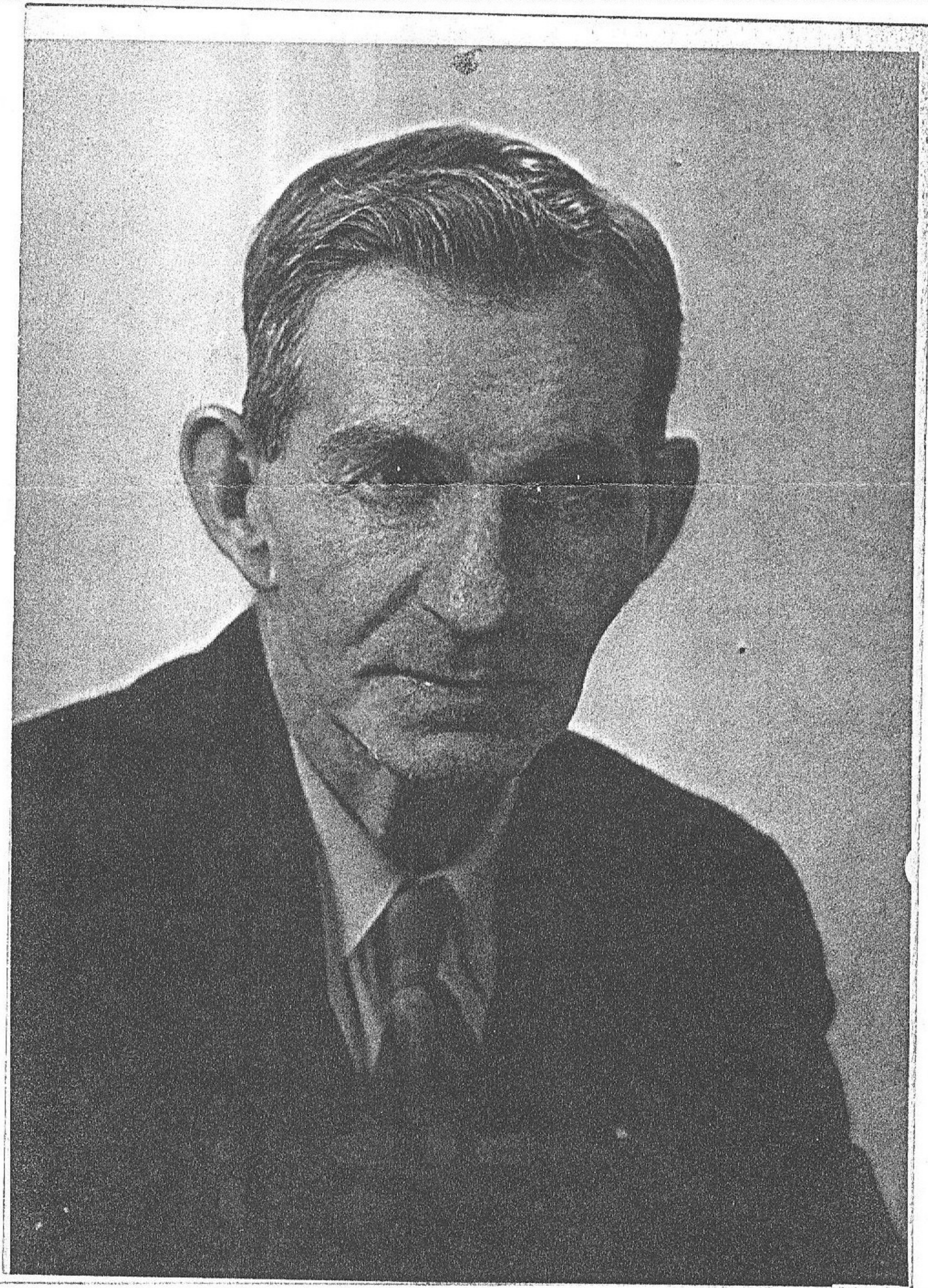
When The baby was put down to sleep, the woman folks all got busy to prepare a supper to celebrate the occasion. There would be fresh roast venison, corn bread, wild greens, vegetables just out of the garden, coffee and wild honey for the corn bread. And, of course, a new jug of "White Lightning" would appear for the benefit of the men.

While supper was being prepared, the men-folks all gathered outside to talk and whittle. Jesse spoke glowingly of the wonders of this new country and Tink related all the news he knew from the Southward. The children played together around the cabins, mixing together with the numerous hounds that seemed to be everywhere. It was a peaceful, idyllic scene and a truly good feeling prevailed.

After spending eight days at Mullinix, Tink was anxious to start for home. He was concerned about how Ben was making out running things alone, and knowing the Wright boys would soon be needed for farm work, they made preparation to leave. It had been decided that rather than return the way they had come, that faster time could be made by rafting down the River. The men had been busy and made a large raft similar to the "ferry", and

the wagon was to be again mounted on it and drifted on the current with the boys to use the long poles to keep it from running aground or spinning in the rushing stream. After a short shakedown cruise to familiarize the boys with handling the cumbersome craft, the start for home was made. Tink would herd the horses and mules along the bank of the River trying to keep pace with the homemade vessel.

The trip was made without any major mishaps and three days later the raft was run aground about where Highway 36 now crosses the River, and after a struggle to get the wagon again on high dry ground, the mules were rested and the last leg home commenced. They struck the Bloomington-Huntsville Road just as darkness fell and the remainder of the way was made by lantern light carried ahead by Tink."



DANIEL I. COOLEY

COOLEY COUSINS

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FAMILY NEWS

We are sad to announce the passing of Cooley Cousin member, Thomas W. Cooley of Laurel, Maryland. Tom was a Grandson of Thomas J. and Julia (Lipp) Cooley. For details see the obituary below.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the marriage of Laura Lynn House to Mr. Eliezer Castiel on June 4, 1988 in Calabasas Park, California. The bride is the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. House of No. Hollywood, Calif. -- Mrs. House being the former Judy Shumaker, Daughter of Claude A. and Maxine (Cooley) Shumaker. Congratulations, Eliezer and Laura!

GENEALOGY CORNER

A grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley: Ernest Everett Cooley the 11th child of John I. and Martha I. (Youngblood) Cooley, was born Feb. 9, 1884 in Macon Co., Missouri. As a young man he became a coal miner and followed that employment most of his life. He lived in several places in his native Missouri, before moving to Springfield, Illinois, where he resided the rest of his life. Ernie Cooley was married Aug. 9, 1904 to Maude Belle Reed. She was born May 4, 1886 in Bevier, Macon Co., Missouri, the Daughter of Samuel and Anna (White) Reed. They shared 53 years of wedded life and were the parents of a son and a Daughter. Maude Cooley departed this life on Nov. 5, 1957 and Ernie survived until Oct. 29, 1958. They are buried at Springfield, Illinois. The children of Ernest and Maude Cooley were:

1.) Gail Verlon Cooley, born Jan. 18, 1910 in Macon Co., Missouri. He never married lived in Springfield, Ill., and died July 7, 1979.

2.) Deloma Nadine Cooley, born Aug. 5th 1928. She was married First to Michael McCann and Second to George Harrod. She lives in Springfield, Illinois and has two children.

With this issue we have completed 5 years of Cooley Cousins! Please continue to send all family news to the Editor:

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Thomas Cooley

Thomas William Cooley, 58, of Laurel, Maryland, and formerly of Putnam County, Mo., died Tuesday, May 10, 1988, at his home.

The son of O. Pearl and Rubia Ester (Osborn) Cooley, he was born November 30, 1929, at Stahl in Putnam County.

On November 20, 1955, at Waterloo, Iowa, he married Joan Rich, who survives.

Also surviving him are: his mother of Martinstown, Mo.; one son, Gary Cooley and wife, Raye of Sun City, Calif.; two grandsons, Patrick Cooley and Danta Cooley; one brother, Connie Cooley and wife, Donna Kaye of Greentop, Mo., and three sisters, Helen Louise Billington and husband Clyde of Green Castle, Mo.; Patricia Pearl Bledsoe of Nampa, Idaho, and Betty Jean Wassam and husband, Keith of Estes Park, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Leonard Cooley.

Mr. Cooley was reared in the Sidney community and was a graduate of the Novinger High School. He served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He worked as an aircraft simulator engineer. The following is taken from an office bulletin following word of his death.

"Tom joined Riverdale on June 4, 1962 as a field engineer. He transferred a couple of times between Riverdale and Binghamton. In 1969, he transferred to Silver Springs for good! Tom continued working in field engineering. In 1978, he was promoted to senior field engineer. In 1979, he was again promoted, this time to field engineer III. In 1980, Tom became manager of inspection.

He transferred back to field engineering in 1984 and to test engineering in 1985. In 1986, Tom became section head of test engineering.

"Tom's career has been recorded with letters of commendation. One cites his 'abilities and efforts to provide as good a training device as possible' is best described by the user's request for 'one Tom Cooley as part of the spares package.' The Great Lakes Training Center wrote that Tom 'demonstrated the maximum measure of dedication and competence...was a major factor contributing to the success of these major accomplishments...performance both as a manager and technician has been nothing short of outstanding...he has been requested by name to serve on Device 20H5.'

"Tom was noted for his devotion, his technical ability, his reliability and his good judgement. We have lost a friend, co-worker, boss, and fellow golfer. But Tom left us a legend of dedication, pride, fellowship, and the respect from the customer which he earned for all of us. He has left behind a standard of quality which we can continue in his memory."

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Fri., May 13, 1988, at the Husted-Ingersoll Funeral Home in Unionville, Mo. with Pastor Carl Berner of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Memphis Mo., the officiating minister. Music was provided by Joy Butler, organist and solosit. Selections included - One Day At A Time and Amazing Grace. Interment was in the Lipp Cemetery, southeast of Unionville, Mo. Bearers were Eldon Billington, Mark Bland, Kevin Cooley, Kelly Cooley, Roy Scheurer, and Elvin Dale Lloyd.

TINK : The following is an excerpt from Tink:The Story Of Timothy Goode Cooley,a 19th Century Missourian-a manuscript written in 1980 by your Editor. From where we left off in the last issue,the story continues:

"The next few years would see more improvement made to the Cooley homestead,and Tink would continue his sucessful horse breeding and racing operations. By the time the next child,John, was born in 1845,the Cooleys had a comfortable,happy life on their own good land and the years ahead showed promise.

A few happenings of these years deserve attention: First of all,Ben married and moved to his own farm across the township line East to Hudson,a scant 2 miles or so away. Ben had made several trips back to Howard County and in visiting his cousin,John Cooley,who made salt at "Cooley's Lick",he had been smitten by one of John's Daughters,his own First Cousin-Once removed,Elizabeth. Ben and Elizabeth Cooley were married Jan.11,1843 at a ceremony in Howard Co. They were to have a happy and prosperous life together a raise a fine family of their own.

Another thing should be noted in passing: In the short years since coming to Macon County, there had been no deaths among the families in close proximatey to Cooley's Well,and as yet no burying ground was established. Early in 1844,Mrs. Nancy Banta,the wife of a newly arrived settler,John Banta,died. The several men of the immediate community met and decided on a spot to be used as a final resting place. Chosen was a gentle hilltop covered with enormous old Oaks on the back corner of John Banta's land just a couple hundred feet from Tink's line. It was a truly lovely spot and very well chosen. It was to remain a active cemetery for nearly 60 years,and is still known today as the Banta Cemetery. The beauty of the place is still enchanting,but the cattle have nearly destroyed this pioneer graveyard-the stones are down and broken and it is highly unkempt.

In 1844 Tink cast his presidential ballot for James K. Polk,in part because he had always supported the Jeffersonian Party,by then called the Democratic Party,and specifically because of Polk's stand on the issue of annexing Texas to the United States. In thinking back to his days on the Santa Fe Trail,Tink had often thought how wonderful it would be if the Mexican provinces were somehow made a part of the Country.

Well Polk won and the feeling of manifest destiny prevailed in the land--that the United States was destined eventually to control most,if not all, of North America. After Texas joined the Union in 1845,the Americans pushed formidably against Mexico,whether the boundary was the Nueces River,as the Mexicans claimed,or the Rio Grande,as the Texans said. Thoughtful, articulate Mexicans,long sensitive to foreign agents,now feared for Mexican civilization. The budding struggle to halt "Yankee" expansion was,as a Mexican wrote of Texas,a "war of race,of religion,of language and of customs." A Mexican newspaper saw Mexico as Catholic,generous, impetuous and warlike and the agressors as Protestant,calculating,businesslike and astute. Mexicans knew what the whites of the United States did to Negroes,Indians and Mexicans. They argued that in acquiring Florida the U.S. had insulted,cheated and robbed the Spanish. Newspaper readers in Mexico knew of the perjorative attitude toward Mexico and Mexicans in the American journals. In response,the press and public opinion in Mexico City built up such pressure that the Mexican Government was forced into a war for which it was not physically prepared. The Mexicans warned the United States that American acceptance of Texas might well mean war. President Polk,a son of the frontier,where challenges were answered on the field of honor,met the Mexican threat by sending an American army into the disputed Southern Boundary region claimed by both Texas and Mexico. The inevitable conflict occured,and the United States declared war in April of 1846.

After the declaration of war,President Polk ordered Col.Stephen Kearny,commanding officer of Ft. Leavenworth to prepare an expedition to march on New Mexico and conquer it. Governor Edwards of Missouri called for 1000 volunteers to join Kearny's army. 860 men quickly signed up for a year and proceeded to Ft. Leavenworth where they were organized into the 1st Regiment of Missouri Volunteers. These Missourians elected a frontier lawyer from Clay County as their Colonel. Alexander Doniphan,who had volunteered as a private,proved quite worthy of their confidence.

While the Missourians were recieving their short period of basic training,Tink Cooley happened to be on one of his horse trading trips in St.Joseph. Hearing of the Army gathering and having several fine horses unsold,he decided to return to Independence by a round about way that would take him by Fort Leavenworth.

Arriving at the military camp, he was greeted by Col. Doniphan, who in fact, as Tink had hoped, was in need of a really good horse to carry him during the coming campaign. After a bit of bargaining, Tink sold him a fine blooded chestnut gelded son of Santa Fe that the good Colonel promptly named "Andy Jackson" in honor of the tough old Statesman who had died one year ago to the very day! Major William Gilpin also bought a bay gelding from Tink. Andy Jackson was to carry Col. Doniphan all through his war-time service and be returned to Missouri and used as a personal saddle horse for many years.

A day or two later the army left for Santa Fe following the long established Trail that was so familiar to many of the Missourians. More than 1500 wagons jolted westward with the Army, and there were hundreds of horses, thousands of mules and more than 14,000 cattle intended for food, as in the days of Coronado."



TOP LEFT-GEORGE S. BYERS
TOP RIGHT-W. TALBERT COOLEY
FRONT LEFT-REUBEN G. COOLEY
FRONT RIGHT-ERNEST E. COOLEY

COOLEY COUSINS

A FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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COMBINED ISSUE

Your Editor would like to apologize to the membership for the lack of a issue for Oct. Several other pressing projects at the time prevented one from being put out at the proper time and so it was decided to combine the October 1988 issue with the January 1989. Hopefully all future issues will be on time as best as possible.

FAMILY NEWS

We are delighted to announce the birth of Jessie Elise Swanker on March 21, 1988. This new cousin, who weighed in at 9lbs., 1 oz., is the Daughter of Richard L. and Toni Swanker of Torrance, California. The proud Father is the Son of Clyde E. and Emma B. (Cooley) Swanker. Congratulations to Richard and Toni and welcome to the Family, Jessie!

We sadly announce that we were informed of the death of Dorothy (Bell) Bunner of El Paso, Texas on March 10, 1988. Mrs. Bunner was born March 12, 1907 in Putnam Co., Missouri, the Daughter of Jasper and Lanora Olivine (Cooley) Bell and a Grand-daughter of Thomas J. and Julia (Lipp) Cooley. She was married to Lee Bunner, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her Daughter, Mrs. Lynne Young of Jackson, Tennessee.

GENEALOGY

A Grandson of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley: Henry Edwin "Ed" Cooley, the 12th child of John I. and Martha I. (Youngblood) Cooley, was born March 7, 1886 in Yocum, Carroll Co., Arkansas—his parents had gone down there to settle the estate of his maternal Grandfather, John H. Youngblood. He grew to manhood in Macon Co., Missouri and as a young man became a coal miner and he followed that occupation the remainder of his life. He eventually moved into Adair Co., Mo. and lived at Connelville from around 1915 until his death. Ed Cooley was married Oct. 7, 1906 to Miss Luvena Summers. She was born May 11, 1890 in Macon Co., Missouri, the Daughter of Andrew J. and Amy E. (Brown) Summers. Luvena Cooley died in 1963 and Ed survived until April 19, 1978—when he died at age 92, he was the last survivor of a family of 13 children. He and Luvena are buried at Novinger, Mo. The children of Ed and Luvena Cooley were:

1.) Undine Cooley, born Aug. 8, 1908. She was married several times—the last husband being Francis Lloyd— and died Dec. 13, 1981 in Indiana.

2.) Odetta Cooley, born July 10, 1910. She married Louis Homer and died Feb. 9, 1985 in Pennsylvania.

A Grand-daughter of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley: Lucinda Ann Cooley, the 13th and youngest child of John I. and Martha I. (Youngblood) Cooley, was born Jan. 12, 1891 in Macon Co., Mo.. As a young woman she moved to Kirksville, Missouri where she met and married, on Dec. 4, 1909, to Carl E. Gleason. Carl Gleason was born Oct. 18, 1891 in Adair Co., Mo., the son of Lloyd W. and Emma (Roberts) Gleason. Carl Gleason was a Shoemaker by trade and operated shoe repair shops in several places over the years. Eventually they settled in the Eagle Rock District of Los Angeles, California. Ann Gleason died Sept. 11, 1968 and Carl survived until Jan. 3, 1971. They are buried at Glendale, Calif. They had one son:

1.) Russell E. Gleason, born Aug. 10, 1913 in Adair Co., Mo. He married Pauline Bradford and lives in Grants Pass, Oregon. They have two Daughters.

A Grand-son of Timothy and Lucinda Cooley: John Even Cooley was born Jan. 14, 1874 in Macon Co., Mo., the 1st child of James Preston "Pres" and Mary F. (Peterson) Cooley. He died as a small boy on Dec. 12, 1876.

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GENEALOGY CONTINUED

A Grand-son of Timothy and Lucinda (Mullinix) Cooley: James William "Barlow" Cooley was born Sept. 5, 1876 in Macon Co., Missouri. He was the 2nd child of James Preston "Pres" and Mary F. (Peterson) Cooley. Barlow, as he was called, was a coal miner and lived most of his life at Bevier, Mo. He was married 1st in 1901 to Ethel Tate and after her death he married 2nd to Susie (Tiller) Davison in 1948. J.W. "Barlow" Cooley died Nov. 2, 1961 and he is buried at Bevier. His children, as known, were:

1.) Lawrence Cooley, born Ca. 1903

2.) Nellie Cooley, born ?

3.) James O. Cooley, born 1907. He died Oct. 31, 1979 at Bevier, Mo.

4.) Otho Cooley, born ? He was killed in action during World War II.

5.) Charles Cooley, born ?

TINK

The following is an excerpt from Tink: a 19th century Missourian-the story of Timothy Cooley, written and copyrighted 1980 by Dale L. Walker. From where we left off in the last issue, the story continues:

Kearney's expedition crossed the plains and by July 31st it was camped across the Arkansas River from Bent's Fort. Kearney sent James "Don Santiago" Magoffin, who had married into a prominent Mexican family and had served as U.S. Consul in Chihuahua, ahead with Capt. Phillip Cooke and twelve dragoons, and a letter to the New Mexican Governor Manuel Armijo. Magoffin was to persuade Armijo not to fight and to bribe him. The letter told Armijo that Kearney came "as a friend and with the disposition and intention to consider all Mexicans and others as friends who will remain quietly and peaceably at their homes and attend their own affairs." It also said that he was determined to take possession of the country but that the inhabitants would be secure "in their persons, their property, their religion."

Kearney and his party made their way from Bent's Fort over the difficult Raton Pass, through rough country, and on August 14th down into the irrigated valley of Las Vegas. On the way a messenger caught up to Kearney with papers promoting him to brigadier General... At 8:00 a.m. the General was in the public square where he was met by the Alcalde and citizens.

Kearney had the Alcalde lead him up a rickety ladder to the top of one of the flat-roofed, one story houses facing the Plaza. From there he spoke through his interpreter. In what must have been quite a scene, there stood the new General, a New Jersey man and veteran of 1812, 52 years old, a small plain man with seamed cheeks and pale blue eyes. In a short speech he absolved the populace from allegiance to Mexico and put them under the protection of the United States. He guaranteed religious freedom and made the town authorities swear allegiance to His country.

The only remaining major military obstacle between the American Army and Santa Fe was Galisteo Pass. The Mexicans, who could have defended this position with ease and effectiveness, had not completed their preparations when Kearney's forces arrived. One explanation is that a disagreement between two rival Mexican commanders had prevented the arming of the Pass. Kearney's army, having traveled 900 miles in 50 days, marched into Santa Fe without firing a shot. General Kearney seized the Governor's mansion and raised the stars and stripes in the Plaza. The Americans were in control.

General Kearney left Col. Doniphan in charge of Santa Fe and proceeded West toward California with 300 men. When Kearney's troops were only 150 miles out of Santa Fe they came upon a group of Indians and a white man--Kit Carson. Although Carson had orders to take secret messages to Washington, D.C., he entrusted the messages to his friend and fellow Scout--Broken Hand Fitzpatrick, and turned about to guide Kearney's force on their 1000 mile march to California, where they engaged in skirmishes with Mexican forces, and soon defeated them.

Col. Doniphan, who had been left in charge of the American forces in Santa Fe, waited for reinforcements from Missouri before beginning his expedition against other Mexican armies to the South. Col. Sterling Price arrived on Sept. 28, 1846 with 1200 more Missourians. Bolstered by these reinforcements, Doniphan's men carried out an expedition against the Navajo Indians, who had been causing great difficulties by their raids. The extreme cold and heavy snows were a major handicap, but Doniphan finally was able to subjugate the Navajos and arrange a peace.

On Dec. 14th, leaving Col. Price in charge at Santa Fe, Doniphan took 900 men and moved South to invade the province of Chihuahua and join forces with General John Wool. Wool was to march inland from the Gulf and cut off Northern Mexico. Doniphan's troops, designed for speed, had 85 wagons. But the party was slowed down--cluttered even-- by traders who had been delayed by the war. These commercial men, irrelevant to a military expedition, had 315 wagons of goods they wanted to sell in Chihuahua.

At the Brazito River on Christmas Day 1846, Doniphan's forces defeated a larger Mexican army. This force, commanded by Capt deLeon caught the Americans pitching camp. Doniphan ordered his men to form in line on foot. His order was "prepare to squat"--as they squatted the Mexicans fired, and the bullets went over their heads. Then kneeling, they fired back with the same skill with the rifle that had enabled the Revolutionary Carolina riflemen to rout the redcoats at King's Mountain. They fired alternately, one group firing as the other stopped to reload. The Mexicans wounded 7 of these Missouri volunteers, but themselves lost 63 killed and 172 wounded, including their commander.

The city of El Paso was taken without opposition.

When his artillery finally arrived from Santa Fe, Doniphan began the march to the City of Chihuahua. Much of the journey was over desert land and sun-baked prairies. Men and animals suffered greatly from thirst, from blowing sand, and from the heat and smoke of a prairie fire. The crossing of the Jornada del Muerto was as much a test of fortitude as it had been for the early Spaniards in the 16th Century..

As the army approached Ciudad Chihuahua, it learned of Mexican preparations---redoubts, breastworks and heavy guns, under the command of General Jose Heredia, on a hilly pass above the Rio Sacramento. Heredia had 1200 cavalymen, 300 Artillery men, 1200 Infantry and 1400 civilian volunteers armed with lances and machetes. Sightseers from the City were there to await the Mexican victory. But, despite the Mexican superiority in men and emplacements, Col. Doniphan won--with unorthodox movement of his cavalry; with a speedy, mobile use of Howitzers, and the careful sharpshooting of his Missouri frontiersmen. It was almost too easy, the Americans simply pushed the Mexicans aside to totally win the day. The Missouri forces lost only one man in this battle, while the Mexican dead numbered 304.

The next day the Missourians marched into Chihuahua and camped in the plaza, bathed in its fountains, chopped down its shade trees for firewood, and placed cannon facing the approaching streets. They were hairy with uncut beards and sunburned to deep brown. Their fringed buckskin jackets and homespun pants were torn and unkempt. Doniphan himself termed them "Rough, Ragged and Ready". The people of Chihuahua saw them as "Burros", but they were conquerors! Doniphan issued a proclamation declaring that the United States claimed Chihuahua.

General Wool was nowhere in sight, and no one knew where he was. Doniphan waited while the men grew restless. After he learned that Wool was in Saltillo far to the East, Doniphan sent some riders hurrying across the desert, moving at night to avoid detection, to ask for instructions. When rumors circulated that the couriers had not made it, Doniphan talked things over with his men. Some Lieutenants wanted to press on to Mexico City, but Doniphan shouted, "I'm for going home to Sarah and the children!"---which spoke for most.

But on April 22 the message carrying riders returned. The regiment was ordered to report to Wool. Off tramped the volunteers for another long, hard, hot, dry and thirsty desert crossing, with occasional thunderstorms and drenchings. Once, some Comanches attacked and ran off some horses. Near the battlefield of Buena Vista the ragged Missourians were formally reviewed by General Wool who heaped praise upon them; a few days later General Zachary Taylor reviewed them at Monterrey with more praise. After which they moved to Matamoras and embarked by ship for New Orleans and home. In 13 months they had covered 3500 miles against all hardship and won two epic battles. The descendants of Tink Cooley can take pride in that every step of the way---Cooley horses went along.
