

**THE DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTOPHER DISHER  
of Mason or Bracken County, Kentucky by 1793**

(with notes concerning the family of  
SAMUEL FULLEN (1766-c1842) of Ireland;  
Wythe Co, Virginia; Tennessee; Kentucky;  
Fayette Co, Indiana and either Marion  
or Rush Cos, Indiana)

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This is not intended as a finished genealogy, but is being distributed on a limited basis in order to make available what has been done to date and to encourage correspondence with others interested in the Disher family (including branches or families not discussed in this manuscript). While I have attempted to be as accurate as possible in what I have included, substantial additional details could be added about many of the lines treated here. My intention is eventually to publish a fairly complete genealogy of the male Disher lines and as many of the female lines as can reasonably be traced. Completion of such a project, however, is likely to take several years, given the press of other professional, personal and genealogical commitments.

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Bracken County, Kentucky  
Mason County, Kentucky  
Fayette County, Indiana  
Kosciusko County, Indiana  
Marshall County, Indiana  
Miami County, Indiana  
Macoupin County, Illinois  
Gage County, Nebraska  
Towner County, North Dakota

Aside from the Disher and Fullen families, consideration should be given to indexing the intermarried families of Lewis and Helm and the surnames of as many families descended from female Dishers as desired. Daughters and traced granddaughters of Christopher Disher married into the Cheek (or Chick), Howard, Bassett, Collins, Pumphrey, Clifford, Stallard, Boulton, Plummer, Stead, Laney, Snow, Wheeler, Harber, Riggs and Ammerman families.

#### DISHERS IN AMERICA

While the name "Disher" appears occasionally in several countries, including England and Scotland, there can be little doubt that the family of Christopher Disher was of German extraction. A published 1882 reference to the family describes it as German<sup>1</sup> and several of the male given names found in the early generations are typical of German families, e.g., Christopher, Peter and Stephen.

The "D" and "T" sounds are quite close in German, so that Disher can be considered a phonetic variant of Tischer or similar names. One source indicates that Disher is an occupational surname, derived from "Tischler," which is German for a cabinet-maker or, more generally, a carpenter or joiner. "Tisch" means "table."

Early German immigration was principally from the Rhine valley and southern Germany into Pennsylvania. Several Disher immigrants are mentioned in the passenger lists of arrivals at Philadelphia between 1727 and 1808 collected in Ralph B. Strassburger's Pennsylvania German Pioneers (Baltimore 1966):

1. On the "Mary," arriving on 19 Sep 1733:  
    Johannes Teutscher (above 14)  
    Johan Peter Theuscher       "

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<sup>1</sup>William Henry Perrin, History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison & Nicholas Counties, Kentucky at 721 (Chicago 1882) (sketch of Thomas D. Bassett: "His mother was Elizabeth Disher, who was of German ancestry.").

Anna Barbara Deitsher  
Susannah Elizabeth Deitscher (age 11½)  
Johanna Barbara Deitscher (age 8½)  
Christophel Deitscher (age 4)  
Jacob Deitscher (age 2)

2. On the "Samuel," arriving from Rotterdam (last from Cowes) by 30 Aug 1737 (pp. 169-73):  
Johann Christian Dascher, age 22
3. On the "Royal Union," arriving from Rotterdam (last from Portsmouth) by 15 Aug 1750 (pp. 431-32):  
Wilhelm Discher
4. On the "Two Brothers," arriving from Rotterdam (last from Cowes) by 28 Aug 1750 (pp. 438-39):  
Hans Georg Dischler
5. On the "Anderson," arriving from Rotterdam (last from Cowes) by 25 Aug 1751 (pp. 450-52):  
Petter Descher
6. On the "Anderson," arriving on 27 Sep 1752:  
Johannes Deisser
7. On the "Chance," arriving on 8 Aug 1764 (pp. 688-89):  
Simon Discher  
Johann Christian Tischer
8. On the "King of Prussia," arriving from London by 3 Oct 1764 (p. 694):  
Georg Peter Deisert
9. On the "London Packet," arriving from Lisabon [sic] on 19 Sep 1771 (p. 735):  
Etienne Teisser
10. On the "Crawford," arriving from Rotterdam by 16 Oct 1772 (pp. 740-41):  
Johann Conrad Discher  
[presumably the Conrad Disher listed as indentured at Philadelphia in 1772; possibly the Conrad Disher who, with his wife Peggy, had a son b. at Truro, MA:
  1. Conrad b. 1 May 1774

There was also a Conrad and Mary Disher who had children born later at Provincetown:

1. Nancy b. 10 Jan 1797
2. Polly b. 21 Jul 1799  
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The family first listed above settled near Kutztown in Berks County, Pennsylvania and is treated in The Descendants of Johannes Deischer of Berks County, Pennsylvania by Elaine D. Schwar and Fay L. (Schwar) Cox (1983). That work indicates that the oldest son, Johan Peter (known as Peter), born about 1715 and died in 1773 or 1774, was, by family tradition, a bachelor. The authors, however, have located baptismal records at New Hanover Lutheran Church in New Hanover township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (adjacent to Berks County) that they ascribe to this Peter, which indicate that he had at least a daughter Susanna, born on 2 Mch 1761 and a son Johannes, born on 20 Dec 1762. Peter's wife Magdalene, age 20, was baptized on 11 May 1763. Miss Schwar and Mrs. Cox have located few other records relating to the family of this Peter, unless the Jacob Deischer who was a taxpayer in Hereford township, Berks County in 1779, 1780 and 1781 was a son. They suggest that Peter may have been the progenitor of the Botetourt County, Virginia Deishers (*id.* at 5), although I think the immigrant Johan Peter was certainly too old to be the Peter Disher who appears in Botetourt County in the 1790s, with children born in the 1770s and 1780s, and who is said to have survived until about 1821.

Of the remaining Dishers for whom early immigration records exist, Miss Schwar and Mrs. Cox think that Johan Christian Dascher may well have been the Christian Discher mentioned in Rev. Daniel Schumacher's records as having had two daughters baptized in 1772 and 1773. They say that the family "migrated to Northampton County and elsewhere." (*Id.* at 1) The other immigrants are unidentified at this point.

The most prolific Disher family on which I have done any original research is that of Peter Disher, who appears to have lived in Maryland in the 1780s and is first of record in a tax list in Botetourt County, Virginia dated 1 May 1795, although he may have been there up to a year earlier, as his son John was married in that county the previous November. Most of the family appears to have begun spelling their surname "Deisher" within a few years of their arrival in Botetourt County (the original Peter signed a deed to his son with a mark). The family has been partially treated in two previous works:

1. J. William Austin, Related Families of Botetourt County, Virginia (1977), and
2. Jane Scarborough Sibley, The Sibley Family in America 1629-1972 (2d ed. 1982), at pp. 770-75.

Sibley says that Peter Deischer came "from Germany before the Revolutionary War and that he served in that war under General Arnold and lost an arm at the Battle of Quebec. After the war he settled in Maryland, but he later moved to Botetourt County, Va., where he lived until his death about 1821-22. He had five sons and

two daughters. Only five names are known." Sibley doesn't say who the five known children are (other than Christian, whom she calls the youngest son), but Peter's five sons can be fairly confidently identified from the pattern of their appearance in Botetourt tax lists (which I have checked only to 1810; Peter has enough tithables in his household through that date to allow for a sixth son).

Peter bought 64 acres on Craigs Creek in Botetourt County on 17 Oct 1796 (Botetourt Co. LR 6:235). Peter somehow acquired another 128 acres (in John Miller's survey) prior to 23 Jun 1807, when he and his wife Sarah or Sally, deeded that land and the original 64 acres to John Disher (Botetourt Co. LR 9:347). The appearance of a wife Sally in this deed implies that the 28 Jan 1797 marriage in Botetourt County of Peter Disher and Sally Moyers was probably a second marriage by Peter, Senior, rather than a first marriage by his son Peter, who does not separately appear in the tax lists until 1804. The three eldest of Peter's sons appear to have remained in Botetourt County, while the two younger sons removed to Preble County, Ohio, Daniel in 1819 and Christian in 1829. See The History of Preble County, Ohio.

i. John            b.        say 1776  
                     m. 28 Nov 1794 Botetourt Co, Vir  
                                 to Susannah Stretes or Sheets  
                     prbly d. by 22 Sep 1841 (Bot. Wills F:376)  
(Children [per Austin]: Jacob Stretes (1800), George F. (1805),  
Frederick (1810), Alexander, Christian (1817))

ii. Jacob           b.        say 1778  
                     m. 4 Aug 1806 Botetourt Co, Vir  
                                 to Christiana Rule  
                     d.        abt 1835  
(Children: Alexander, Jacob (1823), Susanna (m. Joseph Taylor),  
David, Juliana (m. Christian Copp), Mary (m. Samuel Pullen), George  
[Bot. Wills F:418])

iii. Peter           b.        abt 1782 (if younger than Jacob)  
                     m. 18 Mch 1806 Botetourt Co, Vir  
                                 to Polly Sheets  
                     d. by Oct 1839  
(Children: Frederick, Madison, John, Christian, Elizabeth, Harriet,  
Jacob Sheets (1822), Volney, George, Charleton, Evans [Bot. Wills  
F:394])

iv. Daniel           b.        abt 1786 Maryland  
                     m1 18 Dec 1808 Botetourt Co, Vir  
                                 to Lydia Sheets (Hist of Preble Co)  
                                 (Susannah in m. record)  
                     m2        to Hannah Baker  
                     pb 15 Jan 1864 Preble Co, Ohio (Wills D:346)

(6 ch by 1st wf, 9 by 2d; will mentions: Elizabeth, m. Baker; Nancy, m. Freeman; Mary, m. Fudge; gson James & gdau Sarah Disher [\$67.50 each]; grson George & grdau Hetty Disher [\$50 each]; 5 youngest: Peter (1827), John (1830), Evin (1840), Franklin (1846), Susan, m. Juday)

v. Christian b. Oct 1788 Maryland  
m. 29 Feb 1816 Botetourt Co, Vir  
to Frances Circle  
d. 1871 Ohio

(Children: Capt. Matthias (1817), Daniel, Frances(m. David Kumler), Christian (c1826), Catherine(m. John Corder))

One coincidence may hint at some relationship between this Disher family and that of the Christopher Disher with whom this study is principally concerned. Peter's son Christian Disher owned land in Kosciusko County, Indiana, where various descendants of Christopher removed. Christian and his wife Frances, then of Preble County, sold the 160 acres comprising the SE4 of section 35, T31, R7 to George Warner on 16 Sep 1851 (Kosciusko Co. LR 11:187).

On 24 Sep 1851, Christian sold to Jacob Warner the E2 of the SW4 of section 36 in the same township (Kosciusko Co. LR 11:188).

There are other Disher families and individuals to whom I have found reference:

(a) Velma Keller of Allentown, Penn. sent me information in 1969 on her ancestress, Margaret Disher, born 29 Sep 1756 and died 29 Nov 1841 in Somerset Co, Penn. Margaret married Henry Immel (1756-1848). Ms. Keller thought that she might have been a sister to Peter Disher of Botetourt Co, Virginia. The IGI indicates that Margaret was born at Shamrock, Somerset Co, New Jersey and married in 1778 at Frederick Co, Maryland.

(b) A Jacob Disher is listed as a Revolutionary War soldier from Frederick County, Maryland.

(c) A Frederick Disher is listed in the 1790 census for York County, Pennsylvania.

(d) A Henry Disher married Catherine Ehney on 3 Aug 1767 at Saint Philip, Charleston, South Carolina (IGI).

(e) A Mary Disher is listed in 1790 in Dorchester County, South Carolina and in 1800 and 1810 at Charleston Neck, Charleston County in that state.

(f) A Christian Disher married Catherine Linker on 16 Feb 1804 in Cabarrus County, North Carolina (IGI). There is a large Disher family in North Carolina by the time of the Civil War, which may or may not descend from this Christian Disher.

(g) A Stephen Disher is listed at St. Helena, Beaufort County, South Carolina in the 1810 census.

(h) An Elizabeth Disher married Bagwell Ball on 17 Mch 1807 in Princess Anne Co, Virginia (IGI).

(i) A John Disher, age 26-45, is listed in 1810 in Norfolk County, Virginia with what appear to be a wife and four sons (three under 10).

(j) David Disher (b. 1790) immigrated to America with his family in 1833 and settled originally in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. His brother Christian Disher (b. 1797) came in 1861, at least two of his sons having preceded him by a decade. Most of the Christian Disher family settled in Lucas County, Ohio. David and Christian were sons of David Teuscher of Diemtigen, Bern, Switzerland. The descendants of Christian are traced in: Verna Rose, Christian Disher Family (1765-1983) (Waterville, Ohio 1983) (copy in Library of Congress).



CHRISTOPHER DISHER

B. bet May 1760 & Apr 1761  
M1 11 Apr 1787 Frederick County, Virginia  
M2 24 Apr 1808 Bracken County, Kentucky (1:30)  
D. 1 May 1836 "age 75"  
bu: Sulphur Spring cem, Nilwood tw, Macoupin Ill

Wife (1): Elizabeth **HELM**  
B. 11 Mch 1765 Frederick Co, Virginia  
D. bet 15 Dec 1803 & 24 Apr 1808 Kentucky  
parents: Thomas<sup>3</sup> (Meredith<sup>2</sup>, Leonard<sup>1</sup>) Helm & Margaret Neill

Wife (2): Dolly **BERRY**

Christopher Disher clearly came from a German family, but his specific antecedents are obscure. His reported age at death indicates he was born in late 1760 or early 1761. On 11 Apr 1787, as Christopher "Doush," he married Elizabeth Helm in Frederick County, Virginia, which is in the northern part of the Shenandoah Valley. The Helms lived along Opequon Creek, which now forms the boundary between Frederick and Clarke counties. For their ancestry see Bessie Taul Conkwright, Shenandoah Families: Helm [1936] and Virginia Sullivan Bruch, Proud Wanderers, My Mother's Family--Helm [1988].

A tradition survived among the Dishers that the family originally came to Virginia from Silesia in Germany, the father dying on the voyage. One of the family became a miller to a Justice of the Peace named Helm. The miller fell in love with the Justice's daughter, of which match the Helm family did not approve. By that time the Justice was dead, the daughter's brothers were her guardians, and they permitted the marriage only on the condition that the newlyweds move far away. The couple were married, given as much worldly goods as could be packed on their horses, and departed for a new life in Kentucky. One version of the story says that the daughter never again had contact with her family (DAR Pre-1958 Evidence Files, "Helm, Thomas -- Va.," Letter of Leila Collins Heebner to Ruth Collins Osborne, 24 Sep 1950, and Statement of Lynne Ammerman Boxley, 1960).

Some of this story fits fairly well with what is known of Thomas Helm, Elizabeth's father. The Helm family was prominent in Frederick County and Thomas Helm was a Justice of the Peace.<sup>2</sup> He owned over 1200 acres of land when he died on 6 Jan 1778, before Elizabeth was 13. Thomas named his sons Meredith and Joseph Helm

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<sup>2</sup>All Christopher Disher descendants are eligible for membership in the DAR or SAR based on Thomas Helm's service as a Justice during the the early years of the Revolution.

as executors. He bequeathed about half his land, on which a mill was located, to his youngest son, Thomas. The brothers Meredith and Joseph were given the use of this land until Thomas came of age and they were also entrusted with the maintenance of their three youngest sisters, including Elizabeth, until the sisters reached age 17 (Frederick Co. Will Book 4:375).

On the other hand, Elizabeth was 22 by the time she married Christopher Disher and her brothers would then have had no legal right to obstruct her marriage. While it seems plausible that her family would have considered her marriage "beneath her," the depth of her estrangement from them is surely exaggerated. Christopher and Elizabeth's first two children were later said to have been born in Virginia, which suggests that they did not immediately go to Kentucky.<sup>3</sup> When they did go there, they settled adjacent to Meredith Helm, Elizabeth's double first cousin (Thomas Helm's brother Meredith married Margaret Neill's sister Elizabeth), with whom they continued to be closely associated for many years.

The first reference to Christopher Disher in Kentucky is his listing in the 1792 tax list for District No. 1, Mason County, Kentucky. There was one white male over 21 in his family and none between 16 and 21. Christopher was taxed on 6 horses and 3 cattle, but no acreage. In 1793, he had 5 horses and 8 cattle.<sup>i</sup> In 1794, Christopher was taxed on 4 horses and 5 cattle, and is mentioned as owning land for the first time, 216 acres of the second rate. In 1795, his household included a black under the age of 16, 3 horses and 12 cattle. The 1796 tax list for Mason County specifies that Christopher then owned 100 second rate acres on the Fleming watercourse and 116 acres of the third rate on the North Fork, presumably of the Licking. He also was taxed on a black under 16, 2 horses and 9 cattle. (Mason County Tax Lists, FHL microfilm #8140). The Disher land appears to have been just where the line between Mason and Bracken counties intersects the North Fork of the Licking, about four miles south of Germantown and just across the river from Nicholas County (later Robertson County).

Commencing with the formation of Bracken County in 1797, Christopher Disher appears in the tax lists of the new county. That year he is listed as the owner of 116 acres of second rate land on the North Fork [of the Licking River]. Christopher is also listed as owning 100 acres in Fleming County, Kentucky, which land he appears to have owned at least until 1802, as it is noted on later Bracken County tax lists through that year. Christopher was taxed as follows in the Bracken County tax lists (plus the Fleming County land mentioned above):

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<sup>3</sup>The reference to Virginia is somewhat ambiguous as Kentucky was part of Virginia until 1792.

<u>year</u>	<u>land</u>	<u>males</u> <u>&gt;21</u>	<u>males</u> <u>16-21</u>	<u>blacks</u> <u>&gt;16</u>	<u>total</u> <u>blacks</u>	<u>horses</u>
1797	116 acres N. Fork	1			1	1
1799	216 " "	1		1	1	3
1801	150 " "	1				1
1802	230 " "	1				1
1803	230 " "	1				3
1804	216 " " (Thornton entry)	1				2
1805	232 " " (Craig entry)	1	1			3
1806	232 " " (Thornton entry)	1	1			3
1807	232 " " (Craig entry)	1	1			4
1808	232 " " (Craig entry)	1	1			5
1809	133 " " (Thornton entry)	1	-			4
1810	142 " " [Thomas Disher appears w/ 1 tithable & 1 horse]	1				4
1811	232 " "	1				4
1812	232 " "	1				4
1813	133 " "	1				5
1815	392 " " (Thornton)	1				5
1816	390 " "	1				4
1817	132 Bracken N. Fork @ \$3 100 " " @ \$2 160 Mason " @ \$1		2			4
1819	380 acres		1			3
1820	132 N. Fork @ \$3 162 @ \$2 100 @ \$2		1			3
1821	375 "		1			4
1822	375 "		1			3

1823	350	"	@ \$3	1	4
1824	100	Bracken N Fork	@ \$2	1	4
	132	"	@ \$3		
	160	Mason	@ \$2		
1825	132	Bracken	@ \$6	1	3
	100	"	@ \$4		
	160	"	@ \$4		
1826				1	1
		[didn't check subsequent lists]			

Much of the fluctuation in acreage shown in these tax lists may have resulted from Christopher owning land in both Bracken and Mason counties. I haven't examined the Mason County lists to determine whether he was, at times, taxed there on the land lying in that county.

A published version of the Mason County land records,<sup>ii</sup> covering the period 1789-1810, has been indexed for all names appearing in property descriptions and does not mention Christopher Disher until 1800, when he was referenced in what appears to be the first of a series of transactions:

11 Aug 1800 (Mason Co deeds C1:180)  
Philip Buckner and wf Tabia of Bracken County  
to Anthony Thornton of Caroline County, Virginia  
Land in Mason County, by Christopher Disher land

22 Oct 1802 (G:261)  
Anthony Thornton of Caroline Co, VA by Anthony Thornton, Jr  
to Meredith Helm of Mason County  
Land in Mason Co, part of Thornton's survey of 33,950 acres  
& another survey of John Craig & another survey in name  
of John Pinney & another in name of John Bledsoe -- located by  
the land of John Hawkings, Philip Buckner, & near the house of  
Christopher Disher & Joseph Wells

19 Jul 1803 (Ac:57)  
Meredith Helm & wf Mary of Mason County  
to Joseph Inskoe of Bracken County  
230 acres of land on the North fork of the Licking -- located  
between Inskoe & Christopher Disher, Joseph Wells' line, and  
the John Craig Pre[emption] since repurchased of Anthony  
Thornton

Christopher Disher of Bracken Co bought, on 10 May 1806, 132 acres of land from Meredith Helm, Sr. and Helm's wife Mary, lying partly in Mason and partly in Bracken Counties (Mason Co deeds B-K:6). He bought another 100 acres from the same grantors on 3

Sep 1808 (Bracken Co. LR B:372).

Elizabeth (Helm) Disher died sometime between the birth of her last child on 15 Dec 1803 and 23 Apr 1808, when, with Ambrose Collins as bondsman, Christopher married Dolly Berry (Bracken Co. marrs. 1:30). Christopher Disher was bond surety for the Mason County marriages of Samuel Howard and Market Disher in 1816 and Jonathan L. Bassett and Elizabeth Disher in 1822. (Mason Co marr recs, p. 1, 38) Christopher Disher also gave permission for Isaac Bassett to marry his daughter Sarah Disher in 1823 (witnessed by Peter Disher). William Disher made oath on 22 Nov 1819 that Nancy Disher, who was about to marry Willis Chick, was his sister and over 21. (Id., p. 4)

Christopher Disher is listed in Bracken County in the 1810 census, next to Thomas Disher (p. 149a):

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 10<16	2 < 10
1 45+	1 10<16
	1 45+

Christopher Disher is also listed in Bracken County in the 1820 census (p. 19):

<u>male</u>	<u>females</u>
1 45+	1 10<16
	1 16<26

1 engaged in agriculture

On 17 Sep 1827, Christopher sold 100 acres of land to Willis Chick, his son-in-law (Bracken Co. LR H:212). Two years later, on 7 Sep 1829, he sold the last of his Kentucky land, the 132 acres he had bought in 1806 (Mason Co. LR. 34:231). That fall, at the age of 69, Christopher departed for the newly-created Macoupin County, Illinois, a journey later described in a biographical sketch of his granddaughter, Sarah Ann (Howard) Laney:

When Sarah was about seven years of age, or about the year 1829, her father sold all of his belongings in Kentucky and moved into southern Illinois. Her grandfather Discher accompanying the family.

Mrs. Laney still remembered when seventy years of age how she rode as a little girl all the way from Kentucky to Illinois behind her grandfather, on a pillion. These two could travel faster than the rest of the family in the loaded wagon, so rode on ahead and procured accomodations for them at the isolated farms and taverns.

(H.S. Laney, Hazel M. Black & J.B. Black, History of Sarah Ann Howard Laney: Pioneer of 1847). Christopher traveled with his son-in-law and daughter, Samuel and Margaret Howard.

On 6 Nov 1829, Christopher Disher, described as "of Macoupin County," entered 80 acres in section 26 of township 11 north, range 6 west at the government land office in Edwardsville, Illinois. Christopher eventually obtained 200 acres of government land in that township and actively bought and sold land in the vicinity during the last years of his life:

to Samuel Howard	W2 SE4 §26	22 Oct 1832	B:14	\$260	
fr Baly & Sarah Taylor	E2 SE4 §33	8 Mch 1833	B:160	\$250	
to John Brown	" " "	11 Dec 1833	B:302	\$350	
fr Baley & Sarah Taylor	SE4 SE4 §13	18 Feb 1834	B:422	\$100	
to Thomas Black Senr.	" " "	13 Feb 1835	C:151	\$130	of Sangamon Co
fr William & Polly McVey	SE4 NW4 §23	19 Sep 1834	C:167	\$125	
to Willis Chick	" " "				see below
fr William & Polly McVey	NW4 NW4 §25	19 Sep 1834	C:168	\$125	
fr John F. Tennis	NW4 NE4 §8 T9 R7	13 Feb 1835	C:166	\$100	
to Tristram C. Hoxsey	" " "	6 Aug 1835	C:385	\$150	
fr Hardin & Eliz Weatherford	E2 SE4 §2 T9 R7	10 Aug 1835	C:391	\$100	
to Bela White & Wm Miller	" " "	27 Nov 1835	D:182	\$115	

On 28 Jan 1835, Christopher Disher, "in consideration of the respect for the neighborhood in which he resides and the desire he has for the preaching of the gospel and the Education of the rising generation," conveyed to the trustees thereof the one acre on which the "Sulphur Spring Meeting and School House and Burying Ground" was located, which was in the northeast corner of the NE4 of the SE4 of section 25 (Macoupin Co. LR E:291).

Christopher was buried in Sulphur Springs Cemetery in Nilwood township, Macoupin County, Illinois, having died "5-1-1836," aged 75. Macoupin County Historical Society, Tombstone Revelations in Macoupin County, Illinois [1983?]. Christopher's daughter Margaret and her husband Samuel Howard are also buried in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. Christopher's grandson Thomas L. Disher lived, in 1840, in Upper Alton precinct in Madison County, Illinois, not far to the southwest of Macoupin County. A Mary Disher, age 17 and born in Missouri is listed in Macoupin County in 1860 in the household of Thomas and Catherine Glenn.

Thomas and Jane Disher of Fayette County, Indiana, as heirs at law of Christopher Disher, gave a power of attorney to Samuel Howard on 22 May 1837 to sell on their behalf the real estate of Christopher located in Illinois. (Macoupin Co deeds G:599) Pursuant to that power of attorney and another dated 21 Feb 1837 by Peter and Mary Disher, Willis and Nancy Chick, A.W. and Sarah Collins, and Jonathan and Elizabeth Bassett, all of whom were heirs of Christopher Disher and all of whom apparently acknowledged the

deed in Bracken County, Kentucky, Samuel Howard sold to Thomas N. Patrick and D.D. Shumway on 9 Nov 1838, for \$214, the NE4 of the SE4 of section 26 in T11N, R6W, excepting one acre deeded by Christopher Disher to the trustees of the district school. (G:597)

At the September term for 1839 of the Macoupin Circuit Court, B.T. Burke was appointed Commissioner, on the petition of Samuel Howard, for purposes of selling certain real estate of which Christopher Disher was seized at his death. On 26 Oct 1839, Burke conducted the sale, selling the SE4 of the NW4 of section 23 and the E2 of the NE4 of section 26 to Willis Chick for a promissory note for \$505 due in nine months. (I:154)

Samuel Howard was also appointed administrator of Christopher's estate in Macoupin County. So far, I have only obtained copies of a few court orders relating to this estate. In April 1840, he presented a claim against the estate for \$67, which was allowed. (Macoupin probate order book 2:80) On 16 May 1840, Willis Chick brought suit against Samuel Howard, as administrator, for failure to pay over money pursuant to the court's order of 14 Oct 1839. This suit was ultimately denied for failure to comply with the statutory requirements. (2:84) On 6 Sep 1840, the court postponed final action on the settlement of Christopher's estate until 26 Sep.

Peter Disher was appointed administrator of the estate of Christopher by the Bracken County Court on 1 Nov 1836. The same day, Wm. B. Lurty, Thomas Kenton and Joseph Insko, as appraisers, returned their inventory of the personal estate of Christopher, listing only the following notes, which consisted of notes on Jeremiah V. Bassett, Johnathan Bassett, Theo Newbold, Alexander Dillen and Archibald Bettys in a total amount of \$508.94½.

Peter made a partial distribution of the estate in November 1837, paying \$78.44 to Willis Chick on 7 Nov 1837 and \$70.57 to A.W. Collins on 21 Nov 1837. Peter submitted an account on 27 Nov 1837, "it satisfactorily appearing that all the distributees residing in said county have been duly summoned to attend said settlement," presumably from the following document:

The Commonwealth of Kentucky to the sheriff or any Constable of Bracken county Greeting. We command you to summon Peter Disher adm<sup>x</sup> of Christopher Disher deceased, Willis Chick & Nancy his wife, Jonathan Bassett & Elizabeth his wife, Amri Collins & Sarah his wife, being distributees of the estate of said Chris<sup>x</sup> Disher dec<sup>d</sup> to appear before the undersigned Comnr of accounts for said county at the court House on Monday the 28th int. to state & settle the account of Peter Disher as adm<sup>x</sup> of said decedent upon the application of Willis Chick distributee This you shall in no wise omit.

Given under my hand this 20th day of November 1837.

I. Schoolfield Com<sup>x</sup> of accts

Peter's account indicated that he was chargeable with \$508.94 1/4 as the amount of the appraisement bill of the estate and the sum of \$109.53 "advanced to him by the decedent in his lifetime," for a total of \$619.44 1/4. In addition with the amounts distributed to A.W. Collins and Willis Chick, Peter was credited with \$54.30 in expenses, leaving \$415.13 1/4 still in his hands to administer.

Children:

1. Thomas      b. 4 Aug 1788 Virginia  
                  m. 27 Sep 1809 Bracken County, Kentucky (bond)  
                                  to Jane (**Lewis**) Power  
                  d. 21 Nov 1873 Tippecanoe tw, Marshall Co, Ind
  
2. Susannah    b. abt 1788 Virginia  
    (Nancy)      m. 22 Nov 1819 Mason County, Kentucky (bond)  
                                  to Willis **Chick**  
                                  (resided Keokuk Co, Iowa 1850)
  
3. William      bondsman for sister 22 Nov 1819;  
                                  probably d.s.p. by 9 Nov 1838<sup>iii</sup>
  
4. Margaret    b. 17 Feb 1793 Kentucky  
    Elizabeth    m. 16 Nov 1816 Mason County, Kentucky  
                                  to Samuel **Howard**  
                  d. 20 Jan 1873 bu: Nilwood tw, Macoupin Co, Ill
  
5. Peter        b. c 1795 Kentucky  
                  m. Dec 1817 Mason County, Kentucky  
                                  to Mary (Polly) **Linville**  
                  pb 2 Apr 1857 (inv) Bracken County, Kentucky
  
6. Sarah        b. 17 Dec 1800 Kentucky  
    Hunter       m1 20 Feb 1823 Mason County, Kentucky  
                                  to Isaac **Bassett**  
                  m2 26 Aug 1834 Bracken Co, Kentucky  
                                  to Amry W. **Collins**  
                  d. 21 Jan 1890 (of Nicholas Co, Ky 1860)
  
7. Elizabeth    b. 15 Dec 1803 Kentucky  
    Helm         m. 7 Apr 1822 Bracken County, Kentucky  
                                  to Jonathan Stout **Bassett**  
                  d. 11 Sep 1884 Cynthiana, Harrison Co, Ky

SECOND GENERATION

1. THOMAS DISHER

B. 4 Aug 1788 Virginia



M. 26 Sep 1809 Bracken County, Kentucky (bond)  
D. 21 Nov 1873 Tippecanoe tw, Marshall Co, Ind  
bu: Summit Chapel Cem, Tippecan tw, Marshall Co

Wife: Jane **LEWIS**

B. 11 Dec 1784 Washington Co, Pennsylvania  
M1 8 Mch 1804 Bracken County, Kentucky<sup>iv</sup>  
to George Power (by Philip Drake)  
D. 23 Dec 1856 Tippecanoe township, Marshall Co, Indiana  
bu: Summit Chapel Cem, Tippecan tw, Marshall Co  
parents: John Lewis and Nancy Reeves or Mary Power

Thomas Disher and Joseph Lewis gave their bond on 26 Sep 1809 for the marriage of Thomas Disher and Jane Power. Thomas signed as "Thomas Diser." The purpose of the bond is to establish that there was no legal hindrance to the marriage and the pattern in other Bracken county bonds is for the groom and a close relative of the bride, generally her father or brother, to be the parties giving bond.

Thomas Disher is listed in Bracken County in the 1810 census, next to Christopher Disher (p. 149a):

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 16<26	2 <10
	1 16<26

Thomas purchased 50 acres of land on the waters of Boal run in Clermont County, Ohio on 14 Aug 1813 for \$110 from Philip and Nancy Sellers of Bracken County. The deed, for some reason, was recorded in Bracken County. (Bracken Co deeds D:360) Thomas and Jane Disher sold the same land to James Gates on 29 Mch 1816 for \$160. (Id. E:201) It is not clear whether they ever moved there, since Thomas is described as "of Bracken County" in both deeds.

Thomas Disher is listed in a tax list for Franklin County, Indiana in 1817 (Franklin County was a parent county of Fayette County, which was formed in 1819).<sup>v</sup>

Thomas Disher was in Jackson township, Fayette County, Indiana by 1820, when he was enumerated in the census:

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 < 10	2 < 10
1 16-18	1 10<16
1 16<26	1 26<45
1 26<45	

1 engaged in agriculture

Thomas Disher is listed in a Fayette County tax list for 1829.<sup>vi</sup> He was also listed in Fayette County in the 1830 census:

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
2 < 5	1 5<10
1 5<10	2 10<15
1 15<20	1 40<50
1 40<50	

Thomas Disher was still in Jackson township, Fayette County in 1840 (p. 187 or 96):

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 5<10	1 5<10
1 10<15	1 10<15
1 15<20	1 15<20
1 50<60	1 50<60

4 engaged in agriculture (?)  
A Fayette County tax list of 1842<sup>vii</sup> also shows him in Jackson township:

Disher, Thomas 1 poll land: N 1/2, SE 1/4 \$12 T13 R12  
W 1/2, NE 1/4 "  
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 "  
80 acres 1 dog

Thomas was in the same township in 1850 (p. 293; 16 Sep 1850; 177/180):

Thomas Disher	62	Farmer	3650	Va
Jane	"			Pa
Peter	"			Ind
Stephen	"			"
Elizabeth	23			Ind

On 7 Oct 1825, Thomas Disher of Fayette County purchased 17.5 acres in the southeast corner of the northeast corner of section 12 in township 13, range 12 from Samuel and Elizabeth Wise. (Fayette Co deeds D:373) Thomas Disher bought the north half (80 acres) of the southeast quarter of that section from John and Nancy Plummer on 13 Dec 1828. (Id. D:376) Thomas bought 104.5 acres of the northeast corner of the section on 26 Aug 1837 from David and James Hamar and their wives. (J:29)

Thomas Disher and James Hamer of Fayette County sold about 1 1/2 acres in section 12 of township 13, range 12 to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church on 2 Apr 1833. (F:221) Thomas and Jane Disher sold 80 acres in section 12 to Sanford Honeywell on 6 Jan 1840. (K:59) They sold another 57 acres in the same section to John Pleak on 13 Nov 1844. James A. Stallard was a witness. (M:238)

Thomas Disher, Sen. appears to have first bought land in Marshall County on 6 Nov 1844, purchasing 240 acres, being the southwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of section 28, from Charles C. and Phebe Hardy of Fayette County by \$600 paid by John Pleak. (Mshl deeds E:209; all locations are in

township 33, range 4, except as noted) Thomas and his wife, Jane, apparently did not leave Fayette County for some years afterwards, as they were still of that place when they sold 80 acres, being the west half of the southwest quarter of section 28 to Jephtha Disher of Fayette County on 10 Sep 1847. (E:277) Thomas was still of Fayette County on 12 Oct 1852, when he bought 111 acres in the southwest corner of section 31 from Tyler McWhorter. (H:408) He must have come to Marshall County very shortly thereafter, as Thomas and Jane are described as of Marshall County on 31 Dec 1852, when they sold the west half of the southeast quarter of section 28 to Stephen Disher of Marshall County. (H:409) They sold, on the same day, the east half of the southwest quarter of that section to Peter Disher. (H:410)

Thomas bought another 80 acres, this time the east half of the northwest quarter of section 32, on 19 Mch 1855 from William and Mary Babcock. (K:4) Thomas bought the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 31 on 18 Sep 1856 from Edgel B. and Lucina Meltser. (L:379) Thomas bought very little land thereafter, acquiring Lots 11 & 12 in J.F. Park's Addition to Bourbon from William E. Thompson and wife on 3 Jun 1862, but selling them to Robert Ware on 5 Sep 1862. (O:572 & P:150)

Thomas sold, on 18 May 1860, six acres out of the 111 acre tract he bought in 1852 to Jacob Beltsy and Joseph Gaskill. (M:414). The remainder of that land he sold to Stephen Disher on 11 Mch 1864, later (12 Jan 1869 and 5 Mch 1870) giving two further quitclaim deeds to the same ground. (T:187; 1:179; 2:347)<sup>viii</sup> Thomas sold the east half of the northwest quarter of section 32 in two pieces to William T. Plummer, selling the north 30 acres on 16 Feb 1863 and the south 50 acres on 8 Aug 1864. (P:345 & R:392) The last tract was the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 31, which Thomas sold to Thomas F. Plummer on 17 Feb 1863 for \$800 and several conditional. Plummer was not to exercise control of the land until the decease of Thomas Disher, Sen. and he was to pay \$200 to Mrs. M. Bolton and \$100 to Thomas Disher, Jun<sup>x</sup> after the death of Thomas Disher. (R:110)

Thomas Disher "of the County of Marshall" purchased Lot N 3, B 9 in Etna Green in Kosciusko County on 22 Aug 1853 from David and Lavina A. Carr. (18:17) A Thomas Disher bought 40 acres in the southwest quarter of section 22, T 33, R 4 in Kosciusko County from Harvey Baker on 29 Aug 1863 (23:533) and sold it to Hiram Lyons on 9 Feb 1864 (23:534). Thomas Disher, Senior of Marshall County sold this property on 9 Oct 1865 to Alexander H. Widney. (29:375) A Thomas Disher of Marshall County also bought 40 acres in section 7, T 32, R 5 in Kosciusko County on 11 Mch 1869 from Joshua F. and Martha J. Small. (32:512) I haven't been able to find the sale of this land.

"Thomas Disher Sen," age 72, a farmer born in Virginia, with

land worth \$5500 and a personal estate of \$280, is listed in the 1860 census in Tippecanoe township, Marshall County, Indiana in the household of his grandson, Thomas Disher Jr. In 1870, he is listed as "Thomas Disher," age 82 and born in Virginia, with no occupation, in the household of Jephtha Disher in Tippecanoe township.

Jephtha Disher took out letters of administration on the estate of Thomas Disher, Sen. on 7 Jan 1874. (Marshall Co probate estate # 463) Jephtha's final report of 22 Sep 1874 indicates that there is no estate to be administered and that he took out letters of administration for the purpose of replevying a certain team of horses which certain of the heirs of Thomas claimed belonged to Thomas, which team of horses in fact belonged to Jephtha in his own right. Jephtha states that the controversy was fully settled, the decedent having fully disposed of all his property by executing proper deeds to his heirs and by donating such gifts as he felt so disposed. Jephtha also mentioned that he had paid the funeral expenses and expenses of the last sickness of Thomas with funds that Thomas had provided in his life time.

An obituary for Thomas Disher appeared in the Bourbon Mirror of Nov. 27, 1873, at p. 4:

Died, in Tippecanoe township, at the residence of his son Jephtha, on Friday, November 21, 1873, THOMAS DISHER, aged 85 years, 3 months and 17 days.

Deceased was born in Virginia, but moved with his parents at an early age to Bracken county, Ky., where he lived until he was married. In 1816, while Indiana was yet a territory and almost an unbroken wilderness, he emigrated to Fayette county, this State, where he resided until 1851, when he removed to this county. In 1856 he lost his companion, since which time he has lived with his children, several of whom reside in this vicinity. . . . He was a member of the M.E. church for more than fifty years . . . .

The death of Father Disher, although not unexpected owing to his great age, is none the less sincerely lamented by a large circle of friends and relatives. His descendants to the fourth generation stood around his open grave, and their bitter tears told the depth of the loss they had experienced.

The graves of Thomas and Jane Disher are at Summit Chapel Cemetery in Tippecanoe township, Marshall County, Indiana. Thomas's stone reads:

Thomas Disher  
died Nov. 21, 1873  
Aged  
85 ys 3 ms 17ds

When I examined the stones in September 1983, Jane's stone was broken:

Jane

consort of Thomas Disher  
departed this life  
Dec. 23, 1856  
aged

The next line was broken away. Part of the letters remained, however, and I think the age was "72 yrs & 12 ds."

My great-aunt, Laura (Disher) Klein told me a story that she had heard from Maud (Disher) Blattler (Jeptha's granddaughter, who was raised in his household, where Thomas lived at his death):

At a Disher Reunion Granddaddy always stood up, held his arms out and gave the blessing. This day they had all been calling to him constantly and he started out "Our most gracious Granddaddy," repeated it three times, and, unable to say "Our most gracious Father" as usual, said "Awh, let's eat."

Children:

- 1A. Nancy m. 14 Aug 1827 Fayette Co, Indiana  
to Amos G. **Pumphrey**
- 1B. Thomas L. b. 30 Aug 1811 Bracken County, Kentucky  
m1 1 Nov 1832 Fayette County, Indiana  
to Minerva Jane **Fullen**  
m2 14 Jun 1836  
to Mary (Polly) **Lewis**  
d. 30 Jul 1900 Etna Green, Kosciusko Co, Indiana
- 1C. Amanda m. 29 Jul 1832 Fayette Co, Indiana  
Jane to Philander **Clifford**<sup>ix</sup>
- 1D. Margaret b. 1818-19 Indiana  
Ellen m1 9 Feb 1837 Fayette Co, Indiana  
to James A. **Stallard**  
m2 29 Oct 1857 Marshall Co, Indiana  
to Zebedee D. **Boulton**
- 1E. Jeptha b. 1 Nov 1821 Indiana  
m. 17 Dec 1843 Bracken County, Kentucky  
to Nancy Jane **Disher** (# 3E)  
d. 26 Aug 1890 Tippecanoe twp, Marshall Co, Ind
- 1F. Eliza A. b. 24 Mch 1824 Indiana  
m. 28 Nov 1844 Fayette Co, Indiana  
to Thomas Flint **Plummer**  
d. 11 Feb 1905 Marshall County, Indiana
- 1G. Peter b. 13 Feb 1827 Rush County, Indiana  
m. 30 Jul 1854 Marshall County, Indiana  
to Melvina **Sparrow**  
d. 4 Oct 1905 Bourbon tw, Marshall Co, Indiana

1H. Stephen        b. 2 Feb 1830    Indiana  
                      m. 22 Feb 1852   Bracken Co, Kentucky  
                                      to Sarah **Ashcraft**  
                      d. 22 Mch 1884   Adams, Gage Co, Nebraska

2. SUSANNAH (NANCY) DISHER

B.        abt 1788    Virginia  
 M. 22 Nov 1819   Mason County, Kentucky        (bond)  
 D. aft Jun 1850

Husband: Willis **CHICK**  
 B.        abt 1787    Tennessee  
 D. aft Jun 1850

[Note: this sketch confuses two different Willis Chicks and needs revision]

Susanna Disher purchased land (for \$50) in Bracken County on Locust Creek on 22 Jun 1811 from Philip and Tabie Buckner. (Bracken Co deeds D:70)

William Disher made oath on 22 Nov 1819 that "Nancy Disher, who is about to marry Willis Chick, is his sister and is upwards of twenty one years old." Willis Chick and William Disher gave their bond for the marriage on the same day.

William Chick is listed in Bracken County in 1810 eight households from Christopher and Thomas Disher (p. 149a). [William] Chick is also listed in Bracken County in 1820 (p. 10). The household of Willis Chick is listed in the 1830 census for Bracken County (p. 2):

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 <5	2 <5
1 5<10	1 5<10
1 30<40	1 30<40
	1 female slave 55<100

Willis Chick bought 100 acres from Christopher Disher in Bracken County on the North Fork of the Licking on 17 Sep 1827. (Bracken Co deeds B:372 & H:212)

Willis Chick and his wife removed to Macoupin County, Illinois sometime in the early 1830s. Willis Cheek of Macoupin County mortgaged the NW4 of the SW4 of section 26, T10N, R6W, on 11 Nov 1833 to Moses Whiteside of Madison County, which mortgage was later released. (Macoupin deeds B:297) He also mortgaged the NW4 of the SW4 of section 22 in the same township for \$125 on 7 May 1836 to John Campbell of Sangamon County. This mortgage was released on 5 Dec 1836. (E:264) Willis bought the NW4 of the NW4 of section 26

for \$62.50 from Nathaniel W. Bosworth on 27 Nov 1836. (F:59) All three quarter sections were mortgaged on 5 Dec 1836 by Willis Cheek "and Susan his wife" to the State Bank of Illinois for \$300. Susan signed by her mark. (D:532) A release of this mortgage does not appear to be of record.

On 22 Jun 1837, Willis Cheek of Macoupin County bought from Shelton M. White the east half of the SW4 and the SW4 of the SE4 of section 27 in township 10. (F:458)

Willis and Nancy Chick, along with several other heirs, gave their power of attorney to Samuel Howard to sell real estate of Christopher Disher on 21 Feb 1837 (G:594), which sale took place on 9 Nov 1838, netting \$214. (G:597) Peter Disher was appointed administrator of Christopher Disher in Bracken County, primarily for purposes of collecting certain outstanding notes. Peter made a preliminary distribution to Willis Chick of \$78.44 on 7 Nov 1837 and, on 20 Nov 1837, the Bracken County Court issued a summons to several heirs of Christopher Disher, including Willis and Nancy Chick, to attend a final settlement of the accounts of Peter Disher on 28 Nov 1837, which accounting had been sought by petition of Willis Chick.

On 26 Jan 1839, Willis Cheek and Susannah, his wife, of Macoupin County sold to Jonathan B. Colman of Sangamon County for \$300 the E2 of the SW4 of section 27, township 10. Susannah Cheek signed by a mark. (H:281)

On 26 Oct 1839, Willis Chick purchased at a commissioner's sale certain real estate of which Christopher Disher had died seized in Macoupin County, namely the SE4 of the NW4 of section 23 and the E2 of the NE4 of section 26 both in T11N, R6W, by a promissory note for \$505 due in nine months, secured by a mortgage. (I:154) On 16 May 1840, Willis Chick brought suit against Samuel Howard, as administrator of Christopher Disher's estate in Macoupin County, for failure to pay over money pursuant to the court's order of 14 Oct 1839. This suit was ultimately denied for failure to comply with the statutory requirements. (Macoupin prob recs 2:84)

On 23 Nov 1839, Willis Cheek of Jefferson County, Iowa Territory mortgaged "one ox waggon, three yoke of work steers and one Flock of sheep, containing Fifteen head in number" to Andrew Gray of Macoupin County for \$191.50. (I:285)

A Willis Cheek is listed in the 1840 census for Jefferson County, Iowa (published version):

	<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
Willis Cheek	2 <5	1 <5
	2 5<10	
		1 10<15
	2 15<20	

1 20<30  
1 50<60 1 50<60

A poem entitled "A Sketch of Eli Kirk: An Eccentric Pioneer Who Came to Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1836" by W. B. Murray was read before the Jefferson County Historical Society in June 1910, apparently shortly after Kirk's death. It contains a verse mentioning Willis Cheek:

When Eli came to Iowa  
Big rattle snakes were here to stay;  
For fear those rattle snakes might bite,  
He kept an antidote in sight;  
A kind procured from Willis Cheek,  
Who ran a still upon Brush Creek.  
This certain cure for rattler's bite,  
Was kept by him with wise foresight.  
He lived to age of ninety-four --  
Some claim his span was ten years more.

DAR, Jefferson County Records, vol. 3, at 50-52 (1964).

Willis and Susan Cheek are listed in the 1850 census in Benton township, Keokuk County, Iowa (p. 248, ln 11; 354/373; 11 Sep 1850):

Willis Cheek	63	Farmer	300	Tenn	
Susan	"			Va	CRW
Willis T.	"			Ill	
Andrew J.	"			"	
Thomas J.	"			"	

The next household seems very likely to be another son of Willis and Susan (p. 248, ln 16; 355/374):

Wm Cheek	26	Farmer		Ill	
Mary J. Cheek	19			Ind	

Most of the family appears to still reside in Benton township in 1860 (p. 195 (931), ln 5; 1388/1390 & 1391; 11 Jul 1860; P.O. Butler):

William Cheek	[3]4	Day Labour	50/300	Illinois	
Susa[miel]	[7]7			Virginia	
Thomas J.	22			Illinois	
<u>Susan</u>	8			Iowa	
Susan Hamlin	31			Illinois	
John	9			Iowa	
Willis	6			"	

Andrew and his wife appear to be 13 households away (p. 196 (932), ln 33; 1401/1404; 12 Jul 1860):

A. J. Cheek	24	Day laboring		Illinois	
Elizabeth "	21			"	

My interpretation of the above information is that Susanna and Nancy Disher and Susannah and Nancy Chick were all the same person. Nancy is commonly a nickname for Ann or Anna and Susanna could be





the IGI. A 1981 submission by Mark Laney of Murray, Utah, which cites a family Bible, indicates that Margaret's name was Margaret Elizabeth Discher and that she was born 17 Feb 1793 in Nicholas County, Kentucky (the same birthdate is calculable by her age as recorded on her tombstone). Mr. Laney states that her father was Christopher Discher and that her mother's surname was Helm. The same source indicates that Samuel Howard was born 3 Oct 1787 in Nicholas County, Kentucky. Mrs. Pamela Olsen gives Samuel's place of birth as Bourbon County.

While John, Mary and Robert Howard are all listed in Mason County in the 1810 census, the only Samuel Howard in the state is in Livingston County in the far west.<sup>x</sup> In 1820, there was a Samuel Howard in Lewis County, to the east of Mason, and in Nicholas County, not far to the south.<sup>xi</sup>

Most of my information concerning the family of Samuel and Margaret is from Mrs. Pamela Olsen of Layton, Utah, whose husband is a descendant of Sarah (Howard) Laney. Mrs. Olsen cites family records in the possession of George C. Laney of Bountiful, Utah and Mark A. Laney of Murray, Utah, as well as Macoupin County marriage and death records. From the information provided by Mrs. Olsen it appears that Samuel and Margaret removed soon after their marriage to the vicinity of Blue Licks in Nicholas County, Kentucky, where they had children born between 1817 and 1828. In about 1829, the family moved to southern Illinois, eventually settling on a large tract of land near Carlinville in Macoupin County. Samuel Howard volunteered for service in Black Hawk's War. "Mr. Howard belonged to no church, but leaned to the Universalists, while his wife was a hard-shelled Baptist."

Samuel Howard was appointed, by the Macoupin County Court, as administrator of the estate of his father-in-law Christopher Disher. (see order bk 2:80, 84 & 112)

Samuel Howard's will was probated at the January 1850 term of the county court for Macoupin County, Illinois (will book A:2):

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Howard of Macoupin County and State of Illinois being Sick and Weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all once to die do make & ordain this my last will and Testament. --

First of all I give and recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the descretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the general resurection I Shall receive the Same again by the Mighty power of God. And as touching Such Worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I Give demise and dispose of the Same in the following manner and form after the payment of all my just debts. --

I gave and bequeath unto my Son John N. Howard forty acres of land lying and in the County of Macoupin and bounded as followeth the north West quarter of the north West quarter of Section twenty Six in township Eleven north of Range Six West of the third principal Meridian. --

I gave and bequeath unto my Son Loyd N. Howard thirty nine acres of land in the above named County bounded as follow[s the] South East quarter of the north West quarter of Section twenty Six in township Eleven north of range Six West of the third principal Meridian. Also thirty nine acres in Sd. County bounded as follows the North East quarter of the north West quarter of Section twenty Six township Eleven north of range Six West of the third principal meridian. Also Eighteen acres off the north end of the South West quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty Six township eleven north of range Six West of the third principal meridian. Also eighty acres of t[] land lying in Sd. County of Macoupin the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty Six in township eleven north of range Six West of the third principal meridian. --

It is to be understood that the thirty nine acres first described in the within Will is to belong to Loyd N. Howard and the remaining parcels of land described below is to be equally divided between my two Sons. I also give and bequeath unto my two Sons each one horse Saddle and bridle -- also to each of them one bed and bedding. --

It is understood and pretty much believed that my son in law Isaac Lany has intentions of moving with the mormons that is in case he should not go I gave and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Lany a parcel of land lying in the County of Macoupin and bounded as follows the South east quarter of the north West quarter Section twenty three township eleven north range Six West of the third principal meridian containing forty acres to belong to her, her natural life and then to her heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto my Son in law Isaac Lany one dollar and no more

I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Howard forty acres of land in the County of Macoupin and bounded as follows off the north end of the East half of the north East quarter of Section twenty one township eleven north range Six West of the third principal meridian --

I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Ann Howard forty acres of land lying in the County of Macoupin bounded as follows the South end of East half of the north East quarter Section twenty one township Eleven range Six West of the third principal meridian. --

I also bequeath unto my wife Margaret Howard during her natural life time or Widowhood all the personal property and after her death to fall to Elizabeth and Mary Ann also the lands Willed to my two Sons named in the within will to belong to her during her natural life --

I also constitute make and ordain John Brown and Archibald Coulter the Sole Executors of this my last Will and testament and do disannul renounce and revoke all former Wills laguses and

bequeaths by me in any wise made and I do Ratify and confirm this and no other as my last will and testament this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord 1846 as witness my hand and Seal Read and Subscribed in presence of his  
 Robert P. Stephenson Samuel x Howard [Seal]  
 John Pitman mark  
 James H. Pitman  
 George Armitage

John Brown and Archibald Coulter gave proof in aid of the probate of his will that Samuel Howard died on or about 3 Dec 1849. (Macoupin Co order bk A:8) It appears that Margaret Howard was appointed administratrix, despite the naming of executors, although my copy of the order is so faint I can't make out why. (id. at 9)

Margaret Howard (who signed by her mark), with Samuel Stead and Willis Snow as sureties, gave her bond on 7 Jan 1850 as guardian of Loyd Nelson Howard and John Melvin Howard, minor heirs of Samuel Howard, after having presented proof that Loyd Nelson Howard was born on 22 Jun 1830 and that John Melvin Howard was born 29 May 1835. (order bk A:9 & bond)

Margaret Howard is listed in the 1850 census in Macoupin County (sh 268, 29 Oct 1850):

Howard, Margaret	56	1526	Ky
Nelson	19	Farmer	Ill
John	15		"

Irvin David Hess, Abstract of 1850 US Census, Macoupin County, Illinois, p. 87.

On 3 Dec 1850, Margaret Howard, Samuel Stead and Samuel's wife Elisabeth, all of Macoupin County, quitclaimed for \$1 their interest in the N2 of the E2 of NE4 of section 26 and the SE4 of the NW4 of section 23, both in township 11 north, range 6 west, to Willis Snow, reserving to Margaret Howard an annual rent of \$5. Both Margaret Howard and Elizabeth Stead signed the deed by their marks. (Macoupin deeds U:445)

Children: (Howard)

- 4A. Elizabeth b. 29 Aug 1817 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky  
 m. 15 Jun 1848 Macoupin Co, Illinois  
 to Samuel **Stead**  
 d. 14 Dec 1882 Nilwood, Macoupin Co, Illinois
- 4B. Dulcena b. 18 Aug 1819 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky  
 d. 1 Sep 1826 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky
- 4C. Christopher b. 21 Aug 1821 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky  
 prob. d. bef 28 Feb 1846 d.s.p.

- 4D. Sarah Ann b. 16 Sep 1822 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky  
m. 25 Mch 1841 Macoupin Co, Illinois  
to Isaac **Laney**  
d. 25 Jan 1902 Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co, Utah
- 4E. Thomas b. 1824 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky  
prob. d. bef 28 Feb 1846 d.s.p.
- 4F. Mary Ann b. 8 Dec 1825 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky  
m. 24 Nov 1846 Macoupin Co, Illinois  
to Willis **Snow**  
d. 16 Aug 1853 Nilwood, Macoupin Co, Ill
- 4G. William H. b. 23 Jun 1828 Blue Licks, Nicholas Co, Ky  
prob. d. bef 28 Feb 1846 d.s.p.
- 4H. Lloyd Nelson b. 22 Jun 1830 Nilwood, Macoupin Co, Ill  
m. 5 Dec 1850 Macoupin Co, Illinois  
to Sarah **Stead**  
d. 17 Dec 1887 Oregon, Holt Co, Missouri
- 4I. Thomas Clifton b. 18 Jul 1833 Nilwood, Macoupin Co, Ill  
d. 26 Dec 1839 bu: Nilwood tw, Macoupin Co, Ill
- 4J. John Melvin b. 24 May 1835 Nilwood, Macoupin Co, Ill  
m. 30 Jun 1859 Macoupin Co, Illinois  
to Harriet E. **Malcolm**  
d. 14 Mch 1910 St. Joseph, Buchanan Co, Missouri

#### 5. PETER DISHER

B. abt 1795 Kentucky  
M. 30 Dec 1817 Mason County, Kentucky (bond)  
D. abt 1857 Bracken County, Kentucky

Wife: Mary (Polly) **LINVILLE**

B. bf Jan 1797 Kentucky

D. aft 1880

parents: Peter Linville and Lucretia Laing<sup>xii</sup>

Peter Disher and Thomas Kenton gave their bond for the marriage of Peter Disher and Polly Linville on 30 Dec 1817. Thomas Kenton made oath the same day that Peter and Polly were both over age 21. This implies that Polly was born before 30 Dec 1796, although Alice Eichholz's The Linville Family in America gives her date of birth as 1800 and she is listed as age 50 in the 1850 census.

Peter Disher is listed in Mason County, Kentucky in the 1820 census (p. 54):

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 < 10	1 16<26

1 16<26

1 engaged in agriculture (?)

On 18 Feb 1823, Peter was bondsman for the Mason County marriage of Isaac Bassett and Sarah Disher and, in 1836, was the administrator of his father's Bracken County estate.

Peter's father Christopher appears to have lived on land that lay on the line between Bracken and Mason Counties, and Peter seems to have lived in the same area, probably near Germantown. The following reference is in Mason County order book K (p. 143), from the July court 1824:

The road from the road from Germantown to Reed's mill to the Bracken County line is established agreeably to the report thereof; no person appearing to contest the same. And Peter Disher is appointed overseer thereof; and it is ordered that the precinct for the said road include the present residence of Peter Disher, . . . [and everyone now living or in the future living at those residences is ordered to help with the road].

At the October court in 1826, Asa Woodward was appointed overseer of "the road that leads from Reed's mill road to Germantown, to the Bracken County line" and Peter Disher was discharged from his responsibility. (K:351)

Peter appears to have removed for a time to Fayette County, Indiana. He was of that county on 12 Feb 1828 when he bought 60 acres from Aaron and Polly Owens of Mason County, Kentucky in the southeast quarter of section 4 in township 13, range 12, Fayette County. The price was \$255. (Fayette Co deeds C:415) He and Polly conveyed what seems to be the same land to John Miller on 29 Feb 1828 for \$190. (C:417) Peter was described as of Bracken County, Kentucky in 1840, when he entered into a pair of transactions with the same men. On 29 Jul 1840, he bound himself for the benefit of Aaron Owen to release all claims to the land purchased in 1828 and on 4 Aug 1840 obtained John Miller's bond releasing all of Miller's claims to the land. (K:221 & 220)

The Bracken County deeds include the following conveyances to Peter Disher:

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>land</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>bk/page</u>
Edmund Collins et al	40 acres on N. fork of Licking (south side)	17 Apr 1829	J:340
Wm. B. & Polly Lurty	43.25 acres on N. fork of Licking & Canthus Creek	17 Feb 1830	J:40

Assuming that the "grantor" of a mortgage is the mortgagor, Peter Disher loaned \$300 to Aaron Linville, senior on 20 Feb 1841,

secured by a mortgage on 100 acres of land at Helm's run in Bracken County. (M:574) Peter Disher of Bracken County and Lewis Linville of Mason County loaned Ebenezer Woodward \$1,296 on 2 Jan 1843, secured by 260 acres of land on Whippermill creek. (O:25) This mortgage was released in October 1844, Disher and Linville retaining 50 acres. (O:446) In the meantime, on 12 Jul 1844, Ebenezer and Sally Woodward had sold 70 acres of land on Whippermill Creek, partly in Bracken and partly in Mason Counties, to John Disher. (O:402) Peter Disher had borrowed \$700 from John Disher on 1 Jun 1843, secured by his interest in 86 acres on the North Fork of the Licking and Panther creek, where Peter then lived. (O:173)

Peter Disher was listed in the 1830 census for Bracken County (p. 5), next to the family of A. W. Collins, with a household consisting of:

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 10<15	2 <5
1 30<40	1 5<10
	1 20<30

In 1840, he is listed in the southern division of Bracken County (p. 377):

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
1 20<30	2 5<10
1 40<50	2 10<15
	1 40<50

2 engaged in agriculture

In 1850, Peter "Dishen" is still listed in Bracken County (p. 398B, ln 8; 207/207):

Peter Dishen	55	[Farmer 450]	Ky
Mary	"	50	"

His son John is listed in the next household.

John Disher and John Riggs were appointed the administrators of Peter Disher's estate by the Bracken County court. The appraisement of his personal estate was made by N. T. Asbury, John McDowel and John D. Gough on 2 Apr 1857:

Cash on hand	409.56
one note on Eben Woodward due	
April 14, 1853	100.00
Cr. Oct. 20th 1853 by \$25.00	
one note on John Riggs due	
Oct 21st 1855 for	90.00
one note on Stark Wheeler Due	
Oct 1st 1855 for	390.00
Cr. March 1st 1856 by \$200.00	
one on Levi Browning Due Nov 1st	
1857 for	300.00
Cr. June 19th 1856 by \$108.00	
one open act on L. D. Harbour for	25.00

one Do Do on Stark Wheeler for	22.00
Cr by cash	\$7.50
one Do Do on John Rigg for	5.00
one Bed and furniture at	15.00
Two Beds and furniture at	30.00
2 Do Do Do at	16.00
1 Mans Saddle at	5.00
1 Close press at	2.00
1 Bureau at	5.00
2 Small Stands at	2.50
1 dining Table & oil cloth at	3.00
1 Clock at	3.00
1 Cupboard and contents at	5.00
1 looking glass at	1.00
1 Bureau at	7.00
1 Set of chairs at	4.00
1 Brass Kettle at	.50
1 lot of pot Mettle at	2.50
1 Cooking Stove & utensels	3.00
1 loom at	1.00
2 Kitchen tables & Cubbord & 3 Barrells at	1.00
1 lot of Bacon at	25.00
1 Sleigh at	1.00
1 two horse plough at	[ ]
1 Shovel plough at	2.00
1 lot of old Gear at	.50
1 pair of Gear & Collar	1.50
1 lot of Corn at	5.00
1 lot of wheat at 85 cts pr Bushell	
1 Dun Mare at	100.00
1 Grey Mare at	80.00
1 Bay Horse at	150.00
1 Dun Horse at	50.00
1 Sow & Six pigs at	12.00
6 Hogs at	25.00
1 Dun Cow & Calf at	15.00
1 Muley Cow at	18.00
1 Black Heiffer at	12.00
1 Red Heiffer at	12.00
1 Yearling Calf at	5.00
9 Head of Sheep at \$1.75 pr head	15.75

A sale was held on 3 Apr 1857, Mary Disher buying many of the items, including the bay horse. The items sold included over 30 bushels of wheat and 500 feet of weatherboarding plank that was not mentioned in the inventory. L.D. Harbour paid \$123 for the dun mare and Stark Wheeler paid \$79.25 for the grey mare. Others purchasing items included John Riggs, Tom Bradley, E.D. Mastin, Thomas Mullen, Jessee L. Tilton, and Belvin Dixan.



On 3 Nov 1857, the following persons deeded land in Bracken County to Levi Browning, "the said John, Sarah Ann, Nancy Jane, Mary and Martha being five of the children and heirs at law of the said Peter Disher":

Mary Disher, widow of Peter Disher (by mark)  
John Disher & Martha Ann his wife  
Stark Wheeler & Sarah A. his wife  
John Rigg & Mary his wife  
Suko D. Harbin & Martha his wife  
Jeptha Disher & Nancy Jane his wife  
(Bracken Co deeds W:177)

Mary Disher lived in the eastern district of Bracken County in 1860, adjacent to the households of Luke and Martha Harber and John and Mary Rigg (p. 104, ln 35; 736/736):

Mary Disher 59 Farming 1500 650 Ky  
Margaret Dye 17 Serving "

In 1880, Mary resided in Robertson Co, Kentucky with her daughter Martha and son-in-law Luke D. Harbour.

Children:

5A. John L. b. 19 Aug 1819 Kentucky  
m1 29 Oct 1845 Mason Co, Kentucky  
to Martha Ann **Dickson**  
m2 to Nancy J. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. 4 Apr 1899 pb Mason Co, Kentucky

5B. Sarah Ann b. abt 1827 Kentucky  
m. 6 Jul 1845 Bracken Co, Kentucky  
to Starke **Wheeler**

5C. Nancy Jane b. 12 Jun 1828 Kentucky  
m. 17 Dec 1843 Bracken Co, Kentucky  
to Jeptha **Disher** (# 1E)  
d. 28 Mch 1906 Hansboro, Towner Co, North Dakota

5D. Martha b. abt 1830/1 Kentucky  
m. abt 1848  
to Luke D. **Harbour**

5E. Mary b. abt 1831 Kentucky  
m. to John **Riggs**

#### 6. SARAH HUNTER DISHER

B. 17 Dec 1800 Bracken County, Kentucky  
M1 20 Feb 1823 Mason County, Kentucky  
M2 26 Aug 1834 Bracken County, Kentucky (bond)  
D. 21 Jan 1890 (of Nicholas Co, Ky 1860)

Husband (1): Isaac **BASSETT**  
D. bet 1 Jan 1824 & 26 Aug 1834 poss Indiana

Husband (2): Amry W. **COLLINS**  
B. 10 Jun 1800 Mason Co, Kentucky  
D. 4 May 1874 (of Nicholas Co, Ky 1860)

Sarah was named for Sarah Hunter, the first wife of Meredith<sup>4</sup> (Meredith<sup>3-2</sup>, Leonard<sup>1</sup>) Helm, her mother's double first cousin, who sold her father land in Bracken and Mason counties and who was a near neighbor.

Sarah's father Christopher gave his permission for her marriage to Isaac Bassett. She and Isaac were married by Enos Woodward, Methodist Episcopal minister. Isaac may well have died soon after the birth of their only known child, Squire, in 1824, although Sarah did not remarry for another 10 years.

Ambrose Collins was bondsman for the marriage of Christopher Disher in 1808 and was listed in Bracken County in the 1810 census. The name Collins was a common one in Bracken and Mason Counties in subsequent years. Edmund Collins and other apparent Collins heirs sold land in Bracken County to Peter Disher on 17 Apr 1829. The household of A. W. Collins is listed in the 1830 census for Bracken County next to that of Peter Desher (p. 5):

<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
2 20<30	2 20<30
	1 30<40

In 1840, there is an A.W. Collins listed in the southern portion of Bracken County (p. 373), as engaged in agriculture:

A.W. Collins	1 male <5	2 females <5
	1 male 40<50	1 female 40<50

In 1850, there is an Ambros Collins in Bracken County (p. 397). A. W. Collins, however, is listed in District No. 2 in Nicholas County (p. 434, ln 26; 629/631), not far to the south:

A. W. Collins	50	Farmer	300	Ky	
Sarah	"	49		"	CRW
Mary	"	14		"	
G. W.	"	10		"	AS
Andrew J.	"	7		"	AS
John W.	"	4		"	
Martha	"	13		"	AS

In 1860, the family is also in District No. 2 in Nicholas County, with a post office address of Blue Licks (p. 81 (479), ln 9; 566/565):

Am[r]ey W. Collins	60	Farmer	---	800	KY
Sarah	60				"
Mary	24				"
George W.	20	Farmer			"

Andrew	17	Far	"	
John W	14		"	AS

Leila Collins Heebner states, in a 24 Sep 1950 letter to Ruth Collins Osborne, that Sally Bassett/Collins had one child by her first husband and five by her second (DAR Pre-1958 Evidence Files, "Helm, Thomas -- Va."). The child by Isaac Bassett was Squire, who was raised in the household of his uncle and aunt, Jonathan and Elizabeth (Disher) Bassett. (See also DAR application #326355, Ruth Collins Osborne)

Child of Isaac and Sarah: (Bassett)

6A. Squire b. 1 Jan 1824 Kentucky

Children of A.W. and Sarah: (Collins)

6B. Mary b. abt 1836 Kentucky

6C. George W b. abt 1840 Kentucky

6D. Andrew b. 25 Dec 1842 Mason Co, Kentucky  
 Jackson m. 16 Nov 1869  
       to Martha Alice **Ray**  
       d. 4 Feb 1922 Georgetown, Scott Co, Kentucky  
       [son: Harold Helm Collins (1871-1947)]

6E. John W b. abt 1846 Kentucky

7. ELIZABETH HELM DISHER

B. 15 Dec 1803 Bracken County, Kentucky  
 M. 7 Apr 1822 Bracken or Mason County, Kentucky  
 D. 11 Sep 1884 Cynthiana, Harrison Co, Kentucky

Husband: Jonathan Stout **BASSETT**  
 B. 13 Nov 1801 Bracken County, Kentucky  
 D. 30 Jan 1862 Cynthiana, Harrison Co, Kentucky  
 father: Amos Bassett

The marriage of Jonathan and Elizabeth is recorded in both the Bracken (1:9) and Mason County records. They were married by Enos Woodward, ordained Methodist Episcopal minister. Jonathan's birthdate is given as 13 Nov 1801 in a family record copied by Lena (Tebbs) Smith, which also says he died in June. His gravestone gives the birthdate of 13 Jan 1801 and the deathdate given here.

I did not find a Jonathan Bassett in the census index for Bracken County in 1820 or 1830.

Elizabeth was in Bracken County on 20 Nov 1837 when she was

named in a summons concerning the distribution of the estate of her father, Christopher Disher.

There is a Jonathan Bassett listed in Bracken County in the 1840 census (p. 349):

Jhonathan Bassett	2 males <5	
	1 male 5<10	2 females 10<15
	1 male 15<20	2 females 15<20
	1 male 20<30	
	1 male 30<40	1 female 30<40

Jonathan Bassett was bondsman on 15 Dec 1843 for the marriage of Jeptha Disher and Nancy Jane Disher.

In 1850, Jonathan and Elizabeth are listed in District No. 2 in Harrison County, Kentucky (p. 164 (327), ln 29; 730/736):

Jonathan Bassett	48	Farmer	3800	Ky	(2 MWY)
Elizabeth "	47			"	CRW
Elizabeth	25			"	
Ellen	20			"	
William	18	Laborer		"	
Thomas D.	13			"	
Americus A.	11			"	AS
Virginia B.	6			"	AS

In 1860, Jonathan and Elizabeth were also in District No. 2 in Harrison County, listed with a Cynthiana postal address (p. 20 (474), ln 1; 139/139):

Jonathan Bassett	58	Farmer	15,000	2550	Ky
Elizabeth "	56				"
Elen "	29	teacher com. school			"
Dudley "	23	Farmer	3200	600	"
Augustus "	20	Farm hand			"
Virginia "	16				"
James Skiner	20	Farm hand			"

There is considerable information on this family submitted in support of the 1960 DAR application of Lynne Ammerman Boxley and now in the DAR's Pre-1958 evidence files under "Helm, Thomas 1727-1778 Va." Mrs. Boxley quotes a family genealogy compiled prior to 1916 by Jonathan Ammerman that says Elizabeth Bassett was born in 1825 and married Joseph Woods and that it was her sister Susan that married William L. Lowry. Mrs. Boxer also quotes a family record copied by Lena (Tebbs) Smith, apparently from a Bible, that says Elizabeth was born in 1825, that says Charity Ellen was the daughter born on 6 Aug 1829 and that mentions Susan Lowry. She also mentions a genealogy compiled by a daughter of Elizabeth Woods. A sketch of William Lowry in William Henry Perrin's 1882 History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky says that he married Elizabeth Bassett in 1871 as his second wife

and that she was born on 6 Aug 1829. Lowry had four children by his first wife, who is not named in the sketch. Perhaps Lowry's first wife was Susan and he and Elizabeth married after the death of their spouses, although this would not explain the discrepancy over Elizabeth's date of birth.

Children: (Bassett)

- 7A. Susan b. 6 Apr 1823  
m. Cynthiana, Harrison Co, Ky  
to William L. **Lowry**  
d. 22 Feb 1858
- 7B. Elizabeth b. 26 Apr 1825 Kentucky  
m1 15 Oct 1855 Harrison Co, Kentucky  
to Joseph M. **Woods**  
m2 4 Jan 1871 Harrison Co, Kentucky  
to William L. **Lowry**
- 7C. Louisa b. 16 Jun 1827 Harrison Co, Kentucky  
Jane m. 2 Oct 1849 Harrison Co, Kentucky  
to J. Wesley **Ammerman**  
d. May 1916 Cynthiana, Harrison Co, Kentucky
- 7D. Charity b. 6 Aug 1829 Kentucky  
Ellen
- 7E. William b. 12 Jan 1832 Kentucky  
Henry [Capt. in Union army; Circuit Judge for 16 yrs at  
Tuscola, Illinois, where he was living 1912]
- 7F. Serelda b. 30 Jul 1834  
d. 30 Jun 1838
- 7G. Thomas b. 10 Mar 1837 Bracken Co, Kentucky  
Dudley m. to Sallie **Stockton**  
d. 28 Jul 1901
- 7H. Americus b. 27 Nov 1839 Kentucky  
A. d. 8 Jan 1869<sup>5</sup> Cynthiana, Harrison Co, Kentucky
- 7I. Virginia b. 5 Jan 1844 Kentucky  
Belle

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<sup>5</sup>A family record says Americus died in 1868, but his (?) gravestone apparently says 1869.

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i. This tax list has twice been published as the Floyd County tax list for 1793, despite Floyd County having not been created until 1799. Kentucky Genealogist v. 22, # 2, p. 43; The East Kentuckian, v. 15, # III, p. 13. It is stated that District No. 1 comprised the area that became Floyd County, but there seems to be some reason to doubt this as several persons who eventually are found in Mason County are listed in that district, such as John Lewis and Meredith Helm.

ii. Western Heraldry Organization, Mason County Kentucky Deed Book A-L; 1789-1810 (1973).

iii. William Disher made oath on 22 Nov 1819 that Nancy Disher, who was about to marry Willis Chick, was his sister and over 21. (Mason Co marr recs, p. 4) William was presumably dead by 9 Nov 1838, when Samuel Howard conveyed land in Macoupin County, Illinois on behalf of the heirs of Christopher Disher (Macoupin Co deeds G:597), which did not include William, who is not mentioned in connection with either the Macoupin County or Bracken County probate proceedings relating to his father's estate. There is a William Disher listed in Rockford, Illinois in the 1850 census, residing in a hotel or rooming house. No age or place of birth is given.

One possibility could be that William was not a separate son of Christopher, but either a first or middle name for either Thomas or Peter Disher. German families often used the middle name as the name by which the person was called.

iv. Mrs. W. T. Breeze, Bracken County Marriages 1797-1854 at 51 (1930). Michael L. Cook, in his Pioneer Lewis Families (IV:1019) (1984), gives the date as 7 Mch 1804.

v. Twin Forks Chapter DAR, Assessor's List of Taxpayers for Franklin County, Indiana; 1813-1831 at p. 10 (1966) (typescript in DAR library).

vi. Indiana Source Book (from The Hoosier Genealogist 1967-1972), vol 2, p. 220 (Willard Heiss, ed.) (the original tax list is taken from a manuscript volume in the Indiana Historical Society Library and apparently gives information about taxable personal property and the location of land owned).

vii. DAR, Tax Lists Indiana at p. 25 (1983) (copy in DAR library, original tax list contains additional information).

viii. The original deed to Thomas Disher had been corrected by a decree of court recorded at S:450.

ix. Michael L. Cook, Pioneer Lewis Families (V:425) (1986).

x. Lowell M. Volkel, An Index to the 1810 Federal Census of Kentucky (1971).

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xi. Ronald Vern Jackson and Gaye Ronald Teeples (AIS), 1820 Kentucky Census Index.

xii. IGI submission by John Lee Sharp (a "5 gg neph") of Maysville, Kentucky in 1973, citing Mason County marriage records (presumably only for the marriage of Peter and Polly, which is part of the same entry) and a family history. The same parentage is given in Alice Eichholz, The Linville Family in America at 292-93 (Gateway Press, Baltimore 1982), based largely on T. Ross Moore's I am Related to the Linvilles: A Linville Genealogy.