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Dear Susan,

You don't know just how much you are appreciated! Being the wife of an early retired person it is so frustrating to ask about getting something done - offering to share information and then have them tell me the cost will be \$5.00 per hour, so the surprised note in my voice when you mentioned the cost of the zerox only. - Of course you can well know that a lot of the things I want done - would like to get done, just don't because of the cost. So as I mentioned - you are appreciated! Now DeWitt.

My great grandfather Willis Nelson DeWitt was born in Hendricks County around the Eel River area. His father was Colby DeWitt and mother, Rachel Owens d/o Thomas Owens of Owen County, and Elizabeth Acres. They came to Owen from Floyd County, Ky. Rachel and Colby got the licence in Putnam but I haven't found the marriage. Colby/Colebird/Colbert was the s/o William DeWitt of Eel River being born possibly in Grayson County, Va. The possibly means William DeWitt's last wife was Dorcas "Clarkey" Russell d/o Charles Russell and sister to old Barney Russell. Charles Russell died in Grayson County, Va., will probated in 1807. As you can see I have done much work, will share or should I say in most cases exchange information. William or possibly William Walter was said to have been a pirate with Jean LaFitte out of New Orleans. I realize the pirate of Eel River was said to have never been married but my Kentucky kinsman said he had been a pirate and his will mentions, my son and my wife Clarkey. I have been told there were two old William DeWitt's buried in the North Salem area, mine was 97 when he died in April 1856 and Clarkey was 84 when she died in June 1856. Colby got the land and "stacks". Other surnames associated with this William were -- Commodore Foote and the Foote family - Faught - McCloud - Barker - Page - Sanders (William Perry Sanders was also said to have been a pirate)- Gleason Eggers - Morphey/Murphey - Conner - Owens - Smith, plus. I have found that many of the central Indiana ancestors came from the Southwest Virginia area and this is the area I am working on now. The Buchanan family lived in Saltville, Smyth Co., Va. where my great grandfather Chapman A. Whitley was born. Chapman who died in 1888 in Danville is buried in the East Cemetary.

This brings up another girl I am searching for Rebecca Ann Whitley, born in Kentucky 7-4-1861 lived in Hendricks County, was raised by a Smith kinsman

when her mother Sarah Whitley died Oct. 8, 1864. Rebecca's brother William Samuel Whitley was born just outside of Danville, Jan. 6, 1864. He was raised by James S. Smith and Mary E (Eleanor) Sacre' Smith until he married Feb. 4, 1886 in Putnam as William Smith to Minnie Clara DeWitte d/o Willis Nelson and Mariah Jane (Conner) DeWitt. This was of course changed to Whitley. "Grandpa Smith" had grandfather most of his life, however Rebecca and William are shown in the HH of their father Chapman Whitley and 2nd wife Lydia Margaret Broughton in 1870 in Hendricks County possibly around Cartersburg - ^{per census} pension records. There I lose Rebecca. She is said to have married a minister - went to Kentucky but I feel she returned to Indiana and the Hendricks County area to work in a cotton mill prior to her death in the early 1920's. Unfortunately I do not know her married name. The lady who raised her had a daughter Elly or Nellie Polman (sp?) I know that the Hendricks County Bulletin a couple of months back mentioned a cotton mill. Would you know where that was located? Anyway if ANYONE comes in searching for this lady I would like very much to hear from them because I would like very much to find my grandfather's sister. Now

At long last my reason for the letter in the first place. I would very *much* appreciate a zerox of the DeWitt marriages from the Putnam County, Indiana Index for which I have enclosed stamps. Would you mind adding Connor and Eggers?

My descent --

1. James Burke and Mary Bane
2. Mary Burke and Joseph Morpew
3. Joseph Morpew/Murphy and Betty Chadwick (NC)
4. Joseph Morpew and Avis Eggers d/o Daniel Eggers and Phoebe Rider (Va. & NC)
5. Elizabeth Morpew and John Conner/O'Conner born Va. ca. 1803 poss. s/o
Daniel & Mary Conner of Fincastle Co., Va.
6. Mariah Jane Conner and Willis Nelson DeWitt
7. Aminda Clarinda DeWitt (Minnie Clara) and William Samuel Whitley of Hendricks and Putnam to Indianapolis, Ind. both buried Forest Hills, Putnam - Greencastle.
8. Ruth Whitley and Harry Rainbolt of Oolitic, Lawrence Co., Ind.
9. Mary Francis Rainbolt and Charles Robert Long decendant of Florence Pearl Stewart and Charles Long (Hendricks/Montgomery/Indianapolis)

Will exchange and help -

Thank again,

Sincerely,

Mary

Susan, Josephine Ford, Curator of the Patrick Henry Sullivan Museum of Zionsville, Boone County is very interested in purchasing copies of the Putnam Index but needs to know the cost and where to purchase. Jo. is a

super nice person also. Telephone 873-4900

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DeWitt - Hendricks - Putnam - Owen Co's known ----

- 1. William DeWitt(e)
 - b. ca. 1750-59 Va.
 - m. after 1817
 - d. 4-25-1856 aged 97y
 - Zimmerman Cemetary
- Dercas "Clarkey" Russell
 - b. 1776/1779 ca.
 - d. 6-20-1856 aged 80 y
 - Zimmerman Cemetary - Hendricks

Lived Eel River twp. - E. half of the NE qtr of section 7 - twp 16 N of Range 2w - also 50 acres off the N end of the West half of the NE qtr of section 7 twp 16 N of Range 2 W -----

This comes from his will 19 day of July, 1852 - Clarkey "his worthy and beloved wife" his exec. She got the personal, household, stocks, etc. "My son Colbert got the real estate but was to pay to my wife the usual rents to be paid from year to year". William H. Faught and Jacob C. Faught were Wit: John Irens Clerk

I do not have the Beek, etc. on this zerex but pg. numbered 164

I have another zerex which is primarily the same but Hendricks Co. Deed Records Bk. 19 p 513

Do you have any idea who the Faught men married - apparently they were kin to William - who could have been William Walter DeWitt(e) because of the children's names which followed.

Clarkey was the d/e Charles Russell of Grayson Co., Va. Will probated Oct. 1807 names children

- 1. Charles Russell
- 2. Channey "
- 3. Channell " (Charnel Allen Russell)
- 4. Barnet " (Barney C. * who (m) Mary Catherine McCloud
 - *Barnabus C. Russell 3-10-1777 3-28-1864 87y18d
 - Mary Catherine McCloud Russell 8-6-1799 8-15-1843 44y 9d(?)
 - Russell-McCloud cemetary
- 5. Erwin Russell
- 6. Clerky "

The Bailey's - Barker's - Baldwin - Ballard - Bartley - Bedsaul - Bedwell (married into the Mephew/Murphey and Russells) - Beller - Bird -Blackard - Blakely -Blevins - Bobbitt - Belt - Bends - Benham - Beurn - Bottemley - Bowers - Beyer - Branscome - Brewer - Brizending - Brown - Bryant - Bullan/Pullam (?) - Burcham - Byrd of course there are more but this was marriages in this beek "Over The Mountain Men, Werrell -----I will check my beeks for you if you like.

The only child I have for William DeWitt(e) is

- 2. Colbert/Celby/Colebird DeWitt(e)
 - b. ca. 1817 Va.
 - m. lic. 6-25-1836 Putnam Co.
 - d. _____ ?
 - buried _____ ?
 - s/e William DeWitt
 - & _____ ?
 - poss. a Celby/Colbert mether
 - Rachel Owens
 - b. ca. 1817 Floyd Co., Ky.
 - d. _____ ?
 - buried _____ ?
 - d/e Thomas Owen(s) of Owen Co., Ia
 - & Elizabeth Acres/Akers
 - Thomas Owen s/e Owen Owen & Mary of Bedford Co., Va. & Floyd Co. Ky
Elizabeth Acres/Akers d/e
Valentine & Frances (Baskell/
Bastell) Acres/Akers
- see children over

I was told by Kentucky kin that William was a private & friend to Commodore Foote

children of Colby and Rachel DeWitt as known

1. James M. _____ b. ca. 1835 (1850 census age 15, this is poss. why there was no return on Colby and Rachel's license, if born 1835 - lic. June 1836) m. possibly 4-5-1857 Bk. 5 p 9/150 (?) Hendricks Co. to Eliza Teney poss. d/o Hiram & Catherine Teney HH 828 - 1850 census - HH in 1870 shows Eliza and 3 sons back with parents.
James M. DeWitt Co. A. 27th Ind. Vol. died May 3, 1863 Chancellerville, Missouri.

ch. known

- a. Joseph age 12 1870 census (m) poss. 1st Lucy Jane Robbins Henricks Co. 11-15-1877 Bk. 8 - pg. 438 -(m) poss. 2nd Boone Co., Ind Sarah Abney 1-7-1882
 - b. John age 10 1870 census
 - c. Hennen age 8 " " born 3-22-1862 (m) Mary Etta _____ died Marion Co., Ind. 9-28-1923 buried Crown Hill cemetery 10-1-1923 Vol 26 p 390 lived Shelbyville, Ind. Their ch. Nadine Trainer - Margaret - Charlette - Dorothy Ferd.
2. Willis Nelson DeWitt (my great grandfather) born Hendricks Co., Ind. March 18?, 1850 census shows age 10 - from then on different times - listed married 1st. Hendricks Co., Ind. 2-6-1863 Bk. 6 p 180 Mariah Jane Conner d/o John Conner and Elizabeth Morphew (Is the application of this marriage available in Hendricks ???)

Elizabeth Morphew/Murphey married John Conner age 38 born Va. in Putnam Co., Ind. Dec. 9, 1841 Their children known --

- a. Rebecca Catherine b. May 1838 (m) Daniel B. Eggers, she is buried in Danville, Ind. several children
- b. Mary Melissa b. April 1841 (m) William Jasper Pickett and William Hinkle - several children by both - buried Clear Creek
- c. Elmira twin born June 19, 1847 and her twin (nothing on Elmira - not on 1850 census
- d. Mariah Jane b. June 19, 1847

Willis Nelson DeWitt

b. 3-__, 18__ Hendricks Co., Ind.
m. 1st 2-6-1863 " Bk. 6 p 180

d. 8-29-1909 aged 74y6m

s/o Colby DeWitt

& Rachel Owens

both buried New Maysville cemetery, Putnam.

Mariah Jane Conner

b. 6-19-1847 (Hendricks?)

d. 8-31-1899 New Maysville, Putnam area

d/o John Conner

& Elizabeth Morphew/Murphey

Willis Nelson (m) 2nd Elizabeth Ellen (Scott) Seymour, widow of Frank Seymour 4-17-1901 Putnam Co. Bk. 10 p 200 - they had no children - she had 3 children

children of Willis Nelson & Mariah Jane

1. Amanda Clarinda/Minnie Clara (my grandmother) b. 4-12-1864 (m) William Samuel Whitley 2-4-1886 - he used the name of William Smith when they married because he had been raised by James S. Smith s/o John D. Smith of Danville from 9 months of age when his mother Sarah Whitley wife of Chapman A. Whitley died 10-8-1864. Chapman remarried in 1869 to Lydia Margaret Broughton of Rockcastle Co., Ky. and Hendricks?. William born on Main Street near Ellis Park 1-6-1864 - Chapman buried East Cemetery - Danville - I have not found Sarah and "Maggie". Grandfather changed

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Children of Willis Nelson DeWitt and Mariah Jane Cenner continued
Information on Minnie Clara DeWitt and William Whitley continued

grandfather changed his name for the record from Smith to Whitley when he found that he was not adopted by James S. Smith and Mary E. (Sacre') Smith but he was very close to both of them for the rest of their lives since these were the parents he knew.

William and Minnie had 5 children and the youngest Ruth Whitley born Dec. 30, 1901 is my mother - she married Harry Rainbolt of Lawrence and Marien Co's.

- b. Mary Eliza (m) Major Dudley Lasley Putnam Co., Ind.
- c. Colonel Elsworth (not a title) (m) Sarah Ellen Myers Putnam Co.
- d. Rachel Elizabeth (m) James Wesley Springer in Putnam
- e. William Walter (m) 1st Grace Mae Leisure in Putnam - Edna ?
in Colerado Springs, Colerado where he died.
- f. James died stillborn January 1880
- g. Lilly Florence (m) Oran Delis Oldaker in Putnam
- h. Bertha (m) 1st Charles Gleason in Putnam (2nd Frank Pearson Parker poss. Boone Co. They lived Thornton.
- i. Marguerite Austin DeWitt (m) Samuel Russell s/o Charnel Allen Russell and Sarah Angeline McCloud
- j. Forest Earl died teen from wagon accident

children of Celby and Rachel continued

3. Elizabeth b. 6-16-1841 died 11-16-1846 5y 5m
4. Lavina "Vinnie" (m) poss. Hendricks 6-16-1862 Bk. 6 p131 is this application available? to Hiram Jasper McCloud
5. Milley Ann 1850 census age 4
6. Sarah E. 1850 census age 1 married poss. William Price?
I have no dates on this one either.
7. Walter twin (Walter N.) 1860 census age 4
8. William " 1860 census age 4
9. Clarence a possible child.

I am sure you can see all the blank spaces - I will appreciate anything from the WPA Vol. All of these children could have married in Hendricks County.

Would it be poss. that Celby and Rachel could have died in Hendricks and buried there? If you find any DeWitt researching I will be happy - happy to exchange and help, and hopefully they will have something to share.

John Cenner/O'Cenner also could be resting in Hendricks Co. The twins Elmira and Mariah Jane were born 1847 and he is not on the 1850 census for Elizabeth was in the HH of Jacob Springer.

Clarence DeWitt spent much time visiting Willis Nelson and his 2nd wife Elizabeth.

Let me know the cost --- 786-2156

I am working on my Whitley (Whiteley, Whitely, Wheatley) family history but have run into a very big snag. Would appreciate any help or information concerning the Smith family who lived Marion & Middle twp, Hendricks County, also Jefferson twp., Boone County, Ind. Putnamville and area, Putnam County, Indiana. This is my problem as follows;

1. Chapman Alexander Whitley (Whitely) b. 1830 Va. died Danville, Ind. area January 1888, buried East Cemetary, Danville, Ind. His wife Sarah _____ Whitley b. 1842 died Oct. 8, 1864 poss. Marion or Center twp, Hendricks, Co., Ind. leaving 2 children
 - ✓ Anna (possible Cora Anne) born July 4, 1861 Possible Ky. *see p 3*
 - ✓ William Samuel Whitley b. Jan. 6, 1864 poss. New Winchester, Marion twp Hendricks County, Ind.

These two children were taken and raised by the Smith family, and kin which follows;

2. 1850 Ind. Census Middle twp, Hendricks County, Sept. 5, 1850

John D. Smith	age 46	Bläcksmith	born Virginia					
Delila	"	"	50	"	Maryland	could not read or write		
* James S.	"	"	21 Farmer	"	Ky	"	"	"
John W.	"	"	16	"	"	"	"	"
Roxana	"	"	12	"	"	in school		
Margaret S.	"	"	6	"	"			

3. * James S. Smith born July 18, 1830 Kentucky married 1850 (per Obit) Putnam Mary E. Sacre' born Sept. 30, 1833 " she died June 13, 1905 Warren twp. (grandpa Smith died 4-20-1912 buried Moon Ceme. died Palinfield at daus.)

4. 1860 Center twp, Hendricks County, Indiana

James Smith								
Mary	"							etc.
Sarah	age 8	F	W					(the lady who got this information did not give me dates,
William	" 6	M	W					
John	" 4	M	W					

4A. Certificate of Death - Putnam County, Ind. Board of Health
June 13, 1905 Polly Smith (Mary E.) Warren twp, Putnam Co., Ind.
age 71 - female - white - married - cause Consumption - Dr.
E.M. Hurst, MD Cloverdale, Ind. - buried Putnamville Cemetary -
Putnamville, Ind. - date June 14, 1905 - W.P. Ledbetter Funeral
Home, Cloverdale, Ind. - filed June 1905- Her date of birth
9-30-1833 - father Charles Sacre - B/P unknown - Mother Eleanor
Stevenson - B/P Ky. - husband James S. Smith

5. James S. Smith born July 18, 1830 died April 20, 1912 age 81 in
Plainfield at the home of his daughter Sarah Jane Jackson - Rev.
Blue officiated at service - James is buried Moon Cemetary,
Cartersburg, Ind. Pg 1 - Col6 Friday 1912 Plainfield Caller - Reverand
Blue of Danville Methodist Church - where they were members. *see below

6. Sarah Jane Smith born Oct. 21, 1852 died Aug. 26, 1942 wife of
John Horace Jackson Bonnie (, son Ralph Nagleson?) - Amy -
Horace - Chester - Jenny (Fansler) - plus?

7. No other record at this time for William and John noted in the 1860
Federal Census of Center twp, Hendricks County, Ind.

Have not at this moment checked the 1870 Indiana Census.

8. 1880 Indiana Federal Census - Jefferson twp., Boone County

James S. Smith	45	Farmer	b. Va.	Va.	Va.
Mary E. "	45		"	"	"
William <u>Whitely</u>	15	<u>B ound Boy</u>	Ind.	<u>Ind.</u> *	Ind. (*born Virginia)

9. Have not checked the 1890-1900 Federal Indiana Census at this time.

In 1864, October 8th, Sarah Whitley wife of Chapman A. Whitley died. Before her death, a sister or lady kin of James, and Polly Smith came to their house, and told them (family information) "This little women over here is dying, and wants someone to take her two little children to raise, and take good care of them, but she will not adopt them out." " Polly was said to remark " that she was too old to take a baby, and Sarah was almost grown. " the reply was said to have been, "Thats more the reason to take him, Sarah can do the lifting, and between the two of you can get him raised". Polly and Jim went to see the woman and her two children, and grandpa Smith fell in love with the fat little boy, taking him home, buying him a pony, etc. A mutual love as the years went on. The lady kin took the little girl Anne to raise, THIS IS THE PEOPLE I HUNT! I have no other information on this family only they lived near to Jim and Polly, and wanted to raise the children near each other. Said to have been a sister or sister-in-law of Jim Smiths.

a. Anne (possibly Cora Anne) was born July 4, 1861, married a minister moved to Kentucky, possibly Rockcastle County to live. I have no other information on her.

A woman who worked at the old Star Star in Indianapolis named Nellie or Ellie Pohlman ? was suppose to be a daughter of the lady who raised Anne. I would very much like to find information or descendants of Anne.

see number 9 - page 4

Additional information I have found --- including the above

1. James Smith had two known sisters Roxanne, and Margaret S.
2. 1864 Heads of Household shows - Chapman A. Whitley born 1834 Va. - Farmer - 3 miles north of New Winchester. Settled in Hendricks Co. 1864
3. Peoples guide 1874 Born 1834 Va. farmer 2 miles from Danville - Independant Protestant.
4. also 18__ peoples guide list a Simon Smith 3 miles north of New Winchester Ind. born 1803
5. Secretary of State Atlas - records. Now comes William and James Smith to Rubin Ragan for settlement - extreme north end of Marion twp. I don't have the date on this.
5. Will of Charles Sacre' wife Elinder - stepson Stephen Green - children Benjamin - Charles - Polly - Elizabeth Jane - Stephen Stevenson 1852

- 6. Charles Sacre - wife Sarah J. (he was born Oct. 1839 - her April 1845, both born Ind. - his father born Ky. - mother born Va., her father and mother both born Va. -- son Miltides born Jan. 1869 - dau. Nettie born Dec. 1884. (could this have been the son of Charles and Eleanor Sacre')
- 7. Hendricks County Indiana Newspaper 1907 mentions ----Mrs. Jane Wilson, sister of Charles Sacre' -- visited Charles and Cora Sacre' and Flossie Padgett of Indianapolis. (could this have been Elizabeth Jane, dau. of Charles and Eleanor = Elizabeth Jane ?)
- 8. Tide Sacre' formerly of Danville, Indiana - only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sacre' died Sept. 5, 1907 in his Indianapolis home. (Miltides, son of Charles and Sarah J.?)
- 9. Mentioned in Hendricks County, Indiana Republican, Death of Cora Sacrey - March 25, 1909. (I don't know if a place was mentioned in the paper - this and other information was given to me by Grace Cox of Danville - no record numbers, etc.)
- 10. I also wonder if the above Cora Sacrey could have possibly been Anne Whitley, dau. of Chapman and Sarah Whitley born July 4, 1861.
- 11. I also wonder if the above Nettie, sister to Miltides could have possibly been the Nellie or Ellie Pohlman (last name?). The mother Sarah J. Sacre' could have been the sister-in-law mentioned by my mother, since her husband Charles (no 6) is the brother, possibly of Polly Smith) All possibilities.

other related material -----

Hendricks County, Indiana
1860 Center twp.

- 12. Ellen Sacre' 63 F. W. Eleanor Stevenson Sacre'?
- Benjamin 27 M
- Jane 22 F (Elizabeth Jane? Wilson?
- Charles 20 M (husband of Sarah J.?
- Thomas 18 M

Stilesville, Ind 18__ Census 1880?

- 13. 196-1471 Benjamin Sacre' 50 M. W. born Ky
- Mary 50 F. W " "
- William 17 M W " Ind.
- Benjamin 13 M. W " "

14. 1830 Hendricks Census Walker Sacre' mentioned.

15. James Smith, and James R. also Eleanor Sacre' North East Quarter

16. Will of William A. Sacra grantor et al - Emaline Champion grantee names Mary M. Sacra - Susan Cruise - William Cruise - Sidney A. Sacre - Elizabeth Cruise - Darius Cruise 1875

North East Quarter, Section 32 - twp 15 - Range 2 - West Hendricks Co., I

17. 1900 Indiana Census Hendricks County, Ind. names Margaret E. Sacrey and daughter Phoebe Regan.

18. Boone County, Indiana
Francis M. Sacre' d. 4-3-1885, divorced husband of Catherine Sacre'
Zionsville Times - April 30, 1885 born Shelby Co., Ky. Rev. War Vet.