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Dear Mrs Cox:

Quite some time has past since we were lost in contact. I have continued to pursue my Staley genealogy with some good results at times. Since I last wrote to you (I think) I found the Probate record for Christian Staley and a list of his heirs. I will enclose a copy of info with this letter. Also I located the places of birth for the Staley children; Nancy, Susan, Elizabeth, Sally were born in Madison Co. Ky., Jacob, Andrew, David, George in Garrard Co. Ky., Thomas, William, Gervase born in Rockcastle Co. Ky and Rebecca was born in Hendricks Co. Ind. The family after several of the children married started to move to Marion Co. Ill. Some settled there, others made several trips back and forth to Hendricks Co. from 1837 into 1850's.

Mrs Cox may I ~~again~~ ask your help

STALEY FAMILY



in locating the place and time  
of marriage for three of these children:

1. Elizabeth Staley - (Joseph W) Gray

I think they were married in  
Morgan Co. Ind about 1828 and lived  
there several years. In 1850 census  
Elizabeth is a Widow with children  
and living next door to David Staley  
in Hendricks Co.

2. George Staley - Adeline ?, 1830  
census Morgan Co. several children  
all born in Indiana. He would have  
married in 1840-41

3. Eliza Jane Staley married a McKown.  
She would have married before 1843  
(Probate record). The only McKown I  
have located that seems close to her  
was in Jo Davies Co, Ill, 1850. His name  
was John, twice her age, three children  
all born in Ill.

4. William Staley, Widower with young  
children, 1860 Clark Co. Census. Age 34  
children born in Ill.  
Thank you and a happy New Year  
Karl Staley





RANDOLPH COUNTY ESTATES

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J. R. STALEY - STANTON

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STALEY, J. R. - 1901 (Left a Will)

Sales list, 25 April 1901, D. M. GREESON, Exr.

STALEY, L. W. - 1904

Report of year's allowance for widow, (not named) 21 April 1904.

Commissioners: W. P. FOX, J.P.

J. W. STOUT

John D. HINSHAW

States there are no children under 15.

STALEY, Madison - 1892

Petition to sell land for assets to pay debts, J.S. COX vs Orran STALEY, 27 Oct. 1891. States that J.S. COX was appointed administrator 29 Sept 1891, Orran STALEY heir at law, minor without guardian. Gives tracts of land:

(1) 10 A. adjoining Daniel COX and others.

(2) 60' A. adjoining Jasper York and others.

Worth about \$2.00 per acre.

Application for appointment of guardian ad litem for Orran STALEY, 2 Nov. 1891.

Order for appointment of J.W. BIRKHEAD guardian ad litem, 2 Nov. 1891.

Answer of guardian ad litem and plea for sale, 2 Nov. 1891.

Affidavit and appeal for publication of sale in paper, 16 Nov. 1891.

Order for publication in *The Courier*, 16 Nov. 1891. States that Orran STALEY is not in the county or state.

Order for sale, 24 Dec. 1891.

Report of sale on 31 Jan. 1892 to A. J. YORK and Wiley RUSH.

Final Settlement, 4 June 1892.

STALEY, Martin (no date) (Left a Will)

Inventory of personal property and notes, 2 May 1814, J. W. LONG, Exr.

The rest of the papers in this file are small bits of paper that have been laminated, receipts, etc. dates from 1817 - 1823.

STALEY, Mary - 1858

Administrator's bond for Hiram CURTIS, 3 May 1858, signed by:

Hiram CURTIS

David Campbell

Abraham York

Petition dated August term of Court 1860:

"To the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarters Sessions in & for Randolph County-

The Petition of Hiram CURTIS, Adm. of Molly STALEY & Hiram CURTIS & his wife Peggy in their own right, Joseph FOUST & his wife Polly, Lucinda ANDREW, John & Simpson TURNER, minors

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STALEY FAMILY

Mary STALEY (Continued)

who sue in this behalf by their next friend & guardian ad litem, B. F. HOOVER —

vs

Andisson CURTIS & his wife Tabitha, Barbara KIVETT, Jonathan McCOLLUM & his wife Elizabeth, Eli Staley, Hiram STALEY, Jesse WRIGHT & his wife Molly, Eli MILLER, Daniel MILLER & Clark MILLER.

Humbly complaining your Petitioner Hiram CURTIS would shew that Molly STALEY departed this life some ten years ago intestate and letters of administration were granted upon her estate to your Petitioner, and the deceased left surviving her a son Hiram & a son Eli and the following daughters.. Tabitha married to Andison CURTIS, Barbara married to Aaron KIVETT, who is now dead leaving her a widow- Elizabeth married to Jonathan McCOLLUM- Molly married to Jesse RIGHT- Lucinda married to John MILLER & died leaving three children Eli, Daniel, & Clark Miller- Hannah married to Martin TURNER & has since died & left the following children- Polly married to Joseph FOUST, Lucinda, John, Andrew & Simpson TURNER."

(The petitioner states that he has collected all monies due the estate of his mother-in-law and desires to settle the estate) ".....Your Petitioner would further shew that the defendents all reside beyond the bounds of this state and they desire that Publication may be made six weeks in the Greensboro Patriot for the absent defendents commanding them to appear at the next Term of this Court to be held in Ashboro....."

STALEY, Matthew B. - 1895

Petition to partition land— Wesley STALEY

John R. STALEY

Daniel STALEY vs Alfred STALEY

1st Tract- on & near the CP&YVRR in Liberty Township adjoining the sw corner of Lot #3 in Solomon STALEY (Dec) land.

2nd Tract- Adjoins lot #3.

3rd Tract- In Guilford & Randolph Counties on the waters of Stinking Quarter, adjoining John A. COBLE's land 267 acres less 127 acres deeded to Henry STALEY by M. B. STALEY.

These are the only heirs of M. B. STALEY. Wesley STALEY is entitled to 1/2 of the land & John R., Daniel & Alfred, heirs of Henry STALEY are entitled to 1/6 each of the land. Alfred is a minor in need of a guardian ad litem.

Order appointing J. A. BLAIR guardian ad litem, 27 April 1895.

Order appointing commissioners to lay off land, 27 April 1895.

Commissioners: H. C. CAUSEY, G. B. KIME, W. W. AMICK.

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Matthew B. STALEY (Continued)

Report of Commissioners, 3 May 1895:

Lot #1, on Stinking Quarter, adjoins B. A. SELLERS & D. M.

RECORD, goes to Henry STALEY's corner & to BROWER's line

Lot #2, in Guilford adjoins James HOLDER, A. LUTTERLOH & others. Lot #1 should pay Lot #2 \$60.50.

Plats of both lots by J. W. STALEY, surveyor.

Suit- STALEY vs STALEY- Take exceptions to commissioners report.

States that Lot#1 is near Liberty and on the railroad and

should be worth at least \$2.00 more per acre. They desire

a partition of Lot #1 in lieu of the money value, 28 May 1895.

Notice from J. M. Millikan, CSC that the case is continued until 20 Sept. 1895.

Record of case, 20 Sept. 1895, Testimony of witnesses:

W. C. COBLE (Says that the Guilford land has a log cabin and barn not worth much on it)

BROWN, Jacob BOWMAN, H. C. CAUSEY, L. H. SMITH, A. B. KIMREY, Jacob BUNTING

Decree of Confirmation of the commissioners report in May. At the bottom of this is a Notice of Appeal of the case.

Judgment, March Term of Court 1896: The partition by the commissioners was just & reasonable.

A list of witnesses and costs (undated)

The rest of the papers in the file are receipts and/or notes concerning court costs etc.

STALEY, Molly - 1858

(This is the same person as "Mary STALEY" above)

One paper only- Inventory and account of sale (to Nancy CURTIS) Hiram CURTIS, Adm.

STALEY, Peter - 1825

Special Administrator's bond (handwritten) 27 Sept. 1825, signed by:

John MILLER & Eli STALEY, Adm.

Isaac WRIGHT

Hugh WALKER (laminated, torn)

Administrator's Bond for Eli STALEY & John MILLER, 7 Nov. 1825,

John BROWER and Aaron KIVETT, Witnesses.

Inventory of perishable property and permission to sell. (Paper in poor condition) 27 Sept. 1825.

Account of sale, 20 Oct. (1825) (Laminated and in poor condition)

Petition for year's allowance, Molly STALEY, widow, 5 Nov. 1825.

Appointment of Commissioners to allot allowance: James SCOTTON, Esq.

David CAMPBELL, Peter AMICK, Thomas KIRKMAN.

Complaint to Isaac LANE for monies for purchases and hiring out of negroes bid off st "sail," 19 Jan. 1826.

Paper listing debts, marked across, "Judgment granted."

Subpoenas to witnesses in case of Peter STALEY's administrators vs

Isaac LANE. Many in poor condition and laminated. 1826, 27, 28.

Short Sales list, 2 Dec. 1827.

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Peter STALEY (Continued)

Account of the hiring out of negroes, 2 Oct. 1827. Also on same page the account of the sale of same, 3 Dec. 1827. (See copy on the following page)

Appeal bond, 7 Aug. 1828.

Appeal, Sept. Term 1828 - in favor of plaitiff.

Guardian reports, Eli STALEY, guardian:

1829 - Polly, Hannah, Lucinda

1830 - Polly, Hannah, Lucinda

1831 - Polly, Hannah, Lucinda.

1832 - Hannah, Lucinda, David CAMPBELL, guardian

1836 - Lucinda, David CAMPBELL, guardian.

Petition for Dower, Feb. 1831, Mary STALEY vs Heirs:

Eli STALEY

Hiram STALEY (resident of another state)

Aaron KIVETT & Barbara his wife

Jonathan McCOLLUM & Betsy his wife

Hiram CURTIS and Peggy his wife

Anderson CURTIS & Tabitha his wife

Jesse WRIGHT and Polly his wife

and

Hannah STALEY & }  
Lucinda STALEY } Infants—

States there are two tracts of land adjoining each other on the waters of Sandy Creek adjoining the lands of—

Peter AMICK, Isaac WRIGHT, and Thomas KIRKMAN. 160 acres.

Consent of heirs for Petition, Feb. 1831; Writ of Dower Fall 1831.

Report of Dower by jurors:

*A. Brown* (Seal)

*Peter Julian* (Seal)

*Henry Jones* (Seal)  
*Mark*

*William Jones* (Seal)

*M. J. Smith* (Seal)

*M. Kirkman* (Seal)

*John ...* (Seal)

*Wm. B. ...*  
*Jacob ...* (Seal)

*John Brewster* (Seal)

*George Brown* (Seal)

*Joshua Craven* (Seal)

*Surveyor*

*No Charge for Jurors*

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On account of the Highering out the negroes belonging to the Estate of Peter Staley Decd by John Miller and Eli Staley admrs of S<sup>d</sup> Peter Staley Decd October 6<sup>th</sup> 1827

Molley Staley	one negro man and child	01	01
Hiiram Curtice	one negro girl	01	01
Jonathan McCollum	one negro woman and child	3	03
Do - Do	do do Luce	2	20
			5 25

an account of the Sale of the negroes belonging to the Estate of Peter Staley Decd sold by John Miller and Eli Staley admrs of Peter Staley Decd by an order of Court for that Purpose December 3<sup>d</sup> 1827

Molley Staley widow	one negro man Dick	30%	00
Eli Staley	one woman Luce	254	00
Isaac Welbarn	one do Judge	99	4%
Jonathan McCollum	one girl - Milly	145	00
David A Curtice	one do Ibbot	4%	00
Eli Staley	one Boy Washington	155	1

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John Miller  
 &  
 Eli Staley adms



Fater STALEY (Continued)

Petition to partition property, and order for partition, Nov. 1845  
Partition of property, 21 Feb. 1846. (This document is in very  
poor condition and impossible to read in its entirety. Enough  
is readable to find that Hannah has married Martin S. TURNER  
and Lucinda MILLER has died, also that Betsy's name is Elizabeth)  
Bill for costs of partition, 20 Aug. 1846.  
Order to sell part of lands to satisfy the costs of partitioning,  
17 Nov. 1846. A plat of the partition.

STALEY, Simpson - 1847

Administrator's bond for Oran S. EVANS, 2 Nov. 1847, signed by:  
Oren S. EVANS, Thos. ROGERS, John BROWER.  
Inventory and sales list (no date) 1st & 10th Dec. 1847 in later  
petition.  
Petition for year's support, Anna STALEY, widow, Nov. 1847. States  
that Simpson STALEY died in September.  
Report of year's support, signed: I. H. FOUST, David KIME?,  
John BROWER, A. BROWER, 29 Nov. 1847.  
Petition to sell negroes, a boy & a girl, Nov. 1847.  
Several bills for court costs, 1848, 1849.  
Petition to settle estate, 25 Apr. 1850— Attached answer of Oran  
S. EVANS, Adm.  
Petition of Oren and Leonar STALEY, minor heirs of Simpson STALEY,  
Decd. by their Guardian Oran S. EVANS:  
"Humbly complaining Your Petitioner sheweth unto Your  
Honour that some years ago Conrad STALEY departed this life  
having first executed a last will and testament which was  
admitted to probate by the County Court of this County. that  
he devised by said Will a tract of land in said County situ-  
ated on the waters of Sandy Creek, to his widow Catherine  
STALEY during her life, and at her death to his son Simpson  
STALEY. that said Catherine is a very old Lady & still lives  
on said Plantation. Your Petitioner further sheweth unto your  
Honour that some years ago Simpson STALEY intermarried with  
one Ann EVANS and departed this life about three years ago  
leaving the said Ann his widow and the above named Petitioners  
his children and heirs at law. That Simpson STALEY died intes-  
tate and therefore this land descended to the said heirs and  
as such they are entitled to the divisionary interest of their  
Father Simpson STALEY....."  
The petition further states that Catherine is entitled to  
her life estate, but she is too old to have the plantation  
cultivated in a suitable manner and it is fast going to decay.  
Because the matter cannot be settled to advantage, therefore  
this petition to sell.  
Attached order for sale, Fall 1851.  
Affidavits of W. R. MASTEN & William BROWN concerning land, Fall 1851.  
Writ for Survey of land; explains that land came to Conrad STALEY,

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Randolph County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

February Term 1831.

Peter Staley

The Petition of Mary Staley  
vs.

John Staley  
Hiram Staley  
Aaron Kinell and Barbara his wife  
Jonathan McCollum & Betty his wife  
Hiram Curtis and Peggy his wife  
Anderson Curtis & Sabittie his wife  
Jesse Wright and Polly his wife  
and  
Hannah Staley & 3 Infants -  
Lucinda Staley & 3

Humbly Complaining your Petitioner sheweth unto your  
Worships that sometime in the year 1822 Peter Staley the Husband  
of your Petitioner late of said County departed this life leaving  
your Petitioner his Widow and Heir, and that her said Husband  
was at the time of his death seized and possessed of Two tracts  
of Land adjoining each other, containing together about one  
Hundred and sixty Acres in said County, on the Waters of  
Sandy Creek, adjoining the lands of Peter Amick, Isaac  
Wright, and Thomas Kirkman, in which 160 Acres of Land  
your Petitioner is entitled to claim Dower which has not  
as yet been assigned to her.

Your Petitioner further sheweth that the above recited  
Persons are the Children and Heirs at Law of the said  
Peter Staley Decedent - your Petitioner therefore prays that said

JOHN B. STALEY was born in Randolph County, N. C., February 21, 1821, and is the third son of the thirteen children of Eli and Mary (Rhodes) Staley; the former born January 6, 1794, the latter January 1796; married in 1813, and both natives of North Carolina, who moved to this State in 1832, and settled in Adams Township on Government land, where they resided for thirty years, and reared a family of nine daughters and three sons. John B. was reared at home and to farming but without education. John B. was reared at home and to farming, Brown, a native of Virginia, as a result of which contract were born twelve children—an infant (deceased), George T. (deceased), Mary (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Lucinda, Matilda (deceased), Margaret, Malinda J. (deceased), Martha Ann (deceased), Delphina (deceased), Sarah Emily and Luella. Mr. Staley is owner of a fine farm of 160 acres near the town of Hall, which, after eleven years' residence, he has rented and retired to the town. He has been liberal to his children in matters of education, and is an exemplary man generally. He is Democratic in politics, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

*Morgan County*

*Gregg*

*Twp.*

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*Wm. B. Staley*