

West Family

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Dear Miss Cox,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for being so kind and helpful to me while I was in Danville. We met so many nice people we can hardly wait to come back. I would have given anything if I would have had time to go through all of those original papers with you but time was pressing. I do intend to come back and do just that one of these days as I sent my D. A. R. papers in on Miles side simple because I could not find out from my papers who's son Harvey Flaters was. I know he was a grandson of Edward, but Edward had four sons, three of them had children but have found no record of Harvey as being one of either of their sons. Harvey could possible have been a nickname or second name I don't have. I do know he was a grandson of Edward as he and Nancy Ann F are mentioned. he spoke of Nancy Ann as his gt. granddaughter, daughter of Harvy(deceased)

I have explained in papers why I have been so long in getting these papers back to you as I have been waiting to hear from Judith, but guess she is busy moving.

If and when I get my papers together on Cox's I will send you a copy just to see if any of them sound familiar.

And, If and when I ever get back to Danville I will surely look you up. I have given all my certificate forms away for people to send you for certificates.

Thanks again so very much.  
Your friend,

## MY ANCESTORS FROM HENDRICKS COUNTY

My ancestors left Hendricks Co. in 1854 sometime after September to find a new home. I know not their intended destination at the time of their leaving. Maybe they had heard of better land or more of it, as they were farmers, or maybe it was a dream so many pioneers had of moving westward, but for whatever reason, westward they came. They settled in a small town in Jackson Co., later to be named Raytown, Mo.

Their new home after reaching their destination was along the Santa Fe Trail as it wound its way southwestward from Independence, Mo. They had a nice size farm and a nice orchard. The home is not standing today of course, but my mother still lives on a small lot in the town of Raytown that my great grandmother said she used to play in as a child and it was an apple orchard.

The James Nelson West family of whom I have been writing were good honest people and were thought well of in their community. They were active members of the first Baptist church in the town, which was the old "Westfork Baptist Church". They helped many travelers as they had problems on the Santa Fe Trail. James Nelson West deeded a family cemetery plot from his farmland to remain as long as any of his descendants were alive in this area. This cemetery is still well kept today and has the same rock wall he and his family built around it when it was made into a cemetery. James N., his wife Dicea and many of their children and some of their grandchildren are still buried there. James N. & Dicea marker is still in good repair.

James & Dicea West brought eleven of their thirteen children to Mo., with them. They are as follows:

Serelda West married Nathaniel Rice      no children

Sarah Ann (West) Christi, wife of Isreal Christi also from Hendricks Co., He was the son of Wm. Christie.      eleven children

John Hume West also married in Sept. 1854 in Hendricks Co., to Nancy Ann Flathers and brought her with him to their new home in Mo. Nancy Ann was the daughter of Harvey & Mary Ann (Miles) Flathers. Mary Ann (MILES) Flathers later married Wm. M. Rogers. Her great grandfather on her father's side was Edward Flathers, a revolutionary soldier, buried in Gentry cemetery just northwest of Danville. Nancy Ann (Flathers) West and John H. West were my great, great grandparents.      seven children

Harriet L. West married Nathaniel Rice after her sister Serelda's death. four children.

Mariah Catherine West married Brice Embury Goins. three children

Edward F. West married Martha Muir      one child

Henry M. West never married

Thomas H. West married Alice Atkinson      two children

Mary E. West never married

George W. West disappeared when a young man

Susan F. West married George Davenport seven children

All of their children were born in Hendricks Co., except the first two who were

born in Kentucky where the family lived before coming to Indiana in the late twenties or early thirties.

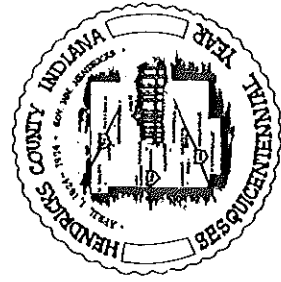
James N. & Dicea left three children buried in Hendricks Co. I do not know in which cemetery but I know they were buried in Hendricks Co., along with his father and mother, Wm. & Mariah West.

Dicea (Tinder) West besides her three children left her father, Elijah Tinder, I was in Danville researching my family lineage this past spring and was told Elijah was buried in the area of Robbins school in a cemetery, but my time was too short to allow me to look into that, so can only say it is a possibility.

I am sure both James and Dicea left other family members whom I know nothing about but would be very happy to hear about. I mentioned being in Danville in the spring and may I take this opportunity to tell you how very much I did enjoy Danville, and the wonderful people I met there, and wondered too just why my ancestors chose to leave such a beautiful place and such warm people. I truly hope to come back one of these days and visit again.

As my ancestors came from Kentucky & Virginia to Indiana and later on to Missouri, so did some of their children choose to take their families and move on westward to make new homes. Some that I know of went to Kansas, Oregon, Calif., and other parts of Mo. That's one of the things that make this country so great, that we still have the right to choose our own way of life.

As far as I know none of my ancestors were great people as the world might say they were great, but we have had generations in every war since the revolution that I know of, and for that matter I have proof of four who served in revolution. We have had school teachers, farmers, carpenters, etc., and it takes all of these people to make our country great. I am proud of my heritage and only hope I can do something in my lifetime to make my descendants proud of their heritage as I am.

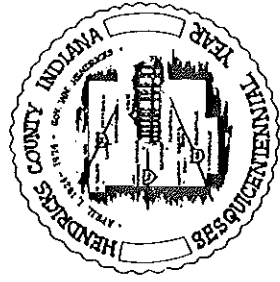


**HUSBAND** Willard Sleyster  
 Place Independence, Mo.  
 Place Raytown, Mo.  
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**HUSBAND'S FATHER** Fred Henry Peter Sleyster  
**HUSBAND'S MOTHER** Grace Leola Easterla  
**OTHER WIVES**

**WIFE** Sarah (Clark) Sleyster  
 Place Raytown, Mo.  
 Place Raytown, Mo.  
 Place Raytown, Mo.  
**WIFE'S FATHER** James William Clark  
**WIFE'S MOTHER** Myrtle Lucille Clifton  
**HUSBANDS**

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names	WHEN BORN		WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	F	<u>Sandra Sue Sleyster</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>	<u>Suml.</u>	<u>Mo.</u>	<u>13 July 1965</u>		
2	M	<u>James (Bryan) Sleyster</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>Jackson City</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Mo.</u>	<u>14 Dec 1971</u>		
3	F	<u>Willa Ann Sleyster</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>Jackson City</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Mo.</u>	<u>Ray Branson (divorced)</u>		
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*Willa Ann Sleyster*



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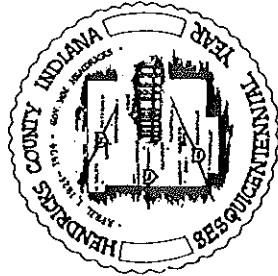
Born: 1 Mar 1899  
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 Died: 17 June 1934  
 Bur.:  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER: [Blank]  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER: [Blank]  
 OTHER WIVES: [Blank]

**WIFE**

Born: 5 Nov 1906  
 Chr.:  
 Died:  
 Bur.:  
 WIFE'S FATHER: [Blank]  
 WIFE'S MOTHER: [Blank]

**CHILDREN**

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F	Wood Owen Clark	22	Jun	1928	Raytown	Jackson	Mo.	5	Dec	1946			
M	James Tom Clark	14	Feb	1931	Raytown	Jackson	Mo.	16	Jan	1957			



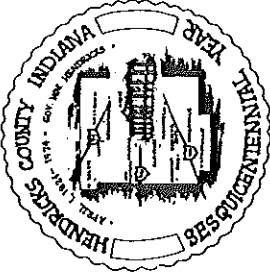
**HUSBAND** Joseph Charles Clifton Clifton  
 Place Washington (possibly Bedford)  
 Place Raytown Mo.  
 Place Raytown Mo.  
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 Place Raytown Mo.  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Charles Clifton  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER Wiley Carls  
 OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** Anna Ethel Cox  
 Place Raytown Mo.  
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 WIFE'S FATHER William Washington Cox  
 WIFE'S MOTHER Agnes Florence West

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1 F	Muriel Luella Clark	5	Dec	1906	Raytown	Jackson	Mo.	23	Dec	1926	
2 M	Wm. Frank Clifton	4	Dec	1910	Raytown	Jackson	Mo.	15	June	1942	
3 M	W. C. Clifton	25	Mar.	1914	Raytown	Jackson	Mo.	30	Oct	1937	
4 M	Joseph Bruce Clifton	15	Aug.	1916	Raytown	Jackson	Mo.	21	Feb.	1947	
5 F	Olive Gordon Rice	3	June	1919	Melber	Jackson	Mo.	Pauline Elizabeth Kupper	16	June	1939
6 M	John Samuel Clifton	30	Nov.	1924	Raytown	Jackson	Mo.	Harold Rosa	3	Nov	1956
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**HUSBAND**

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 HUSBAND'S FATHER James Nelson West HUSBAND'S MOTHER Alice Lindler  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE**

Place James Nume West  
 Place Ind.  
 Place Raytown, Mo.  
 Place Raytown, Mo.  
 WIFE'S FATHER James Flathern WIFE'S MOTHER Mary Ann Flathern  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

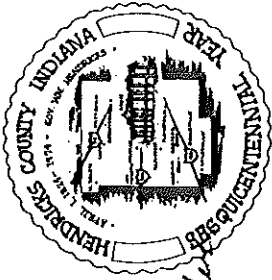
DAY	MONTH	YEAR
17	May	1853
4	Sept.	1854
Left home		

Born	Chr.	Died	Bur.
4 Mar. 1837		6 Oct. 1886	West Cem.
WIFE'S FATHER <u>James Flathern</u>			
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____			

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1	F Mary Alice	20	Aug	1855					18	Nov	1862	
2	F Gera Florence	22	Aug	1856		Missouri	5	Nov	1881			
3	M James Jefferson	27	Nov	1860					30	Nov	1929	
4	F Alice Grace	11	Mar	1863			7	Jan	1887	7	Aug	1950
5	M Charles Webster	24	Oct	1865			21	Sept	1904	8	July	1935
6	M George Allen	15	Jan	1868								disappeared
7	F Lila Owen	21	Sept	1870			1	Nov	1893			
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**HUSBAND** Nancy F. Lathers  
 Place Ind.  
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 Place Alexandria Co., Ind.  
 Place Ind.  
 Place Ind.  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER Edwards, Edw.  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Edwards, Edw.  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

**WIFE** Mary Ann Miles  
 Place Shelby Co., Kentucky  
 Place Ind.  
 Place Ind.  
 WIFE'S FATHER Jacob Miles  
 WIFE'S MOTHER Mary Elizabeth West  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS Jacob C. Rogers (10-Oct-1843) Mendrick Co. Ind.

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1	<u>Nancy Ann</u>	4	Mar.	1837			<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Jacob</u>	<u>1854</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>1886</u>	
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