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WORRELL

A Compilation of Fact and Fiction, History, Legend and Hearsay as regards the WORRELL Family - Rather it is a Rough Draft of Assemblage of Such Information, as made by Yours Truly,

M. E. WORRELL, born 8-31-1889, son of
CHAS B. WORRELL, 1864-1940 (and Sarah Elizabeth Edmonson,
born 9-16-1863) son of
JAMES WORRELL (Born WORREL), 1832-1907 (and Lucinda
Emeline Shirley, 1832-1906) son of
RICHARD WORREL (Died WORRELL), 1796-1885 (and Jane
Snodgrass, 1799-1870) who was son of Sally Pickens,
who 12-26-1802 married JAMES WORREL, died 1816.
LUCINDA EMELINE SHIRLEY, 1832-1906 (Who married James
Worrell, 1832-1907) was daughter of
MARY (POLLY) WORREL, 1804-1874 (Previously married to
Walter Hitch) and William F. Shirley, 1806-1881)
who was half-sister to above Richard Worrel, 1896-1885,
and daughter of
JAMES WORREL, died 1816, and Sally Pickens, who were
married 12-26-1802.

Some 10 years ago, I became interested in the history of my forebears and compiled considerable data concerning the WORRELLS, EDMONSONS, LITTLES, GIBSONS and other kinsmen. On May 27, 1947 my home in Austin, Texas was consumed by fire, and all such historical data went up in smoke.

A few months ago, my interest in WORRELL history was reawakened by queries from "Cousin" HALLIE WORRELL DEXTER, of 850 County Line Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa., who is daughter of Wm. Worrell, son of James Worrel, 1810-1857, who migrated in 1839 from Claysville, Harrison County, Kentucky, together with his half-brother, Richard Worrel, 1895-1885 - My Great Grand-Father - and their families to Hendricks County, Indiana.

During recent visit to my mother, kinsmen, and friends in Indiana, I renewed the collection of data concerning the WORRELL Family. This search took M.E. thru county records of Hendricks County, Indiana and Harrison County, Kentucky, thru cemeteries, libraries, examination of deeds, wills, mortgages, marriage records, family bibles, old correspondence, diaries, autograph albums, atlases, histories, obituaries, and endless probing into the memories of Old Timers, yet living. DOROTHY WORRELL Walker, my sister, and I made a three day trip to Cynthiana, county seat of Harrison County, Kentucky, and searched the records there, and contacted all the Worrells that we could find in that county.

We visited OLIE ADDISON WORRELL, born 1880 and still living with his wife, Lizzie Whalen, in their farm home about 8 miles north of Cynthiana, Ky., on US Highway 27. Olie Worrell was the son of James Granville Worrell, 1852-1926, born Bracken Co., Ky., buried Sunrise, Ky., and Lucinda Stevens, born and buried in Willow, Bracken Co., Ky. James Granville Worrell was the son of Robert Worrell, _____ and Amanda Jackson, of Bracken County, Kentucky. We also visited Olie Worrell's son Clarence Worrell, b. 1905, and his wife, Marie - who lived nearby and, like Olie were tobacco farmers. Also lived nearby, Dallas Worrell, nephew of Olie.

Olie Worrell says: I had an uncle - Bill Worrell, older than my father, who went to Kansas (Topeka?), stayed there about 40 years, came back to Kentucky, went to Florida and married again to Lilly Sykes, a nurse, now living at 301 West Lemon St., Lakeland, Fla. Uncle Bill was about 80 years old and died about 1923.

I am unable to establish any connection between our family and Bill Worrell (About 1843-1923), James Granville Worrell (1852-1926) and Olie Worrell (Born 1880), all of Kentucky.

We were fortunate in meeting Margaret Duffy, of Cynthiana, Ky., a most gracious lady, long-time employee at the court-house, and much interested in geneology. She helped us much, showed us where and how to search the county records. She said that she and her sister had a rather complete record of grave stones in Harrison County, and that they had no record of any Worrells. Dorothy and I so decided that it was not worth our while to search for Worrell graves there, altho we did look briefly thru three cemeteries. The old cemetery of Synthiana was established in 1793 and did not appear as if it had been taken much care of since that date. It was large and deplorably neglected - Overgrown with weeds, briars and brambles. We did later learn that James Granville Worrell was buried at Sunrise, and I now regret that we did not make further search into cemeteries around Claysville.

Of interest is the change in the spelling of the family name. Prior to migration from Kentucky to Indiana, about 1839, the name was spelled invariably WORREL. First purchases of land in Hendricks County, Indiana in 1839 by my Great Grandfather Richard WORREL and his half-brother JAMES WORREL, were recorded in that spelling. First recorded change of spelling which I found was: Oct. 2, 1844 - Deed Records, Hendricks County, Indiana - Book 9, Page 528 - James S. Kelly, of Morgan Co., Ind., to JAMES WORRELL, of Hendricks Co., Indiana - Lot No. 4 in Square No. 11 in Belville. (Note also the spelling of "Belville", which later became "Bellville".) During the following 40 years, it appears

that the spelling was not definitely established, and there were probably many arguments about it. Repeatedly, upon deeds or court records, the spelling would be WORREL in one place and WORRELL in another place upon the same instrument. On Spet. 23, 1847 is recorded Deed Records Hendricks Co., Book 11, Page 444, covering transfer of certain lots in "Belville" to R. C. Moore, it is recorded that the deed is signed:

"JAMES WORREL" AND "ISABEL (X HER MARK) WORRELL." Thus

upon the same deed, spelling between man and wife differed. Inscription in my Grandfather's Family Bible: "James Worrel's property" and the latest entry, apparently in Grandpa's handwriting, was "Charlie Benton Worrel was born June 16th, 1864." Which referred to my Father. Latest usage which I found of the old spelling was in "Atlas of Hendricks County, Indiana - Published by J. H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1878." - Therein a short biography of "WORREL, JAMES, PO Clayton; Farmer; Son of Richard Worrel and Jane Snodgrass;" etc. But the tomb-stones of Richard Worrell 1796-1885, my Grandfather James Worrell 1832-1907 all read WORRELL.

Of interest is the evident fact that my Great Great Grandmother Sally Pickens Worrel (Married 1802); That my Great Grandmother Jane Snodgrass Worrel, (1799-1870); That my Great Great Aunt Isabella Griffith Worrel (1810-1885); That most other women of their era and environment were illiterate to the extent that they could not write their own name, as evidenced by the deed records, whereon signatures were by "Her X MARK". In contrast practically all of the men of that era could sign their own names. Then followed an era of great advance in education, which probably reached its peak about 1870-1890, about the time my Father and Mother reached maturity. Reading, Writing and Arithmetic came into their own. Literature, English, Composition, Penmanship were held in highest esteem. Excellence of script, which oft approached the perfection of steel engraving, was the rule rather than the exception. Education in things moral, spiritual, perhaps ethereal was upon a higher plane than that of to-day.

Harrison County, Kentucky was formed in 1793 from portions of Bourbon and Scott Counties. (One of the earliest whiskey distilleries on record was licensed in Bourbon County, Thus Bourbon whiskey gets its name after the county of Bourbon.) We found the records of Harrison County, Ky., apparently in good shape and pretty complete back to 1793 - and the County Officials of Harrison County very co-operative. It is possible that further information about earlier WORRELLS might be gleaned by search thru Bourbon County records at Paris, Ky., and Bracken Co., records at Augusta, Ky.

The first apparently authentic connection with my own WORRELL family, of which I have now gleaned knowledge, is that of my Great Great Grandfather,

JAMES WORRELL (Died 1816) of near Claysville, Harrison Co., Ky. The parents of James Worrel, d. 1816, are not known, but may be Samuel Worrel and _____, of Bourbon Co., Ky. Samuel Worrel (Whose life span was probably within the period between 1760 and 1820, and thus during and before the Revolutionary War) was presumably the father of Atwell (or Atwill) Worrell, Abraham Worrel, Joseph Worrel, Samuel Worrel, Jr., and Robert Worrel - whose names appear in that order in Deed Records of Harrison Co., Ky., Book 2, p. 63, p.64, Oct. 7, 1805, covering two land transfers, respectively: From Wm. Woods of "13 acres on Woods Run adjoining said Worrell's lands", and: To Henry Hall of "29 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres on Woods Run." The latter deed was signed only by the first three named, which might indicate that Samuel, Jr., and Robert Worrel were under age at that time (1805). From Harrison Co., Ky. Records of Marriages, we find that: Atwell Worrel married Lydia Boyd, Oct. 11, 1804. Abraham Worrel married Betsy Bell July 21, 1803. Joseph Worrel married Nancy Bell Sept. 1, 1805. Samuel Worrel, Jr. was licensed to wed Susannah Briggs Dec. 17, 1805, but marriage is not recorded. There is no record of marriage of Robert Worrel. Perhaps he never married. Perhaps he moved to Bracken County and is ancestor of Olie Worrell. The similarity of names of these 5 brothers to those of the descendents of James Worrel, d. 1816, would indicate close kinship, and the dates of deeds and marriages would indicate that they were probably younger brothers of my Great Great Grandfather, James Worrell, d. 1816.

The above assumption that Samuel Worrel (Period btw 1760 and 1820) was the father of James Worrel, d. 1816, is in conflict with the following information from letter 2-16-52 from Hallie Worrell Dexter: "John Worrell, 1837-1913, made a search I know and he said Isaac Worrell of Revolutionary fame was his Great Grand Father. Isaac Worrell became a Major General." John Worrell, 1837-1913 was son of James Worrel, 1810-1857, who was son of James Worrel, d. 1816. If John Worrel, is correct, then Gen. Isaac Worrel is the father of James Worrel, d. 1816, and the 5 brothers above were cousins of James Worrel, d. 1816 - Dates as relating to Revolutionary War would perhaps fit better so. We found no mention of Isaac Worrel in Harrison County, Kentucky records.

JAMES WORREL My Great Great Grand Father: (Died 1816) on Dec. 26, 1802 married SARAH "SALLY" PICKENS in Harrison County, Ky. Sally Pickens was born _____ at _____ and she died _____ and was buried at _____ . She was the daughter of _____ and _____ .

To Sally Pickens was born out of wedlock on June 23, 1796, a son, Richard, who assumed the name RICHARD WORREL.

To JAMES WORREL (d. 1816) and SALLY PICKENS WERE BORN 5 children: Anna Worrel, MARY "POLLY" WORREL, Atwell Worrel, James Worrel, Jr., and Robert Worrel - Listed in that order, which we deem probable sequence of age, in Suit in Chancery for the Disposal of Estate of James Worrel, deceased - File #178, Scott vs. Worrel, Harrison Co., Ky., Circuit Court, Sept. 1820. These five children were:

(1) ANNA WORREL, daughter of James Worrel (d. 1816) and Sally Pickens, married James Jolly prior to July 1, 1825. (Ref: Deed Record Bk. 9, p. 382, Harrison Co., Ky. - Transfer of one-fifth interest in estate of James Worrel, deceased, from James Jolly and Ann, his wife, late Ann Worrel, heir to James Worrel - To Richard Worrel.)

(2) MARY " POLLY" WORREL, daughter of James Worrel (D.1816) and Sally Pickens, was my Great Grandmother on Grandmother Lucinda Shirley Worrell side. She was born Jan. 30, 1804, married Walter Hitch March 10, 1823, and later again married Wm. T. Shirley 12-13-1829.

(3) See later biography of MARY WORREL (1804-1874).

(3) ATWELL WORREL, Son of James Worrel, (d. 1816) and Sally Pickens, was born probably about 1806, and was married to Elizabeth Hillery, of Harrison County, Ky., on Dec. 24, 1825.

(4) JAMES WORREL, JR. (1810-1857) son of James Worrel (d. 1816) and Sally Pickens, was born Feb. 12, 1810 near Claysville, Ky., was married June 27, 1833 to Isabella Griffith - To them five children: Ann Worrel Bolen, Mary Worrel Hopwood, William Worrell (Father of Hallie Worrell Dexter), Capt. John Worrell and Jane Worrell Hussey. James Worrel, Jr., migrated to Hendricks County, Indiana in 1839 together with his half-brother Richard Worrel, and their families. (See later Biography JAMES WORRELL JR. (1810-1857))

(5) ROBERT WORREL, son of James Worrel (d. 1816) and Sally Pickens - Born probably about 1813 - Richard Worrel purchased his 1/5th interest in Jas. Worrel estate - Transferred May 23, 1834 (Richard made practice apparently of recording deeds upon these transfers shortly after these brothers and sisters became 21 years old. What became of Robert Worrel, who was born about 1813? Did Robert go to Bracken County? To Bourbon County? To Indiana? To Kansas? Or did we fail to go far enough into Harrison County records?

JAMES WORREL, CON'T

First information concerning JAMES WORREL (Died 1816) is the purchase of tract of land lying on the bank of Main Licking River in Harrison County, Ky., as recorded in Harrison County Deed Records, Book 4, page 516=517, which reads in part:

"This indenture made the 18th day of June 1816 between John Naylor of Indiana Territory of one part and James Worrel of the County of Harrison and State of Kentucky of the other part:

Witnesseth that the sd. John Naylor for and consideration of the sum of two hundred and eighty pounds, current money of Kentucky to him the sd. Naylor in hand paid, etc." (The underlinings are mine.) and describing by metes and bounds a tract of land on Main Licking Branch; Running thence down Licking and meanders to two beeches and a sugar tree corner to John Bower" etc - Which was a part of patent claim from U. S. government. It appears that James Worrell purchased this property and made deposit thereon several years before title was cleared and deed recorded in 1816, which may have been subsequent to his death. In October Court 1816, Order Book C, pages 178-9, Harrison Co., Ky., Sally Worrel and John Whitehead were appointed administrators of estate of James Worrel deceased.

Court records show thru the following years several exchanges of land between James Worrel, his heirs and others, along the banks of Main Licking River. A grist mill, known as Worrels Mill, was built about 5 miles north of Claysville, Ky. On June 4, 1864 Robert Worrel and Anna, his wife, and William Worrel and Susan his wife, deeded 5/8 acre out of NW corner of sd. Worrel farm to Trustees of Pollard Common School District for building public school. On Sept. 11, 1869 Robt. and Wm. Worrel sold Mill Dam on Main Licking River to Commonwealth of Kentucky for \$600. Said Robt. and Wm. Worrel were doubtless sons of Richard Worrel - Altho there were so many Worrel with the same name that I cannot be sure.

We did not visit Claysville or the site of Worrels Mill. Licking River is a stream of considerable size, which empties into the Ohio River opposite Cincinnati. It is partly navigable and in the early days was much used as avenue of traffic by the Indians, emigrants and other travellers between the East and the West. The country around Cynthiana and Sunrise, which is not distant from the old Worrell properties, is agricultural - Very rough, a succession of steep, narrow ridges and deep narrow valleys. Burley tobacco is perhaps their most important crop.

MARY "POLLY" WORREL HITCH SHIRLEY (1804-1874) daughter of James Worrel (d. 1816) and Sally Pickens, was born Jan. 30, 1804 in Harrison County, Ky. On Mar. 10, 1823, license to wed was issued to Walter Hitch and Mary Worrel in Harrison Co., Ky. Marriage was not recorded. To Walter Hitch and Mary Worrel was born one daughter - Nancy Hitch - Born Mar. 27, 1825, died Sept. 26, 1853. Nancy Hitch on _____ married _____ Moon, of Plainfield (?), Indiana.

On Dec. 13, 1829 Mary Worrel Hitch married William T. Shirley of Harrison County, Kentucky. To William T. Shirley and Mary Worrel were born six children:

(1) JAMES ABSOLOM SHIRLEY, SON OF William T. Shirley and Mary Worrel Hitch (1804-1874) was born Sept. 20, 1830 in Harrison Co., and died _____ at _____ On _____ James A. Shirley married Pricilla _____ (_____ - _____) daughter of _____ & _____ James A. Shirley was a tailor and lived near Pecksburg ?

Children. Maggie Shirley Reitzel of Plainfield?

(2) LUCINDA EMELINE SHIRLEY (1832-1906) - My grandmother Worrel daughter of William T. Shirley and Mary Worrel Hitch, was born in Harrison Co., Ky., married on Jan. 12, 1860 James Worrell, (1832-1907) - Three children: "Albert", Ellen, Francis, and "Chas. B. Worrell" (See later Biography "James Worrell, 1832-1907").

(3) SARAH ANN SHIRLEY, daughter of Wm. T. Shirley and Mary Worrel Hitch, was born Oct. 20, 1833 in Harrison Co. Ky. On _____ She married Robt. N. Harvey, son of _____ & _____ Aunt Sally & Uncle Bob Harvey lived near Pecksburg, Children? Descendents? Other dates? I believe Uncle Bob Hsrvey was a Baptist preacher.

(4) ROBERT ELDRIDGE SHIRLEY, son of Wm. T. Shirley & Mary Worrel, was born Oct. 8, 1835 and died July 23, 1837 - Not 2 years old.

(5) MIRANDI-JANE SHIRLEY, dau. of Wm. T. Shirley & Mary Worrel, was born Sept. 8, 1838 and died June 21, 1867. Married ? Children ?

(6) WILLIAM RILEY SHIRLEY, son of Wm. T. Shirley & Mary Worrel Hitch, was born Aug. 15, 1845 in Hendricks County, Indiana, On _____ Wm. Riley Shirley married _____ b.) _____ died _____, daughter of _____ and _____. They had 3 children: Fred, Alva and Etta, who married Willson Shaw b. _____, now living at Danville, Ind. "Uncle Bill" Shirley and family lived on farm near Amo, where Fred Shirley later lived, and where I remember visiting in my youth. Further geneology of descendants of "Uncle Bill", of Fred, Alva & of Bill & Etta Shaw?

Biography of JAMES WORREL, JR. (1810-1857) Son of my Great Great Grandparents - James Worrel (died 1816) and Sally Pickens - and half-brother of my Great Grandfather Richard Worrel (1796-1885), was born 2-12-1810 near Claysville, Harrison County, Kentucky. On June 27, 1833 James Worrel, Jr., married Isabella Griffith, born Apr. 30, 1810 (whose parents were (?) Robt. Griffith & Polly Snodgrass, licensed to wed 1-27-1807 in Harrison Co., Ky. Marriage not recorded.

To JAMES WORREL, JR. & ISABELLA GRIFFITH were born 5 children:

(1) ANN WORRELL (1835-1922) who married Benj. F. Bolen (1831-1903) of Clayton, Indiana. Ann & Benj. Bolen are buried in Clayton cemetery. Children? Other Geneology?*

(2) CAPT. JOHN WORRELL (1837-1913) Son of James Worrel, Jr. (1810-1857) & Isabella Griffith, was born in Harrison County, Ky., near Claysville, Ky. _____, 1837. When he was 2 yrs. old, he migrated to Hendricks County, Indiana, with his parents, where he lived and died 2-25-1913. On 5-10-1858, John Worrell married Margaret A. _____ Coble, daughter of _____ Coble and _____, of Clayton, Indiana.

John Worrell wore the blue uniform of the U. S. Army during the Civil War, and was commissioned Capitan of the U. S. Army, with the Company G, 99th Indiana Infantry.

John Worrell was the author of several books and pamphlets, the most interesting of which was probably the book "A Diamond in the Rough," which was principally the life story of Sam Houston in Tennessee and Texas.

(3) MARY WORRELL (1840 - _____) daughter of James Worrel, Jr. & Isabella Griffith, born _____, died _____, married on _____ Newt Hopwood (_____ - _____) of Belle Hopwood, who was Milo McCormicks first wife. Mary Worrell Hopwood is buried in Clayton cemetery - So I was told by Mildred Hubbard (Mrs. Freeman Cooper), dau. of Ethel Hopwood, but we were unable to find any grave marker or inscription. Information might be obtained from grand-daughters:

Lucille Hopwood Miller, Minnesota Lake Hotel, Minnesota Lake, Minn.
Mrs. Thelma Hopwood Patten, 6302 No. Rockwell, Chicago 45, Ill.

(4) WILLIAM WORRELL (_____) son of James Worrel, Jr. and Isabella Griffith, was born _____ at _____. On _____ Wm. Worrrel married Jennie _____, daughter of _____ (_____) and _____ (_____) William & Jennie Worrel are the parents of Hallie Worrel Dexter, now living at 850 County Line Road, Bryn Mawr, Pa., who has promised to give M. E. full information on her branch of the Worrell families.* See page 15

*Ann Worrell and Benj. Bolen had six children: Jane, Mary, Maggie, James, Emma and Sigel.

(5) JANE WORRELL (1847-1906) daughter of James Worrell, Jr., and Isabella Griffith, was born Jan. 9, 1847 in Clayton, Indiana. On Jan. 28, 1864, Jane Worrell was married to Wm. H. Hussey, born 9-11-1836, died 11-20-1919, son of John Hussey and Mary Bush, of North Carolina. Jane Worrell and "Bill" Hussey had two children.

Dora D. Hussey, b. Apr. 6, 1865; married Fred Brown, long-time Clayton merchant; Two sons - Arthur and Morris and a daughter, Fern.

Jediah W. "Jud" Hussey, b. 2-28-1868; Married Delia ~~Rogers~~ Rogers. One son, "Willie or Pat". (Jane Worrell Hussey, died 6-30-1906.

To CAPT. JOHN WORRELL & MARGARET A? COBLE were born Seven Children: Clarence, Paris, Phairis, Alma, Eva, Clara and Alva.

(1) PARIS WORRELL, daughter of John Worrell & Margaret Coble, born 2-23-1863, married Wm. G. Peck (First wife, He later married Ellen F. Worrell, daughter of James Worrell, 1832-1907). Paris Worrell Peck died 9-30-1883 and is buried in Clayton cemetery.

(2) PHAIRIS WORRELL, daughter of John Worrell & Margaret Coble, was born 11-12-1860 in Clayton, Indiana. On 3-11-1891 she married Edward Barrett _____, son of Michael and Margaret Mangan, ^{Worrell} of Plainfield (?), Indiana. Phairis Worrell & Edw. Barrett have two daughters: Margaret and Dorothy Barrett, now (1952) living at 24 East 36th St., Indianapolis, Ind., and two sons Donald, (b. _____) and Wendell (b. 7-21-1897)

(3) CLARA WORRELL, dau. of John Worrell and Margaret Coble, was born _____, 18____ in Clayton, Indiana. On _____, 18____, she married Fred Soper b. _____ d. _____, son of _____ Soper and _____, _____, of _____, Ind.
Descendents? No.

(4) ALVA, son of J & M Worrell - Died Aug. 12, 1874 - Age 2 yrs. ? Mo. (Above inscription, almost undecipherable, is on tomb stone in Clayton cemetery, on John Worrell lot.)

(5) CLARENCE WORRELL, born _____, 1873; On _____ married May Miles b. _____, d. _____, daughter of _____ Miles and _____ of Danville, Ind. To Clarence Worrell & May Miles were born _____ children:

Harry Worrell married, two sons, now living at Bridgeport, Ind.
Elizabeth Worrell (Mrs. Clarence Cooper, Coatesville, Ind.)
One daughter; Isabel Worrell ?; Others ?

(6) ALMA WORRELL, dau. of John Worrell & Margaret Coble, was born _____, 18____ in Clayton, Indiana. On _____, 18____, she married Jeff Miles _____, son of Thomas Miles & _____ of Mooresville, Indiana (?). Louis. Alma Worrell in 1952 was living in Presbyterian Home Peabody Memorial, North Manchester, Indiana - Deceased.

(7) EVA WORRELL, dau. of John Worrell and Margaret Coble, was born _____ 18____ at Clayton, Ind. On _____, 18____ she married Lou Borders b _____ d _____, son of _____ Borders and _____, _____, of _____, Ind.

Eva Worrell and Lou Borders have a daughter: Mary Ellen Borders, now Mrs. Curtis O. Watkins, P. O. Box 514, Scottsdale, Arizona. Eva Worrell was my first and most beloved teacher in Clayton Public Schools - MEW

My Great Grand-father, RICHARD WORREL 1796-1885 (Changed to Worrell on tombstone) Richard Worrel 1796-1885, went by that name, but it is said that he was not the son of James Worrel, died 1816, in Harrison County, Ky, His mother was Sarah "Sally" Pickens, who married James Worrel (Died 1816) on Dec. 26, 1802, some 6½ years after the birth of Richard. When James Worrel died about 1816, no part of his estate was inherited by Richard although he was living on 185 tract belonging to James at that time. This tract was inherited by 5 "infant heirs": Anna, Mary or "Poly", Atwell, James, Jr. and Robert Worrel. Richard later purchased his mothers' dower rights thereon, and purchased one-fifth undivided interest from each of the "infant heirs", so becoming total owner of this 185 acre farm on the banks of Licking River near Claysville, Ky.

Women's tales have it that Richard "Worrel" was the illegitimate son (Bastard to YOU) of Sally Pickens and that Sally claimed that Richard's father was none other than that Famous Soldier and Indian Fighter - WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON - Later the 9th President of These United States of America; That Sally Pickens was working in an inn where Wm. Henry bivouacked during one of his Indian fighting expeditions. That - Make your own story - Human frailties - Thus Richard Worrell was born.

Background for this tale, which is little more than legend: James Worrell (1832-1907) son of Richard Worrel (1796-1885) married Jan. 12, 1860 Lucinda Emeline Shirley (1832-1906), daughter of Mary Worrel Hitch Shirley (1804-1874), who was generally accepted as a sister of said Richard Worrel. If this were true, James and Lucinda (My grandparents) were first cousins - and their marriage was contrary to common law. "Grandma" Worrell explained this transgression by disclosing furtively, inasmuch as it was not a matter for general public flaunting, that she and James were not in truth first cousins; That Richard was the illegitimate son of Sally Pickens and William Henry Harrison, later President of these United States; and that Richard Worrel and Mary Worrel Hitch Shirley were in truth but half brother and sister. Records found of births, marriages and inheritance tend to support this story.

It is lamentable that there should be such a BIG SKELETON in the WORRELL FAMILY. It is lamentable that one of our ancestors should so fall to human frailties, BUT it is perhaps of some

solace to consider THAT, IF there really is a bastard in the family, he should be the son of so great a man as a President of These United States of America. Of course Sally may have been lying. But, you must admit, it was a GOOD STORY, and it was presumably told years before Wm. Henry became President.

From Encyclopedia: "Wm. Henry Harrison 1773-1841' 9th Pres. of U. S.; In 1791 he joined the U.S. Army and spent the next 7 years on Indian campaigns in the Northwest Territory." (Remember - Richard was born June 23, 1796). During this time Wm. Henry was located at North Bend, Ohio, and at Fort Harrison, both near Cincinnati, Ohio, and not far distant from Claysville, Ky, and he was on Indian Fighting expeditions out of this Fort.

Reports further have it that Wm. Henry Harrison was as great a ladies man as he was a warrior and Indian Fighter. Excerpt from Indianapolis News, June 1952: "BRAVE ROMANCE: William Henry Harrison, the former President and Governor of the Indiana Territory, was 22 years old and a soldier when he married the lovely Anna Symes of North Bend, near Cincinnati. Anna's father, John G. Symmes, a judge and large land owner, gave his consent to their engagement. But Judge Symes broke off the engagement according to one story, after hearing slanderous remarks about Harrison. The president lover over-ruled the father by calling at the Symes house early on the morning of Nov. 25, 1795, while Symes was in Cincinnati on business. Harrison arranged a quick marriage on that day."

Note: Harrison's "quick marriage" was 7 months before Richard Worrel was born. Perhaps Sally Pickens may have been putting the pressure on Wm. Henry. At least, it all adds up. The story is perhaps further corroborated by the marked resemblance seen in the pictures of later Worrells and Harrisons - Particularly the resemblance between Grandpa James Worrell (1832-1907) and Benjamin Harrison, 23rd President of the United States of America, and grandson of Wm. Henry.

When it dawned upon M.E. that Richard was not a WORRELL by blood, came the thought: Why follow further the Worrell family history? Richard assumed the name of RICHARD WORREL and was so legally known - with the variation to WORRELL - during his long life. So his name appeared upon legal instruments, upon deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, his marriage license, and finally upon his tombstone. His legal name was WORRELL. Therefore, I am legally a WORRELL, thru Richard. Moreover, the WORRELL blood lines follow directly back to James Worrel, died 1816, thru my Grandmother, Lucinda Emeline Shirley; thru her Mother Mary Polly Hitch Shirley (1804-1874), who was the daughter of said James Worrell, d. 1816. Hence I am doubly a Worrell, or had I better say one and one-half Worrell? The other half?

RICHARD WORREL (1796-1885) was son of Sally Pickens born June 23, 1796 which George Washington was President of the U.S.A. Richard Worrel was half-brdher to the five children of James Worrell, d, 1816 and Sally Pickens: Anna, Polly, Atwell, James Jr., and Robert.

On June 14, 1821, Richard Worrel married Jane Snodgrass, of Harrison County, Ky. Richard Worrel died Nov. 4, 1855 and is buried in Kansas - Probably at Manhattan, or Emporia, Kansas. Among Grandpa (James) Worrell's affects is the well-preserved picture of a tombstone, whereon the inscription plainly reads: "RICHARD WORRELL Died Nov. 4, 1855, Aged 89 yr. 4 mo. 11 da." Jane Snodgrass, his wife, is buried in Buchanan Cemetery, a small poorly kept, country grave-yard, about 1 mile east of Clayton, Ind., and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. so of the Pennsy. R. R. tracks; The head stone is on the ground, but reads "JANE WORRELL, Died 2-24-1870 Aged 71 Yrs. 1 Mo. and 10 days."

To RICHARD WORREL (1796-1885) and JANE SNODGRASS (1799-1870) were born 9 children: James, Robert, Alfred, Ben, Jack, William, Jane, Isabell, and Thomas -

(1) JAMES WORRELL, my Grandfather, son of Richard Worrel and Jane Snodgrass, was 7th of 9 children. He was born Apr. 20, 1832 in Harrison Co., Ky., was married Jan. 12, 1860 to Lucinda Emeline Shirley, and June 5, 1907 departed this earth. To James Worrell and Lucinda Shirley were born 3 children:

(1) Albert H. Worrell, born Dec. 17th, 1860, married Mary Ellen Ader, died _____ 1839. Children: Willard, Kate, Ruth and Lee.

(2) Ellen Francis Worrell, born Dec. 21, 1862, was married July 29, 1886 to W. G. Peck, and died Aug 2, 1931. One daughter Ethel Peck.

(3) Chas. B. Worrell, born June 16, 1864, married Lizzie Edmonson Nov. 26, 1885, died June 28, 1940. Six children: Lillian Dee, Maurice E., Beth, Helen, Dorothy and Shirley.

(See later Biographies of JAMES WORRELL (1832-1907) and CHAS. B. WORRELL (1864-1940) and M. E. WORRELL, (born 1889.)

(2) ROBERT WORREL, son of Richard Worrel and Jane Snodgrass, was born in Harrison County, Ky. _____, 18____, married Anna _____ (Ref: Deed Record Bk. 52, page 445, Harrison Co., Ky.) Children ? Went to Kansas ? about 1865? Died----- when ? where _____?

(3) ALFRED WORRELL, son of Richard Worrell and Jane Snodgrass, was born _____, 18____ in Harrison Co., Ky., on _____, 18____ married Fannie Rynerson, of Clayton, Indiana. Later went to Manhattan? Kansas. Children? Died when? where?

(4) BEN WORRELL, Sr., son of Richard Worrel and Jane Snodgrass, was born _____, 18____ in Harrison Co., Ky., on _____, 18____ married Jane Rynerson, of Clayton, Indiana, moved to Sidney, Ohio, about 1900 - Three children:

(1) FRANK b _____, married Fannie _____, of Wooster, Ohio, died _____ One son, Raymond.

(2) BENJ. JR. - Great musician - Married twice - At last reports in Baptist Home in Wisconsin - Children? Died?

(3) EDGAR WORRELL - 1862-1898 - Married Nina Martin - One son: Ronald Martin Worrell, 1508 E. Kessler, Indianapolis, Indiana.

(5) JACK WORRELL (Uncle Dock), b. _____, on _____, 18____ married Laura Rynerson, of Clayton, Indiana and later moved to Fern Creek, Ky. - One son: Wallace and daughter, Emma (Mrs. Hugh Brown). Died? Other children?

(6) WILLIAM WORRELL, SON OF RICHARD WORRELL AND JANE SNODGRASS was born _____ 18____ in Harrison, Co., Ky. On _____ 18____ he married Susan _____ (Ref: Deed Record Bk 52, P445, Harrison Co., Ky.) Went to Kansas (?) about 1865-70 (?) Children ? Died when? where?

EXCERPT FROM "HISTORY OF HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA"

Excerpt from "History of Hendricks County, Indiana. Hon John V. Hadley, Editor-in-chief, Published 1914 by B. F. Brown & Co., Inc., Indianapolis.": "The first name of the town was Claysville, in honor of Henry Clay, the Kentucky Statesman.-----The first store was opened by Parker & Foote, the second by Richard & James Worrel, near the Year 1852 by John Miles and James Worrel."

Claysville, Kentucky was named after Henry Clay. Richard and James Worrel migrated from Claysville, Kentucky. Hence, doubtless came the naming of Claysville, Indiana. I have heard that first R & J Worrel Store was nearer to Belville than to Claysville - Perhaps they opened up a store down on Mud Creek prior to the 1852 Claysville store. When was the Vandalia Railroad built?

Both Richard and James Worrel (1810-1857) were very active. They raised large families - Richard had 9 children - James had 5 children. They each expanded their real estate holdings around Clayton and Bellville, traded extensively, were active business men and traders.

On May 14, 1851, Richard Worrel and Jane (Her x mark) Worrel deeded to the Trustees of Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Claysville, Indiana (John Cornett, Tandy Scott & B. Ragan) for \$1. and other considerations a lot south of the grain elevator on the Pennsy. R. R. tracks, where the first Presbyterian Church in Clayton was later built.

Three of Richard's sons - Alfred, Benjamin, Sr., and Jack Worrell - married three sisters: Fannie, Jane and Laura Rynerson all daughters of Rev. John Rynerson, Born 12-2-1804, died 9-2-1864. Age 59 yrs. 9 mo. Buried Clayton Cemetery, Clayton, Indiana. Legen has it that the mother of the girls was a bit miffed because Grandpa Worrell (James), a fourth brother, did not claim the hand of a fourth sister, who later married _____ Cooper.

Aunt Mary Mattox Hopwood, 93 years of age, is author of the following: "Aunt Jane Worrel and Grand-daddy Hopwood were both kicked out of the Christian Church because they went to dances." All of our ancestors were not too staid.

After the Civil War Alfred Worrel, and perhaps his brothers, William and Robert Worrel, moved to Kansas and settled around Manhattan and Emporia, Kansas. William and Robert Worrel leased or disposed of considerable of their holdings in Harrison County, Ky., about 1865, and probably went to Kansas about that time. Great Grand Father Richard Worrel, later went to Kansas, probably lived there the rest of his life with some of his sons, and died there.

I have no accurate information about the Worrells after they went to Kansas. I remember that Uncle Alf came back several times to Indiana to visit my Grand Parents, and my Grand Parents went to Kansas visiting. Grandpa Worrell and family moved to Emporia, Kansas in 1881, but they did not like it there and they returned to Clayton, Indiana after 11 months. There was a Will Worrell, his wife Ellen, and daughter Kaite (They had about 5 other children) from Manhattan, Kansas, who visited in Clayton in my youth and as late as 1927 (So says Ethel Peck.) One of these Kansas Worrells was a water witch and witched flowing wells on Dad's McCormick Place and on Uncle Bill Peck's farm - and a near-artesian well in Uncle Albert's barn lot. My memory hath it that the water-witch was Uncle Alf, but Sister Dee and Cousin Ethel are positive that it was Will Worrell - and they are probably right. I remember this Will Worrell to be more nearly my Father's age than Grandfather's age. He was, therefore, probably not Richard's Son William, but some other descendent.

*William Worrell had by his first wife one daughter, Minnie born 1865, married Joseph Overton of Morrisville. William Worrell and Lizzie Baughman (second wife) had six children:

- (1) Hallie Dexter - born 2-12-1873
- (2) William James - born 1874 - died 1912
- (3) Ethel Beatrice - born 2-20-1876
- (4) Samuel V. - born 1878 died 1945
- (5) Lemuel Elmer - born 1885
- (6) Harry Lee - born 11-30-1886