

a meeting of Double Springs Church

At a meeting of Double Springs Church held Feb. 10 1883 a committee was approinted to draft Resolutions commemerative of the respect in which our elder brother, John S. Reynolds was held, who departed this life Feb. 1,1883 and the following was reported and adopted whereas the alwise Father of the universe has called from labor our Brother John S. Reynolds, who joined the Baptist church at this place in 1837 and in 1855 was ordained a minister of the gospel and since that time has devoted a great portion of time to the service of the LORD, WITH SCARCELY NO RECOMPENCE FROM THE CHURCHES.XXXXXX At his death his whole time was taken as pastor of different places. Wherefore beit resolved that while we bow submissively to his will we yet mourn with unaffected sorrow the loss we sustain in his death for by his integerity, his uprightness, his devotion to principals, and to this church and his moral life, he not onlyhonored our beloved order, but set us and example which we should strive toemulate. his virtue indeed were many, his faultsfew, let us remember the one and draw the veil of charity over the other. Resvived that our condolence and heartfelt sympathy be tendered his \* grief stricken family in the hour of their great offlication, reminding them at the same time that whom the Lord loveth, he chastenth and that he does allx things, well resolved that these resolutions be spread at large upon the minutex book of the church and thatthey be published in the Interior Journal and WESTERN Recorder. Requested to copy and a copy given to his family.

W. S. Taylor E.B. Caldwell

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Copied by a family member from a letter prepared by Double Springs Baptist Church after death of John Singleton Reynolds

## 3. John Singleton

John Singleton Reynolds ca. 1819-1 Feb 1883 m. 9 June 1842 in Lincoln Co. Frances Singleton b. ca. 1825.

John was called "Sing" sometimes written as "Sang" and probably pronounced that way. Of course the "Sing" would have come from his middle name of Singleton. The maiden name of his mother was Singleton.

Frances was the d/o John Singleton, Jr. and Elizabeth Floyd. The father of Frances was the s/o John Singleton, Sr. and Mary White. John "Sing" and Frances were first cousins. John's mother Sarah was the sister of John Singleton, Jr.

John and Frances lived on John's homeplace in Pulaski Co. on Buck Creek and he had a saw mill and was a Baptist minister. He was ordained in 1855. He had joined the Double Springs Baptist Church in Waynesburg in 1837 and was pastor of that church and three others when he died. This was taken from a letter the church had prepared after his death. A letter is also in the family from the church responding to a request from Frances. Typed copies of these letters prepared by descendants are inclosed.

As previously stated Frances and her children sold the farm to son Hiram and his wife Elizabeth Denny (DB 35, P354). Frances may have still been living on the farm in 1890. On the 1890 Pulaski Co. taxpayers list a F. Reynolds was a neighbor to E. Reynolds. The latter could be the widow of Hiram who d. 7 Nov 1888. No further record was found of Frances. Elizabeth m. Wm. H. Weaver 12 Apr 1891.

It is not known where John "Sing" and Frances are buried. It could well be the cemetery discussed above for his parents Jesse and Sarah. Their son Hiram was buried there in 1888, five years after the death of John.

The children of John and Frances were:

- a. James Nelson b. ca. 1843 m. in Lincoln Co. 29 Mar 1866 Susan E. Caldwell d/o Hugh and Mary (Polly) Reynolds d/o Perry G. M. and Nancy Singleton (see Chapter IV, CHILD "A").
- b. Clementine b. ca. 1845 and d. 23 Nov 1859 of typhoid in Pulaski Co. (vital statistics).
- c. Harvey P. 17 Feb 1846-6 Oct 1892 m. 5 Sep 1865 in Pulaski Co. Mary Martha Burton 10 Apr 1846-7 May 1900. Harvey and Mary are buried in the Liberty Baptist Church cemetery. Martha was the d/o John Burton. The children of Harvey and Mary were: John G. m. Clarinda Acton; Palestine m. Martha Belle Mercer; George Mc; and Josephine and Angeline, possible twins.
- d. Henrietta b. ca. 1848 m. Jonathan Owsley of Lincoln Co. on 18 Apr 1889. It was her first marriage, age 40, and his second, age 60. Jonathan d. 9 Dec 1893 and is buried with his first wife at Buffalo Springs Cemetery, Stanford, Ky.
- e. Mary Jane b. ca 1850 m. William H. Weaver 18 Apr 1869.

- f. Nancy Ann b. 7 June 1852 m. William L. Denny 21 Nov 1878.
- g. Hiram 8 Nov 1854-7 Nov 1888 m. 6 June 1878 in Rockcastle Co. Elizabeth R. B. Denny 4 July 1855-28 Nov 1941. Their children were: Lou Alice, who may have d. young; Laura; Serena; Avery; Cloyd and Manford.
- h. Emarine or Emaline b. June 1857 m. Fountain Warren on 21 Nov 1878.
- i. Benjamin b. ca. 1860 and d. young.
- j. Sarah E. b. ca 1867 and d. young.
- 4. Mary "Polly" Jane

Polly Jane, youngest child of Jesse and Sarah was b. 1824-1825. She m. in Pulaski Co. on 15 Feb 1849 John Singleton. Her brother-in-law, Pleasant Wheeldon, was surety. John was the s/o John Singleton and Elizabeth Floyd. John's grandparents were John Singleton and Mary White, parents of Polly's mother Sarah. John and Polly Jane were first cousins. John's sister, Frances m. Polly Jane's brother John Singleton Reynolds.

Polly Jane and John settled on or near his grandfather's homestead land located on the road from Waynesburg to the Ellison community. They were at the top of the hill before crossing the Buffalo Hollow.

Cousin Sarah "Sally" Reynolds d/o Perry G. M. made her home with John and Polly Jane. She was in the household on the 1870 and 1880 census. Also in the household on the 1870 census was Martha Singleton, a black domestic servant, age 22, and Jenny a black female, age 5.

John and Polly Jane were buried in the now abandoned cemetery on the Singleton homestead land. They were later moved to the Double Springs Cemetery (Bi-Cent 1792-1992, Page 273).

The three children of John and Polly Jane were a. thru c. below:

- a. Ezra Smith 17 Aug 1857-21 Sep 1924 m. Nancy Ellen Wheeldon, b. 23 May 1861, d/o William H. Wheeldon s/o Pleasant Wheeldon and Nancy Reynolds. Ezra and Nancy were m. in Lincoln Co. 18 Nov 1880. They were first cousins. They had five children.
- (1) Vernetie b. ca. 1881.
- (2) Winfred b. ca. 1882.
- (3) Ada 1889-1925, buried Double Springs Cemetery. Three children: Hilda M. b. 26 May 1913; Troy B. 6 Jun 1917-27 May 1997 (obituary); and Russell L. b. 7 Aug 1923 (Ky. Vital Statistics Birth Records).
- (4) Bluford 18 Sep 1891-22 Oct 1939. Bluford was a section foreman on the Southern Railroad and d. at age 48 of circulatory failure and cirrhosis of the liver.
- (5) Oscar b. ca. 1892 and d. 18 Nov 1915 of pneumonia, buried Double Springs Cemetery.