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ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARK.
A Study of the Pioneer Families



S. P. McDaniel.

Picture of Sterling Price McDaniel, Prominent Young Businessman in Early 1900's

Per the 1905 Art Souvenir,

of the Forrest City Times Newspaper.....

One of the earliest families to arrive in southern St. Francis County, was that of John M. McDaniel and his wife, Nancy Brooke Calvert. John McDaniel, of Scotch origin, was born near Lexington, Ky., January 25, 1799, but grew to manhood in Virginia, where he married Miss Nancy Calvert, of Welsh descent. Soon after that event they decided to move, the tales related of the rich valley beyond the 'Father of Waters,' inspiring them to seek a home in the then new territory of Arkansas, coming of ancestors who were used to conflicts with the Indians, and the hardships of pioneer life, they did not hesitate to start for this new land of promise. Their trip was made by boat to a point several miles above the mouth of L'Anguille River, where they landed in 1824, and set ashore their worldly goods, consisting of one pony, two cows, and what household goods the pony could haul on a sled, and 12 cents in money. With his family, which then consisted of his wife and two children, and with no guide but the compass, Mr. McDaniel struck out through the forest and staked off the farm now owned and occupied by the principal of this sketch, John Landon McDaniel. At that time there were not more than twelve families within the limits of the present St. Francis County. Today, this fine property located on the western slope of Crowley's Ridge which was first called McDaniel, and is now called Bonair, where some family members still own and operate a farm there. Later, relatives of Mrs. McDaniel, moved into the area and purchased land according to land records, and these families were on the 1830 Census, John Wood Calvert had filed land records for 160 acres of land purchased April 7, 1830 in Section 22. Tract 6N, R 3E. It is said that other Calverts were also involved in early St. Francis County including William H., Dudley, Stephen, and Sarah per David Richardson. There was a mention in the 1954 History of St. Francis County,

published by the Forrest City Times Herald, of Calvert Brothers who were early pioneers who also operated a mercantile establishment.

Here is a history of the descendants, some of the many intertwining families include:Trapp, Rollwage, Kirkpatrick, Izard, Haven, DeRossitt, Calvert, Alderson and many others.

[McDaniel Family](#)

[Obituary of John Landon McDaniel](#)

[Obituary of Mrs. John Landon McDaniel](#)

Information from book by Julia St. Francis (Izard)

Hemenway on Izard family of Arkansas, Loyd Sybert,

Wen Sherer, Holley Izard, and Karen West gratefully

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Second, the Izard family, early settlers of St. Francis County:

Per Mrs. Julia Izard Hemenway Book on Izard Family of Arkansas:

Nicholas H. Izard and wife, Rebecca Whitaker, parents of Grandfather, Mark

Whitaker Izard, with their family, came to Arkansas in early 1830's from North

Mississippi, and bought land a little south and west of Mt. Vernon. The land they

bought had been known as the "Dawson Eldridge" and "Laughinghouse" places.

I have an old paper signed at Mt. Vernon, by Sheriff and Collector of St. Francis County, J. C. Tyer, 1857; and a record stating that the Tyer family came to Arkansas in 1797. That seems to prove that Gabriel Izard, who married Macy Tyer, and Nicholas Hoffman Izard Jr. who married Sally Tyer, were married in Arkansas. Thomas Argyle Izard, a younger brother, married after moving to Texas. An older son, John G. Izard had married before coming to Arkansas. Nicholas H. Izard died in 1836, and was buried at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. His widow, Mrs. Rebecca Whitaker Izard, and her son Gabriel Jones and family, and a son, Thomas Izard and daughter moved to Fayette County, Schulenburg, Texas in the fall, in covered wagons.

Grandfather, Mark W. Sr., and his family, and sister, Catherine, who had married Nathaniel Martin, remained in Arkansas.

Soon after his marriage, in the year 1824, he moved to the unsettled portion of eastern Arkansas, the country then being mostly inhabited by Indians.

White settlers soon began to move in, and Mr. Izard became one of the most prominent men of that section. He was elected a member of the first state senate of Arkansas, representing St. Francis and Green counties; was president of the second and third sessions of the senate; was speaker of the house during the 7th legislature; and was re-elected to the senate for the eighth and ninth sessions, his term of office closing January 12, 1853. October 28, 1854, he was appointed United States marshal of Nebraska territory, and February 20, 1855, received the appointment "governor for the territory, serving until his

resignation, October 21. 1857. He returned to his home in Arkansas, where he remained until his death in 1866. It is believed he and his wife are buried with his father at Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

(The marker is too worn to read, as of 2006 on my visit to the cemetery.

Paul Isbell)

Izard Family

Entertwining families include:Phillips, Campbell, Martin, Fondren, Hemenway, Dye, Tyer, Waddell, McCown, Prewett, Manley, Rodgers, McDaniel and many others.

Obituary of Mrs Rachel (Izard) Troutt(1909-Aug 8,1996

Third, the Wynne Family, early banking and cotton farming families of St.Francis County.

Jesse Watkins Wynne Family Fourth, my family, Descendants of Charles Henry Harms-Havens, early merchant of Forrest City, has a street named for him by the old Missouri Pacific tracks off Division Street.

Havens/Hodges Family Fifth, Harris Family by Loyd Sybert:Harris FamilySixth, Sibert-Sybert Family by Loyd Sybert:From Germany to South Carolina to Georgia to Alabama to Mississippi to Tennessee to Arkansas to TexasSibert-Sybert FamilySeventh, Descendants of Harrison Fussell Family by Loyd Sybert: Fore word to The Descendants of Harrison Fussell Originally I planned on doing research on my maternal and paternal ancestors only. As my research progressed, I found that my ancestors were both related and allied with many founding families in St. Francis County, Arkansas and the surrounding area. As I became more familiar with the local history, I was made aware of the rich and proud heritage of the people in this area. I also saw that this local history is disappearing at an alarming rate. My concern that this local history should be preserved is my motivation for this work. It is my hope that my small effort may serve to interest descendants in their ancestors. Captain James Vault Fussell who was to become President of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co., President of the National Bank of Eastern Arkansas and the Service Company, was the son of James Vault and Louisa (Alston) Fussell who were natives of Davidson County, Tennessee and Chatham County, North Carolina respectively, and was directly descended from the Alston and Ramsey families who were prominent in the history of North Carolina. Captain Fussell was born at Trenton, Tennessee. He moved to Forrest City in 1875 to straighten out some business for the now extinct Stewart-Gwynne & Co. and stayed to start his own firm. This family is of particular interest to me because the daughter of James Vault Fussell, Sr. and Louisa Alston Fussell, Fannie A. Fussell married Edwin Thomas Colt, the contractor who constructed the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad, later known as the Missouri Pacific Railroad, through Taylor's Creek later to become Colt (my home town).. Some of the data contained in this family tree is anecdotal, therefore I will be most grateful for any correction that you may be able to provide. Loyd N. Sybert Harrison Fussell FamilyEighth, Richard Ellis Gatten Family by Loyd Sybert:From Pennsylvania to Ohio to St.Francis Co.,

Arkansas [Richard Ellis Gatten Family](#) Ninth, [Spencer Horton Family](#) by Loyd Sybert: From Kentucky to Georgia to Mississippi to St. Francis Co., Arkansas. My grandfather, Luther Nathaniel Sybert was employed by Eugene Loveless Horton as a wheelwright and blacksmith. [Spencer Horton Family](#) Tenth, [Elisha Ellis Family](#) by Loyd Sybert and [Richard Owens Book on The Ellis Family: From North Carolina to Cross County, Arkansas to St. Francis Co., Arkansas.](#) [Elisha Ellis Family](#) Eleventh, [James E. Colquitt Family](#) by Loyd Sybert: My maternal grandparents are James E. Colquitt and Addie Lou (Harris) Colquitt From Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee to Rising Fawn, Dade County, Georgia to St. Francis Co., Arkansas. [James E. Colquitt Family](#) Twelfth, [William Jasper Morgan Family](#) by Loyd Sybert: My Grand Aunt, Katie Eugenia Harris took Otto C. Morgan as her second husband after divorcing Phillip John Devereux. My mother, Frances Ruth Colquitt married first Robert Edward Lee Morgan the marriage lasted a very short time.-From Kentucky to Northeastern Arkansas to St. Francis Co., Arkansas. [William Jasper Morgan Family](#) Thirteenth, [John Banner Terry Family](#) by Jack Darr. Picture of their victorian home in Forrest City with the family members in the yard. [John Banner Terry Family](#) Fifteenth, [Descendants of Gabriel Izard](#)-From New Jersey to Kentucky to St. Francis Co., Arkansas to Texas by Wen Scherer. Wen is descendant of [Nicholas Hoffman Izard, Jr.](#) Gabriel is brother of [Mark Whitaker Izard.](#) [Gabriel Jones Izard Family](#) Sixteenth, [Descendants of William Thomas](#)-From Tennessee to Cross County to Craighead County to St. Francis Co., Arkansas by Loyd Sybert. My great grandfather the Reverend Charles Richard Sybert took for his second wife my first cousin three times removed, the widow Martha Harris Tyler. Her son James Franklin Tyler married Cornelia Flora Thomas. My grand uncle Steven Thornton Harris married Floie Lee "Floy" Thomas and his brother, [Jessie Hansel Harris](#) married [Annie Losie Thomas.](#) [William Thomas Family](#) Seventeenth, [Descendants of Charles Lieblong](#)-From Germany to Tennessee to Faulkner County to St. Francis Co., Arkansas by Loyd Sybert-My second cousin twice removed, Lily Corinne Harris married [Luther James Lieblong.](#) [Charles Lieblong Family](#) Eighteenth, [Descendants of Walter Riley France](#) family by Loyd Sybert-The France family removed from Muhlenberg County, Kentucky to St. Francis and Cross Counties, Arkansas. My first cousin, Leonard Hansel Harris married [Mildred Virginia France.](#) [Walter Riley France Family](#) Nineteenth, [Descendants of Wade Hampton Peevey](#) family by Loyd Sybert-This family originated from Ireland to America, to Georgia then to Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas. The late Mrs. Rena B. Peevey Armstrong was my 5th and 6th grades teacher and my next door neighbor in Colt, Arkansas. [Wade Hampton Peevey Family](#)



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