

The Cemetery on the Hill

In the middle of July of 2022, my wife and I had the great pleasure of meeting face to face with my 4th cousin 1x removed. She and her husband were very generous to meet up and take me on a genealogy tour in Scottsville area, Allen Co., Kentucky.

Our first stop was a cemetery that had been first explored by her son, who has posted pictures on Find a Grave. The cemetery is located near the cross-roads of Barren River Dam Rd. and Glassgow Rd. (31E). You will see Cedar Springs Fire Department and taking Cedar Springs Rd. until it dead ends into an old gate. The road was rough, but, her husband managed to navigate it without 4 wheel drive.

I was very excited to climb over the gate and cross the small stream and journey up to the top of the hill to a clump of cedar trees. When we arrived, I discovered that I was confused about which Benjamin Pulliam was buried here. I was under the impression that I was going to the cemetery where Benjamin Pulliam, the father of my Joseph Pulliam family branch was buried. As it turned out, this cemetery is a treasure for "Pulliam" genealogy. There is nothing like exploring landmarks in real time. In the meantime, let me try to describe what we saw.

This field trip really created a challenge for me. This cemetery has a pretty good population of unmarked grave stones, maybe as many as twenty. The identified graves were fairly easy to read;

Benjamin Pulliam; May 1808 - Feb 1891
Emily Stark Jameson Pulliam; Feb 1812 - Aug 1894

William P. Pulliam; Feb 1813 - Feb 1891
A block with Burton on it and a "X"

Lucinda Claypool; June 1843 - Feb 1891
"Moncha" Son of W. H. H. Claypool and Lucinda died 1876

When I got home, in California, I was amazed that I had none of these names in my records. My first challenge was Benjamin Pulliam (a very popular Pulliam name). There were plenty of records on Benjamin and Emily. The problem with me was, where did he fit in on our Pulliam Tree. To answer that question, I went to "Family Search" website. Familysearch.org is a great place to search for records. You have to be careful on where the information comes from. In this case, I am fairly confident that the information is correct. Both Benjamin and William P. Pulliam are listed as the sons of William Pulliam and Betsy Carter. There will be more on William and Betsy in another writing.

Emily Jennings Stark married Merryman Jameson in 1829 and to that marriage had two sons. Apparently, Merryman passed away and in October of 1836 Emily and Benjamin Pulliam married and by 1850 had extended the family to nine children. Benjamin and Emily left a trail for us in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census. One of the four females

to this marriage was Lucinda M. Pulliam who married W. H. H. Claypool in November of 1861 (more on that later).

William Penn Pulliam was brother to Benjamin Pulliam. Born February 1813 and in 1845, at 32 years old, he married George Ann Burton, apparently she was 18 years old. Now, William P. Pulliam was not so easy to follow. In 1850 you will find William P. and George Ann Pulliam living at dwelling #650 in Barron Co., district 4. Listed, is William 36, George Ann 23, Ann E. 2, and Henrietta 6 months. At this point I might add that on the same 1850 census, George Ann's mother was at dwelling #624. Of interest, George Ann's mother, Sarah Ann, has George Ann also listed as living at the home also (not uncommon to find a double listing at parents house).

Now for some unknown reason, 1850 is the last census that we will find William P. Pulliam with the family. In 1860 we find William P. Pulliam living in Allen Co. dwelling #833 and listed with him is a G. B. Dodd (Dodd is listed in 1860 slave schedule). Living close by is H. C. Pulliam. Now for some reason, in the 1860 census, we find William P. Pulliam daughters, Ann and Henrietta living with their grandmother Sarah Burton, so far I have not found where George Ann is at this time. In 1870 William P. Pulliam is listed at dwelling #23 in Allen Co. District 4, apparently living alone. In 1880 William P. Pulliam is listed at dwelling #71 in Allen Co. District 4. He is listed with John P. Haines age 30, Mary age 26, Willie age 2 and unknown 5 months old. What happened to George Ann (Burton) Pulliam is sort of a mystery. Without any documentation, we can guess that she may have passed away and she may be the "Burton" "X" in the cemetery. Perhaps that is why we find the children Ann and Henrietta living with grandma Burton in 1860, we may never know for sure.

Before moving on to Lucinda (Pulliam) Claypool, William P. Pulliam left a will in February of 1891. William left everything to his daughter Henrietta Burton. He also gave her full power to execute the deed. Henrietta "Etta" married Lorenzo Jefferson Burton in Tennessee in December of 1869. Henrietta and L. J. Burton ended up in Florida with eight children. It is interesting that L. J. Burton bears the same surname as Henrietta's mother and grandmother. It would be a whole other study to research. Also, in Henrietta's obituary, L. J. Burton is listed as being a Lieutenant Colonel under general Forrest in the civil war. We don't know what Henrietta did with her father's property, plus we need to research exactly where his property was.

Lucinda M. Pulliam (1843-1891) married William H. H. Claypool (1841-1917) November 6, 1861. At the present time, I have not made the connection between Alice Claypool who married our Robert F. Pulliam Jr.. More research is required on that connection. In the census of 1880 W. H. H. Claypool 38, is listed as a blacksmith. Lucinda age 37 and the children are listed as Charles B. age 17, John William age 15, Ally age 11, George age 9 and Henry Clay age 2. It would appear that the grave stone next to Lucinda is a child named "Moncha" and passed in 1875 at six months old. This child would have been born between George and Henry Clay.

This field trip to the cemetery certainly did bring up some thoughts to look into.

- It was a little odd that Benjamin, Emily, William P. and Lucinda all died in 1891.
- It is a little odd that all the above headstones were readable and no other markers, which are many, have not been in better preservation. Even Molcha in 1875 is in pretty good shape. If Moncha was buried in 1875 and the others in 1891, you would think others would have used this cemetery in that span of years.
- I have a wonderful 2011 map of Scottsville that I believe my Mom and I obtained from the Chamber of Commerce. This map has a listing of the cemeteries, numbered and marked on the map. According to the map, the cemetery we visited is known as "Harston Graveyard". I know by the census sheets, that the Pulliam's were near the Harston's, Jameson's, Stark's, Read's and many other families involved in the Pulliam History. Seeing how there are no identifiable grave markers for the Harston's, Pulliam Grave Yard would be more appropriate.
- In 2011, my Mom and I visited the Historical Society. I took a picture of a 1922 oil well map that was hanging on the wall. It would certainly be nice to find a plat map of Allen County over the years, especially the years between 1850 thru 1900.
- Going to qpulic.org you can search for parcel 64-1 and see the satellite view, but, it does not tell you the current owner, although it appears that Harston does own a considerable amount of property around it.
- There is much more to discover here and this short write up is really just a teaser for doing genealogy and family history around this burial ground. I believe there is much more to discover here.
- Another concept that deserves research time, is the slave schedules of 1850 and 1860. My cousin, while exploring the cemetery did mention something about slaves being buried here. A deep search into burial for the numerous slaves in Allen County would certainly expand our knowledge of our family.
- A search for deeds in this time period is essential to get a better picture of how this graveyard came about and perhaps discover who some of the unmarked grave stones are.

I think it is about time to move on to the second place that my cousin and husband took me to explore. After leaving the cemetery, accessed by Cedar Springs Rd., they took me just down the road a bit off Old Glassgow Rd. to see the monument of Walter Thomas (1782 - 1864) and Nancy Pulliam (1781 - 1850). This monument stands in a field by itself and on the sides has inscriptions of Walter Thomas and his titles over the years. Nancy is inscribed on the opposite side of Walter. At the base of the monument, laying flat, is a headstone of a Mary J. Stark (1817 - 1864). There appears to be another unreadable stone about ten feet away. For the most part, it does not appear that this is a cemetery of very many people. Walter Thomas was one of the early settlers and he is written about in historical Allen County books. Nancy Pulliam was born in Virginia and was a young daughter of Benjamin and Lucy Pulliam when arrived in Barren County (hopefully there will be another writing about them).

Walter Thomas and Nancy Pulliam were married on December 6, 1802. At this time, I am not sure how many children Walter and Nancy had, I did find a few things. I did find a birth on January 14, 1826 of Walter M. Thomas and the parents listed as Walter and Nancy in Cedar Springs. In the 1840 Allen County census, Walter Thomas is listed with a

household of two males (btw 15-19), four males (btw 20-29), one male presumed to be Walter (btw 50-59), one female (btw 20-29), and one female presumed to be Nancy (btw 50-59). In the 1850 Allen Co. census, household #677 the family is listed as Walter Thomas, age 66, born in Tennessee (1860 census it lists him as North Carolina), Isam age 44, A. Thomas age 42, W. H. Thomas age 21, J. P. Thomas age 17, K. A. Thomas age 6, Nancy Thomas age 69 (listed as insane), and S ???, a 25 year old female. These two census 1840 and 1850 don't exactly spell things out on the children of Walter and Nancy. A little more research would have to be done to fill in some blanks. Another interesting find in the two census sheets, is that it appears that William Pulliam and Emily are listed living close by.

In the 1860 Allen County census, Walter Thomas age 78, is listed living in Scottsville and has remarried to H. H. Thomas (Harriet Shirley) age 57, they were both widowed and married in 1852. Harriet Shirley had at least one child with her previous marriage, C. T. Shirley is listed in the household in 1860. It is unknown at this time what Harriet's maiden was.

It is unclear why the headstone of Mary J. Stark is at the base of the Walter Thomas monument. I am not finding a lot of information, there are a lot of Stark's in the history of Allen County. One mystery is not knowing what Mary J. Stark's maiden name was. We do find a C. D. G Stark age 36, in the Allen County census. Listed is his wife M. J. Stark age 32. Then in the 1860 census we find D. G. Stark age 46, and M. J. Stark age 42, in Warren County, dist. #1, P.O. Bowling Green. D. G. Stark is listed as a Distiller. It does not appear that D. G. Stark and Mary J. had any children. There is a strong possibility that D. G. Stark remarried after Mary J.'s death. There is a Dillard G. Stark age 66, listed in the 1880 census married to a Jane F. (Myers) Stark age 41. Now, it will require more research to find out if Dillard G. Stark is related to Emily Jennings Stark, I can't help but think there is a connection someplace.

After leaving the Thomas grave yard, we headed over to Hwy. 98 and came to Emily Foster Ln.. Just a short drive, you come to a gate. Past this gate is the farm that at one time belonged to Robert Ficklin Pulliam, I think. On this land is where the Ficklin-Pulliam Cemetery is supposed to have existed. According to local knowledge, the cemetery has no markers to be seen. This is very disappointing to hear this, and without being able to go beyond the gate and do some exploring, I suppose we are just going to wait and research how this came to be. In other words, when was the last time that evidence of a cemetery was physically visible. You have to bear in mind that in the early history of Allen and Barren Counties when folks like the Pulliam's, Ficklin's, Stark's, Thomas's, Read's, Burton's, Claypool's and many more, many cemeteries on family farms were established. City cemeteries are of more recent times.

After our stop on Emily Foster Ln., my cousin and husband gave me a great tour of the more recent family. We drove around the area where the farm that her grandfather lived on. I even got to travel on Pulliam Ln.. A good part of the land is still in the family and in recent times, after 1900, holds some stories that remain to be written.

This short summary of my time with my cousin and her husband was a wonderful treat for me and I surely hope to come back and do some more exploring.

Benjamin Pulliam

Benjamin Pulliam was born in 1744 in Culpeper, Virginia, USA as the seventh child of Thomas Obidiah Pulliam and Winifred Holladay. He had nine siblings, namely: Sarah, Ann, James, Thomas II, Winifred, Agnes, Susannah, Elizabeth, and Mary. He died on 27 Oct 1817 in Scottsville, Allen Co, Kentucky, USA. When he was 20, he married Lucy Stuart, daughter of Robert Stuart and Mary Stuart, about 1764 in Culpeper, Virginia, USA.

Benjamin Pulliam and Lucy Stuart had the following children:

1. Robert Pulliam was born about 1764 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. He died in Oct 1848 in Highland, Ohio, USA. He married Delilah Baumgardner about 1792 in Virginia, USA.
2. Joseph Pulliam was born on 08 Feb 1771 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. He died on 27 Oct 1854 in Scottsville, Allen Co, Kentucky, USA. He married Margaret "Peggy" Ficklin on 05 Aug 1800 in Warren County, Kentucky, USA.
3. Mary Pulliam was born about 1772 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. She died in 1838 in Kentucky, USA. She married Christopher Dicken Jr. in Jul 1791 in Virginia, USA.
4. Sarah Pulliam was born about 1773 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. She died about 1846 in Missouri, USA. She married Gideon Pulliam about 1787.
5. Benjamin Pulliam was born about 1775 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. He died about 1819 in Hart, Kentucky, USA. He married Elizabeth Norton about 1796 in Virginia, USA.
6. William Pulliam was born in Dec 1778 in Culpeper, Virginia, USA. He died in Jul 1851 in Allen County, Kentucky, USA. He married Betsy Carter in Jul 1805 in Culpeper, Virginia, USA. He married Mary G. Curd in Mar 1840 in Barren, Kentucky, USA.
7. Thomas Jefferson Pulliam was born about 1779 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. He died about 1852 in Illinois, USA. He married Nancy Decker in 1810 in Indiana, USA.
8. **Nancy Pulliam** was born about 1781 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. She died after 1850 in Allen County, Kentucky, USA. She married Walter Thomas in Dec 1801 in Warren, Kentucky, USA.
9. Lucy Pulliam was born about 1784 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA.
10. Elizabeth Pulliam was born about 1786 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. She died about 1862 in Hart, Kentucky, USA. She married William Amos about 1808.
11. Charles S. Pulliam was born about 1791 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. He died about 1861. He married Lucy Ragland in Feb 1817 in Hardin,

Kentucky, USA.

- 12. John Pulliam was born about 1792 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA. He died about 1813 in Spotsylvania, Virginia, USA.
- 13. Milly Pulliam was born about 1793 in Kentucky, USA. She died about 1835 in Kentucky, USA. She married Johnson Owen about 1816 in Kentucky, USA.
- 14. Susannah Pulliam was born about 1795 in Kentucky, USA. She died about 1880 in Allen County, Kentucky, USA. She married Rice Jameson about 1815 in Kentucky, USA.
- 15. James Pulliam was born about 1799 in Kentucky, USA. He died about 1868 in Kentucky, USA. He married Susanna Jane Berry about 1813 in Kentucky, USA.

William Pulliam

William Pulliam was born in Dec 1778 in Culpeper, Virginia, USA as the sixth child of Benjamin Pulliam and Lucy Stuart. **He was brother to Nancy Pulliam Thomas.** He died in Jul 1851 in Allen County, Kentucky, USA. When he was 26, he married Betsy Carter, daughter of Henry Carter and Frances Penn, in Jul 1805 in Culpeper, Virginia, USA. When he was 61, he married Mary G. Curd in Mar of 1840 in Barren, Kentucky, USA.

William Pulliam was buried in Barren, Kentucky, USA. Unknown where at this time.

William Pulliam and Betsy Carter had the following children:

- 16. **Benjamin Pulliam** was born on 28 May 1808 in Allen, Kentucky, USA. He died on 06 Feb 1891 in Allen, Kentucky, USA.
- 17. Malinda Pulliam was born in 1810 in Barren, Kentucky, USA. She died in 1867 in Allen, Kentucky, USA. She married Samuel Haines in Jul 1824 in Bracken, Kentucky, USA.
- 18. **William Penn Pulliam** was born on 05 Feb 1813 in Allen, Kentucky, USA. He died on 15 Feb 1891 in Allen, Kentucky, USA.
- 19. George C. Pulliam was born in 1820 in Allen, Kentucky, USA. He died in Nov 1866 in Cass, Missouri, USA. He married Mary E. Mathes in Jul 1846 in Cass, Missouri, USA.
- 20. Sarah Ann Pulliam was born in 1825 in Allen, Kentucky, USA. She died in 1907 in Allen, Kentucky, USA. She married James P. Pulliam in Sep 1844 in Allen, Kentucky, USA.
- 21. Walter Pulliam was born in 1831 in Allen, Kentucky, USA.

Also Henry C. Pulliam (1806-1869), Frances Pulliam(1815-1853), Elizabeth Pulliam (1821-1905).

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WILLIAM PULLIAM

April 25, 1851

July 14, 1851

To my wife Mary G. Pulliam money, land, negroes and other property to be derived from the estate of her father Jesse Curd, deceased, of Barren County, Ky. To my wife also

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my tract of 150 acres during her natural life or widowhood. After her death or marriage I give my son William P. Pulliam to him and his heirs. I also give my wife her choice of one of my horses, saddle, bridle, blanket, etc., her natural life then to my children.

I have given my son Henry C. Pulliam a horse, saddle, bridle, cow and calf, bed and furniture valued at \$110, negro boy worth \$450 and the 300 acre tract of land where he now lives valued at \$800. I have given my son Benjamin Pulliam horse, saddle, bridle, cow, calf, bed and furniture valued at \$110, negro boy at \$600 and the 300 acre tract where he lives valued at \$500. I have given my daughter Malinda Haines a horse saddle, bridle, cow and calf, bed and furniture valued at \$85, two negroes girls at \$500, \$50 instead of a horse and \$50 cash. I have given William P. Pulliam a horse, saddle and bridle, cow and calf, bed and furniture valued at \$110, 10 negro boys \$600 and the remainder of the parcel of land where I now live at \$800.

To my daughter Frances Dodd, horse, saddle bridle, cow and calf, bed and furniture valued at \$85 and a negro at \$400. To my daughter Elizabeth Read the same and two negro girls at \$750. To my son George Pulliam a horse, saddle, bridle, grey mare valued at \$85, negro boy \$350 and \$350 cash. To my daughter Sarah Pulliam, horse, saddle bridle, cow and calf, bed and furniture at \$85, a note on R. W. Edmunds for \$25 and a debt on Sebastian Heeter for \$400. To my daughter Lucinda Heeter, horse, saddle and bridle, cow and calf, bed and furniture \$85, negro worth \$350 and \$350 cash. The remainder I wish divided equally between my several children. I appoint my Henry C. Pulliam and Benjamin Pulliam executors.

Witt: Wesley Thomas, Berry Patton, Samuel Ritchey and Thomas M. C. Goodnight

WILLIAM HOUSE

September 15, 1875

March 1880

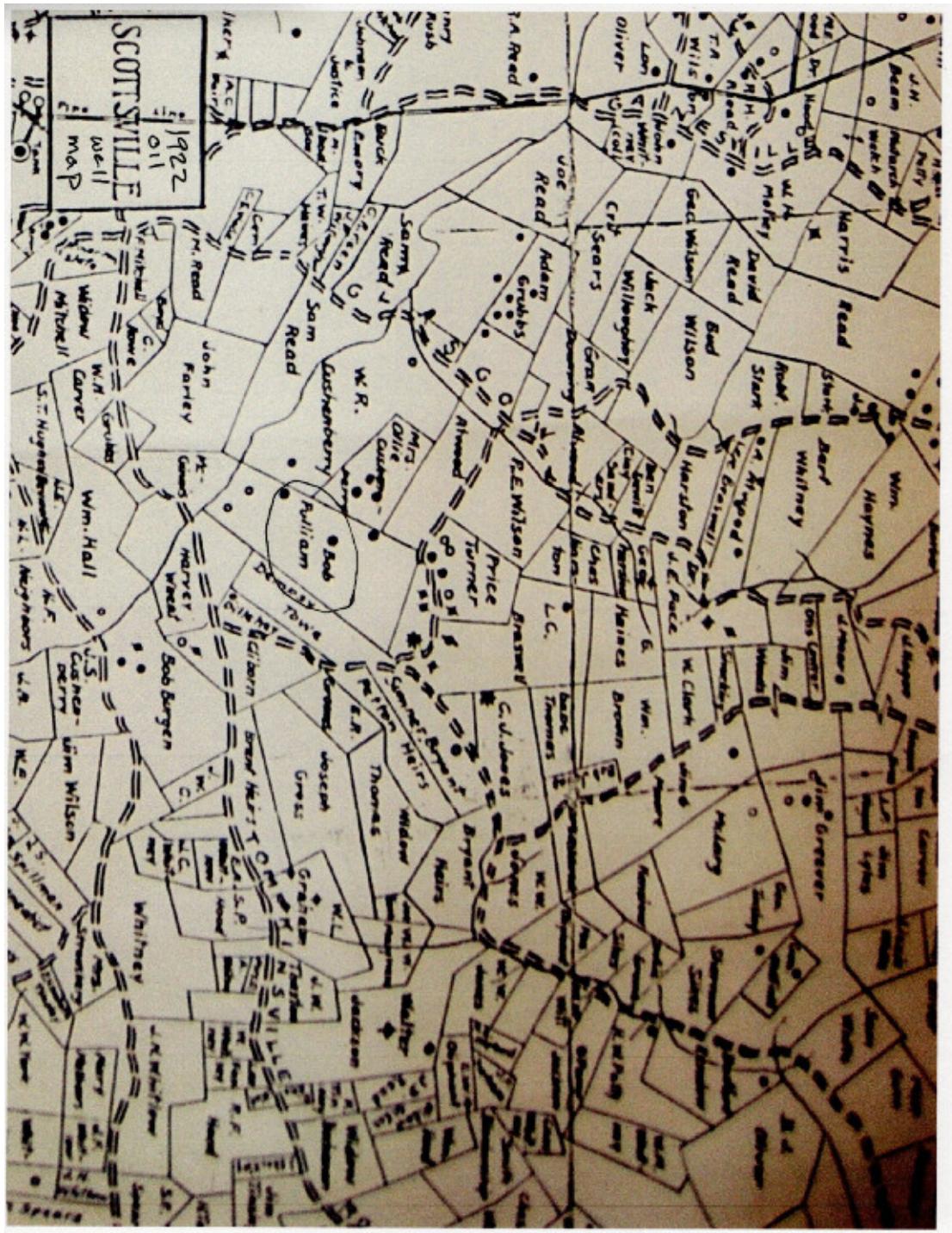
To my son B. C. House all my personal property now at his house consisting of one mare, mule, bedstead and bed-clothing and all other there except one bedstead and bed-clothing which I give to my daughter Lydia Meng. I appoint my son B. C. House executor and empower him to sell my landed estate in Sumner County, Tenn. and divide same equally between my lawful heirs making eight shares, giving to my children who are alive an equal share each and to the children of my deceased children the equal share which would belong

(this much of the will was on one page. There is probably a page missing, then at the top of another page I found the following)
special bequest I have made to B. C.....

Witt: John J. Gateswood and J. G. Cockrill

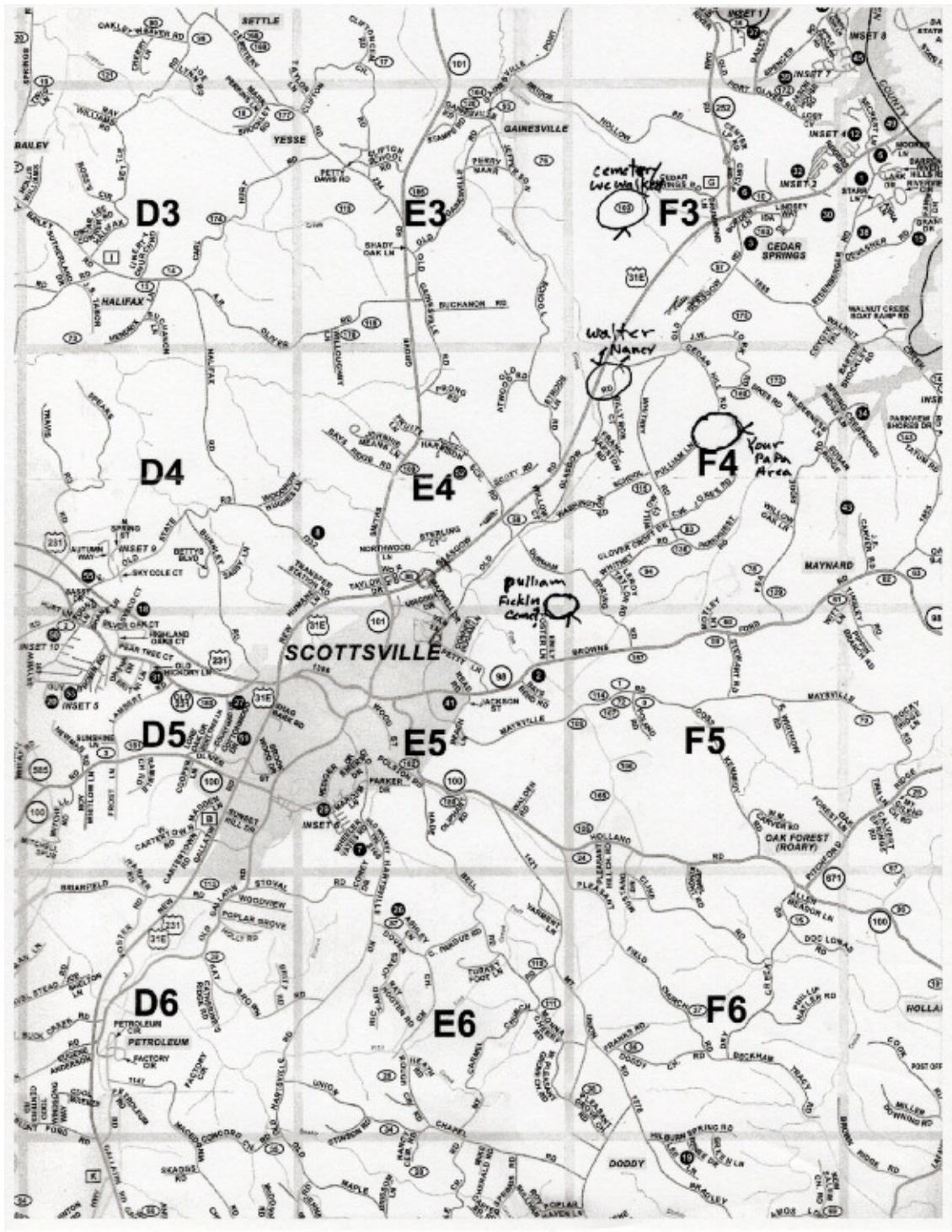
What is strange here is he is married to Mary Curd, but, in the 1850 census, there is a Walter Pulliam at age 19 living with William. Makes me wonder how Walter is related. More research coming.

Also, George Pulliam may be another George that is in Missouri same age. This may be a research problem for me.



This map was on the wall of the Allen County Genealogy Society. I took this picture back in 2011. It is a 1922 Oil Well Map. I had no idea about oil wells.

Bob Pulliam's farm is circled. Looks like it is where the present day Emily Foster Ln. is. It would be interesting to find the Property Records on the farm.



There is enough Pulliam history in Allen, Barren, and surrounding area that a whole lot more is waiting to be discovered.