

It was in this letter that we found Walker's death date. And who was the "Grandmother still alive, but very frail?" Helpless as a child? Was he referring to Mary Warren, wife of Walker, or someone else?

We do not know exactly when the Lankfords moved to Clay County, Indiana, but the following dates are found on Land Grants at the County Courthouse in Brazil, Indiana. Joel Church, June 16, 1833, Fielding Lankford, Sept 24, 1836; Larkin Lankford, September 29, 1836; Jesse Church, 1837; Walker Lankford, Feb 15, 1837.

The Lankfords must have been in Clay County before that because the following anecdote appears in the History of Clay County, by Travis:

How Coincidence Aids the Memory

"On the 28th day of November 1830 as related by Elias Coopridger, there was a most remarkable blighting frost on this part of the state. Up to that date the fall had been most unusually mild and pleasant so that the grass and all the leaves on the trees were yet as green as in the middle of summer. So sudden and severe the frost as to kill the grass and foliage of the forest trees and loosen the hickory nuts and acorns which fell in the after part of the day so numerous as to remind one passing through the woods of a shower of hailstones. Mr. Coopridger says his recollection of the exact date of this phenomenal stress in the weather was the more accurate because it was his first trip through the woods on that day which was Sunday to see the young woman whom he married a year later. The family had arrived from Kentucky just a day or two before and word had gone out that among them were several marriageable daughters that he was very anxious to see."

Not too long after Irene and I started corresponding, Irene received a letter from Sadie Church Bay, asking for information on a Stephen Langford and his relation to Walker Lankford. She indicated in her letter that she was the granddaughter of Sarah and Jesse Church and that Jesse H. Church and his brother Joel Church had married Sarah (Sally) and Cynthia Lankford, sisters, and daughters of Walker Lankford.

Here, indeed, was a find. Before this we did not have a Sarah listed as a daughter of Walker Lankford. This also answered our question as to who the Sally and Jesse Church were who witnessed Joel and Cynthia's marriage in Pulaski County, Kentucky. It also explained why Jesse was surety on the other marriages.

This led to a long, delightful correspondence with three of Jesse and Sarah's grand-daughters, Sadie Church Bay, Minnie Church Tennis and Inez Church Oliver. All of these sisters were most helpful to Irene and I on the two Church families. We still do not have a complete picture of the family of Sarah and Jesse H. Church, but without the help of these sisters we would have very little indeed.

In 1960 my husband attended American Chemical Society meetings in Chicago and I accompanied him. We extended our stay in the midwest several days and