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# Strictly Kentucky Genealogy

Various Materials To Aid In Family History Research.

## Holding

James Holding was born in Scott County, Kentucky, May 31, 1843. He was the son of Jephtha H. Holding and Elizabeth Juett. When his mother died, he became a foster child. He was reared in part by two sisters, Nannie and Delia Holding. They were missionaries for the Methodist Church and operated a school for Mexican children in Laredo, Texas.

James joined the Confederate Army in 1862, at the age of 19, as a second lieutenant and served without pay. He rode with John Hunt Morgan on the famous raid through Indiana and Ohio in July 1863. The 5th Kentucky Cavalry was under Basil Duke's command and fought a delaying action at Buffington Island, which allowed Morgan and a large part of his force to escape. Being entirely surrounded by superior Union forces, General Duke was forced to surrender. James Holding was among those captured and was held at Camp Morton, Indiana. He was later transferred to Camp Douglas, Illinois. An order for his release was issued in May 1864, but he was not found at Camp Douglas and was reported on the rolls as having escaped in December 1863.

At sometime the spelling of his named was changed to Holden, and he began to use his middle name, David. he took up life as a farmer and later a carpenter. He married Anna Rebecca Nutter, ca. 1868, and they lived in Versailles, Kentucky, where he died in 1930, at the age of 86.

The only direct line of descent would be through James' daughter, Martha (Mattie), who married William N. Cart, ca. 1890. They also lived in Versailles, Kentucky.

When William died (8/29/1954), his



Kittie Dupps of Florence, Kentucky, shares this photo of James D. Holding, Col. Smith's Regiment, Co. E, 5th Ky. Cav., Camp Douglas, Chicago, Illinois, taken September 15, 1863. See the "Strictly Genealogy" at left.

death notice listed five children: Nutter Cart, Louisville, Kentucky; Charles Cart, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Frank J. Hawkins, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. James E. Lannon, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Mrs. Harry V. Hargis, Lexington, Kentucky. He also had seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

If anyone has any information about any of these descendants, they can contact me.

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## Hall

George M. Hall, son of Isaac Hall and Annie Martin Hall, was born in 1829 (possibly in Morgan County). He died November 19, 1899. On July 7, 1848, he married Susan Downing, daughter of Dennis Downing and Mary McCormick Downing. Susan was born August 17, 1828. She died November 26, 1899.

George and Susan had the following children: Mary Ann Hall, born March 30, 1849, died November 28, 1927, married Abel Caudill, November 15, 1866; Cynthia A. Hall, born November 11, 1850, died October 13, 1911, married Samuel Caudill; Benjamin Franklin Hall, married Clemmie Tolliver, March 31, 1876; William Thomas Hall, born February 26, 1854, married first, Sarah Riddle, married second, Susan Roberts; Mahala Jane Hall, born 1856, married Peter Cassity; Eliza Jane Hall, born 1857, married Alfred Prather; Amanda Susan Hall, born December 29, 1860, died May 19, 1949, married Samuel B. Caudill, May 7, 1876; George M. Hall, born April 1862, died February 7, 1934, married Nancy Que-sinberry, July 20, 1887; James Henry Hall, born May 29, 1866, died November 3, 1932, married Clara Johnson, June 17, 1886; Walter Scott Hall, born 1868, married Nora Riddle; Lydia Alice Hall, born August 14, 1870, died March 15, 1953, married Isaac Quesinberry, June 7, 1886, had nine children; Samuel McKee Hall, married first, Aretha Thurber, July 20, 1887, married second, Rachel Stone; Albert D.

Hall, born November 4, 1872, died July 26, 1958, married Millie Prater, November 1891; and John M. Hall, born November 30, 1875, died November 8 1907, married first, Clella Nickell, married second, Annie Nickell, born April 24, 1885, died April 19, 1905.

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## Crace

Andrew Jackson Crace was born July 28, 1847, the second son of Peter Crace/Cress/Crace (Peter is listed )

tax records from 1821 through 1860, as all three spellings) and Rebecca Christian Hogg.

Andrew married Nancy Ann Caudill in Letcher County, Kentucky, on October 28, 1867. They had 12 children; two died as infants.

Andy appears to have enlisted in Co. A of the 7th Confederate Cav. Batt. sometime in August 1863, probably in Wise County, Virginia. The family story suggests that his father had hid him from Confederate recruiters earlier in the war. His older brother, Wilson, had enlisted in the 5th Kentucky Infantry in November 1861, and had died of unknown causes, less than three months later on January 26, 1862. Wilson was listed as Cress on the roll.

On Andy's pension request, in June 1912, he listed his unit as the 47th, a unit that never existed. The 7th Confederate never filed an official muster roll with the CSA War Department, which made it difficult to prove service, so members had to get sworn statements from people that they served with for pension approval.

After the war, Andy took up farming and settled in Letcher County with his wife, Nancy. He joined the Indian Bottom Church (Old Regular Baptist) in 1867, and in 1892 was dismissed from church for joining the Farmer's Union of Kentucky.

Family legend says Andy was a healer, but not licensed to practice medicine, and he may have gotten in trouble for trying to do so. He may have learned Indian medicine from his mother, who some relatives believed was a Cherokee.

Andrew J. Crase died December 16, 1938, and is buried in Crase's Branch Cemetery in Letcher County, Kentucky. His original marker has the name misspelled as Crass.

A brother, William Riley Crase, reared his family in Ashland, Kentucky. Another brother, George Cress, reared his family in Perry County.

The different spellings had made it very hard for family researchers to connect all the families.

Anyone interested in these families may contact me.

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Claud Crase of Seguin, Texas, shares this photo of his grandparents, Andrew Jackson Crase and Nancy Jane Caudill Crase. Place and date of photo not given. See "Strictly Genealogy" beginning on page 96. Mr. Crase would appreciate any information about the Crase/Cress/Crase name. The spelling has been changed throughout the years. Feel free to contact him with any information.



Lillie Copher Oliver, P. O Box 333, Owingsville, KY 40360, shares this photo of the youth Sunday School class at Owingsville First Church of God (Bath County), taken in 1956. First row, l-r: Marjorie Donathan Zegelian, Lillie Copher Oliver, Connie Bailey Reeves, Helen Thompson Donahue, Helen Ginter Blevins, and Marilyn Thompson. Second row, l-r: Joyce Campbell Riddle, Corrine Donathan Clay, Phyllis Collins Henderson, Louise Copher Setters, Bobbie Williams Chaney, and unknown. Third row, l-r: Charles McKee, Mitchell Donathan, Judy McKee Ocsch, Linda Otis Barber, Dave Roberts, and Lillian Toy (teacher).