



**Joseph Griffith  
and  
Catherine Burson**

of

Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore County  
Maryland

and

Belmont, Knox and Muskingum Counties Ohio

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# Joseph Griffith Genealogy

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## **Established Ancestry**

*Quaker records establish Joseph's birth and marriage:*

*Joseph Griffith (1758-1845) of Baltimore County, Maryland was the son of Isaac and Ann Burson Griffith of Bucks County, Pennsylvania and Gunpowder Meeting, Baltimore County, Maryland.*

*Joseph Griffith married Catherine Burson in 1786.*

At issue is Joseph's birth date:

From the age shown on his grave stone, Joseph Griffith was born about **11 November 1758**.

According to Gunpowder Friends Meeting records Joseph was born to Isaac and Ann Burson Griffith **22 October 1758 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania**.

The difference between the two birth dates is **twenty days**. This difference might be explained as an arithmetic error in calculating the age on the grave stone. If leap years are included in the calculation, the two birth dates match.

## **Theory of Migration to Ohio:**

This report proposes that Joseph and Catherine Burson Griffith migrated to Ohio and settled with at least five children, first in Belmont County, then in Knox County and finally in Muskingum County where they are buried in Hopewell Village Cemetery.

Church, land and vital records pertaining to Joseph's siblings (the children of Isaac and Ann Burson Griffith) show that some of them migrated from Baltimore, MD to Belmont County, OH. Several children/grandchildren may have migrated as a group to the Panhandle of [W]Virginia and Belmont County, Ohio in the 1790's and early 1800's. The evidence follows.

## **Supporting evidence:**

### **Joseph Griffith, son of Isaac and Ann Griffith of Gunpowder:**

Isaac and Ann Griffith were Quakers (Friends).<sup>1</sup> Quaker records show **that Isaac and son, Joseph, were members of Gunpowder Meeting in Baltimore County, Maryland into the 1780's.** (They lived in Loudoun Co., VA from time to time.)<sup>2</sup>

### **Joseph Griffith, married to Catherine Burson:**

**1786:** Records show that **on July 9, 1786 the Gunpowder Meeting condemned "Joseph Griffith and Catharine (before marriage Burson) for marrying outside the good order."**<sup>3</sup>

### **Joseph and Catherine Griffith as parents:**

No birth records were found for the children of Joseph and Catherine.

### **Joseph and Catherine Griffith:**

They purchased property in Baltimore County called Blathanackambury in 1796 and sold it in 1799.

### **Joseph and Catherine Griffith: migration:**

Collateral evidence can be used to reconstruct a theoretical migration of Joseph and his siblings and cousins from Maryland, to eastern Ohio in the late 1790's and early 1800's.

A general migration to Western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio occurred among northern Maryland families in the 1790's. The migration is especially well documented by Quakers. Several of Joseph Griffith's siblings and cousins can be tracked through Quaker records to Redstone Meeting in Fayette County, Pennsylvania in the 1790's and then to various Quaker Meetings in eastern Ohio in the early 1800's.

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1 Clarence V. Roberts, *Early Friends Families of Upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: Roberts & Ely, 1925), pp. 211-218.

2 *Marty Hiatt, Early Church Records of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1745-1800* (Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD).

3 Henry C. Peden, Jr., *Quaker Records of Northern Maryland, 1716-1800* (Westminster, MD: Willow Bend Books, 2001)



Census and cemetery records imply that four of the children of Joseph and Catherine Burson Griffith were born in Maryland between 1790 and 1796.<sup>4</sup>

**1796: Joseph Griffith** bought property in **1796 at Great Gunpowder Falls** in Baltimore County

**1799 Joseph Griffith** sells above property with the concurrence of his **wife, Catherine.**

**1801:** Their youngest son, **James, was born in 1801 in Virginia.**<sup>5</sup>

**1802: Joseph Griffith** of Brooke County, VA buys land in Charles Town, and on Buffalo Creek, **Brooke County [W] VA** (now Wellsburg)

**1804: Joseph Griffith and wife, Catherine,** sell above Wellsburg and Buffalo Creek properties<sup>6</sup>

**1808 Joseph Griffith** buys property in **Belmont County, Ohio.** He is listed as an “entryman” in Belmont County in 1811.<sup>7</sup> His further migration is documented by the property deeds in Belmont, Guernsey, Knox and Muskingum, Counties, Ohio.<sup>8</sup>

#### **Joseph Griffith--Siblings:**

**Joseph’s sister, Hannah,** (wife of Moses Dillon) went west to Redstone Monthly Meeting in **Fayette County, PA** and later to **Muskingum County, OH.**<sup>9</sup>

**One or more of Joseph’s brothers** may also have migrated to the Panhandle of Virginia (now WV). Joseph had brothers, John, James and Isaac, Jr. Records for men of these names are found in records of Brooke and Monongolia Counties, Virginia. (See discussion in Appendix, E-1 and E-2)

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<sup>5</sup> Census records suggest: Benjamin b. 1788, PA; Isaac, Mahlon, Joseph b. 1792-1796, MD; James b. 1801, VA. No primary birth records have been found. For details see Marilou West Ficklin, “[http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/Griffith-Hall-Lane Family Group Sheets.pdf](http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy/Griffith-Hall-Lane%20Family%20Group%20Sheets.pdf)”

<sup>5</sup> James’ birthplace is likely one of the following: Loudon Co., VA, Monongolia Co., VA, Brooke/Ohio Co., VA

<sup>6</sup> Garen to Joseph Griffith of Brook Co. , in Charlestown, 24 Aug 1802, Bk. 3:29; Hudson to Joseph Griffith, 11 Oct 1802, on Buffalo Cr., Bk 3: 43; Joseph Griffith and wife Catherine to Irwin 1 Oct 1803, Charles Town; Joseph Griffith and wife Catherine to Hudson 28 Jan 1804, Buffalo Cr., Bk 3:176

<sup>7</sup> Belmont Co. OH Deed, Bk B-415, 27 May 1808; also Richard Kocher, Listing of Entrymen on Lands in Belmont Co. OH (Columbus OH: Woolkock Publishing, 2002)

<sup>8</sup> See Marilou West Ficklin, op. cit.

<sup>9</sup> William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, Vol. IV, p. 63: Redstone Monthly Meeting, Moses Dillon and wife Hannah and children received certificate from Gunpowder MM dated 28 Sep 1793; see also Peden, op. cit, p. 11, children of Moses Dillon.

**Joseph's nephews and nieces (Isaac, Reuben and Thomas Taylor Griffith, Miriam, Sophia, Mary, Rachel):** children of his brother Abraham, are found in the Monongolia Court Records for Brooke and Ohio Counties. (See details below).

**Joseph's second cousins, Abraham and John,** grandsons of Isaac's brother, Jonathon: Abraham went west. to **Redstone Monthly Meeting** and later to **Belmont County, OH**, where he joined the **Plainfield Monthly Meeting**.<sup>10</sup> John went west to the New Garden MM in 1814. A brief descendent chart is shown in the appendix to illustrate the relationship.

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<sup>10</sup> Roberts, op. cit., p. 218; Hinshaw, op. cit., Vol. IV: 1820 certificate from Redstone to Plainfield MM (Belmont Co. OH) 1822 Plainfield to Concord (Belmont Co.); 1825 Concord to Stillwater; 1830 Abraham, disunity 1834 Abraham's wife, Mary, disunity.)

## APPENDIX

### Details from source material

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#### A. Joseph Griffith

The following discussion is presented for those who desire more evidence. In the absence of direct proof, collateral evidence is necessary to present a preponderance of evidence in support of the conclusions proposed in the previous section.

##### 1. *Comparison of birth dates*

The birthdate of subject Joseph (11 Nov 1758) was calculated from his gravestone.<sup>11</sup> According to the published genealogy of Isaac and Ann Griffith, their son, Joseph, was born 22 Oct 1758. The difference between the two dates -- twenty days-- might be explained by the method of calculating the age on the gravestone of our Joseph Griffith. It is possible the discrepancy in birth dates reflects a simple arithmetic error by the person inscribing the grave stone. It is also possible the calculation included one extra day each leap year—or 21-22 days over Joseph's lifetime. (See photos of grave stones on next page.)

##### 2. *Genealogy and Griffith Quaker Records*

The genealogy of Isaac Griffith and Ann Burson<sup>12</sup> states that Isaac Griffith's grandfather, Howell Griffith, was a persecuted Quaker who came from Wales to Philadelphia before 1689. Isaac's father, Abraham, was born in Wales in 1680. Abraham, purchased land in Richland in Bucks County about 1712. Abraham's son, Isaac Griffith, was born in Richland in 1720. Isaac married Ann Burson in 1744 and came to Maryland in 1769 when they joined the Gunpowder Monthly Meeting.

Several sources for Quaker records describe the family of Isaac Griffith and its migrations from Bucks County, PA to Gunpowder Falls (north of Baltimore) and later to Loudoun County, VA (west of Baltimore). They also show migrations of his children to Ohio. Records mentioning Joseph are shown below. (The complete timeline for Isaac is given at B-1 of this Appendix.)

##### 1769 Isaac and Ann Burson Griffith: Pennsylvania to Maryland

Isaac and family transfer from Bucks Co. PA to Gunpowder, MD:<sup>13</sup> Gunpowder Monthly Meeting 24 of 5<sup>th</sup> month [24 May] 1769 Isaac Griffith presented certificate from Richland Monthly Meeting for himself, wife Anne and children: Abraham, Hannah, Mary, Ann, Sarah, **Joseph**, Martha, Elizabeth, Isaac, John, James.

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<sup>11</sup> The stone shows that our Joseph Griffith died March 14, 1845 at age 86 years, 2 months and 3 days.

<sup>12</sup> Roberts (op. cit.)

<sup>13</sup> Peden, op. cit, p. 59. See also William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, Vol. VI [Virginia], p. 498. Fairfax Monthly Meeting.

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Grave of Joseph Griffith as photographed  
by Marilou West Ficklin in 2009



Grave of Catherine Griffith as photographed  
by Marilou West Ficklin in 2009



In Memory of Joseph Griffith  
who died March 14 1845  
Aged 86 y 4m 2d

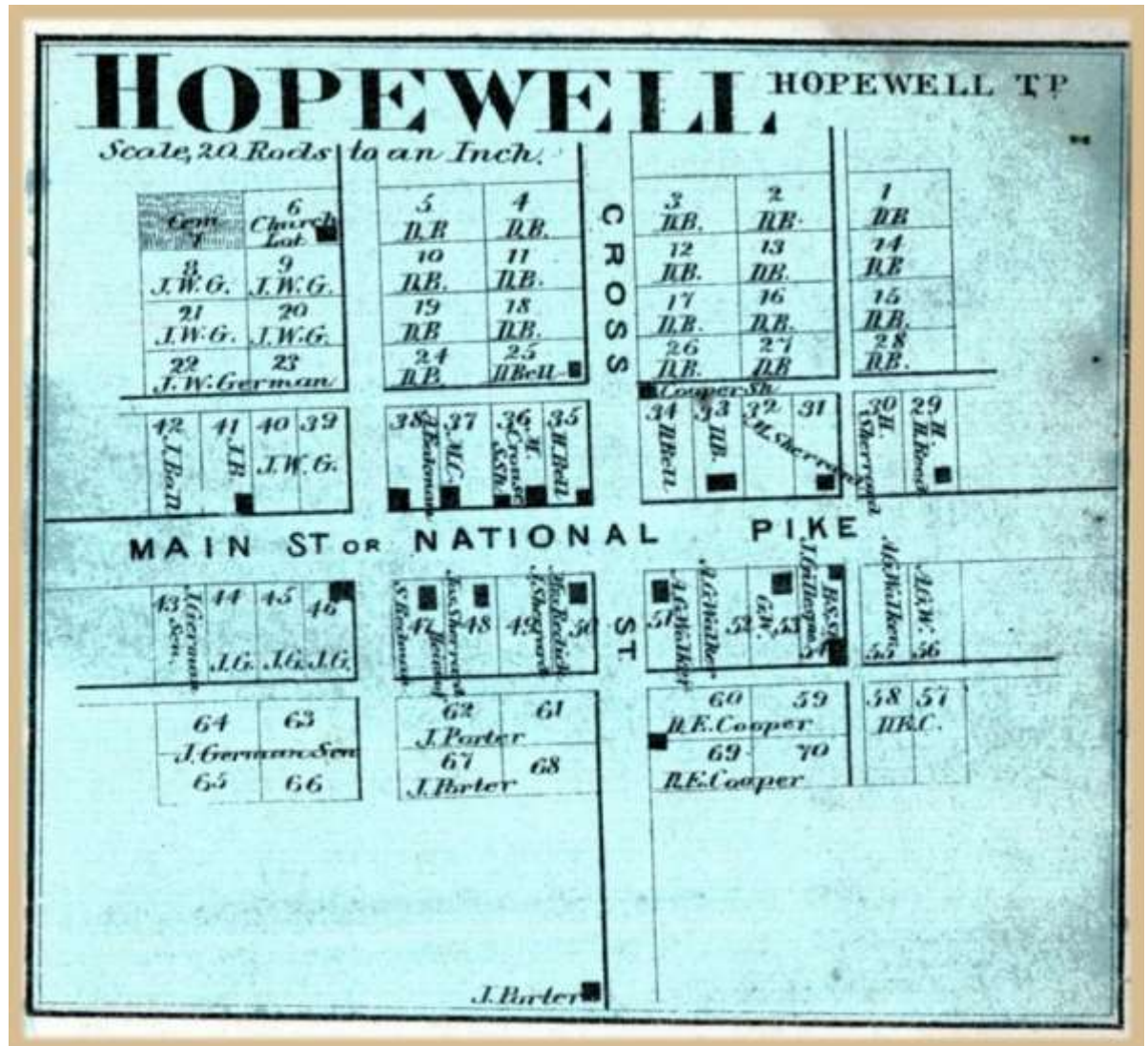
Enhanced photo by **Terry Magyar**



Catherine [wife of] Joseph Griffith  
died May 1, 1837 aged 71 yrs 6 mos  
9 days

Enhanced photo by **Terry Magyar**





**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO**  
Shows cemetery and church lots in upper left corner.

1773-1775 The Griffiths remove to Loudoun Co. VA, (west of Baltimore)

Fairfax Monthly Meeting receives Isaac's sons **Joseph**, James and John on certificate from Gunpowder Meeting 25 June 1774. (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 498)

1781 Joseph Griffith returns from Virginia to Gunpowder Falls

Joseph Griffith, son of Isaac, granted certificate from Fairfax to Gunpowder Monthly Meeting 24 Feb 1781. Note: in 1779 Joseph Griffith complained of "taking the test"<sup>14</sup>--acknowledged and accepted He retains his membership in Fairfax Meeting. (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 498)

1782 Catherine Burson (future wife of Joseph Griffith) goes to Gunpowder

Fairfax Meeting grants her certificate to Gunpowder Meeting 23 Sept 1782 1782 "She having removed into its limits." (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 478)

1786 Joseph Griffith and Catherine Burson marry in Gunpowder Falls

Joseph Griffith and Catharine (before marriage Burson) condemned for marrying "outside the good order" 29 July 1786. (Peden, op. cit., p. 82)

### 3. *The Deed to land at Gunpowder Falls*

**Enos Jones of Lancaster Co. PA** grant deed to **Joseph Griffith of Baltimore Co.**, for property known as "Blathanackambury" 10 May 1796, Baltimore County; 125 ac. on Great Falls of the Gunpowder River, wit. **Moses Dillon**, WG VV, p. 396; also deed to correct original grant deed recorded 13 April 1799, Book WG 58 pp. 144-145.<sup>15</sup>

Joseph Griffith grant deed to Richard Britton for Blathanackambury, recorded 13 April 1799, and **acknowledged by Catherine Griffith his wife**, Baltimore County, Book WG 58 pp. 145-147. (See C in this Appendix for abstract showing Catherine as wife of Joseph.)

The timing of the sale of this property fits well with the westward migration of subject Joseph Griffith and wife Catherine. It may be significant that **Moses Dillon witnessed the deed**, for Moses married Joseph's sister, Hannah, and migrated to Muskingum County. See item D in this Appendix.<sup>16</sup>

It appears that Joseph may also have bought property in Baltimore town. A Joseph and Abraham Griffith bought lots east of **Jones Falls**<sup>17</sup> in a tax sale to

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<sup>14</sup> Meaning taking the 'oath of allegiance' to the revolution.

<sup>15</sup> **Enos Jones**--possibly related to **David Jones of Chester Co., PA**. See page 18.

<sup>16</sup> Peden (op. cit.) shows that Hannah and Joseph had a son, "Moses" born in 1785. A Moses Dillon died 23 Feb 1800 [unclear record]. This could be Moses the father or the son (p. 11). However a Moses Dillon was appointed to the 'committee' on 'quotas/quotes' for the Gunpowder Monthly Meeting on 28 Aug 1800. The son Moses would have been only 15. Moses the father was still alive in August 1800 and was probably the Moses Dillon who accompanied Hannah to Muskingum County, Ohio.

<sup>17</sup> "**Jones Falls**" refers to "Jones," was a prominent investor/pioneer in Baltimore. The Griffiths had several transactions with "Jones".

satisfy the liens on property of **Anne Moore**. Anne was probably Abraham Griffith's mother-in-law—the mother of his first wife, Mary Moore. Joseph sold his interest to Abraham in 1786.<sup>18</sup> Abraham died in 1800. It is worth noting that in 1811 Joseph Griffith and wife Catharine of Belmont Co. OH bought land from a **David Moore**.

#### ***4. The Westward Migration of Joseph Griffith and his siblings—children of Isaac and Ann Griffith.***

From land transactions and the marriages of his sons, we believe that our subject Joseph Griffith first migrated to Wellsburg, Brook County, Virginia where he and wife, Cathrine, purchased property 1802 and eventually settled in **Belmont County, Ohio** where he purchased land in 1808. He next settled in **Knox County** and finally in **Muskingum County, Ohio** where he died.<sup>19</sup> No record has been found to show that Joseph was a member of any Quaker meeting in Ohio. However deeds show that Joseph and Catherine acquired land in the northeastern part of Belmont County near the border with Jefferson County. A famous debate took place in this region—at Mount Pleasant--in 1820 between John Walker, a “Seceder Baptist” and Alexander Campbell, future founder of the Disciples of Christ. This might be the time and place that Joseph's young son, James, age nineteen, was first introduced to the Disciples—a movement he fervently followed.<sup>20</sup>

#### ***Joseph's cousin: Abraham and Mary Michener Griffith to Belmont Co., Ohio***

Abraham Griffith, Isaac's grand-nephew (son of his brother, Jonathon) migrated as a Quaker: His wife was Mary Michener and they had a daughter Violetta.<sup>21</sup> They are shown in 1822 on certificate from Plainfield MM in Belmont County endorsed to Flushing MM; in 1824 certificate from Richland MM to Short Creek MM; 1825 certificate to Stillwater MM; 1830 Abraham disowned for “disunity” and Mary disowned in 1834.

#### ***Joseph's sister: Hannah Griffith Dillon to Muskingum Co., Ohio***

From Quaker records, it appears that Hannah Griffith, married Moses Dillon in 1772 in Baltimore and then migrated west, first to Fayette County, joined the **Redstone Monthly Meeting** in western Pennsylvania<sup>22</sup> and then went on to **Muskingum County, Ohio** near Zanesville. Moses had an iron works on the

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<sup>18</sup> Baltimore County Deeds, Richard Bond: to Joseph Griffith, Abraham Griffith lots 112,132,Baltimore Addition, 8 Jun 1785, Liber WG W pp. 410, 416; Joseph Griffith to Abraham Griffith same, WG Y, p 284, wit: John Price.

<sup>19</sup> Marilou West Ficklin, “Griffith-Hall-Lane Family Group Sheets”, a pdf file at [www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy](http://www.westerly-journeys.com/genealogy).

<sup>20</sup> See Part C (of main report), Family Group Sheets for discussion of James Griffith as a member of the Disciples of Christ.

<sup>21</sup> Roberts, op. cit., p. 218; Hinshaw, Vol. IV.

<sup>22</sup> Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 63, Redstone Monthly Meeting: 21 Mar 1794, Moses Dillon, wife and children certificate from Gunpowder MM dated 28 Sep 1793. Family records presented in Peden, op. cit, p. 11.

Licking River very near Hopewell Village where our subject Joseph is buried. (Hopewell cemetery is adjacent to the site of the old Hopewell Union Church which was not Quaker.) See item D in this Appendix for further details.

### *Joseph's Brother Abraham Griffith (decd): Wife and family to Jefferson Co., Ohio*

Some researchers suggest that Abraham Griffith, son of Isaac Griffith, migrated west to Jefferson County, Ohio. This is not true because the record of Abraham's death (and his burial) are recorded in the Gunpowder Monthly Meeting minutes.<sup>23</sup>

It is possible that Abraham's second wife, Rachel Taylor Griffith, migrated west. It is known she originally came from Fairfax Monthly Meeting in Loudon County, VA where she married Abraham Griffith, Joseph's brother.<sup>24</sup> Quaker records for Abraham and Rachel list their marriage as well as the births of their children and Abraham's death.<sup>25</sup> On 25 May 1808 a certificate was received for Rachel Griffith from Goose Cr. Monthly Meeting (near Fairfax MM, VA), dated 27 July 1807, endorsed to **Plainfield Monthly Meeting (Belmont Co. OH)**. Rachel and Abraham Griffith had a son, Thomas Taylor Griffith. It is possible he is the Thomas Griffith listed, along with our subject Joseph Griffith, as an entrymen on Congressional Lands, in Belmont County in 1810.<sup>26</sup> However graves of Rachel M. Griffith and Thomas Taylor Griffith are at the Beaver Dam Road, Friends Burying Ground.<sup>27</sup>

Abraham's son, Reuben, migrated west to Columbiana Co. OH in 1808 and then to **Jefferson County, OH** where he joined the **Short Creek Monthly Meeting**.<sup>28</sup>

Many of the name "Griffith" are found in the records of **Jefferson County** including an Abraham believed to have come from Chester Co. PA. "Abraham Griffith of Jefferson County, OH," obtained a U.S. patent to land in **Muskingum County** in 1825 for land southeast of Zanesville. An Abraham Griffith married Henrietta Bishop in Muskingum County in 1843. A child of

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<sup>23</sup> Peden, op. cit. p. 21: Abraham Griffith d. 26<sup>th</sup> day of 5<sup>th</sup> month {may} 1800 and was buried the 27<sup>th</sup> at friends burying Ground at Gunpowder Meeting House.

<sup>24</sup> Mary Alice Wertz, Loudoun County Marriages 1757-1853, (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985), p. 61.

<sup>25</sup> Peden, op. cit., pp. 21, 86-87.

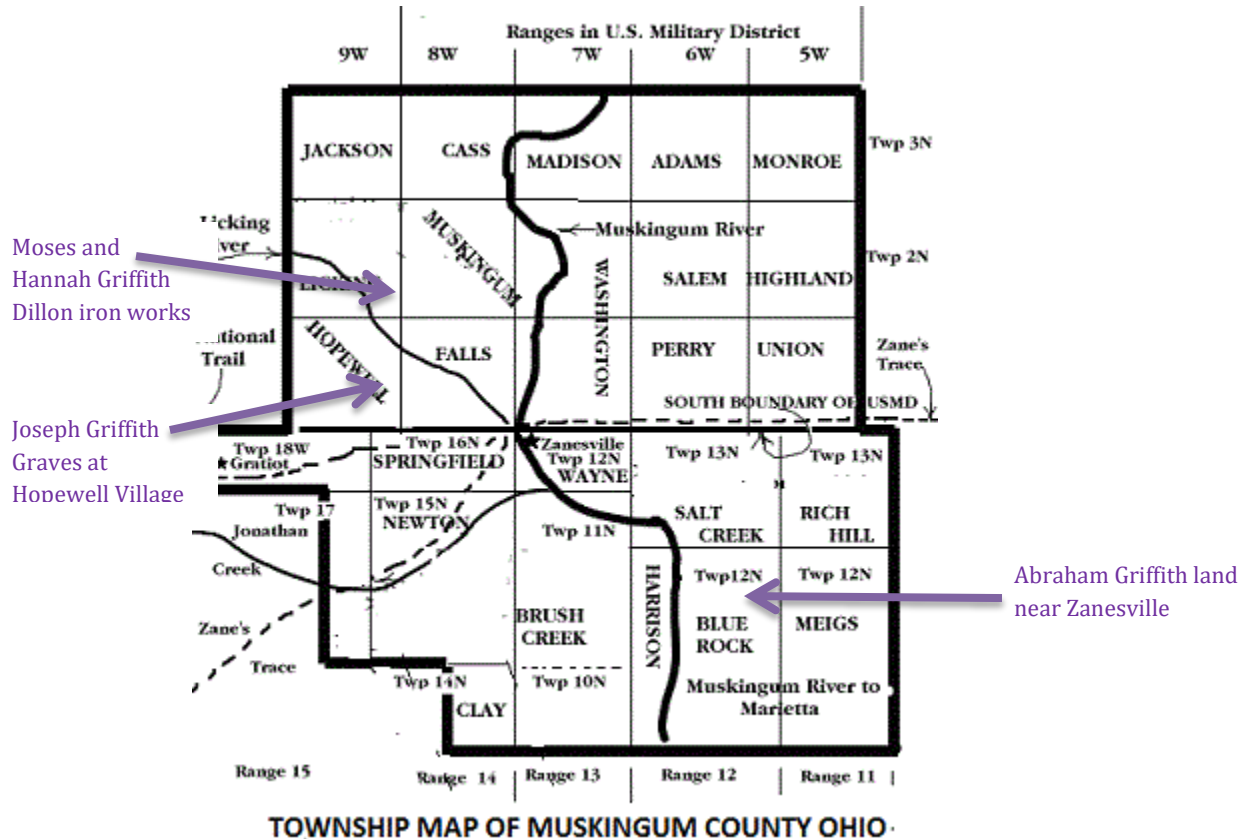
<sup>26</sup> Kocher, op. cit.

<sup>27</sup> Quaker Records [what source]. Thomas Taylor Griffith 26 Oct 1788-15 Aug 1888; Rachel M. Griffith, 29 Nov 1795-4 Apr 1888. (Is this the sister or the wife?) Who did Thomas Taylor marry?

<sup>28</sup> Henry C. Peden, Jr., *Marylanders to Ohio and Indiana* (Lewes, DE: Colonial Roots, 2006), p. 89. See also Hinshaw, op. cit., Vol. IV: p. 818, New Garden Monthly Meeting, 15 Aug 1816 certificate cert. Short Creek MM. See also Rick Toothman Monongalia (West) Virginia Deed Records 1784-(2009). In 1802 Reuben and Isaac Griffith in Monongalia Co. VA; with dau Miriam Richardson, Sophia, Thomas Taylor, Mary, Rachel, Sarah "all of Baltimore County," MD, Deed to 412 ac on Sandy Creek.



Abraham and Henrietta Griffith is buried in the family plot of our subject Joseph Griffith at Hopewell Cemetery, Muskingum County.<sup>29</sup> It suggests that said Abraham was related somehow to our subject Joseph but the exact relationship is not known.



<sup>29</sup> U.S. Patent to Abraham Griffith of Jefferson County to W ½ NE ¼ Sec 22, Twp 12N Rge 12 W, Muskingum County, Cash Entry Sale, 6 Aug 1825, Accession Serial Number 725, Bureau of Land Management General Land Office Records online, [www.gloreCORDS.gov](http://www.gloreCORDS.gov).

## B. Isaac Griffith (Joseph's father)

### ***1. Complete timeline for Isaac Griffith in Gunpowder and Fairfax Monthly Meetings:***

#### 1769 Isaac and Ann Burson Griffith: Pennsylvania to Maryland

Isaac and family transfer from Bucks Co. PA to Gunpowder, MD:<sup>30</sup> Gunpowder Monthly Meeting 24 of 5<sup>th</sup> month [24 May] 1769 Isaac Griffith presented certificate from Richland Monthly Meeting for himself, wife Anne and children: Abraham, Hannah, Mary, Ann, Sarah, **Joseph**, Martha, Elizabeth, Isaac, John, James. (Eldest daughter, Rachel not listed because she was by then married.)

#### 1771-1773 Death of Ann Burson Griffith

Her death occurs between the marriages of two of her children:

Marriage of Abraham Griffith, son of Isaac and Ann, 3<sup>rd</sup> day, 4<sup>th</sup> month [Apr 3] 1771.<sup>31</sup>

Marriage of Ann Griffith, daughter of Isaac and (deceased), 27<sup>th</sup> day, 2<sup>nd</sup> month [Feb 27] 1772.<sup>32</sup>

#### 1773 Isaac Griffith remarries—to another Ann Burson

Gunpowder Monthly Meeting refers to Isaac's second marriage on 24<sup>th</sup> day, 11<sup>th</sup> month [24 Nov] 1773 "married outside the good order."<sup>33</sup> Isaac and Ann had proposed "their marriage intentions" to the Fairfax, VA Monthly Meeting which refused to approve it. They were disowned 28<sup>th</sup> day, 5<sup>th</sup> month [28 May] 1774.<sup>34</sup> Their marriage took place in Frederick County, MD.

#### 1773-1775 The Griffiths remove to Loudoun Co. VA, (west of Baltimore)

Fairfax Monthly Meeting receives Isaac's sons **Joseph**, James and John on certificate from Gunpowder Meeting 25 June 1774. (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 498)

However Fairfax Meeting returns Isaac's request to Gunpowder Meeting—which disowns him.

Isaac is referred to as "Isaac of the Colony of Virginia" when on 3 March 1774 his daughter, Ann, widow of Aquilla Price, m. Wm Matthews. (Peden, op. cit., p 57)

Isaac again requests a certificate 30 Dec 1775 for himself and daughter Martha from Gunpowder to Fairfax (Peden, op. cit., p 66.)

#### 1781 Joseph Griffith returns from Virginia to Gunpowder Falls

1781 Joseph Griffith, son of Isaac, granted certificate from Fairfax to Gunpowder Monthly Meeting 24 Feb 1781. Note: in 1779 Joseph Griffith complained of "taking

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<sup>30</sup> Peden, op. cit, p. 59. See also Hinshaw, Vol. VI, p. 498. Fairfax Monthly Meeting.

<sup>31</sup> Peden, op. cit., p. 9

<sup>32</sup> Peden, op. cit., p. 51

<sup>33</sup> Peden, op. cit. p. 64

<sup>34</sup> Hinshaw, op. cit., p 498. (See full text in Appendix.)

the test"--acknowledged and accepted He retains his membership in Fairfax Meeting. (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 498)

1781-82 Isaac still in Virginia but later returns to Gunpowder

Isaac requests reinstatement to Fairfax Meeting and it is approved by the Quarterly Meeting. He is received on certificate from Gunpowder Meeting 22 Dec 1781. (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 498)

Fairfax Meeting granted certificate to Gunpowder Meeting 23 Nov 1782 to James and John Griffith and they removed with their father. (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 498)

1782 Catherine Burson (future wife of Joseph Griffith) goes to Gunpowder

Fairfax Meeting grants her certificate to Gunpowder Meeting 23 Sept 1782 1782 "She having removed into its limits." (Hinshaw, op. cit., p. 478)

1786 Joseph Griffith and Catherine Burson marry in Gunpowder Falls

Joseph Griffith and Catharine (before marriage Burson) condemned for marrying "outside the good order" 29 July 1786. (Peden, op. cit., p. 82)

1803 Isaac Griffith goes astray and seems to go to Virginia again

On 30 April 1803 hath frequently neglected attendance of our religious meetings, hath frequented games and other places of diversion, hath been concerned with horseracing and made use of unbecoming language, has removed within the verge of Fairfax Meeting. On 26 November, 1803 had been located and charges presented against him in Fairfax Monthly Meeting.<sup>35</sup>

1804 Last record found for Isaac

Referred to as a birthright Quaker; 28 Jan 1804 gave written testimony and apologized for his misconduct.

**2. Quaker records for the children of Isaac and first wife, Ann Burson Griffith:**

From Quaker records it appears that not all of Isaac's children adhered to the Friends' lifestyle.

**Abraham Griffith** (eldest child) married first, **Mary Moore**, daughter of Anne and Walter Moore 3 Apr 1771. Mary died 13 Sep 1784. Her brother John Moore was charged 23 Sep 1772 with "leaving his wife and children, and we have great reason to think he intends to take a young woman with him on a private and scandalous manner." David Moore, son of John, was charged 28 Apr 1773 with "frequentering places of diversion."<sup>36</sup> Abraham and Mary had these children according to the Gunpowder Monthly Meeting records: Reuben, Isaac,

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<sup>35</sup> Henry C. Peden, *Quaker Records of Baltimore and Harford Co. MD, 1801-1825*.

<sup>36</sup> Note: Joseph Griffith bought land from a David Moore in Belmont County, Ohio. Could this be the same man?

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Meriam. (m. Fielder Richardson)<sup>37</sup> and Sophia.<sup>38</sup> Abraham Griffith married second to **Rachel Taylor** 30 Dec 1788 and had four children with her—including Thomas Taylor, Mary, and twins Rachel, and Sarah.<sup>39</sup> Abraham died 26 May 1800.

**Rachel Griffith** (eldest daughter) married **Joseph Shaw** before the family left Pennsylvania. Quaker records at Gunpowder only mention Joseph one time: he **was complained of for drunkenness** in 1773 (Peden, op. cit., p. 64). Rachel is mentioned only once: “On -[?] day of 9<sup>th</sup> month, 1779, a certificate for Rachel Shaw and her children, George, David, Samuel and Ann, was produced. (Peden, op. cit. p. 73) It does not mention Joseph.

**Hannah Griffith** (described earlier)

**Mary Griffith** is mentioned only on the 1769 certificate when the family came to Gunpowder.

**Ann Griffith** married 1 **Aquilla Price** (Peden, op. cit., p. 51) and married 2, **William Matthews** in “Virginia Colony 3 Sep 1774 at Gunpowder Meeting house, witnesses Moses Dillon, Abraham and Mary Griffith and others. She died 6 Jul 1792 at age 89 and is buried at Gunpowder Meeting House. Her 11 children are listed in Peden, op. cit, pp. 9 and 57.

**Sarah Griffith** is mentioned only once: “On 25<sup>th</sup> day of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1772, Sarah Griffith **charged with keeping unseemingly company with a married man of her neighborhood.**”<sup>40</sup>

**Joseph Griffith** (This is subject Joseph, described earlier ]

**Martha Griffith** is mentioned only once when Isaac requests a certificate 30 Dec 1775 for himself and daughter Martha from Gunpowder to Fairfax implying she was still single.<sup>41</sup>

**Elizabeth Griffith** is listed as a daughter of Isaac in the Gunpowder records but is not shown as a child of Isaac in the Roberts genealogy. The Quaker records show: “On -[?] day of 8<sup>th</sup> month, 1780, Elizabeth Griffith was **charged with ‘having’ lately married out from among us by a priest.**”<sup>42</sup>

**Isaac Griffith, Jr** is mentioned only on the 1769 certificate when the family came to Gunpowder. *Did he later go to Brooke Co. VA?*

**John Griffith** is mentioned in 1774 when granted a certificate to Fairfax Meeting in Virginia with father, Isaac and brothers James and Joseph. In 1782 he returned to Gunpowder with father and brothers. On 30 Sep 1786 he was charged with “**uncleanness and leaving these**

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<sup>37</sup> Note the name “Richardson.” Led troops in War of 1812 militia; m. of Mahlon Griffitho Mary Richardson;

<sup>38</sup> Peden, op cit . p. 10

<sup>39</sup> Peden, op. cit., p. 21

<sup>40</sup> Peden, op. cit. p. 63

<sup>41</sup> Peden, op. cit., p 66.

<sup>42</sup> Peden, op. cit. p. 73

**parts in a clandestine manner to the injury and disadvantage of his master.”** *Did John skip town and go west—to Brooke Co. VA.* <sup>43</sup>

**James Griffith** is mentioned in 1774 when granted a certificate to Fairfax Meeting in Virginia with father, Isaac and brothers John and Joseph. In 1782 he returned to Gunpowder with father and brothers. Did he later go to Brooke Co. VA?

**Note about Meriam Griffith, daughter of Abraham and Mary Moore Griffith:** She married 31 Oct 1796 at Gunpowder Meeting House to Fielder Richardson, son of Richard and Mary Richardson of Frederick Co., MD.<sup>44</sup> A gravestone for a Meriam Griffith is found at the Friends Meeting House on Quaker Bottom Road #1 at Priceville Road in Baltimore County. Another Meriam Griffith was born to Thomas Taylor Griffith, son of Abraham and his second wife, Rachel Taylor.<sup>45</sup>

### **3. Isaac Griffith's second marriage: to Ann Dickey Roberts Burson. Full text from Hinshaw, Vol. 6, p. 498, GRIFFITH:**

Isaac, a widower, of Gunpowder MM, Md & Ann Burson, a widow, of Goose Creek PM & Fairfax MM, proposed their marriage intentions to Fairfax MM, which this Meeting refused to approve on account that they were brother & sister by Affinity, she being his former wife's brother's widow; the Meeting advised them to drop their intentions; but they were reported to have married Nov 27 1773 (in another way) and were disowned 28 May 1774. Isaac's children by his former wife, viz: Joseph, John & James, were received on certificate from Gunpowder MM, MD. 25 June 1774; Fairfax MM returned Isaac's certificate to Gunpowder MM for action and he was disowned by that Meeting; in 1781 he asked for reinstatement which was approved by the QM and he was received on certificate from Gunpowder MM 22 Dec 1781 (Although he had been living at Fairfax, he belonged to Gunpowder)

Explanation of the “Affinity” above. Who was Ann Burson's brother? (And who was his widow?) The answer is as follows:

Ann Burson, b. 9 Feb 1720, Montgomery Co. PA, was the daughter of Joseph and Rachel Potts Burson. Ann Burson had three brothers but only one could have left a widow in Virginia at the time Isaac married the second time. Ann's brothers are as follows:<sup>46</sup>

James, who m1 Sarah Price, m2. Sarah Twining. Died 1792 (so he left no widow in 1773)

Joseph Burson, Jr., who m. Mary\_\_\_ and removed to South Carolina (so he left no widow in VA)

Benjamin, who married Ann Dickey Roberts 23 Oct 1760, at Fairfax Meeting House; he died in Loudoun County, VA in 1769 leaving a will dated 10 Oct 1769 which mentioned his widow Ann Roberts. She would have been a widow in 1773—and her married name was “Ann Burson.” Benjamin Burson was a prominent member of the Goose Creek Preparatory Meeting, Society of Friends.

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<sup>43</sup> Peden, op. cit. p. 83

<sup>44</sup> Hinshaw, op. cit., Vol. 6, Fairfax Monthly Meeting, VA, p. 498. Note that Joseph Griffith's son, Mahlon, married a woman named Mary Richardson.

<sup>45</sup> Hiatt, op. cit. p. 106 shows a Miriam as daughter of Rachel and Thomas Griffith; Peden, op. cit shows Mariam R., daughter of Thomas and Rachel Griffith of Gunpowder Meeting born 19 May 1816; died 7 Oct 1818.

<sup>46</sup> From Clarence V. Roberts, op. cit

**So Isaac Griffith married the widow of Benjamin Burson (brother of his first wife, Ann Burson).**



**Unknown Marian Griffith, Gunpowder Monthly Meeting House graveyard  
Photo by author, 9 May 2011<sup>47</sup>**



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<sup>47</sup> There are two Gunpowder Meeting Houses and two graveyards. The above photo is from the Sparks location, Historical Landmark BA80, CWB 944, Folio 308.





**Gunpowder Monthly Meeting House**  
Photo by author, 9 May 2011

## C . Blathanackambury

### *Abstract of Deed for Blathanackambury showing Catherine as wife of Joseph Griffith*

13 April 1799 between Joseph Griffith of Baltimore co and Richard Britton of same. Consideration \$625 pounds current money. Property: all that part of a tract of land called Blathanackambury in Baltimore Co. (legal description in metes and bounds referencing a red oak and large rock etc including a “chestnut sapling standing by the side of the great falls of Gunpowder... 125 acres together with all buildings improvements ways waters privileges and appurtenances...” Witness: Owen Dorsey. Signed and sworn by Joseph Griffith 13 April 1799 before Justices of Peace of Baltimore County and “at the same time came **Catherine wife of the said Joseph Griffith** and being by us privately examined apart from and out of the presence and hearing of her husband acknowledged all her right and title of dower in and to the land and premises in the foregoing deed ....”

## D. Further Records of Hannah Griffith and Moses Dillon

Gunpowder Falls in Baltimore Co., MD was known for its iron deposits. Muskingum County, Ohio was also known for iron resources. Isaac Griffith’s daughter, Hannah Griffith Dillon, was a part of a migration from Gunpowder Falls, Maryland to Muskingum County Ohio. Were they searching for economic opportunity in the iron industry?

From Quaker records, it appears that Hannah, married **Moses Dillon** in 1772 in Baltimore and then migrated west, first to Fayette County in western Pennsylvania<sup>48</sup> and then to Muskingum County, Ohio near Zanesville. Moses had an iron works on the Licking River very near Hopewell Village where “our subject Joseph” is buried. (Hopewell cemetery is adjacent to the site of the old Hopewell Union Church which was not Quaker.)

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<sup>48</sup> Hinshaw, Vol. IV op cit.

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There is some confusion about the timing of the Dillons' trek to Ohio. Records of Gunpowder Meeting 1801-1803 shows that a certain Moses Dillon is still in Maryland and in some disfavor with the Quakers. On 25 July 1801 he hath given way so far to passion as to strike a man, Samuel McConnel<sup>49</sup>. On 29 Aug he had met with a degree of satisfaction since he had condemned his misconduct. On 31 Oct 1801 he apologized for his actions and requested his membership be continued. On 26 Nov 1803 he requested a certificate for his son, Moses, Jr. to Baltimore Monthly Meeting.<sup>50</sup>

Hannah died 1 July 1824 in Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio. She was buried in the old Quaker Cemetery there.<sup>51</sup> It no longer exists. According to *The Early History of Zanesville*,<sup>52</sup> the early Quaker grave yard was located at Putnam Village. Increase Matthews was buried there in 1802. (It was located on the hill near the intersection of Cooper Mill and Woodlawn and is now part of the Woodlawn cemetery.) Dr. Matthews donated land for a burying ground in Putnam in 1806. Three laborers from Moses Dillon's furnace—all Quakers—were buried at a Quaker Cemetery in 1815. It seems likely these were all from the Gunpowder Falls region.

The *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Muskingum County, OH*, Chapter 43<sup>53</sup> gives the names of **the pioneer settlers of the township: in addition to Moses Dillon** these other people from Maryland settled there: John M. Lane from Baltimore, blacksmith; Joshua Gorsuch, farmer; **Dutton Lane**, tanner, also ran an inn or 'public' house on the Zanesville-Coshocton Road; David DeVore also ran a tavern. (See "Lane" in the Appendix.) **A Dutton Lane was found in the records of Gunpowder Meeting** as well as many by the names Gorsuch and Matthews.

## E. Virginia Panhandle (now WV)

### 1. *Griffiths at Little and Big Graves Creek and Jones Mill*

The County of Monongalia, VA included parts of present Ohio County and Marshall County. Of particular interest to the Griffiths, is the area near Little and Big Grave Creeks. The names of Joseph, and Isaac Griffith appear in the court records 1801-1810. There is no proof that the "Joseph" in the following records is the same as subject Joseph. It is possible the "Isaac" mentioned is the same as Joseph's brother, Isaac.

Deed to a Joseph Griffith from McIntyre 1797, 1811<sup>54</sup>)

Monongalia Dist Ct. 1803 (77c) **David Jones** of Chester Co. PA and John & Mary Jacobs of Hampshire Co. VA vs. Tomlinson re dispute over 1100 acres of land at mouth of **Grave Creek** on Ohio River in Ohio Co. VA. <sup>55</sup> Transcript includes the following: "Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, Belmont County." Deposition of John Dille, 1802 when he inspected and verified the "corner of **David Jones'** survey on the river. "**Isaac Griffith and John Dille** summoned to testify in behalf of David Jones...1802." <sup>56</sup>Further mentions that Big

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<sup>49</sup> See McConnell in Brooke County land.

<sup>50</sup> Peden, *Baltimore and Harford, 1801-1825*, op cit.

<sup>51</sup> See the pdf file: "Muskingum County history excerpts.pdf." Other references for Isaac Griffith: Henry C. Peden, *Quaker Records of Northern Maryland, 1716-1800*; also *Quaker Records of Baltimore and Harford Counties*. Anna Miller Watring and F. Edward Wright, *Bucks Co., PA Church Records*

<sup>52</sup> "The Early History of Zanesville," *The Zanesville Daily Courier*, Zanesville, Muskingum Co., Ohio, Saturday, June 1, 1878, page 1, cols 2-4

<sup>53</sup> *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Muskingum County, OH* (Columbus: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1892)

<sup>54</sup> *Monongalia County (West) Virginia: Records of the District, Superior and County Courts*, comp. by Melba Pender Zinn, Vol. 2, (np: Heritage Books, Inc, nd) p. 268. Case 77c, 1808

<sup>55</sup> *Monongalia County, op cit* p. 268.

<sup>56</sup> See also Ohio Co. Marriages: John Dille to Rachel Griffith, 10 Nov 1803.



Grave Creek and Little Grave Creek were named in 1784 about the time that Jacobs and Tomlinson received respective grants from Virginia.

Deed to a **Joseph Griffith** of Ohio County, VA from David Cooper 6 Aug 1810 for 39 acres on waters of Parr's Run and **Little Grave Creek**, part of a survey of 400 ac, adj. cor. of Thomas Riggs.<sup>57</sup>

Mention of **Isaac Griffith** in Ohio Co. VA court records: Constable in 1801, Road Surveyor for road from mouth of **Big Grave Creek** to **Jones Sawmill**. (This implies that David Jones of Chester owned the sawmill.)

## **2. Griffiths at Wellsburg and Buffalo Creek, Brook Co. (West) Virginia**

A Joseph Griffith and wife Catherine of Brook County purchased town lots in what was then called "Charles Town" (now Wellsburg), in Brook Co. (W) VA.<sup>58</sup> They also purchased acreage on Buffalo Creek south of Wellsburg.<sup>59</sup> These purchases were made in 1802. It is not proven that this Joseph and Catherine are the same as the couple who owned Blathanackambury in Maryland, the properties in Belmont County across the Ohio River or the later properties in Knox and Muskingum Counties, Ohio.

Subject Joseph Griffith had brothers named John and James Griffith. Men of that name are found in Brook County in the 1790's and early 1800's. But it is believed they are the sons of William Griffith described under 3. below. It is particularly tempting to believe that James Griffith, the principal surveyor of Wellsburg, was Joseph's brother. There is no evidence to support it.

## **3. Unrelated Griffiths of Brook Co. (West) Virginia who migrated from Cockeysville, Maryland.**

The migration of the Wells and Griffith families from Maryland to Brook County has been documented in several published sources.

A William Griffith migrated from the region near Cockeysville in Baltimore County to Holliday Cove in northern Brooke/Ohio County, in the Virginia Panhandle (now West Virginia). His migration is documented in a 1796 deed recorded in Baltimore County in which William is called "William Griffith of Ohio County in the state of Virginia Esq".<sup>60</sup> He grants to "Benjamin Griffith, son of John Griffith late of Baltimore County, deceased" tracts called "Christmas Eve" and "Disturbed Mind." They are located on the "south side of the main road leading from Thomas Cockey's Mill to Royeston" in being the "dwelling plantation of James Griffith, Sr. late of Baltimore County, deceased" The deed excepts the part of the land reserved as a grave yard. William appoints his nephew, Abednego, as his attorney. The deed is witnessed by John Kerr and James Wells (believed to be related to William's father-in-law, Alexander Wells of Washington, Co., PA.)

Some Griffiths living in Jefferson County, Ohio in the early 1800's seem to be associated with the Wells family and the people from northwest Baltimore County who first migrated to the Cross Creek area of Washington Co., PA—just across the border from Brooke/Ohio Co.[W]VA and Jefferson Co. OH. The names "James Griffith" and "Isaac Griffith" appear

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<sup>57</sup> Ohio Co. (W) VA Deeds, Book 7, p. 36.

<sup>58</sup> Brook Co. (W) VA Deed Book 3, p. 29, 24 Aug 1802: Joseph Griffith from Samuel and Jane Garen five lots in the center of Wellsburg; Deed Book 3, p. 166 1 Nov 1803: Joseph and Catherine Griffith to James Irwin (sold or mortgaged).

<sup>59</sup> Brook Co. (W) VA Deed Book 3, p. 42, 43, 11 Oct 1802: Joseph Griffith from William Hudson 300 acres on Buffalo Creek; Deed Book 3, p. 176, 28 Jan 1804: Joseph and Catherine Griffith to William Hudson (sold or mortgaged)

<sup>60</sup> Baltimore county Deed, Book WG VV, p. 210, filed 18 April 1796.

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frequently in the property and probate records of those counties. No proof that these are related to Isaac and Ann Griffith has yet been found

Details of the Wells/Griffith families of Baltimore, Virginia and Ohio are given in Appendix H below.

## F. The Disciples of Christ and the Wheelers

John Wheeler performed the marriage ceremony of James Griffith and Elizabeth Hall in Knox Co., OH in 1826. John's brother, Samuel Wheeler, married Elizabeth's sister. The history of the Disciples in Ohio dates only to about 1820 when Alexander Campbell debated John Walker in Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio. Therefore it might be assumed that the Wheelers' were early advocates of 'Campbellism.' In fact, many early books that describe the rise of the Campbell movement mention one of the early elders was "Charles Wheeler." Therefore these civil records that mention Wheelers may suggest an early connection in Brooke Co. Ohio to the Disciples movement: (See 1810 census below: John and Samuel Wheeler in Ohio Co. VA and Alexander Campbell in Brooke Co. VA.)

### **1810, U.S. Census, Virginia, Ohio County:**

Samuel Wheeler Males: 2 < 10; 1 > 45 (females 2 10-16; 1 16-26; 1 >45)

John Wheeler Males 3 < 10; 2 10 -16; 1 16-26; 1 26-45 (females 1 < 10; 1 10-16; 1 26-45)

A prominent property owner and **surveyor, James Griffith** lived and died there. He had dealings with Alexander Campbell of Brooke County (founder of Disciples of Christ) and lived close to him.

#### ***1. Monongalia District Court,***

p. 30: Levi Wheeler

#### Vol 1, 1776-1799

p. 38 a and b, Caleb Griffith and Samuel Wheeler, 28 Jul 1798, Brooke Co. suit by/for Samuel for survey by James Griffith, 6 July 1798. (Is this possibly Joseph's brother, James?)

#### Vol. 10, 1815-1819

p. 241: 1818 a petition for a road by Benjamin Wheeler and Amos Griffith

p. 1b, 1797, Charles Wheeler, Justice, Fayette County, PA

## G. The Griffiths and Wells of Baltimore County

The Griffiths of Christmas Eve lived in Baltimore County at least since 1750, according to Barnes (op. cit.).

**James Griffith** left a will dated 25 Mar 1778 and filed 18 July 1778 naming wife, Rachel, and **sons John and William**. Mentions "Christmas Eve" and "Griffiths Mount." Other deeds show they also owned a tract named "White Oak Bottom." (Will Book 4: 319-321 and Will Book 3: 366,7, 25 Mar 1775, proved 18 Jul 1778)

John Griffith (brother of **William**) left a will dated 2 Jan 1792 naming children **Benjamin, Abednego, James, Nathan, Rebecca, Ruth and Rachel**. (Will Book 5, pp. 32-33).

**William Griffith** granted his interest in Christmas Eve to John's son, Benjamin (see p. 7) He also left many records in Ohio/Brooke County, VA. He married the daughter of **Alexander Wells** who migrated from Baltimore County to Washington County, Pennsylvania near the location where William Griffith settled.

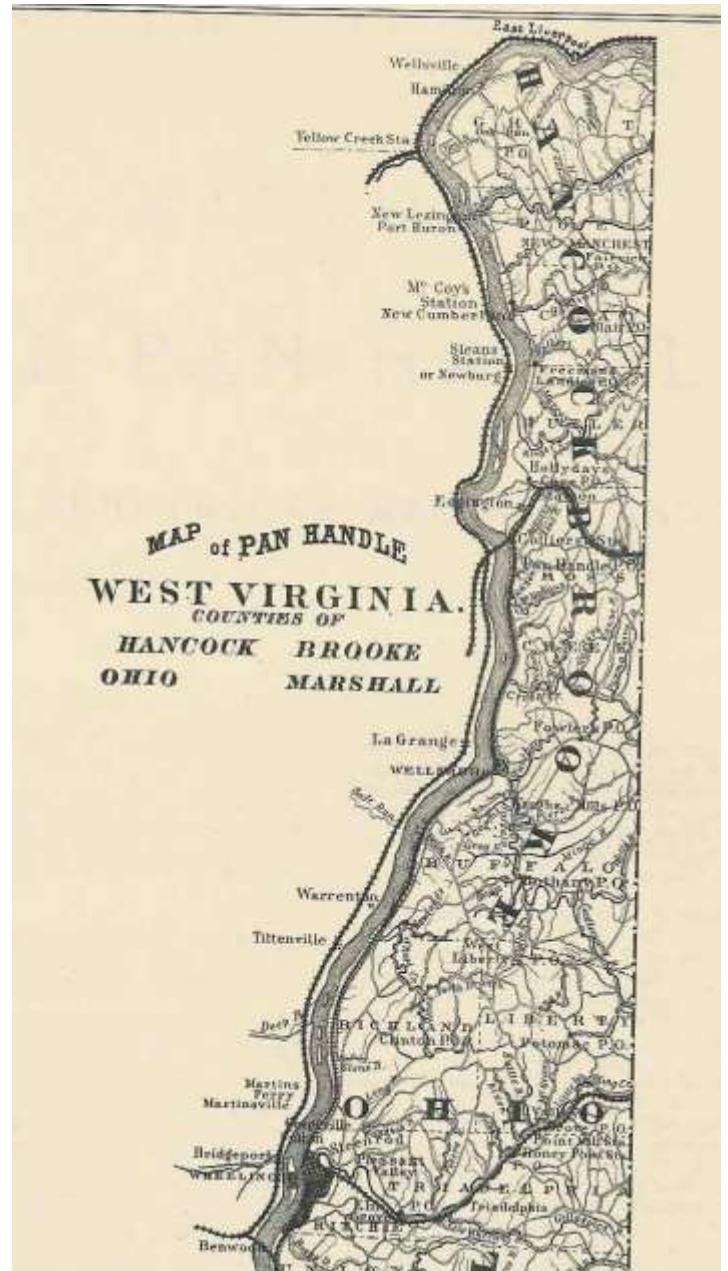
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Robert W. Barnes: *Baltimore County Families*, (op. cit.) gives the following:

**Alexander Wells** (b. 1727) died 9 Dec 1813 in Washington Co., PA had children **Alexander** b. 1756, **Anne** b. 1758 and **Balzaleel** b. 1763.

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From records in Washington Co. PA **Alexander Wells** also had sons **Henry** and **Nathaniel**. Alexander's daughter, **Anne**, married **William Griffith** and William acquired land at **Cross Creek** from **Alexander Wells**. A will left by a **Richard Griffith**, 1830, states that **Bezaleel Wells** was his-brother-in law. (So Bezaleel Wells married a Griffith woman.) **Alexander Griffith** died 1822.



An **Alexander Griffith** bought **lot 32 in Hopewell** Township, Muskingum County, Ohio. **This also suggests a relationship to “our subject Joseph Griffith.”**

Will of **Richard Griffith** (Washington County, PA, WB4-495) 10 Jan 1822, 23 Mar 1830, land at Cross Creek and Mingo Bottom, Jefferson Co. OH, exec, Bezaleel Wells; mentions wife Helen, sons **Alexander**, James, Joshua and Bezaleel; brother-in-law Bezaleel Wells, Steubenville (Jefferson County, OH)

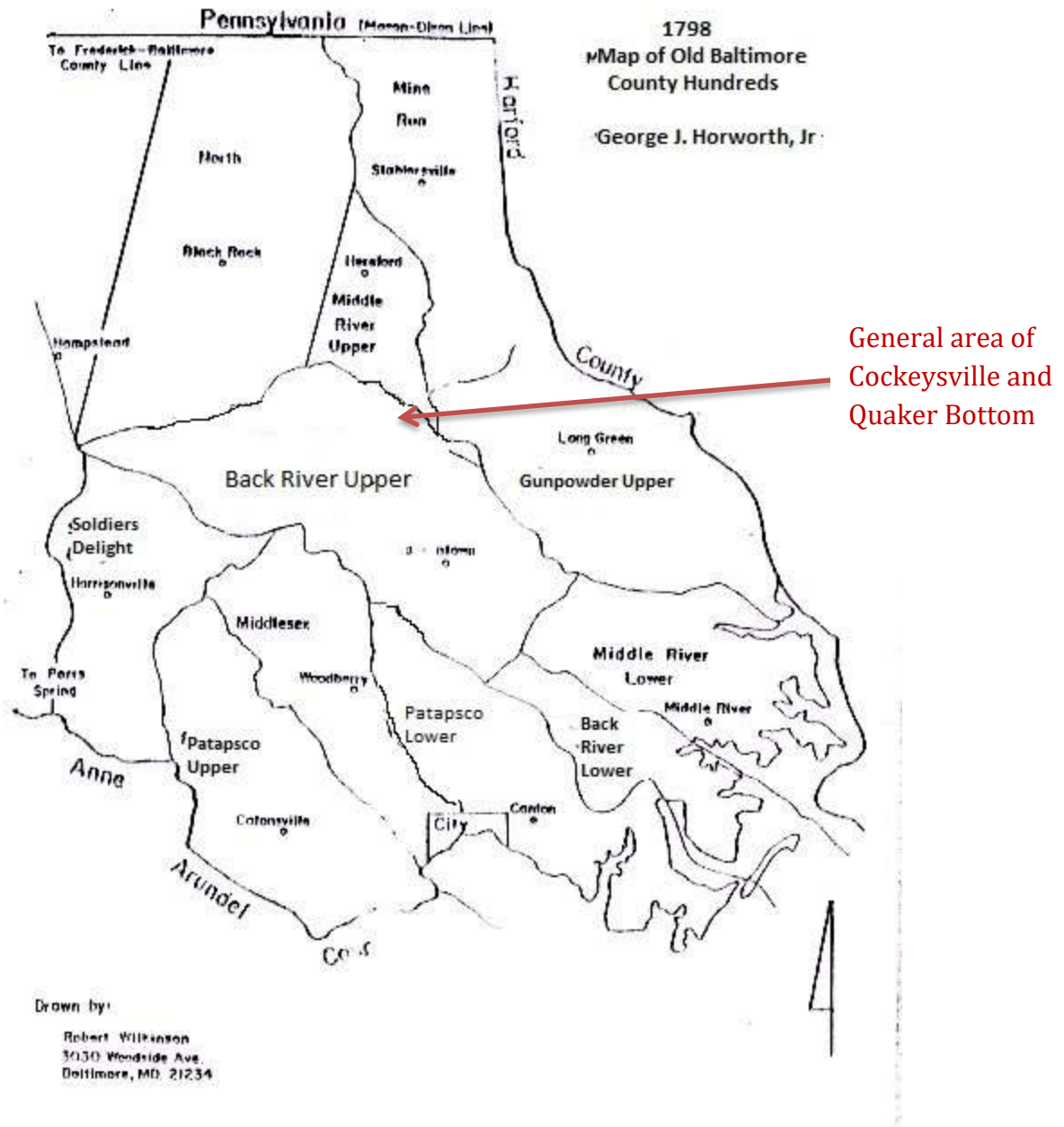
Will of **Alexander M. Griffith** (Washington County, PA, WB 3-486) 11 Nov 1821, 5 June 1822, exec John R. Griffith; mentions wife Sally, brother John Griffith in charge of children (implying children were still minors).

Ohio County, VA , deed from **Alexander Wells** to his son-in-law, **William Griffith**, shows the migration from Washington County, PA into Ohio County [West] Virginia.

Ohio Co. Deed Bk. 3:263, 6 May 1793: Alexander Wells of Washington Co. PA to William Griffith of Ohio Co. VA and his wife daughter of said Alexander Wells, “dower” formerly August “on a small tract of [smudged] “argns Cr [Harmon’s Creek?] a branch of the Ohio adjoining lands if Harmon Greathouse in the above granted to said Alexander Wells by “patent” from W of VA 7 Mar 1780

.As noted by Scharf, “Cockeysville” was in the heart of Quaker Bottom in Baltimore County. This suggests the possibility that the Griffiths of Christmas Eve were related to the Griffiths of Gunpowder Meeting. Did Isaac and Ann Griffith came to Quaker Bottom to join other Griffith kin?

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#### Cockeysville and Quaker Bottom

According to local histories many of the settlers of what was called “Quaker Bottom” including Cockeysville,” in Baltimore County came from New Castle County, Delaware.(Subject Joseph and his parents, Isaac and Ann Griffith, however, came from Pennsylvania. They may have been distantly related to the Delaware Griffiths.)

Scharf’s History of Baltimore City and County claims that a ‘minister’ named Oliver Matthews came from the north of England in the late 1600’s. His family was taken into the Gunpowder Meeting in 1745. Settlers named Price, Gorsuch, Ensor, Wheeler and Merryman settled also in this area. This settlement fell within the bounds of “District Eight” of Baltimore County. The town of Cockeysville lies in the heart of this country. Scharf discusses the settlement and the families at length from page 875 to 884 and specifically about the Quakers at pages 883-884.<sup>61</sup> Go to Google Books on the Web and search for the entire digital version of the book.<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>61</sup> John Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County, from the earliest period to the present day: including biographical sketches of their representative men* (Philadelphia, L.H. Everts, 1881)

<sup>62</sup> Also see Thomas Waters Griffith, *History of Baltimore County*, at Google Books. (Thomas Waters Griffith, had a brother named Joseph Griffith—but research shows he was not directly related to the Joseph Griffith subject of this report. Details available in a separate document.)



#### **H. Thomas Taylor Griffith in Monongalia Court records—the nieces and nephews of Joseph Griffith:**

The **widow of Joseph's brother Abraham, Rachel Taylor Griffith, may have** migrated west to **Belmont County, Ohio** and joined the **Plainfield Monthly Meeting**.<sup>63</sup> According to Peden she had a son, Thomas Taylor Griffith born 26 September 1789.<sup>64</sup> A Thomas Griffith is found among the entrymen of Belmont County in 1810.<sup>65</sup> However a Thomas Taylor Griffith and wife Rachel Matthews Griffith are buried at the Friends Burying Ground on Beaver Dam Road near Cockeysville, MD.<sup>66</sup> According to the gravestones Thomas T. Griffith was born 26 Oct 1788 and died 15 Aug 1871. (Note the discrepancy on the Quaker birth dates in Peden and the gravestone.)

It is conceivable that Thomas the Ohio entryman is Thomas Taylor Griffith—but only if he returned to Maryland before his death.

An 1802 grant deed for 412 acres on Sandy Creek gives the name of the grantees—"all of Baltimore," MD. Quaker records show that all of these are the children of Abraham Griffith.<sup>67</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> Hinshaw, op. cit, Vol. IV, p. 63: 5 May 1808 Concord Meeting received certificate from Goose Creek [Loudoun Co. VA] for Rachel Griffith dated 27 Jul 1807 endorsed to Plainfield Monthly Meeting.

<sup>64</sup> Peden, op. cit., p. 21 children of Abraham and Rachel Taylor Griffith.

<sup>65</sup> Kocher, op. cit.

<sup>66</sup> Old Gunpowder Meeting House, Cemetery Inscriptions, Baltimore County, Vol. 1, Baltimore County Historical Society, typescript, nd, p. 31.

<sup>67</sup> *Monongalia Court Records*, op. cit, p. 229. Dated 1802: "Reuben and Isaac Griffith, Miriam Richardson (married Fielder Richardson, Fairfax MM); Sophia Griffith, Thomas Taylor Griffith, Mary, Rachel, Sarah Griffith, all of Baltimore County, MD, 412 Acres on Sandy Creek." These are sons and daughters of Abraham Griffith and Mary Moore (first wife) and Rachel Taylor (2d wife). The records of both marriages, births and deaths are from the Gunpowder MM.



## **I. Elizabeth Hall, Joseph Griffith's daughter-in-law, descendant of Dutton Lane.**

### **Regarding John and Dutton Lane of Muskingum County Ohio:**

The names "John Lane" and "Dutton Lane" are so pervasive in Maryland history it is hard to pinpoint which particular Lane branch migrated west to Western Pennsylvania, the panhandle of Virginia and Muskingum County, Ohio.

Some Baltimore Lanes are found northwest Baltimore in the Back River Upper Hundred near Soldier's Delight having at one time owned the historic estate known as "Hampton."

According to Barnes<sup>68</sup> Samuel Lane (1628-1682) was the original Lane settler in Baltimore. His son Dutton (1665-1726) had five children—one son named Dutton who married Diana Boring. Dutton died in Baltimore in 1783 leaving six children—one son named Dutton

This third Dutton had two sons: Richard and Samuel—and each had a son named Dutton. Both Richard and Samuel had children that appear to have moved west as adults.

Richard Lane had a son, John Fuller Lane, and a grandson John Boring Lane. These are therefore not the John M. Lane of Muskingum County. Richard also had a son, Dutton, but he would have been too old to be the blacksmith in 1805—but he may have left sons named "Dutton" and "John."

Samuel Lane went north first to Harford County where he had lands known as Level Bottom and Crosses Lot. Then he went with his family to Pennsylvania (perhaps to Chester County) where his sons fought in the Revolution and acquired bounty land for their service. During the war he moved west to Bedford County, PA where Samuel died in 1779. He left 10 children: sons named Samuel, Lambert, Richard, Wilkinson, Corbin, Dutton, Abraham and John, all born between 1736 and about 1755 in Maryland. It is possible his sons, Dutton and John, are the early settlers of Muskingum County, Ohio. They would have been in their fifties or sixties.

The descendants of the original Dutton Lane were so numerous and widespread by then, that surely there were many "Dutton and John Lanes" in related lines.

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<sup>68</sup> Robert W. Barnes, *Baltimore County Families, 1659-1759* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1989).

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## Descendants of Abraham Griffith

### First Generation

1. **Abraham Griffith** was born in 1680 in Wales. He died on 10 Mar 1760 in Richland, Bucks County PA.<sup>1</sup>

Abraham married **Hannah Lester** in 1708 in Abington Meeting. Hannah died after 1770 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.

They had the following children:

- 2 F i. **Mary Griffith** was born about 2 July 1709 in Byberry, Philadelphia Co. PA.
- 3 M ii. **John Griffith** was born about 2 Sep 1711 in Byberry, Philadelphia Co. PA.
- 4 M iii. **Abraham Griffith** was born 12 Apr 1713 in Richland, Bucks Co. PA.
- 5 M iv. **Jonathon Griffith** was born on 25 Mar 1715/16 in Richland, Bucks Co. PA. He died on 1 Aug 1767.
- 6 M v. **Joseph Griffith** was born on 2 Apr 1718.
- + 7 M vi. **Isaac Griffith** was born on 5 Mar 1720/21.
- 8 M vii. **Samuel Griffith** was born on 28 Feb 1721/22.

### Second Generation

7. **Isaac Griffith** (Abraham) was born on 5 Mar 1720/21 in Richland, Bucks Co. PA. Isaac married (1) Ann Burson, daughter of Joseph Burson and Rachel Potts in Nov 1744 in Buckingham Meeting, PA. Ann was born on 9 Apr 1721. She died about 1773 in Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore Co., MD. Isaac died after 1782.<sup>2</sup>

They had the following children: [See Section C for detailed proofs]<sup>3</sup>

- + 9 M i. **Abraham Griffith** was born 2 Jun 1746. He died 26 Jun 1800.
- + 10 F ii. **Rachel Griffith** was born 23 Nov 1747. She died on 5 Nov 1834.
- + 11 F iii. **Hannah Griffith** was born 7 Sep 1749. She died 1 Jul 1824.
- + 12 F iv. **Mary Griffith** was born 28 Sep 1752 in Richland, Bucks Co. PA.
- 13 F v. **Ann Griffith** was born on 1 Apr 1754 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA. She died on 6 Jul 1792 in Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore Co., MD. She was buried on 7 Jul 1792 in Friends Burying Ground, Gunpowder Meeting.

Anne married (1) **Aquilla Price** on 27 Feb 1772 in Baltimore Co., MD

Anne married (2) **William Matthews** on 3 Aug 1774.

- 14 F vi. **Sarah Griffith** was born 15 Nov 1756 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA.
- 15 F vii. **Martha Griffith** was born 23 Feb 1760 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA.
- + 16 M viii. **Joseph Griffith** was born 11 Nov 1758. He died on 14 Mar 1845.
- 17 F ix. **Elizabeth Griffith**.
- 18 M x. **Isaac Griffith** was born on 7 Jun 1764 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA.
- 19 M xi. **John Griffith** was born on 29 May 1766 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA..  
He died after 1786.
- 20 M xii. **James Griffith** was born on 16 Nov 1769 in Gunpowder, Baltimore  
Co. PA.

Isaac married (2) **Ann Dickey Roberts Burson** on 27 Nov 1773 in Frederick Co. MD.<sup>4</sup>

### Third Generation

9. **Abraham Griffith** (Isaac, Abraham) was born on 2 Jun 1746 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA. He died on 26 Jun 1800 in Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore Co., MD. He was buried 27 Jun 1800 in Friends burying ground, Gunpowder Meeting.

Abraham married (1) **Mary Moore** on 3 Apr 1771 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD. Mary died on 13 Sep 1784. She was buried in Friends burying ground, Gunpowder Meeting.

They had the following children:<sup>4</sup>

- 21 F i. **Ann Griffith** was born 16 Dec 1771.
- 22 M ii. **Reuben Griffith** was born 3 Feb 1774 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.
- + 23 M iii. **Temperence Griffith**
- 24 F iv. **Isaac Griffith** was born on 4 Oct 1776 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.
- 25 M v. **Miriam Griffith** was born on 4 Oct 1779 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.
- 26 M xi. **Sophia Griffith** was born on 28 May 1782 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.

Abraham married (2) **Rachel Taylor** on 30 Dec 1788 at Fairfax Meeting, VA

They had the following children:

- 27 F vii. **Thomas Taylor Griffith** was born 26 Sep 1789 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.

- + 28 M viii. **Mary Griffith** was born 21 Oct 1790 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.
- 29 F ix. **Rachel Griffith**. was born 21 Oct 1790 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.
- 30 M x. **Sarah Griffith** was born on 3 Nov 1791 in Gunpowder, Baltimore Co., MD.

10. . **Rachel Griffith**<sup>4</sup> (Isaac, Abraham) was born on 23 Nov 1747 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA. She died on 5 Nov 1834 in Muskingum Co. OH.

Rachel married **Joseph Shaw** on 4 Jun 1767 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA. Joseph died on 3 Oct 1823.

They had the following children:

- 31 F i. **George Shaw**
- 32 M ii. **David Shaw**
- + 33 M iii. **Samuel Shaw**
- 34 F iv. **Ann Shaw**

11. . **Hannah Griffith**<sup>4</sup> (Isaac, Abraham) was born on 7 Sep 1749 in Richland, Bucks Co., PA. She died on 1 July 1824 in Zanesville, Muskingum Co. OH. She was buried in the "Old Quaker Cemetery."

Hannah married **Moses Dillon** in 1772 in Baltimore, MD.

They had the following children:

- 35 F i. **Elizabeth Dillon**
- 36 F ii. **Ann Dillon**
- + 37 M iii. **John Dillon**
- 38 F iv. **Mary Dillon**
- 39 F v. **Rebecca Dillon**
- 40 F vi. **Hannah Dillon**
- + 41 F vii. **Martha Dillon**
- 42 M viii. **Loyd Dillon**
- 43 M ix. **Isaac Dillon**

16. **Joseph Griffith**<sup>4</sup> (Isaac, Abraham) was born on 11 Nov 1758. He died on 14 Mar 1845 in Hopewell Township, Muskingum County OH. He was buried in Hopewell Township, Muskingum County OH.<sup>5</sup>

Joseph married **Catherine Burson** before 9 July 1786.<sup>3</sup> Catherine was born on 25 Sep 1765. She died on 1 May 1837 in Hopewell Township, Muskingum Co. OH. She was buried in Hopewell [Union] Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH.<sup>5</sup>

They had the following children: [See Section C for detailed proofs]

- + 44 M i. **Benjamin Griffith** was born about 1788. He died after 1850.
- + 45 M ii. **Mahlon Griffith** was born about 1794. He died on 9 Feb 1848.
- + 46 M iii. **Isaac Griffith** was born about 1792.
- + 47 M iv. **Joseph Griffith, Jr.** was born on 26 Jul 1796. He died on 5 Apr 1879.
- + 48 M v. **James Griffith** was born on 11 Dec 1801. He died on 27 Apr 1884.

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44. **Benjamin Griffith** (Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born about 1788 in Pennsylvania. He died after 1850.<sup>6</sup>

Benjamin married **Jane Engle** daughter of Abraham Engle on 24 Jan 1810 in Belmont Co.<sup>7</sup> OH. Jane was born about 1785 in New Jersey.

They had the following children:

- 49 M i. **Joseph Griffith** was born on 25 Feb 1813. He died on 22 Nov 1892.

Joseph married **Catherine Burdick** daughter of Hezekiah and Mary Burdick on 1 Feb 1838 in Union Co. OH.<sup>8</sup> Catherine was born on 21 Dec 1815. She died on 18 Mar 1875.

- 50 M ii. **Benjamin Griffith** was born about 1818 in Pennsylvania. He died after 1850.

Benjamin married **Elizabeth Holmes** on 21 Jan 1841 in Muskingum Co., Ohio.<sup>9</sup> Elizabeth was born about 1822 in Ohio. She died after 1850 in Ohio.

- 51 M iii. **Mahlon Griffith** was born about 1827 in Ohio.

Mahlon married **Isabel Shue** on 23 Jan 1850 in Muskingum Co., Ohio. Isabel was born about 1833 in Pennsylvania.<sup>10</sup>

45. **Isaac Griffith** (Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born about 1792.

Isaac married **Anne Eliza Pond** daughter of Lambert Pond and Deborah Hays on 9 Nov 1815 in Belmont co. OH.<sup>15</sup> Anne was buried in Martinsburg ME Church Cem, Knox Co., Ohio.<sup>16</sup>

They had the following children:

- 52 M     i. **Lambert P. Griffith** was born on 29 Jul 1830. He died on 29 Aug 1833 in Martinsburg, Knox Co. Ohio. He was buried in No. Liberty Cemetery, Martinsburg, Knox Co., Ohio.<sup>16</sup>
- 53 M     ii. **Isaac Griffith** was born about 1818 in Belmont co. OH. He died in 1895 in Belmont, Belmont Co. Ohio. He was buried in Belmont Town Cemetery.<sup>17</sup>

46. **Joseph Griffith** (Joseph) was born on 26 Jul 1796 in Maryland. He died on 5 Apr 1879 in Washington, Guernsey Co., Ohio. He was buried in Old Washington Town Cemetery.<sup>18,19</sup>

Joseph married (1) **Eliza** \_\_\_\_\_.

They had the following child:

- 54 M     i. **Rezin Griffith** was born on 30 Oct 1819. He died on 10 Feb 1892 in Washington, Guernsey Co., Ohio. He was buried in Washington Town Cemetery.<sup>18,19-</sup>

Joseph married (2) **Nancy** \_\_\_\_\_. Nancy was born on 3 Oct 1798 in Pennsylvania. She died on 24 Jan 1863 in Washington, Guernsey Co., Ohio. She was buried in Washington Town Cemetery.

They had the following children:<sup>20, 21, 22</sup>

- 55 M     ii. **John Griffith** was born about 1828.
- 56 M     iii. **Joseph Griffith** was born on 16 Apr 1830. He died on 20 Jan 1832. He was buried in Washington Town Cemetery.
- 57 F     iv. **Catherine Griffith** was born about 1831.
- 58 F     v. **Delilah Griffith** was born in 1833.
- 59 F     vi. **Mehitable Griffith** was born in 1835.
- 60 F     vii. **Nancy M. Griffith** was born on 27 May 1837. She died on 14 Dec 1858. She was buried in Washington Town Cemetery.
- 61 M     viii. **Adam Griffith** was born in 1840.
- 62 M     ix. **Levi A. Griffith** was born on 28 Jan 1844. He died on 11 Aug 1864. He was buried in Washington Town Cemetery.

47. **Mahlon Griffith** (Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born about 1797. He died in 1848 in Hopewell, Muskingum Co. OH. He was buried in Hopewell [Union] Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH.<sup>11</sup>

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Mahlon married **Mary Richardson** daughter of William Richardson and Deborah

Hays on 31 May 1815 in Belmont co. OH.<sup>12</sup> Mary was born on 19 Jan 1792. She died on 22 Mar 1874. She was buried in Hopewell [Union] Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH.<sup>11</sup>

They had the following children:

- + 63 F i. **Leah Griffith** was born on 12 Dec 1815. She died on 29 Aug 1899.
- 64 M ii. **Mahlon Griffith** was born on 3 Dec 1819 in Belmont co. OH. He died in 1891 in Iowa.<sup>13</sup>

Mahlon married **Elmira Mathew** on 20 Dec 1846 in Muskingum Co., Ohio.<sup>14</sup>

- + 65 M iii. **William Richardson Griffith** was born in 1822.

48. **James Griffith** (Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born on 11 Dec 1801 in Virginia. He died on 27 Apr 1884 in Chicago, Cook County, IL. The cause of death was Senile Paralysis. He was buried Oakwood Cem. in Chicago.<sup>23</sup>

James married **Mary Elizabeth Hall** daughter of William Hall and Jane Lane on 11 Jan 1825 in Knox County, OH. Mary was born on 12 Apr 1805 in Ohio. She died on 23 Sep 1891 in Chicago, Cook County, IL.<sup>24</sup> She was buried Oakwood Cem. in Chicago.<sup>25</sup>

They had the following children:

- + 66 F i. **Catharine Griffith** was born about 1827. She died about 1879.
- + 67 M iv. **William H. Griffith** was born about 1831. He died on 7 Aug 1889. He is buried at Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph, MO<sup>28</sup>
- + 68 F ii. **Rachel Griffith** was born on 25 Mar 1832. She died on 5 May 1904.<sup>26</sup> She is buried at Union Cemetery, Kansas City, MO
- 69 F iii. **Ruth Griffith** was born on 6 Nov 1836. She died on 16 Nov 1838 in Hopewell Township, Muskingum Co. OH. She was buried in Hopewell [Union] Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH.<sup>27</sup>
- 70 M v. **James Griffith** was born about 1841 in Ohio.<sup>29, 30</sup>
- 71 F vi. **Elizabeth Griffith** was born about 1843 in Ohio.<sup>29,30</sup>
- 72 M vii. **Cyrus Griffith** was born about 1845 in Big Grove Twp., Johnson Co., IA. He died on 30 Sep 1899 in Chicago, Cook County IL. The cause of death was Epilepsy.<sup>29, 30, 31, 32</sup> He is buried at Oak Wood Cemetery, Chicago.



## Fifth Generation

52. **Leah Griffith** (Mahlon, Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born on 12 Dec 1815. She died on 29 Aug 1899 in Washington Twp., Muskingum Co. Ohio.

Leah married **Eli Bowlin** .

They had the following children:

- 73 M i. **Rezon Bowlin** was born about 1846 in Ohio.

54. **William Richardson Griffith** (Mahlon, Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born in 1822 in Muskingum Co., OH.<sup>33</sup>

William married **Edith Norman** on 20 Nov 1841 in Muskingum Co., Ohio.<sup>34</sup> Edith was born about 1825 in Ohio.

They had the following children:<sup>35</sup>

- 74 i. **Saccarrisa Griffith** was born on 5 Jun 1847 in Hopewell Township, Muskingum Co. OH. Saccarrisa died on 25 Jul 1847. Saccarrisa was buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH.<sup>36</sup>

- 75 F ii. **Adaline Griffith** was born on 1 Sep 1850 in Hopewell Township, Muskingum Co. OH. She died on 1 Feb 1854. She was buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH.

- 76 F iii. **Amy E. Griffith** died on 3 Sep. She was buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH.

- 77 F iv. **Mary E. Griffith** was born in 1849 in Ohio.

- 78 M v. **William Griffith**<sup>6</sup> was born about 1853 in Ohio.

- 79 M vi. **Mahlon A. Griffith** was born in 1855 in Ohio.

- 80 vii. **Almon N. Griffith** was born about 1858 in Ohio.

- 81 F viii. **Perry Griffith** was born in 1859 in Ohio.

66. **Catharine Griffith** (James, Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born about 1827 in Bladensburg, Knox County OH.<sup>38, 39</sup> She died about 1879 in Quincy, Adams County IL. She was buried Woodlawn Cemetery in Quincy, Adams County IL.<sup>40</sup>

Catharine married **Orson C. West** son of John West and Clarissa \_\_\_\_\_. Orson was born in Oct 1827 in New York. He died on 8 Apr 1901 in San Francisco, CA.<sup>41</sup>

They had the following children:

- 82 M i. **James Griffith West** was born on 23 Dec 1851 in Missouri. He died on 27 Sep 1942 in Napa State Hospital, Napa Co., CA. The cause of death was chronic myocarditis and senile psychosis presbyophrenia. He was buried at Pythian Home Cemetery in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County CA<sup>47</sup>

James married (1) **Lavina Carrol** on 9 Dec 1873 in Jackson Co., MO.<sup>48</sup>

James married (2) **Marie A. McDowd** daughter of Michael J. McDowd and Catherine Brennan about 1888. Marie was born on 16 Jun 1858 in Canada. She died on 23 May 1933 in Pythian Home, Sonoma Co., CA. She was buried in Pythian Home Cemetery, Sonoma Co., CA.<sup>49</sup>

83 M ii. **Alfred Lynn West** was born about 1855 in Quincy, Adams County, IL. He died on 2 Jan 1929 in Willows, Glenn County, CA.<sup>50</sup> He was buried in the Willows Cemetery.<sup>68</sup>

84 M iii. **Albert West** was born about 1857 in Quincy, Adams County IL. He died before 1870.<sup>51,52</sup>

85 M iv. **Pleasant Morris West** was born about 1860 in Missouri.<sup>52,53</sup> He died in 1885.

Pleasant Morris married **Henrietta (Hettie) Emilene Pattison** on 9 Oct 1882 in Sedalia, Pettis Co. MO.

Henrietta was born 9 Oct 1862 in Sidney, IA. She was the daughter of **John Wesley Pattison** and **Henrietta Redinour**. John Wesley was born 28 Jun 1830, CT and died 23 Feb 1878, MO. He married Henrietta 1 Nov 1856, Dodge Co. NE.<sup>69</sup>

+ 86 M v. **Charles Orson West** was born on 29 Sep 1862. He died on 16 Jun 1932.<sup>54,64</sup>

87F vi. **Cora E. West** was born on 12 Feb 1865 in Quincy, Adams County IL. She died on 9 Aug 1946 in Napa State Hospital, Imola, Napa County., CA. The cause of death was Senile Dementia. She was cremated and interred at Chapel of Chimes, Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., CA.<sup>56</sup>

Cora married **Melvin Beardsley** on 26 Sep 1898 in Santa Cruz, CA.<sup>57</sup>

Melvin was born about 1835 in Connecticut. He died on 15 May 1915 in Chico, Butte Co., CA.<sup>58,59</sup>

88F vii. **Opal R. West** was born in Oct 1867 in Illinois. She died on 13 Jan 1934.<sup>60</sup>

Opal married **Harry Edwin Colley** on 7 Jun 1906.<sup>61,62</sup> Harry was born about 1866 in England. He died 23 Nov 1925 in Portland, OR.<sup>63</sup>

67. **William H. Griffith** (James, Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born about 1838 in Ohio. He died on 7 Aug 1889 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. He was buried at Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO.<sup>44</sup>

William married **Alice J. Combs** about 1869 in Iowa. Alice was born on 6 Oct 1849 in New York. She died on 13 Jun 1926 in St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO. She was buried on 16 Jun 1926 in Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph.<sup>45</sup>

They had the following children:<sup>46</sup>

89 M i. **Charles Griffith** was born in 1869 in Iowa. He died in 1880 in Missouri.

90 M ii. **William H. Griffith** was born in Aug 1872. He is buried at Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph.

68. **Rachel Griffith** (James, Joseph, Isaac, Abraham) was born on 25 Mar 1832 in Bladensburg, Knox County OH. She died on 5 May 1904 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO. She was buried in Union Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.<sup>42, 43</sup>

Rachel married **Pleasant Morris Harlan** on 28 Sep 1858 in Quincy, Adams County IL. Pleasant was born on 10 Apr 1823 in Albemarle County VA. He died on 31 Jan 1893 in Chicago, Cook County IL. He was buried Union Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson Co. MO.

They had the following children:

91F i. **Elizabeth Griffith Harlan** was born on 19 Oct 1859 in Quincy, IL. She died on 26 Jan 1861 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO. She was buried in Union Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

92F ii. **Kate Travilla Harlan** was born in 1862 in Missouri. She died in 1880.

93M iii. **James W. Harlan** was born in 1870 in Hannibal, Marion Co. MO. He died before 1880.

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63. Oregon State Death Index 1903-1998, Death Certificate, Harry Edwin Colley, Multnomah Co. Cert # 2983.
64. Grave of Charles West, Mt. Washington Cemetery, Independence, MO, Bridger Gardens 1, Bl. 4, Lot 686, Mt. Washington Cemetery, Winner Road at Brookside, Independence, MO." "Burial records and gravestones photographed May 2002 by Marilou West Ficklin.
65. West family bible, birth, marriage, death of Ella Calhoun, op cit (ref 7)
66. Missouri State Death Certificate, Ella B. West, Jackson, Co. MO, Register 3691, file 39183.
67. Grave of Ella West, Mt. Washington Cemetery, op cit (Ref 30).
68. Alfred L. West, Find-a-grave memorial # 147774621
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**Family Group Sheet**

**JAMES GRIFFITH & ELIZABETH HALL**

Husband: James Griffith  
b. 11 Dec 1801 VA/MD <sup>[B,C]</sup>  
m. 11 January 1825, Knox County, OH<sup>[B]</sup>  
d. 27 April 1884, Chicago, Cook County, IL<sup>[B]</sup>  
bur. Oak Wood Cemetery, Chicago <sup>[B10]</sup>

Husband's Father: Joseph Griffith  
Husband's Mother: Catherine Burson <sup>[I]</sup>

Wife: Elizabeth [Mary] Hall  
b. 12 April 1805, OH/MD/PA<sup>[B,C]</sup>  
d. 23 September 1891,  
Chicago, Cook County, IL<sup>[B2,B8]</sup>  
bur, Oak Wood Cemetery, Chicago <sup>[B10]</sup>

Wife's Father: William Hall (2.2.2)  
Wife's Mother: Jane Lane

Children:

1. Catherine <sup>[C]</sup>
  - b. 1827, [Bladensburg], OH (See 2.0 Orson C. West & Catherine Griffith)
  - m. [early 1850's?]
  - d. between 1870 and 1880 [Quincy, Il or Kansas City, MO]
  - bur. [possibly Woodland Cem., Quincy, IL]
  - sp. Orson C. West

Children: 7

2. William H. <sup>[C]</sup>
  - b. abt. 1831 OH <sup>[C]</sup>
  - m. abt 1869 IA
  - d. 7 Aug 1889, Chicago, IL
  - bur. Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph, MO<sup>[B11]</sup>
  - sp. Alice Coombs/Combs  
(b. 6 Oct 1849, NY, d. 13 June 1926, St. Joseph MO,  
bur Mora Cemetery) <sup>[B11]</sup> dau of Charles Combs of NY)

Children:  
Charles (b. 1869, IA, d. bef. 1880, MO)  
William H. (b. Aug 1872, MO, bur. Mora Cem; <sup>[B11]</sup> m. Bessie ? b. 1880-82, KS)

3. Rachel [G]
  - b. 25 Mar 1832, Bladensburg, Knox Co., OH

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of Gunpowder Falls, MD  
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m. 28 Sep 1858, Quincy, Adams, Co. IL[G]  
d. 5 May 1904 [B]  
bur. Union Cemetery, Kansas City, MO[B]  
sp. Pleasant Morris Harlan<sup>69</sup>  
(b. 10 April 1823, d. 31 Jan. 1892, bur Union Cem, Kansas City, MO)<sup>[B]</sup>

Children:

Elizabeth Griffith (19 Oct 185- 26 Jan 1861),  
bur Union Cem. Kansas City, MO)<sup>[B]</sup>  
Kate Travilla, 1862-? (died after 1880) <sup>[C]</sup>  
James W. 1870 -? (died before 1880) <sup>[C]</sup>

4. Ruth [B9]

b. 6 Nov 1836  
d. 16 Sept 1838  
bur. Hopewell Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH

5. James

b. abt. 1841 OH<sup>[C]</sup><sup>70</sup>  
m.  
d.

6. Elizabeth

b. abt. 1843 OH <sup>[C]</sup>  
m.  
d.

7. Cyrus <sup>[C]</sup>

b. abt. 1845, Solon, Johnson County, IA<sup>[C]</sup>  
m. unmarried  
d. 30 Sept 1889, Chicago <sup>[B]</sup>  
bur. Oak Wood Cemetery, Chicago  
sp. None

Though death certificates and obituaries in Chicago establish their births and deaths, much of the family history of James and Elizabeth Griffith is based on property records from 1823-1839 (possibly as late as 1845) in Knox and Muskingum Counties, Ohio.<sup>[E]</sup> This is supplemented by census records from 1850 to 1880 in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Illinois.

James Griffith's birthplace is still under investigation. It appears that his parents originally lived in Maryland and spent the days of the Revolution in Maryland and Virginia. They apparently left Maryland after 1799. They seem to have first resettled in the panhandle of Virginia in what is now Brooke or

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<sup>69</sup> Pleasant Moris Harlan, b. Albemarle Co., VA, son of Jesse Harlan, (b. 8 May 1781, Chester Co. PA) and Abigail Perkins Morris, (b. 14 Nov 1789, Albemarle Co. VA)

<sup>70</sup> No proven records found for James or Elizabeth Griffith after 1860. See Section D, Research .

Ohio County, West Virginia. Deeds show that James' alleged father, Joseph, resided in Belmont County, Ohio by 1810. Deeds as well as marriage records for James' alleged brothers establish the family's residence in Belmont County from about 1808 to 1824. Subsequent migration to Knox County is established by deeds referring to residence in Belmont County while acquiring land in the Bladensburg area of Knox County. The move to Bladensburg took place about 1823-4. The family appears to have stayed in Knox County until about 1829 when they moved to Muskingum, County around Hopewell and Mt. Sterling villages.

Elizabeth Hall's birthplace is also still under investigation. It is shown as Ohio in the census records of 1850-1870 but as Pennsylvania in the 1880 census as well as on her death certificate (which was probably filled out by her daughter, Rachel). Published accounts of her family state that the Halls migrated from Baltimore to Bedford County Pennsylvania before the Revolution and came to Ohio in 1814. It is reported (but not confirmed) that they first lived in Pickaway County, Ohio. They later settled in Bladensburg, Knox County where her parents died and are buried.

A somewhat ambiguous record establishes the marriage of James Griffith to "Mary" [sic] Hall in Knox County in 1825. A subsequent deed identifies Elizabeth as "Elizabeth M. Griffith," suggesting that her middle name might be "Mary." It was common in the 1800s for women to use their middle names. Their Bladensburgh marriage is supported by statements of her sister Rachel as quoted in a published Harlan Genealogy. There is adequate evidence to validate the marriage.

James and Elizabeth first farmed near Martinsburg in Knox County and then may have moved into Hopewell Township, Muskingum County, Ohio. The last property record for James and Elizabeth in Knox County was their November 1829 quitclaim of the family farm, T5 R11, to James' brother-in-law, Obadiah Hall.

This last record in Muskingum County was the burial of their daughter Ruth in 1838. The last recorded deed for " James and wife Elizabeth M. of Muskingum County" was dated 1839.<sup>71</sup>

James has not yet been found in any definitive record in the 1830 or 1840 U.S. Census.

The 1840 Census lists his brothers Benjamin and Mahlon in Hopewell Township, Muskingum County, and the 1850 lists his brother Benjamin also in Hopewell Township.

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<sup>71</sup> Another "James and Elizabeth Griffith" recorded deeds in this general vicinity as early as 1822-- before our subject James and Elizabeth were married.

Members of the family are buried at Hopewell Village Cemetery (formerly Hopewell Union Church Cemetery. The church no longer stands.) The following gravestones have been found: daughter Ruth, parents, Joseph, and Catherine, brother, Mahlon and his wife. Many nieces and nephews are also buried there.

James was a devout member of the "Disciples of Christ," according to his daughter, Rachel, as quoted in the Harlan genealogy. A minister of that faith, John Wheeler, had performed the marriage of James and Elizabeth. Samuel Wheeler, Jr. married Elizabeth's sister, Ann Hall. Samuel Wheeler, Sr. was an elder in the church. All of these, as well as Elizabeth's sister, Ruth Hall and her husband Evan Payn, migrated to Solon, Iowa circa 1850. They formed a Disciples church in Solon.

The first record of James and Elizabeth in Iowa is the 1850 U.S. Census for Johnson County. It implies the birth of their youngest son, Cyrus, took place about 1845 in Iowa. Not only James, but his wife and daughters as well, had claims to patents in Solon, Iowa. They do not appear to have stayed long in Solon.

Their daughter, Catherine, may have met Orson West in Solon. However it is possible the Wests and Griffiths migrated to Solon together in the late 1830's. No marriage record has been found. The possibility that the Wests and Griffiths were both involved in the growth of that faith in northeastern Ohio in the 1830's is discussed in a separate report: **"The Wests and the Disciples of Northeastern Ohio."**

The 1850's Iowa State census records do not show James Griffith living in Solon. His daughter, Rachel, married Pleasant Morris Harlan in 1859 in Quincy IL. The Harlan family history claims that Rachel actually lived in Quincy, Illinois at the time. An 1855-1856 directory for Quincy that lists J. Griffith, "horse ferrier," seems to support this. No public record of Rachel's marriage has been found.<sup>72</sup>

By the 1860 census James Griffith, William H. Griffith, and son-in-law, Orson West, have accumulated some wealth. It is known that Orson went to San Francisco in the 1850s. It is likely that James and William accompanied him.. No California records have been found to substantiate this although some ships' passenger records may support it. It is also possible that Elizabeth inherited wealth from her parents who died in 1852 although no will or probate has been found for either parent in Knox County, Ohio where they are buried.

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<sup>72</sup> Rachel's sister, Catherine and her husband, Orson, later also lived in Quincy.

By 1865 James and Elizabeth were living with their son, Cyrus, in Leavenworth Kansas but by 1870 the three of them had moved to Hannibal, Missouri, across the Mississippi River from Quincy, IL. The census records and his obituary indicate that James was a veterinarian--or "horse ferrier." They seemed to be constantly on the move.

Their son, William H. Griffith, married Alice Combs of New York, probably in Iowa about 1869. By 1870 they were in St. Louis with a newborn son, Charles, named for Alice's father. Charles died young. By 1880 William and Alice were in Plattsburg, Clinton Co., MO with their seven-year-old son, William H. called "Willie."

By 1880 James and Elizabeth had moved to Chicago. Their daughter, Rachel Harlan and her children lived with them. James died there in 1884 and is buried at Oak Wood Cemetery.

Son, William H. Griffith (Sr.) became ill in 1889 and was sent to a hospital in Chicago where he died. His body was returned to St. Joseph, MO where his widow, Alice, and son lived. He is presumed buried with them at Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph.

That same year Cyrus, the youngest son of James and Elizabeth, died from epilepsy in Chicago. He is buried in Oak Wood Cemetery. Elizabeth died in 1891 and is also buried at Oak Wood Cemetery. Their stones are no longer standing.<sup>73</sup>

Rachel Griffith Harlan returned to Kansas City where her husband Pleasant Morris Harlan died in 1893. Rachel died in 1904. They are buried with their children in Union Cemetery, Kansas City.

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<sup>73</sup> Author obtained plot location and map from the cemetery office in October 2015. The location was explored on foot but no stones were found.

## Sources

### JAMES GRIFFITH & ELIZABETH HALL

#### A. Probate

No record of probate has been found for James and Elizabeth in Cook County, Illinois.

#### B. Vital and Cemetery

##### Death

##### **Death Records for James, Elizabeth, William H. and Cyrus obtained from Chicago City Board of Health/Bur. Vital Statistics.**

1. James: Certificate 1884 - 39938: James Griffith, male, white, 83 years, Farmer, died 27 April 1884, 8 AM, married, American, b. [Pennsylvania] sic; resident of Illinois 16 years [sic], died at 75 25th St of Senile Paralysis (duration one year; bur. at Oakwood Cem, AB Russ & Co. undertakers.
2. Elizabeth: Certificate 1891 - 5219: Elizabeth Griffith, female, age 86, died 23 Sept. 1891, 9:10 pm, widow, American, b. Pennsylvania [sic]; Illinois resident 27 years, died at 100 38th Street of Enteritis (duration 3-4 days) Russ Undertakers.
- 3a. William H.: Certificate of Death in Institute Hospital Certificate 1889 -1625. William H. Griffith, male, white, b. Ohio, age 58, died 7th day August 1889 6:15 am. Occupation: Shoe dealer. Removed to hospital from St. Joseph MO. Buried in St. Joseph, MO August [?] 1889. Cause of death asthma and cardiac exhaustion--2 days duration; Morphanism, posterior spinal sclerosis, pulmonary gangr? 3 yrs duration.
- 3b. Cyrus: Certificate 1889 - 4130. Cyrus H. Griffith, male, white, age 44 died Sept 30, 1889 3:18 am. Died Cook County Inmate Asylum. Cause of death exhaustion from epileptic insanity. Buried Oakwood Cemetery, Sept 30, 1889.

##### **Death Record for Alice Combs Griffith, Missouri Death Certificates online, 1910-1958**

- 3c. Alice: Certificate # 18858, Buchanan County, St. Joseph. Died 13 June 1926 age 75 y, 8 months, 7 days from accute endocarditis. Residence, 702 North 25th. Husband William H. Griffith; father Charles Coombs. Buried Mora Cemetery, 16 June 1926.

**Marriage:**

4. Knox County Probate Court Marriage Records 1808-1838, p. 117, LDS Film 1294304: James Griffith to Mary Hall "I do hereby certify that...James Griffith and Mary Hall was by me united in marriage on the 11 day of Jany 1825. John Wheeler, J.P"<sup>74</sup>
5. Rachel Griffith to Pleasant Morris Harlan, Quincy, Adams Co. IL: (marriage record 2 Sept 1858, Adams County, IL, not found). (See Published Histories, Harlan, G1 below)

**Obituaries:**

6. Dr. James Griffith, died 27 April 1884, aged 82 years 4 months and 16 days, at his residence No. 75 Twenty-fifth St., *Chicago Tribune*, 28 April 1884, p. 8.
7. Mrs. Elizabeth Griffith\_died Sept. 23, 1891 at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. Harlan, aged 86 years 5 months and 11 days., *Chicago Tribune*, 25 Sep 1891, p. 3.

**Cemeteries:**

*Union Cemetery Tombstone Transcriptions*, Union Cemetery Historical Society, Kansas City, 1986.

8. Harlan, Rachael Griffith b. 25 Mar 1832, d. 5 May 1904 w/o P.M. Harlan Sec 15 lot 1

Harlan, P. Morris b. 10 April 1823, d. 31 Jan. 1893 Sec 15 lot 1

Harlan, Elizabeth Griffith b. 19 Oct 1859 d. 26 Jan 1861 d/o PM & EG

Harlan\_\_\_ 10 Dec 1899 ?/o WS and JW [Illegible]

*Hopewell Cemetery, Muskingum Co. OH [Photo by Terry Magyar Nov 2009]*

9. Ruth Griffith "daughter of James and Elizabeth died 16 Sept 1838 aged 1 yr 10 mo

*Oak Woods Cemetery, 1035 Ea. 67<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago, IL 60637*

10. James and Elizabeth Griffith, son Cyrus, Section I1, lot 757. Lot shown on map provided by cemetery office and visually inspected by Marilou West Ficklin in October 2015. No stone found.
11. William H. Griffith, Alice Griffith, William H. Griffith, Jr., buried at *Mora Cemetery*, St. Joseph, MO. Burial records posted at Find-a-grave, at Ancestry.com, Memoials # 157982355, 157982538 and 76723965

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<sup>74</sup> John Wheeler, pastor, Church of Christ (Campbellite) and brother of Samuel Wheeler, who was husband of Elizabeth's sister, Anne Hall.

**C. Census**

1. 1850 U.S. Census for Johnson Co., IA, Big Grove Township, NARA microfilm M432, p. 181, line 25

James Griffith, farmer, 49, b. **VA**, \$460 personal property  
Elizabeth 47, b. OH (cannot read or write)  
Catherine, 23 b. OH  
Rachel, 19 b. OH  
William, 12 b. OH  
James 9 b. OH  
Elizabeth 7, b. OH  
Cyrus 5, b. IA

2. 1860 U.S. Census for Jackson Co., MO, Kansas City, Div. 35, NARA microfilm M625, p. 78, dw. 688

James Griffith, 59, b. **MD**, Merchant, \$15,000 real estate; \$20,000 personal property  
Elizabeth, 55, b. OH  
William H. 21, b. OH, Merchant, \$12000 real estate  
James, 20, b. OH, Clerk  
Elizabeth, 16, b. OH  
Cyrus 15, b. IA

3. 1865 Kansas State Census, 24 June 1865. Leavenworth, KS, W3, p. 47(Ancestry.com)

Doctor Griffith, 65e b. **VA**  
Mrs. Griffith, 62 b. MO [sic]  
Cyrus Griffith, 20, b. IA

4. 1870 U.S. Census for Marion County, MO, Warren Twp, Hannibal P.O. 5th dist, NARA microfilm M 593, page 608, household 176, 21 Aug. 1870

James Griffith, 69, b. **VA**, Horse MD, \$1000 Real Estate (cannot read or write)  
Elizabeth 66, b MD (cannot read or write)  
Cyrus H. 25, laborer  
Battie 13, Indian, domestic b. Cherokee nation  
Rachel Harlin [sic] 25, white, female, mother b. OH  
Kate, 8, white, b. MO  
James W. 1/12 [1 month] b. May 1870, MO

1870 U.S. Census for St. Louis, MO W.9, Ancestry.com

William H. Griffith, 30, b. OH Sales in store,  
Alice J., 21, b. NY  
Charles, 10 mos, b. IA  
Ludvisky Combs (female) 45, b. abt 1825, NY



5. 1880 U.S. Census for Cook County, IL, Chicago, NARA microfilm T9-0192, page 315B, LDS Film 1254192, online version at Family History Library.

James Griffith 79, b. VA, Doctor of Medicine, father b. MD, mother b. MD  
Elizabeth Griffith, 76, b. PA, keeping house, father b. MD, mother b. MD  
P.M. Harland, son-in-law, 56, b. VA, Hat & Fur Salesman, father b. PA,  
mother b. VA

Rachel Harland, daughter, 47, b. OH

T.K. Harland, granddaughter, 18, b. MO

- 1880 U.S. Census for Plattsburg, Clinton Co. MO

W.H. Griffith, 41, b. abt 1889, OH, father b. MD, mother b. VA

Alice, 30, b. NY, father b. abt 1850 NY, father. b. NY, mother b. NY

Willie, 7, b. MO abt. 1873, MO, father b. OH, mother b. NY

- 6 1900 U.S. Census for Buchanan co. MO, St. Joseph,W 4

Alice Griffith, widow, 50, b. Oct 1849, NY, mother of 2, 1 living. M. 31 years  
(since 1864), parents b. NY

William H., son, 27, b. Aug 1872, MO

- 7 1910 U.S. Census for Buchanan Co. MO, St. Joseph,W 4

Alice J. Griffith, widow, 50, b. Oct 1849, NY, mother of 2, 1 living. M. 31 years  
(since 1864), parents b. NY

William H. Griffith, 37, MO

Bessie , 30, b. KS

Elizabeth, 2, b. MO

8. 1920 U.S. Census for Buchanan Co. MO, St. Joseph,W 4

William H. Griffith, 46, b. MO, father b. IL[sic], mother b. NY

Bessie W., 38, b. KS, father b. MO, mother b. MO

Elizabeth, 12, b. MO, father b. Mo, mother b. MO

Alice J. 70, widow, mother-in-law [sic] b. NY, father b. NY, mother b. NY

#### **D. Directories**

1. 1855-56, Quincy, IL, J.F. Everhart  
J. Griffith horse farrier es 6th bt Hampshire & VT
2. 1871-2 Directory of Hannibal, MO :  
James Griffith, near toll gate

#### **E. Land Records**

##### Johnson County, Iowa

1. James Griffith, Certificate 3117, Iowa City Land Office 16 Sept 1850 , pat 1  
April 1850, nw 1/4 se 1/4 Sec 22, Twp 81N R6W, Bk 6, p. 218. Photocopy,  
National Archives, Textual records, Land Entry Case File, Washington, D.C.

2. Catherine and Rachel Griffith, Certificate 3117, Iowa City Land Office 16 Sept 1850 , pat 1 April 1850, nw 1/4 se 1/4 Sec 22, Twp 81N R6W, Bk 6, p. 218

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3. Mahlon Griffith, Certificate 4862, Zanesville Land Office, patent, 9 April 1840, n 1/2 se 1/4, Twp 5, R10 (unappropriated lands in the U.S. Military District.) 80 ac.

Book E, p. 418, 20 Aug 1823, Joseph Griffith Jr [sic] and Catherine his wife of Belmont County, OH to James Griffith of Belmont County, OH, \$400 for parts of lots 9 and 10, Q1, T5, R11, military tract, Knox County, about 78 ac. Wit Luther Brown, Isaac LeFebre, John Wheeler, JP, Microfilm Records of Knox County, The Microfilm Corporation, Cleveland, 1950, Roll D3.

Book H, p. 210, 7 Nov 1829, Joseph Griffith Sr and Catherine his wife to James Griffith all of Knox County, OH, the farm on which Joseph lives, part of lots 4 and 5, Q1, T5, R11, Knox County, James Walker, John Wheeler, Microfilm Records of Knox County, The Microfilm Corporation, Cleveland, 1950, Roll 7.

Book H-592, James Griffith and Elizabeth his wife to Obediah Hall, 13 October 1830, quitclaim to northwest quarter section 8 T5 R10 and east half, northwest quarter section 11 T1N R15, Delaware district includes also all other goods, chattels, rights etc of the estate of Amos Hall late of Jackson township; eits: Levi Mercer, James Elliot

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4. Book O-161 James and Elizabeth of Muskingum to Corbin H. Eachus, Lots 36-46, Mt. Sterling, 16 April 1833.[Deed Book]

Book O-223 Priest to James Griffith of Muskingum, 17 Oct 1833. [Deed Book]

Book P-440 James and Elizabeth Griffith of Muskingum to Joseph Griffith of Fairfield County, OH, 8 Oct 1834. (Originally patented to Isaac Restar, 1811, sold to Robasco then to Priest, then to James 17 Oct 1833 - see Book O-223.)<sup>75</sup>

Book U-262, James Griffith of Muskingum, 5 June 1838 [Microfilm]

Book S-209, James and Elizabeth Griffith of Muskingum to Johanes Reddicker, 13 March 1837, 45 ac Sec 3 T1N R9W.

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<sup>75</sup> This may imply a relationship to the large Griffith family of Fairfield County whose members came from Pennsylvania.

Book V-417, James Griffith and Elizabeth M. his wife of Muskingum County, OH to John Beams, 9 Feb 1839, \$400 for lot 56, Mt. Sterling, Wilson's Addition

Book W-467, James Griffith and Elizabeth his wife to John Calvin, \$1500 for east part southwest quarter section 15, T18 R 4

#### **F. Military**

1. Possible Civil War records for sons: Database of Illinois Civil War Veterans  
[http://www.sos.state.il.us/GenealogyMWeb/CivilWar Search...](http://www.sos.state.il.us/GenealogyMWeb/CivilWarSearch...)  
William H., Rec, Co. C, IL 34th US INF, residing at China, IL [near Chicago]  
Cyrus Griffith, Rec, Co. C, IL 34th US INF, residing at China IL

#### **G. Published Histories**

1. Alpheus H. Harlan, History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family, 1914.  
Marriage of Rachel Griffith b. Bladensburg, Knox Co., OH, to Pleasant Morris Harlan in Quincy, IL, 1859.

Genealogy of Joseph Griffith  
of Gunpowder Falls, MD  
Marilou West Ficklin

## Family Group Sheet

### 2.2.1 JOSEPH GRIFFITH & CATHERINE BURSON

**Husband:** Joseph Griffith

b. 11 Nov 1758 <sup>[B2a]</sup>

m. abt. 29 Jul 1786,

Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore Co. MD <sup>[B1a]</sup>

d. 14 Mar 1845, Hopewell, Muskingum Co. OH <sup>[B1a]</sup>

bur Hopewell Cemetery Muskingum Co. OH <sup>[B1a]</sup>

Husband's Father: Isaac Griffith

Husband's Mother: Ann Burson

**Wife:** Catherine Burson <sup>[F7]</sup>

b. 25 Sept 1765 <sup>[B2b]</sup>

d. 1 May 1837, Hopewell,

Muskingum Co. OH <sup>[B1b]</sup>

bur Hopewell Cemetery

Muskingum Co. OH <sup>[1b]</sup>

Wife's Father: ?

Wife's Mother: ?

**Children:**<sup>[D]</sup>

1. Benjamin <sup>[D]</sup>

b. abt. 1788, PA <sup>[C6]</sup>

m. 24 January 1810, Belmont County, OH <sup>[B3a]</sup>

d. aft. 1850<sup>[C6]</sup>

sp. Jane Engel (b. abt. 1785 NJ, dau of Abraham Engle) <sup>[H]</sup>

Children:<sup>[C6,H]</sup>

Joseph, b. 25 Feb 1813, d. 22 Nov 1892 <sup>[C,H]</sup>, m. 1 Feb 1838 to

Catherine Burdick (b. 21 Dec 1815, d. 18 Mar 1875

(dau. of Hezekiah and Mary Burdick)

Benjamin, b. abt. 1818, OH,<sup>[C]</sup> m. Elizabeth Holmes 21 Jan 1841,

Muskingum Co. OH<sup>[B3f]</sup>

Mahlon, b. abt. 1827, OH<sup>[B]</sup>, d. [1878]<sup>[B]</sup>, m. Isabel Shue 23 Jan 1850

(b. abt 1833, PA)<sup>[B3i]</sup>

2. Isaac <sup>[D]</sup>

b. [abt. 1791-3]<sup>[G]</sup>

m1. 9 November 1815, Belmont County, OH<sup>[B3c]</sup>

d. last record found 1845 <sup>[D3f]</sup>

sp. Ann Eliza Pond (bur. At Martinsburg, Knox Co. OH<sup>[B2e,D]</sup>

dau of Lambert Pond and Mrs. Deborah (Hays) Richardson <sup>[B2k]</sup> See  
tombstone inscription for birth and death. See also footnote for Mary

Richardson below.)<sup>[B2n, B2o]</sup>

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Children:

Isaac b. 1818, d. 1895, bur. Belmont Town Cem., Belmont Co. OH,  
m1. Melinda Curtis, 10 Nov 1839,<sup>[B3m]</sup>

Lambert P. (b. abt. 29 July 1830, d. 29 Aug 1833  
bur at Martinsburg, Knox Co. OH)<sup>[B2d]</sup>

m2 Eliza Jane Taylor]<sup>[G]</sup>

3. Joseph, Jr <sup>[D,C,G]</sup>

b. 26 July 1796, MD <sup>[B2e,C7, C8]</sup>

m. m1 Eliza\_\_\_\_; m2 Nancy\_\_\_\_\_

d. 5 Apr 1879, bur. Washington Town Cemetery<sup>[B1g]</sup>

sp 2 Nancy ? (b. 3 Oct 1798, PA, d. 24 Jan 1863, bur. Washington Town Cem.,  
Guernsey Co. OH)<sup>[B1i,B2b]</sup>

Children of Joseph Griffith, Jr. and his wives:<sup>[C7]</sup>

Rezin, b. 30 Oct 1819, d. 10 Feb 1892<sup>76</sup> <sup>[B2g]</sup>

John, b. abt 1828

Joseph, b. 16 Apr 1830, d. 20 Jan 1832

Catherine b. abt 1831

Delilah, b. abt 1833

Mehitabel, b. abt 1835

Nancy M. b. 27 May 1837, d 14 Dec. 1858

Levi A. b. 28 Jan 1844, d. 11 Aug 1864

Adam b. abt 1840

4. Mahlon<sup>[D, C]</sup>

b. 1797 <sup>[B2c]</sup>

m. 31 May 1815, Belmont County, OH <sup>[B3b]</sup>

d. 1848, bur at Hopewell Cem., Muskingum County, OH<sup>[B1d]</sup>

sp. Mary Richardson <sup>[B,D]</sup> (b. 19 Jan 1792, d. 22 Mar 1874, dau of William  
Richardson<sup>77</sup> and Deborah Hays<sup>78</sup>) <sup>[B1c]</sup>

Children:

Leah Ann (b. 12 Dec 1815, Richland Twp. Belmont Co. OH, m. Eli Bolin, d. 29  
Aug 1899, Washington Twp. Muskingum Co. OH.)<sup>[G4][C]</sup>

Mahlon<sup>[F]</sup><sup>79</sup>(b. 3 Dec 1819, Belmont Co. OH, Muskingum County, OH<sup>[B]</sup> d. 11  
10 1908, Harrison Co. IA, m. Elmira Mathew 20 Dec 1846<sup>[B3-1]</sup> (b. 5 Nov  
1830, d. 17 Feb 1913.

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<sup>76</sup> Noting the nine year difference between the birth of Rezin (b. 1819) and that of John (b. 1828), it is suggested that Rezin was the son of Eliza and that the other children were the children of Nancy. It is just a theory. There is no proof.

<sup>77</sup> According to Ref. G4 [unproven] William Richardson was born abt 1775, and died bef 18 Sept 1796 at age 21.

<sup>78</sup> Mary Richardson and Ann Eliza Pond are half sisters, daughters of Deborah Hays Richardson Pond.

<sup>79</sup> Migrated west to Iowa after 1846. Was in Kanesville (Council Bluffs) and then Harrison County. See his biography at F2 under sources.

William Richardson (b. abt. 1822<sup>[C8]</sup> married Edith Norman, 20 Nov 1841<sup>[B3g]</sup>,  
Muskingum County, OH)  
Children of William Richardson and Edith Griffith buried at Hopewell  
Cemetery: Saccarrisa, 1847, Adaline, 1854, Amy [1862?]<sup>[B3d]</sup> Others: see  
census 1860, Hopewell, Muskingum Co. Ohio in sources.

5. James <sup>[D]</sup> (See James Griffith & Elizabeth Hall, previous section)
  - b. 11 Dec 1801<sup>[B4]</sup>
  - m. 11 Jan 1825, Bladensburg, OH<sup>[B3d]</sup>
  - d. 27 Apr 1884, Chicago, IL<sup>[B4]</sup>
    - sp Elizabeth M[ary] Hall <sup>[B,D]</sup>

Children: Catherine, Rachel, William H., James, Elizabeth, Cyrus, Ruth
6. Daughters: None proven.

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The early life of Joseph Griffith is somewhat speculative. As proposed in above report considerable evidence in Baltimore County deeds and Quaker records makes the following genealogy very plausible:

Joseph was born a Quaker in Richland, Bucks Co. PA to Isaac and Ann Burson Griffith.<sup>[F5]</sup> The genealogy is based on Quaker records.<sup>[F7]</sup> His parents migrated to northern Baltimore County, Maryland about 1769 and joined the Gunpowder Meeting, Society of Friends. Although some of Joseph's siblings remained Quakers, Joseph apparently did not.

Joseph's mother, Ann Burson Griffith died about 1773. Shortly thereafter his father, Isaac, removed to Fairfax County, Virginia west of present day Washington, DC where he attempted to marry the sister-in-law of his deceased wife. However the Friends Meeting at Fairfax disapproved of the close existing family connection and turned down his request. So he married the woman outside the faith in Frederick County, Maryland. The couple was disowned for that act. Isaac remained in the area around Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, Virginia.

Meanwhile Joseph had his own troubles with the Fairfax Meeting which complained of his "taking the Test" in 1779. He appears to have been forgiven when he acknowledge his transgression. The term apparently means taking a loyalty oath to the Revolution.

In 1784 Joseph married Catherine Burson who apparently was not a Quaker. Joseph returned to Gunpowder Falls in Maryland with his new wife. **On July 9, 1786 the Gunpowder Meeting condemned "Joseph Griffith and Catharine (before marriage Burson) for marrying outside the good order."**

No subsequent reference to Joseph has been found in the Quaker records of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania or Ohio. It is assumed he left the faith as did several of his siblings.

Catherine Burson's parents are not known—but undoubtedly they were at least distantly related to Joseph's mother and step-mother.

In 1785 Joseph appears to have bought his first property with his older brother, Abraham. Together they bought a lot in the town of Baltimore to satisfy lien on the property of Abraham's mother-in-law, Anne Moore. Joseph subsequently sold his interest to Abraham.

In 1796 Joseph and Catherine bought land named "**Blathanackambury**" at the Great Falls of the Gunpowder River. They sold it in 1799 and then possibly migrated west to Western Pennsylvania with other family members.<sup>[10 a,b,c]</sup> Eventually these Griffiths migrated west to Ohio some settling in Belmont County and others in Muskingum County, OH.<sup>[F9,10]</sup>

A Joseph and Catherine Griffith bought land in Brooke Co. WV in 1802 -- a town lot in what later became Wellsburg and acreage on Buffalo Creek. They sold it the next year. This may be a different couple.<sup>[C11]</sup>

At about that time the government began to sell land to settlers in Belmont County, Ohio. Joseph and Catherine purchased their first property southeast of St Clairesville in Belmont County. Joseph is listed as an 'entryman' in Belmont County in 1810. A Thomas Griffith who may be Joseph's nephew was also an entryman.<sup>80</sup>

The marriages of three of Joseph's presumed sons--Mahlon, Benjamin and Isaac--were recorded in Belmont County.<sup>[B]</sup> The U.S. Census for Belmont County, Richland Township, 1820, lists a Joseph Griffith (possibly Joseph Jr.) and Mahlon Griffith.

Land records in Baltimore, Co. MD, as well as Belmont, Knox and Muskingum Cos., OH give supporting evidence that Joseph Griffith was married to Catherine. The 1799 deed in Baltimore shows the grantor as Joseph Griffith, but Catherine appears as wife of Joseph in the official recording of the document. A deed dated 1823 for Knox County land refers to them as "Joseph Griffith Sr and Catherine his wife of Belmont County." An 1829 Knox County deed from "Joseph Griffith, Sr. and Catherine his wife to James Griffith, states they were (by then) all of Knox County, Ohio, and that Joseph was selling "the farm on which Joseph lives--in 1829."<sup>[D1]</sup> Catherine died in 1837 and is buried at the Hopewell Village cemetery.

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<sup>80</sup> Thomas is listed as an entryman in the western part of Belmont County in 1811 and acquired a patent to Guernsey land in 1824.<sup>[D3]</sup> In the 1820 census for Belmont County he is shown as over 45 meaning he was born before 1775



The 1840 census in Muskingum county shows households both for Joseph's sons Benjamin and Mahlon, that of Benjamin containing an aged man that could be Joseph.

The evidence that Joseph was the father of any of the Griffith men (Benjamin, Mahlon, Isaac, James and Joseph, Jr.) is also built on land records in Ohio in the 1830's and 1840's--specifically in Knox and Muskingum Counties. Unfortunately, nowhere do the deeds refer to "father," "mother," "son" or "brother."

The land in Belmont County was near St. Clairesville. Most of the Knox County deeds pertain to one principal location in Jackson Township, near Bladensburg or Martinsburg at Quarter 1, Township 5, Ranges 10 and 11.

Joseph and Catherine sold one 80-acre lot each, to James and Benjamin in 1823. They sold a part of a lot to James again in 1829.

Benjamin and his wife Jane sold similar lots to Joseph in 1829--but Catherine was not named in that deed.

Mahlon and his wife Mary sold land in the same vicinity to Joseph Jr. in 1830 and in 1831 they sold adjacent lots to Joseph Sr and to James.

James and his wife Elizabeth sold their farm, (originally owned by Joseph, Sr.) to Isaac in 1831.

Isaac and his wife Ann Eliza sold his U.S. patent near Bladensburg to Mahlon in 1836.

After 1830 they acquired land in Muskingum County. Joseph and Mahlon settled in Hopewell Township, Joseph and Mahlon buying lots in the Village of Hopewell and Isaac buying land in Washington Township.

Joseph died in 1845. Although the gravestones are worn and photographs are partly illegible, the best evidence suggests that Joseph and Catherine are buried side-by-side in the family plot at Hopewell Cemetery. Son, Mahlon who died in 1848 is also buried there. No burial has been found for Joseph's sons Isaac and Benjamin. They may be buried at Hopewell--there are several unmarked graves in the row of Griffith graves. Joseph's son, Joseph Jr. is buried at Washington Town Cemetery in Guernsey County and his son James is buried in Chicago.

About 1836 Joseph Jr. bought property in Guernsey County, Ohio. He was first married to a woman named Eliza and second to a woman named Nancy. He moved to Guernsey County between 1836 and 1837 with wife, Nancy, according to Guernsey County deeds. They owned considerable property and opened a tavern on the National Road west of the town of Washington. They raised a large family and are buried with several children and grandchildren at the Washington Town Cemetery.

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Isaac and wife, Ann Eliza, Griffith lived for awhile at Martinsburg in Knox County where their son Lambert died. He is buried there. Isaac and Ann Eliza then bought land in Washington Township, Muskingum County but they lost the property and it was sold at auction by the Sheriff in 1845. Ann Eliza is buried with her son, Lambert, in the cemetery at Martinsburgh, Knox County. Isaac's son, Isaac, married Melinda Curtis and settled at Belmont, Goshen Township in Belmont County where Isaac (the son) died and was buried in 1895.

Benjamin and wife, Jane Engel Griffith lived out their lives in Hopewell, living with their son Mahlon and his wife Isabel Shue. Their son Benjamin and wife Elizabeth Holmes lived near by. The last record for Benjamin is the 1850 census for Hopewell Township in Muskingum County.

Mahlon and his wife Mary Richeson/Richardson Griffith also lived out their lives in Hopewell where Mahlon died at age 51 in 1848. He is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery. An inscription, "Mary," on a nearby gravestone implies his wife may be buried there also. His son Mahlon married Elmira Matthews in 1850 and they went west to Iowa.

The migration of James and Elizabeth Griffith to Iowa, Missouri and Illinois is documented in Section 2.2 of this family history.

## Sources

### JOSEPH GRIFFITH & CATHERINE BURSON

#### A. Probate

Estate of Joseph Griffith Jr. Letters of Administration filed in Guernsey County, OH, 16 Jan 1885; settled 20 Mar 1885, case 4417, administrator, son Rezin Griffith.

Will of Abraham Engle, Belmont Co., OH probated 3 Jan 1814 naming daughter Jane Griffith as an heir. (Will Book A:149.

#### B. Vital

##### 1. Death Records:

Death records from cemetery inscriptions.<sup>81</sup>

##### Hopewell Cemetery

a. Joseph Griffith 14 Mar 1845 at 86y 4m 2d

b. [Catherine] Griffith, wife of Joseph Griffith. 1 May 1837 at 71y 6m 9d

c Mary (Richardson) [wife of] Mahlon Griffith 22 Mar 1874 at 82 y 2m 3d

d1. Mahlon Griffith 1848 at age 51 y

Also children of Mahlon's son William Richardson Griffith:

Saccarissa d/o William R & Edith Griffith d July 25, 1847, aged 1 mon 20 days

Adaline d/o William R. & Edit Griffith d. Feb 1, 1854 aged 3 yr 5 mos.

Amy E. d/o William and Edith Griffith d. 3 Sept [1862?] age 4 m 3 days

**d2 Ruth, "daughter of James and Elizabeth" died 16 Sept 1838 aged 1 yr 10 mo**

##### Cemetery Records, Martinsburgh ME Church [Knox County, OH]

e. Anne Eliza [Griffith]

f. Lambert P. son of Isaac and Anne Eliza Griffith 29 August 1833, 3y 1 m

##### Old Washington Town Cemetery, Guernsey County OH<sup>82</sup>

g. Joseph Griffith [Jr.] 5 April 1879 aged 82 y 8m 9d

h.. Eliza w/o Joseph Griffith

i. Nancy w/o Joseph Griffith d. 24 Jan 1863 age 64y 10m 14d

<sup>81</sup> See Griffith Research Part I-D of this family history. See also *Cemetery Inscriptions of Hopewell, Licking and Muskingum Townships, Muskingum County, OH* (Ohio Genealogical Society, 1975)

<sup>82</sup> See Griffith Research Part I-D. See also *Cemeteries of Guernsey County OH*, Guernsey County Genealogical Society, 2nd pring. March 1994, Vol 5.

- j. Nancy M. d/o J & N d 14 Dec 1858 age 21y 6m 17d
- k. Levi A. s/o J & N d. 11 Aug 1864 age 20y 6m 13d
- l. Rezin Griffith 30 Oct 1819 - 10 Feb 1892

Belmont Town Cemetery, Belmont Co. OH [Photo provided by Terry Magyar]

m. Isaac Griffith [son of Isaac] 1818-1895  
Old Methodist Cemetery, St. Clairesville, Belmont Co. OH [Terry Magyar photo]

- n. Lambert Pond d. 11 April 1839 aged 69 years
- o. Deborah Pond w/o L. Pond d. 1 April 1864, aged 93

Bigler Grove Cemetery, Harrison Co. IA, photo posted at Iowa GenWeb

- p. Mahlon Griffith Dec 3 1819 -Oct 11 1908
- q. Elvira, His Wife Nov 5 1830 Feb 17 1913

Guernsey County Death Records Book 1

- r. p. 126 Joseph Griffith [Jr] d. 5 mar 1879 age 83, d. Center Twp., b. Maryland.
- s. p. 104 Joseph W. Griffith d. 19 mar 1876 age 24 y 4m 12d. d. Washington Wills Twp.
- t. p. 82 Rrezin D. Griffith d. 11 Apr 1879 age 21y 5 m 6 d. d. Washington, b. Guernsey Co.

## 2. Births from cemetery inscriptions

Calculated from above

- a. Joseph Griffith b. 11 Nov 1758
- b. [Catherine wife] of Joseph Griffith b. 22 Oct 1765
- c. Mary (Richardson) wife of Mahlon Griffith b. 19 Jan 1792
- d. Lambert P. Griffith b. 29 July 1830
- e. Joseph Griffith, Jr b. 26 July 1796<sup>83</sup>
- f. Nancy Griffith b. 16 April 1830
- g. Rezin Griffith b. 6 Oct 1819

## 3. Marriage

Belmont County, Ohio, Marriage book B:

- a. Benjamin Griffith to Jane Engle, p. 29, by William Sinclair, JP, 24 Jan 1810
- b. Mahlon Griffith to Mary Richeson, p. 75, (of lawful age) by Henry P. Johnston, JP, 31 May 1815
- c. Isaac Griffith to Analiza Pond, p. 79, by Vachel Hall, 9 Nov 1815

Knox County Probate Court Marriage Records 1808-1838, p. 117, LDS Film 1294304:

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<sup>83</sup> If calculated from death record which gives death date 5 March 1879--the birth date would be 27 June 1796.

- d. James Griffith to Mary Hall "I do hereby certify that...James Griffith and Mary Hall was by me united in marriage on the 11 day of Jany 1825. John Wheeler, J.P."<sup>84</sup>

Muskingum County Marriages (Ohio Genealogical Society, 1982)

Vol. 3, 1835-1848

- e. Mahlon Griffith to Elmira Mathew 20 Dec 1846  
f. Benjamin Griffith to Elizabeth Holmes 21 Jan 1841  
g. William Richardson Griffith to Edith Norman 20 Nov 1841  
h. Abraham Griffith to Henrietta Bishop 9 Nov 1843

Vol 4, 1848-1865

- i. Mahlon Griffith to Isabella Shue 23 Jan 1850  
j. William E. Griffith to Louisa Winegardner 1 Jan 1852

New Jersey Marriages 1684-1895, ed. Jordan Dodd, Liahona Research, Online Database, Generations Network at Ancestry.com

- k. Lambert Pond to to [Mrs.] Mary Richardson, 18 September 1796, Gloucester, New Jersey.

Gunpowder Monthly Meeting, Maryland, Minutes, from Henry C. Peden, :

- l. "Joseph Griffith was charged with marrying outside the good order, 29 of seventh mo. 1786, Catharine Burson

4. Death Records

James Griffith: Certificate 1884 - 39938: James Griffith, male, white, 83 years, Farmer, died 27 April 1884, 8 AM, married, American, b. [Pennsylvania] sic; resident of Illinois 16 years [sic], died at 75 25th St of Senile Paralysis (duration one year; bur. at Oakwood Cem, AB Russ & Co. undertakers.

C. Census

1. 1880 U.S. Census for Cook County, IL, Chicago, NARA microfilm T9-0192, page 315B, LDS Film 1254192, online version at Family History Library.

James Griffith 79, b. VA, Doctor of Medicine, father b. MD, mother b. MD

2. 1790 Census Maryland, Baltimore--Back River Upper 100,  
Joseph Griffith, p. 24: 2 m > 16, 2 males < 16, 2 others  
Caleb and Thomas Stansbury

3. 1820 U.S. Census,

Belmont County, OH, NARA Microfilm M30, Roll 86,

Richland Township, p. 214

Key: Male <10<16 <18<26<45>45 Fem<10<16<26<45>45  
Griffith, Joseph 1 -0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0  
Griffith, Mahlon 1 0 1 1 1 0 2 0 0 1 0

Guernsey County, Ohio

Jefferson Township

Key: Male <10<16 <18<26<45>45 Fem<10<16<26<45>45  
Griffith, Joseph 5 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1

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84 John Wheeler, pastor, Church of Christ (Campbellite) and brother ofd Samuel Wheeler, who was husband of Elizabeth's sister, Anne Hall.

4. 1830 U.S. Census

Muskingum County, OH

Washington Township

Key: Male <5-<10-<15-<20-<30-<40-<50-<60- Fem <5-<10-<20-<30-<40-<50-  
Griffith, Isaac 2 1 0 0 2 0 0 1 0- 1 1 0 0 1

5. 1840 U.S. Census

Guernsey County, Ohio

Center Township

Key: Male <5-<10-<15-<20-<30-<40-<50-<60- Fem <5-<10-<20-<30-<40-<50-<60-  
Griffith, Joseph [Jr.] 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 2 1 1 0 0 1

Muskingum County, Ohio

Mt. Sterling , Hopewell Township

Center Township

Key: Male <5-<10-<15-<20-<30-<40-<50-<60-<70-<80-<90 Fem <5-<10-<20-<30-<40-<50-<60-  
Griffith:  
Mahlon 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0  
Benjamin 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 1 0

Belmont County, Ohio

Goshen Township

Key: Male <5-<10-<15-<20-<30- Fem <5-<10-<20-<30-<40-  
Griffith, Joseph [Jr.] 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1

6. 1850 U.S. Census, Muskingum County, Ohio, Hopewell Township

p. 653	Griffith, Mahlon	23	potter \$150	b. [abt. 1827]
	Griffith, Isabel	17		b. PA
	Griffith, Benjamin	62		b. PA [abt. 1788]
	Griffith, Jane	65		b. NJ [abt. 1785]
p. 642	Griffith, Benjamin	32	\$200	b. OH [abt.1818]
	Griffith, Elizabeth	28		b. OH [abt. 1822]
	Griffith, Elizabeth J.	6		b. OH [abt. 1844]
	Griffith, Berry S.	4		b. OH [abt. 1846]
	Griffith, Lucy A.	1		b. OH [abt. 1849]

1850 Census, Belmont Co. OH Richland Township.

fam. 249 Mary Griffith 60 b. NJ [abt 1790] with Lambert Pond,  
age 40 b. Maryland<sup>85</sup>

7. 1850 U.S. Census, Guernsey County, OH, Centre Township, Ancestry.com

Griffith, Joseph	48	farmer b. MD [abt.1802]
Griffith, Nancy	48	b. PA [abt. 1802]
Griffith, John B./R.	22	farmer b. OH [abt. 1828]
Griffith, Catherine	19	b. OH [abt. 1831]
Griffith, Delilah.	17	b. OH [abt. 1833]
Mehitabel	15	b. OH [abt. 1835]
Nancy M.	12	b. OH [abt. 1838]
Adam P.	10	b. OH [abt. 1840]

<sup>85</sup> This is believed to be Mary Richardson Griffith, widow of Mahlon Griffith who died in 1848. Lambert Pond is probably the brother of Mary's sister-in-law, Ann Eliza Pond Griffith, wife of Isaac Griffith.

8. 1860 Census, Guernsey County, OH, Center Township, M653 969  
p. 126. Griffith, Joseph, 66 Farmer, \$12,000, 3.000, b. MD [abt. 1794]  
Griffith, Nancy, 55 b. PA [abt. 1805]  
Griffith, Mehitabel, 23 b. OH [abt. 1837]  
Griffith, Adam, 19 b. OH [abt. 1841]  
Griffith, Levi, 15 b. OH [abt. 1845]
- 1860 Census, Muskingum County, OH, Hopewell Township  
p. 36 Griffith, Wm. R. 38 Potter b. OH [abt 1822--cannot read  
or write]  
Griffith, Edith 35 b. OH [abt 1825--cannot read  
or write]  
Griffith, Mary E. 11 b. OH [abt 1849]  
Griffith, Wm. 7 b. OH [abt 1853]  
Griffith, Mahlon A. 5 b. OH [abt 1855]  
Griffith, Almon N. 2 b. OH [abt 1858]  
Griffith, Perry 1 b. OH [abt 1859]  
Griffith, Mary 65 b. VA [abt 1795]<sup>86</sup>
9. 1870 Census, Muskingum County OH, West Zanaesville P.O.  
p. 151 Griffith, Mary 77 b. NJ [abt 1793]with Reson Bowlin,  
grandson (age 24 b. OH)<sup>87</sup>

#### D. Land

##### 1. Belmont County Ohio Deeds, from Deed Books examined at St. Clairesville, 1 October 2009

###### a. Joseph Griffith [Sr]

Book B-415, Joseph Griffith of Belmont from Gregg 27 May 1808  
S33 T7 R4 100 ac, original U.S. Pat. To Gregg

Book C-379 Joseph Griffith and wife Catharine of Belmont to John  
Spencer 31 Dec 1810, S33, T7 R4 100 ac Lloydsville east of St.  
Claireville

Book D-5 Joseph Griffith and wife Catharine of Belmont from David  
Moore 22 Feb 1811 S 28 T6 R3 158 ac, West of St. Clairville [now  
Banfield Mall]

Book D-5 Joseph Griffith and wife Catharine of Belmont from  
Wolford, 28 Oct 1811 S 28 T6 R3 158 ac, See above

Book D-548 Joseph Griffith et al Trustees of School Dist #8 from  
Hulse 2 May 1814 S8 T6 R3, 1 acre

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<sup>86</sup> This is Mary Richardson Griffith enumerated in the household of her son William R. Griffith.

<sup>87</sup> This is also believed to be Mary Richardson Griffith whose daughter, Leah, who married Eli Bowlin and had a son Rezon.

Book G:235, Joseph Griffith and wife Katharine of Belmont to Hammond No date S22 T6 R3, 80 ac

Book G:408, Joseph Griffith and wife Catharine to Penrose April 1818 S27 T6 R3, 158 ac

Book H:580 Joseph Griffith and wife Catharine to Crumble 21 Nov 1822 w 1/2 S22 T6 R3, 80 ac, original U.S. Patent 6 Nov 1815

Book J:347 Joseph Griffith and wife Catharine of Belmont to Nathan Spencer, 1 April 1824 S28 T6 R3, 100 ac. Witness Mahlon Griffith

**b. Mahlon Griffith**

Book G-551, Mahlon Griffith of Belmont from Amrine 28 Oct 1819 S26 T6 R3, 110 ac.

Book H: 577, Mahlon Griffith and wife Mary of Belmont to Teat, S26 T6 R3, 110 ac

**2. Knox County Ohio Deeds, Microfilm Records of Knox County, The Microfilm Corporation, Cleveland, 1950,**

**a. Joseph Griffith, Sr (and Catherine, wife)**

Book E-418, 20 Aug 1823, Joseph Griffith Jr [sic]<sup>88</sup> and Catherine his wife of Belmont County, OH to James Griffith of Belmont County, OH, \$400 for parts of lots 9 and 10, **Q1, T5, R11**, military tract, Knox County, about 78 ac. Wit Luther Brown, Isaac LeFebre, John Wheeler, JP, (Microfilm Roll D3).

Book E-602, 19 Aug 1823, Joseph Griffith Sr and Catherine his wife of Belmont County, OH to Benjamin Griffith of Knox County, OH, \$400 for part lot 4, **Q1, T5, R11**, military tract, about 80 ac. Wit Luther Brown, Isaac LeFebre, John Wheeler, JP, (Microfilm Roll D3).

Book G-577, Joseph Griffith Sr and Catherine to Isaac Griffith, part lot 11, **Q1, T5, R11**, (Microfilm Roll 6).

Book H-210, 7 Nov 1829, Joseph Griffith Sr and Catherine his wife to James Griffith all of Knox County, OH, **the farm on which Joseph lives**, part of lots 4 and 5, **Q1, T5, R11**, Knox County, James Walker, John Wheeler, (Microfilm Roll 7).

**b. Benjamin Griffith (and wife Jane)**

Book H-212, Benjamin Griffith and Jane his wife, to Joseph Griffith Sr., 11 Aug 1829, parts of lots 6 and 7 , **Q1, T5, R11**, wits John and Lydia Wheeler

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<sup>88</sup> See footnote for Jonas Stansbury E-299 regarding the use of "Jr".



**c. Mahlon Griffith (and wife Mary)**

Book H-389, Mahlon Griffith and Mary his wife to Joseph Griffith Jr., 31 May 1830, south side northeast quarter, section 8, **T5, R11**.

Book I-434, Mahlon Griffith and his wife Mary to Joseph Griffith Sr, 27 January 1831, \$150 for lot 19 in Williamsburg **T5 R11**

Book I-435 Mahlon Griffith and his wife Mary to James Griffith, 27 January 1831, \$320 for lot 20, Martinsburg, formerly Williamsburg., **T5 R11** lying between Market St and Strawberry Alley, Center Alley and Mechanics Street.

U.S. Patent 4862, Mahlon Griffith of Knox County, Ohio, United States, 1840 (Zanesville Land Office) to north half southeast quarter section 25, **T5, R10**, 80 acres (General Land Office records, Bureau of Land Management at [www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov).)

**d. Joseph Griffith, Jr. (and wife Nancy)**

Book H-514, Joseph Griffith Jr., and Nancy his wife to Caleb Jeffries, 8 April 1830, \$1000 for lot 15 **Q1 T5, R11**.

**e. James Griffith (and wife M.E./Elizabeth)**

Book H-592, James Griffith and Elizabeth his wife to Obediah Hall, 13 October 1830, quitclaim to northwest quarter section 8, **T5 R10** and east half, northwest quarter section 11 T1N R15, Delaware district includes also all other goods, chattels, rights etc of the estate of Amos Hall late of Jackson township; Wits: Levi Mercer, James Elliot

Book I-486, James and Elizabeth Griffith to Isaac Griffith, 6 August 1831, \$800 **for the farm on which James now lives**, part of lots 4 and 5 **Q1 T5 R11**

**f. Isaac Griffith (and wife Ann Eliza)**

Book I-535, Isaac Griffeth and Ann Eliza his wife, 1 August 1831, \$300 for part of the east side of lot 23

Book O-65, Isaac Griffith and Ann Eliza his wife to Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company, 22 January 1831, lots 4 and 5, **Q1 T5 R11**

Book P-333, Isaac Griffith and Ann Eliza to Mahlon Griffith, 6 July 1836, \$300 for southeast quarter of southwest quarter section 25, **T5, R10**.

Book S-102, Isaac Griffith of Knox County from United States, 1835 patent 6450 for southwest quarter of southeast quarter section 25, **T5 R10**, 40 acres.

**g. Samuel Wheeler**

Book P-491, Samuel Wheeler, Jr. and wife Anne [Hall ] to William Hall (son of Nathan Hall) and his wife Sarah, 18 July 1836, lots 19,25,22 Bladensburg

**h. Jonas Stansbury**

Book E-299, Jonas Stansbury **of Muskingum** to Joseph Griffith, Jr of Belmont Co. OH, **Q1 T5 R11**, 29 acres, \$120, 16 Jan 1823<sup>89</sup>

Book E-662, Jonas Stansbury to Joseph "Griffy, lot 5, **Q1, T5 R11**, 159 acres. \$240, 7 June 1824.

U.S. Patent to Jonas Stansberry of Zanesville, Muskingum County, 18 Sept 1835, for e 1/2 Sec 5 T8N R7W, Holmes County, OH

**3. Muskingum County Deeds, viewed in person in deed books at Office of Recorder in Zanesville Sept. 2009 or viewed on Microfilm of the Genealogical Society of Utah (UFS).**

**a. Joseph Griffith**

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Book S-17, Joseph Griffith Sr of Muskingum from Henry Bell, 1 December 1836, Lot 42 Hopewell. [Deed Books]

Book 7-335, Joseph Griffith of Muskingum County, OH, 26 Feb 1842, property in Hopewell Township. [Microfilm]

Book 18-167, Joseph Griffith **and wife Elizabeth** of Muskingum County, OH, to Nicholas Teiterick, 27 May 1843, Section 13, T 11 R17 [Deed Book]<sup>90</sup>

**b. Benjamin Griffith**

Book S-38, Benjamin Griffith and wife Jane to Benjamin Wheeler of Muskingum, all of Muskingum County, OH, 23 Feb 1837, \$100 for lot 32, Hopewell (plat Book K:248, UGS microfilm roll 900188)

Book V-120, Benjamin Griffith and wife Jane, 21 August 1838, 24 lots in Hopewell (UGS microfilm roll 900190)

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<sup>89</sup> If Jonas Stansbury is related to Joseph Griffith, he is the first to acquire land in Muskingum County. He lived in Zanesville in 1835 when he patented land in Holmes County at T8N R7W. A James Griffith of Coshocton also acquired a patent to land in Holmes County at T7N R8W.

<sup>90</sup> This record shows that there probably was another Joseph Griffith in Muskingum County. His wife was "Elizabeth." It is possible that Joseph Griffith married again after the death of his wife Catherine in 1837, but no such record has been found in Knox or Muskingum Counties. The location of T17 R11 has not yet been determined.

**c. Mahlon**

Book 15-336, Mahlon Griffith, 27 Jan 1849, Hopewell (UGS microfilm roll 910350)

**d. Joseph Jr (and wife Nancy)**

Book Q-396, Joseph Griffith and his wife Nancy of Muskingum County to Anthony Miller of Perry County, 2 October 1835, for lot 40, sec 9 T1, R3 (Deed Book)

Book Q-457 Joseph Griffith Jr. and wife Nancy of Muskingum, to Henry Winegardner, 3 Aug 1835, S23 T1 R9. [Deed Book]

**e. James (and wife Elizabeth)**

Book O-161 James and Elizabeth of Muskingum to Corbin H. Eachus, Lots 36-46, Mt. Sterling, 16 April 1833.[Deed Book]

Book O-223 Priest to James Griffith of Muskingum, 17 Oct 1833. [Deed Book]

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Book U-262, James Griffith of Muskingum, 5 June 1838 [Microfilm]

Book S-209, James and Elizabeth Griffith of Muskingum to Johannes Reddicker, 13 March 1837, 45 ac Sec 3 T1N R9W.

Book V-417, James Griffith and Elizabeth M. his wife of Muskingum County, OH to John Beams, 9 Feb 1839, \$400 for lot 56, Mt. Sterling, Wilson's Addition (UGS microfilm roll 900190)

Book W-467, James Griffith and Elizabeth his wife to John Calvin, \$1500 for east part southwest quarter section 15, **T18 R 4** (UGS microfilm roll 900190)<sup>92</sup>

**f. Isaac (and wife Ann Eliza)**

Book 6-623, Sheriff's sale of Isaac's property, Washington Township 26 June 1845 (also 23 Oct 1846 in Book 10-253, (UGS microfilm roll 910355)

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<sup>91</sup> This may imply a relationship to the large Griffith family of Fairfield County whose members came from Pennsylvania.

<sup>92</sup> The location of T18 R4 has not been identified yet.

**i. Abraham Griffith (possibly related)**

U.S. Patent 725, Abraham Griffith of Jefferson County, Ohio, United States, 6 Aug 1825 (Zanesville Land Office) to west half northeast quarter Section 22, **T12N, R12W**, 79.34 acres Muskingum County (General Land Office records, Bureau of Land Management at [www.glorecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorecords.blm.gov).)

Book U-72, Abraham Griffith and Mary his wife, 31, March 1838, Sec 13, **T12 R22**, 79 ac (UGSmicrofilm roll 900189)

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**a. Joseph Griffith [Jr.]**

Book K-239, Joseph Griffith of Muskingum from Adams: 22 Mar 1836 e 1/2 nw<sup>4</sup> S12 T2 R2 Center Twp, \$1290. Original Military District patent rec 10 Nov 1836

Book K-451, Joseph Griffith of Muskingum from Rowan: 21 Feb 1837 ne<sup>4</sup> S12 T2 R2 Center Twp on National Road 23 ac K:451 \$230

Book L-60, Joseph Griffith from Sheriff Sale: 22 June 1837 se<sup>4</sup> S22 T3 R1 Madison Twp at Rhinehart nr Kansas Rd, \$850 : Ct Comm Pleas, judgement v Thos. Monaghan

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Book N-136, Joseph Griffith from Findley, 1 April 1839 Lot 67 Town of New Washington

Book Q-327, Joseph Griffith of Guernsey from Sheriff Sale: 2 Sept 1843 Ne<sup>4</sup> Sec 24 T3 R2, 160 ac Jefferson Twp nr Warrentown on Lake (now in Salt Fork Park) \$1178 : Ct Comm Pleas, judgement v Arbuthnot & Sautz

Book S-512, Joseph Griffith from Rowan: 1 June 1846 pts ne<sup>4</sup> and se<sup>4</sup> S12 T2 R2 south of National Rd. w/ premises north of road S:512 William Griffith, witness

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Thomas Griffith, 12 Dec 1810, 134.12 ac, nw<sup>4</sup> Sec 24, **T8, R6**,

**6. Knox County Land Patents**

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- b. Enos Jones grant deed to Joseph for property known as "Blathanackambury" 10 May 1796, Baltimore Count; 125 ac. On Great Falls of the Gunpowder River, wit. Moses Dillon, WG VV, p. 396; also deed to correct original grant deed recorded 13 April 1799, Book WG 58 pp. 144-5.

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b. Joseph Griffith from William Hudson, 11 Oct 1802, Bk. 3, p. 42, land on Buffalo Creek. Same land Joseph Griffith and wife Catherine to William Hudson, 28 Jan 1804, Bk. 3, p. 176.

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Capt. Patterson: Elija Griffith

Capt. Joseph **Curtis: Benjamin Griffith**

Capt. Morrow: Evan Griffith

Capt. Joseph McCune: **William Griffith and Dutton Lane**

2. Revolutionary War Soldiers in Chester County, PA, [online](#)

Pennsylvania Rifles, Capt. Andrew Long, 1776, Long Island, NY:

**Joseph Griffith**, pvt; **William Hall**

4<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, Capt. Fred Vernon, Long Island, NY: **Benjamin Griffith**, George Hall

4<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Militia, Capt. Israel Moore, 1781: Isaac Griffith, Joseph Griffith, Lt.

5<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, Capt. Rowland, 1779: Joseph Griffith

4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Capt. Roberts, 1782 militia: Samuel Lane, James Griffith

6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Co. 3, 1779, Col. Thomas Taylor, 1779: Joseph Griffith

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**Family Group Sheet**  
**ISAAC GRIFFITH & ANN BURSON**

Husband: Isaac Griffith  
b.5 Mar 1720/1, Richland,  
Bucks Co. PA<sup>[C1]</sup>  
m1. Nov 1744, Buckingham Meeting<sup>[C1]</sup>  
Bucks Co. PA  
m2. 27 Nov 1773, Frederick Co., MD<sup>[B3a]</sup>  
to Mrs. Ann Dickey Roberts Burson  
d. after 1782<sup>93</sup>

Husband's Father: Abraham Griffith  
b. 1680, Wales  
d. 10 Mar 1760, Richland Tp,

Husband's Mother: Hannah Lester  
b. 9 Feb 1721

Wife 1: Ann Burson  
b.9 Apr 1721<sup>[C2]</sup>  
d. about 1773<sup>[B1b,B1d]</sup>

Wife's Father: Joseph Burson (2.2.1.2)  
Wife's Mother: Rachel Potts

Children by wife 1:

1. Abraham<sup>[B1a]</sup>  
b. 2 Jun 1746 Richland, Bucks Co. PA<sup>[C1]</sup>  
d. 26 Jun 1800<sup>[A, B1e]</sup>  
bur 27 Jun 1800, Friends Burying Ground, Gunpowder Meeting  
m1 Mary Moore 3 Apr 1771 (dau of Walter and Ann Moore) She died 13 Sep 1784  
and bur. Friends Burying Ground, Gunpowder<sup>[B1d]</sup>.

Children:

Ann, b. 16 Dec 1771<sup>[B1d]</sup>  
Reuben, b. 3 Feb 1774 (m. 2 Jan 1799, Elizabeth Price at Gunpowder)<sup>[B1d, A, D2]</sup>  
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Isaac, b. 4 Oct 1776<sup>[B1d,A, D2]</sup>  
Miriam, b. 4 Oct 1779 (m. Richardson)<sup>[B1d]</sup>  
Sophia, b. 28 May 1782<sup>[B1d]</sup>

m2 Rachel Taylor 30 Dec 1788, Fairfax Meeting, VA  
(dau of Thomas & Calip Taylor)<sup>[B1e]</sup>

Children:

Thomas Taylor, b. 26 Sept 1789<sup>[B1e]</sup>  
Mary, b. 21 Oct 1790<sup>[B1e]</sup>  
Rachel & Abraham, 3 Nov 1791<sup>[B1e]</sup>

2. Rachel

b. 23 Nov 1747, Richland· Bucks Co. PA<sup>[C1]</sup>  
m. 4 Jun 1767, Richland Bucks, Co. PA cert to Gunpowder 16 Aug 1770<sup>[C3]</sup>  
d. 5 Nov 1834, Muskingum Co., OH<sup>[C1]</sup>

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<sup>93</sup> The last record found for Isaac is dated 1882. when Isaac returned to Gunpowder Meeting with his sons James and John. A contrary claim is made at an Isaac Griffith Memorial # 33453332 at Find-a-grave at Ancestry.com. It claims without any source that Isaac died in 1781 and is buried at Middleton Cemetery, Freeland, Baltimore Co. MD.

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(Rachel continued)

sp. Joseph Shaw 1773 <sup>[B1i]</sup>. Removed to Western PA . He d. 3 Oct 1823 <sup>[C3]</sup>

Children: George, David, Samuel, Ann mentioned in certificate Sep 1779 <sup>[B1i]</sup>

3. Hannah <sup>[B1a]</sup>

b. 7 Sep 1749, Richland Bucks Co. PA<sup>[C1]</sup>

m. 1772, Baltimore<sup>[B1f]</sup>

d. 1 Jul 1824, Zanesville, Muskingum Co., OH

bur. "Old Quaker Cemetery

sp. Moses Dillon <sup>[C1, B1f, B2a, C4, C5]</sup>

children: Elizabeth, Ann, John, Mary, Rebecca, Moses, Rebecca, Hannah,  
Martha, Loyd ,Isaac) <sup>[B1f, B2a]</sup>

4. Mary <sup>[B1a]</sup>

b. 28 Sep 1752, Richland Bucks Co. PA<sup>[C1]</sup>

m.

d.

5. Ann <sup>[B1a]</sup>

b. 1 Feb 1754/5, Richland, Bucks Co., PA<sup>[C1]</sup>

m. 1 Aquilla Price, 27 Feb 1772, Baltimore, Co.MD<sup>[B1b]</sup>

m2. William Matthews, 3 Aug 1774, Gunpowder Meeting, Baltimore Co.,  
MD<sup>[B1c]</sup>

d. 6 Jul 1792<sup>[B1c]</sup>

bur Gunpowder 7 July 1792 at 39 years

6. Sarah <sup>[B1a]</sup>

b. 15 Nov 1756 Richland, Bucks Co., PA<sup>[C1]</sup>

m. unseemly company with a married man 25 Nov 1772<sup>[B1j]</sup>

d.

sp.

7. Joseph <sup>[B1a]</sup>

b. 22 Oct 1758, Richland, Bucks Co., PA<sup>[C1]</sup>

m. abt. 29 Jul 1786, Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore Co. MD<sup>[B1g]</sup>

d. 14 Mar 1845, Hopewell, Muskingum Co. OH [See previous section]

sp. Catherine Burson <sup>[B1g]</sup>

8. Martha <sup>[B1a]</sup>

b. 23 Feb 1760, Richland, Bucks Co., PA<sup>[C1]</sup>

m.

d.

sp..

9. Elizabeth <sup>[B1a]</sup>

- b.
- m. August, 1780--married by priest and subsequently removed from Gunpowder Meeting)<sup>[B1h]</sup>
- d.
- sp..

10. Isaac, Jr. <sup>[B1a]</sup>

- b. 7 June 1764, Richland, Bucks Co., PA <sup>[C1]</sup>
- m.
- d.
- sp..

11. John <sup>[B1a]</sup>

- b. 29 May 1766, Richland, Bucks Co., PA <sup>[C1]</sup>
- m. left Gunpowder 30 Sep 1786<sup>[B1k]</sup>
- d.
- sp..

12. James <sup>[B1a]</sup>

- b. 16 Nov 1869, Gunpowder, Baltimore Co. MD <sup>[C1]</sup>
- m.
- d.
- sp..

Most of the records of the family of Isaac is based on the “Griffith Family” in *Early Friends Families of Upper Bucks* by Clarence V. Roberts and Quaker records as shown under “Sources” following. The Welsh family history of this family will not be repeated here.

Isaac Griffith removed from Bucks County, Pennsylvania and brought his wife and family to Gunpowder Falls, Baltimore County, Maryland in 1769. This fact is noted in the “Minutes of Gunpowder Friends Meeting.” Ann died sometime after the marriage of her son Abraham to Mary Moore in April 1771 and before the marriage of her daughter Ann to Aquilla Price in February 1772. Shortly thereafter **Isaac removed to Loudon County, Virginia and proposed to marry Ann’s sister-in-law, the widow of Ann’s brother, Benjamin Burson. Unfortunately the woman’s name was Ann—born Ann Dickey Roberts—but now Mrs. Ann Burson. This created a problem for the Friends and future genealogists. The Fairfax Meeting rejected Isaac’s proposed marriage because the relationship was too close. Isaac went forward with his planned marriage which took place 27 November 1773 in**

**Frederick County, Maryland. The Friends therefore disowned him. The problem for future genealogists is obvious—both his first and second wife were called “Ann Burson.”**

During the Revolution Isaac and his second wife lived in Loudoun County. As a Quaker he did not fight in the war but is listed among the patriots who furnished beef to the troops (325 pound at 4 pence per pound.)

Isaac later returned with his sons James and John to Gunpowder Meeting. The whereabouts of his second wife at that time are unknown. The deaths of both Isaac and his second wife are still a matter of some controversy.

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