

Chapter 3
William Grammer
Jane (?) | Grammer
Elizabeth (Barker) Grammer

1. William GRAMMER			
born	ca. 1774 ¹	Rev. John and Elizabeth (?) GRAMMER²	Virginia? ³
married	1) 1795-1798 ⁴	Jane? (?)⁵	Logan?, Kentucky ⁶
	2) December 03, 1804 ⁷	Elizabeth BARKER	Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky
died	1821 ⁸		Union County, Illinois

1) Jane? (?) GRAMMER			
born	ca 1775 ⁹		
married	1795-1798	William GRAMMER	Kentucky?
died	by December 03, 1804 ¹⁰		Kentucky?

2) Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER			
born	1775-1785 ¹¹	Ananias BARKER? ¹²	
married	1) December 03, 1804	William GRAMMER	Russellville, Warren County, Kentucky
	2) January 20, 1828 ¹³	John VANCIL	Union County, Illinois
died	after 1828 ¹⁴		

1 Based upon census data and dates when William first appeared on Kentucky tax records (presumed to be when he turned 21).

2 William's will states that [Senator] John is his brother, and Senator John's parentage is proven from his father's will.

3 The 1849 Mortality Census lists Senator John's birthplace as Virginia, so, for now at least, I am assuming that William was born there, too.

4 From approximate birthdate of Franky, William's first proven child.

5 DAR records list Jane as William's wife. They are wrong on just about anything else, however, so this could be wrong, too.

6 William was living in Kentucky at this time.

7 Logan County, Kentucky, marriage records.

8 Union County probate box G-116. Death date between August 12, 1821, when will was written, and January 4, 1822, when the heirs of William Grammer, decd., sold his property.

9 Approximated from birth of Franky, her first known child.

10 Date of William's second marriage.

11 From 1810 Butler County, Kentucky, and 1820-30 Union County, Illinois, censuses.

12 An Aannias Barker is in the 1810 Logan County, Kentucky, census.

13 Union County, Illinois, marriage records, Book A, page 33, certificate. Confirmed by reference in William's probate file in which Elizabeth is referred to as "Grammer, alias Vancil."

14 Date of Elizabeth's marriage to her second husband.

Children¹⁵

1) Frances "Franky" GRAMMER			
Born	March 02, 1798	William and Jane? (?) GRAMMER	Kentucky
Married	October 10, 1818	William TRIPP, Jr.	Union County, Illinois
Died	February 5, 1877	Cause: a fall followed by a chill	Union County, Illinois
2) Rachel (GRAMMER) MARTIN			
Born	ca. 1804	William and Jane? (?) GRAMMER	Kentucky?
Married	May 8, 1824	James S. Martin	Union County, Illinois
Died			
3) John Joel GRAMMER			
Born	September 29, 1805	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER	Kentucky
married	1) April 18, 1830 2) January 13, 1842	Malinda GRAMMER Eliza M. NIMMO	Union County, Illinois Union County, Illinois
Died	December 13, 1866		Neely's Landing?, Missouri
4) William B. GRAMMER			
Born	ca. 1811	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
Married	April 15, 1838	Mary Jane HALLOWAY	Union County, Illinois
Died	October 21, 1871	cause: typhoid fever	Anna, Union County, Illinois
5) Hiram GRAMMER			
Born	ca. 1811	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER	Illinois
Married	February 10, 1833	Geraldine PALMER	Union County, Illinois
Died	after 1855		
6) Zimrude GRAMMER			
Born	September 03, 1814	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER	Illinois
Married	November 17, 1831	Thomas C. TRIPP	Union County, Illinois
Died	November 03, 1860		Jackson County?, Illinois
7) Aaron GRAMMER 1			
Born	1815	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER	Illinois
married	1) February 2, 1840 2) September 14, 1854 3) 1860-63	Talitha GRAMMER Mrs. Edna FIKE Sarah Ann J. PENROD	Union County, Illinois Union County, Illinois Cape Girardeau, Missouri?
Died	October 10, 1896		Union or Jackson County, Illinois
8) Nancy GRAMMER			
Born	1821-22		Union County, Illinois
Married	1854	John Casey?	Union County, Illinois
Died	after 1828		

William lived briefly with his parents in Davidson County, Tennessee, 1786 to 1787/1792. By 1792, a 21-year old William and his parents had moved to Logan County, Kentucky. He married his first wife, perhaps named Jane, sometime around 1795-1797, since his first proven child, Franky, was born 1796-1798.

William appears on Logan County tax lists 1797-1809. In all cases, he was listed as the only male 21 or older, and there were no males 16-21 and no blacks. In the early years, before he owned land, he is listed as having between 3 and 6 horses and a steadily increasing number of cattle, up to his maximum of 11 head. He apparently sold all of his cattle in 1797 in order to buy land. From then on, his only livestock appears to be one or two horses.

¹⁵ Sources for children listed later in chapter, under each individual child.

The tax records show that William owned between 10 acres and 240 acres in Logan County, Kentucky, in the years between 1797 and 1808. In 1809, he is listed with no land, and from 1810 on he is not listed at all.¹⁶

On October 10, 1797, William bought 100 acres on Little Muddy Creek¹⁷ from John Howard of Logan County for 40 pounds “current money of Kentucky.”¹⁸ Witnesses were William Reading and A. Stewart. On the same day he purchased this tract of land, William served as a witness when John Howard gave another tract of land on the Muddy Creek to his children, Stephen and John, Jr.¹⁹

In 1797, the land owned by William's father and brothers was partitioned off to Warren County. William's land remained with Logan County. Even so, William may have been residing in Warren County. The November 7, 1797, session of the Warren County Court assigned William and his brother Jacob, as well as quite a few other men, as “hands” to do some sort of work for the county.²⁰ On July 10, 1798, William was made Constable.²¹ On May 7, 1799, William served on the jury for the inquest on the body of Fre. Stump.²² The jury found that Stump had been murdered by having his throat cut and his “*Belly Riped open near 12 Inches in length.*”

On October 8, 1799, William was appointed executor of the will of William Fisher, Logan County, Kentucky.²³ Could this be because of some family connection? In December of 1806, an appraisal of the estate was done by Humphry Posey, Jos. Snodgrass, and Jn. Thomson.²⁴ The widow, Jane, received the entire estate in order to raise and school their children. If she remarried, the estate was to be put in the hands of John Gramer (John II?) and William Gramer to divide equally among “sd [said] sisters.”²⁵ Jacob Gramar, John Fisher, and Mary Tilly were witnesses. Thos. (x) Fisher and John (x) Fisher relinquished rights to the estate, apparently giving their portions to Jane for the ‘benefit of her and her children.’ The published will index for Logan County lists Thomas and John as executors of the estate by 1806. A Jane Ayres was given money for the support of the children. See Jinny/Jane (Grammer) Fisher, under Reverend John’s children, for more on the possible Fisher connection.

On August 5, 1800, “*On the motion of Thomas McMullin assee of Wm. Grammer who obt'd a Cert. No. _____ for 200 acres of land leave is granted him to remove 100 acres therof Satisfactory proof appearing to the Court.*”²⁶ This states that William had 200 acres, but at this point we have a record of only 100 acres.

¹⁶ See Research Notes later in chapter for details on each transaction.

¹⁷ The index did not list the number of acres, and I have not checked the original.

¹⁸ Logan County Genealogical Society, *Records*, vol. 1, page 43. Deed Book A-1, page 71.

¹⁹ Logan County Genealogical Society, *Records*, vol. 1, page 45.

²⁰ Warren County Court Order Book A, March 17, 1797-June 15, 1801, page 9 on the transcript, page 35 on the original.

²¹ From letter dated May 12, 1992, from Rose Mary Orr. **Ask her where she found this.**

²² Warren County Court Order Book A, page 40 on the transcript, page 146 on the original.

²³ Abstract found in Murray, page 12. Original listed as Deed Book A-1, page 265.

²⁴ Will Book A, page 93.

²⁵ This is a quote from Murray’s *Logan County Deed Abstracts*, page 12. Apparently in *Deed Book A-1*, page 265. **Check this.**

²⁶ County Court Order Book A, page 72 on the transcript, page 253 on the original.

This is backed up by the fact that in 1799 William was *not* taxed for the 100 acres supposedly remaining.

On October 25, 1801, William bought what appears to be 10 acres of land in neighboring Butler County (the transaction is confusing—could be Logan County, too) from the late sheriff of Logan County.²⁷ Apparently the sheriff had taken the land from a James Jones in 1798 as payment for taxes on a 1000 acre parcel. Although this transaction occurs in Butler County, the ten acres seems to be the same as the parcel that William paid taxes on in 1808 in Logan County.

In 1803, William bought land for \$300 from Thomas H. Mullin on the Mud River/Little Muddy Creek in Logan County, Kentucky.²⁸ The abstracted description states that the land was on the Bedford and adjacent Jackson lines.²⁹

In October, 1803, William and his brother John, as well as James, William, and John Tyler, were paid two shillings and one penny for guarding Joseph Burwell one day each in Warren County.³⁰ On November 5, 1804, the same men were paid 9/ (?) for guarding him two days each, for a total of 2 pounds, 5 shillings.

William Grammer married his second wife, Elizabeth Barker, in Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky, on December 5, 1804.³¹ William's brother Jacob also married a Barker woman from Logan County. Back then it was quite common for brothers and sisters to marry brothers and sisters.

In July of 1807, William was charged \$1.14 for fees incurred in what appears to be a Warren County, Kentucky, suit against someone named Delaney³² (note that Delaneys married into the Grammer family—see under Senator John.) The descriptions of the fees are indecipherable, partly because of the handwriting, but mainly because of the abbreviations used. In January of 1808, William was charged another \$2.23, apparently relating to the same matter.

On October 16, 1807, William had surveyed 55 acres on the Little Muddy.³³

By 1809, William had apparently sold all of his land in Logan County, most probably in preparation for his move to the Illinois frontier. William was evidently living in Butler County, Kentucky, in 1810.³⁴ He had earlier bought a ten acre plot in Butler County, yet he never appears on any Butler County tax lists.

²⁷ ??? (deleted some accidentally – check original) and 2 beach theme? North 39 degrees West 28-1/4 poles to? hickory and Ellum thence to the Beginning."

²⁸ Logan County Index to Deeds, 1792-1935.

²⁹ Murray, *Logan County, Kentucky Deed Abstracts*, page 41. Original in *Deed Book A*, page 151.

³⁰ Warren County Court Order Book B, page 214 on transcript, page 488 on original.

³¹ The marriage certificate was destroyed by the county in the 1950s. The extant index gives no further information.

³² Warren County, Kentucky, Fee Book, 1807-1808.

³³ *Index to Surveys of Logan County, Kentucky*, page 39.

³⁴ 1810 census.

William immigrated “to this county [Union County, Illinois] in 1811... William Grammer [was] one of the brave, hardy pioneers, a farmer by occupation, who settled two miles west of Jonesboro when this was an almost unbroken wilderness.”³⁵

The first known record of William in Illinois was in 1813. The 1813 [Illinois] Preemption Report³⁶ shows William had “*improv'd cultivated & inhabited sd qr prior to 5 Feb 1813 and continued his resident thereon ever since.*” The land was the SE¼ of Section 15, T12S, R2W. Witnesses were John Grammer and Jacob Huntsaker.

In 1814, William served as a grand juror in Union County.³⁷ In June 1816, William served on a jury in Johnson County, Illinois, for a case in which the defendant, Isaac D. Willcox, was found not guilty of failing to pay a \$200 debt.

Public domain land records show that William bought one tract of land in Union County. On September 24, 1816, he entered 160 acres at \$2 per acre, for a total of \$320.³⁸ The land was in what was then Johnson County, and the legal description was the SE¼ of Section 15,³⁹ T12S R2W.⁴⁰ On July 24, 1818, William filed for public domain land, E½ of the NE¼ of Section 23, T12S, R2W.⁴¹ On August 31 of that same year, William sold that land to Joseph Palmer for \$40, with Palmer scheduled to pay “the remaining three payments.” The legal description was the E½ of NE¼ Sect 23 T12S R2W.

William is listed on records of “Marks and Brands” in Union County, Illinois, in 1818.⁴² On February 27, 1819, Elizabeth (but not William) was admitted by letter to Clear Creek Baptist Church in Jonesboro.⁴³ John and “Sister” Barker (presumably Elizabeth’s brother and sister-in-law),⁴⁴ John and Polly Kimmel, and Jane and Elizabeth Brown were admitted at the same time. On June 9, 1819, William was appointed to lay out a road from Jonesboro to Greens Ferry.⁴⁵ On June 5, 1820, William was granted a license to keep a tavern at his house. The fee was \$3.00 and he had to enter a “bond as the law directs.”⁴⁶ Earlier, Senator John had applied for a license to operate a distillery, so they had both the supply and the demand ends covered. The rates for tavern keepers were set in 1820 by the county commissioners: 1/2 pint of whiskey – 12½ cents; peach brandy, apple brandy, French brandy,

³⁵ Obituary of William’s daughter Franky (Grammer) Tripp, *Jonesboro Gazette*, February 10, 1877, page 3. Date of immigration confirmed by the obituary of his son, William B. Grammer, which stated that he was born in Union County, Illinois, in 1811.

³⁶ Page 64, #65, entered June 23, 1815.

³⁷ From letter dated May 12, 1992, from Rose Mary Orr.

³⁸ Commissioner’s of Johnson County, Vol. 24, p. 17.

³⁹ According to Rose Mary Orr, this should be section 13, not 15. **Check original.**

⁴⁰ Vol. 24, page 17. In 1846, this land was owned by John J. Grammer.

⁴¹ Dexter, *Early Courthouse Records...*, page 10. This public domain land purchase was not on the Grammer list sent to me by the State of Illinois.

⁴² Perrin, page 287. Originals no longer in existence.

⁴³ Dexter, *The Saga*, Fall 1993, page 24.

⁴⁴ There are many other mentions of the Barkers in this article.

⁴⁵ Commissioners' Court Proceedings, page 35.

⁴⁶ Commissioners' Court Proceedings, page 58.

rum, cider, gin, proter, or cordial – 25 cents; wine – __ cents; meals – 25 cents; bedding – 12½ cents; horse feed – 12½ cents; horse “to corn and hay for the night” – 37½ cents.⁴⁷

Tradition has it that the Grammers (along with the Wolfes, Hunsakers, Doughertys, Kimmels, and Wigles) may have been Dunkers (called Dunkards in Southern Illinois).⁴⁸ No proof of this has been found, although the Grammers were closely associated with families that were known to be Dunkers. George Wolf, a famous Dunker leader, performed several Grammer marriages. William's widow, Elizabeth, went on to marry John Vancil, known to be a Dunker. However, none of the Grammers signed the 1825 “Deed of Emancipation”⁴⁹ which lists Union County Dunkers.

The Dunkers⁵⁰ were called the “foot-washing Baptists.” Although William's father Reverend John was a Baptist preacher, we don't know if he was a *Dunker* Baptist. If any of the three brothers was a Dunker, it would be William, since his family seemed to have the closest ties to known Dunker families. Also, he seemed to be the only one of the brothers who was particularly religious. Senator John was most probably not a Dunker, since he supported slavery, which was strongly opposed by the Dunker church.

William died between August 12, 1821, when he wrote his will, and January 4, 1822, when the “heirs of William Grammer, decd.” sold his land.

William's will reads:

In the Name of God amen I William Grammer of Union County State of Illinois being veary weak in body but of perfect Memory thanks be given unto God, Calling unto mind mortality of my Body and knowing that is appointed for all men once to Die do make and ordain this my last will and Testement that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I Recomend unto the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shal receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as tatching such world by Estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life I Give Demise and dispose in the following manor and form First I give and bequeath to Elisabeth my Dearly beloved wife all my possessions.....?.....Remains my ? if She marys again She is to have the lawful Dowry and when my loving Children Comes of age that I had by my second wife then the are all to share alike that is my loving son John and my loving son William and my loving son Hiram and my loving Daughter Zimrude and my loving son Aaron and my loving Daughter Nancy and my loving Children that I had by my first wife all got thier Dowry what I intent to give them I want them to sell all the perishable property that the family Dont stand

⁴⁷ Dexter, *Early Courthouse Records...*, page 137.

⁴⁸ *Saga XVIII*, vol. 1, page 37.

⁴⁹ *Union County Deed Book C-3*, pages 436-39.

⁵⁰ The early Dunker church was on the eastern edge of Union County, on the road between Anna and Saratoga (Parks, page 362). The official name of the Dunker Church is the Church of the Brethren, and it also includes the Amish and Mennonite sects. The church was organized in Germany in 1708, but persecution there and in the Netherlands drove many of the members to America, especially Pennsylvania. The Dunkers believe in triple immersion for baptism. They also espouse peace, brotherhood, temperance, and simple living. They teach the way of alternative service in place of military conscription, and members are often conscientious objectors.

*in Need of I also ordain my loving Brother John and my Loving Wife Executrix of this my last will and testament in wittness where of I have heare unto set my hand and seale this the 12 day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty one. Sighned sealed and Deliverd in the presence of us
Jacob Hunsaker Sr, John Barker William Grammer*

The will in the Union County probate file is a copy, not the original. Note that a John Barker, most probably William's brother-in-law, is a witness. William's will names his wife Elizabeth and his "loving brother John" as executors. Elizabeth signed all probate documents with an X. A few notes in the probate file appear to have been written by Senator John. If William's will is any indication, it seems that he was the most religious of the three brothers. Jacob mentions God only once in his will, and Senator John not at all.

William is most probably buried in either the Dunker Cemetery or the Tripp Cemetery, both of which are just off of Illinois Route 146 west of Jonesboro. In any case, his grave is unmarked.

The will names William's children by his second wife, Elizabeth: John, William, Hiram, Zimrude, Aaron, and Nancy. William mentions that he has already given the children (note plural) of his first wife their dowry. So far, only one child, Franky, seems to be by William's first wife. It seems likely, however, that Rachel (Grammer) Martin is also a child of William and his first wife.

On January 4, 1822, the "heirs of William Grammer, decd." sold William's land to George and Anna Woolfe of Union County. These heirs were listed as John, William, Hiram, Zimrude, Aaron, and Nancy. The legal description of the land was 12 acres, SW¼ SW¼, [Section] 14, [Township] 12S, [Range] 2W. Each heir received \$43.

The bill of sale for the estate was filed 26 January 1828 and states the following:

Grammar, Zimrude [William's daughter] – 1 feather bed \$2, 1 set cups and saucers \$.13, 1 lot geese \$3
Nimmo, Wesley G. – 1 hand saw \$.25
*Barker, John*⁵¹ – 1 pr. hains and traces \$2.37½, 2 pr cards \$.25
Tripp, Hiram – 1 feather bed \$9.75, 1 cotter wheel \$.75, 1 sieve \$.87½, 1 large pot \$3.37
Tripp, William [William's son-in-law] – 1 pr and irons \$2.51, 1 auger \$.18-3/4
Vansil, Elizabeth [William's widow] – 1 pr. cotton cards \$.66, 2 plates and 3 tin cups \$.50, 1 small coffee pot \$.25, 1 pot \$1.12, 1 churn \$.25, 1 flax wheel \$1
Vansel, John [Elizabeth's second husband] – 1 horse colt \$30.50, 1 sorrell mare \$76?
Roads, Jacob – 1 lot of pewter \$2, 1 table \$.70
Roads, Joseph – 1 cow \$5.62½, 1 bull calf \$1.72
Grammar, William [William's son or nephew] – 1 axe \$2, 1 cow and calf \$5.62½
*Crowl, John*⁵² – 1 lot of iron \$.76, 1 Bible \$.12½, 1 spider \$.51, 2 clevises and howel? \$1.12

⁵¹ William's brother-in-law?

⁵² John Crowell married Julia Grammer, daughter of Senator John, in 1842. Why would he have been interested in the family Bible in 1828? Maybe he just didn't have a Bible of his own yet?

Hunsaker, Andrew – 1 pail and crock \$.25, 1 oven and hooks \$1.25 Hunsaker, Hiram—10 head of hogs \$11.56
Hunsaker, Samuel – 1 heffer \$2.50
Whitlock, William C.⁵³ – 1½ bushel \$.31
Craves, Michael – 2 pr. bed steads \$.62, 1 lot corn \$5.50
Doughery, Charles – 1 loom \$.50
Davis, Edward – 1 lot of chairs \$1.78, 1 muley cow \$6.12½
Davis, John – 1 cow and calf \$6.00 (the cow died before delivery to Davis)
Treese, Jacob – 1 plow \$3.87½
Martin,⁵⁴ James – 1 hog \$3.80, 1 plough \$1.57
Tinsley, Isaac – 1 steer \$3, 1 bull calf \$1.52
Hargrave, Kineth – 1 steer \$2
Taggart, George – 1 black heifer \$4.00

The total amount received from the sale was \$272.03¼.

One note in the file appears to have been written by John J. Grammer, William's son:
January the 27th 1828 received of John Grammer administrater of William Grammer Deceast fifty cence in fool for hunting stock by mee John J. Grammer. On January 28, 1828, William's widow was summoned to the probate court to show why she had not executed her bond as the executrix of William's estate. Another note in the probate file, dated March 28, 1832, states: *Estate of William Grammer To Jacob Grammer Sr To Note assigned with intrest from date of assd \$34.00.*

Estate papers show that the estate reimbursed John Vancil (Elizabeth's second husband, just married a few days before the sale) \$1.00 for two gallons of whiskey that he furnished for the estate sale (must have been a fun sale). John Vancil paid \$.75 to B.W. Brooks for medicine furnished to Elizabeth while she was still Elizabeth Grammer. The net value of the estate was \$158.53, distributed to the heirs on Monday, July 2, 1832. Elizabeth's dower was 1/3 of that, \$52.84. The remaining \$105.68 was divided between the six listed children, giving each \$17.61. These children were John J. Grammer, Wm. B. Grammer, Hiram Grammer, Zimrude Grammer alias Tripp, Aaron Grammer, and Nancy Grammer.

William's widow Elizabeth married John Vancil, a Dunker, on January 20, 1828. The marriage was performed by the Dunker preacher George Wolfe, who went on to become head of the Brethren/Dunker Church some years later. John Vancil was made guardian to Nancy and Aaron (specified as children of William Grammer) in 1828.⁵⁵

⁵³ A William C. Whitlock was a witness to Jacob's will in 1845.

⁵⁴ Son-in-law?

⁵⁵ Union County Guardianship records, box 599.

John Vancil was born August 6, 1776, to Jonathan Vancil and Maria Brerathin⁵⁶ of Pennsylvania. He married his first wife in Montgomery County, Virginia. He lived briefly in Missouri and Arkansas as well, but ended up back in Union County. He brought the Buckingham Apple to Illinois. He built a water mill on Clear Creek near Kaolin Station, and he owned land in both Alto Pass and Cobden Precincts. His will, filed in 1841 (Union County?), lists his wife Elizabeth. Elizabeth probably died by 1850, since she is listed in neither the Union or Jackson County censuses. Alternately, she may have remarried (unlikely, because she would have been of advanced years by then) or may have moved to Adams County, Illinois, with the many Dunker families who did just that. Since Elizabeth is not my ancestor, I have not bothered to track her down in her later years.

In 1839, a John Vancil (not necessarily this one) had a suit brought against him in Alexander County, Illinois.⁵⁷

⁵⁶ All of the information on John Vancil is from some genealogy for which I have lost the bibliographic information. Note that Berathin is supposedly one of the original spellings for Penrod, one of the families that was close to the Grammers for generations. Also, John's parents could possibly be the Jonas (age 96, PA) and Mary Vancil (age 74/94?, MD) in the 1850 census of Jackson County, List Two, south and east of the Big Muddy, household 37, Allen and Catherine Crowell.

⁵⁷ *The Saga*, vol. XXI/3, page 14.

Research Notes

See Bibliography for a complete list of all sources checked.

- See "Proof of Lineage" under William's father, John II, for proof of William's parentage.
- William's first wife may have been named Jane, per (notoriously inaccurate) old DAR records.
- William m. an Elizabeth Barker December 3, 1804, in Logan County, KY. William's widow was named Elizabeth. The existing marriage records for Logan County, KY, consist of only a transcribed index (the originals were destroyed in 1951). The only place where I found William's first name listed on a marriage index was in *Logan County, Kentucky, Marriages, 1790-1865* published by the Logan County Genealogical Society.

Kentucky, Logan County

- 1792 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 0 acres, 4 horses, 2 cattle.
- 1793 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 0 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle.
- 1794 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 0 acres, 6 horses, 4 cattle.
- 1795 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 other males, 0 blacks, 0 acres, 5 horses, 7 cattle.
- 1796 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 0 acres, 4 horses, 11 cattle.
- 1797 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 100 acres on Little Muddy Creek (originally entered to John Howard) at rate 2, 2 horses.
- 1798 tax list, no extant tax records.
- 1799 tax list, no William Grammer taxed, but 200 acres on the Muddy Creek originally owned by William were taxed to Thomas McMillan.
- 1800 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 100 acres on Little Muddy Creek at rate 2, 2 horses.
- 1801 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0, 100 acres on Muddy Creek (originally entered to J. Howard) at rate 2, 3 horses.
- 1802 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 100 acres on Muddy Creek at rate 2, 1 horse.
- 1803 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 100 acres on Muddy Creek at rate 2, 5 horses.
- 1804 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 200 acres on Little Muddy Creek (originally entered to J. Howard) at rate 2, 1 horse.
- 1805 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 180 acres on Muddy Creek (originally entered to J. Howard) at rate 3?, 1 horse.
- 1806 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 235 acres on Little Muddy Creek (originally entered to J. Howard) at rate 2, 2 horses.
- 1807 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 1 male 16-21, 0 blacks, 235 acres on Little Muddy (originally entered to "Sunday"?) at rate 2, 2 horses.
- 1808 tax list, 1 white male over 21, 0 males 16-21, 0 blacks, 55 acres on Little Muddy Creek (originally entered to William) at rate 2, 100 acres on Little Muddy (originally entered to J. Howard) at rate 2, 10 acres on Little Muddy (originally entered to J. Jones) at rate 2, 75 acres on Little Muddy (originally entered to T.W. Mullin) at rate 2, 2 horses.
- 1809 tax list, 1 white male over 21, rest of head count cut off, no land, 2 horses.
- 1810-1830 tax lists, no William Grammer.
- October 10, 1797, John Howard of Logan County sold to William Grammer land on Little Muddy Creek, 40 pounds current money of Kentucky. Witnesses: William Heading and A. Stewart. Deed Book A-1, page 71. From published abstracts (listed below) of Logan County Genealogical Society.
- 1800 census, William Gramor⁵⁸
- Logan County, Kentucky Genealogical Society. *Logan County Kentucky Records, vol. 1* (includes deeds). Pages 43, 45.
- 1810 Logan County, Kentucky, census, Ananias Barker, page 39?
males: 1 45 and older, 1 17-26, 3 under 10.
females: 1 45 and up, 2 11-16, 1 under 16.

⁵⁸ From Clift, Second Census. **Get original.**

Kentucky, Warren County

- 1797-1830 tax lists, no William Grammer.
- *Court Order Book A, March 7, 1797-June 15-1801*: August 5, 1800, "On the motion of Wm. Grammer who obt'd a Cert. No _____ for 200 acres of land leave is granted him to remove 100 acres thereof Satisfactory proof appearing to the Court."
- *Court Order Book B, June 15, 1801-January 1, 1805*.
- Fee Book, 1807-1808. Abbreviated, so that it's hard to see what it is, but a ? Delaney is on the same page.
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- *Court Order Book A, First Order Book, March 7, 1797-June 15, 1801*. William pages 9, 40, and 72.
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- 1810 Federal Census, William Grammer, household #116, page 194 printed, 370 hand-written.
 - males: 1 age 45 or older, 2 0-10
 - females: 1 age 26-45, 1 16-26, 2 10-16Note that these ages don't seem to match exactly what we would expect for William or his children at this time.
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- Wagstaff, Ann T. *Index to the 1810 census of Kentucky*. Page 80. William, Butler County 194.

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- UCI probate box G-116.
- 1818 UCI state census, household #359.

William, one free white male age 21 and up, 9 (or 7 per Rose Mary Orr) others. Get original for this.
- 1820 UCI state census—identical to 1820 Federal census.
- 1820 UCI federal census, William Grammer, page 162, microfilm page 104
males: 1 age 45 and up, 4 age 0-10.
females: 1 age 26-45, 2 age 0-10.
2 people engaged in agriculture. [one must have been his wife?]
- 1830 UCI census, John Vancil (Elizabeth's second husband), page 47.
males: 1 age 45 and up, 1 18-26, 1 16-18, 2 10-16, 3 0-10
females: 1 age 45 and up, 1 10-16
4 people engaged in agriculture.
- A letter from the Illinois State Historical Library stated that the exact date of death must be known for them to search for an obituary. **Check in person.**
- *Commissioners' Court Proceedings, 1818-1826*, Union County, Illinois.
- "List of property in the county of Union, Illinois, 1839," *Court House Ledger, Union County, Illinois*.
- "Land Patentees and 1846 Land Owners," *Court House Ledger, Union County, Illinois*.
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- Dexter, Darrel. *Union County, Illinois Guardianships, 1818-1918*. **Get complete citation.**
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- *The Saga of the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, XVIII*, vol. 1, page 37.
- Next time in Southern Illinois, check the following cemeteries:
 - Grammer Cem. NW-1/4, NE-1/4, Sec. 32 R2W T12S.

This is in the middle of the Shawnee forest. One attempt to find it failed. I now have better directions and will try again on the next trip.

- Grammer Cem. SW-1/4, SW-1/4, Sec. 35 R1W T11S

WILLIAM, JANE, AND ELIZABETH'S CHILDREN

1. Frances "Franky" (GRAMMER) TRIPP⁵⁹

born	March 2, 1798 ⁶⁰	William and Jane? (?) GRAMMER ⁶¹	Kentucky ⁶²
married	October 1 1818 ⁶³	William TRIPP, Jr.	Union County, Illinois
died	February 5, 1877 ⁶⁴	cause: a fall followed by a chill	Union County, Illinois ⁶⁵

William TRIPP, Jr.

born	1793	William and Jane (?) TRIPP	South Carolina/Georgia
married	October 11, 1818	Frances "Franky" GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	July 6, 1858		Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois ⁶⁶

Franky is not mentioned in the distribution of William's estate in 1832. This can be explained by the fact that she was a child of his first wife; William's will specifically states that his estate is to be divided among only the children of his second wife, which he goes on to list.

Franky and her sister Zimrude married Tripp brothers. William held a lieutenant's commission in the Illinois Militia from 1817 to the end of the Black Hawk War, around 1833.

At the 1828 estate sale of William Grammer, William Tripp bought "1 pr. & irons" and 1 auger, for a total of \$2.69-3/4. In 1850 Franky's widower brother Aaron and his son were living with Franky and William.

Franky and William Tripp had the following children:⁶⁷

- **Nicholas**, b. ca 1820; m. June 18, 1846 Nancy Hargraves, divorce case dismissed in 1866. Nancy m. 2) David Treese in 1855. Nicholas d. April 10, 1853; buried Tripp Cemetery. Children: Seth, 1846-1911, m. Susanna McCloud 1868; Kenneth, 1850-1933, m. Sarah Jane Hunsaker; Sarah Jane, b. ca 1852, m.? John R. Porter.

⁵⁹ All unattributed information on Franky and William comes from work done by Yvonne Fortney Jones and Charles E. Tripp. See references.

⁶⁰ Birth date from obituary, *Jonesboro Gazette*, February 10, 1877, page 3.

⁶¹ Father specifically stated in obituary, *Jonesboro Gazette*, February 10, 1877, page 3.

⁶² Birth place from census data.

⁶³ Marriage date from obituary, *Jonesboro Gazette*, February 10, 1877, page 3. Registered in Union County as simply ca. 1820. Yvonne Fortney Jones also lists marriage as October 1, 1811, in Union County.

⁶⁴ Death date and cause from obituary, *Jonesboro Gazette*, February 10, 1877, page 3.

⁶⁵ Buried at Tripp Cemetery, approximately two miles west of Jonesboro on south side of Route 127. There is a small sign and a winding road leading to the cemetery at the top of the hill.

⁶⁶ Also buried at Tripp Cemetery, near Jonesboro.

⁶⁷ See Perrin, page B108, for other descendants of William and Franky.

- **William Cyrus**, b. ca 1821; m. August 25, 1842 Adeline Louisa Lewis; d. June 13, 1881; buried Tripp Cemetery. Children: Cyrus "Silas" M., 1844-1910, m. Samantha Rich in 1867; Mary Ellen, 1845-1900, m. Andrew Peel/Peale 1866; Andrew Jackson, 1849-1883, unmarried; Amanda, 1851-1881, unmarried; Emma Frances, 1853-1944, m. John McCloud 1882; James Calvin, 1858-1946, unmarried; John A. "Jack," 1860-1938, m. 1) Sarah Batson, 2) Louise Postlewait; Ida Belle, 1864-1919, m. 1) Squire Smiddy, 2) Robert Batson.
- **Missouri**, b. ca 1825; m. June 5, 1845 William Lewis. Children: James A., b. 1848, m. Anna McNEally at Cape Girardeau; Henry Lewis m. Mattie Alexander.
- **Elizabeth Jane**, b. January 1, 1828; m. March 9, 1848 Andrew J. Nimmo (sheriff of Union County, son of Wesley G. and Pricilla (Barker) Nimmo); d. May 22, 1912. Children: Leonard/Leander W. Nimmo, m. 1872 Amanda C. Donahew; William H., decd. by 1883; Emily F., m. 1873 John S. Alexander; Mary A., decd. by 1883; Charles Franklin, m. 1881 Sarah Margaret Rendelman; Alexander J.; Sarah J., decd. by 1883.
- **Thomas**, b. April 21, 1830; m. August 11, 1853 Lydia Hargraves; d. January 29, 1871 in Union County.⁶⁸ Children: Mary M., b. 1855, m. ? Brown; William K., 1858-1918, m. Sadie Cavanass; Erastus "Doc" "Eddie" M., b. 1864; Lura/Lory A., b. 1868.
- **John Kenneth**, b. September 19, 1835; m. December 25, 1859 Helen Slaughter; d. February 5, 1905 and buried Tripp Cemetery. Children: Alice Frances, 1861-1935, m. James E. Brown; William Jasper, 1862-1910, m. Sarah Margaret Hargraves; Henry Thomas, 1866-1920, unmarried; Belle Lena, b. 1868, d. after 1880, died childhood; Laura Augusts, b. 1870, unmarried; Lula Mae, b. 1872, m. William Yeates; Olive E., b. 1874, m. C.D. Crowell, d. childbirth; John Walther, b. 1876, m. Lydia Louisa Ferrell; Maggie Helen, died young; Kekam b, 1878, m. E.P. Yandell; Flora, b. 1879, died as infant; Edith Jane, b. 1882, m. Paul H. Ellis; infant girl (Mary?).
- **Sarah Caroline**, b. ca. 1838; m. December 8, 1853 Oliver Alden, merchant in Anna; d. March 30, 1922 Union County. Children: Abby, m. 1873 Zachariah T. Cook; Alice D., b. 1858, m. 1877 Harvey Cady Bouton; Ernest; John B.; Thomas Seymour; Oliver; Betsey, m. ? Mangold; Robert; Everett; Mary, m. ? Lence.
- **Mary**, died by 1850, childhood.
- **James** (twin), died as infant.
- **Hiram** (twin), died as infant.

The Tripps, Aldens, and Lewises of the Anna/Jonesboro area are descendants of this line.

In the 1860 census, two years after her husband's death, Franky was living with her son John and his wife. John listed \$1000 of real estate (apparently the land that Franky and William had owned), and Franky, then in her sixties, was listed as a *laborer*. Neither Franky nor most of her children could read or write.

Franky outlived her husband by 20 years and watched the burial of at least five of her children. Her obituary⁶⁹ reads:

⁶⁸ *The Saga*, Spring 1966, page 19, "Index to Obituaries and Death Notices in the Jonesboro Gazette 1865-1873."

Died – At the residence of her son, John Tripp, two miles west of Jonesboro, Feb. 5, 1877, Sister Francis Tripp, aged 78 years, 11 months, and 3? days.

Deceased was a native of Kentucky, and emigrated with her father to this county in 1811. Her maiden name was Grammer, daughter of William Grammer, one of the brave, hardy pioneers, a farmer by occupation, who settled two miles west of Jonesboro when this was an almost unbroken wilderness. She was married to Mr. William Tripp October 1st, 1818, who settled the on⁷⁰ farm now owned by John Tripp, where they raised a family of ten children, of whom two sons and three daughters are still living, highly respected and honored citizens. Mrs. Oliver Alden and Mrs. A.J. Nimmo are of the number. She professed faith in Christ in early life, and united with the Freewill Baptist church, of which she remained a faithful member until her death. She was a devoted Christian for more than half a century. She had been suffering for several weeks from injuries received by a fall. One week before her death she was taken with a chill and erysipelas.⁷¹

She bore her sufferings with great patience and christian fortitude. Her end was peace. By the death of Sister Tripp the community has lost one of its most beloved, kind, affectionate and obliging neighbors; the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren a tender and loving mother. After appropriate funeral services the last look was taken, the farewell kiss imprinted, the coffin was closed over that calm, serene countenance as beautiful in death, and her remains followed to the cemetery by a large concourse of weeping friends and sympathizing neighbors, and buried by the side of her husband in the family burial ground, known as the Tripp grave yard. [A standard poem on death follows.]

- See Bibliography for a complete list of sources checked.
- Franky's obituary in the *Jonesboro Gazette*, February 10, 1877, page 3.
- William purchased land in Union County, Illinois, from Joesph Palmer in 1818, and paid the last payment for it in 1819.⁷²
- 1810 Logan County, Kentucky, lists two William Tripp families, both with heads of household aged 26-45.
- 1840 UCI census, William Tripp, page 75, microfilm page 133
 - ♦ males: 1 age 30-40, 1 5-10, 2 0-5
 - ♦ females: 1 age 30-40, 1 20-30, 1 15-20, 2 10-15, 2 0-5
- 1850 UCI census #531
 - ♦ William Tripp, 59, SC, \$800 real estate
 - ♦ Frances (Grammer), 56, KY, cannot read or write
 - ♦ Thomas, 19, IL, farmer, cannot read or write
 - ♦ John, 17, IL, farmer, cannot read or write
 - ♦ Sarah, 12, IL, cannot read or write
 - ♦ Marion Grammer, 6, male, IL, attended school
 - ♦ Aaron, 35, IL, steamboat pilot

⁶⁹ *Jonesboro Gazette*, February 10, 1877, page 3.

⁷⁰ Yes, that is exactly the way the obituary was printed.

⁷¹ Yvonne F. Jones found the definition for this: “[also called Saint Anthony’s Fire] a skin disease caused by strep infection which devastates the blood.” Harris, Maurine and Glen. *Ancestry’s Concise Genealogical Dictionary*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1989.

⁷² Dexter, *Early Courthouse Records...*, page 18.

- 1860 UCI census #1368
 - ♦ Frances (Grammer) Tripp, 62, KY, laborer, attended school (this must be a mistake—should be column for cannot read or write?)⁷³
 - ♦ John, 24, IL, farmer, \$1000 real estate, \$200 personal estate
 - ♦ Helen [Slaughter],⁷⁴ 18, IL
- Jones, Yvonne Fortney. *Thomas C. Tripp*. Work in progress, 1993. Available from Yvonne at P.O. Box 374, Overbrook, KS 66524.
- Perrin, William Henry. *History of Alexander, Union, and Pulaski Counties, Illinois*. Chicago: O.L. Baskin and Company, 1883. Reprint 1990 by Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, Carterville, Illinois.
- Tripp, Charles E. *History of the Tripp Family*. Supplied to me by Sue Ibendahl. Complete citation unknown.

⁷³ Double check original

⁷⁴ Per Jackson's index.

2. Rachel (GRAMMER) MARTIN			
born	ca. 1804 ⁷⁵	William and Jane (?) GRAMMER ⁷⁶	Kentucky?
married	May 8, 1824 ⁷⁷	James S. Martin	Union County, Illinois
died			

James S. MARTIN			
born	ca. 1804 ⁷⁸		
married	May 8, 1824 ⁷⁹	Rachel GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died			

Nothing further is known about Rachel. There appears to be no Union County, Illinois, remarriage for either her or James (although there were a couple of early marriages for a James *H.* Martin). Neither James nor Rachel appears on any Union County federal censuses. A James H. Martin appears on the 1820 census for Johnson County.

⁷⁵ Estimated from date of marriage.

⁷⁶ Parentage purely speculation based upon a) Rachel could have been old enough to be one of William's children (per will) by his first wife. Those children were not enumerated in his will. b) Rachel was married by George Woolf, the Dundard preacher, and William seemed to have the closest ties to the Dunkards. c) We have a fairly complete list of Senator John's descendants from his wife Sally's probate, and neither Rachel nor any descendants seem to be listed. Therefore, Rachel does not seem to be Senator John's daughter. d) She could not have been Jacob's daughter, since Jacob did not come to Illinois until six or seven years after Rachel's marriage in Illinois. e) Thus, if Rachel was not Senator John's daughter or Jacob's daughter, it seems she must have been William's daughter. No facts contradict that premise. The mother is listed as William's first wife based upon his will, which mentions his "first children", so more than just Franky must have been from his first wife.

⁷⁷ George Woolf, Dunkard minister, Book A, page 15, certificate #96.

⁷⁸ Based upon age of marriage.

⁷⁹ George Woolf, Dunkard minister, Book A, page 15, certificate #96.

3. John Joel GRAMMER			
born	September 29, 1805 ⁸⁰	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER ⁸¹	Kentucky ⁸²
married	1) April 18, 1830 ⁸³	Malinda GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
	2) January 13, 1842 ⁸⁴	Eliza M. NIMMO	Union County, Illinois
died	December 13, 1866 ⁸⁵		Neely's Landing, Missouri ⁸⁶

1) Malinda (GRAMMER?)⁸⁷ GRAMMER			
born	1800-1810 ⁸⁸	unknown ⁸⁹	
married	April 18, 1830	John Joel GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	by January 13, 1842?		

2?) Eliza M. (NIMMO) GRAMMER			
born	1823 ⁹⁰	Wesley G. and Pricilla C. (Barker) Nimmo ⁹¹	Illinois
married	January 13, 1842	John Joel GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	May 8, 1876/1867 ⁹²		Neely's Landing, Missouri

Malinda's surname was Grammer when she married John Joel. She was either the widow of a Grammer or could have been an unknown daughter of Jacob. There is no record in Union County, Illinois, of a Malinda (?) marrying a Grammer prior to her marriage to John Joel.

John Joel had the following land transactions in Union County:

- 1830 John J. sold to John Vancil [stepfather] for \$50, SW corner of the SW¹/₄ Sect 14 T12S R2W.

⁸⁰ This and all other unattributed data were supplied by James R. Peters (Rt. 2, Box 194, 5036 Russell Ridge Lane, DeSoto, Missouri 63020), a descendant of John Joel. Approximate date confirmed by census data. Death date and exact age (61 years, 2 months, 14 days) from his tombstone.

⁸¹ Parentage from William's will. The final estate division lists John J. Grammer, thereby clearing the confusion as to which John belonged to William.

⁸² 1850 and 1860 Cape Girardeau, Missouri, censuses.

⁸³ Union County, Illinois, by Wesley G. Nimmo, J.P., Book 1, page 11.

⁸⁴ Union County, Illinois, G.W. Paine, J.P., Book 1, page 123, certificate 843.

⁸⁵ The LDS' Ancestral File gives this date as December 19.

⁸⁶ Buried in the Grammer Cemetery, 1 mile south of Neely's Landing, at d. 483 a. in the Trail of Tears Park.

⁸⁷ Malinda could have been the daughter of Jacob Grammer. Neither she nor her descendants were listed in the 1865 partition of Senator John's estate, so she was not his daughter. Alternately, she could have been a Grammer widow.

⁸⁸ From 1830 Union County, Illinois, census.

⁸⁹ Malinda could have been the daughter of Jacob Grammer. Neither she nor her descendants were listed in the 1865 partition of Senator John's estate, so she was not his daughter. Alternately, she could have been a Grammer widow.

⁹⁰ From 1850 and 1860 Cape Girardeau, Missouri, censuses.

⁹¹ From James R. Peters.

⁹² One of these two dates is inverted; I am not sure which is correct.

- 1836 John J. bought from John Vancil and wife of Wm. Grammer 172 acres for \$150, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 15⁹³ & 12 acres off SW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 14 T12S R2W.
- 1837 John J. bought from public domain 40 acres for \$50, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23, T12S, R2W.⁹⁴
- 1837 John J. bought from Thomas C. Tripp and wife [John J.'s sister] for \$100, 12 acres in the SW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 14 T12S R2W & also 160 acres (unreadable) in Sect 15 T12S R2W.
- 1838 John J. bought from Aaron Grammer [John J.'s brother] 12 acres for \$33, SW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 14 T12S R2W; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 15 T12S R2W.
- 1840 John J. bought from William Tripp and wife [John J.'s sister] 1 acre for \$20, NE corner of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 23 T12S R2W.
- 1847 John J. sold to Charles Crowell for \$600 land in Sect 4 T12S R2W & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 15 T12S R2W & NE corner W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 23 T12S R2W.
- 1853 John J. bought from ?G. Mangold 40 acres for \$100, N? of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 10 T12 S R1W.

John J. signed an 1831 petition to “review” a road from Jonesboro, Illinois, to the Mississippi.⁹⁵ In 1840, the county clerk paid John J. \$6, deposited in court at last term for road purposes.⁹⁶ In 1838, John J. had a court case up against Robert Hargrave. First, the court ruled the “defendant to have judgment for his costs,” then the “motion to quash fee bill of defendant” was overruled.⁹⁷

Malinda may have died between 1835 and 1842, because John Joel married Eliza M./E. Nimmo January 14, 1842 in Union County, Illinois. However, a Mrs. Malinda Grammer married an Anderson Hill in Union County in 1855. Could she and John Joel have divorced, rather than the scenario in which she died, leaving him a widower? There is apparently no record of such a divorce in Union County, although it might have occurred in Cape Girardeau.

John moved to Cape Girardeau between 1844 and 1846.⁹⁸ John J. may have been a riverboat pilot like his brother Aaron.⁹⁹

John Joel may have had the following children:¹⁰⁰
with Malinda

- **Catherine**, b. 1832 IL; married Joseph M. Roberts. A Catharine Grammer m. John Tinsley, June 21, 1853, in Union County, Illinois.

⁹³ This land was originally patented by William, John J.'s father.

⁹⁴ Public Domain land books #1, Vol. 31, page 112, Union County.

⁹⁵ *Saga VIII*, vol. 1, page 41.

⁹⁶ Union County Commissioners Court proceedings, 1827-1842.

⁹⁷ Index to the *Union County Circuit Court Journals 1818-1869*.

⁹⁸ Ancestral File (AFN #8KF1-S2).

⁹⁹ From James R. Peters. He probably got this from a census listing.

¹⁰⁰ From PAF 4.0 (AFN #8KF1-S2) and John R. Peters.

- **Obediah Miles**, born 1833 IL; married 1) Malsenia E. Stewart on January 3, 1854 in St. Louis; 2) Anna M. Ely on April 23, 1866 in St. Louis; died ca. 1876-1880.
- **Elizabeth**, b. 1834 Illinois; married Thomas J. Trickey.
- **Sarah**, b. 1835 Illinois; married William Reiner on December 5, 1857 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
- **William J.** died young.

with Eliza

- **Emily A.**, b. April 1, 1845 Neely's Landing, Missouri; m. Monroe Vekar Trickey on December 5, 1868 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; died February 17, 1874 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; buried in Grammer Cemetery near Neely's Landing.
- **Jasen N.**, b. April 24, 1846 in Neely's Landing, Missouri; died May 20, 1872 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; buried in Grammer Cemetery, Neely's Landing.
- **Charles F.**, b. 1847 at Neely's Landing, Missouri; married Rachel Alle Kelley on September 23, 1869 in Adams County, Illinois.
- **John Joel, Jr.**, b. 1849 at Neely's Landing, Missouri.
- **Andrew J.**, born May 17, 1852 at Neely's Landing, Missouri; died December 25, 1871 at Neely's Landing and buried there at the Grammer Cemetery.
- **Orind/Oren M.**, b. 1854 at Neely's Landing, Missouri; married Melinda F. O'Guin on December 16, 1875 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Oren Grammer (age 21-45), Malinda F. Grammer (age 18-21), and Newton Grammer (age 10-18 were listed together in the 1866 census for Cape Girardeau.¹⁰¹ Newton seems to be Oren's brother, next on this list.
- **Newton M.**, b. August, 1860 (twin) at Neely's Landing, Missouri; married Phyllis Ann McClard on January 23, 1883 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri; died before February, 1894, of hypothermia.¹⁰² Phyllis Ann (McClard) Grammer committed suicide in 1911 when she walked out into the Mississippi River. James R. Peters has a great deal of information and fascinating stories about the descendants of Newton and Phyllis.
- **Jasper**, b. August, 1860 (twin) at Neely's Landing, Missouri, died 1870-1880.

A John Grammer was a Sergeant in Company F of the Mexican War in 1846.¹⁰³ This could have been any of the three Johns of this generation, or perhaps even from the younger generation.

In 1847, John Joel sued his brother William for recovery of a \$24.58 debt.¹⁰⁴ It seems that William continued to refuse to pay the \$20.25 that John Joel had loaned him in 1845. William paid the clerk of the court the disputed amount, plus court costs, and John Joel agreed to dismiss the case. D.G. Simons was John Joel's attorney.

- See Bibliography for a complete list of sources checked.

¹⁰¹ Keller and Keller, page number unknown.

¹⁰² Newton is the ancestor of James R. Peters, a fellow Grammer genealogist.

¹⁰³ Perrin, page 327. Anyone sufficiently interested should check for a pension file in the National Archives, since the file might give a list of descendants, thereby identifying which John was in the war.

¹⁰⁴ Union County, Illinois, Court records.

- See *The Saga*, vol. XXI/4, pages 3-6, for more about John Joel's descendants.
- Family History Library's Personal Ancestral File 4.0, AFN #8KF1-S2. Lists John's spouse Eliza E., John's death date and burial place, and a descendant chart for five generations. I have not personally verified any of this information. Anyone who is sufficiently interested might want to check Cape Girardeau records further.
- 1830 UCI census, page 57/112, microfilm page 72, John J. Grammer
 - ♦ males: 1 age 20-30
 - ♦ female: 1 age 20-30
- 1835 UCI state census—apparently not listed.
- 1840 UCI census—apparently not listed, unless I have assigned it to another John mistakenly. Check Cape Girardeau?
- 1850 Cape Girardeau, Missouri census, #668 (from index—need to check original)
 - ♦ John J., 44, KY
 - ♦ Eliza E., 27, IL
 - ♦ Catherine, 18, IL
 - ♦ O.M., 17, male, IL
 - ♦ Elizabeth, 16, IL
 - ♦ Sarah, 15, IL
 - ♦ Emily, 5, MO
 - ♦ Jasen N., 4, MO
 - ♦ John J., 1, MO
 - ♦ Uriah Sands, 19, IL
- 1860 Cape Girardeau, Missouri census, #2490 (from index—need to check original)
 - ♦ John J., 55, KY
 - ♦ Eliza E., 37, IL
 - ♦ Emely, 16, IL
 - ♦ Jasen, 15, IL
 - ♦ Chas., 13
 - ♦ Andrew, 8
 - ♦ Orind, male, 6
 - ♦ Newton, 1/12
 - ♦ Jasper, 1/12
- 1870 Cape Girardeau, Missouri census—not yet checked. Not in 1870 UCI census.
- Should check Cape Girardeau probate files for John Joel, Sr.'s probate file.
- Probate file for a John Joel, UCI Box 124, 18[9]4, not yet checked. This is most probably for John Joel, Jr.
- *The Saga* of the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, VIII, vol. 1, p. 41.
- A John Joel was in the 13th (consolidated) Calvary, Company I, in the Civil War. He died at Mound City, Illinois on November 9, 1864.¹⁰⁵ This was a different John Joel, since this one was married to Cynthia Jane Gully (b. 1847), per GSSI Saga IX/1, p.43.

¹⁰⁵ History of Jackson County, Illinois, pages 126-127.

4. William B[arker?]. GRAMMER			
born	ca. 1811 ¹⁰⁶	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER ¹⁰⁷	Union County, Illinois
married	April 15, 1838 ¹⁰⁸	Mary Jane HALLOWAY	Union County, Illinois
died	October 21, 1871 ¹⁰⁹	typhoid fever	Anna, Union County, Illinois

Mary Jane (HALLOWAY) GRAMMER			
born	1821-1823	Nathan and ? HALLOWAY ¹¹⁰	Tennessee
married	April 15, 1838	William B. GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	after 1870 ¹¹¹		Union County, Illinois?

At his father's estate sale in 1828, William B. bought 1 axe and 1 cow and calf, for a total of \$7.62½. In 1839, William B. had 1 head of cattle valued at \$4 and other taxable property valued at \$20. In 1843, he was allowed \$.75 for guarding prisoner Nancy Nichols for 1½ days and he was a juror at the coroner's inquest over the body of the infant of the same Nancy Nichols.¹¹² In 1846, he was appointed superintendent of Brock Road District, T11S, R1W. As supervisor of road district 26, he was allowed \$3.32 in 1847 for work done to the road. In 1851, William B. was appointed conservator of the estate of John Beasley, who had been found insane and conveyed to the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville. William B. presented an \$850 bond while John H. Williams, George W. Simmerman, and Ranson Beasley served as securities. In 1852, William B. reported that Beesly's [sic] personal property amounted to \$86.18 and that he had expended \$68.47 to "keep him." William B. was allowed \$20.28 as conservator and Beasley was committed to the Union County Poor Farm. In 1853, William B. was serving as justice of the peace.¹¹³ In 1855, he was appointed conservator for John Beasley. He was authorized to sell land in order to pay debts, with any left over funds to be expended for the benefit of the family of John Beasley. He was paid \$20 for his services plus a 5% commission (\$13.75) on the sale of the land. On the 1855 Union County tax list, William had a "total value" of \$.38, state and county tax \$.44. In 1858, William B. certified the description and valuation of a stray mare taken up by W. Kirpatrick of Anna.¹¹⁴

In 1864, William B. Grammer applied to the County Commissioners for financial aid. He was listed as the head of a family, with a wife and five children: two girls, ages 15 and 10, and three boys, ages 12, 8, and 5. William was afflicted with a diseased leg and unable to support his family, while his wife was also in bad health and unable to work. The three oldest children were "greatly afflicted

¹⁰⁶ Birth date and place from obituary, *Jonesboro Gazette*, October 28, 1871, page 3. Specifically states death date and an age of 60 years.

¹⁰⁷ Parentage from William, Sr.'s will and probate papers, which specifically name William B. Also by default, since the descendants of the other William of this generation match the descendants listed in Senator John's estate partition in 1865.

¹⁰⁸ Union County, Illinois, W.G. Nimmo, Book 1, page 73, certificate 607.

¹⁰⁹ Death date, cause, and location from obituary, *Jonesboro Gazette*, October 28, 1871, page 3.

¹¹⁰ Father noted on marriage record.

¹¹¹ From presence on 1870 Union County, Illinois, census.

¹¹² This and other court references are from the Union County, Illinois Commissioners Books 1843-1853.

¹¹³ *Estrays Book of Union County, Illinois, 1830-1863*.

¹¹⁴ *Estrays Book II of Union County, Illinois*, page 63.

with asthma” and unable to work as well. “William asked the court to support his family and within time they would be able to provide for themselves.” The family was given \$30 in provisions and not sent to the poor farm.¹¹⁵

By 1868, William must have been back on his feet, because, as Justice of the Peace, he was allowed \$5.75 for holding an inquest over the body of an unknown person, and again in 1869, for the body of William Dupass.¹¹⁶

William may have had the following children:

- **Elizabeth**, b. 1838; married Levi R. Hagler April 19, 1860.¹¹⁷
- **Jasper**, b. 1841. This may have been the Jasper shown in the 1850 census with John Jr., son of Senator John, since John Jr. apparently did not have a child by that name.
- **Eliza**, b. 1843.
- **Caroline**, b. 1846. A Pricilla C. married Timothy O’Leary January 13, 1863.
- **Mary Ann**, b. 1849. A Mary E. married John McFarland, Jr. on January 13, 1867.
- **Aaron J.**, b. 1849 (not in 1850 census); married Mary E. Randolph June 24, 1869; on 1870 Union County census as *Andrew*? This may have been the “Aaron Jr.,” resident of Jonesboro, mustered in Sept. 11, 1862; Co. D, 109th Infantry Regiment; transferred Co. I, 11th; transferred Invalid Corps on April 26, 1863.
- **William**, b. 1850. (This is probably the William Grammer that was b. August 19, 1849, died June 30, 1934, buried Jonesboro Cemetery.¹¹⁸)
- **Susannah M.**, b. 1853. Susan married John N. Biggs on November 2, 1871.
- **Buchanan/Bohannen**, b. 1857.
- **Franklin**, b. 1859-1860 (possibly this is really Miles F. using his middle name?)

William B. had the following land transactions in Union County:¹¹⁹

- 1829 William¹²⁰ sold to John Vancil [stepfather] 12 acres for \$50, in the SW¹/₄ Sect 14 T12S R2W. [Presumably from his father's estate.]
- 1839 William B. bought from public domain¹²¹ 40 acres for \$50, SWNE, Section 13, T11S, R2W¹²²
- 1835 William B. (cons.) sold to Geo. W. Wilson [40 acres?] for \$275, SE of SE¹/₄ Sect 3? T12S R1W
- 1845 William B. sold to Singleton P. Tweedy [40 acres?] for \$200, SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ Sect 13 T11S R2W 40 acres

¹¹⁵ Dexter, *Early Courthouse Records...*, pages 182-3.

¹¹⁶ Dexter, *Early Courthouse Records...*, page 184.

¹¹⁷ Much of the information about who these children married was provided by Yvonne Fortney Jones.

¹¹⁸ *The Saga*, vol. 3, page 24.

¹¹⁹ Grantor/Grantee index. Have not yet checked original entries.

¹²⁰ William B. was not yet married, so can't verify by checking wife's name on deed.

¹²¹ Vol. 31, page 150.

¹²² Record-ID 373622, Archives vol. 31, page 150.

William's obituary states:¹²³

Died—In Anna, on the 21st inst., of typhoid fever, WILLIAM B. GRAMMAR, in the 60th year of his age.

Squire Grammar was born in this county, was justice of the peace for 30 years, and a man in whom the people had unlimited confidence as an officer. He was a sterling democrat of the old school. May he rest in peace and his spirit bask in the rays of ineffable glory that radiates from the throne of Jehovah.

- See Bibliography for a complete list of sources checked.
- Obituary in *Jonesboro Gazette*, October 28, 1871.
- *Union County, Illinois, Court House Ledger*, "List of Property in the County of Union, 1839."
- 1820, 1830 UCI census – not listed
- 1840 UCI census, page 73, William Grammer
 - ♦ males: 1 age 20-30.
 - ♦ females: 1 age 50-60, 1 20-30, 1 0-5.
- 1850 UCI census, #427, microfilm page 60.
 - ♦ William B. Grammer, 40, IL, farmer
 - ♦ Mary J[jane Holloway],¹²⁴ 27, TN, can't read or write
 - ♦ Elizabeth, 12, IL
 - ♦ Jasper, 9, IL
 - ♦ Eliza, 7, IL
 - ♦ Caroline, 4, IL
 - ♦ Mary Ann, 1, IL
- 1860 UCI census, Jonesboro Precinct #1300, microfilm page 179
 - ♦ William B., 53, KY, no profession listed. Check this.
 - ♦ Mary [Jane Holloway],¹²⁵ 39, TN, cannot read or write
 - ♦ Aarin, 19, IL, in school
 - ♦ Elizabet, 17, IL
 - ♦ Cariline, 14, IL¹²⁶
 - ♦ Mary, 11, IL (census says male¹²⁷)
 - ♦ William, 10, IL
 - ♦ Susannah, 7, IL
 - ♦ Buchanan, 3, IL
 - ♦ Miles F., 9 mos., MO
- 1870 UCI census, Anna #089
 - ♦ William, 63, IL, Justice of the Peace, \$0 real estate, \$25 personal property, eligible to vote
 - ♦ Mary Jane [Holloway],¹²⁸ 48, TN, housekeeper, can read but not write
 - ♦ William, 19, IL, in school
 - ♦ Susan M., 17, IL, can read but cannot write

¹²³ *Jonesboro Gazette*, October 28, 1871, page 3.

¹²⁴ Per Jackson's index.

¹²⁵ Per Jackson's index.

¹²⁶ Yes, checked original record, and this is as written.

¹²⁷ Yes, checked original record, and this is as written.

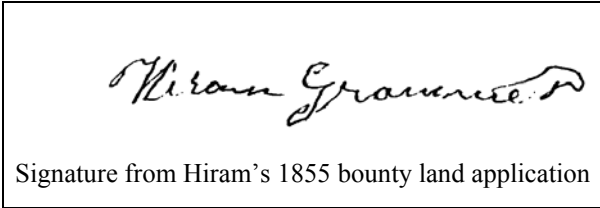
¹²⁸ Per Jackson's index.

- ♦ Bohannin, 13, IL, in school
- ♦ Franklin, 10, IL
- 1880 UCI census, neither William nor Mary Jane listed in index.
- Perrin, William Henry. *History of Alexander, Union, and Pulaski Counties, Illinois*. Chicago: O.L. Baskin and Company, 1883. Reprint 1990 by Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, Carterville, Illinois.

5. Hiram GRAMMER			
born	ca. 1811 ¹²⁹	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER ¹³⁰	Illinois
married	February 10, 1833 ¹³¹	Geraldine PALMER	Union County, Illinois
died	after 1855 ¹³²		

Geraldine (PALMER) GRAMMER			
born	1810-1818 ¹³³		
married	February 10, 1833	Hiram GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	by 1850? ¹³⁴		

When Aaron's father died, John Vancil, his mother's second husband, was appointed guardian for Aaron and his sister Nancy.



In April of 1832, Hiram charged Senator John and his sons John Jr. and William Grammer with assault, battery, and trespass. In October of that year, a jury found them not guilty.¹³⁵ Soon after, in October of 1833, Hiram again had William in court (cause unknown), but the case was dismissed at Hiram's cost.¹³⁶

Hiram was a private in the Black Hawk War in 1832. He enlisted as a mounted volunteer on June 8, 1832 and was honorably discharged on September 8, 1832. He served under Brig. General Dodge in the company of B.B. Craig (of Union County).¹³⁷ In 1832, Hiram was allowed \$3 for guarding the jail for one day while Cornelius McGuire was therein.¹³⁸ McGuire was hanged in Jonesboro in 1837. In 1838, Hiram was allowed \$73.75 for making 43 rods of causeway on the state road from Jonesboro to Willard's Ferry. In 1839, Hiram had 1 horse worth \$15 and other property worth \$10, for a total of \$25.

Hiram had the following land transactions in Union County:

¹²⁹ A National Archives bounty land application dated 1851 states that Hiram was 40. Another such application four years later still that he is 44. The 1840 UCI census and the 1850 Ballard County, Kentucky, censuses confirm the approximate birthdate.

¹³⁰ Parentage from William's will.

¹³¹ Union County marriage records, by James L. Hodges, J.P., Book 1, page 30.

¹³² Hiram applied for bounty land in 1855.

¹³³ Birth date from 1840 UCI census and from date of marriage.

¹³⁴ Based upon her absence in the 1850 Ballard County, Kentucky, census. This presumes that the Hiram in Ballard County is truly this Hiram.

¹³⁵ Index of the Union County Circuit Court Journals 1818-1869.

¹³⁶ Index of the Union County Circuit Court Journals 1818-1869.

¹³⁷ National Archives Bounty land records, and/or service records. File #43528, Jan. 5, 1856, also 45558. Perrin, page 326.

¹³⁸ This and other court records are from the Union County Commissioners Court proceedings from 1827-1842.

- **1832**, Hiram sold to John Vancil [stepfather] 12 acres for \$50, SW¼ SW¼ Sect 14 T12S R2W. [Presumably from his father's estate.]
- **1839**, Hiram of UCI bought from public domain 40 acres for \$50, SE¼ SE¼, Sect 13, T11S, R2W, vol. 31, page 165. (near Toledo)
- **1841**, Hiram and wife sold to Aaron Grammer [brother] 40 acres for \$54, SE¼ of the SE¼ Sect 13 T11S R2W.

In 1846, Hiram is listed as having been the original owner of 40 acres that was by then owned by Caroline Familton.

At different times 1850-1856, Hiram was living in Union County, Illinois, according to his application for bounty land. His first bounty land application was rejected but was then later accepted. In 1855, he applied for additional land, but the outcome of that application is not revealed in his file. In any case, Hiram never appears on the public domain land records, so he apparently sold the warrant to someone else.

Hiram was not in the 1850 census for Union County, Illinois. However, a Hiram Grammer was in that census for Ballard County, Kentucky. This Hiram was born in Illinois around 1810, and had several children that could have been named after our Hiram's relatives (Aaron, John, Sally, and James). Also note that Hiram's aunt Ruthy Sprouse and her family were living in Ballard County by then. The list of children below presumes that the Ballard County Hiram is our Hiram.

In 1853 in Union County, Hiram found one sorrel filly with no marks or brands.¹³⁹

Hiram may have had the following children:

- **Nancy**, born ca. 1836.
 - **Joseph**, born ca. 1837.
 - **Aaron**, born ca. 1838.
 - **John**, born ca. 1842.
 - **Sally**, born ca. 1842 (twin of John?).
 - **James**, born ca. 1845.
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- See Bibliography for a complete list of sources checked.
 - Union County, Illinois, Court House Ledger, "List of Property in the County of Union, 1839."
 - 1840 UCI census, page 73, Hiram Grammer
 - ♦ males: 1 age 20-30, 1 5-10, 1 0-5
 - ♦ female: 1 age 20-30, 1 5-10, 1 0-5
 - 1850 Ballard County, Kentucky, page 290, household 560/560.
 - ♦ Hiram Grammer, 40, laborer, IL
 - ♦ Nancy, 16, IL
 - ♦ Joseph, 15, IL, attended school
 - ♦ Nancy, 16, IL (apparently a mistake here)
 - ♦ Aaron, 12, IL, attended school
 - ♦ John, 8, IL, attended school

¹³⁹ Estrays Book of Union County, Illinois 1830-1863, p. 63.

- ♦ Sally, 8, IL, attended school
- ♦ James, 5, IL
- 1820-1830 and 1850-1880 UCI censuses – no listing in index. Not found in page-by-page search of 1820-1830, 1850 census.
- 1860 Kentucky census – **check for Hiram.**

6. Zimrude (GRAMMER) TRIPP ¹⁴⁰			
born	September 03, 1814	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER ¹⁴¹	Illinois ¹⁴²
married	November 17, 1831 ¹⁴³	Thomas C. TRIPP	Union County, Illinois
died	November 03, 1860 ¹⁴⁴		Buried East Winchester Township Cemetery, near Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois

Thomas TRIPP			
born	October 05, 1805	William and Jane (?) TRIPP	Georgia ¹⁴⁵
married	November 17, 1831	Zimrude GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	January-September, 1883		Elk County, Kansas ¹⁴⁶

At her father's 1828 estate sale, Zimrude bought a feather bed, a set of cups and saucers, and one lot of geese, for a total of \$5.13. Zimrude bore eight sons and three daughters. Thomas was the brother of William Tripp, the husband of Zimrude's sister Francis. In 1840, Thomas and Zimrude were supposed to be in Johnson County, but a Thomas Tripp is on the Union County census. Around 1848-1850, they moved to Jackson County. Thomas had a mercantile business. A list of his accounts from 1853-54 and 1858-59 includes the following prices:¹⁴⁷ *8 yards Calico, \$1.60; 1 pare Shews, \$1.40; 5 lbs flower, \$.20; 5 lbs bacon, \$.40; 32 Cabages, \$.96; 1 axe, \$1.25; half gallon whiskey, \$.25.* Some men worked for \$1.25 per day to pay off their bills.

Charles Tripp's genealogy gives the following information about Thomas:

"In 1858, Thomas was forced to sell his Union County, Illinois farm to pay off a surety bond. He moved to the Makanda area and made a \$160 down payment on 80 acres of uncleared land. After becoming disabled due to a rupture, he was unable to make the payments and lost the farm. His eleventh child, Christopher Columbus Tripp, was born in 1859 and Zimrude died in 1860. Thomas was forced to sell his only horse for subsistence. His son George helped him until he entered the Union Army in 1862. George died in March 1863 in La Grange, Tennessee, a victim of typhoid fever. Tom received a \$100 bonus from the government as payment for the death of his son. He invested the \$100 in a wagon and yoke of oxen but again was forced to sell them to eat. He apparently lived in tenant houses on farms of generous owners. In 1870 at the age of 65 he applied for a government pension on the grounds that the war had deprived him of his sole support because of the death of his son in the army. In the 1870 census Tom listed the value of his worldly goods at \$50...Tom left Illinois in the seventies and migrated to Elk County Kansas, where he bought 80 acres of land."

¹⁴⁰ All unattributed information on the Tripps came from Yvonne Fortney Jones.

¹⁴¹ Parentage from William's will.

¹⁴² From census data.

¹⁴³ Marriage Union County, Illinois, by James L. Hodges, J.P., Book 1, page 22.

¹⁴⁴ From Yvonne Fortney Jones.

¹⁴⁵ From census data.

¹⁴⁶ Sale of Thomas's land after his death.

¹⁴⁷ From *The Saga*, XIX/3, Fall 1992, page 56. Submitted by Yvonne F. Jones.

When Zimrude died, she left Thomas with a houseful of children, including an infant eleven months old. In 1870, Tom and three sons were in Jackson County, Illinois. Soon thereafter, Tom, his younger sons, and his older son Benjamin migrated to Kansas. In the Elk County, Kansas, census of 1875, Tom, age 69, was a preacher. Tom apparently died prior to June, 1883.

Zimrude and Thomas had the following children:¹⁴⁸

- **Benjamin Franklin** (called B.F. and Frank) b. February 14, 1833 IL; m. 1) ca. 1855 Nancy A. Foster (who died 1882); m. 2) October 16, 1883 Mary (Peterson) Lancaster in Wilson County, KS (she died 1907); captured 1863 and held prisoner at Andersonville; migrated to Kansas 1871, d. November 27, 1906 in Crawford County, KS.
- **Elizabeth Jane**, b. December 17, 1836 IL; m. G.D. Winters, d. by 1883?
- **Aaron Seaburn "Cebbron"**, b. April 22, 1838, Jackson County, IL; m. 1) March 26, 1862 Caroline A. Foster (died 1891 AR); m. 2) Sarah Howard; migrated to Arkansas; was a "magnetic healer;" died May 1, 1911 Crawford County, KS.
- **Mary Ann**, b. December 24, 1841 IL; m. April 14, 1864 Nicholas W. Walker in IL; perhaps migrated to Kansas.
- **George Washington**, b. April 28, 1845 IL; enlisted 1862, private in Co. B., 81st Illinois Infantry; died of typhoid on March 24, 1863 LaGrange, TN; unmarried/no issue.
- **William Henry**, b. August 10, 1846 IL; m. Juruth ? (b. 1856 KY, d. after 1920); may have migrated to Kansas.
- **Nancy Caroline**, b. December 8, 1848 Jackson County, IL; worked as a housemaid to John A. Logan; m. July 11, 1869 Thomas R. Jones in Jackson County, IL; migrated to Kansas; d. May 21m 1920 Elk County, KS.
- **John Laban**, b. June 10, 1850 IL; m. Sept. 2, 1891 Sarah E. Thompson in Elk County, Kansas; d. 1928 in Elk County, KS.
- **Thomas Jefferson**, b. June 8, 1852 IL; m. 1?) September 6, 1881 Ida A. Thomas, Elk County, KS; m. 2?) July 17, 1884 Arazula Black, Elk County, KS; m. 3?) Mrs. Arzula Brittymart, Crawford County, KS.
- **Miles Maron**, b. August 10, 1855 IL; m. November 28, 1889 Delia A. Frost, Crawford County, KS.
- **Christopher Columbus**, b. December 5, 1859 IL.

Several of the sons were said to be alcoholics.

- See Bibliography for a complete list of sources checked.
- 1820-1830 UCI censuses – no listings in index.
- 1840 UCI census, Thomas Tripp, page 74
 - ♦ males: 1 age 30-40, 1 5-10, 1 0-5
 - ♦ females: 1 age 20-30, 2 0-5

¹⁴⁸ Yvonne F. Jones found birthdates of children recorded in the ledger book of Thomas C. Tripp.

- 1850 Jackson County, Illinois, census, #090 South and East of the Big Muddy River
 - ♦ Thomas C. Tripp, farmer, 49, GA (get original)
 - ♦ Zemrude, 36, IL
 - ♦ Benjamin, 17, IL
 - ♦ Elizabeth, 15, IL
 - ♦ Aaron, 13, IL
 - ♦ Mary A., 10, IL
 - ♦ George W., 8, IL
 - ♦ William, 6, IL
 - ♦ Nancy, 4, IL
 - ♦ John T., 8/12, IL
- 1860 Jackson County, Illinois, census, #1477 Twp 10, Range 1 West.
 - ♦ Thomas, farmer, 58, GA (get original)
 - ♦ Jeanette, 46, IL [apparently Zimrude]¹⁴⁹
 - ♦ Mary, 18, IL
 - ♦ George, 17, IL
 - ♦ William, 15, IL
 - ♦ Nancy, 13, IL
 - ♦ John, 11, IL
 - ♦ Thomas, 9, IL
 - ♦ Miles, 6, IL
 - ♦ Caroline, 6/12, IL
 - ♦ Amos Tripp, 21, IL
- 1865 Jackson County, Illinois, state census, Thomas Tripp, Buncombe Twp. (no number)
 - ♦ males: 1 age 60-70, 4 males 10-20, 1 male less than 10
 - ♦ females: 1 age 20-30.
- Jones, Yvonne Fortney. *Thomas C. Tripp*. Work in progress, 1993. This contains a listing of many of Thomas and Zimrude's descendants. Available from Yvonne at P.O. Box 374, Overbrook, KS 66524.
- Jones, Yvonne Fortney. *Tom and Nancy Jones of Southeastern Kansas*. 1980. See above.
- Tripp, Charles E. *History of the Tripp Family, 1992*. Sue Ibendahl supplied this to me. Full citation unknown.
- No other remarriages for either Zimrude or Thomas in UCI through 1880.
 - ♦ A Thomas Tripp m. Lydia Hargrave August 11, 1853 Union County, Illinois, but that Thomas was the nephew of this Thomas.

¹⁴⁹ Note that Zimrude's daughter Nancy Caroline Jones went on to name one daughter Harriet *Zimrude* and another Sara *Jeanetta* "Nettie."

7. Aaron GRAMMER			
born	1815 ¹⁵⁰	William and Elizabeth (BARKER) GRAMMER ¹⁵¹	Union County, Illinois
married	1) February 2, 1840 ¹⁵²	Talitha GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
	2) September 14, 1854 ¹⁵³	Mrs. Edna FIKE	Union County, Illinois
	3) 1860-63 ¹⁵⁴	Sarah Ann J. PENROD	Cape Girardeau, Missouri?
died	October 10, 1896 ¹⁵⁵		Union or Jackson County, Illinois

1) Tiletha/Talitha ¹⁵⁶ (GRAMMER) GRAMMER			
born	ca. 1820 ¹⁵⁷	Dr. Joel and Elizabeth? (CLAPP) GRAMMER	Alabama?
married	February 2, 1840	Aaron GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	1847-1850 ¹⁵⁸		Union County, Illinois?

2) Mrs. Edna FIKE GRAMMER			
born	ca 1832 ¹⁵⁹		Illinois
married	1) ? FIKE		
	2) September 14, 1854	Aaron GRAMMER	Union County, Illinois
died	1860-63 ¹⁶⁰		

3) Sarah Ann J. (PENROD) GRAMMER			
born	ca. 1844 ¹⁶¹	Henry and Sophia (LENCE) PENROD ¹⁶²	Illinois
married	1860-1863 ¹⁶³	Aaron GRAMMER	Cape Girardeau, Missouri?
died	1867-1870 ¹⁶⁴		

¹⁵⁰ Birth date and place from census records. See research notes at end of Aaron's narrative.

¹⁵¹ Parentage from William's will.

¹⁵² Marriage certificate 706, W.G. Nimmo, J.P., Book 1, page 91.

¹⁵³ Union County marriage book 2, page 55. William B. Grammer, J.P.

¹⁵⁴ Aaron's marriage to Sarah A.J. Penrod: Cape Girardeau, Missouri, estate of Henry Penrod lists Sarah as his daughter and Henry, Mira, and Eliza/Telitha C. as her children. Union County, Illinois, guardianship papers for these three children lists Aaron as their father, thus implying a marriage between Aaron and Sarah. Marriage date implied by Edna's presence on 1860 census and the 1863 birth of first child of Aaron and Sarah. **Get Cape Girardeau marriage records.**

¹⁵⁵ Death date from Aaron's probate file, UCI box G-652, 1896, also Book H247 and A195. Get these last two. Death place from Union County probate, but Grand Tower (Jackson County) listed as home.

¹⁵⁶ **Double check for consistent spelling on this name.**

¹⁵⁷ Estimated from date of marriage.

¹⁵⁸ Tiletha was not mentioned in Jacob Penrod's June 1847 letter, even though Tiletha was a sister to Jacob's wife. As confirmation, Tiletha was not listed with Aaron in the 1850 census.

¹⁵⁹ From Union County, Illinois, 1860 census.


¹⁶⁰ Implied by Edna's presence on 1860 census and the 1863 birth of first child of Aaron and Sarah.

¹⁶¹ Birth date and place from 1850 census Cape Girardeau, Missouri, page 395, household 762, Henry and Sophia Penrod.

¹⁶² Sarah's parentage from the probate file of Henry Penrod, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Sarah's children are specified as the grandchildren of Henry, making Sarah his daughter.

¹⁶³ Implied by birth date of Sarah's first child.

When Aaron's father died, John Vancil, his mother's second husband, was appointed guardian for Aaron and his sister Nancy.



Signature from Aaron's will.

Tilitha, Aaron's first wife, was the proven daughter of Dr. Joel Grammer,¹⁶⁵ so it seems they were first cousins once removed (*if* Dr. Joel is indeed the son of Jacob – still unproven). Neither Tilitha nor her known living survivors (husband Aaron and son Marion) are mentioned anywhere in Dr. Joel's probate file or will. However, other known children of Dr. Joel were omitted, too.

Two years after the marriage, in 1842, Aaron sued Dr. Joel, his father-in-law.¹⁶⁶ The original court papers have disappeared, so the cause of the suit is unknown. However, in 1843, the case was dismissed by mutual agreement, with Dr. Joel agreeing to repay Aaron for his costs in the case.

Aaron was a steamboat pilot.¹⁶⁷ He had the following land transactions in Union County, Illinois:

- **1838**, Aaron of UCI bought from public domain 40 acres for \$50, SWSW, Sect 23, T12S, R2W, vol. 31, page 116.¹⁶⁸ This land is near the Tripp Cemetery.
- **1838**, Aaron sold to John J. [brother] 12 acres for \$33, off the SW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 14 T12S R2W; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 15 T12S R2W. [William's land?]
- **1841**, Aaron bought from Hiram Grammer [brother] 40 acres for \$54, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 13 T11S R2W.
- **1842**, Aaron & wife¹⁶⁹ sold to Nicholas Tripp [40 acres?] for \$75, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 23 T12S R2W.

Additionally, Aaron's probate file lists 40 acres SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 35, T11S R1W, Saratoga Twp. This land does not match the legal description of any land that Aaron might have inherited from his father. The 1855 tax list of Union County, Illinois, lists Aaron with a "total value" of \$.66, state and county tax \$.77.

According to public domain land records, an Aaron Grammer of Union County, presumably this Aaron, also bought land in Perry County, Illinois:¹⁷⁰

- **1840**, 80 acres for \$100, W2NW Sect 14, T6S, R4W

¹⁶⁴ Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 1870 estate of Henry Penrod, and Union County, Illinois, guardianship of Sarah's children state that Sarah was deceased.

¹⁶⁵ Per note Dr. Joel wrote giving permission for the marriage, Union County marriage records.

¹⁶⁶ Index to *Union County Circuit Court Journals 1818-1869*.

¹⁶⁷ From 1850 census records.

¹⁶⁸ Record-ID 373619, Archives vol. 31, page 116.

¹⁶⁹ **Check original for name of wife.**

¹⁷⁰ Record-IDs 385618-20, Archives vol. 31, page 188. **What happened to this land?**

- **1840**, 40 acres for \$50, NENE Sect 15, T6S, R4W
- **1840**, 40 acres for \$50, SESE Sect 10, T6S, R4W

By 1847, Aaron was living in St. Louis, Missouri, when Tiletha's brother-in-law Jacob Penrod (married to Lousia Grammer) left for the Mexican War and visited Aaron in St. Louis on the way. He wrote the following in a letter home:

June the 2th A D 1847 Alton Madison County Ills Dear wife and Connections[?]?...we marched from Jonesboro Wednesday the 26th ____ and Got on board the Steamboat Louisiana the Same Day and Landed in St Louis on the 27th and I went to Aaran Grammers and Saw him and his family he was not as well as he was when he first moved to St Louis but he is in better heth then he was any tim last Summer. the Rest of his family was well Aaran Said he Expected to go over there befour long

It appears that Tiletha was already dead, or Jacob surely would have mentioned her in his letter to his wife, Louisa. In any case, Tiletha had certainly died by 1850, per census records.

Although Aaron's health did not appear good in 1847, he must have recovered nicely, because he lived almost another 50 years, more than 20 years longer than any other traced member of his Grammer generation.

In 1853, Aaron was back in Union County and appraised a stray sorrel filly found by Hiram Grammer.¹⁷¹ In 1862, an Aaron J. Grammer was listed in the Military Census.¹⁷² The census was intended to list men ages 18-45, while this Aaron would have been 47 if our birth date for him his correct. Aaron J. Grammer may therefore be a different Aaron.

Aaron may have had a fourth wife, named Susan, as is shown in the 1870 census.¹⁷³ Aaron may have had the following children:¹⁷⁴

By Telitha:

- **Marion**, b. ca. 1844

*By Sarah Ann (Penrod) Grammer:*¹⁷⁵

- **Henry M.**, b. October 31, 1863
- **Mira**, b. July 1865, died by 1896?
- **Telitha** (sometimes written **Tabitha**)/**Eliza C.**, b. March 1867, m. ? Baker prior to 1896. So, the daughter of the second wife was named after the first wife.

Henry, Maria, and Tiletha were named as heirs of \$104 from a Henry Penrod who died in Cape Girardeau on or around December 24, 1870. It seems that the children's mother Sarah was

¹⁷¹ Estrays Book of Union County, Illinois, 1830-1863, page 68.

¹⁷² *The Saga*, Vol. XXI/4, page 12.

¹⁷³ **Get original census to check relationship.**

¹⁷⁴ From census records and guardianship papers, UCI box 574.

¹⁷⁵ From probate records of Henry Penrod, Sarah Ann's father.

Henry's daughter, but her death left her children to inherit in her stead. The money was paid out to Aaron, as guardian. When he ended his guardianship in 1883, the following paper was filed:

"He further reports that he is the father of said minors and that at the time he was appointed Guardian his said wards were of tender years;...and that they had no mother living and he being unmarried he was necessarily at considerable expense in their maintenance and from the time of his said appointment he cared for provided them with necessary apparel, board, lodging, washing, nursing, schoolbooks etc. to this date. He therefor prays that he may be allowed therefor the sum of one hundred dollars each during said time or such reasonable amount as shall be deemed proper."

Apparently it was deemed proper that Aaron had spent the money on his children's upbringing, and the guardianship was closed.

At the time Aaron was appointed guardian in 1873, he stated that the children had no legal guardian residing in Illinois, so Aaron must have been residing elsewhere.

Aaron's probate file states that he died at Grand Tower. Aaron's will lists no widow and only two survivors: H.M. Grammer (his son Henry) and Telitha C. Baker (presumably his daughter Telitha). H.M. received 22 acres of land, while Telitha received the household goods as well as the remainder of the 40 acre plot for her lifetime. Upon her death, the acreage was to revert to H.M.

- See Bibliography for a complete list of sources checked.
- No death certificate in either Jackson or Union Counties.
- A Talitha Grammer is mentioned in the 1855 estate of Peterson Grammer in Missouri.
- UCI guardianship papers for Aaron, box 599, 1828.
- UCI guardian ship papers for Aaron's children, box 574, B 33.
- 1850 UCI census, #531, microfilm page 75
 - ♦ William and Francis [Grammer]¹⁷⁶ Tripp – see earlier section on Franky, Aaron's half sister.
 - ♦ Aaron, 35, IL, steam boat pilot
 - ♦ Marion, 6, IL, in school
- 1860 UCI census, #613
 - ♦ Aaron, 30 (this is the age in the original, but it must be a mistake), NC (also a mistake?),
 - ♦ \$600 real estate, \$200 personal property
 - ♦ Edney [Fike as previous married name],¹⁷⁷ 28, IL
 - ♦ Marion, 12, IL, in school
- 1870 UCI census, Casper #309 (Get original, check relationship to Susan) – could this be Sarah Ann?
 - ♦ Aaron, 53, IL
 - ♦ Susan, 26, IL (A third wife? Or is this Sarah, who died between the 1870 census and the December 1870 death of Henry Penrod?) **Check original**
 - ♦ Henry M., 7, IL
 - ♦ M. Ellen, 4, IL
- 1880 UCI census-Checked each page for Union and Jackson Counties, Illinois, but no Aaron. **Check Perry County, Illinois, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri.** This is an important source – Aaron is the only known member of this generation to survive for this census, which lists birthplace of parents (William and Elizabeth).

¹⁷⁶ Per Jackson's index.

¹⁷⁷ Per Jackson's index.

- Estate for Henry Penrod, **(date?)**¹⁷⁸ Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Box 87, Bundle 1593. Microfilm roll #715-032 at Riverside Regional Library in Jackson, Missouri (copies almost illegible). John Bonney was administrator. Sophie Penrod, the widow, received \$241.25. Heirs included Levi J. Penrod, William W. Penrod, Charlotte (Penrod) Piltz, Aaron Grammer (guardian for “children of Sarah A.J. Grammer decd. and grandchildren of Henry Penrod decd.”), and John Bonney (guardian for minor heirs Malicia? M., Myra J., and Ann Emily Penrod). All received \$61.445 except Bonney, who received \$184.35, because he was guardian for three minors.¹⁷⁹

¹⁷⁸ Henry married Sophia Lence in 1842 in Union County, Illinois. In 1850 census for Cape Girardeau, Missouri, page 395, household 762, Henry (age 33, KY) and Sophia (age 27, IL) are listed with their children Sarah (6, IL), Jonathan (2, MO), and Wiley (6 months, MO). 1870 census for Cape Girardeau, Shawnee Township, household 32: Henry (56, KY), Sophia (47, IL), William W. (20, MO), Charlotta (16, MO), Marlissa (13, MO), Mira (9, MO), and Emily (7, MO).

¹⁷⁹ Publication of probate was in the Marble City News, Cape Girardeau. **Check for obituary?**

9. Nancy GRAMMER			
born	by 1821-22 ¹⁸⁰		Union County, Illinois
married	1854	John Casey	Union County, Illinois
died	after 1828		

When Nancy's father died, her mother's second husband, John Vancil, was appointed guardian for Nancy and her brother Aaron. A Nancy J. Grammer m. a John Casey in Union County in 1854. Nothing further is known about Nancy.

- See Bibliography for a complete list of sources checked.
- Parentage from William's will. Not in 1820-1880 UCI census. Not in 1820-1880 UCI marriages.
- UCI guardianship papers, box 599, 1828.

¹⁸⁰ Her father died sometime around this date.