

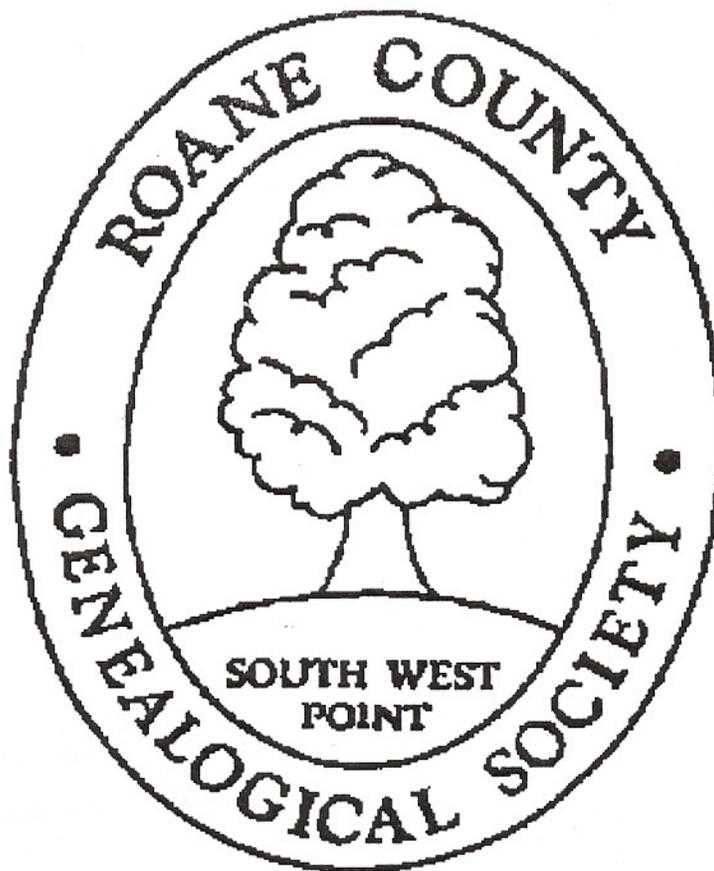
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Cumberland
Just as soon as I've finished the rest of my days.

No matter what happens to me in Roane County,
No matter how long my sentence may be;
When you write home from this prison in
Nashville,
Place one of my songs in your letter for me.

And Then There Were Two

Submitted by Marlene R. Scott

Knowing my gggrandfather was John A. LAIN of Roane County, my search for his father started there. John was only twenty-two when he died along with two brothers, William and Solomon, in the Civil War. Data on them was sparse for they didn't live long enough to leave tracks.

Searching backwards I found that John and his brothers and sisters were living with the HALL, LITTLETON, and HART families in Roane Co. in 1860. It would take a while to determine the connection to these various families. Hiram and Eleanor (Ellender) LAIN were listed in the Grainger and Claiborne Co. census of 1850 with children of the exact same names and ages as those found in the HALL, LITTLETON, and HART households of 1860. Hiram and Eleanor were nowhere to be found.

Well, Roane Co. seemed the place to start trying to get a bead on Hiram. Since he was born c. 1815 (deduced from the census), he was the right

age to the the Hiram LAIN to have had a Roane Co. marriage license issued to him and Sarah SNOW in 1833, but the license was never returned. Lorenzo D. LAIN was born about this time and always lived with the SNOW family, but Sarah was never mentioned. Did the wedding ever take place? Did Sarah die? Was Lorenzo Hiram's son?

Hiram LAIN married Eleanor HART in Grainger Co. in 1836. Why did Hiram leave Roane Co.? Where did he meet Eleanor? The HARTS lived in Roane Co. A lot of questions needed to be answered.

Tax lists and court documents show Hiram in Roane Co. at various times. He was on the tax lists of 1834, 1840, and 1843. He was subpoenaed to court along with Joseph LAIN and Richard SNOW in 1841 and 1842. In 1853, Hiram LAIN and William HART were charged with assault on a Mr. MOONEY. Charges against Hiram were dropped. Data was building, for there was documentation of a LAIN, SNOW, and HART relationship.

Hiram's daughter, Mary Ann LAIN, married Thomas C. WHITLOCK on 5-11-1865 and lived in Harriman where they operated a general store at 707 or 709 Clinch Street. Mary Ann's death certificate listed Hiram LANE and --- HART as her parents. **Meanwhile back at the Kingston Library in the WHITLOCK family files,** I found a brief recollection of Mary Ann and Thomas WHITLOCK written by their grandson in the 1940s. It states that Hiram's father was Judson and that they had lived in Elizabethton. It also adds the Hiram left all his children in Roane Co. after the death of his wife and went to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Though I have found Joel, Jonathan, John and Jordan, no Judson has ever surfaced and Carter Co. papers were burned. Well we all know how

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spelling must be viewed. Maybe Judson was Jordan, but Jordan had moved to MO and nothing can be found to tie him to Hiram. Hiram's first son was named John A. -- so maybe Hiram's father was John, but John went to Arkansas. No genealogist in Arkansas can find an estate, will, or document in the counties in which he is known to have lived that links the two men. My gggrandfather John A. LAIN signed his name Jhone LAIN--maybe Jhone is short for Jonathan--but Jonathan was in McMinn Co. and none of his known children were named Hiram.

Correspondence with others who were and are heavily concentrating on the LAIN/LANE families yielded no clues.

Hiram finally appears on a Roane Co. tax list in the early 1860s for one year only. In 1865, his mother-in-law, Nancy HART is made guardian of Hiram's minor children. Did Hiram serve in the war? Did he die? There is no Civil War record for a Hiram LAIN. What happened to him?

When Wanda Kelley published the Prospect Baptist Church Minuted in 1997 who do you think was listed as a member? You're right--Hiram LANE with his wife Elizabeth. Elizabeth? But he had married Eleanor. Roane County had two Hiram LAINS or had my Hiram never lived here? What about these three inches of data I had collected? Maybe one of these days, I will be able to sort them out or maybe I'll find Judson. Till then may Hiram just rest in peace.

Basil Brashears & Peggy Horton

Submitted by Charles Brashear

(Continued from last journal)

Children of Basil Brashears Jr and Lucy Crunk Young:

- ⁹1. William E. Colier Brashears, b. 23 Mar 1835, d. young, bef. 1839
- ⁹2. James Bazil Brashears, b. 23 Mar 1837, Limestone Co, AL, d. 22 Mar 1907, Pulaski, Giles Co, TN; m.1. 28 Feb 1855, at Huntsville, Madison Co, AL, Martha Williams, m.2. 5 Feb 1861, Maury Co, TN, Julia Ann Rains, (or Julia M. E. Rains), b. 27 Jun 1842, Perry Co, TN. James enlisted in Maury Co, TN, in 48th TN _?_, Capt Love's company, and served two years. Julia A. Brashear applied for a Confederate Pension in Giles Co, TN (application #1518). The pension application says James had 2 sons and an unspecified number of daughters, all dead except one son:

¹⁰x. William Andrew Wilkerson Brashears,

From The Southern Advocate, (Huntsville, AL), 7 Mar 1855, as reported in Marriage, Death, and Legal Notices from Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893, compiled by Pauline Jones Gandrud, p.552: "Married on 28th by James H. Poor, Esq, Mr. James Beshers (Barshears) to Miss Martha Williams, all of this county." Any further info, anyone?

JOSEPH BRASHEARS and MARY DICKEY