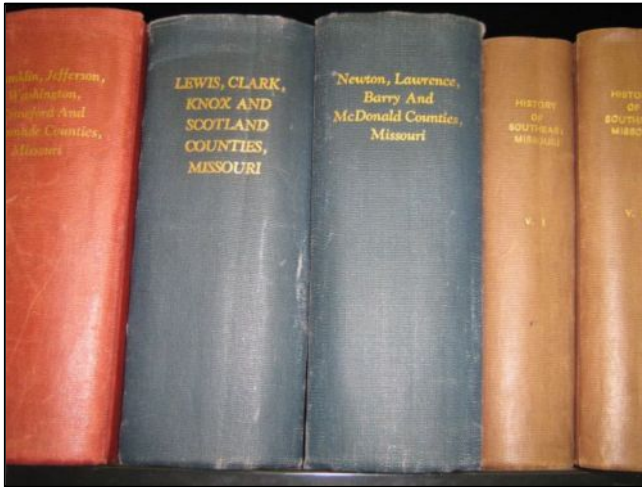


HISTORY OF  
NEWTON, LAWRENCE, BARRY AND MCDONALD COUNTIES  
MISSOURI  
FROM THE EARLIEST TIME TO THE PRESENT, INCLUDING A DEPARTMENT  
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**PREFACE:** This volume has been prepared in response to the prevailing and popular demand for the preservation of local history and biography. The method of preparation followed is the most successful and the most satisfactory yet devised – the most successful in the enormous number of volumes circulated, and the most satisfactory in the general preservation of personal biography and family record conjointly with local history. The number of volumes now being

distributed seems fabulous. Careful estimates place the number circulated in Ohio at 50,000 volumes; Pennsylvania, 60,000; New York, 75,000; Indiana, 40,000; Illinois, 40,000; Iowa, 35,000; Missouri, 25,000; Minnesota, 15,000; Nebraska, 15,000, and all the other States at the same proportionate rate. The southern half of Missouri has as yet scarcely been touched by the historian, but is now being rapidly written.

The design of the present extensive historical and biographical research is more to gather and preserve in attractive form, while fresh with the evidence of truth, the enormous fund of perishing occurrence, than to abstract from insufficient contemporaneous data remote, doubtful or incorrect conclusions. The true perspective of the landscape of life can only be seen from the distance that lends enchantment to the view. It is asserted that no person is competent to write a philosophical history of his own time; that, owing to imperfect and conflicting circumstantial evidence, that yet conceals, instead of reveals, the truth, he cannot take that correct, unprejudiced, logical, luminous and comprehensive view of passing events that will enable him to draw accurate and enduring conclusions. The duty, then, of an historian of his own time is to collect, classify and preserve the material for the final historian, of the future. The present historian deals in fact; the future historian, in conclusion. The work of the former is statistical; of the latter, philosophical.

To him who has not attempted the collection of historical data, the obstacles to be surmounted are unknown. Doubtful traditions, conflicting statements, imperfect records,

inaccurate public and private correspondence, the bias or untruthfulness of informers, and the general obscurity which, more or less, envelops all passing events, combine to bewilder and mislead. The publishers of this volume, fully aware of their inability to furnish a perfect history, an accomplishment vouchsafed to the imagination only of the dreamer or the theorist, make no pretension of having prepared a work devoid of blemish. They feel assured that all thoughtful people, at present and in future, will recognize and appreciate the importance of their undertaking, and the great public benefit that has been accomplished.

In the preparation of this volume the publishers have met with nothing but courtesy and assistance from the public. The subscription list was much smaller than the publishers hoped and expected to receive; and although the margin of profit was thus cut down to the lowest limit, no curtailment or omission of matter was made from the original extensive design of the work. No subject promised is omitted, and many not promised are given. The publishers call special attention to the great quantity of fact crowded into the volume, to the excess of matter over their agreement – promised 700 pages, given 1092 – and to the binding, which is full morocco instead of half morocco as promised in the prospectus. Special care was employed and great expense incurred to make the volume accurate. In all cases the personal sketches have been submitted by mail, and in most instances have been corrected and approved by the subjects themselves. The publishers disclaim responsibility for the substance of the matter contained in the Biographical Appendix, as the material was wholly furnished by the subjects of the sketches. With many thanks to our friends for the success of our difficult enterprise, we respectfully tender this fine volume to our patrons.

November 1888.

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‘HISTORY OF BARRY COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI’

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**PIONEERS – HENRY MCCARY, writing in Centennial year, speaks of the early settlement as follows:**

“I came to the county thirty-nine years ago last fall, and found but scattered and thinly-settled neighboring communities in different parts of the county. At that time there was but one post-office in the county, called Mount Pleasant, the then county seat of Barry County, between twenty or thirty miles northwest of where it is now situated. A small tub mill on the head of Roaring River, near where the Trim & McClure mill now is, and another on Flat Creek, twelve miles north of where Cassville now is situated; another at the falls of Shoal Creek, and a small mill, kept by William Pogue, on Pogue’s Creek, near where Mr. Swindle now lives.

“Washburn Prairie was settled first by a Mr. Washburn, in 1828, and Stone’s Prairie by a James Stone, and King’s Prairie by George W. King; Starkey’s Prairie, by John W.

Starkey; Hickam's Prairie, by Jacob Hickam; Jenkins' Creek by a man by the name of Jenkins, who died in his little cabin, in the dead of winter, no one but his wife and little children there. She had to travel all the way to Sudeth Meek's, a short distance south of Washburn Prairie, to get help to bury him, and no road from the mouth of Jenkins' Creek to the John Lock place, eight or ten miles; nothing but a deer or wolf trail to guide here. When I first came to this place there were but a few houses from Springfield to Washburn Prairie; one on Wilson Creek, ten or twelve miles, I believe, south of Springfield. One twelve or thirteen miles of that, and one other, by John Lock, on Flat Creek, and another, by C. J. Corder, on said creek, and one by Col. Littleberry Mason, near where Cassville now stands, on Flat Creek. Co. Mason was a prominent citizen of the county, represented it in the State Legislature, and was the honored senator from this district at the time of his death. In Washburn John O. Burton kept a small store of dry goods, and a blacksmith shop. After Mr. Burton sold out, John Cureton and J. T. Keet set up at the same stand. Cureton died, and Keet, by an honest course of dealing, built up a good trade and became rich. The citizens of the Prairie for the most part were John Durham, Alexander McGlothlin, Samuel Logan, Matthew Hubbert, Pressly George and John W. Finney. On Shoal Creek, A. P. Fly, George Barker, who kept a tan-yard to keep the people in shoe leather. On Capps' Creek there were two or three settlements, and on Joy's Creek a Mr. Joy was the first settler; soon after I came Jeremiah Fly settled at or near where Corsican now is; some time after Thomas Rodgers, J. N. Fly and Judge Charles. From Springfield, Mo., to Fayetteville, Ark., there was neither doctor nor lawyer to be found; old Dr. Sappington, of Saline County, on the Missouri River, supplied us with ague pills, and we got along nearly first rate, for we paid neither doctor bills nor lawyer fees, and very little taxes. We endured many hardships and privations. Sometimes they had to go forty miles to mill, away on Finley and Crane Creek, or to the mouth of Flat Creek, near White River. To Springfield, Mo., or Fayetteville, Ark., for a few necessaries, and to the Indian Nation, Rodgers' salt works for their salt."

Winford G. Townsend, who came to Greene County with his father, William, about 1834, married Eveline Shannon, was treasurer of Barry County, was a resident of that county in 1884. The McGlothlins, McMurtrys, Georges, Locks, Howertons, Burtons, Masons, Harbins, Peoys and Johnsons were all in Barry County about the time of its organization, in 1835.

Philip Marbut, who settled two miles west of the old town of McDonald in 1841, is still living, at the age of ninety-one. His health and memory are good, and give promise of his becoming a centenarian.

In 1832 John Prigmore moved to the southwest, sixty-five miles southwest of Springfield, on White River, and to what is now Jasper County in 1834. W. W. Wormington came in 1838.

William Offield, the first white settler of Montgomery County, Ind., in 1819, located on Little Sugar Creek, Barry County, before the war.

Col. Mason died the 3d of July, 1852; Judge Cureton in 1854; Judge Durham died in 1862; Mathew Hubbert in about 1852; Alexander McGlothlin died in 1857; John O. Burton about 1852. Price McMurry died in 1854; Miller Lee about the year 1854 or 1855; D. K. McClure died in 1876; George W. Hampton about the year 1859; A. S. Harbin about 1867; John McClure, an old settler, about the year 1873 or 1874; Elias Ferguson died in 1866 or 1867; Judge Eliss Oldham about the year 1851; John Logan died about the year 1859.

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Beverly Banks 75, O'Day.  
Phillip Marbut 90, McDowell.  
Joshua Roller, 75, Seligman.  
Margaret Roller 71, Seligman.  
Wm. Ash 77, Seligman.  
M. D. Perkins 75, Seligman.  
Mrs. Cargile 70, O'Day.  
Richard Sullivan 80, O'Day.  
Mrs. Mary Browning 80, McDowell.

Mrs. Polly Calton 70, Verona.  
Mrs. Jesse Warren 75, Exeter.  
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Jas. F. Harrell 78, Rocky Comfort.  
Thos. Suttles 72, Jenkins.  
John Maxwell 74, Cassville.  
Mary J. Shepherd 72, Cassville.  
Wm. Black 78, Cassville.  
Mrs. Nancy Henley 80, Cassville.  
H. Cornelison 75, Washburn.

**Note:** Henry McCary, b. 4 November 1809, SC – d. 8 May 1891, Barry Co., MO, md Jane Thompson on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1834 in Rhea Co., TN. Jane (Thompson) McCary, b. 21 March 1816, Rhea Co., TN – d. 7 December 1877, Barry Co., MO, d/o Thomas Kelloe Thompson & Priscilla Looney. Henry McCary & his wife Jane (Thompson) McCary are both buried in the McCary Cemetery, Barry Co., MO, located on a high knoll on the original McCary farm. From Cassville, go south on Route 37, turn right on Brooks Road (FR2190) to the farmhouse at the top of the hill. Cemetery is behind house with access by request. Cemetery is fenced and in reasonably good condition considering its age and location.

**Source:** Marriages of Rhea County, Tennessee 1808-1859 compiled by Edythe Rucker Whitley with an Index by Judith McGhan: Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983.

Pg. 28). Henry McCary to Jane Thompson, June 9, 1834. Mathew Hubbert, J. P. (June 12, 1834). (Jane Thompson, d/o Thomas Kelloe Thompson & Priscilla Looney. Jane is the sister of Esquire Looney Thompson Sr.).

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1850 CENSUS, 5th DIST. BARRY COUNTY, MO:

House # 210:

MCCARY, Henry 40M Farmer SC (1840, Henry is 30-40. He reports in Goodspeed the families of 1835.)

Janice 34 F TN (Jane (Thompson) McCary, d/o Thomas Kelloe Thompson & Priscilla Looney)

Benjamin F. 15 M TN

Francis A. 12 M TN

Thomas B. 10 M MO

Jariah 8 M MO

Nancy A. 6 F MO

Mary 4 F MO

Jane 1 F MO

1860 CENSUS, FLATT CREEK TWP., BARRY COUNTY, MO:

Dwl: 950 Family: 935

Henry McCary 50 M (value of real estate, 3,500) (value of personal estate, 1,800) Farmer SC

Jane A. McCary 44 F Domestic TN

Thomas B. McCary 20 M MO

Josiah McCary 18 M MO

Nancy Ann McCary.15 F MO

Mary T. McCary 13 F MO

Jane McCary 11 F MO

John McCary 8 M MO

Francis McCary 6 F MO

Merthy C. McCary 4 F MO

1870 CENSUS, FLATT CREEK TWP., CASSVILLE POST OFFICE, BARRY COUNTY, MO:

Dwl: 77

Henry McCary 60 M W Farmer SC

Jane McCary 52 F W TN

Thomas McCary 30 M W MO

Nancy McCary.22 F W MO

Tennessee McCary 20 F W MO

Jane McCary 18 F W MO

John McCary 16 M W MO  
Francis A. McCary 15 F W MO  
Cordelia McCary 12 F W MO

**Source:** A reprint of Goodspeed's 1888 History of Barry County, Missouri, Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888, reprint by Litho Printers of Cassville, MO, 1995.

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Wm. Black 78, Cassville.  
Mrs. Nancy Henley 80, Cassville.  
many more names continue.....

pgs. 58 & 59: **MODERN TOWNSHIPS** - Flat Creek Township was established in March, 1844, within the following described boundaries: From the fifth crossing of Flat Creek, near P. Trower's house, to William McKenney's house, including it, thence to the Taney County line near the head of Big Creek, thence south to White River Township line, thence southwest with that township line to J. J. Davis' Mill, on Roaring River, thence northwest to **Thompson's**, on Washburn Prairie, thence west to Hubbard's (Hubbert's), so as to leave **Thompson** and Hubbard in Sugar Creek Township, and west to the Newton County line, thence north to the Shoal Creek Township line, thence east to Ed. Talkington's house, thence direct to Trower's, at the ford of Flat Creek, leaving Phillip's house in Shoal Creek, and territory east of Trower's and north of the Flat Creek town line in McDonald Township. The court-house was the place of meeting, and J. O. Burton, William Kerr and Price McMurtry were judges of election.

pg. 77: **WAR INCIDENTS** - **A. L. Thompson** was killed at his home near Washburn by a masked gang at night. At the time of this murder **Thompson** was holding his child in his arms.

pgs. 109 & 110: **AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES** - The Barry County Agricultural and Mechanical Society was incorporated December 5, 1858, with the following named members: **A. L. Thompson** and many more names.....

pg. 112: In February, 1840, a road from the mouth of Roaring River to the Arkansas line was ordered, with **Absalom Thompson, Henry McCary (McCary)** and Moses Pendergast, commissioners.

pg. 113: **HIGHWAYS, RAILROADS AND NAVIGATION:** Early Roads: In August 1841, Charles Haddock was appointed overseer of a road from John J. Davis' house to the first crossing of Roaring River, above Widow Burnett's and was empowered to compel all hands from Davis' field down the river, one mile below Michael Master's old farm, to labor on such road. A road from John Cureton's to the Davis' field down the river, one mile below Michael Master's old farm, to labor on such road. A road from John

Cureton's to the Davis field was also authorized, and **A. L. Thompson** appointed overseer. Along the route were Elim Moffitt, Hugh M. Miller, Mr. Hill, the Parr family on the prairie north to **A. L. Thompson**, and east to Joel Barber.

pg. 175: **Henry McCary**, a farmer residing three and one-half miles southwest of Crossville, Mo., **was born on November 4, 1800, in South Carolina.** When eight years of age he went to East Tennessee, where he remained until 1837, at which time he removed to Barry County, Mo. He is of a family of four children. Those living are Josiah, who resides in Vernon, County, Nev., and Henry. The two who are dead are Sarah (who married William Johnson, and lived in Kentucky) and Lindsay. **Henry McCary was married in June, 1834, to Jane A. Thompson, a daughter of Thomas and Priscilla Thompson,** and to them have been born ten children, five boys and five girls. They are Benjamin Franklin, Jane, John Thompson, Frances Arabella (deceased) and Martha Cordelia. **Mrs. McCary was born in April, 1816, in Rhea County, Tenn.** Mr. McCary has served as constable and deputy sheriff of his county with a seat in the Legislature, and was what is known as a Benton Democrat. He cast his first Presidential vote for "Old Hickory" in 1832. His family residence is on a beautiful farm of 215 acres, under a high state of cultivation. At one time he owned a much larger tract of land, but he has given liberally to his five sons, Benjamin, Thomas B., J. T., Francis and Josiah. Mr. McCary is a member in good standing of the Masonic fraternity.

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