

WALL Family of Miller County

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Some of you have asked about the Wall and other families; so I will try to tell you what I know. The most remote ancestor that I know about came over to America from the Palatinate of Germany. The Palatinate is located along the Rhine River. They came to America in 1738 on board the ship Winter Galley, landed in Philadelphia, and were immediately herded off to the office of port authorities. There they had to swear that they would no longer support the King, Duke, or whomever it was in Germany and that they would support the King of England. They all had to sign their names, which are very difficult to decipher. German script is nothing like English script. On the list was Adam Wall. We think Adam was born about 1717 and that he had a brother named Conrad, a brother named John, and a sister named Apfel (or Apple in English) who was also called Abigail by some researchers. Conrad Wall came first. The others probably came together. One researcher says that their father's name was Hans George Wahl, who died in Europe. Adam Wall I as he is called, apparently was never married. When he died in Virginia in 1763, he left no descendants at all. There is no mention of a wife in his will. Apfel was not married until late in life, and she had no children.

Conrad Wall came to America in 1736 on the ship St. Andrew's Galley from Rotterdam, Holland, the principal

shipping port of that era. He was born about 1713, died 1793 in Botetourt Co., Va. He had at least 9 children. Since we do not descend from Conrad I will not devote more space to his family. Adam Wall's other brother was John, born about 1725. His name was not on the passenger list, because it was not necessary to list children under the age of 16 and they didn't list women at all. Apfel Wall was not on the list either. It is probable that the whole Wall family stayed for a few years in Pennsylvania before moving on to the frontier of Virginia on New River in what is now Montgomery County. John Wall died at a fairly young adult age about 1760, and his widow, Margaret, remarried Nicholas Sollas, who was the administrator of her late husband's estate. John and Margaret Wall had two children: 1. Adam, who is designated as Adam II to separate him from his uncle, Adam I, and 2. John. Nicholas Sollas and Margaret Wall had one child: James Sollas, the spelling of which became Sallust. We don't know Margaret's maiden name.

The only child of the foregoing marriage in whom we are interested is Adam Wall II. He was born about 1750 in Augusta Co., Va., and died in 1799. His will is filed in Montgomery Co., Va. Adam Wall II was probably never married. That didn't keep him from having children, however. His "wife" was Mary Trollinger, who was already married to Henry Trollinger. There is no reason that I know of why there couldn't have been a divorce, but there is none recorded. On 2 different occasions Adam Wall and Mary Trollinger were charged by the county grand jury with adultery. Apparently Adam II had friends

in high places, because there was never any prosecution on these charges. The couple had 4 children: 1. Adam Wall III; 2. James Wall; 3. William Wall; and 4. Peggy Wall. We won't talk about any except Adam Wall III from whom we descend.

Adam Wall III was born about 1790 in Montgomery Co., Va. He married Betsy Lower, daughter of Henry Lower, in 1813. They had 9 children. The only one we are interested in is James Wall. He is the one who came to Miller Co., Mo., and established the branch of the Wall family, as we know it. From his tombstone in Hawkins Cemetery he was born 13 Sept 1814 in Montgomery Co., Va., and died in Miller Co., Mo., 21 May 1876. I think that James Wall was married first to Rebeccas Price in 1843. At least there is a marriage license in Montgomery Co., Va., for such a couple. Apparently Rebecca died, and he married the 2nd time to Melinda Price in 1847. They are listed on the Montgomery Co., Va., census for 1850. Apparently they came to Missouri about 1858 or 1859. Their son George Wall was born in Va. in 1857. Crockett, the next child, was born in Mo. in 1860. It is James Wall and Melinda Price who are remembered by the older members of our family. Their children were:

1. William John Wall b 21 July 1847 Va., died 6 July 1919, never married.
2. Adam Floyd Wall, b 8 Mar 1849 d 25 Feb 1926 married 13 Mar 1884 Susannah Williams.
3. Frances Virginia Wall b 1851, d 1934, m 26 Nov 1874 Andrew Jackson Plemmons.

4. James Taylor Wall b 29 Jan 1853, d 19 Nov 1915, never married.
5. Henry David Wall b 19 Nov 1854 d. 20 April 1916, m 21 Dec 1879 Miriah Catherine Graham.
6. George Pearis Wall b 2 Jan 1856, d 2 Aug 1936, never married.
7. Crocket Montgomery Wall b 28 March 1860, d 21 Aug 1932, never married.
8. Daniel Gideon Wall, b 10 May 1863, d 13 Jan 1933 m 27 Feb 1890 Mahala Pemberton.

The parents and all the children, except Floyd and Daniel, are buried in Hawkins Cemetery, Miller Co., Mo. Floyd and Daniel are buried in the Williams Cemetery.

All of you will recognize Henry David Wall and Miriah Catherine Graham as your grandparents. Miriah Catherine Graham was named for her two grandmothers, Miriah Hawley Golden and Catherine Pridemore Graham. She was locally known as "Aunt Sis". She was b 3 July 1862 near Brumley in Miller Co., Mo., and died there 19 Feb 1954. The couple is buried in Hawkins Cemetery. "Sis" Wall was the daughter of George Washington Graham and Eliza Ellen Golden. After the death of Henry Wall, she was married briefly to Jim Hawkins of Brumley. They were divorced. Children of Henry David Wall and Miriah Catherine Graham were:

1. Alonzo Thomas Wall b 11 Feb 1881 Miller Co., Mo., d 26 Sept 1967, m 14 Feb 1907 Luna Jones.
2. Dora Viola Wall b 22 Oct 1882, d 4 Aug 1957, m Arthur Nofsinger. They were divorced.

3. Alpha Vallonia Wall b 4 Oct 1884 d 5 Oct 1963 m 21 Dec 1902 Hiram Winnop.
4. Otto John Wall b 13 July 1886 d 14 Dec 1939, never married.
5. Edna Frances Wall b 4 Oct 1888 d 17 Dec 1964 m 12 Aug 1904 Wade Alexander Pemberton.
6. Walksie Wall b 29 Nov 1890, d 19 Aug 1983 m (1) Walter Halsey (2) Ross Maltby.
7. Joel Boyd Wall b 5 July 1894 d 24 Mar 1970 m 4 Oct 1914 Mattie Thompson.
8. Mary Ellen Wall b 19 Apr 1897, d 27 Nov 1963, m (1) Willard Maher (2) Adron Williams.
9. Susie Wall b 15 Jan 1893 d 2 Feb 1899
10. Ralph Henry Wall b 11 Mar 1900, d 30 Nov 1978 m 25 Aug 1920 Thelma McCullough
11. Nellie Wall b 26 Feb 1903 m 25 Dec 1924, Troy R. Jones
12. Luna Lucille Wall b 4 June 1905 m Earl Martin. They were divorced.
13. Hazel Edrie Wall b 23 Feb 1908 m 13 Aug 1926, Paul Martin.

The "three little girls" Nellie, Luna, and Hazel, are the ones to ask about family stories. It has been a pleasure to go back beyond the family here in Missouri to research all the people in Montgomery Co., Va.

Now is as good a time as any to talk about Black Jim Wall. The gossip in the family is that Black Jim was illegitimate, but I don't believe that is true. Possibly his father was, but

not Black Jim. Not very long ago I had a letter from a woman who had a copy of Black Jim's death certificate, which gives the names of his parents as Harvey Wall and Elizabeth. In the 1850 census of Mercer Co., Va., Harvey Wall is enumerated. Harvey Wall 34, wife Elizabeth 27, and these children: Harriet 6, James 5, John 3, George 2, and Elmer 10 months. It is obvious that Harvey Wall's 2nd child is not illegitimate. In the same year 1850 Harvey Wall is shown on the census of Montgomery Co. Va., living with Adam Wall and Elizabeth Lower and their family. Harvey is listed at the end of the list of Adam and Elizabeth's children age 31, school teacher. I don't know why Harvey Wall was counted twice in the same census, but things were not as well coordinated in 1850 for taking the census. It is possible that Harvey spent some time teaching school in Montgomery Co., then went home to Mercer Co. where he was counted again. Census takers were allowed a lot of time to count the individuals in each district, sometimes taking several months. Besides, 1850 was the first census in which the name of every member of the family was recorded. Previously only the head of the household was named.

One source says that Harvey Wall was the son of Adam Wall III; it doesn't say who his mother was. Since he is listed in 1850 Montgomery Co. at the end of the list of Adam III and Elizabeth Lower Wall's children, he might not be their child at all. The better part of the evidence is that he was the son of Adam Wall III all right, but that Elizabeth Lower Wall was not his mother. Harvey Wall seems to have had 2 wives. The first was Elizabeth Fry b

1826 Va. The 2nd was Elizabeth McPherson, who was b 1833, dau of George and Elizabeth McPherson. In 1860 census Mercer Co., Va., the McPherson's were listed immediately following Harvey Wall and family. I have already named 5 of Harvey Wall's children. The others were: Mary b 1853; Ella; Lena; Jane; Helen; and Susan V. b 1858. As far as I know, only Black Jim Wall came to Miller Co., Mo.

Black Jim Wall b Apr 1845 (1900 Census) d 5 Aug 1928, m Mildred James. Descendants say his full name was James Milton Wall. He is buried in Curry Cemetery, Miller Co., Mo. His tombstone gives his date of death as 5 Aug 1928, aged 83 years 4 months 0 days. His wife was Mildred James, dau of Catlett James and Elizabeth Thompson, who are enumerated in 1850 Franklin Co., Va. Mildred was born 22 Jan 1845, d 27 July 1928 (age 83 y 6 m 6 d), and is also buried in Curry Cemetery. I have not been able to find Black Jim in the 1870 census, but he was probably already here in Miller Co., Mo., judging from the birth dates and places listed in the 1880 Census of Miller Co. For some reason the 1870 census in Miller Co. didn't include several of the families we descend from, and must be considered incomplete. It is possible that the hard feelings left over from the Civil War prevented access to some areas of the county.

Children of James Milton Wall and Mildred James:

1. Frank James Wall (also called James Frank Wall) b 18 Feb 1866 Va. d 14 May 1960 Mo. m (1) 1890 Ella Curry (2) Dora Jones

2. Peachy Wall b 1867 Va. d 1937 Mo. m 1886 Mary Jane Martin.
3. Betty or Billie Mae Wall b 1869 Mo. d 1945 Mo., m 1888 Salmon L. Cochran, called "Bud".
4. Waddie Catlett Wall, b 1871 m 1892 Sarah J. Clark
5. Floyd T. Wall b 22 Jan 1873, d 29 Oct 1933 m Sarah McDowell
6. Ida A. Wall b 1865 m 1895 Thomas Keeth
7. William H. Wall b 1877 m 1897 Stella Lawson
8. Ollie E. Wall b 1879 m Arthur Miles
9. Cora Lulu Wall b 29 Jan 1881 d 6 July 1970 m 1901 Jim Miller
10. Chester Wall b 1883 d 1939 m Delia Phillips
11. Stella Wall m (.)____Shackleford
(2)_____Workman
12. Jesse James Wall b 11 Nov 1887 d 19 Oct 1963, m 1907 Effie McDowell.

The Virginia records show that even in Virginia James Milton Wall was called "Black Jim", and those records also state that he moved to Missouri. We can be sure, therefore, that we have the same man. The records also show that he had married Mildred James. Mildred was a cousin of the outlaws, Jesse and Frank James, according to tradition. Miller County is full of stories about those 2 men visiting Mildred and her husband. After they left, Black Jim had more money than he had before they came. The ancestry of Jesse and Frank James (that I have found) goes straight back in their lineage, never mentioning brothers in any generation. It is most likely that there was a family

connection. I just don't know what it was at this time. Mildred's parents were in the 1850 census of Franklin Co., Va., with 8 children. Mildred was the youngest. She had a brother named Waddie James. You begin to see where some of the names we have always considered to be "funny" came from. They are family names. Catlett, Waddie, and Peachy were surnames like Smith and Jones, common in Virginia, but not so common in Missouri. Black Jim was not uneducated, after all his father was a schoolteacher. He left a will in 1928, which is more than many men of his time did. He died about a week after his wife, Mildred. Both are buried in Curry Cemetery. Many of their descendants still live in Miller County.

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