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William[2] Owen, Jr. (*William*[1]) (1761 – 1824)

Spouse: Sarah Edmondson

Research Profile (As of 25 November 2026)

William[2] Owen, Jr. (*William*[1]) Family Summary:
(*var*. Owens)

Born:	1761, Pittsylvania County, VA
Parents:	William and Drucilla (Echols) Owen, Sr.[1]
Married:	Unknown
Spouse:	**Sarah Edmondson**[23], born 1772 and died 25 March 1848, Fulton County, KY
Occupation:	Unknown
Military Service:	Unknown
Died:	Bef. 19 Apr 1824, Obion County, TN[4]
Residences:	Pittsylvania County, VA (1774, 1777) Henderson County, KY (1799-1801) Hopkins County, KY (*formerly Henderson County, KY*; 1807-1808, 1810-1820) Henry County, TN (1822) Obion County, TN (1824)

CHILDREN BY SARAH EDMONDSON

1. **Unknown Male Owen**[5], b. bet. 1785-1795

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[1] See section on parentage of William[2] Owen (*William*[1])

[2] The surname appears in primary sources as both "Edmondson" and "Edmundson." This file standardizes to "Edmondson" throughout.

[3] Yates Publishing. *U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900, (Provo*, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004).

[4] Date of death occurred prior to 19 April 1824, when "Letters of Administration be granted to Charles M. Owen, Rice Williams and Moses Parr who entered into bond and took the necessary oath for the faithful administration of the estate of William Owen deceased with Nathan Pinson, John Parr and Wyatt Bettys as their security and they make return to next Court." See — Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; Jan 1824 - Sep 1836 (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 18.

[5] This unknown male Owen is only found on the 1810 U.S. Census, Madisonville, Hopkins Co., Kentucky; Page: 376; NARA microfilm publication M252, Roll 6.

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2. **Unknown Male Owen**[6], b. bet. 1795-1800
3. **Unknown Male Owen**[7], b. bet. 1800-1810
4. **Margaret Owen**[8], [b. before 1800]; d. bef. 4 Nov 1819, Hopkins Co., KY; m. 15 Mar 1815[9], Hopkins Co., KY, **Gilbert Christian**
5. **Elizabeth Owen**[10], b. *c*1800[11], probably Hopkins Co., KY; d. [28 Aug 1872, MS]; m. **Neville Lindsey**

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[6] This unknown male Owen is found on the 1810 U.S. Census and the 1820 U S Census, Hopkins, Kentucky; Page: 258; NARA microfilm publication Roll: M33_23; Image: 150.

[7] Like the unknown male Owen born between 1795 and 1800, this unknown male is listed on the 1810 and 1820 U.S. Census.

[8] This researcher places Margaret's birth prior to 1800 based in the 1810 Hopkins Co., KY U.S. Census. Margaret is presumed to have died prior to 4 Nov 1819, the date that Gilbert Christian marries Elizabeth Givens in Hopkins Co., KY. It is believed that Gilbert and Margaret had a daughter, Elizabeth L. Christian who is the minor heir of William Owen, Jr., "It was ordered by Court that Rice Williams be appointed special guardian of Elizabeth Cristie, minor heir of William Owen, deceased." See – Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, Tennessee: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 191.

[9] Dodd, Jordan. *Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850*, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997).

[10] On 2 May 1848, C. M. (Charles McCormack) Owen writes to his stepfather, John B. Clark, responding to the news of his mother's death. In this letter, Charles writes a second letter to his sister, Elizabeth Lindsey and urges her to come visit. See – *Letter to John B. Clark from C. M. Owen, 2 May 1848*. John C. Clark Papers, 1790 – 1864, MSS13, Kentucky Historical Society. See – *Letter to grandfather, John B. Clark from H. C. Lindsey, 15 September 1850*. John C. Clark Papers, 1790 – 1864, MSS13, Kentucky Historical Society.

[11] Elizabeth Owen Lindsey is found on the 1850 United States Federal Census, Fulton, Kentucky; Roll: 200; Page: 130B; NARA microfilm publication M432; 1860 United States Federal Census, Fulton, Kentucky: Page: 417; NARA microfilm publication M653; and 1870 United States Federal Census, Natchez, Adams, Mississippi; Roll: M593_720; Page: 6A; NARA microfilm publication M593.

- 1850 Census – Elizabeth Owen Lindsey and her presumed daughter, Martha Lindsey (born *c*1835) are living with Jonah and Mary Montgomery. Elizabeth Owen Lindsey indicates she was born in 1805, KY.
- 1860 Census – Elizabeth Owen and her presumed daughter, Martha Lindsey (born *c*1835) are living with Israel and Sarah M. (Owen) Clark. Elizabeth Owen Lindsey indicates she was born in 1798, KY.
- 1870 Census – Elizabeth Owen Lindsey is in the household of Emily M. Lindsey. Elizabeth Owen Lindsey indicates she was born in 1800, KY.
- Based on the 1850, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Federal Census' and using the last census, we will assume Elizabeth Owen Lindsey was born *c*1800. Elizabeth would be one of the two females under 10 on the 1810 U.S. Federal Census. See – 1810 U.S. Census, Madisonville, Hopkins Co., Kentucky; Page: 376; NARA microfilm publication M252, Roll 6.

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6. **Charles McCormack Owen**[12], b. *c*1800[13], Hopkins Co., KY; d. Aft. 21 Jan 1873, probably Waldron, Scott Co., AR; m. 9 Nov 1820, Hopkins Co., KY, **Mary Harmon**[14]
7. **Agatha Owen**[15], b. bet. 1800-1810[16]; d. aft. 1831 and bef. 1850[17], probably Stoddard Co., MO; m. 14 Jun 1824, Obion Co., TN, **Thomas P. Hewlett**[18]
8. **James W. Owen**[19], b. *c*1803, probably Hopkins Co., KY; d. [4 May 1873, Wright Co., MO]; m. **Rachael Unknown**.

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[12] "It is ordered by the Court that letters of administration be granted to Charles M. Owen, Rice Williams and Moses Parr who entered into bond and took the necessary oath for the faithful administration of the estate of William Owen deceased with Nathan Pinson, John Parr and Wyatt Bettys as their security and they make return to next court." Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 18.

[13] Charles M. Owen is found on the 1850 United States Federal Census, Pope, Arkansas; Roll: 29; Page: 241A; NARA microfilm publication M432; 1860 United States Federal Census, Moreland, Pope, Arkansas; Page: 851; NARA microfilm publication M653; and 1870 United States Federal Census, Hickman, Scott, Arkansas; Roll: M593_63; Page: 593A; NARA microfilm publication M593.

- 1850 Census – C. M. Owens indicates he was born in 1801, KY.
- 1860 Census – Charles M. Owen indicates he was born in 1800, KY.
- 1870 Census – Charles Owen indicates he was born in 1800, KY.

[14] Dodd, Jordan. *Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850*, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997).

[15] On 5 January 1851, Thomas P. (*spouse*) and Samuel (*son*) Hewlett write to John B. Clark, Israel and Sarah Owen Clark about the living conditions in Stoddard County, MO. No mention of wife Agatha Owen Hewlett, she is presumed dead. See – *Letter to John B. Clark, I. and S. Clark from Thos. P. Hewlett and Samuel Hewlett of Stoddard County, MO, 5 January 1851*. John C. Clark Papers, 1790 – 1864, MSS13, Kentucky Historical Society.

[16] It is believed that Agatha Owen is the second female listed as under 10 on the 1810 U.S. Census, Madisonville, Hopkins Co., Kentucky; Page: 376; NARA microfilm publication M252, Roll 6 (Elizabeth Owen Lindsey being the other). Likewise, on the 1820 U S Census, Hopkins, Kentucky; Page: 258; NARA microfilm publication Roll: M33_23; Image: 150, she is one of two females listed between 10 and 15 years old.

[17] On the 1850 U S Census, District 62, New Madrid, Missouri; Roll: 408; Page: 291A; NARA microfilm publication M432; her husband Thomas P. Hewlett, son Samuel J. and daughter Eliza are listed. Eliza indicates she was born in 1831.

[18] Dodd, Jordan. *Tennessee Marriages to 1825*, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997).

[19] James W. Owen writes from Pope County, AR to John B. Clark (he refers to him as father) and his mother prior to her death on 25 March 1848. In the letter he describes Pope County, AR raised two companies of volunteers. A horse company containing about 100 men that were going to Mexico and a foot company containing 85 men going to the frontier along the Indian Country (Fort Smith). In the foot company he references that he has two son-in-law's and one nephew who volunteered. The Mexican - American War occurred between 25 April 1846 and 3 February 1848. James' letter would have been written during this period. In this letter, James also references his wife, Racheal. See – *Letter to John B. Clark from James Owen of Pope County, AR, Between 25 April 1846 and 3 February 1848*. John C. Clark Papers, 1790 – 1864, MSS13, Kentucky Historical Society.

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9. **Martha Owen**[20,21], b. bet. 1811-1820[22], probably Hopkins Co., KY; d. bef. 1851; m. **Nazry Byrd**
10. **Priscilla Owen**[23], b. *c*1811[24], probably Hopkins Co., KY; d. [aft. 1880, Pontotoc Co., MS]; m. 8 Oct 1825, **Clabourn Foster**[25]
11. **Samuel B. Owen**[26], b. *c*1815[27], probably Hopkins Co., KY; d. 28 Jun 1860, Planters Hotel, Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY

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[20] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 46.

18 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — "On motion of Sarah Owen by her attorney, it is ordered by Court that Sarah Owen the widow of William Owen Deceased be appointed guardian for Priscillor Owen, Martha Owen, Samuel Owen, Jesse Owen and Sarah Owen by her given bond with approved security for the faithful discharge of her duties as such."

[21] James W. Owen writes to "Dear brother Samuel" from Fulton County, KY and informs him that he is staying with "Betsy and family", probably Elizabeth (Owen) Lindsey, who was living in Fulton Co., KY in 1850. Martha and Byrd are visiting as well and he indicates he has received recent letters from Jesse and Charles. The letter was probably written 3 April 1849 (the last digit in the year is not legible). Since the letter primarily pertains to the Estate of their mother, Sarah, it is written after her death on 25 March 1848. See – *Letter to S. B. Owen from James Owen of Fulton County, KY, 3 April 1849*. John C. Clark Papers, 1790 – 1864, MSS13, Kentucky Historical Society.

[22] Martha Owen is presumed to be one of two females age 10 to 15 on the 1820 U S Census. See – 1820 U S Census, Hopkins, Kentucky; Page: 258; NARA microfilm publication Roll: M33_23; Image: 150.

[23] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 46.

[24] Priscilla Owen is found on the 1850 United States Federal Census, Pontotoc, Mississippi; Roll: 380; Page: 195B; NARA microfilm publication M432; 1860 United States Federal Census, Pontotoc, Mississippi; Page: 802; NARA microfilm publication M653; 1870 United States Federal Census, Township 7, Pontotoc, Mississippi; Roll: M593_746; Page: 204B; and 1880 United States Federal Census, Beat 1, Union, Mississippi; Roll: 666; Page: 205A; Enumeration District: 200.

- 1850 Census – Priscilla Foster indicates she was born in 1815, KY.
- 1860 Census – Pracilla Robinson indicates she was born in 1810, KY. Priscilla Owen foster remarries in 1860 to William K. Robinson.
- 1870 Census – Percilla Foster indicates she was born in 1814, KY.
- 1880 Census – Pasila Robinson indicates she was born in 1811, KY. Her father was born in VA and her mother born in SC.
- Based on the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Federal Census' and using the last census, we will assume Priscilla Owen Foster Robinson was born *c*1811.

[25] Dodd, Jordan. *Tennessee Marriages to 1825*, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997).

[26] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 46.

[27] 1850 United States Federal Census, Township 10 East, Jefferson, Mississippi; Roll: 374; Page: 107B; NARA microfilm publication M432.

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12. **Jesse M. Owen**[28], b. after 1817[29], probably Hopkins Co., KY; d. [1857], AR
13. **Sarah M. Owen**[30], b. *c*1819[31], probably Hopkins Co., KY; d. after 1870, probably Fulton Co., KY; m. **Israel Clark**

The Parentage of William[2] Owen (*William*[1])

Family researchers of William[1] Owen, Sr. who married Drucilla Echols have identify two different individuals as their second child and son, William Owen. One is William Owen, Jr., born 1761, Pittsylvania County, VA and resided in Hopkins County, KY (formerly Henderson County, KY) in 1799-1801, 1807-1808, 1810-1820 and died Bef. 19 Apr 1824, in Obion County, TN and the second is William Purnell Owen, born 7 July 1761, [Chatham, Pittsylvania County, VA] and died 9 November 1823, Big Cove, Madison County, AL.

Researchers have William[1] Owen, Sr. relocating from Pittsylvania County, VA to Rowan County, NC, then to [Wilkes County, NC] and finally to Wilkes County, GA where William Owen, Sr. died [7 Oct 1807]. It is from Wilkes County, GA that we will analyze as the starting point for William[1] Owen, Sr. family structure.

Child #1: Uriah[2] Owen (*William*[1]), born abt. 1758, Pittsylvania County, VA and died 18 September 1820, Wilkes County, GA; married Sarah Everett, 1780 in VA. Uriah[2] Owen (*William*[1]) can be found in Wilkes County, GA as early as 1 February 1790.

Comment: Uriah[2] Owen (*William*[1]) remained in Wilkes County, GA where he died.

Child #2: William[2] Owen, Jr. (*William*[1]) — this is the subject of this research file. See analysis below.

Child #3: Rhoda[2] Owen (*William*[1]), born 10 February 1763, probably Pittsylvania County, VA and died 7 September 1842, Wilkes County, GA; married Malachi Reeves about 1782.

Comment: Rhoda[2] Owen (*William*[1]) remained in Wilkes County, GA where she died.

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[28] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 46.

[29] 1850 United States Federal Census, Christian, Independence, Arkansas; Roll: 26; Page: 366B; NARA microfilm publication M432.

[30] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 46.

[31] Sarah M Owen is found on the 1850 United States Federal Census, Fulton, Kentucky; Roll: 200; Page: 114B; NARA microfilm publication M432; 1860 United States Federal Census, Fulton, Kentucky; Page: 417; NARA microfilm publication M653; and 1870 United States Federal Census, District 3, Fulton, Kentucky; Roll: M593_462; Page: 236A.

- 1850 Census – Sarah Clark indicates she was born in 1819, KY.
- 1860 Census – Sarah M Clark indicates she was born in 1816, KY.
- 1870 Census – Sarah M Clark indicates she was born in 1815, KY.
- Based on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 U.S. Federal Census' and using the last census, we will assume Sarah M. Owen Clark was born in 1815, KY.

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Child #4: Obediah[2] Owen (*William*[1]), born [5 June 1765, Chatham, Pittsylvania County, VA] and died [7 October 1807, Washington, Wilkes County, GA; married (1) Dicey Toombs, 21 December 1788 and [(2) Polly Legrand, 20 July 1792, Pittsylvania County, VA].

Comment: Obediah[2] Owen (*William*[1]) mustered in as a Private into the Third Regiment, Militia (Wilkes County), Georgia on 24 June 1793[32] and again as a Private into the Second Regiment, First Brigade, Third Division, Militia, Georgia from 14 February 1794 to 5 March 1794[33]. Obediah[2] Owen (*William*[1]) remained in Wilkes County, GA where he died. It appears that his children followed their uncles William[2] Owen (*William*[1]), Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) and Ezra[2] Owen (*William*[1]) to Hopkins County, KY and later following Ezra[2] Owen to Randolph County, IL.

His daughter, Lucy[3] T. Owen (*Obediah*[2], *William*[1]) marries Charles Cavanah, 7 November 1813 in Hopkins County, KY.[34]

His sons, Lemuel[3] Owen (*Obediah*[2], *William*[1]) can be found on the 1820 Federal Census, Randolph County, IL, where his uncle Ezra[2] Owen (*William*[1]) is residing.[35] Lemuel[3] Owen (*Obediah*[2], *William*[1]) and another son, Levi[3] Owen (*Obediah*[2], *William*[1]) are on the 1825 Williamsburgh Township, Randolph County, IL State Census.[36]

Child #5: Tabitha[2] Owen (*William*[1]), born [7 June 1767], [Chatham, Pittsylvania County, VA] and died [5 April 1845], [Trigg, Trigg County, KY]; married Sydnor Everett, 13 June 1801 Oglethorpe County, GA.

Comment: Sydnor's family can be found on the 1820 Hopkins County, KY Census.[37]

Child #6: Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]), born [9 June 1769], probably Pittsylvania County, VA and died [3 October 1843], [Dexter, Stoddard County, MO]; married Patsy Wells.

Comment: William[2] Owen's (*William*[1]) brothers Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) and Ezra[2] Owen (*William*[1]) were residing on Diamond Island, Ohio River as indicated on the 1799 Henderson County, Kentucky

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[32] U.S. Compiled Service Records, Post-Revolutionary War Volunteer Soldiers, 1784-1811, (National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; Ancestry.com, 2011).

[33] U.S. Compiled Service Records, Post-Revolutionary War Volunteer Soldiers, 1784-1811, (National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; Ancestry.com, 2011).

[34] Dodd, Jordan. *Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850*, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997).

[35] 1820 U S Census; Census Place: Williamsburgh, Randolph, Illinois; Page: 91; NARA Roll: M33_12; Image: 93.

[36] Ancestry.com. *Illinois, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1810-1890*, (Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999).

[37] 1820 U S Census; Census Place: Hopkins, Kentucky; Page: 242; NARA Roll: M33_23; Image: 142.

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Tax list.[38] Reuben and William are found on the 1800 Henderson County, Kentucky Tax list[39] and all three brothers are located on the 1801 Henderson County, KY Tax Roll.[40] Ezra[2] Owen (*William*[1]) moved from Kentucky to Kaskaskia, Randolph County, Illinois Territory in 1809.[41] Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) remained in Hopkins County, KY along with William[2] Owen (*William*[1]). Reuben[2] and William[2] Owen (*William*[1]) are found on the 1807-1808[42] and 1811 Hopkins County, KY Tax Rolls.[43] Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) is also found on the 1810 Hopkins County, KY U.S. Census[44] and the 1820 Hopkins County, KY U.S. Census.[45] Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) was "a licensed preacher, delivered this deed, Deed Book 4, page 106, the trustees are not named, but the deed is witnessed by Edward Thomas, John Schoolcraft and John Cates." It is assumed that Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) preached at the Terzah Meeting House near Vandersburgh, KY. Rueben held the commission as a Major in the Kentucky Militia.[46]

Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) mustered in as a Private into the Third Regiment, Militia (Wilkes County), Georgia on 24 June 1793, the same regiment that his brother Obediah[2] Owen (*William*[1]).[47] Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) moves to Hickman County, KY in 1829 and later moves to Stoddard County, MO where he dies.

Child #7: Ezra[2] Madison Owen (*William*[1]), born 17 March 1770, Halifax County, VA and died 11 October 1859, De Witt County, TX; married Lydia Vance, 16 July 1793.

Comment: Ezra[2] Madison Owen (*William*[1]) was found on the 1799 and 1801 Henderson County, KY Tax Rolls. As previously stated, Ezra[2] Owen (*William*[1]) moved from Kentucky to Kaskaskia,

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[38] 1799 Henderson County Tax Roll, transcription formerly online at members.aol.com/patander73/h1799tax.html (no longer available). Ezriah, Ruben and William Owens also appear on the 29 October 1799 Tax List, Henderson County, Kentucky (http://hendersonkyhistory.com/29Oct1799TaxList.htm : accessed 16 November 2026).

[39] 1800 Henderson County Tax Roll (http://hendersonkyhistory.com/01Oct1800TaxList.htm).

[40] 1801 Henderson County Tax Roll (http://hendersonkyhistory.com/01Oct1801TaxList.htm).

[41] Power, Sarah A. Harris, and Power, John Carroll. *History of the Early Settlers of Sangamon County, Illinois: "centennial Record"*. United States, Edwin A. Wilson & Company, 1876, page 552.

[42] Hopkins County, Kentucky, Tax Books, 1807 and 1808; Tax Books, 1807–1875 (microfilm of originals, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, 1952–1953), FHL film 8,045, Image Group (DGS) 7,834,458 (image numbers to be added).

[43] Hopkins County, Kentucky, Tax Book, 1811; Tax Books, 1807–1875 (microfilm of originals, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, 1952–1953), FHL film 8,045, Image Group (DGS) 7,834,458 (image numbers to be added).

[44] 1810 U.S. Census, Madisonville, Hopkins Co., Kentucky; Page: 375; NARA microfilm publication M252, Roll 6.

[45] 1820 U S Census, Hopkins, Kentucky; Page: 260; NARA microfilm publication Roll: M33_23; Image: 151.

[46] Gordon, Maurice K and Pearce, Helen Baker. *Early History of Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Lexington, Kentucky: Privately Published, 1958)

[47] U.S. Compiled Service Records, Post-Revolutionary War Volunteer Soldiers, 1784-1811, (National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; Ancestry.com, 2011).

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Randolph County, Illinois Territory in 1809.[48] Franklin[2] E. Owen (*William*[1]), Obediah[2] Owen's (*William*[1]) children, Lemuel[3] Owen (*Obediah*[2], *William*[1]), Lucy[3] T. Owen (*Obediah*[2], *William*[1]) and Levi[3] Owen (*Obediah*[2], *William*[1]) also settle in Randolph County, Illinois. Prior to 29 November 1832, Ezra[2] Madison Owen (*William*[1]) arrives in Pulaski County, Arkansas Territory.

Child #8: Franklin[2] E. Owen (*William*[1]), born 1772, VA and died 3 August 1825, Randolph County, IL; married Eliza T. Berry, 26 November 1809, Hopkins County, KY. [49]

Comment: Franklin[2] E. Owen (*William*[1]) is not found on the 1810 Census, but is listed as follows: John Leeper, Dec'd. Invt. and Appl. App: John B. Ruby, William Guiler, F. E. Owens. December 20, 1812, Page 99.[50] By 1820, Franklin[2] E. Owen is found in Randolph County, Illinois Territory where his brother Ezra[2] Owen resides.

Child #9: Lucy[2] Owen (*William*[1]), born [4 July 1774, Chatham, Pittsylvania County, VA] and death is unknown; married [John Chaney].

Comment: It is believed that the John Chaney who married Lucy[2] Owen (*William*[1]) is the son of John Chaney (from his first marriage) who married Lucy[2] Owen's (*William*[1]) sister, Catherine[2] Evans Owen (*William*[1]).

Child #10: Sarah[2] "Sally" Harris Owen (*William*[1]), born Abt. 1778, VA and died Aft. 1860, Castor, Stoddard County, MO; married William Knight, 2 November 1815, Hopkins County, KY. [51]

Comment: Sarah[2] and William Knight can be found on the 1820 Hopkins County, KY U.S. Census before relocating to Hickman County, KY where brother Reuben has relocated to and then on to Stoddard County, MO.

Child #11: Catherine[2] Evans Owen (*William*[1]), born 3 January 1781, VA and died 14 May 1834, Greene County, GA; married John Cheney, 4 April 1803, Oglethorpe County, GA.

Several additional Owen extended family members also settled in Hopkins County, KY from Pittsylvania County, VA via Wilkes County, GA. Vardry McBee, Silas McBee, William Wier, William Rainey, William Owen, Hannah Echols McBee, Reuben Owen, Ezra and Franklin E. Owen originate from Halifax/Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Distinguishing William[2] Owen, Jr. from William Purnell Owen

William Purnell Owen, born 7 July 1761, [Pittsylvania County, VA] and died 9 November 1823, Big Cove, Madison County, AL; married Nancy LaPrade [11 February 1790, Chesterfield County, VA].

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[48] Power, Sarah A. Harris, and Power, John Carroll. *History of the Early Settlers of Sangamon County, Illinois: "centennial Record"*. United States, Edwin A. Wilson & Company, 1876, page 552.

[49] Dodd, Jordan. *Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850*, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997. Ancestry.com).

[50] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Wills 1807 - 1829 and Minute Book, Court Orders 1815* (Madisonville, KY: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), Page 8.

[51] Dodd, Jordan. *Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850*, (Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997. Ancestry.com).

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Nancy LaPrade born 4 June 1765, Chesterfield, Chesterfield County, VA and died 27 May 1827, Madison County, AL.

Some Owen researchers indicate William Purnell Owen is the William listed on the 1810 and 1820 Hopkins County, KY Census. William[2] Owen, Jr. is found on many tax, land grants and other court documents in Hopkins County, KY from 1799 – 1820. On 5 October 1829, "Charles[3] M. Owen (*William*[2], *William*[1]), one of the administrators of Wm. Owen deceased presented in court an amount of service by him rendered to the Legatees of said estate in transacting the business of said estate in the State of Kentucky amounting to one hundred dollars five and one half cents accompanied with receipts and vouchers to support the same which amount of $100-5 1/2 was allowed by the Court to be paid by the Legatees of said estate in equal p[o]rtion after deducting one twelvth part of said sum of $100-5 1/2)."[52] William[2] Owen (*William*[1]) who died in Obion County, TN before 19 Apr 1824, Obion County, TN was the same individual who was in Hopkins County, KY.

Because other siblings and extended family migrated through Hopkins County, KY in the early 1800's, William[2] Owen (*William*[1]) is more probable the son of William[1] Owen, Sr. and Drucilla Echols than William Purnell Owen.

Siblings and Extended Family Move to Hopkins County, KY

On December 21, 1795, the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky opened land for settlement, which is commonly referred to as, "South of the Green River Series". Several families, key to solving the parentage of Willis Ralls, settled into this new area along the northwest corner of the present-day border between Hopkins and Webster County, Kentucky, where the border intersects the Tradewater River. Providence, Webster County, Kentucky is approximately located in the geographic center of this area.

The Owen, McBee, Wier and Echols families are related and originate from Halifax/Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Vardry[3] McBee (*William*[2], *Matthew*[1]) was born December 23, 1734 in Bristol Parish, Virginia, and died in Christian County, Kentucky. He married Hannah Echols December 1758 in Bristol Parish, Dinwiddie County, Virginia. Hannah was the daughter of William[2] Echols, Sr. (*John*[1]) and Sarah Turner.

Silas[4] McBee (*Vardry*[3], *William*[2], *Matthew*[1]) was born November 24, 1765 in Halifax County, Virginia, and died January 06, 1845 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. Silas[4] McBee (*Vardry*[3], *William*[2], *Matthew*[1]) was an early resident of Hopkins County, KY along with Ezra[2] Owen (*William*[1]), Reuben[2] Owen (*William*[1]) and William[2] Owen (*William*[1]). Silas[4] McBee (*Vardry*[3], *William*[2], *Matthew*[1]) married Catherine Cates circa 1797 in Logan County, Kentucky.

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[52] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 447.

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Vardry[3] McBee (*William*[2], *Matthew*[1]) and his wife Hannah Echols McBee[53], and Silas[4] McBee (*Vardry*[3], *William*[2], *Matthew*[1]), the son of Vardry and Hannah Echols McBee settled along the North Fork of Clear Creek in 1798, located just south of the intersection of the county boundaries and the Tradewater.

The Kentucky land grants show this settlement in Hannah's and Silas's own names. On 6 and 7 November 1798 Deputy Surveyor Will Ward surveyed 200 acres for Silas McBee (KLG 1244) and 200 acres for Hannah McBee (KLG 1241), with Bezaleel Weir's 200 acres (KLG 1243) beside Hannah's, sharing a corner. Vardry McBee is not named in any of the twenty-eight Weirs Creek grants.[54]

Flowing into Clear Creek are Wiers Creek, Rose Creek and Lick Creek. Bazeleel[3] Wier (*William*[2], *Thomas*[1]) was the first of the Wier family to settle along Wiers Creek in 1798. After Bazeleel's death in 1806, his father William[2] Wier (Thomas[1]) had five tracts surveyed along Wiers Creek and Rose Creek between December 1806 and November 1807, one of them as Bazeleel's heir; they were patented in 1809 and 1811. Bazeleel's brother William Russell[3] Wier (William[2], Thomas[1]), who also appears in the records as "Russel Wier," had Sally Cates's certificate surveyed as two tracts in 1807, and further tracts in 1807 and 1808 (KLG 8540, 9645). The grants show that "Russell Wier" and "William Russell Wier" are the same man, not two brothers. Turner[3] Wier (William[2], Thomas[1]) had 400 acres surveyed in March 1807, beginning at a corner of Bazeleel's Rose Creek survey, as assignee of Joshua Cates and James Dean (KLG 8534, patented 1809). Asel Wier was deputy surveyor on nineteen of these surveys, and Silas McBee carried the chain or marked the trees on sixteen of those nineteen.[55]

William[3] Echols, Jr. (*William*[2], *John*[1]) was married to Susannah Wier. It is believed that Susannah Wier was the daughter of William[2] Wier (*Thomas*[1]). Elizabeth[3] Echols (*Richard*[2], *John*[1]) was married to William Rainey on 17 January 1799, Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

A William Rainey, then of Gibson County, Indiana, bought 100 acres adjoining William Owen from John McCormack on 24 February 1815; the tract was part of Owen's KLG 4999 and 5342. Whether he is Elizabeth Echols's husband has not been determined. If Elizabeth was Richard Echols's daughter, she was Drucilla's sister, and a first marriage in 1799 would be very late for her generation; she may belong to a later generation of the family.[56]

William[2] Owen's own land lay in a separate block of surveys on Owens Creek and the Tradewater (Cluster A). His first claim was certified on 18 October 1798, three weeks before the McBee and

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[53] Hannah[3] Echols (*William*[2], *John*[1]) is found as early as 20th October 1798.

[54] "Cluster B — The Weirs Creek Network: Research Summary" (November 2026), Active Research — State Records/KY/Land Grants/Cluster B, personal files of David A. Ralls; the individual grant pages are at rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants.

[55] "Cluster B — The Weirs Creek Network: Research Summary" (November 2026), Active Research — State Records/KY/Land Grants/Cluster B, personal files of David A. Ralls; the individual grant pages are at rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants.

[56] Hopkins County, Kentucky, Deed Book 2, pp. 33–35, John McCormack to William Rainey, 24 February 1815, as abstracted in "William Owen Jr.," individual detail report (The Master Genealogist, c. 2000), Owen — (Source Documents)/Owen, Jr, William folder, personal files of David A. Ralls.

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Weir surveys, and the same deputy surveyor, Will Ward, surveyed it in April 1800. The two networks are tied by people, not by shared corners: Simon Kuykendall and William Stewart carried the chain on Owen's 1800 survey, and both appear again in the Weirs Creek grants.[57]

Hypothesis: William Jr. followed the same path as his parents and siblings. William[2] Owen, Jr. is last found in Pittsylvania County in 1777 and next in Kentucky in 1798, a gap of twenty-one years. In those years his parents moved from Pittsylvania County to Rowan County, North Carolina, and then to Wilkes County, Georgia. His brothers Reuben and Obediah were mustered into the Wilkes County militia in 1793, and his brother Ezra married Lydia Vance, a native of Georgia, the same year. Reuben, Ezra and Franklin then came to Henderson County, Kentucky, where William Jr. was already settled by October 1798. It is probable that William Jr. made the same moves, and that he married Sarah Edmondson in North Carolina or Georgia, but no record yet places him in either state.[58]

[57] "Cluster A Research Summary" (November 2026), Active Research — State Records/KY/Land Grants/Cluster A, personal files of David A. Ralls; "Cluster B — The Weirs Creek Network: Research Summary" (November 2026), Active Research — State Records/KY/Land Grants/Cluster B, personal files of David A. Ralls; the individual grant pages are at rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants.

[58] See "The Parentage of William[2] Owen" above; Carole M. Castleberry, *The Montgomery and Owen Family History and Genealogy* (Springhill, LA: privately published, 1997), p. 113–115.

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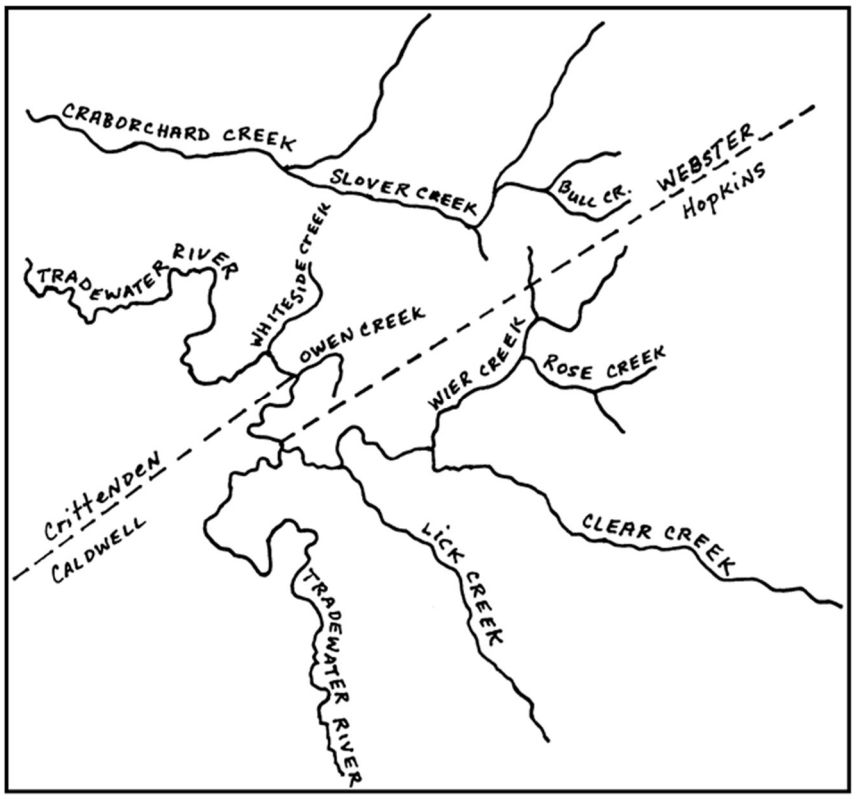
Figure 1.

Owen Creek and Surrounding Area



North of Clear Creek is Owens Creek named for William Owen. Other landowners along Owens Creek are William Stuart, James Wilson, Jesse Walker, John McCormack, and John Robertson. North of Owens Creek is Whiteside Creek. Whiteside Creek is named for its two primary settlers, Samuel and William Whitesides. Crab Orchard Creek is the next creek flowing into the Tradewater. Thomas Cooper[59] has a land grant along Bull Creek which flowed into Slover Creek and then into Crab Orchard. Other early settlers found in this area in 1799 are Simon Kuykendal and James Thomkins.

[59] Whether this Thomas Cooper is the man of that name in Wilkes County, Georgia, has not been determined.

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William Owen is a chain carrier on Simon Kuykendall's survey (KLG 3395) on 02 October 1799; Kuykendall assigned that land to James Wilson on 6 June 1807.[60] He is listed on a land survey for William Stuart on 21 Jun 1800.[61]

These records establish William Owen in the Hopkins County vicinity at least six year prior to a recording of Willis.

Land Records

Note on Land Patent Process: The person holding the land at the time obtained Land patents. The land may have been entered and surveyed in one name and patented in another name. Between each step in the land patent process, the land could be assigned to someone else. Kentucky Land Grants obtained by William Owen and subsequent transactions for these lands are:

Kentucky Land Grant 4998

Warrant: William Owen entered a Warrant in the Henderson County Court, January 1802 for 200 acres. Survey: "Beginning at white oak, thence N57W, 200 poles; ...hickory and dogwood, thence N33E, 160 poles; ... hickory and dogwood in Calvin Merry's line, thence S57E, 200 poles along Merry's line; ... black oak, thence S33W, 160 poles to the beginning." Wit. William Whiteside, chain carrier, Joseph Henderson, chain carrier, William Owen, marker. The land was surveyed on 24 March 1805 and recorded in Book 5, pg. 269, 29 Dec 1806. Grant: William Owen was issued the grant on 15th August 1807.[62]

> Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 4, p. 166, 18 Nov 1822 – Wm. Owen of Henry County, TN conveys to Jesse Woodson 200 acres for $1200 ... being where Owen formerly resided. *"Beginning at a red oak corner to Micheal Harmon; thence N57W, 200 poles; ... to a hickory and dogwood; thence S33W, 160 poles; ... to a red oak; thence S57E, 200 poles; ... to a white oak; thence to the beginning."* Wit: Watkins Fuquay, Lewis Wilson, Charles M. Owen. Ack. by Wm. Owen and rec. 14 Apr 1823.[63]

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[60] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 3395, James Wilson (assignee of Simon Kuykendall), 200 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-3395/.

[61] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 2890, William Stuart, 200 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-2890/.

[62] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 4998, William Owen, 200 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-4998/.

[63] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 4, 1821–1830," pages 166-67, William Owen to Jesse Woodson, 18 Nov 1822; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-N9WP-Z : accessed 29 May 2026), image 109 of 525; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,070.

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Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 4, p. 167, 18 Nov 1822 – Mortgage Jesse Woodson mortgages land - see Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 4/166.[64]

Circuit Court Commissioners Deed Book 1819 - 1842, 14 Jul 1828 – Samuel Woodson, Commissioner appointed by Hopkins Circuit Court at March term in sd. year, by a decree of sd. court in a suit in chancery instituted by Charles Owen and Rice Williams, administrators of William Owen dec'd, *complainants*, and Jesse Woodson, *defendant*, convey to Charles Owen, for sum of $150, a tract of 200 acres in Hopkins County, beg. at a red oak corner to Michael Harmon … Rec. Sep term 1828.

Kentucky Land Grant 4999

Warrant: John Robertson entered a Warrant in the Henderson County Court, July 1803 for 200 acres. Survey: "Beginning at a white oak in William Owens line, thence N57W, 160 poles; … black oak and hickory, thence S33W, 160 poles; … white oak on the bluff of Tradewater, thence S57E, 213 poles; … hickory, thence N33E, 120 poles; …3 dogwoods in William Owens line, thence N57W, 53 poles along William Owens line; … to the corner hickory and dogwood, thence N33E, 40 poles; … along William Owens line to the beginning." William Whiteside, chain carrier, Joseph Henderson, chain carrier, William Owen, marker. The land was surveyed for John Robertson on 24 March 1805 and recorded in Book 5, pg. 269, 29 Dec 1806. The certificate was assigned to William Owen on 05 October 1805. William Owen paid and received a survey receipt on 14 August 1807. Grant: William Owen was issued the grant on 15th August 1807.[65]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 1, p. 14, 3 Jun 1808 Wm. Owen conveys to John McCormack, for sum of $1, tract of land (no acreage given, but survey indicates 90 acres), *"Beginning at a hickory; thence N33E, 120 poles; … to three dogwoods in Wm. Owens line; thence N57W, 40 poles; … to a dogwood and hickory; thence N33E, 40 poles; … a white oak; thence N57W, 60 poles; … to a white oak, black gum; thence S33W, 160 poles; … to three poplar saplings; thence to the beginning."* Wit: John Robertson, Willis Rowles. "The within deed is for a tract of headright land … Owen disposes only of all his title to said land…"[66]

Hopkins Co. Order Bk. No. 1-A, 25 Jul 1808 An indenture of bargain and sale between William Owen of the one part and John McCormack of the other part was exhibited into

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[64] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 4, 1821–1830," pages 166-67, William Owen to Jesse Woodson, 18 Nov 1822; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-N9WP-Z : accessed 29 May 2026), image 109 of 525; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,070.

[65] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 4999, William Owen (assignee of John Robertson), 200 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-4999/.

[66] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 1, 1807-1816," pages 14-16, John McCormack, 23 June 1808; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-M9VS-3 : accessed 19 September 2024), image 14 of 268; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,047.

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Court and together with the endorsement thereon was acknowledged by the said Owen to be his act and deed and ordered to be recorded.[67]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 2, pp. 33-35, 24 Feb 1815 John McCormack conveys to Wm. Rainy of Gibson County, Indiana Territory, for $200, two tracts totaling 150 acres (100 acres of KLG 4999 and 50 acres of KLG 5342) ... beg. at a hickory, thence North 33 East ... Wit: E. Givens, Benj. Bembery. Proved 12 Feb 1816 and 20 Feb 1817.[68]

[See Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 1, p. 268, 24 Feb 1815 under KLG 5342 for the disposal of these 100 acres along with an additional 50 acres; William Rainey and Nancy his wife, of Gibson Co. & Indiana Territory conveyed to Benjamin Bembry of Hopkins Co., KY a tract of land on water of Tradewater River containing 150 acres. $300.00. Sam Woodson, Clk, pp. 268-269.][69]

[To-date, only the 100 acres William Owen > John McCormack > William Rainey > Benjamin Bembry has been identified. The 100 acres balance that Willis Ralls paid taxes on in 1808 is unaccounted.]

Kentucky Land Grant 5341

Warrant: Part of a [removed] certificate number 369 granted by Livingston County in March 1802 laying in Henderson County. Survey: *"Beginning at an ash standing in Owens former survey on the bank of the branch, thence N30E, 250 poles ... passing Owens corner and running with Calvin Merry's line; ... two ashes, thence S40E, 270 poles ... running with Robertson and McClendall lines; ... white oak in Stuart's line, thence S85W, 70 poles; ... hickory in Wilson's line, thence N, 20 poles; ... white oak, thence W, 190 poles to the beginning."* Willis Rolls, chain carrier, John McCormack, chain carrier, William Owen, marker. Survey for William Owen, assignee of Justinian Cartwright, assignee of Jeremiah Holcomb 150 acres on 11 Nov. 1806. Survey receipt for William Owen dated 5 March 1810. Grant: Issued on 6 March 1810.[70]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 1, p. 57, 14 May 1810 Wm. Owen conveys to Gilbert Christian, for sum of $1, tract of land (no acreage given, however survey indicates 61.4 acres), *"Beginning at a white oak and hickory near the bank of Owens branch; thence N64W, 26 poles; ... to a white and red oak; thence N42E, 26 poles; ... two dogwoods; thence N40W, 20 poles; ... ash*

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[67] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 101.

[68] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 2, 1816-1821," pages 33-35, John McCormack to William Rainey, 24 Feb 1815; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-N3NK-M : accessed 30 May 2026), images 28-29 of 476; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,071.

[69] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 1, 1807-1816," pages 268-269, William Rainey to Benjamin Bembry, 24 Feb 1815; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-M9JB-6 : accessed 30 May 2026), images 158-159 of 268; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,047.

[70] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 5341, William Owen (assignee of Justinian Cartwright), 150 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-5341/.

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and hickory; thence N50E, 18 poles; ... white oak; thence N61W, 40 poles; ... ash in Calvin Merry's line; thence S33W, 170 poles; ... red oak; thence S57E, 48 poles; ... two elms and hickory on south side of the branch and an elm on the north side, beginning of Montgomery's survey; thence up the meanders to the beginning." Wit: A. Thompson, Joseph Henderson, John Montgomery. "Owen disposes of his title only... [same wording as in 1/14]. Rec. 21 May 1810.[71]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 1, p. 59, 14 May 1810 Wm. Owen conveys to John Montgomery, for sum of $1, land on south side of Owens branch (no acreage given, however survey indicates 75.9 acres),... *"Beginning at the same corner as Gilbert Christian; thence S57E, 30 poles; ... white oak on a hill; thence E, 60 poles; ... to an oak and mulberry; thence E, 42 poles; ... white oak corner of Wilson's survey; thence S, 16 poles; ... ash in Wilson's line; thence N87E, 70 poles; ... white oak in Stewart's line; thence N40W, 150 poles; ... black and white oak on the branch; thence N26W, 16 poles; ... white oak and hickory; thence down the meanders of Owens Creek to the biggening."* Wit: A. Thompson, Joseph Henderson, Gilbert Christian. Rec. 21 May 1810.[72]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 4, p. 63, 1 Mar 1822 Wm. Owen conveys to Michael Harman, 15 acres for sum of $60. "Beginning at a red oak corner of William Owen and Calvin Merry's survey; thence S57E, 86 poles; ... stake in Wilsons line; thence with Wilson's line, W, 86 poles; ... to a stake in Owens line; thence with Owens line, N33E, 56 poles to the beginning." Wit: Wm. Corbitt, James M. Rice, Wm. Rice.[73]

[These three land transactions represent the disposal of the 150 acres of land in Kentucky Land Grant 5341.]

Kentucky Land Grant 5342

Warrant: Jeremiah Holcomb is entitled to 200 acres in Livingston County, 02 March 1802. Livingston County February Court 1806, the certificate was permitted to be removed due to the land taken by a prior claim, certificate 369. Survey: *"Beginning at a white oak and 3 dogwoods standing in a line of said Owen's, thence S30W, 120 poles; ... hickory corner of said Owen's, thence S60E, 62.5 poles; ... hickory and elm in the line of Walker's 200 acre survey, thence N35E, 125*

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[71] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 1, 1807-1816," pages 57-59, William Owen to Gilbert Christian, 14 May 1810; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-M9VM-J : accessed 19 September 2024), image 40 of 268; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,047.

[72] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 1, 1807-1816," pages 59-60, William Owen to John Montgomery, 14 May 1810; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-M9VM-D : accessed 19 September 2024), image 41 of 268; FHL microfilm 551,682, Image Group (DGS) 8,151,047.

[73] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 4, 1821–1830," pages 63-64, William Owen to Michael Harmon, 1 Mar 1822; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-N94Q-H : accessed 29 May 2026), images 48-49 of 525; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,070.

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poles; ... dogwood and elm corner of Walker's survey, thence N60W, 72.5 poles to the beginning." Willis Rolls, chain carrier, John McCormack, chain carrier, William Owen, marker. Survey for William Owen, assignee of Justinian Cartwright, assignee of Jeremiah Holcomb for 50 acres on 11 November 1806, Henderson County. William Owen purchased the certificate from Justinian Cartwright on 25 August 1806. Auditor's Office receipt for the $7.28 balance, recorded in Jeremiah Holcomb's name, dated 18 October 1814. The certificate was assigned to John McCormack on 03 August 1807. Grant: John McCormack assignee of William Owen, assignee of Justinian Cartwright, assignee of Jeremiah Holcomb for 50 acres on 18 October 1814.[74]

> Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 2, p. 33-35, 24 Feb 1815 John McCormack conveys to Wm. Rainy of Gibson County, Indiana Territory, 150 acres of $200 ... beg. at a hickory, thence North 33 East. Wit: E. Givens, Benj. Bembery. Proved by Givens 12 Feb 1816 and by Bembry 20 Feb 1817, then recorded in Book 2.[75]
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> > Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 1, p. 268, 24 Feb 1815 Wm. Rainey and wife Nancy of Gibson County, Indiana Territory convey to Benjamin Bembry of Hopkins county, for sum of $300, 150 acres of land - 100 acres granted to Wm. Owens [see KLG 4999] who sold to John McCormack and 50 acres from John McCormack land grant [See KLG5342], lying on Tradewater River ... "Beginning at a hickory thence North 33 East 120 poles to the dogwoods in William Owen line thence with his line N 57 W 40 poles to a dogwood and hickory thence N 33 East 40 poles to a [page 269] white oak thence North 57 W 60 poles to white oak & black gum thence South 33 West 160 poles to three poplar saplings thence to the Beginning being 100 acres by survey; also fifty acres running as follows (to wit) Beginning at a white oak and three dogwoods standing in said survey above mentioned and running South thirty west 120 poles to a hickory corner of said survey thence S. 60 E 62 ½ poles to a Hickory and Elm standing in a line of Walkers survey thence N. 35 E 125 poles to a dogwood and Elm corner of said Walkers survey thence N. 60 W 72 ½ poles to the Beginning" ... Rec. 25 Feb 1815[76]

[The disposition of the 50 acres of KLG 5342 has been accounted for.]

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[74] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 5342, John McCormack (assignee of William Owen), 50 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-5342/.

[75] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 2, 1816-1821," pages 33-35, John McCormack to William Rainey, 24 Feb 1815; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-N3NK-M : accessed 30 May 2026), images 28-29 of 476; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,071.

[76] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 1, 1807-1816," pages 268-269, William Rainey to Benjamin Bembry, 24 Feb 1815; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-M9JB-6 : accessed 30 May 2026), images 158-159 of 268; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,047.

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Kentucky Land Grant 5352

Warrant: Charles Kelley was permitted to remove a location for 200 acres being part of his 400 acre survey … that was taken by prior claim, Livingston County Court, 1805. Survey: *"Beginning at an elm and dogwood standing in a line of William Owen's 200 acre survey, thence S35W, 262 poles crossing a branch several times; … white oak, thence E, 240 poles; … two ashes corner of James Wilson's 200 acre survey, thence N, 180 poles; … ash, white oak, red bud, thence W, 60 poles; … hickory and ash on the side of a hill, thence N40W; 40 poles to the beginning."* William Owen, chain carrier, Willis Rolls, chain carrier. The land was surveyed on 25 July 1806. Charles Kelley assigned the certificate to Justinian Cartwright, who assigned the certificate to William French who assigned the certificate to Jesse Walker 15th May 1806. Jesse Walker paid and received a receipt for the survey on 14th August 1807. Grant: Jesse Walker was issued the grant on 22nd January 1812.[77]

> [Note: William Owen also witnessed William French's assignment of this certificate to Jesse Walker on 15 May 1806. On 10 June 1816 Walker, then of St. Clair County, Illinois Territory, appointed Owen his attorney to sell this 200-acre tract (see Court Records), and the 1815–1816 Hopkins tax lists charge Owen with 200 acres entered and surveyed by J. Walker.][78]

Kentucky Land Grant 8126

Warrant: Joseph Henderson entered a Warrant in the Henderson County Court, February 1805 for 270 acres. (Note: The Warrant indicates 270 acres, but the survey is for 303 acres.) Survey: *"Beginning at a poplar, thence N51E, 180 poles; … hickory and white oak in Sam'l Whiteside's line, thence S57E, 200 poles; … corner poplar and black oak, thence S33W, 60 poles with a line of Calvin Merry's; … black gum and hickory, thence S57E, 60 poles along another of said's lines; … William Owen's Corner, hickory and dogwood, thence S33W, 120 poles along William Owen's line; … John Robertson's corner, white oak, thence N57W, 314 poles to the beginning."* Sam'l Whitesides, chain carrier, Moses French, chain carrier, William Whitesides, marker. The land was surveyed on 14 February 1807 and recorded in Book 8, pg. 486. Joseph Henderson assigned the certificate to William Owen on 11th September 1807. William Owen paid and received a receipt for the survey on 28 November 1808. Grant: William Owen was issued the grant on 07th December 1808.[79]

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[77] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 5352, Jesse Walker (assignee of William French), 200 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-5352/.

[78] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 5352, Jesse Walker, assignee of William French; assignment endorsement, William French to Jesse Walker, 15 May 1806, witnessed by William Owen; abstracted in "Jesse_Walker_KLG_5352_Report," Land Grants/Walker, Jesse — Survey 5352, personal files of David A. Ralls; "1807-1820 Tax Roll Extractions" (spreadsheet abstracted from the Hopkins County, Kentucky, tax lists), OWEN folder, personal files of David A. Ralls, Genealogy folder, 1815 and 1816.

[79] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 8126, William Owen (assignee of Joseph Henderson), 270 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-8126/.

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Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 1, p. 61, 12 May 1810 Wm. Owen conveys to Joseph Henderson, (Note: the deed does not contain an acreage amount, however, the survey equates to 147 acres more or less) for sum of $27, tract of land *"Beginning at a hickory and white oak in Samuel Whitesides line, also a corner for William Whiteside; thence S57E, 200 poles along Samuel Whhitesides line; ... to a poplar and black oak in Calvin Merry's line; thence S33W, 60 poles; ... to a black gum and hickory corner of Calvin Merry's; thence N82W, 268 poles; ... to a white oak, hickory and dogwood on the NE side of a hill near a creek; thence N51E, 160 poles to the beginning."*... adj. survey made for Wm. Whitesides. Wit: Samuel Whitesides, Gilbt. Christian, Wm. Herren. Rec. 21 May 1810.[80]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 1, pp. 341-343, 19 Jan 1816 Wm. Owen conveys to William Corbit (Note the deed does not contain an acreage amount, however, the survey equates to 50 acres more or less) for the sum of $100 ..."Beginning at a hickory and black oak standing in Bernberry line and corner to John R. Dunning fifty acre tract; thence N57W, 100 poles with Dunnings line; ... two white oaks in W. Suggs line; thence N33E, 80 poles, with Suggs line; ... red oak corner to Suggs and in William Owen line; thence S57E, 100 poles, with Owen line; ... white oak and black gum in said line and corner to Bernberry; thence S33W, 80 poles with Bernberry line to the beginning." Wit: Asel Wier, John R Dunning. Rec. 31 Jan 1816.[81]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 2, pp. 176-177, 10 Mar 1818 Wm. Owen conveys to Andrew Jackson Dunning (Note the deed does not contain an acreage amount, however, the survey equates to 54.8 acres more or less.) for the sum $150 ... "Beginning at a black oak in Wily Suggs line; thence with said line, S57E, 6 poles; black oak and hickory corner to Suggs and Corbits surveys; thence along Corbits line 30 poles; ... two hickories; thence N33E, 115 poles; ... a stake in Joseph Henderson's line; thence N82W, 107 poles; ... a stake; thence S33W, 66 poles to the beginning." Wit. James Thompson, Sam Morton. Rec. 5 June 1818.[82]

Hopkins Co. Deed Bk. 4, p. 64, 4 Mar 1822 Wm. Owen conveys to Wm. Corbit 126 acres for $500 ... "Beginning at a white oak; thence N33E, 143 poles; ... to a dogwood standing in Calvin Merry's line; thence N57W, 64 poles; ... to a black gum corner of said Merry's survey; thence N82W, 98 poles; ... to a stake in Joseph Hendersons line; thence S57W, 100 poles;

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[80] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 1, 1807-1816," pages 61-62, William Owen to Joseph Henderson, 12 May 1810; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-M9V9-K : accessed 19 September 2024), image 42 of 268; FHL microfilm 551,682, Image Group (DGS) 8,151,047.

[81] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 1, 1807-1816," pages 341-343, William Owen to William Corbit, 19 Jan 1816; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-M9V3-K?cat=115197&i=200&lang=en : accessed 19 September 2024), images 201-202 of 268; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,047.

[82] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 2, 1816–1821," pages 176-177, William Owen to Andrew Jackson Dunning, 10 Mar 1818; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-N3N3-D : accessed 29 May 2026), image 106 of 475; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,071.

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> … to two hickories; thence S57E, 154 poles; … to the beginning." … Wit: Michael Harman, James R. Rice, William Rice. Rec. 8 April 1822.[83]

Note: The Kentucky Land Grant was for 270 acres, however the survey equated to 303 acres. Three hundred and seventy-seven acres of disposition of the land have been accounted. On 12 March 1813 William Owen of Hopkins County sold land in Union County to John R. Dunning of Union County for $100; this is probably the "John R. Dunning fifty-acre tract" named as a corner in Owen's 19 January 1816 deed to William Corbit, and it would account for part of the acreage of KLG 8126 that lay across the Union County line.][84]

[83] Hopkins, Kentucky, "Clerk of the County Court, Deeds, v. 4, 1821–1830," pages 64-65, William Owen to William Corbit, 4 Mar 1822; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKX-N94Z-9 : accessed 29 May 2026), image 49 of 525; FHL Image Group (DGS) 8,151,070.

[84] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 8126, William Owen, assignee of Joseph Henderson, Auditor's receipt 28 November 1808, patent 7 December 1808, Grant Book 5, pp. 313–314, abstracted in "William_Owen_KLG_8126_Report," Land Grants/Owen, William — Survey 8126; Union County, Kentucky, Deed Book A, p. 91, William Owen of Hopkins County to John R. Dunning of Union County, 12 March 1813, as abstracted in "William Owen Jr.," individual detail report (The Master Genealogist, c. 2000), "William Owen TMG," Owen — (Source Documents)/Owen, Jr, William folder, personal files of David A. Ralls (the deed itself has not been examined).

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Tax Records Found to Date

The following tax records collectively establish William Owen's presence and residency in Henderson County, KY (1799–1801) and Hopkins County, KY (1807–1820), and document his household composition during those periods.

The 1798 Christian County list, the Henderson County lists of 1802–1804 and the Hopkins County lists of 1812–1820 are abstracted below from transcriptions and spreadsheets in the author's files; the 1799–1801 and 1807–1811 lists are shown as before. The added years fill the gaps in the series and show William Owen paying tax as agent for absentee landowners after 1814.

1798 Christian County, Kentucky Tax Roll

"Owens, William" — 1 white male above 21, 2 horses, no land listed. [This may be William Owen, Jr. before the Tradewater area became Henderson County, or the William Owens of Livingston Creek, Christian County (see Research Notes).][85]

1799 Henderson County, Kentucky Tax Roll[86]

Date	Person Chargeable with Tax	Acres of Land	Waterway	White Male > 21	White Male < 16	Blacks > 16	Number of Blacks	hogs horses mules
Jul 15	McBey, Silase		Clear Creek Tradewater	2	2	2	4	5
Jul 1	Owens, Ezerah		Ohio Diamond Island	1	1			1
Jul 1	Owens, Ruben		Ohio Diamond Island					
Sep 12	Owens, William		Clear Creek	1	1			3
Jul 13	Stuart, William		Clear Creek Tradewater	1	1		1	4
Jul 13	Thomkins, James		Clear Creek	1	1	5	10	3

[85] 1798 Christian County, Kentucky, Tax Roll (transcription), Active Research — State Records/KY/Christian/Tax Rolls/1798, personal files of David A. Ralls. Henderson County was formed from Christian County in 1798–1799, so the Tradewater settlers of 1798 would have been listed in Christian County.

[86] 1799 Henderson County Tax Roll, transcription formerly online at members.aol.com/patander73/h1799tax.html (no longer available). Ezriah, Ruben and William Owens also appear on the 29 October 1799 Tax List, Henderson County, Kentucky (http://hendersonkyhistory.com/29Oct1799TaxList.htm : accessed 16 November 2026).

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1800 October 1 Henderson County, Kentucky Tax Roll[87]

Reuben Owens
William Owens
William Sturat
James Tompkins

1801 October 1 Henderson County, Kentucky Tax Roll[88]

Silas McBy
Ezrah Owen
Ruben Owen
William Owen
Christison Thompkins
James Thompkins

1802 Henderson County, Kentucky Tax Roll

July — "Owens, William," 200 acres, Henderson County, on Owens [Creek], entered in his own name; 1 white male above 21, 1 white male above 16, 1 horse. Also charged to others but entered in Owen's name: Amos Robertson, 200 acres on Owens Creek, and a 200-acre Rhea tract on Clear Creek.[89]

1803 Henderson County, Kentucky Tax Roll

26 August — "Owens, William," 400 acres on Tradewater, entered in his own name; 1 white male above 21, 1 white male above 16, 1 black above 16, 2 blacks in all, 2 horses. Amos Robertson again charged with 200 acres on Tradewater entered by William Owens.[90]

1804 Henderson County, Kentucky Tax Roll

1 August — "Owen, William," 200 acres on Tradewater entered in his own name and 200 acres on Tradewater entered by Jno. Calhoun[?]; 1 white male above 21, 1 white male above 16, 1 black above 16, 2 blacks in all, 3 horses.[91]

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[87] 1800 Henderson County Tax Roll (http://hendersonkyhistory.com/01Oct1800TaxList.htm).

[88] 1801 Henderson County Tax Roll (http://hendersonkyhistory.com/01Oct1801TaxList.htm).

[89] 1802 Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Roll (transcription), Active Research — State Records/KY/Henderson/Tax Rolls/1802, personal files of David A. Ralls, Genealogy folder.

[90] 1803 Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Roll (transcription), Active Research — State Records/KY/Henderson/Tax Rolls/1803, personal files of David A. Ralls, Genealogy folder.

[91] 1804 Henderson County, Kentucky, Tax Roll (transcription), Active Research — State Records/KY/Henderson/Tax Rolls/1804, personal files of David A. Ralls, Genealogy folder.

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1807 Hopkins County, KY Tax Roll[92]

Date	Particular Names	1st Rate Land	2nd Rate Land	3rd Rate Land	County Living In	Water Course Living On	In Whose Name Entered	Whose Name Surveyed	Whose Name Patented	White Male Above 21	White Male Above 16 Under 21	Blacks Above 16	Total Black	Horses	Stud Horses	Rates Covering	Retail Stores	Tavern License	Value Town Lot	Wheel Carriage
June 18th	McCormick, John			150	Hopkins	Tradewater	Wm. Owen	Ditto		1				1						
June 25th	McBee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	his own name	Ditto		1		2	6	10						
June 25th	McBee, Silas			400	Hopkins	Tradewater	Barbara Cates	Ditto												
June 25th	McBee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	Jno. Landers	Ditto												
June 25th	McBee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	Laurence Roleson	Ditto												
June 25th	McBee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	Wm. Wier	Ditto												
June 25th	McBee, Silas			300	Hopkins	Tradewater	Jas. Blue	Ditto	Ditto											
June 25th	McBee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	Hannah McBee	Ditto												
Jun 24th ?	Owens, William			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	his own name	Ditto		1		1	2	5						
Jun 24th ?	Owens, William			150	Hopkins	Tradewater														
Jun 24th ?	Owens, William			300	Hopkins	Tradewater	his own name	Ditto												
Jun 26th	Owen, Reubin			400	Hopkins	Deer Creek	his own name	Ditto		1				4						
June 23rd	Rolls, William			100	Hopkins	Tradewater	Wm. Owens	Ditto		1				1						
June 25th	Robertson, Robert			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	his own name	Ditto		1		1	1	5						
June 25th	Robertson, Robert			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	Silas McBee	Ditto												
June 25th	Robertson, Robert			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	Rob. Porter													
June 25th	Robertson, John			100	Hopkins	Tradewater	Martin Fugate													
June 26th	Thompkins, James			400	Hopkins	Deer Creek	his own name	Ditto		1		5	15	13						
June 25th	Wire, Russle			400	Hopkins	Tradewater	his own name	Ditto		1				10						
June 25th	Wire, Russle			2200	Hopkins	Tradewater	his own name	Ditto												

[92] Hopkins County, Kentucky, Tax Book, 1807; Tax Books, 1807–1875 (microfilm of originals, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, 1952–1953), FHL film 8,045, Image Group (DGS) 7,834,458 (image numbers to be added).

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1808 Hopkins County, KY Tax Roll[93]

Dates of Receiving Lists	Persons Name Charged with Tax	1st Rate Land	2nd Rate Land	3rd Rate Land	County in Which the Land Lies	Water Course on Which the Land Lies	In Whose Name Entered	Whose Name Surveyed	Whose Name Patented	White Male Above 21	White Male Above 16 Under 21	Blacks Above 16	Total Blacks	Horses Mares	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering Per Season	Retail Stores	Tavern License	Value Town Lot	Wheel Carriage
12th Augt	Conner, Isham			100	Hopkins	Lick Creek	Zach Wade	same		1	1			2						
7th June	Mc Bee, Silas			300	Hopkins	Bull Creek	J. Blue ?	same	same											
7th June	Mc Bee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Musgroves Creek	S. Mc Bee	same												
7th June	Mc Bee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Musgroves Creek	Jno. Landers	S. Mc Bee												
7th June	Mc Bee, Silas			400	Hopkins	Musgroves Creek	Bar. Cates	S. Mc Bee												
7th June	Mc Bee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Musgroves Creek	L. Rolleson	S. Mc Bee												
7th June	Mc Bee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Rows Creek ?	Wm. R. Weir	Bozell Weir ?												
7th June	Mc Bee, Silas			200	Henderson	Pond Creek	H. Mc Bee			1		2	6	14						
8th June	Mc Cormick, John			100	Hopkins	Owens Creek	Wm. Owen	same	same											
8th June	Mc Cormick, John			50	Hopkins	Owens Creek	J. Mc Cormack	same		1				1						
4th June ?	Owen, Reuben			405	Hopkins	Deer Creek	R. Owen	same		1	1		1	6						
?	Owen, William			485						1		2	2	5						
4th June	Rowls, Willis			100	Hopkins	Tradewater	Wm. Owen	same		1				3						
4th June	Robertson, John			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	John Robertson	same	same	1				2						
6th July	Robertson, Lewis			100	Hopkins	Elk Creek	Jno. Matloch ?	same		1				1						
12th Augt	Robertson, William									1				1						
4th ?	Robertson, Robert			200	Hopkins	Crab Orchard Fork	R. Robertson	same												
4th ?	Robertson, Robert			200	Hopkins	Crab Orchard Fork	R. Robertson	same												
4th ?	Robertson, Robert			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	R. Robertson	same												
4th ?	Robertson, Robert			400	Henderson	Cainy Fork	R. Robertson	same		1		1	1	5						
12th Augt	Robertson, Wm.									1				1						
21st July	Tompkins, James		200		Hopkins	Crab Orchard Fork	J. Tompkins	same	same											
21st July	Tompkins, James		200		Hopkins	Crab Orchard Fork	same	same	same	1		8	15	14						
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			400																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			200																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			400																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			400																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			400																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			200																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			200																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			200																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			282																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			200																
13th Augt	Weir, Russel			200						1				13						

[93] Hopkins County, Kentucky, Tax Book, 1808; Tax Books, 1807–1875 (microfilm of originals, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, 1952–1953), FHL film 8,045, Image Group (DGS) 7,834,458 (image numbers to be added).

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1811 Hopkins County, KY Tax Roll[94]

Dates of Receiving Lists	Persons Name Charged with Tax	1st Rate Land	2nd Rate Land	3rd Rate Land	County in Which the Land Lies	Water Course on Which the Land Lies	In Whose Name Entered	Whose Name Surveyed	Whose Name Patented	White Male Above 21	Blacks Above 16	Total Blacks	Horses Mares	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering Per Season	Retail Stores	Tavern License	Value Town Lot	Wheel Carriage
	Conner, Isaac?									1			1						
	Conner, Isham?			100	Hopkins	Clear Creek	J. Barker	same		1			1						
	Conner, Lucy?			100	Hopkins	Clear Creek	Z. Wade	same					1						
	Christian, Gilbert			100	Hopkins	Tradewater	C. Merry	same											
	Christian, Gilbert			25	Hopkins	Tradewater	W. Owen	same	same	1	2	5	3						
	Edmunston, James									1			1						
	Mc Bee, Silas			300	Hopkins	Bull Creek	J. Blue	same	same										
	Mc Bee, Silas			200	Hopkins	Musgroves Cr.	L. Rollison	S. Mc Bee	same	1	5	8	10						
	Mc Cormack, John			100	Hopkins	Clear Creek	Spill Brown	same		1			3						
	Owen, William			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	W. Owen	same	same										
	Owen, William			135	Hopkins	Tradewater	J. Henderson	same	W. Owen										
	Owen, William			20	Hopkins	Tradewater	J. Robertson	W. Owen	same										
	Owen, William			5	Hopkins	Tradewater		same		1	2	3	6	1	1				
	Owen, Franklin			200	Hopkins	Deer Creek	W. Mc Combs	Jo. Berry		1			3						
	Owen, Reuben			400	Hopkins	Deer Creek	R. Owen	same		1		1	7						
	Robertson, John			300	Hopkins	100 Elk Creek	W. Fugate	same											
	Robertson, John					200 Flat Creek	J. Davis	same	same	1		1	4						
	Robertson, Lewis			100	Hopkins	Elk Creek	W. Fugate	same		1			1						
	Richards, Lewis			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	W. Whitesides	same		1	2	6	4						
	Robertson, Ro.			200	Hopkins	Crab Orchard	S. Mc Bee	same	R. Robertson	1	1	2	6						
	Robertson, John			200	Hopkins	Tradewater	J. Robertson	same	same										
	Robertson, John			20	Hopkins	Tradewater	E. Givens	same		1			3						
	Tompkins, James			400	Hopkins	same	J. Thompkins	same	same	1	6	16	10						
	Wier, Wm. R.			178	Hopkins	Wiers Creek	L. Cates	R. Wier	same										
	Wier, Wm. R.			400	Hopkins	Wiers Creek	W. R. Wier	same	same										
	Wier, Wm. R.			200	Hopkins	C. Orchard	same	same	same										
	Wier, Wm. R.			400	Hopkins	Wiers Creek	S. Branson	same	W. Wier										
	Wier, Wm. R.			200	Hopkins	R Creek ?	R. F. ?	B. Wier	same										
	Wier, Wm. R.			200	Hopkins	Wiers Creek	B. Wier	same	W. Wier										
	Wier, Wm. R.			200	Hopkins	Clear Creek	same	same	same										
	Wier, Wm. R.			400	Hopkins	Wier Creek	T. Poses ?	same	W. Wier										
	Wier, Wm. R.			282	Hopkins	Wier Creek	A. Claton ?	same	same										
	Wier, Wm. R.			200	Hopkins	Wier Creek	H. Mc Bee	same	same										
	Wier, Wm. R.			200	Hopkins	Wier Creek	L. Rollison	W. Wier		1			10					$400	

1812–1820 Hopkins County, Kentucky Tax Rolls

1812 — 200 acres (his own entry, survey and patent), 135 acres (entered and surveyed by J. Henderson, patented by Owen), 50 acres (entered by J. Robertson) and 5 acres; 1 white male above 21, 2 above 16, 3 blacks above 16, 7 horses.[95]

1813 — The same four tracts (200, 135, 50 and 5 acres); 1 white male above 21, 3 above 16, 5 blacks above 16, 6 horses.

1815 — His own 200, 135 and 5 acres, plus tracts held for others: 200 acres (S. Wallace/W. Stewart), 170 acres (J. Daniel/W. Stewart), 200 acres (J. Jones/W. Stewart), 40 acres (W. Stewart), 200 acres (W. Holloman/W. Stewart) and 200 acres (J. Walker); 1 white male above 21, 3 blacks above 16, 7 blacks in all, 8 horses.

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[94] Hopkins County, Kentucky, Tax Book, 1811; Tax Books, 1807–1875 (microfilm of originals, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, 1952–1953), FHL film 8,045, Image Group (DGS) 7,834,458 (image numbers to be added).

[95] "1807-1820 Tax Roll Extractions" (spreadsheet abstracted from the Hopkins County, Kentucky, tax lists), OWEN folder, personal files of David A. Ralls, Genealogy folder.

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1816 — The same pattern: his own 200, 135 and 5 acres and the Stewart, Holloman, Daniel, Wallace and Walker tracts.

1820 — 200 acres (his own), 85 acres (entered by Jo. Henderson), 5 acres and a ½-acre town lot (entered by E. Slaton, patented by J. Woodson); 1 white male above 21, 2 above 16, 5 blacks above 16, 4 horses. Also listed as "Owen [Agent]" for 200 acres each of J. Holloman/W. Stewart, Js. Jones and S. Wallace, and 170 acres of Js. Daniel.

> [The agency entries follow William Stewart's power of attorney of 5 November 1814 and Jesse Walker's of 10 June 1816. The ½-acre lot is lot 18 in Bellville, bought from Jesse Woodson on 11 October 1818.]

Census Records

1810 — Hopkins County, Kentucky

Census[96]

Wm Owen

3	males under 10	[Charles McCormack Owen, b. c1800 to Sarah]
		[**James W. Owen**, b. c1803 to Sarah]
		[**Unknown Owen**, b. bet. 1800-1810 to Sarah]
1	male 10 — 15	[**Unknown Owen**, b. bet. 1795-1800 to Sarah]
1	male 16 — 25	[**Unknown Owen**, b. bet. 1785-1795 to Sarah]
1	male 45 and over	[William]
2	females under 10	[**Elizabeth Owen**, b. c1800 to Sarah]
		[**Agatha Owen**, b. bet. 1800-1810 to Sarah]
1	female 10 — 15	[**Margaret Owen**, [b. before1800] to Sarah]
1	female 26 — 44	[Sarah]
3	slaves	

COMMENTS

Neighbors (p. 375-7)
Rueben Owen (brother to William Owen, Jr.)
Benjamin Berry
John Berry
John Robertson

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[96] 1810 U.S. Census, Madisonville, Hopkins Co., Kentucky; Page: 376; NARA microfilm publication M252, Roll 6.

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William Berry
John Bourland
Silas McBee

1820 — Hopkins County, Kentucky

Census[97]

2	males under 10	[**Samuel B. Owen**, b. c1815 to Sarah]
		[**Jesse M. Owen**, b. aft. 1817 to Sarah]
1	male 16 — 18	[**James W. Owen**, b. c1803 to Sarah]
3	male 16 — 25	[Charles McCormack Owen, b. c1800 to Sarah; m. Mary Harmon]
		[**Unknown Owen**, b. bet. 1795-1804 to Sarah]
		[**Unknown Owen**, b. bet. 1795-1804 to Sarah]
1	male 45 and over	[William]
2	females under 10	[**Priscilla Owen**, b. c1811 to Sarah; married **Clabourn Foster**]
		[**Sarah M. Owen**, b. c1819 to Sarah; married **Israel Clark**]
2	female 10 — 15	[**Martha Owen**, b. bet. 1811-1820 to Sarah; m. **Nazry Byrd**]
		[**Agatha Owen**, b. bet. 1800-1810 to Sarah; m. **Thomas P. Hewlett**]
1	female 45 and over	[Sarah]
2	male slaves under 14	
1	female slave under 14	
2	female slaves 14 — 25	

William Owen

[97] 1820 U S Census, Hopkins, Kentucky; Page: 258; NARA microfilm publication Roll: M33_23; Image: 150.

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Court Records

Henderson County, KY

18 October 1798 — Henderson Co., KY — William Owen receives certificate No. 3475 for 200 acres on a creek that flows into the Tradwater.[98]

> William Owen Enters 200 Acres of Sec[d] Rate land by Virtue of the Commissioners Certificate No 3475 Beginning on a Branch of Tradewater Runing into Tradewater just above the [Round] Pond Runing up the Creek westwardly thence Northwardly for quantity to include his Improvement. Granted the 18 of October 1798. April 15th 1800.
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> [Note: Commissioners' Certificate No. 3475 is the certificate on which Eleazer Givens' KLG 3147 (filed as "3147 No. 2") was patented. The two records describe the same claim: on 16 April 1800 Will Ward, D.S., surveyed 200 acres for William Owen "on the first creek above the Round Ponds of Tradewater," with Simon Kuykendall and William Stuart carrying the chain. In October 1805 Owen assigned the survey to Amos Robertson without recourse. Robertson assigned it to Frederick McClendon on 30 October 1805 (witnesses Reding Stokes and Sarah Horton); McClendon assigned it to David Colyer on 7 September 1807; and Colyer assigned it to Eleazer Givens on 11 December 1807 (witness Samuel Whitesides). The balance was paid in William Owen's name on 15 December 1814, and the patent issued to Givens on 16 December 1814. This explains why the 1802 and 1803 Henderson County tax lists charge Amos Robertson with 200 acres on Owens Creek "entered in the name of William Owens," and why the Hopkins lists of 1808–1820 charge Givens with 200 acres entered and surveyed by Owen.][99]

1 January 1799 — Christian Co., KY — A William Owens is surveyed 200 acres on Livingston Creek, Christian County (Commissioners' Certificate No. 4411, 8 November 1798), and is patented the tract as William Owen on 20 December 1811 (KLG 1558). [Probably another man; see Research Notes.][100]

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[98] "Henderson County, Kentucky, Land Grants, 1799-1807, p. 20," image 36 of 385, DGS 008272199; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS5D-LN2Z : accessed 20 July 2026).

[99] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 3147 (No. 2), Eleazer Givens, assignee of David Collier, assignee of Frederick McClendon, assignee of Amos Robertson, assignee of William Owen, 200 acres, Henderson County: Commissioners' Certificate No. 3475, 18 October 1798; survey 16 April 1800, recorded Book 3, p. 470; assignments of October 1805, 30 October 1805, 7 September 1807 and 11 December 1807; Auditor's receipt, 15 December 1814; patent, 16 December 1814; abstracted in "Eleazer Givens_KLG_3147.2_Report," Active Research — State Records/KY/Land Grants/Givens, Eleizer — Survey 3147.2, personal files of David A. Ralls.

[100] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 1558, William Owens, 200 acres, Christian County, Commissioners' Preemption Certificate No. 4411 (8 November 1798), survey 1 January 1799 (William Story and John Ross, chain men; William Owens, marker), recorded Book 2, p. 242; Auditor's receipt, 9 December 1811; patent, 20 December 1811, Grant Book 5, p. 343; abstracted in "William_Owen_KLG_1558_Report," Land Grants/Owen, William — Survey 1558, personal files of David A. Ralls.

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21 June 1800 — Henderson Co., KY — William Stuart's survey of 21 June 1800 (KLG 2890) names William Owen and Simon Kuykendall as chain carriers. The survey was received at the Land Office on 26 August 1800 and recorded in Book 3, p. 338; Stuart paid the state price and Grant No. 2890 issued on 7 July 1806. (The patent image filed with 2890, delivered to John Handley, belongs to Stuart's separate grant KLG 2568, dated 25 July 1809.)[101]

5 July 1800 — Henderson Co., KY — William Owen is identified in the chain of title.[102]

> Mathew Yocom assignee of Edm[d] Talbot assignee of William Owens Assignee of George Smith Enters 20 Acres of Land By virtue of the Commissioners Certificate N 3330 on the waters of [Grave] Creek Beginning at 3 post Oaks thence N[o] 200 poles thence Westward for Complement. July 5 1800.
>
> I Doe hereby Certify that the within Certificate was permitted to be removed at a Quarter Session Court June the 24, 1800 satisfactory proof being made to the Court that It was taken by a prior claim. Enoch Prince C.L.C

Hopkins County, KY — 1807–1814

7 October 1807 — Hopkins Co., KY — William Owens and Samuel Whitesides carry the chain, with Joseph Henry as marker, for Eli Bishop, D.S., on two surveys made the same day on the Crab Orchard Fork of Tradewater: 200 acres for Shadrack Holder (KLG 8557) and 374 acres for John Whitesides (KLG 7022).[103]

26 October 1807 — Hopkins Co., KY — Will: The Last Will and Testament of William Whitesides, dec. was exhibited into Court and proven by the oaths of Eliezer Givens and Thomas Park, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and the motion of Samuel Whitesides and Meshack Lewellen, Executors in the said Will named (who made oath as law directs) certificate is granted them for obtaining proval thereof in duo form, they giving security. Whereupon the said Whitesides and Lewellen with Eliezer Givens, their security, executed bond in the penalty one thousand and five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs. And on motion of the said Executors, it is ordered that William Owen, William Herron, Abraham Landers and Robert Robertson or any three of them (first being duly sworn) do appraise in current money the personal estate and slaves (if any) of the said Decedent and return an inventory to this Court.[104]

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[101] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 2890 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 3729), William Stuart, 200 acres, Henderson County; report and images at https://rallsdna.com/kentucky-land-grants/klg-2890/.

[102] "Henderson County, Kentucky, Land Grants, 1799-1807, p. 26," image 42 of 385, DGS 008272199; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS5D-LNJ9 : accessed 19 July 2026).

[103] Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 8557, Shadrack Holder, assignee of Thomas Fields, assignee of Aaron Robertson, survey 7 October 1807, recorded Book 9, p. 194; and Grant No. 7022, John Whitesides, survey 7 October 1807, recorded Book 7, p. 584; abstracted in "Shadrack_Holder_KLG_8557_Report" and "John Whitesides_KLG_7022_Report," Active Research — State Records/KY/Land Grants, personal files of David A. Ralls.

[104] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 80.

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26 October 1807 — Hopkins Co., KY — On the application of Eliezer Givens, it is ordered that William Owen, Robert Robertson, William Stewart and Russel Wier or ant three of them (first being duly sworn) do view a way for a road to be conducted from Anderson's ferry on Tradewater to the County line on a direction to Harpe's head and report to this Court at the next Term, truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences that will result as well to individuals as to the public, should such proposed way be opened.[105]

23 May 1808 — Hopkins Co., KY — On the application of Eliezer Givens, it is ordered that William Stewart, William Owen, Robert Robertson and John Robertson or any three of them (first being duly sworn) do view a way for a road to be conducted from Anderson's ferry to the road from the Red Banks to Centreville at or near Harpe's head and report to this Court at the next Term the conveniences and inconveniences that will result as well to individuals as to the public, should such the proposed way be opened.[106]

25 July 1808 — Hopkins Co., KY — This day William Stewart, William Owen, Robert Robertson, and John Robertson who were appointed at the last Term of this Court to view a way for a way for a road to be conducted from Anderson's ferry into the road from Red Banks to Centreville at or near Harpe's head brought into Court, their report in the words and figures following: "Being first sworn according to an order of Court, we have viewed a road leading from Anderson's ferry on Tradewater to Harpe's head so as to intersect the County line. Beginning a Slaton's land; thence through William Owen's land; thence through E. Givens land; thence through widow Horton, thence through R. Robertson's land; thence through unknown land; thence through Absolom Landers; thence William Herren's; thence Reuben Herren's. Given under our hands this 11th day of June, 1808.

R. Robertson
Wm. Stewart
William Owen
John Robertson

With report is ordered to be made of record and it is further ordered that the said road be and the same is hereby established as therein viewed.[107]

6 March 1812 — Hopkins Co., KY — Sale: Robert Robertson of Hopkins Co., KY conveyed to Eliezer Givens of county and state aforesaid, a tract of land located on the waters of Crab Orchard fork of Tradewater River. $500.00. Witnesses: William Owen, John Wilson, Sam Woodson, Clk., p. 164.[108]

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[105] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 81.

[106] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 98.

[107] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 101.

[108] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 25.

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6 August 1812 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — Will: Gilbert Christian, Dec'd. widow Lucy. Executors son Gilbert Christian and Philoman Richards. Heirs, sons Gilbert Christian, Benjamin Christian, daughters Patsey, Lucy, Sally, Parmelia. Witnessed: E. Givens, William Owen, August 6, 1812, Probated November 1812, p. 91.[109]

5 January 1813 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — John Montgomery and Mary, his wife, of Hopkins County, Kentucky conveyed to John McCormack of County and State aforesaid, one certain tract of land in Hopkins County on the water of Tradewater River, containing 125 acres. $250.00 current money of Kentucky. Witnesses: William Owen, John Wilson. Sam Woodson, Clk. P.166. ... Mary, wife of John Montgomery, relinquished her right of dower in the land, etc.[110]

1 October 1814 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — Sale: William Stuart of Christian County and State of Kentucky, to John Edmondson of Hopkins County and State aforesaid. $210. Land lying in the County of Hopkins and State aforesaid, on the waters of Clear Creek, containing 140 acres. Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us: E. Givens, Willie Edmondson, Jas. Edmondson, and W. Owen. Sam Woodson, Clerk, p. 310.[111]

1 October 1814 — Hopkins Co., KY — Sale: William Stuart of Christian County and State of Kentucky, to John Edmondson of Hopkins County and State aforesaid. $90. Land lying in the County of Hopkins and State aforesaid, and on the waters of Tradewater, containing 60 acres. Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of us: E. Givens, William Edmondson, Jas. Edmondson, and W. Owen. Sam Woodson, Clerk, p. 311.[112]

5 November 1814 — Hopkins Co., KY — William Stewart of Christian County, KY appoints William Owen, Attorney, of Hopkins Co., KY to transact his business, to pay taxes, pay and collect debts, etc. Witnesses: John Wilson, William Holloman. Sam Woodson, Clk., 245.[113]

11 May 1815 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — William Owen proves, as a subscribing witness, William Stuart's two deeds of 1 October 1814 to John Edmondson.[114]

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[109] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Wills 1807 - 1829 and Minute Book, Court Orders 1815* (Madisonville, KY: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), Page 7.

[110] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 25.

[111] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Deed Book II, 1816-1819* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 55.

[112] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Deed Book II, 1816-1819* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 55.

[113] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 35.

[114] Hopkins County, Kentucky, Deed Book 2, pp. 55 ff., certificates of proof, 11 May 1815, recorded 8 February 1819; transcribed in "John Edmundson, Sr (Unk. — 1832) Research Profile," EDMONDSON folder, personal files of David A. Ralls.

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Hopkins County, KY — 1815–1820

24 February 1815 — Hopkins Co., KY — Sale: John McCormack sells 150 acres in two tracts, one adjoining William Owen, to William Rainey of Gibson County, Indiana Territory. The same day Rainey and his wife Nancy sell the land to Benjamin Bembry.[115]

[Source transcriptions moved — see Land Records, Kentucky Land Grant 4999 and KLG 5342, for the complete chain of title for these transactions.]

August 1815 — Hopkins Co., KY — Will: Joseph Henderson, Dec'd. Samuel Whitesides, Adm. Accts. Pd.: Going to Bussaroe after E. I. Henderson when sick; burial and other expenses paid to Dr. Talbot; paid Jacob Shule as per note; due bill to Peter Ruby; Clark Landers proven acct; to Eliz. Dunning for midwifory serv. to nergo woman; to John Herren per swap of guns; to Wm. Henry for assisting to collect hogs of said estate; Sam Woodson for Power of Attorney; payment to Allen Robertson for services done at Vincennes; to Wm. R. Weir for collecting money in Madison County; Boarding and Schooling for Margaret & John Henderson paid to James Porter for one year; to A. Smith, year's schooling and building school house; clothing for Peggy and John Henderson. Accts. Rec'd.: Note, John Henderson; Note, Henry Neely; Note, E. Givens; due bill, Samuel Guiler; Note, Samuel Whitesides; acct. against _____ Whitesides; due bill on P. Richards; Note on S. Whitesides. John Montgomery, William Givens, William Owen. August 1815, p. 187.[116]

1815 — Hopkins Co., KY — Will: Adm. Jo Henderson, Dec'd. It is Ordered that Wm. Owen, Wm. Givens, Alex. Mout and John Montgomery, or any 3, be commissioned to settle the accts. of said Adm. and reports. Bill of sale from Ruth Plait to John Foley acknowledge.[117]

19 January 1816 — Hopkins Co., KY — Wm. Owen conveys to Wm. Corbit, for sum of $100, land in Hopkins and Union Counties … beg. at a hickory & black oak in Bemberry's line & corner to John R. Dunning's 50 acre tract … W. Suggs line … Wit: Asel Weir, John R. Dunning. Rec. 31 Jan 1816.[118]

April 1816 — Hopkins Co., KY — On the application of William R. Weir, it is ordered that William Owen, Sam Whitesides, John Montgomery, and Gilbert Christian, or any three, do view a way for a road to be conducted from Anderson Ferry to the County line on a direction to Morganfield and report ordered. Present: Edward H. Earle, Esquire.[119]

10 June 1816 — Hopkins Co., KY — Know all men by these presents that I, Jesse Walker of St. Clair County, Illinois Territory, do appoint William Owen of Hopkins County and State of Kentucky, my

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[115] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Deed Book II, 1816-1819*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), pages 33-35.

[116] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Wills 1807 - 1829 and Minute Book, Court Orders 1815* (Madisonville, KY: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), Page 13.

[117] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler *Hopkins County, Kentucky Wills 1807 - 1829 and Minute Book, Court Orders 1815* (Madisonville, KY: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), Page 66.

[118] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Deed Book No. 1, 1808-1816, Order Book No. 1-A, Hopkins County, Kentucky* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 47.

[119] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Minute Book 1816* (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), Pages 9-10.

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lawful Attorney in fact, to sell, convey, and execute a deed of conveyance in my name and in the name of my heirs and assigns, to and unto a certain tract or parcel of land containing 200 acres, more or less, situate in the County of Hopkins and State of Kentucky. Testators: Micheal Harman and E. Givens. Sam Woodson, Clerk, p. 59.[120]

1817 — Hopkins Co., KY — On the motion of Arthur M. Smith, the Tavern License is granted him to keep a Tavern at his house in this County, he giving security; whereupon said Smith with Wm. Owens, his security, executed bond in the penalty and conditioned as the law directs.[121]

1817 — Hopkins Co., KY — Will: On motion, Administrator, Wm. Graham, dec'd, it is ordered that Eliezer Givens, Wm. R. Weir, Thomas Metcalfe, and Wm. Owen, or any 3 do settle the accounts of said Administrator and report. Ordered.[122]

July 1817 — Hopkins Co., KY — On the application of Asel Weir, it is ordered that William Owen, Sam Whitesides, John Montgomery, and Michal Harman, or any three, do view a way to alter the road from E. Givens to Bellville, so as to leave the old way to the left in said Givens lane and come into the same again where the Morganfield Road comes into the same, and also view the old way and report ordered.[123]

9 August 1817 — Hopkins Co., KY — Will: Joseph French, Dec'd. Settlement of acct. Adm. William French. Amt. purchased by widow, Liby French, as per sale bill, $65.84. Note to Benjamin Skinner, $18.05; James Price, $9.62 1/2; Wm. French, $17.59; Henry Neely, $3.62 1/2; E. Givens, $2.62 1/2; Ben Dye, $9.78 1/2; Richard Dye, $6.30; John Dills, $5.62 1/2; Samuel Philips, $.37 1/2; Jesse Skinner, $18.00. Adm. paid Rachel French, $30. John Whitesides, $1.00. Aug. 9, 1817. S. Whitesides, Wm. Owen, Wm. Whitesides. November 1817, pp. 272-273.[124]

10 March 1818 — Hopkins Co., KY — Sale: William Owen and Sarah, his wife, to Andrew Jackson Dunning, all of the County of Hopkins and the State of Kentucky. $150. A certain tract of land containing 50 acres, situate in the Co. of Union and Hopkins on the waters of Whiteside Creek. Test: James Thompson and Sam Morton. The said Sarah being examined separate and apart from William Owen, her husband, as the law directs relinquished her right of dower. Sam Woodson, Clk., p. 176.[125]

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[120] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Deed Book II, 1816-1819*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 9.

[121] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Minute Book 1816 - 1818*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), page 54.

[122]Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Minute Book 1816 - 1818*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), page 73.

[123] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County Kentucky Records, Volume IV*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), page 63.

[124] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler *Hopkins County, Kentucky Wills 1807 - 1829 and Minute Book, Court Orders 1815* (Madisonville, KY: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), page 20.

[125] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Deed Book II, 1816-1819*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 28.

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August 1818 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — On the application of Wm. Owen, it is Ordered that Jesse Woodson, Benj. Bimbry, Wm. Owen, John Montgomery, Micheal Harman, Stephen Cook and William Jenkins be summoned to appear at next term to show cause and why so much of the road leading from Madisonville to Salem as lies between Bellville and the fork near E. Givens, Esq., may not be enlarged to 30 feet in width.[126]

10 August 1818 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — The Court, this day, appointed Thomas Metcalfe an Inspector of tobacco at Wilson's Inspection; who, thereupon, took the oath, and with William Owen, his security, executed the following bond: (to wit) 'Know all men by these presents that we, Thomas Metcalfe and William Owen, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of one hundred pounds current money, the payment of which will and truly to be made unto said Commonwealth. We bind ourselves, our heirs, jointly, severally, and firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated the 10th day of August, 1818. The condition of this obligation is such that, whereas the above bound Metcalfe hath this day been appointed by the Worshipful County Court of Hopkins County, an Inspector of Tobacco at Wilson's Inspection on Tradewater in Hopkins County aforesaid. Now, if the said Metcalfe shall in all things truly and faithfully perform all singular the duties enjoined on him as Inspector, as aforesaid according the law during his continuance in Office, then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue. Executed in presence of the Court. Thomas Metcalfe Which bond was ordered to be made of record. Wm. Owen.[127]

11 October 1818 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — Sale: Jesse Woodson, now of the County of Hopkins and State of Kentucky, to William Owens of the said County and State. $15. Land lying in the town of Bellville in the County of Hopkins and State of Kentucky, on Tradewater River and known in the plat of said Town by number 18. Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of Asel Wier, William Clark, and K. Conn. Sam Woodson, Clerk, p. 234.[128]

11 October 1818 — **Hopkins Co., KY** — Jesse Woodson, now of the County of Hopkins and State of Kentucky, to Thomas K. Conn of the said County and State. $15. The lot or parcel of land lying in the Town of Bellville in Hopkins County and State of Kentucky on Tradewater River, adjoining an alley and devide it from lot No. 16, the property of Asel Weir and known in the plat of said Town by No. 17, together with all and singular, the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise pertaining. Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of: Asel Wier, William Clark, and William Owen. Sam Woodson, Clerk, p. 235.[129]

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[126] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Minute Book 1816 - 1818*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), page 107.

[127] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Minute Book 1816 - 1818*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), page 109.

[128] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Deed Book II, 1816-1819*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 40.

[129] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Deed Book II, 1816-1819*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 41.

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26 February 1819 — Hopkins Co., KY — Phileman Richards of Hopkins County, Kentucky, to Turner Wier of Union County, Kentucky, $65; and to William R. Rhea of Hopkins County, Kentucky, $400. One bay horse, one sorrel mare, six head cattle, two folding tables, one bureau, one desk, 15 chairs, 1 cupboard and furniture consisting of silver plate, china, glass, and queensware, one candlestand, 2 plated candlesticks and snuffers, 1 large loking glass, 1 toilet glass, 1 large tea board, 3 small tea waters, 1 large kettle, 3 ovens, 2 pots, 1 grid iron, one skillet, one tea kettle, one iron pat tramel, 1 bread tray, and 1 doz, knives and forks, 1 pair irons, 1 pair sad irons, 1 gin case and bottles, and one man's saddle, and 1000 lb. bacon, and all manner of goods and chattels and all other things. Test: William Owen and A. Townes. Sam Woodson, Clerk, p. 356.[130]

25 July 1819 — Hopkins Co., KY — Will: Mary Eaves, Dec'd. Will to grandson Edward Hannus, 1 bed & furniture now in possession of son John F. Hannus; to grandson George R. Hannus, 1 bed & furniture in possession of son John F. Hannus; to 2 granddaughters Elizabeth W. Hannus & Polly Ann Hannus, 2 beds & furniture. All stock, farming utencils & household supplies to grandchildren, Edward, George R., Josiah C., Elizabeth W., Polly Ann, Benjamin B., Rebecca Hannus. Property to be placed in son John T. Hannus hands for support of grandchildren. Executors: Asel Wier, Wm. R. Wier, & Wm. Owen, July 25, 1819. Witnessed: James Thompson & Thos. T. Posey. November 1820, pp. 355-357.[131]

William Owen Moves to Obion/Weakley County, Tennessee

In David Crockett's autobiography "A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett, of the State of Tennessee", he describes meeting Mr. Owens and his wife at their home where Mud Creek joins the South Fork of the Obion River. This meeting occurred when David Crockett went to Obion County looking for land to relocate his family in 1821.[132]

It appears that William Owen moved to Obion/Weakley County between 1820 and when he meets David Crockett in 1821. In 1823, residents of the area west of Henry County, Tennessee petitioned the Tennessee Legislature to form a new county, Weakley County. William Owen is not listed on this petition; however, his sons Charles Owen and James Owen are.[133]

William B. Ralls' land is located (marked A) in R3W/S9N. William Owen resided where Mud Creek flowed into the South Fork of the Obion River (marked B), R3W/S6N and David Crockett settled in the area marked by C, R3W/S5N.

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[130] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler, *Hopkins County, Kentucky Deed Book II, 1816-1819*, (Madisonville, Kentucky: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1971), page 63.

[131] Cox, Evelyn M. and McCulley, Lalla F., compiler *Hopkins County, Kentucky Wills 1807 - 1829 and Minute Book, Court Orders 1815* (Madisonville, KY: Hopkins County Genealogical Society, 1961), page 31.

[132] Crockett, David. *A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett, of the State of Tennessee* (Philadelphia: E. L. Carey and A. Hart, 1834), pp. 147-160.

[133] 1823 Legislative Petitions to form Weakley County, Tennessee. https://www.tngenweb.org/weakleytn/1823_Petition_WeakleyCo.htm.

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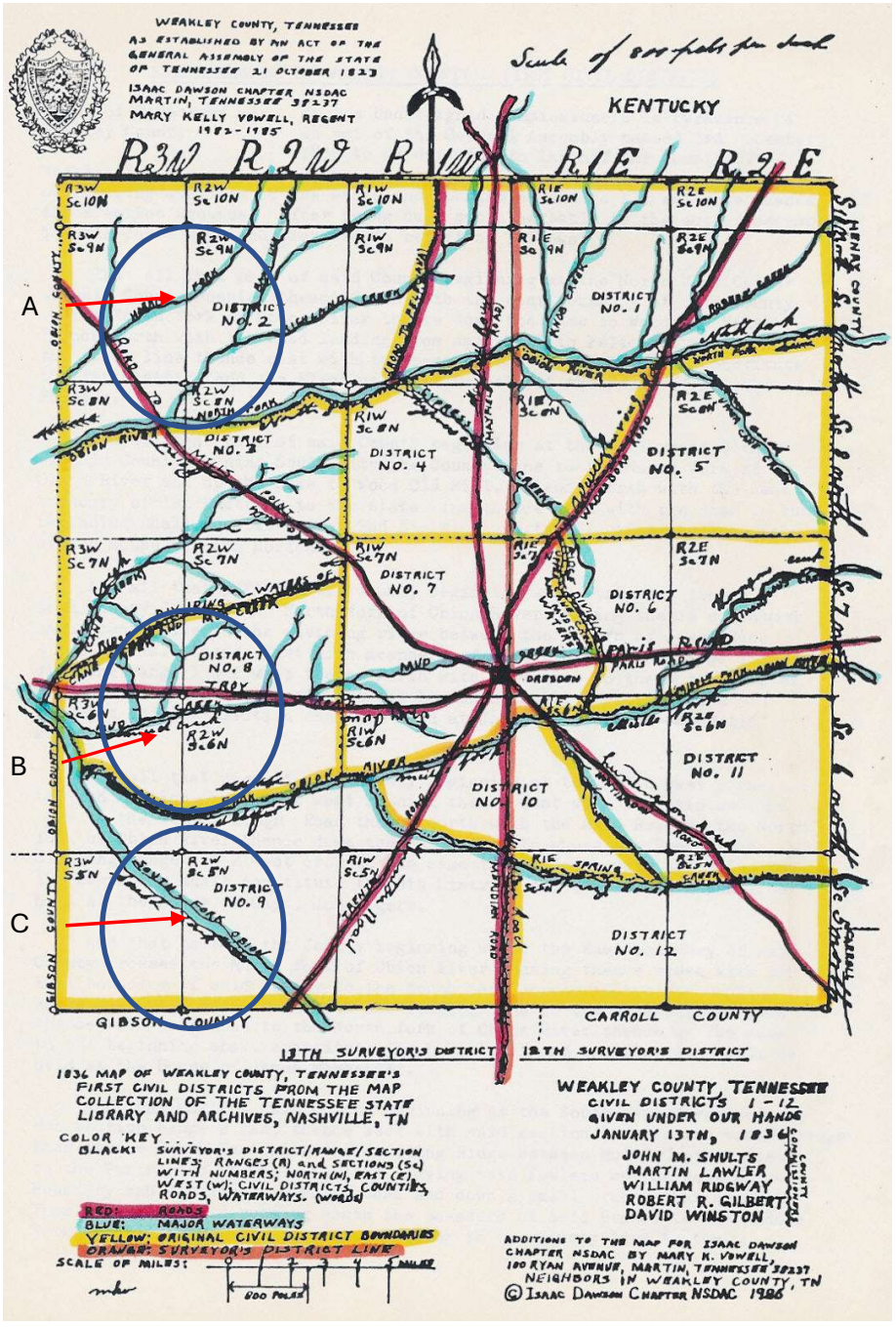

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13th District, Obion County, TN

1 November 1821 — 13th District, Henry Co., TN — William Owen and Daniel Carmack are chain carriers for the 1,000-acre survey for the President & Trustees of the University of North Carolina [134]

No. 228, Returned 8th Nov. 1821.

State of Tennessee 13th District. By virtue of an Entry N° 43, dated the 9th day of December 1820 founded on a Warrant No 478 issued by the Secretary of the State of North Carolina on the 21st day of August 1820. I have Surveyed for the President & Trustees of the University of North Carolina one thousand acres of land situate in the County of Henry on the waters of the South fork of Obion River in the 3rd Range and 6th Section Beginning at a Poplar the North West corner of a 1000 acre tract granted to Jno G & T. Blount founded on a warrant No 2392 . & on the East boundary of their 1000 acre tract No 2380 running North with the line of said tract. Three hundred and twenty poles to a White Oak their North East corner thence East four hundred and forty four poles to two Pin Oaks. then South Three hundred and Seventy four poles to a White Oak and Poplar then West forty four poles to a Hickory Blounts Corner thence South 89 ° west with Blounts line four hundred poles to the Beginning Surveyed 1st November 1821 Daniel Carmack & William Owens } SCC } Rice Williams D S.

Taken from office 13th Augt 1832 by order of S Dickins

14 November 1821 — 13th District, Henry Co., TN — William Owen and Rice Williams are chain carriers for the 555-acre survey for John C. McLemore, Robert and Thomas Love.[135]

No. 238, Returned 27th Nov. 1821. Taken from the office 13th Apr. 1822 by James Vaulx.

State of Tennessee 13th District By virtue of an Entry N° 300 dated the 8th day of January 1821 founded on Warrant N° 2586, issued by John Armstrong late Entry officer for the North Carolina Western lands on the 30th day of November 1784 for 555 Acres, I have Surveyed for Jno C McLemore Robert and Thomas Love five hundred and fifty five acres of land in Henry County in the third Range and Seventh Section on Lindseys Creek of Obion River Beginning at two Dogwoods the same being John Gray and Thomas Blounts South East corner of a tract of 1000 acres in the line of James G. Brikans Survey of and thousand acres Running west four degrees North with said Blounts line four hundred and twenty poles to two Maples. Then South with Archibald Hendersons line passing his corner two hundred and twenty one poles and six tenths to a Black Gum. Then East four

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[134] Gibson, Tennessee, "Register of Deeds, Surveyors' Books, Vol. 1, May 1821-Apr. 1837," page 136 (added later, page 156), Survey No. 228 (Entry No. 43), President and Trustees of the University of North Carolina, 1000 acres, surveyed 1 November 1821, returned 8 November 1821; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKJ-79RH-3 : accessed 8 June 2026), image 105 of 303; FHL, Image Group (DGS) 8,151,504.

[135] Gibson, Tennessee, "Register of Deeds, Surveyors' Books, Vol. 1, May 1821-Apr. 1837," page 142 (added later, page 162), Survey No. 238 (Entry No. 300), John C. McLemore, Robert and Thomas Love, 555 acres, surveyed 14 November 1821, returned 27 November 1821; digital images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKJ-79RQ-Q : accessed 8 June 2026), image 108 of 303; FHL, Image Group (DGS) 8,151,504.

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hundred and twenty poles to a White Oak and Ash Then North with James G. Brekans line two hundred and one poles to the Beginning. Surveyed the 14th November 1821. William Owen & Rice Williams } CC Nathan G. Pinson D. S.

Obion County, Tennessee Probate Records

Obion County, TN — 1824–1829

20 January 1824 — Obion Co., TN — The following gentlemen were appointed to attend the next term of this Court as jurors, to wit, John Pate, John Abington, William Owen on the take (?), William Carter, John Markham, John Edmund, Jesse Cook, John Pankey, Benjamin Hubbard, Daniel Owen, Joseph Taylor, Jr., William James, Thomas Wooton, Zacharias Ezell, William James, Larkin Norrod, David Taylor, Thomas B. Cook, Elisha Parker, Moses Parr, Asa P Hurst, James Bedford, Ezekiah Carter, George Adams, Nathan Rogers and John Carter and William McKinney appear (?) constable to attend next term of this court.[136]

> *[Note: This may refer to William Jr. (living until shortly before 19 April 1824) or to the other William Owen of Obion County; see "Other William Owens in Obion County, 1824–1829" below.]*

19 April 1824 — Obion Co., TN — It is ordered by the Court that letters of administration be granted to Charles M. Owen, Rice Williams and Moses Parr who entered into bond and took the necessary oath for the faithful administration of the estate of William Owen deceased with Nathan Pinson, John Parr and Wyatt Bettys as their security and they make return to next court.[137]

20 April 1824 — Obion Co., TN — The following named persons were appointed by the last term of the this court to wit; John Pate, William Owen, John Maham, Jesse Cook, Benjamin Hubbard, Joseph Taylor, Jr., Thomas Wooton, William James, David Taylor, Elisha Parker, Asa P. Hurst, Ezekial Carter, Nathaniel Rogers, John Abingdon, William Carter, John Edmunds, John Pankey, Daniel Owen, William Nelms, Zacheus Ezell, Larkin Norod, Thomas B. Cook, Moses Parr, James Bedford, George Admas, John Carter with the following endorsements to wit; All the within named persons summonded except William Owen, Nathaniel Rogers, Daniel Owen and Asa P. Hurst, the following named persons were duly elected and impanneled, sworn and charged as a Grand Jury for this term to wit; John Pate, Foreman, William James, John Edmunds, Jesse Cook, Ezekial Carter, James Bedford, Larkin Norod, Joseph Taylor, Jr., Benjamin Hubbard, George Adams, John Abingdon, Moses Parr, Thomas Wooton.[138]

> *[Note: William Owen was not summoned, consistent with his death before 19 April 1824.]*

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[136] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 8.

[137] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 18.

[138] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 19-20.

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April 1824 — Obion Co., TN — William M. Wilson who was at the last Court appointed Guardian for Elisaeth Cristie came into Court and entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs with Sandford Bramblett and Seth Bedford his securities.[139]

19 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — To wit: Be it remembered that on the third ___ ___ it being the 19th day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four and for __ __ of American Independence the court met being __ in course present the worshipful John Parr, Rice Williams, John McKee, William M. Wilson, Charles M. Owen, and Seth Bedford, esqrs. Assigned to keep the peace of the State as also to hear and determine ___ felonies, misdemeanors and ___ ___ ___ in the said county perpetrated being the first day of said Court and set apart for County business Court then proceeded to ___ the same.[140]

19 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams and Charles Owen administrators of William Owen deceased returned into court as the law directs and proved the same by their oaths a true and perfect inventory of the estate aforesaid and ordered by the court to be recorded.[141]

19 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — Court then adjourned till tomorrow 10 o'clock. Seth Bedford, Rice Williams, JP, Charles M. Owen, JP

20 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — State vs. Nathaniel Rodgers, Presentment
This day came as well the attorney on behalf of the state as the defendant in proper person who having the present read to ___ is asked how he will ac___ against the state and confesses himself guilty of the premises in manner and form as is ___ charged against and puts himself on the mercy of the court whereupon it is considered by the court that the defendant make his peace with state by paying his fine one dollars for the said trespasses and misdemeanors and thereupon William Wilson, Charles M. Owen offer themselves here to the court the defendants security for the fine and costs and they are recorded.[142]

20 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — The following persons were appointed to attend the next court as a venire for that term. Seth Bedford, Rice Williams, Wm M. Wilson, John McKee, Charles Owen, John Parr, George C, Davidson, Joseph Taylor, Stephen Mitchell, Edward Tanner, john Brown, Nevel Linzey, James Owen, William Carter, Ezekiel Carter, George W. Adams, Wm Taylor, Wm James, Benjamin Hubbard, Jacob Yolkum, Elisha Parker, Robert Dixon, John Panky, Alfred Hewlit, Wells Robbins and John Pate.[143]

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[139] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 23-24.

[140] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 25.

[141] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 25.

[142] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 28.

[143] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 29.

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18 October 1824 — Obion Co., TN — This day Moses Parr came into court and proved two days attendance as a witness in the case of John Carter against James W. Owen, & others.[144]

18 October 1824 — Obion Co., TN — John Carter vs. James W. Owen, et. al., Appeal
This day came the parties by their attorneys and by their consent and with the assent of the court it was ordered that the cause be continued until the next terms of the court. This day Andrew Calhoun came into court and proved two days attendance as a witness' ___ John Carter against James W. Owen & others.[145]

18 October 1824 — Obion Co., TN — This day Nevel Lindsey came into court and proved one days attendance as a witness in the case John Carter against James W. Owen and others.[146]

19 October 1824 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams Esquire and of the administrator of the Estate of William Owens deceased returned into Court of copy of the amount of the sale thereof together with an additional as supplementary inventory of said Estate which was ordered to be recorded.[147]

17 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — Ordered by the court that ___ Doherty Esq. and James Reaves be appointed commissioners to settle with the Executor of Mary Owen Deceast and report to the next term of this court.[148]

18 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — On motion of Sarah Owen by her attorney, it is ordered by Court that Sarah Owen the widow of William Owen Deceased be appointed guardian for Priscillor Owen, Martha Owen, Samuel Owen, Jesse Owen and Sarah Owen by her given bond with approved security for the faithful discharge of her duties as such.[149]

18 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — John Carter vs. James W. Owen & Securities, Motion
This day came the parties in the aforesaid causes of the defendants here in court move that the said causes be consolidated at the costs of the plaintiff an thereon came the parties by their attorneys and the matters of the law arising out of the defendants motion being greed and by the court here and fully understood. It __ here to the court, that the law is with the defendants and that said suits out to be consolidated and from this time taken as one suit. Therefore it is considered by

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[144] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 32.

[145] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 32.

[146] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 33.

[147] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 35.

[148] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 43.

[149] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 46.

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the court that the said causes be consolidated and that the defendants recover of the plaintiffs the cost of the application.[150]

18 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — Sarah Owen was appointed Guardian for Priscula Owen, Martha Owen, Samuel Owen, Jesse Owen and Sarah Owen came into court be her attorney John W. Cook and entered into a bond in the sum of six thousand dollars payable to Rice Williams, William Terrel, George C. Davidson, Evan shelby and Joseph Taylor Esquires with James Owens, Ezekiel Carter, William Carter and Thomas P. Hewlet (?) her securities.[151]

18 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — The court appointed the following gentlemen as a venire to the next circuit court (to wit) John Parr, George W. Adams, Rice Williams, William Terrell, Seth Bedford, John McKee, William Carter, Evan Shelby, Joseph Taylor Sr, Jacob Hoacom, Samuel L. Teator, Elisha Parker, Evan Crawford, William Carmack, Ezekiel Carter, William Cuningham, John Pate, James W. Owen, Benjamin Enlow, William H. Carr, Alfred Hulett, Amasa Webb, Moses Parr & Joseph Meadows.[152]

20 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — Ordered by court that James Owens be appointed overseer of the road leading from Troy to Weakley county line beginning at the North Fork of the Obion River and from thence on to the Weakley County line with all the ___ between the north fork and Rutherford fork of the Obion River to the line of Weakley County to work under him.[153]

20 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — Joseph Taylor Junior vs. James W. Owens
In this suit the plff came into court and begged leave to dismiss his said suit and pay the costs of the same when by the assent of the court his said suit was dismissed and it is considered by the court that judgement be entered against the Plaintiffs for the costs of said suit.[154]

20 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — The State vs. William McKinney
This day came as well the attorney for the State as the Defendant by his attorney and Pleaded not guilty and Put himself upon his country and the attorney for the State likewise and thereupon came a jury of good and lwful men (to wit) John Gore, Zedekiah Wood, William Taylor, Ansolem Russell, James Bailey, William Nellums, Thomas Henry, Middleton Buckhannon, Obediah Roberts, Samuel Nellums and James W. Owens who being elected tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue

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[150] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 48.

[151] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 51.

[152] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 55.

[153] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 62.

[154] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 63.

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Joined Upon their oath do say the Defendant is not Guilty whereupon it is considered by the court that the county pay the cost of this Prosecution and Judgement is entered accordingly.[155]

1825 — Obion Co., TN — Tax list: "William Owen deceased," 3 black polls ($1.31¼), with 3 more black polls to be added; "Sarah Owens," 2 black polls ($0.75); Charles Owen and James Owens, 1 white poll each. The "William Owens" charged with 20 acres in Range 8, Section 6 (1825–1826) is the other William Owens, of Reelfoot Lake; Mary Owens is charged with the same 20 acres in 1828–1829.[156]

17 October 1825 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by court that Stephen N. Lindsey be appointed overseer of the road leading from Troy to Dresden from the North fork of the Obion River to the Weakley county line in the place of James W. Owen who has moved away and to have the same hands to work under him that said Owen had and that the same be made second class.[157]

17 October 1825 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams Administrator of the Estate of William Owen deceased returned into court an additional sale and list of the negroes belonging to the said Estate which was ordered to be filed and recorded.[158]

17 October 1825 to 4 April 1826 — Obion Co., TN — … being elected ___ and sworn the truth to speak upon the issues joined upon their oaths do say that they find the plea of infancy in favor of William E. Lindsay and that they find the issues on the other pleas in favor of the plaintiff and against Nevil Lindsey and James W. Owen and that the said defendants Nevel Lindsey and James W. Owen owe the plaintiff the sum of One hundred dollars the debt in the declaration mentioned and they assess the plaintiffs damages to three dollars and fifty cents for the detention thereof-it is therefore considered by the court that the sheriff recover against the defendants Nevil Lindsey and James W. Owen the sum of One hundred dollars by the jury aforesaid in manner aforesaid assessed and also the further sum of three dollars and fifty cents damages aforesaid by the jury aforesaid assessed.[159]

17 October 1825 to 4 April 1826 — Obion Co., TN — Wm. M. Wilson vs. James W. Owen, Motion as the Security of the Defendant. The Plaintiff moved the moved the court for Judgement against the Defendant for money paid as his security and is appearing to the satisfaction of the court that such

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[155] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 64.

[156] Obion County, Tennessee, tax lists 1825–1829, images 7, 9, 12, 17, 37 and 50 of 801, as transcribed in "Obion County, Tennessee, Tax Lists 1825—1842," Active Research — State Records/TN/Obion Co, personal files of David A. Ralls; also "1824 and 1825 Taxes."

[157] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 80.

[158] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 81.

[159] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 83.

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is the fact and ordered that the plaintiff recover of the Defendant the said monies to wit Twelve dollars sixty cents together with cost about this motion by him expanded.[160]

17 October 1825 to 4 April 1826 — Obion Co., TN — Lysander Adams vs. James W. Owen. On motion of the plaintiff and ___ appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said plaintiff has paid the sum of twelve dollars 60 cents as security for the Defendant it was ordered that the plaintiff recover of the Deft. A sum of Twelve dollars sixty cents together with his cost in this behalf expended.[161]

17 October 1825 to 4 April 1826 — Obion Co., TN — Andrew Linser vs. James W. Owens. Judgement by motion for the plaintiff for $12, 60 cents as ref. above with his cost.[162]

17 October 1825 to 4 April 1826 — Obion Co., TN — Ordered by the court that James W. Owen, Thomas P. Hewlette, Neville Lindsey, Stephen Lindsey, James McNeely, and William H. Carr be appointed a Jury and lay of a road from the Weakley county road before Neville Lindseys in a to Gibsonport so as to crop the south fork of the Obion River near Esquire Hewletts above and thence to the Gibson county line and make return of the same to the next term of this court.[163]

4 April 1826 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams Administrator of the Estate of William Owen Deceased returned into court an account of the ___ of the negroes belonging to said Estate for the year 1826 being $143-87 1/2.[164]

2 October 1826 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by the court that James Bain, Lysander Adams and John Hutchinson be appointed to settle with the administrators of the Estate of William Owen deceased and make return thereof to the next term of this court.[165]

1 January 1827 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by court that the administrator of the Estate of William Owen, deceased do proceed to sell the negroes belonging to the said Estate and make return of the amount of said sale as the law directs.[166]

1 January 1827 — Obion Co., TN — It was order by court that John Pankey, John Parr, Martin Talley, Joseph Meadows, Causby Deckson, Hugh Carlen, and John McGee be appointed a Jury to vices and

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[160] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 88.

[161] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 88.

[162] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 88.

[163] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 95.

[164] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 123.

[165] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 140.

[166] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 160.

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mark a road from Troy the state line in a direction to the Iron (?) banks so as to intersect a road to be opened from the Iron Banks at or near Reubin Owens.[167]

2 January 1827 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by court that Rice Williams the acting administrator of Wm. Owen deceased be allowed the sum of three dollars per day for eighteen days for his services as administrator aforesaid to be paid out of the proceeds of said Estate.[168]

2 January 1827 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams acting administrator of the Estate of Wm. Owen deceased returned into court a supplemental inventory, viz, four dollars and fifty cents collected from Ansulom Russell.[169]

2 January 1827 — Obion Co., TN — Rheuben Owen & Co vs. George F. Kesie.
This day came the parties by their attornies and on motion of the defendants atty on affidavit of Deft. It was ordered by the court that this cause be continues until this next term of this court, and that the parties be allowed to take depositions generally-by giving notice 20 days in this state and 30 days out of the state.[170]

3 January 1827 — Obion Co., TN — Lysander Adams one of the commissioners appointed by Court to make a settlement with the administrators of the Estate of William Owen, deceased returned into Court an amount of a settlement made with the, Rice Williams, acting administrator ____ aforesaid which was ordered to be recorded.[171]

3 April 1827 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams administrator of the Estate of William Owen, deceased, returned into Court an amount of the sale of the negroes belonging to said Estate.[172]

3 April 1827 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by Court that Rice Williams be appointed special guardian of Elizabeth Cristie, minor heir of William Owen, deceased.[173]

4 April 1827 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams who was appointed special guardian for Elizabeth Criste, minor heir of Wm. Owen, deceased, came into Court and entered into bond in the sum of

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[167] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 162.

[168] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 165.

[169] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 165.

[170] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 169.

[171] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 171.

[172] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 188.

[173] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 191.

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one thousand dollars with William M. Wilson and Jerimiah Kuser (?) his securities conditioned as the law directs.[174]

5 October 1827 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by Court that John Hutchinson, Lysander Adams and William M. Wilson be appointed as commissioners to settle with Rice Williams the acting administrator of the Estate of William Owen deceased and that the said commissioners do make return of their said settlement to the next term of this Court.[175]

7 January 1828 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by court that William M. Wilson, John Hutchinson and Lysander Adams who at a former term of this Court were appointed commissioners to settle with Rice Williams the acting administrator of the goods and chattles, rights and credits of William Owen, deceased, be contained as such and that they proceed to make settlement and make return thereof to the next term of this Court.[176]

10 January 1828 — Obion Co., TN — Rice Williams, Moses Parr and Charles M. Owen, Administrators of Wm. Owen Deceased versus Neville Lindsey. Appeal. In this case their being two appeals It was agreed by the parties and their attornies that the said suit be consolidated and stand as one suit and threupon came a jury of good and lawful men (to wit) 1. David Shecks 2. Alexander G. Cummins 3. John Jones 4. A. B. Breedlove 5. Joseph Taylor 6. Stephen Downing 7. Jonathan Finley 8. Robert Logan 9. Elijah Patterson 10. William Narrimon 11. John Robbins 12. James Bedford who being elected tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their oath do say that the defendant doth owe the Plaintiffs recover of the defendant Neville Linsey principal and William M. Wilson his security the said sum of eighty eight dollars ninety three and 3/4 cents with 12% percent interest thereon from the timeof the rendition of the judgement below together with the cost of this suit and together with all the interest accrueing on said debt before the rendition of the judgement below.[177]

7 April 1828 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered by Court that Charles Owen one of the administrators of the Estate of William Owen Deceased be allowed the sum of thirty eight dollars for his services as such to be paid out of the proceeds of said Estate.[178]

Between 7 April 1828 to 6 January 1829 — Obion Co., TN — A Majority of the Justices being present and Proclamation being made the court proceeded to the Election for Constable in Captain Winters Company in place of Nathan Folks resigned when James W. Owen and John T. Abington

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[174] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 194.

[175] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 259.

[176] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 268.

[177] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 289.

[178] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 300.

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offered themselves as candidates when on counting the votes it appeared that James W. Owens was duly and constitutionally elected to that office.[179]

Between 6 January 1829 to 5 October 1829— Obion Co., TN — William M. Wilson on of the securities of James W. Owen Constable came into court and in open court refused to stand at his the said Owens Security any longer and it is ordered that he said Wilson is no longer responsible therein.[180]

Between 6 January 1829 to 5 October 1829— Obion Co., TN — Charles M. Owen To Sarah Owen and Others.
Deed of Conveyance from Charles M. Owen to Sarah Owen and others for 200 acres of land was presented in open court and the execution thereof duly acknowledged by the said Charles M. Owen and ordered to be certified for registration.[181]

5 October 1829 — Obion Co., TN — Charles M. Owen, one of the administrators of Wm. Owen deceased presented in court an amount of service by him rendered to the Legatees of said estate in transacting the business of said estate in the State of Kentucky amounting to one hundred dollars five and one half cents accompanied with receipts and vouchers to support the same which amount of $100-5 1/2 was allowed by the Court to be paid by the Legatees of said estate in equal prtion after deducting one twelvth part of said sum of $100-5 1/2).[182]

[Undated, c. 1825–1830] — Obion Co., TN — Receipt: "Received of Rice Williams, as administrator of the estate of Wm Owen Decd. one thousand six hundred & seventeen dollars thirty cents it being the amount of my own share in said estate & as guardian of Martha Bird, Samuel Owen, Jesse Owen & Sarah Owen, minor heirs of said Wm Owen Decd." The signer is evidently Sarah Owen, the widow, who was appointed guardian of these children in January 1825. Martha is already "Bird" (Byrd), and Priscilla, who married in October 1825, is no longer a ward.[183]

After 5 October 1829 — Obion Co., TN — It was ordered that, Neville Linsey, Jesse Harriss, James W. Owen, Benjamin Totten, Jacob Yoacham and James Lowrey be appointed a Jury of vices to lay

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[179] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 326.

[180] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 439.

[181] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 440.

[182] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 447.

[183] "Received of Rice Williams" (transcription of an undated receipt), Owen — (Source Documents)/Owen, Jr, William folder, personal files of David A. Ralls. The original has not been located; it is probably among the Obion County estate papers or the John C. Clark Papers.

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out and mark a road from the Dresden road one half mile below said Linseys to intersect the Weakley County line at the most convenient place at or the same to the next term of this court.[184]

After 5 October 1829 — Obion Co., TN — James W. Owen tendered in open Court a written resignation as Constable which was received.[185]

After 5 October 1829 — Obion Co., TN — Ordered by the court that John Robbins be appointed Constable in Captain Bramtills Company in the place of James W. Owen.[186]

After 5 October 1829 — Obion Co., TN — Ordered by the Court William M. Wilson be appointed Guardian for Elizabeth Ann Cristy instead of Rice Williams, Deceast.[187]

[184] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 454.

[185] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 460.

[186] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 460.

[187] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 473.

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Other William Owens in Obion County, 1824–1829

[The following entries name a William Owen who was living after William Jr.'s estate went into administration on 19 April 1824, so they cannot refer to him. This man lived at Reelfoot Lake in the west of the county, near the Mississippi, while William Jr. had lived on the South Fork of the Obion near the Weakley County line. A minute of 1825 refers to the Reelfoot ford as "the widow Owens," which may mean this William Owens also died in 1825. Whether he was related to William Jr. is not known. The 1829 "William Owen, Assignee" suits may involve this man or the estate.]

19 April 1824 — Obion Co., TN — It is ordered by the court that the follwing persons to wit; Edward Tanner, John Brown, Joseph Esseng, Obidiah Roberts, Thomas Taylor, John Robin, Samual L. Totten, Evan Shelby, David Brown, William Owen, Thomas Sellers, John Summers, Henry Summers, Huglet McDonald, McDonald Dixon, John Gore, Allison Gore, Wm. Ralls, Sherwood F. George, Allen Escue, Allen Pryor, Joseph Meadows, Jonas Bedford, Stephen Holloway be appointed as jurors to attend at the next court.[188]

19 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — William Owen, David Brown, Thomas Sellars, Evan Shelby, Enoch L. Walker, Edward Tanners, John Brown be appointed as a venire to lay off a road and mark a road from Point Pleasant on the Mississippi to the County seat.[189]

20 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — Sheriff returned into Court the following order for a venire issue by the last Court for ___ to this term with the following endorsements thereon I have summoned the within names persons to wit Obadiah Roberts, Saml. L. Teter, Evan Shelby, David Brown, William Owen, Thomas Sellers, Augustin Hewlet, James Dixon, John Gore, Ellerson Gore, William Rolls, Sherwood F. George, Allen Askew, Allen Prior, Joseph Meadows, Jonas Bedford, Stephen Holloway except the following persons who were not summoned Edward Tanner, John Brown, Joseph Esserg, Thomas Taylor, John Reubens, John Somer, Henry Somers, Pendleton McDaniel, Mastin McDaniel of the persons summoned the following appeared to wit; Samuel E. Teeter, Evan Shelby, David Brown, William Owen, Thomas Sellers, Ellison Gore, William Rolls, Sherwood F. George, Allen Askew, Allen Prior, Stephen who are not being sufficient number for a grand jury to wit thirteen were by the Court that a fine of five dollars be assessed against the delinquent jurors summoned to attend at this Court.[190]

20 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — July Term Tuesday 1824
In behalf of the state as the defendant in proper person who having the presentment read to him wherein he is charged is asked in what manner he will acquit himself thereof sayeth for plea that he thereof is not guilty in manner and form is supposed against him and for the good and evil thereof he puts himself upon his country thereupon came a jury of good and lawful to wit Thos. Hewlet,

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[188] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 17-18.

[189] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 26.

[190] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 28.

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Evan Crawford, Zacheus Ezell, John Pate, Saml. L. Teter, Evan Shelby, David Brown, William Owen, Thomas Sellers, Allison Gore, William Rolls, Sherwood F. George who were elected tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the ___ joined and thereupon the defendant begs leave of the court now here to withdraw his plea of not guilty and suffer him to confess his guilt in manners and form as is the court whereupon the matters and things being fully seen and here considered by the court it is adjudged that his fine if five dollars and costs and that he be taken to satisfy the same.[191]

20 July 1824 — Obion Co., TN — Ordered that the mark of William Owens be records a swallow fork in each ear.[192]

18 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — The Sheriff returned the following list of revisions to this term (to wit) Alexander Sterrett, john Carter, Solomon Morgan, Thomas Boyte, Thomas Taylor, Jesse Smith, Obediah Roberts, Samuel L. Teater, James Bedford, William Owen, David Brown, Robert Adams, James Reaves, Moses Winter, Elijah Boyte, Willis Rolls, Allen Askew, Allen Pryor out of which number the following was elected as a Grand Jury to wit. 1. James` Reaves 2. Alexander Sterrett 3. William Owen 4. Jesse Smith 5. Allen Askew 6. Obediah Roberts 7. Robert Adams 8. Allen Pryor 9. John Carter 10. Thomas Taylor 11. David Brown 12. Solomon Morgan 13. And James Bedford were drawn as a Grand Jury out of which number James Reaves appointed foreman and after being Elected Sworn & Charged __ __ can___ of indictments and Presentments.[193]

20 January 1825 — Obion Co., TN — Ordered by the court that William Owen, Evan Shelby, Edward Tanner, David Brown, John Sellers, Thomas Sellars and George C. Davidson be appointed a jury to view and lay off a road from opposit (sic) John Riddles on the Mississippi the nearest and best way to cross the Reelfoot lake at William Owens so as to intersect the road from Troy to Terrells Ferry at George C. Davidsons and make report of the same to the next term of court.[194]

[1825; minute p. 79] — Obion Co., TN — Ordered that the order of view of the road from opposit (sic) Riddles Point on the Mississippi to the ford of the Reelfoot lake the widow Owens made at the last term of this court be returned with the same jury named in the order of the last court.[195]

> *[Note: The exact term of this entry needs checking. Minute page 79 falls between the January 1825 term (p. 64) and the October 1825 term (p. 80).]*

6 January 1829 — Obion Co., TN — William Owen, Assignee versus Jonas Bedford. Appeal. This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit.

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[191] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 29.

[192] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 29.

[193] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 46-47.

[194] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 61.

[195] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Page 79.

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John Gore, James Pyraut, John Huzza, William Nevins, John Mosier, Henry Carter, John Makam, Josiah Bouge, Alexander Stark, Jesse Straud, Joseph Long, and James Henderson, who being elected tried & sworn to truth to speak upon the matters in controversy do say that they find for the plaintiff the sum of eighteen dollars and fifty four cents together with interest from the first of April 1828, therefore it is considered by the court that the plaintiff recover of the Defendant the aforesaid sum of eighteen dollars and fifty four cents with interest from the first day of April 1828, together with the costs by him in his behalf expended from which judgement the defendant payed and obtained and appealed to the next Circuit Court of this County.[196]

6 January 1829 — Obion Co., TN — William Owen, Assignee vesrus Jonas Bedford. Appeal. This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, John Gore, James Pyraut, John Huzza, William Nellums, John Mosier, Henry Carter, John Makam, Josiah Bogue, Alexander Stark, Jesse Stoud, Joseph Long and James Henderson who being elected tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the matter in controversy, upon their oath today that they find for the plaintiff the sum of twenty eight dollars and thirty cents, debt with interest from 25th October 1828. It is therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the Defendant the said sum of twenty eight dollars and thirty cents debt with interest together with the costs of this suit by him in his behalf expended from which judgement the defendant payed and obtained an appeal to the next Circuit Court of the County.[197]

Note on Sources: The children of William[2] Owen and Sarah Edmondson are confirmed chiefly by family letters in the John C. Clark Papers, 1790 – 1864, MSS13, Kentucky Historical Society, cited in the notes.

Research Notes

Parentage and the Echols line

William Owen, Jr. and Silas McBee were **second cousins** through the Echols family. William Jr.'s mother, Drucilla Echols, was a daughter of Richard[2] Echols (John[1]).[198] Silas McBee's mother, Hannah Echols, was a daughter of William[2] Echols, Sr. (John[1]) and Sarah Turner. Richard and William Sr. were brothers, sons of John[1] Echols, so Drucilla and Hannah were first cousins. The two lines are:

- John[1] Echols → Richard[2] Echols → Drucilla[3] Echols → William Owen, Jr.
- John[1] Echols → William[2] Echols, Sr. → Hannah[3] Echols → Silas McBee

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[196] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 379.

[197] Obion County Court Minutes, Obion County, Tennessee; *Jan 1824 - Sep 1836* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Department of State), Roll 26, Pages 379-80.

[198] Carole M. Castleberry, *The Montgomery and Owen Family History and Genealogy* (Springhill, LA: privately published, 1997), p. 113.

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The same family ties reach the Weirs: William[3] Echols, Jr., Hannah's brother, married Susannah Wier, believed to be a daughter of William[2] Wier (Thomas[1]). A Weir family chart instead names Susannah's husband as Joel Echols, married 13 October 1810 in Wilson County, Tennessee; the conflict has not been resolved.

Sources disagree on when William Owen, Sr. died: the author's TMG file gives "circa 1782," Castleberry gives no date (Wilkes County, Georgia), and this profile follows other researchers in giving [7 October 1807] — a date that is also given for his son Obediah. The date should be treated as unproved.[199]

The children: Castleberry's list compared

Castleberry lists six children for William Owen, Jr. and Sarah Edmondson, drawn largely from Hopkins County marriage records: Charles M. (m. 1820 Mary Harmon), **John Owings** (m. 23 Jan 1822 Nancy Standley), **William W.** (m. 12 Dec 1822 Matilda Bourland), Margaret (m. 18 Mar 1815 "Christian Gilbert," i.e., Gilbert Christian), **Emily** (m. 4 Dec 1833 Barnabus Bailey) and **Sally H.** (m. 22 Nov 1815 William Knight).[200]

- **The three unknown sons.** John Owings Owen (b. c. 1802) and William W. Owen (b. 20 Jan 1801, d. Feb 1864, Bloomfield, Stoddard Co., MO) are good candidates for two of the unidentified sons in the 1810 and 1820 households. Both married in Hopkins County in 1822, the year the family left for Tennessee, which may explain their absence from the Obion records. Neither is yet tied to William by a record that names him.[201]
- **Sally H. Owen.** Castleberry makes Sally H., wife of William Knight (1815), a daughter of William Jr. This profile treats her as Sarah "Sally" Harris Owen, his sister (b. c. 1778). The Knights' later move to Hickman County, Kentucky, and Stoddard County, Missouri, with Reuben Owen fits the sister, but her age at marriage (about 37) is unusual; the 1820 census age of Mrs. Knight would decide it.
- **Emily Owen** (m. 1833 Barnabus Bailey) is not named in the Obion guardianship, the estate records or the Clark letters. If she was William Jr.'s daughter, she was over 21 by 1825 or living with another family.

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[199] "William Owen Jr.," individual detail report (The Master Genealogist, c. 2000), "William Owen TMG," Owen — (Source Documents)/Owen, Jr, William folder, personal files of David A. Ralls; Carole M. Castleberry, *The Montgomery and Owen Family History and Genealogy: Descendants of David Montgomery of Amherst County, Virginia and William Owen of Pittsylvania County, Virginia* (Springhill, LA: privately published, 1997), pp. 113–114.

[200] Carole M. Castleberry, *The Montgomery and Owen Family History and Genealogy: Descendants of David Montgomery of Amherst County, Virginia and William Owen of Pittsylvania County, Virginia* (Springhill, LA: privately published, 1997), pp. 113–114; Margie R. Pearce to David A. Ralls, email, 10 June 2001, "Re: Owen/Echols," relaying Carole M. Castleberry's list, in "Email Exchange w Carole M Castleberry Included," Owen — (Source Documents)/Owen, Jr, William folder, personal files of David A. Ralls.

[201] "Miscellaneous Owen," Active Research — State Records/KY/William Owen(s), personal files of David A. Ralls.

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- **How many heirs?** In 1829 Charles M. Owen's charge of $100.05½ was divided among the legatees "after deducting one twelfth part" — his own share. That implies **twelve** legatees. The profile's ten named children, plus the widow, plus the "minor heir" Elizabeth Cristie (see next point) would make twelve; John Owings and William W. would make more. This count deserves a closer look at the estate settlement.
- **Elizabeth Cristie, "minor heir of William Owen."** A minor heir who is not a child of William is most likely a grandchild. Margaret Owen married Gilbert Christian in 1815 and died before 4 November 1819, so "Elizabeth Cristie" is very probably **Elizabeth Christian, Margaret's daughter**, inheriting her mother's share. Her guardians were William M. Wilson (1824), Rice Williams (1827) and Wilson again (1829).

Sarah Edmondson and the Edmondson family

After William's death Sarah married John B. Clark of Weakley County, Tennessee, and later of Hickman (Fulton) County, Kentucky. She died in the spring of 1848, before 8 April, when Clark wrote to her children. The Edmondsons in Hopkins County — John Edmondson, Sr. (d. 1832) and William (Willie) and James Edmondson, who witnessed deeds with William Owen in 1814 — are the obvious place to look for her parents. No record yet connects her to them.[202]

What happened to William Owen's Kentucky land

Taken together, the grants, deeds and tax lists show that almost all of William Owen's Hopkins County land was sold or passed out of his hands before 1823. KLG 4998 (200 acres) went to Jesse Woodson in 1822 and came back to Charles Owen by a commissioner's deed in 1828. KLG 5341 (150 acres) was divided among Gilbert Christian, John Montgomery and Michael Harman. KLG 5342 (50 acres) was assigned to John McCormack in 1807. KLG 8126 (270 acres, 303 by survey) was divided among Joseph Henderson, William Corbit, Andrew Jackson Dunning and, probably, John R. Dunning. Certificate 3475 was assigned away in 1805 and patented to Eleazer Givens.[203]

The one tract still unaccounted for is the second 100 acres of KLG 4999. In 1807 John McCormack was taxed on 150 acres entered by Owen, and William (Willis) Rolls on a separate 100 acres entered and surveyed by Owen; by 1808 McCormack held 100 acres and Willis Rowls 100. That points to KLG 4999 having been split into two 100-acre interests by 1807, one of them occupied by Willis Ralls, but no deed for the Ralls half has been found.

William Owen as land agent

From 1814 William Owen acted for landowners who had left Hopkins County. William Stewart of Christian County gave him a power of attorney in November 1814, and Jesse Walker of St. Clair County, Illinois, another in June 1816. The 1815, 1816 and 1820 tax lists show him paying the taxes

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[202] "I do believe Samuel is the son of William and Sarah Owen of Obion County" (transcriptions of the Owen letters to John B. Clark, 1839–185?), Owen — (Source Documents)/Owen, Jr, William folder; "John Edmundson, Sr (Unk. — 1832) Research Profile," EDMONDSON folder, personal files of David A. Ralls.

[203] "Analysis of the Hopkins County, Kentucky land records and the 1807–1808 tax rolls" and "Land Records Analysis," OWEN folder, personal files of David A. Ralls.

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on more than 1,000 acres belonging to Stewart, Holloman, Daniel, Jones, Wallace and Walker. Together with his service as security for a tavern keeper (1817) and a tobacco inspector (1818), as commissioner on estate settlements and as road viewer, this shows a man of standing and some literacy in the county.

William Owen and Willis Ralls

Willis Ralls first appears on William Owen's land. He carried the chain with Owen on Jesse Walker's survey (25 July 1806) and with John McCormack on Owen's surveys of 11 November 1806, was taxed in 1807–1808 on 100 acres entered and surveyed by Owen, and witnessed Owen's 1808 deed to McCormack. Both men later settled in Obion County, Tennessee. The relationship looks like that of landlord or employer and tenant rather than kinship. William Owen named a daughter Priscilla, the name of Willis's wife, and Willis named a son Charles M., the name of Owen's eldest son; these may be compliments between close associates rather than evidence of blood relationship.[204]

Other William Owens who should not be confused with William Jr.

- **William Owens of Livingston Creek, Christian County** (KLG 1558, surveyed 1799, patented 1811). His neighbor was Michael Pirtle, Sr., who appears beside a William Owens on the 1798 Christian County tax list. The tract is never charged to William Jr. on the Hopkins County lists, so this is probably another man, possibly the William Owens the author's early notes place in Livingston County.
- **William Owens, Jr. of Henry County, Tennessee.** The Henry County estate file saved as "Sallie Owen (1843, Es07)" is the partition of the John Osborne land. Its Lot 2 was assigned to Cora O. Pope and Sallie T. Owens, "heirs of William Owens Jr.," with a life estate to **A. B. Owens, widow of the said William Jr.** The earlier note that this file names "Sallie Owen, widow of William Owen, Jr." is a misreading. This is a different and later family, not William Jr. of Obion County, whose widow Sarah married John B. Clark.[205]
- **William Owens of Reelfoot Lake, Obion County** (1824–1825), discussed above. Mary Owens, charged with his 20 acres in 1828–1829, is probably "the widow Owens" of the 1825 road order.
- **William Purnell Owen** (1761–1823) of Madison County, Alabama, discussed under Parentage.

Research leads

- Read the Obion County estate settlements and the 1829 division of William Owen's estate to identify all twelve legatees, and the inventory and slave sale returns of 1824–1827.

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[204] "Willis Ralls from Stephen Ralls," Working Drafts, and "Willis Ralls FAN Club," RALLS/1.0 RALLS, Willis folder, personal files of David A. Ralls.

[205] "Tennessee Probate Court Files, 1795–1955," Henry County, County Court, Estate settlements, 1821–1899, Nairon, John C. – Puckett, Leonard, images 816–822, FamilySearch; file Es07-027 (Osborne, John, 1843), saved as "Sallie Owen (1843, Es07)"; "Every Name Index to the Henry County, Tennessee Estate Settlements, 1821–1899," p. 90; Owen — (Source Documents)/Owen, Jr, William folder, personal files of David A. Ralls.

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- Find the record of Elizabeth Christian's parentage (Gilbert Christian and Margaret Owen) to confirm that she is the "Elizabeth Cristie" who was William's minor heir.
- Search the Hopkins County marriage bonds of 1815–1833 for the parents or bondsmen named for John Owings Owen, William W. Owen, Emily Owen and Sally H. Owen.
- Check the 1820 Hopkins County census for William Knight's household to settle whether Sally H. Knight was William Jr.'s daughter or his sister.
- Examine Union County Deed Book A, p. 91 (William Owen to John R. Dunning, 12 March 1813).
- Look for the Henry County, Tennessee, records of 1821–1823, when the Owens lived in what was then Henry County, before Obion and Weakley were formed.
- Transcribe the Weakley County probate records of 1828–1835 indexed under Charles M. Owen, James Owen and Daniel Owen, including "William O. Lindsey vs Charles M. Owen."
- Search the Hopkins County deed and order books for the Edmondson family to identify Sarah's parents.
- Search Rowan and Wilkes Counties, North Carolina, and Wilkes and Oglethorpe Counties, Georgia, for William Owen, Jr. and Sarah Edmondson between 1777 and 1798: tax digests, deeds, militia rolls and marriage records.

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