

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

ERNEST B. & JESSIE (BRANDON) JOHNSON
1876-1972 1881-1969

Being a collection of information from Public records, biographies, histories and family sources, and arranged to present a coherent view of said family and their individual relationship. This has all been done for the purpose of preserving for future generations a knowledge of their past.

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JOHNSON
Surname
FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. _____

Husband's full name Ernest B. JOHNSON
 born on 1876 at _____
 married 5 Feb. 1911 at Louisiana, Pike Co., Missouri
 died on 1972 at _____
 Interred at Old cemetery at Vandalia Groom's _____ marriage
 Occupation _____ Religion _____ Military Service _____
 Charles E. JOHNSON _____ Ella H. _____
 His father 1840-1916 Mother's maiden name 1850-1894
 Wife's maiden name Jessie W. BRANDON
 born on 2 Sept. 1881 at Spencerburg, Pike Co., Missouri
 died on 12 Oct. 1969 at _____
 Interred at Old cemetery at Vandalia Bride's _____ marriage
 Lewis W. BRANDON _____ Milla Ellen COOK _____
 Her father 1824-1899 Mother's maiden name 1844-1933

Authority/Source of Data:
 Records, Census & Others:
 Pike County Marriage Record, Book 14, page 177.
 U.S. Census Records:
 Ralls Co., Jasper Twp., MO, for 1880.
 Audrain Co., Cuivre Twp., MO, for 1900 & 1910.

Abodes and removals:

Sex	Their Children	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>NONE</u> born on _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	
	(2) Name _____ born on _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	
	(3) Name _____ born on _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	

JOHNSON

Surname
FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. _____

Husband's full name <u>Charles E. JOHNSON</u>	Authority/Source of Data:
born on <u>Feb. 1844</u> at <u>Ralls County, Missouri</u>	
married _____ at _____	Records, Census & Others: U. S. Census Records:
died on <u>1916</u> at _____	
Interred at <u>(Old) Vandalia Cemetery</u> Groom's _____ marriage	
<u>Farmer</u>	
Occupation _____ Religion _____ Military Service _____	
<u>John M. JOHNSON</u> _____ <u>Sarah (Sally) KELLY</u>	
His Father <u>1804-</u> _____ Mother's maiden name _____	
Wife's maiden name <u>Ella H.</u>	
born on <u>1850</u> at _____, <u>Missouri</u>	
died on <u>1894</u> at _____	
Interred at <u>(Old) Vandalia Cemetery</u> Bride's _____ marriage	
Her Father _____ Mother's maiden name _____	

Abodes and removals:

Sex	Their Children	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>Ernest B. JOHNSON</u> born on <u>Oct. 1878</u> at <u>Ralls County, Missouri</u> died on <u>1972</u> at _____ married <u>5 Feb. 1911</u> at <u>Louisiana, Pike Co., MO</u> to: <u>Jessie W. BRANDON</u> <u>2 Sept. 1881 - 12 Oct. 1969</u>	Children: None Ernest's gravestone has the following dates: 1876-1972. Ernest & Jessie are buried in the (Old) Vandalia Cem.
	(2) Name <u>Royden G. JOHNSON</u> born on <u>Apr. 1882</u> at _____, <u>Missouri</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	Buried in the old Vandalia cemetery, Royden's gravestone has the following dates: 1881 - 1918
	(3) Name <u>Marcy M. JOHNSON</u> born on <u>May 1887</u> at _____, <u>Missouri</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	Buried in the old Vandalia cemetery, Marcy's gravestone has the following dates: 1885 - 1967

1850 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE 1. Free Inhabitants in District No. 73 being _____, in the County of _____, State _____, of _____ Missouri _____, enumerated by me on the _____ day of _____ August _____, 1850. _____ Robert Kendrick Ass't Marshal

Line No. on page	Dwelling house No.	Family Number	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each male person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned	Place of birth	Married within the year	Attended school within the year	Over 20 who cannot read & write	Whether deaf & dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.	(Remarks)
26	104	104	John M. JOHNSON	46	M		Clergyman Bap	3400	Kentucky					
27			Sally	46	F				Virginia					
28			Polly J.	26	F				Kentucky					
29			Betsey A.	23	F				"					
30			James W.	22	M		Laborer		"					
31			Nancy M.	21	F				"					
32			Sally M.	20	F				"					
33			Martha O.	18	F				Missouri					
34			Maria D.	16	F				"					
35			William B.	15	M		Laborer		"		/			
36			John M.	13	M				"		/			
37			Charles E.	11	M				"		/			
38			Harrison T.	9	M				"		/			
39			Angeletta K.	7	F				"		/			
40			Permelia F.	5	F				"		/			
41			Czarina V.	2	F				"					

1860 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

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SCHEDULE 1. — Free Inhabitants in Peno Township in the County of Pike State

of Missouri, enumerated by me, on the Twelfth day of October, 1860 Wm G. Hawkins, Ass't Marshal

Post Office Frankford

Line No. on page	Welling house No.	Family Number	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female, over 15 yrs. of age.	Value of Estate owned		Place of birth	Married within the year	Attended School within the yr.	Over 20 who can not read & write	Whether deaf & dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.	(Remarks)
								Real Estate	Personal Estate						
36	2065	2039	John M. JOHNSON	56	M		Baptist Minister	20000	5328	Ky					
37			Sarah K. "	57	F		Dom			Va					
38			John M. " , Jr.	25	M		Farm Labor			Mo					
39			Cha ^s E. "	22	M		" "			"					
40			Harrison T. "	12	M		" "			"					* sic, was 9 in 1850, should be 19 now.
1			Angeletta JOHNSON	17	F		Dom			Mo					
2			Permia F. "	15	F		" "			"					
3			Czarenia V.	12	F		" "			"					

1870 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE 1. — Inhabitants in Peno Township, in the County of Pike, State of Missouri, enumerated by me on the 6th day of August, 1870

Post Office: Louisiana, Missouri

Wm Penix, Ass't Marshal

(Line Number)	Dwelling house Number.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June 1870, was in this family.	Age, last birthday.	Sex.	Color.	Profession, occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of birth.	Father was foreign born.	Mother was foreign born.	Month if born w/in census yr.	Ho. if married w/in census yr.	Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic.	Male citizen 21 yrs. & up.	Male 21 & up w/ right to vote denied/abridged
21	126	Edwards, Jno. H.	41	M	W	Farmer	(n/r)	200	Missouri					//				
22		Edwards, Lucy	41	F	"	Keeps House			Indiana					//				
23		Edwards, Susan	13	"	"				Missouri									
24		Edwards, Mary	10	"	"				"				/					
25		Johnson, Sallie K.	69	"	"	Keeps House		1000	Virginia									
26		Johnson, Cha ^s E.	31	M	"	Farmer	10000	2000	Missouri									
		n/r = not recorded.																



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of Monroe City. Their 3 children are: (1) Alan Dale (2 Dec 1960); (2) Sandra Kay (24 Feb 1965); and (3) Karen Lea (6 Feb 1970). These children are the 5th generation to live on the same land. The father of James Lee Jarman was Homer Lee Jarman (3 Jan 1904 - 12 Feb 1974). On 28 Sep 1930 he married Goldie Faye Rouse, born in Ralls Co., 13 Nov 1908. Their children: James Lee (above); Carol L. (Mrs. H. E. Krigbaum of Quincy, IL); Donald Ray married Mary Fessenden and lives in Philadelphia, Mo.; David Keith Jarman married Rebecca Shelburne, lives in New London; Philip Wayne and Roy Rouse live at home with their mother. Homer Lee Jarman is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery. The father of Homer Lee Jarman was Hillery Lee Thomas (Doc) Jarman, (4 Sep 1874 - 13 Oct 1950); married Jennie Belle Campbell (2 Dec 1873 - 27 Jan 1959) born in Ralls Co. Their children: Emma Zean Sullivan, Leslie Truman Jarman, Mary Helen Johnson, James Joshua Jarman, Eleanor Marie Brydon (now Eleanor Marie Phillips). The father of Hillery Lee Jarman was Joshua James Jarman (10 Apr 1847 - 25 Dec 1910) born in Worcester Co., MD. On 24 Feb 1870 he married Zena Timmons (11 May 1850 - 7 July 1923). They are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery. The father of Goldie Faye Rouse was James Franklin Rouse (11 Aug 1857 - 12 Feb 1936). He married Jennie Priscilla Johnson (5 Sep 1868 - 30 Apr 1962), born in Princeton, IL. They are buried at Oakland Cemetery. Their children: Goldie Faye (above), Okle V. Rouse, Iva Mae Hawkinson (deceased). The parents of James Franklin Rouse were Jonas and Catherine Hernton Rouse. The parents of Jennie Priscilla Johnson were Edward James and Martha Ann Snider Johnson. The parents of Alpha Nell Robertson are Hugh S. Robertson and Pearl Hart Troxel.

JAYNES, HOWARD, near New London, born in Ralls Co., 19 Dec 1922. On 15 Feb 1942, at Hannibal, he married Dorothy Piper, born 5 May 1923 at Hannibal. They have three daughters. (1) Barbara (Miller) Riley, wife of Michael Riley; their children: Melanie Lynn Miller (17 Feb 1963). Howard Derek Miller (19 Oct 1965). Terry Riley (28 Dec 1963), Michelle Riley (4 July 1966). (2) Joyce (Jaynes) (Klise) Vahle, wife of Wayne Vahle. Their children are Tammie Louise Klise (13 Oct 1966), Trina Lollita Klise (24 Sep 1969) and Sandra Joy Klise (26 Feb 1973). (3) Donna Jaynes (8 Jan 1953). The step-father of Howard Jaynes was Charles W. Ransdell, Ralls Co. farmer, veteran of World War I, born in Ralls Co. (6 Oct 1896 - 6 June 1966) buried at Grandview. On 21 Nov 1932 at Corning, AR, married Ada Muehring born in Ralls Co. 28 Mar 1897. The father of Charles W. Ransdell was Charles Henry Ransdell (1856-26 Mar 1911), born in KY, married Engelina Muehring, born in Forreston, IL (9 July 1868 - 8 Nov 1917). Their other children were Orrie, John, Henry, and Katherine Ransdell Katell. The father of Ada Muehring was Frank Muehring (6 Oct 1873 - 27 Dec 1944), born in Hannibal, farmer at Hydesburg, general store-keeper at Oakwood. Married Hilkelina Kahlor, born in Germany (13 Aug 1875 - 3 Oct 1912). They are buried at Hydesburg. Their other children were Bill, Margaret, Esther Brashears, John, Carl, Franklin, Charles, and Mathilda Carr. See: Muehring.

JOHNSON, JOHN M., his wife Sally (Kelly) Johnson and six children under seven years of age came to MO from KY in the spring of 1831 and lived in Marion Co. one year. In the spring of 1832 he bought an 80 acre farm in Ralls Co. and moved to it. He bought more land in Ralls County in 1838. His son, Joseph K., bought land in 1848 but died the following year from an illness contracted while serving in the cavalry in the Mexican War. Eight of John M. Johnson's fifteen children were born in Ralls Co. In 1854 he moved to a 600-acre farm he bought in Pike Co. The Rev. John M. Johnson was 28 when he arrived in Ralls Co. had been an ordained Baptist minister for 11 years and married 10 years. He organized Baptist churches, was a farmer and stockman with some veterinary knowledge. He owned and used a library of more than a thousand valuable reference books. In 1868-69 William Buster Johnson, ninth child of John M., bought 226 acres of land a mile south of Madisonville. He died September 10, 1873, leaving a life estate to that farm to Elizabeth Waddel Johnson, his second wife. Between 1873 and 1887 the farm was operated by Charles E. Johnson, eleventh child of John M. Johnson. From 1887 to 1953 this farm was operated by Joseph Kelly Johnson, fifth child of William Buster and Cordelia Sutton Johnson and grandson of John M. Johnson. He had the farm name, Valley View, registered. He tried new crops: soybeans, black beans and cowpeas in 1899, according to his diary. In 1899, he promoted and helped build a telephone line from Vandalia to New London, with a switchboard at Madisonville. He practiced soil conservation and bred better livestock. He led in getting better roads and REA. He took a business course in Lexington, KY, and kept breeding and business records. He died March, 1953. The eldest son, Byron T., did not choose to be a farmer. He rode his bicycle from Madisonville to Columbia, and wrote his mother when he got a job and enrolled in

the University. He got an MA in history and taught. A daughter, Grace took business training and worked in TX 22 years, before her return to Ralls County and marriage to Homer H. Glascock of Rensselaer. Joseph Kelly, Jr., was an army pilot in France at barely 21. Back in the U.S., he got a PhD in Sociology, was a Professor, an ordained Minister, in the Disciples of Christ Church, and in an alliance of Christians and Jews. Flora May was a teacher, and ordained to Christian service. When her mother became totally helpless, she went home to care for her, and for her father, a total of thirteen years. After her father's death, she went to visit her brother, Joe K., in Carbondale IL, and stayed to get a Masters in English. She married J. William I. Pierce. She still owns the Johnson land in Ralls Co. Joseph Kelly Johnson IV ("Kelly") great-great-great-grandson of John M., the first to own land in Ralls Co., now lives in the Valley View house, built by his great-great-grandfather, William Buster Johnson.

JOHNSON, MILLARD CHARLES, Perry, born 9 June 1901 near Perry, on 1 Aug 1966 at Moberly, married Clara Lee Little Rogers, born 27 July 1904 near Center. Clara Lee was first married to Ernest Underwood Rogers, in 1935; he died in 1960. Millard is a 50-year member of MWA. Clara Lee is active in D.A.R., Entre Nous Club. They are Presbyterians. The parents of Millard Charles Johnson were Joel Ellegood Johnson and Mary Philena Cole (1878-1973). Millard's father died at age 34, Millard and his mother went to live with his grandfather, Carey W. Cole. Joel Ellegood Johnson was born at Hydesburg (10 Aug 1874 - 16 May 1909), buried at Fern Chapel as is his wife, Mary Philena. Another child is Chester Allen Johnson. The father of Joel Ellegood Johnson, Peter Johnson (1845-1920) was born in Sweden. His wife was Caroline Israelson. Peter was a sailor before coming to America from Sweden in 1865. He farmed in the West Hartford community. He and his wife are buried at Fern Chapel. Caroline Johnson (1848-1913) was also born in Sweden, and they were married in Sweden. Their children were Joel Ellegood, Oscar, John and Arthur. The father of Mary Philena Cole was Carey Winfield Cole (27 July 1853 - 1 Feb 1938) born near Eldred, IL. In 1877, he married Sarah Ellen Hulse (24 Nov 1856 - 14 June 1922). He was among the first in the area to raise soy beans. He had a carbide lighting system long before the rural electric program. He patented several inventions useful to farmers. A son, Addison Cole, was a minister in the Christian Church. A daughter, Edith Cole, married Ike Ely, was a community leader. Mary Philena Cole attended Hardin College in Mexico 1895. She was a music teacher; served as secretary for her father when he was State Representative in Jefferson City in 1896-97. The parents of Carey Winfield Cole were Dr. R. S. Cole and Mary Philena Smead. Dr. R. S. Cole was a farmer, lawyer, doctor and a Baptist preacher. He was of English descent. His family came from VA to IL in 1830, to Ralls Co. In 1875, buying a large tract of land between Center and Vandalia. They built a 13-room house, hauling the lumber from Hannibal by wagon and team; the stones were quarried on Spencer Creek and dressed by hand. This house was a landmark known for a square tower built on top. The father of Sarah Hulse Cole was David C. Hulse (1831-1900), married 23 Dec 1852 to Rebecca J. Hall (1832-1905). They are buried at Olivet. The father of David C. Hulse was James Hulse, born in Montgomery County, Ky. David's mother was Susan Eads, daughter of Drury and Elizabeth Eads, related to James Buchanan Eads who built the Eads bridge, St. Louis, in 1874. David and Susan are buried on the Robert Jenks farm south of Center. The father of Clara Lee Little was Robert Levi Little, farmer, born on the old Little place in 1863, died in 1922. On 3 Aug 1886, he married Minnie Garnett at St. Paul's Church. Attendants were Charles and Dora Keithly Coontz. Minnie was born at New London 21 Feb 1868, died in Perry 29 Apr 1951. They are buried at Norton Cemetery. Their other children were Elton, Frances, Velma, Annabelle and Robert. The parents of Robert Levi Little were John Walter Little (1833-1898) and Frances Ann Keithly (1839-1943). They are buried at St. Paul. Their children were William, Susan Coontz, Minnie Kendrick, Robert, John, Bertha Kaiser, Oscar, Mary and Opal. The parents of John Walter Little were William Little (1789-1868) and Susan Greenwell (1793-1861). The father of Susan Greenwell was Ignatius Greenwell (1754-1847), born in Maryland, served in the Maryland Militia, emigrated to KY and on to Ralls County in 1819 with Susan and her husband; William Little, who settled north of Center on a tract of land purchased through original entry, the patent signed by Andrew Jackson in 1835. The home was built in 1832. Ignatius Greenwell is buried at St. Paul Cemetery. The parents of Frances Ann Keithly were Levi Keithly and Helen Bell Keithly, their other children were John W., Joseph B. and Levi T. The father of Helen Bell Keithly was Joseph Bell. He was born in Ireland. He fought in the War of 1812 under General Anthony Wayne. He is buried in Indian Creek Cemetery. The parents of Minnie Garnett were Henry

and was owner-operator of the old brick mill in New London; the business was continued by his son, Henry Tillman ("Till") Weaver and grandson, John H. Grain was custom ground into feed or flour. In the 1920's the mill was sold to Hunter Hulse.

John Kemp Weaver's paternal grandparents were Rev. War Capt. Tillman Weaver II, and Elizabeth Harrison, both born in Fauquier Co. His paternal great grandparents were Tillman Weaver I and Ann Elizabeth Cuntze, both from Nassau-Seigen Germany; they came to America in 1714 with their parents.

When Tillman Weaver III and wife Elizabeth decided to go west, they brought with them to Ralls County Elizabeth (1824-1889) who married Henry Bramblett in 1849 in New London; John Kemp (above) and Martha (1831). Tillman III and Elizabeth had two more children born in Ralls County, Sarah M. who married James H. Thomas Lowe 10 Oct 1861 at New London, and Katty (1839).

John Kemp married Ann Elizabeth Lowe (1835-1888) on 10 March 1853 at New London by William Priest, a Baptist minister. She was a daughter of Henry Lowe and Mary Glascock. They had seven children: Henry Tillman who married Martha Allen Bramblett; Charles Thomas married Logie Mitchell Hendrix; John Neal married Dora Frances Bramblett; and four children who died young: William Fissure; Mary Elizabeth; Lauley Mariah; and James Thornton. John Kemp was a tall and stately man, always well groomed with beard carefully waxed. His wife died 10 Jan 1888 and he died 30 June the same year. They are buried at Flint Hill.

THE PEDDLERS

The visit of a peddler was a pleasant episode for the rural family. They were more than welcome up until the 1920's; then most farmers who could afford even small luxuries had automobiles, or ways to make quick trips to town in someone else's car, to buy the things that weren't available in the small country stores. After the auto age, only peddlers who sold magazines, an established line of home remedies or small household gadgets came; they were different from the early peddler, who often was foreign and sold imported materials only.

The foreign peddler carried his goods in a backpack. Most of them in the area were called Syrians, although they may have been from other countries as well - some appeared to be Italian or Sicilian. Most of them in Ralls Co. came out of Hannibal.

When the children saw him coming up the lane, the men were summoned to the house, too, if they had time to come. The peddler had something to interest everyone. He was asked into the parlor, where there were no fold-out loungers and overstuffed divans. Instead there was a prim circle of padded rockers and wooden chairs, arranged around the edge of an Axminster rug. He laid his pack carefully in the center of the room, heavy canvas cover with webbed straps down. The pack was rectangular, and slowly he

spread his wares, straightening the four corners of each layer but not actually revealing the more expensive counterpanes, tableclothes, and lengths of yard goods until he had reached the center, in which there was a gaggle of goodies. There were bolts of ribbon, soutache braid, battenberg tape, lace, insertion, thimble cases, packages of pins and needles, penknives, rolls of cutlery, thread, embroidery hoops, buttons and other clothing fasteners, elastic, garters and sleeveholders, vials of scent and perhaps even a bottle of bay-rum along with the packages of spices from faraway places. There were tin whistles and other small items to tempt the children. The housewife considered herself luckier if he came near mealtime, for he paid his way by letting her select something from his wares. If he needed to stay overnight usually he offered a set of carving knives or one of the fancy tableclothes.

He presented his wares one by one and laid them to one side. Then he showed the yard goods and clothes and counterpanes. The children waited anxiously, for if the adults bought enough, he gave each child one of the tin toys.

The peddler came each year, until without explanation a different one would appear walking to the farmhouse. He would be younger and there would be changes in his stock of goods. Then the housewife would know that she had bought enough white counterpanes and yard goods and buttons from the previous peddler to enable him to send to the old country for a bride; and that, in all probability, the next time she went to Hannibal, she would see him as the proud owner of a mercantile store or a fruit market.

THE HUCKSTER

The huckster differed from the peddler, in that he also bought produce, or accepted it in trade; and would sometimes take orders and promise to find something the customer needed, and bring it on the next visit. The huckster was a welcome sight on the frontier. He could sell almost anything he brought, because settlers had few household items. The huckster carried hardware and tinware, and once in a while some glassware or dishes to brighten up the cupboard shelf of pewter.

Annie Hostetter Waters wrote in her old age, that there was a man with pewter molds who came once a year to melt and remold their tableware. The oldtime pewter was black, soft and pitted easily, it had a much higher percentage of lead than of the brighter tin which is the other ingredient. The molder brought with him extra pewter, so that they could have extra dishes made; her mother decided what dishes they might need; each year brought its decisions on the number of mugs, bowls and plates.

A peddler or huckster could always sell needles and pins. The meanest thing a vandal or thief could do to a woman, if he wanted to hinder her work, was to steal her supply of needles. She had no way to make more. Some things just could not be improvised, and

she could not sew without them. Pioneer men brought guns and axes, but the woman brought needles, thread and cloth.

While peddlers came on foot in the earliest days, and on through the 1920's, the huckster came on a horse and later with a wagon. His equipage and stock of goods improved as his business improved. Most hucksters accepted produce in pay and that was the secret of their success. The Rev. John M. Johnson ran a huckster route from Ralls County to St. Louis.

On the way he sold hardware, tinware and sewing supplies. If he did not have what a family wanted, he promised to bring it on the way back. Meanwhile, he gathered up eggs, seed, and vegetables which he sold in St. Louis, restocked his wagon and retraced his route. He was also a farmer and sold his own honey and cheese this way. He became quite wealthy and when he died left more than \$1000 cash to each of fourteen of his children and cancelled the debt of the fifteenth child to whom he had previously advanced funds. Along with slaves and relatives, there were about 25 in his household at all times. While marketing extra produce directly in St. Louis, he or one of his sons huckstered and made money going and returning. The Rev. Johnson was a Baptist minister, educated, owned a library of more than 1100 books, which was probably the largest library in the area in his day. He moved to the Marion-Ralls-Pike area from Kentucky in 1831, was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church west of New London for many years, and last owned a large farm in Pike County. He helped organize several churches; in 1848 his journal shows that he did "Missouri State Work" for the Salt River Baptist Association 107 days at 75¢ a day. His journal also shows that he did not attempt to support himself with the ministry and the highest total sum he ever made in one year as a regular minister was \$15.

He was not a typical huckster; most of them were men who took to the road when the roads settled each late spring, and tried to make enough money in a few years to buy land for themselves.

In later years the huckster bought butter, hams, lard, live chickens; his wagon was loaded with such items as floor matting, brooms, cedar buckets and other luxuries.

During the depression of the 1930's came the "Black Irish" - garrulous young women with Irish linen lace to sell, made from pure linen. They were suspected of being not Irish, but daughters of Romany - part of a gypsy camp somewhere in the area. The lace was genuine and lovely, but it was not safe to let them come in unless other family members were present to keep an eye on any small loose valuables. If a housewife asked the origin of the lace, one heard about the aged but busy grandma and aunties in "the auld country." They were willing to trade for such things as "that pretty little gold ring you have on."

While the "Irish" lace sellers were in town, other gypsies might be at a farmhouse where the woman read the palm of the farmer while a young man with

flashing eyes beguiled the farmwife with small talk about the chances of picking berries for her, while the young women picked the pockets of the farmhands and the children raided the house and hencoops. No one liked to admit he had been outwitted by gypsies, usually it was written off to experience, but eventually the sheriff or town marshal escorted them on down the road.

People were desperate for cash, so there were lots of magazine salesmen, most of them honest. The price of a farm magazine subscription might be three years for \$1, and the salesman would accept some chickens, or an old hen out of the breaking coop and some old batteries. The salesmen came every year, and sometimes two men came by selling the same newspaper or magazine. By the time the depression ended, compassionate families had subscriptions paid up 20 or 30 years in advance.

The day of this type of merchandising is past. The man or woman who sells cosmetics, extracts, cleaning supplies, or plastic wares in the home is really a business man or woman with a definite franchise for a national company. With the exception of school children selling subscriptions for class funds or an occasional child selling cards or candy, goods are not sold door to door as much as they once were.

There were others who came around the turn of the century, who were neither peddlers or hucksters. They sold such items as clocks, or sewing machines, and demonstrated the sewing machine by making a pretty embroidered quilt piece to fit into a crazy quilt. Sometimes they sold liniment good for men and horses. The scissors grinder was the poorest man who came - he made a pittance and had only his service to sell.

THE MUSSELS

Salt River and its major creeks were inhabited by huge colonies of mussels, which left beds of empty shells. Settlers quickly found uses for these large oval shells, which averaged 5x8 inches, about 1½ inches deep. They could be used as dishes, containers, scoops for light-weight materials, and the children had time to gather them to outline paths, garden beds or graves.

A substitute betty lamp could be made from such a shell. (A betty lamp was a small covered flat iron lamp with a spout from which protruded a wick; these had an upright rod to be hung on the wall or loops through which chains could be run for hanging. The fuel was oil or most often household grease.) All one needed was half a sturdy mussel shell, a small stone with a hole in it - easy to find in Ralls County - some household grease, and a twisted rag to run through the stone, which held the erect end of the rag out of the grease. The most difficult thing to provide was the rag to make a wick. Few settlers had candlewicking, and the cloth they brought with them often turned into rags while they still wore the clothes. Grease was carefully saved and every scrap of cloth used until it

1880 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

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SCHEDULE 1. Inhabitants in Jasper Township, in the County of Ralls, State of Missouri
 enumerated by me on the 2nd day of June, 1880

David Wallace Enumerator

Name of Street House Number	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed, Divorced, or	Married in census yr.	Profession, Occupation or Trade	No. of months unemployed	Health Inform-ation Item No.	Attended School	Cannot read	Cannot write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother
	32	32	JOHNSON, Chas E.	W M	40					/			Farmer						Mo	Mo	Virginia
			— Ella H.	W F	30			Wife	/				Keeps house						Mo	Mo	Ky
			— Ernest B.	W M	3			Son											Mo	Mo	Mo
			PIERCE, John M. J.	W M	25			Nephew	/				Teacher P.S.						Mo	Mo	Mo
			HICKLIN, Jephtha	W M	25				/				Works on farm						Mo	Mo	Mo

Health Information Item Numbers: 15 - Sick or temporarily disabled; 16 - Blind; 17 - Deaf & dumb; 18 - Idiotic; 19 - Insane; 20 - Maimed or crippled

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County Audrain

Supervisor's Dist. No. 9 Sheet No. 9
Enumeration Dist. No. 3 }

Township or other division of County Cuire Township Name of Institution X
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above named division, Vandalia Ward of City 2
Enumerated by me on the Eleventh day of June, 1900, David W. Hughes, Enumerator.

LOCATION	NAME	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION											NATIVITY			CITIZEN			OCCUPATION			EDUCATION			HOME					
Street & House No. in Cities		Relation to head of family	Color	Sex	Month of birth	Year of birth	Age at last birthday	Single, married, widowed, divorced	No. of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Year of migration to U.S.	No. of years in U.S.	Naturalization	Occupation, Trade or Profession of each person ten years of age and over.	No. of months not employed	Attended school (months)	Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Home owned or rented	Home owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule			
225	J-525	Head	M	M	Feb	1844	56	WD				Missouri	Kentucky	Kentucky							yes	yes	yes							
225	JOHNSON, Charles	Son	M	M	Oct	1878	22	S				Missouri	Missouri	Missouri							yes	yes	yes							
	— Ernest	Son	M	M	Apr	1882	18	S				Missouri	Missouri	Missouri							yes	yes	yes							
	— Royden	Son	M	M	May	1887	13	S				Missouri	Missouri	Missouri							yes	yes	yes							
	— Marcy	Son	M	M	May	1887	13	S				Missouri	Missouri	Missouri							yes	yes	yes							

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COUNTY Audrain (INCORPORATION DIST. NO. 3)
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Cuiivre Township NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Vandalia City WARD OF CITY 1st
NAME OF INSTITUTION X ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 20 & 21 DAY OF April 1910 John P. Alford ENUMERATOR

LOCALITY IN CITIES	NAME	PERSONAL DESCRIPTOR						NATIVITY				CITIZEN			OCCUPATION				EDUCATION				HOME			Blind in both eyes.								
		Relation to head of family.	Sex.	Color or race.	Age last birthday.	Single, married, widowed or divorced.	No. years of present marriage.	No. born.	Mother of how many children.	Place of birth.	Place of birth of father.	Place of birth of mother.	Year of immigration to the U.S.	Naturalized/Alten.	Speaks English or other.	Trade or Profession.	General nature of work.	Employer, employee or works on own.	Out of work Apr. 15.	Weeks out of work '09.	Can read.	Can write.	Attended School.	Home owned/rented.	Free/mortgaged.		Farm/house.	No. of farm enum.	Confed. or Union veteran.					
J-525			W	W	66	Wd		4	Illinois	Tennessee	Tennessee				Laundress	at Home	VA	0	0	Yes	Yes													
132	BRANDON, Millie E.	Head	F	W	36	S			Missouri	Missouri	Illinois				Laundress	at Home	VA			Yes	Yes													
143	Jessie W.	Dau	F	W	78	Wd			Ohio	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				None					Yes	Yes				R									
144	KAYLOR, Samuel	Head	M	W	(n/r)	S			Missouri	Missouri	Missouri				Laborer odd jobs		M	0	0	Yes	Yes							15-5-9-8						
133	HICKLIN, Jephtha	Brdr	M	W	70	Wd			Missouri	Kentucky	Virginia				Mail Contractor		VA			Yes	Yes					H				0-1-X-7				
	JOHNSON, Charles E.	Head	M	W	32	S			Missouri	Missouri	Missouri				Rural Carrier Mail		M	0	0	Yes	Yes							0-1-X-7						
	Ernest B.	Son	M	W																														

JOHNSON ESTATE SETTLED

J. T. Gentle attended the sale of the late Wm. B. Johnson farm Monday. This is a fine 226 acre farm, and the sale of it closes the estate which had remained unsettled for forty years. The farm was purchased by J. K. Johnson of Madisonville. Being adjacent to the farm owned by him. The consummation of this deal will give Mr. Johnson one of the largest and finest farms in Ralls county.

The heirs to the estate are J. K. Johnson, Madisonville; Mrs. J. T. Gentle, Vandalia; Dr. C. D. Johnson, Fon Dulse,* Wis.; Mrs. Blanche Peacock, Kansas City.

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William T. BRANDON of Vandalia, Audrain Co., MO, over age 21
and
Effie COBB of Laddonia, Audrain Co., MO, over age 18
married
at Vandalia on 4th February, 1894, by G. B. Moore, Justice
of Peace.

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Marshall H. BRANDON of Audrain Co., over the age of 21
and
Ella BARNES of Audrain Co., who is over 18 years of age
married
in Montgomery Co., MO, at Wellsville on 4th May, 1898 by
Hay Bell, Minister of the Gospel.

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Mike Edward BRANDON of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State of
MO, over the age of 21
and
Emma WEATHERFORD of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State of MO,
who is over 18 years of age.
married
at Farber on the 25th of December, 1899, by Geo. M. Oakes,
a minister.

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Arthur BRANDON of Worcester, Co. of Audrain, State of MO,
who is over 21
and
Emma L. HAGAN of Worcester, Co. of Audrain, State of MO,
who is over the age of 18
married
at Mexico, Audrain Co. on the 15th of October, 1902, by
John J. Dillon, a Catholic Priest.

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Carl J. BRANDON of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State of MO,
who is of the age of seventeen years

and

Edith GOODIN of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State of MO,
who is over the age of twenty-one

M. H. Brandon; Father of Carl J. Brandon gives his con-
sent to the said marriage.

married

at Mexico, Audrain Co., MO, on the 28th of June 1924, by
Wesley H. Maurer, Pastor Christian Church at Laddonia.

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Howard Edward BRANDON of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State
of MO, who is of the age of twenty years

and

Rose M. CHRISTENSEN of Vandalia in Audrain Co., State of
MO, who is the age of twenty years

M. E. Brandon and C. T. Christensen; fathers of the above
parties give their consent to said marriage.

married

at Mexico, Audrain Co., MO, on 11th August, 1926, by A. A.
Wallace, Pastor, Presby. Church at Mexico, MO.

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M. E. BRANDON of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State of MO,
who is of the age of seventy-one years

and

Dora GIBBS of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State of MO, who
is of the age of sixty-eight years

married

at Vandalia, Audrain Co., MO, on the 12th of March, 1946,
by J. Wayne Kurtz, Minister.

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Alvey T. BUNGARD of Audrain Co., MO, over age of 21
and

Mary E. BRANDON of Audrain Co., MO, over age of 18
married

at Vandalia, 14th April, 1895, by G. B. Moore, J.P.

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Jesse J. BRATTON of Mexico, Audrain Co., MO, over age of 21
and
Bessie BRANDON of Mexico, Audrain Co., MO, over age of 18
married
at Mexico on 12th September, 1908, by W. W. Botts, Judge of
Probate

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Ed PATTERSON of Mexico, Audrain Co., MO, over age of 21
and
Belle BRANDON of Mexico, Audrain Co., MO, over age of 18
married
at Mexico on 1st of May 1913, by resident Pastor of Baptist
Church, Rev. J. A. McKamey.

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F. C. JAMES of Laddonia in Co. of Audrain, State of MO, who
is of the age of twenty-three years
and
Eva Joyce BRANDON of Farber in Co. of Audrain, State of MO,
who is of the age of seventeen

Rosie M. Brandon; Mother of Eva Joyce Brandon gives her
consent to this marriage.

married
at Laddonia, Audrain Co., MO, on 21st November, 1947, by
J. W. Maxwell, an ordained Baptist Pastor.

Record extractions at Mexico, MO.
by Edw^d Bartlett, August 24, 1982
Revised October 2, 1987