

# The James Robert Durbin Family

Edward, son of Samuel Durbin and Hannah Brown, was married to Emily, daughter of Nicholas Durbin and Margaret Brown, in Hardin County, July 12, 1828.

Hannah and Margaret Brown were sisters, so Edward Durbin and Emily Durbin were first cousins.

James Robert, son of Edward Durbin and Emily Durbin, born in Nelson County April 1, 1830, was married to Eliza Ann, daughter of John Bratcher and Patsy Mudd, in Edmonson County, May 6, 1853.

Eliza Ann was enumerated in the household of John J. Durbin, Sr. on the 1850 census.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1860:

James R. Durbin	30
Eliza Ann	22
Ambrose	6
Susan Ann	4
Daniel	1
Mary Ann	3/12

James Robert was drafted into the Union Army for one year, and sworn in at Owensboro, Kentucky September 24, 1864. He was assigned to Company "C", 23rd Kentucky Infantry. James was described as 5'9" tall, hazel eyes, black hair. The War Department ordered him discharged May 29, 1865, and he was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee June 23, 1865.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1870:

James Durbin	40
Eliza A.	34
Ambrose	16
Susan	14
Daniel	11
Elizabeth	7
Franklin	5
Emily	3
Eliza J.	4/12

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

James Durbin	50
Eliza	46
Daniel	21
James	15
Emile	13
Eliza J.	11
Martin (or Marion)	9
Terl	7
Tiscey (Teresa Ellen)	3
Emiley	5, granddaughter

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

James R. Durbin	April 1830
Eliza	Jan. 1837
John A. Young	Oct. 1872 son-in-law
Teresa E.	Aug. 1877

James Robert died April 8, 1904, age 75 years. Eliza Ann Bratcher Durbin, born January 22, 1836, died January 26, 1915.

**Children of John Robert Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher**

1. Ambrose, son of James R. Durbin and Eliza A. Bratcher, was married to Emily J., daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Laymon and \_\_\_\_\_, December 20, 1873.

Emily Jane, daughter of Ambrose Durbin and Emily Jane Laymon, born November 9, 1875. Emily was on the census of 1880 with James and Eliza.

Ambrose was married second to Laurana, daughter of James Robert Jones and Polly Hayes, April 2, 1875.

There has to be an error in either the birthdate of Emily Jane or the date of marriage for Ambrose and Laurana. I suspect the birth date is really the baptismal date.

Two children of Ambrose and Laurana are on the baptismal records:

Pelvina Frances, born February 19, 1876.

George W., born April 29, 1879.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

Ambus Durbin	26
Susan A.	21
Emma	6
Patience	2
George	1

The census taker used the name Susan A. for the wife of Ambrose, and perhaps her name was Susanna. Some of the names in the marriage books are hard to read.

Ambrose Durbin and family moved to Texas before 1900. I have no other information.

2. Susan Ann, daughter of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to Francis Marion Woosley, 33, occupation listed as sheriff, parentage unknown, May 2, 1876. I have not researched this line.

St. Joseph marriage records indicate that Susan Ann Woosley, daughter of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to Will, son of John Thomas and Mary Thomas, January 2, 1909. I have not researched this line.

Susan Ann was born in 1856, died in 1945. She is buried at St. John Cemetery, Sunfish, and her tombstone indicates her name was Woosley, not Thomas.

3. Daniel, son of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to Julina Nash, parentage unknown, January 11, 1882.

In his later years, Daniel Durbin was a very wealthy man for the time. He built one of the finest homes in Sunfish, a big two-story house which sat on the west side of Ky. 187, at the top of the hill just north of Whetstone Creek. He had several marble (or tile) fireplaces, rich woods, and a grand staircase. Our family was invited to attend the dinners Daniel had at his home, usually on Sunday after Mass, and I was amazed at all the finery.

According to Elmer Logsdon, grandson of Daniel, if a man came to him looking for work, Daniel would first feed him. If the man ate quickly, Daniel would hire him. If he ate slowly, he was sent on his way. Daniel said a man worked the same way as he ate, and he wanted no slow workers in his fields.

Daniel owned a store, as well as owning a big farm, and he paid his men with things from the store whenever he could. This way he got the man's labor and made a profit on his goods. Mostly he paid off a hired hand with flour, corn meal or some other food stuff.

After I started to school I often saw Daniel walking across the road with a basket of corn on his arm. His house was on the opposite side of the road from his barn.

Daniel Durbin was born October 7, 1858, died February 7, 1939. Julina Nash Durbin was born July 3, 1854, died January 15, 1930. Both are buried at St. John Cemetery, Sunfish.

**Children of Daniel Durbin and Julina Nash**

- A. Nora, born May 3, 1881, died September 15, 1899.
- B. Arthur, born and died November 29, 1882.
- C. Grover C., born and died June 29, 1884.
- D. Thomas H., born and died December 18, 1884.  
(One of these dates has to be wrong.)
- E. Leona, born May 31, 1889, died February 10, 1961, was married to Pete Valentine, son of Charles Lashley and Jemima Musick, June 28, 1915.  
(This line will be carried in the Lashley Family Section.)
- F. Viola, born May 31, 1891, died September 15, 1899.
- G. Eliza J., born February 12, 1895, died September 14, 1940, was married to Christopher Allen, son of Henry Pius Logsdon and Harriett A. Gott, October 30, 1916. (This line will be carried in the Logsdon Family Section.)

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

Daniel Durbin	Oct. 1858
Julina	July 1854
Leona	May 1889
Eliza	Feb. 1895

H. James A., born October 15, 1901, died October 25, 1901.

- 4. Mary Ann, daughter of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, died as a child.
- 5. Mary Elizabeth, daughter of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to John Richard, son of John J. Durbin, Jr. and Susan Skees, October 16, 1879. (This line will be carried in the John J. Durbin, Jr. Family Section.)
- 6. James Franklin, son of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to Cordelia Alice, daughter of John Sudith and Teresa J. \_\_\_\_\_, February 14, 1886.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

John Sudith	36 basket maker
Teresa J.	29
Josephine	13
Ardelia	12 (Cordelia)
Mary	10
Ida B.	7
Emet	3

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

Frank Durbin	Sept. 1864 - 35
Cordelia A.	Sept. 1868 - 32
Martin	Nov. 1886 - 13
Bessie	Nov. 1888 - 11
Angie	Oct. 1891 - 9
Gussie	Dec. 1892 - 7
Elsie	Jan. 1895 - 5
Nora	Aug. 1897 - 2
Cecil	Jan. 1900 - 4/12
John W. Durbin	May 1870 - 30, boarder
Martin R. Durbin	Feb. 1882 - 18, boarder
Susan Johnson	Mar. 1876 - 24, servant

(I believe the Martin R. Durbin above to be the son of John S. and Sarah Ann Durbin, born in 1880. John S. moved his family to Missouri before 1900. See John N. Durbin Family Section.)

After 1900, James Franklin moved his family to Texas, where he joined his brother, Ambrose. Nothing further is known of this line.

- Emily Jane, 20, daughter of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to T.J. Carrier, 32, parentage unknown, October 30, 1887.

Although this line has not been researched, we did find the baptismal records for two children: Adeliade Mary, daughter of Urban Carrier and Emily Durbin, born August 11, 1888, and Oscar, son of Thomas Carrier and Emily Durbin, born November 23, 1889. I have no further information on this line.

- Eliza J., 24, daughter of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to James E., 32, son of James Hayes and Catherine Durbin, July 26, 1896. (This line will be carried in the Hayes Family Section.)
- Martin (or Marion), died as a child.

10. Turl, son of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was never married. Turl was born January 24, 1879, died March 17, 1947. He is buried at St. John's Cemetery, Sunfish.
11. Teresa Ellen, daughter of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann Bratcher, was married to John A. Young, parentage unknown, of near Honaker's Ferry in Warren County.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

John A. Young	36
Trecy E.	33
Essey	16
Emily	12
Annie	9
Jemima	6
Elbert	3
Bessie	1
Eliza Ann Durbin	65, mother-in-law

James, born between Jemima and Elbert, was not on the census.

There were four children born to John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin after this census: Mary, Daniel, Norena and William.

John Young and Teresa Ellen lived in an old house which sat on the same spot as the new brick home of Estill Durbin, near the end of the St. John Church Lane.

John A. Young was born in 1872, died in 1940. Teresa Ellen Durbin Young was born August 15, 1877, died December 6, 1953. Both are buried at St. John's Cemetery, Sunfish.

#### **Children of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin**

- A. Essey, son of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, was married to Nora, daughter of Andrew Jackson Hayes and Isabella Hack, September 4, 1921. Since Essey and Nora did not live in or near Sunfish, I have no other information.
- B. Emily, daughter of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, joined the Sisters of Loretto. She is living at the Motherhouse in Louisville.
- C. Annie, daughter of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, was married to Paul, son of William Sanders and Rosann Morris of Shrewsbury. I have no further information on this line.

- D. Jemima, daughter of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, died as a child.
- E. James, son of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, was married to Artelia Raymer, parentage unknown, December 31, 1926.

James Young was a very big man, and Artelia a very thin woman. I remember their twins because one looked like James, the other like Artelia. The family moved to White Mills circa 1940, and I never saw them again.

At the new Saint Ignatius Catholic Cemetery, built circa 1900, we found the grave of James Young.

James Young, April 9, 1904 - April 25, 1980.

Artelia Young, September 27, 1907 -

Parents of Howard, Lorene, Norene and Jerldean.

- F. Elbert, son of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, was married to Nora, daughter of Martin Robert Durbin and Laura E. Higgs.

Elbert and Nora lived in Louisville, where Nora died in 1983. There were no children.

- G. Bessie, daughter of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, died as a child.
- H. Mary, daughter of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, was married to Ellis, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Lashley and \_\_\_\_\_.

Ellis and Mary lived in Louisville. Ellis has died, but Mary is still living. There were no children.

- I. Daniel, son of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, was married to Mary Christina, daughter of Mathew Simon and Effie Delia Durbin, July 31, 1937.

Daniel and Mary live in Louisville, are retired, and are the parents of two children:

- aa. Joann, was married to Robert L. Bray. Robert and Joann lived for a long time in California, but because of crowding moved to Washington State.
- bb. Ronald, was married to Brenda Melton, and after two children they were divorced.

J. William, son of John A. Young and Teresa Ellen Durbin, was married to Lillie, daughter of James E. Hayes and Mary Ellen Duvall, June 4, 1946.

William and Lillie live in Louisville. They were the parents of two children who are buried at St. John Cemetery, Sunfish:

John Allen, born and died March 20, 1947.

Joseph Allen, born May 7, 1951, died September 18, 1953.

I don't know if there were other children.

William Young was born November 11, 1918. Lillie Hayes Young was born February 21, 1922.

As shown in the John J. Durbin Section, John J. Durbin was married to Elizabeth Hayes, February 22, 1849, and Eliza Ann Bratcher was on the census of 1850 with them in Edmonson County. In St. John's Cemetery at Sunfish, about halfway back and close to the fence on the south side, there are the graves of Elizabeth, Patsy Mudd (mother of Eliza Ann Bratcher) and four of the children of James R. Durbin and Eliza Ann.

Patsy, wife of J. Bratcher, April 8, 1814 - September 10, 1858.

Martha Durbin, July 14, 1855 - July 17, 1855.

Marian, March 29, 1860 - October 9, 1861 (Mary Ann on the census).

Josephine Durbin, born and died May 4, 1867.

Patsy Durbin, January 31, 1879 - February 4, 1879.

Elizabeth Durbin, February 2, 1785 - September 20, 1850.