

V. Joseph C., son of John J. Durbin and Patience Logsdon, was married to Dorothy Norris, parentage unknown, in Hardin County, April 26, 1822.

I don't know when Joseph moved to Sunfish, but he could have been living there, or nearby, at the time of his marriage.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1850:

Joseph C. Durbin	48 inn keeper
Dorothy	49
Henry	22
Mary	20
Richard	18
Eliza J.	15
Joseph	14

From the records of Fr. Degauquier at St. John in Rineyville: "April the 10th, 1836, I baptised Benedict Joseph, son of Joseph Durbin and Dorotha his wife, born the 2nd of March, 1836, sponsor: Susanna Durbin". (I don't know this Susanna Durbin.)

Dorothy died after this census was taken, for Joseph C. was married second to Martha Jane, daughter of Landon Bush and Mary Logsdon, June 22, 1855.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1860:

J.C. Durbin	57 merchant
Martha J.	34
William H.	4
Dorothy	2

We have found nothing positive regarding the children of Joseph and Dorothy. I have several ideas about their children, and make some educated guesses. This will be carried at the end of this section.

From the baptismal records of St. Joseph:

William, born July 28, 1856.

Robert John, born February 17, 1861.

Leander J., born January 22, 1863.

Mary, born October 28, 1864.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1870:

J.C. Durbin	66
Martha J.	43
William H.	13
Dorothy J.	11
Robert J.	9
John L.	7
Mary E.	5
Nancy D.	2

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

Joseph Durbin	76
Martha	53
Robert J.	19
John	17
Mary E.	15
Nancy D.	12

Joseph C. Durbin, 86 years old, was killed in the boiler explosion of a wheat thrasher, along with four others, July 22, 1891.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

Martha J. Durbin	Oct. 1826 - 73
Mary E.	Oct. 1864 - 36

I did not find Martha Jane on the census of 1910.

In the courthouse at Brownsville, I found a deed dated March 4, 1859, in which Joseph C. Durbin sold to his wife, Martha Jane Durbin, "for and in consideration for the sum of seventy dollars, to him in hand paid, the receipt is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, granted, and sold to the party of the second part, and her children of her body by the said Durbin, all land or money or other property which he may be entitled to from the estate of his father, John J. Durbin, deceased, to have and to hold to her and the heirs of her body by the said Durbin, forever."

This deed was recorded November 2, 1861. The only reason that I can see for this deed is that Joseph wanted to make sure none of his children by Dorothy Norris received any inheritance. This would also seem to indicate that some of those children were still living.

**Children of Joseph C. Durbin and Martha Jane Bush**

V-A. William Henry, son of Joseph C. Durbin and Martha Jane Bush, was married to Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher A. Yates and Matilda J. Simon, April 19, 1880.

Susan Elizabeth Yates Durbin was born July 2, 1862, died October 1, 1897.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

William H. Durbin	July 1856
Ella Jane	Mar. 31, 1881
Joseph Robert	July 14, 1884
Nancy Florence	Mar. 8, 1886
John Edward	Nov. 25, 1887
Martin Ben	Apr. 17, 1889
Jacob Marling	Feb. 17, 1891
James Elvie	Nov. 22, 1893
Matilda J.	Jan. 1895

The birth dates for the children come from baptismal records. One child was not on this census; Arzella A., born March, 1883, had already married.

After 1900, William moved to McLean County. On August 5, 1905, he bought 100 acres of land from J.S. Willis for the sum of \$2,000.00. This land was located on Cypress Creek, about three miles from Rumsey. On March 11, 1915, William sold this land to, according to the deed, "C.C. his son". William and Susan Elizabeth had no son with those initials, and none of the daughters married a man with those initials. Whomever C.C. was, he paid \$1.00 and a promissory note for \$500.00. The lien was removed from the property April 7, 1924.

William Henry Durbin died September 24, 1949, and is buried beside Susan E., his wife, at St. John Cemetery, Sunfish.

**Children of William Henry Durbin and Susan Elizabeth Yates**

1. Ella Jane, daughter of William H. Durbin and Susan E. Yates, was married to Olliver P. Jr., son of Olliver Perry Durbin and Clarendia Miller, July 25, 1900. (This line will be carried in the Christopher N. Durbin Family Section.)

2. Arzella A., daughter of William H. Durbin and Susan E. Yates, was married to Samuel James Tildon, son of Olliver Perry Durbin and Clarendia Miller, December 3, 1899. (This line will be carried in the Christopher N. Durbin Family Section.)
3. Joseph Robert, son of William Henry Durbin and Susan E. Yates.
4. Nancy Florence, 17, daughter of William H. Durbin and Susan E. Yates, was married, as second wife, to Thomas, 27, son of James Forbes and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, September 16, 1903.

The parents of Thomas were from Tennessee. The marriage was to be performed in Bowling Green. I have not researched this line.

5. John Edward, son of William H. Durbin and Susan E. Yates, was married to Polly, daughter of Joseph Blanton and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, July 15, 1909.

There was one child found on the birth records: Ella Marie, born October 30, 1915 in Edmonson County. I have no other information on this line.

6. Martin Ben, son of William H. Durbin and Susan E. Yates, was married to Julia, daughter of Sam Miller and Margaret Blanton, January 1, 1912.

Martin and Julia lived in either Butler County or near Big Reedy. They sold their farm in the early 1940's and moved to Leitchfield. I don't believe Martin lived in the Church,

Martin and Julia were the parents of at least three children:

- A. Bernes, born January 15, 1914 in Edmonson County.
- B. Benjamin F., born January 18, 1916 in Butler County. (There was also the birth record for "Guy" Durbin, born January 18, 1916. I assume Guy and Benjamin F. were the same.)
- C. Grace, born May 12, 1915 in Butler County.

Martin Ben, 71, was married to Zelma Ree Mingus, 59, at the First Christian Church, December 24, 1960.

7. Jacob Marling, son of William H. Durbin and Susan E. Yates.
8. James Elva, son of William H. Durbin and Susan Elizabeth Yates, was married to Tina, daughter of Golson Willis and Adeline Miller, in McLean County, December 22, 1912.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

Golson Willis	Dec. 1855
Adeline	Oct. 1856
Elonzo	Nov. 1879
Alfonzo	June 1881
Truly	Aug. 1883
Rosco	Dec. 1886
Delia	Aug. 1891
Asbury	Mar. 1893
Tina A.	Mar. 1897
Dollie B.	June 1899

James Elva left the Church and became a Presbyterian minister.

James Elva and Tina were the parents of at least five children:

Twins Arizona and Leona, born October 11, 1913.

James Cicero.

Teresa, born April 8, 1920.

Hugh Roy, born 24, 1926, was killed during World War II.

I have no other information on this line.

9. Matilda Jane, daughter of William H. Durbin and Susan Elizabeth Yates, entered the Ursuline convent at Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount, in Daviess County, taking the name Sister Loretto.

V-B. Dorothy Jane, daughter of Joseph C. Durbin and Martha Jane Bush, was married to Charles Christopher, son of Joachim Simon and Lucretia Durbin, September 14, 1879. (This line will be carried in the Simon Family Section.)

V-C. Robert John, son of Joseph C. Durbin and Martha Jane Bush.

V-D. John Landon, 17, son of Joseph C. Durbin and Martha Jane Bush, was married to Mary Elizabeth, 16, daughter of Olliver Perry Durbin, Sr. and Clarendia Miller, December 9, 1883.

John Landon and Mary were the parents of at least two children:

Michael, born February 13, 1886.

Mathias, born January 17, 1888.

Mary Elizabeth died after the birth of Mathias, but I have not found the date. Both of the sons were found on the census of 1900:

Mikel Durbin, 14 years old, was in the household of Bennett Higdon of the "fork" precinct, listed as an orphan.

Mathias Durbin, 12 years old, was listed in the household of William H. Bush in Sunfish as grandson. Mathias was not the grandson of William H. Bush, but the grandson of his sister, Martha Jane. (Bennie Woosley Duvall, granddaughter of William Henry, stated she remembered these two, but she had no idea what happened to them.)

John Landon was married second to Sarah, daughter of James T. Hampton and Rebecca Perry.

In the St. Joseph baptismal records: "Sarah Salinda Jane Durbin, born February 6, 1871, was baptised into the Church, May 1, 1890".

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

J.T. Hampton	35
Rebkah	34
Charles	12
Sarah J.	10
Luther	8
John M.	6
Julia A.	2
Thomas Perry	20, brother-in-law

This Thomas Jefferson Perry was married to Mary Ellen, daughter of Martin Durbin and Elenor Gatton, September 22, 1882.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

James T. Hampton	June 1842 - 57, widowed
James B.	Aug. 1880 - 19
George W.	Jan. 1884 - 16
James C. Durbin	April 1892 - 8
Arrora J. Perry	Feb. 1822 - 78, mother-in-law

James C. Durbin, in the above census, would have to be the son of John L. and Sarah. There was one other son listed on the baptismal records:

Oscar Herman, son of Leo Durbin and Sarah Hampton, born October 25, 1893.

We have found few records of marriages in this family:

1. Thomas Sylvester, son of John L. Durbin and Sarah Hampton, was married to Mary Bell, daughter of Samuel James Tildon Durbin and Sarah Pierce, in Edmonson County, October 15, 1911.

Thomas and Mary Belle were the parents of at least two children:

Flossie B., born December 1, 1912 in Jefferson County.

Thomas Edward (Buddy), born July 10, 1914 in Jefferson County.

This family eventually moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. All are dead now.

Mary Belle Durbin died July 1, 1933, age 38 years. She is buried at St. John Cemetery, Sunfish.

2. James C., son of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton, was married to Mary C. Sanders, parentage unknown, in Jefferson County, June 26, 1913.
3. Oscar Herman, son of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton.
4. Beatrice A., daughter of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton, was married to Edward Salesman, parentage unknown, in Jefferson County, November 16, 1916. Witnesses were Lee Blakley and Pearl Durbin.
5. Elizabeth, daughter of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton, was married to Edgar Bess (or Best).
6. Pearl, daughter of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton, was married to Eugene Short, parentage unknown.
7. Jonathon, son of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton, was married to Sylvia Cambron, parentage unknown, in Jefferson County, July 1, 1916. Witnesses were John S. Ballard and Katie Ballard.
8. Ernest, son of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton.
9. Martha, daughter of John Landon Durbin and Sarah Hampton.

A deed in Brownsville (there was a forced selling of the land of James Thomas Hampton) lists the children of James T. Hampton and Rebecca Perry, the children of John L. Durbin and Sarah Hampton, and James Hampton's second wife, Mary E. Durbin Hampton:

Whereas, in the action of L.H. Hampton et al, plainteff, against James B. Thomas Hampton, et al, defendant, pending in the Edmonson County Circuit Court, an order was entered in the November term, 1928, directing J.T. Webb, Commissioner of said Court, to expose for sale at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, the property herein described. Whereas

said property was sold in accordance with said order on the 7th day of January, 1929, for the sum of \$1183.33, when Julia Whobrey became the purchaser thereof, . . . Confirmed by said Court at the March term, 1929, . . . Now therefore this indenture, made and entered into this 28th day of June, 1929, between L.H. Hampton, Emma Hampton, Sarah O. Hampton, C.T. Hampton, Jane Hampton, G.W. Hampton, Ora Hampton, nee C.P. Whobrey, Martha Hampton Basham, John V. Basham, James B. Hampton, Mrs. J.B. Hampton, Thomas Durbin, Mary B. Durbin, James Durbin, Mrs. James Durbin, Beatrice Durbin Salesman (Saltsman?), Ed Salesman, Elizabeth Durbin Bess, Edgar Bess, Pearlle Durbin Short, Eugene Short, Johnathon Durbin, Mrs. Johnathon Durbin, Ernest Durbin, Mrs. Ernest Durbin, and Martha Durbin, and Mary E. Hampton . . . .

I have not found John Landon and Sarah on any census, and have no idea where they lived. They were witnesses for the marriage of Carol Bush and Susanna Logsdon on September 25, 1910, according to the marriage records of St. Joseph, but the records did not indicate where the marriage took place. Stella Durbin Hulshof, of Portageville, Missouri, informed me that John Landon made visits to her family in Portageville a few times, and she thought they lived in western Tennessee. She based this on the fact that means of transportation and roads were very poor, and she felt he would not have attempted a long trip.

V-E. Mary E., 44, daughter of Joseph C. Durbin and Martha J. Bush, still living at home in 1900, was married to James Thomas Hampton, 65, father of Sarah Hampton, June 28, 1908.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

James T. Hampton	67
Mary E.	45

V-F. Nancy D., daughter of Joseph C. Durbin and Martha Jane Bush, was married to Jacob F., son of Elisha A. Duvall and Parmelia Lashley, April 4, 1893. (This line will be carried in the Duvall Family Section.)



Although we have found nothing concrete on the family of Joseph C. Durbin and Dorothy Norris, I am of the opinion the following is a part of that family. Joseph and Dorothy were married in 1822, and it would be normal for them to have their first child in 1823 or 1824. If we assume the first child was born in one of those years, then the two families below, on the census of Grayson County in 1850, could be their sons.

Elisha Durbin	26 (Born circa 1824)
Lucinda	23
Marcella	3
Dorothy	1
Matilda Hayse	20

From the records of Fr. August Degauquier:

"August 21, 1844, I married Elijah Durbin and Lucinda Hayse."

"June 29th, 1845, I baptised Lucinda, wife of Elisha Durbin. Also Mary Ellen, daughter of Elisha Durbin and Lucinda his wife. Sponsor: Miss Mary Durbin."

I am of the opinion this Miss Mary Durbin is the daughter of Joseph C. Durbin and Dorothy Norris, and sister of Elisha.

I have no other information on this family, and did not find them on the census after 1850.

Also on the census of Grayson County, 1850, and another whom I think was a son of Joseph C. Durbin and Dorothy Norris:

John C. Durbin	24, cabinet maker
Martha A.	23
Amelia J.	2

I have no other information on this family, and did not find them on the census after 1850.

In Brownsville there is the record of a marriage between Richard Durbin and Martha A. Whitfield on February 18, 1858. I think this was a son of Joseph C. Durbin and Dorothy Norris. I have not found this family on any census. Witnesses for the marriage were John Durbin and Robert Durbin.

We know from the baptismal records that Joseph C. Durbin and Dorothy Norris were the parents of Benedict Joseph, born March 2, 1836. I believe this Benedict Joseph was the Ben Durbin who was married to Teresa Sapp, date not known, and even though they did not appear on the census of Grayson County until 1870, I think they lived for a time in that County.

From the marriage records at St. Joseph, we know a Ben Durbin was married to Teresa Durbin November 10, 1869.

I believe this was Benedict Joseph, that they had been married earlier out of the Church, and this marriage date was when they were remarried by a Catholic priest.

On the census of Grayson County, 1850:

Thomas J. Sapp	42
Phebe	34
Nathan	17
Mahala	15
Ezra W.	12
Teresa	10
Bluford	7
Roxy	5

This Teresa on the 1850 census corresponds in age to the Teresa who married Ben Durbin, and the birth date listed in the baptismal records corresponds with the birth date of Ben Durbin given in the census of Grayson County, 1870:

Benjamin Durbin	34
Teresa	30
M.C.	6
Nicholas	4
Emily	3

Although Ben Durbin was listed as Benjamin on the census, it is almost a sure thing he went by the name of Ben, and when the census taker asked him his name, he replied "Ben". The census taker then, mistakenly, put down Benjamin instead of Benedict.

From the baptismal records at St. Joseph:

"Oct. 30, 1873, I baptised Mary Durbin, daughter of Ben Durbin and Teresa Sapp, nine years old, sponsor: Rachael Logsdon."

"Oct. 30, 1873, I baptised Emily Durbin, daughter of Ben Durbin and Teresa Sapp, four years old, sponsor: Rachael Logsdon."

"Nov. 30, 1874, I baptised Thomas Durbin (Thomas Jefferson), son of Ben Durbin and Teresa Sapp, born Oct. 10, 1872, sponsor: Rachael Logsdon."

"Nov. 30, 1874, I baptised Nicholas Durbin, son of Ben Durbin and Teresa Sapp, 7½ years old, sponsor: Rachael Logsdon."

I did not find this family on the census of 1880, and have no idea where any of them may have gone.

From the Grayson County Marriages:

Thomas Jefferson, 26, son of Ben Durbin and Teresa Sapp, was married to Laura, 16, daughter of George Whobrey and Susan Ellen McClure, June 22, 1897.

On the census of Grayson County, Shrewsbury, 1900:

Thomas J. Durbin	Oct. 1873 - 26
Laura	Dec. 1883 - 16

After 1915, Thomas Jefferson and Laura moved from Grayson County and ended up in Terry County, Texas. Thomas Jefferson died in Meadow, Terry County, Texas, February 27, 1938. Laura Whobrey Durbin was born December 11, 1884, died in Los Angeles, California on January 11, 1949.

All the information on this family comes from the eldest child through Mrs. Micajah Sadler. Mrs. Sadler lived in Chandler, Arizona, but had moved or died before May, 1985, when I tried to contact her.

#### **Children of Thomas Jefferson Durbin and Laura Whobrey**

- A. Mayme, born August 19, 1901, was married to Rollie Lawson on January 29, 1919.
- B. Mary Hilda, born December 29, 1902.
- C. Virgil Wayne, born April 6, 1904.
- D. Cecil Aubrey, born December 26, 1907.
- E. Nicholas Neal, born February 1, 1909, was married to Avis Annix on May 20, 1943, died June 16, 1953.
- F. Emma Ruth, born November 18, 1910, was married to Douglas G. Fulton.
- G. Ruby, born March 27, 1912, was married to Charles Lochrie.

H. Grace, born November 21, 1915, was married to Charles Ryther.

I. Paul, born April 5, 1917, died in 1919.

Since Thomas Jefferson and Laura migrated to Texas, I am of the opinion that some or all of the children of Joseph C. Durbin and Dorothy Norris also migrated there. Possibly they migrated to Missouri first; that seems to be the pattern.