

This family had nothing much to do with Sunfish, but Nicholas Durbin was listed as head of household by Fr. Degauquier.

Nicholas, son of Christopher Durbin, pioneer settler of Madison County, and an unknown wife, was married to Mary Margaret Brown, parentage unknown, in Madison County, May 1, 1795.

Nicholas Durbin and Mary Margaret followed the other Durbins, the Logsdons and the Browns to Hardin County.

The will of Nicholas Durbin is found in Hardin County will book "D", page 15, dated May 22, 1822, proven July 1, 1822. The will names all his children: Honor Wellington, Isabell Wellington, Mary Durbin (wife of John J. Durbin, Jr. of Sunfish), Ann, Margaret, Thomas, Emily, Marjorie, Nicholas, Celia and Domine. The executors were Thomas Wellington and John Durbin.

We know very little of the Wellingtons, but they were a part of the Durbin family. The D.A.R. Patriot Index for the Revolutionary War lists a Thomas Wellington, Sr., born August 6, 1714, died November 4, 1783, with a wife Margaret Stone.

Thomas Wellington, Jr., born December 12, 1734, died January 19, 1818, with a wife Elizabeth Dix.

Thomas Wellington III was married to Isabell, daughter of Nicholas Durbin and Mary Margaret Brown, in Madison County, October 24, 1817.

Joel Wellington was married to Honor, daughter of Nicholas Durbin and Mary Margaret Brown, in Madison County, August 20, 1819.

On the census of Nelson County, 1870:

Isabell Wellington	70
Vitus	45
Ellen	29
Bell	13
Annie	9
Connie	8
Vitus Jr.	3
Joseph	1
Isadore	35

Nicholas, son of Nicholas Durbin and Mary Margaret Brown, was bound to John C. Brown in 1830, to learn a trade. He was bound to James Woodring in 1833 to learn the trade of blacksmithing.

Nicholas Jr. was married to Margaret M. Clark, parentage unknown, in Grayson County, circa 1839.

Margaret M. Clark was born July 6, 1812, died August 11, 1849. She is buried at Saint Augustine Cemetery at Grayson Springs.

Nicholas and Margaret must have moved from Sunfish prior to 1849.

Nicholas Jr. was married second to Susan (Susanna) Pirtle, parentage unknown, circa 1850.

On the census of Grayson County, 1850:

Nicholas Durbin	35, blacksmith
Susan A.	20
Margaret A.	10
John R.	9
Nicholas	6
Thomas	3
William Brown	23, blacksmith
James Thomas	17

On the census of Grayson County, 1860:

Nicholas Durbin	45
Susan	30
John R.	17
Nicholas	15
Thomas	13
James W.	9
Joshua B.	7
Joseph W.	5
Ann M.	4
Charles W.	2
Helen Wellington	21, serving
Mary F. Wellington	3
Catherine Durbin	17, serving

On the census of Grayson County, 1880:

Nicholas Durbin	65
Susanna	50
William W.	19
Rebecca	17, cousin

Rachael Rebecca, noted as cousin on this census, was not cousin to Nicholas or any of his children. She was the daughter of John J. Durbin, Jr. and his second wife, Susan Skees of Sunfish.

Nicholas Durbin, born October 14, 1814, died October 8, 1893. He is buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, Sunfish.

On the census of Grayson County, 1900:

Susan Durbin	Sept. 1829
Willie Perry	Dec. 1879, granddaughter
Gussie Perry	Oct. 1882, granddaughter
Edna Perry	April 1885, granddaughter
??? Perry	Sept. 1889, grandson
Hugh Perry	Sept. 1889, grandson
O'ker Durbin (Oscar)	Nov. 1882, grandson
Ernest Durbin	July 1886, grandson

These grandchildren, Perrys, are the children of William Francis Perry and Ann Mary Durbin. The Durbins are children of Joseph Warren Durbin and Martha R. Cabbage.

Susan Pirtle Durbin was born September 18, 1829, died
She is also buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, Leitchfield.

Children of Nicholas Durbin and Margaret Clark

1. Margaret E., daughter of Nicholas Durbin and Margaret Clark, was married to William Harrell, parentage unknown, circa 1857.

On the census of Grayson County, 1860:

William Harrell	26
Margaret	20
Charles H.	2
Catherine Durbin	18

There was one Harrell family living in Sunfish when I was growing up there. We pronounced the name as Herl, and it has been written and spoken in many ways: Harrell, Horrell and Herrell among them.

The earliest mention of a Harrell, or Horrell, that I have found was on the census of Grayson County in 1850:

Henry B. Harrell	88, born in Maryland
Elizabeth	73, born in Maryland

These are the apparent progenitors of this family in Kentucky, but there could have been others. The first Harrells were Catholic, just as the Whites and others, but many left the Church due to the infrequent visits from a priest and the unavailability of Catholic spouses.

Louis Harrell, parentage unknown, was married to Mary, daughter of John J. Durbin, Jr. and Susan Skees, February 17, 1872, in Sunfish. (This line will be carried in the John J. Durbin, Jr. Family Section.)

On the census of Grayson County, 1900:

Henry F. Harrell	Aug. 1858
Nancy E.	Nov. 1862
Charles	Mar. 1882
Mary	Mar. 1885
Blue	Feb. 1888
Emmit	July 1890
Maude	Dec. 1893
Willie	July 1896
Aust ???	Aug. 1899
Adeline	Aug. 1899

Blue Herrell, on this census, was married to Lula Higgs, parentage unknown, and they lived in Sunfish near the Little Mountain.

Blue and Lula were the parents of Ruby Mae, who was married to Gerden, son of Samuel James Tildon Durbin and Arzella Durbin. (This line will be carried in the Christopher N. Durbin Family Section.)

2. John R., son of Nicholas Durbin and Margaret Clark, enlisted in the Union Army for three years, and was mustered into Company "A", 27th Kentucky Infantry on March 21, 1862. John R. enlisted in Leitchfield, and was mustered in at Rochester in Butler County.

In July and August, 1862, John R. was detailed at a hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In September and October, 1862, he was listed as sick in the same hospital. He rejoined his Company in November. His service record does not list any battles in which he may have fought. He was discharged in Louisville, Kentucky on March 29, 1865.

John R. was married to Ann _____, parentage unknown, date of marriage unknown, location unknown.

On the census of Grayson County, 1880:

John R. Durbin	38
Ann	38
Charles Roger	11

According to this census, Ann was born in Tennessee. Her father was born in Alabama, and her mother was born in Georgia. It is quite possible, and quite probable, that John and Ann were married in Tennessee.

I have no other information on this line.

3. Nicholas, son of Nicholas Durbin and Margaret Clark.
4. Thomas, son of Nicholas Durbin and Margaret Clark, born July 29, 1847, died December 26, 1868. Thomas is buried at St. Augustine Cemetery, Grayson Springs.

Children of Nicholas Durbin and Susan Pirtle

1. James W., son of Nicholas Durbin and Susan Pirtle, was married to Susan M. Harrell, parentage unknown, December 24, 1873.

On the census of Grayson County, 1880:

James W. Durbin	29
Susan M.	32
Mattie Thomas	5 = Married John W. Heyback, January 27, 1903.
Henry M.	4
Mary E.	3 = Married James Gordy, September 28, 1904.
Susan Ann	1
Jas. William	3/12

On the census of Grayson County, 1900:

James W. Durbin	Oct. 1850 - 49
Susan M.	July 1849 - 50
Mattie T.	Sept. 1874 - 26
Henry N.	Oct. 1875 - 24
Mary L.	July 1877 - 23
Annie	Dec. 1879 - 20
Ellia M.	Dec. 1883 - 16
Cora	Jan. 1886 - 14
Kate	Jan. 1888 - 12
Joey	June 1889 - 10
Will	Jan. 1892 - 8
Evalean	Jan. 1894 - 6

Katherine, 27, daughter of James Durbin and Susan Harrell, was married to Michael Hennessy, 39, of New York, August 14, 1916.

From the baptismal records, we have the names and birthdates for the children of James W. Durbin and Susan M. Harrell:

Henry Nicholas, born October 12, 1875.

Mary Elizabeth, born July 15, 1877.

Susan, born January 17, 1879.

Ann Mae, baptised in 1879.

James William, born April 16, 1880.

Ella Mae, born January 6, 1883.

Laura Eveline, born January 6, 1883.

Martha Thomas, born September 17, 1884.

Agnes, born December 6, 1886.

Charles Joseph, born December 12, 1888.

Josephine, born December 12, 1890.

William Francis, born February 2, 1891.

In Saint Elizabeth Cemetery, Clarkson:

James W. Durbin, Oct. 9, 1850 - June 14, 1923.

Susan M. Durbin, Aug. 18, 1848 - Dec. 5, 1912.

Josephine, daughter of James and Susan, born Dec. 12, 1890, died July 22, 1904.

Henry Nichols Durbin, Oct. 12, 1876 - Feb. 8, 1933.

2. Joshua B., son of Nicholas Durbin and Susan Pirtle.

3. Joseph Warren, son of Nicholas Durbin and Susan Pirtle, was married to Martha R. Cubbage, parentage unknown, September 21, 1879.

On the census of Grayson County, 1880:

J.W. Durbin	27, hotel keeper
Mattie R.	22

Baptismal records show but two children born to Joseph and Mattie:

Oscar, born March 3, 1883.

Frances, born October, 1883.

In the Beaver Dam Cemetery, located on the farm of William Ragland, Jr., on Highway #62, about three miles from Leitchfield, in a section marked Cubbage:

Joseph W. Durbin, 1853 - 1895

Mattie R. Durbin, 1858 - 1895

Claudie Durbin, June 1885 - July 1885

Clarence Durbin, June 1885 - July 1885

Mary E. Durbin, 1891 - 1892

Walter E., son of Joseph W. Durbin and Mattie R. Cubbage, was married to Etta, daughter of Richard Patterson and Susan E. Prewitt, May 26, 1909.

Outside the Cabbage section at the Beaver Dam Cemetery:

Walter E. Durbin, 1886 - 1917

Etta Durbin, 1889 - 1920

4. Ann Mary, daughter of Nicholas Durbin and Susan Pirtle, was married to William Francis Perry, parentage unknown, November 8, 1877.

William and Ann Mary were the parents of the children listed with Susan on the census of 1900 which was given previously.

5. Charles W., son of Nicholas Durbin and Susan Pirtle.

6. William Wallace, son of Nicholas Durbin and Susan Pirtle, was married to Martha Patsy, daughter of William Newman and Martha Catherine Dupee of Hancock County.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

William W. Durbin	39
Martha P.	28
Nicholas	11
Mable	9
Edward	4
William	2
Fannie	18

I do not know who this Fannie could be. She too is buried at the Beaver Dam Cemetery on the farm of William Ragland, Jr.:

Fannie Durbin, 1880 - 1904.

William Wallace was born October 16, 1860, died April 17, 1943. Martha Patsy Newman Durbin was born August 31, 1864, died March 11, 1953.

Children of William W. Durbin and Martha P. Newman

- A. Muriel A., born November 10, 1886, died August 2, 1891. Muriel was scalded to death in a train accident. She is buried at St. Augustine Cemetery.

- B. Newman, son of William W. Durbin and Martha Newman, was married to Glennae, daughter of W. Wayne and Mollie Herrick, May 8, 1912.

Newman, born in 1888, died in South Dakota from the flu in 1917. He is buried at St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Clarkson.

- C. Mabel, born 1890, was married to Elisha Clayton Meredith, parentage unknown, December 9, 1909.

Elisha and Mabel were the parents of two children:

Edward C., lives in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Martha Chaplin, lives at 847 Seminole Road, Radcliff, Kentucky.

Elisha Clayton Meredith was born 1889, died in 1967. Mabel C. Durbin Meredith was born October 13, 1890, still living in Clarkson.

D. Charles Edwin, born August 12, 1895, was married to Margaret Bentley in Boston, Massachusetts.

Charles and Margaret were the parents of thirteen children. Margaret, born March 17, 1900, died July 1, 1977.

Charles Edwin died in Louisville in 1983. From the obituary column:

Charles Edward Durbin, 88, of 1118 Weller Ave., was a native of Grayson County, a retired agent for the I.C.G. Railroad Co., and a member of Wheatcroft Masonic Lodge #881, and of American Legion Post #201.

Survivors include four sons, Joe Durbin of Sturgis, James Durbin of Hazelcrest, Illinois, Charles and Robert Durbin of Louisville. Seven daughters, Maabel DeNoon of Olathe, Kansas, Billie Fuller of Rockport, Dottie Durham of Hartford, Deanna Stokes of Brinkwood, Tenn., Karen Goff of Bremen, Patsy Brinkley and Florence Logsdon, a brother Hestin Durbin, a sister Mabel Meredith of Clarkson, 22 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren.

E. William, 41, a twin, was married to Clara Rogers, 44, November 18, 1939. There were no children.

William was born 1898, died in November, 1958.

F. Lemuel, born April 29, 1898, died October 25, 1898.

G. Heston Pirtle, born October 15, 1904, was married to a Helen M. _____, born February 24, 1906, both still living.

H. Wallace, born May 31, 1894, died June 3, 1894.

I. Katie, born August 19, 1892, died August 29, 1982.

All the children are buried at St. Augustin Cemetery in Grayson County.