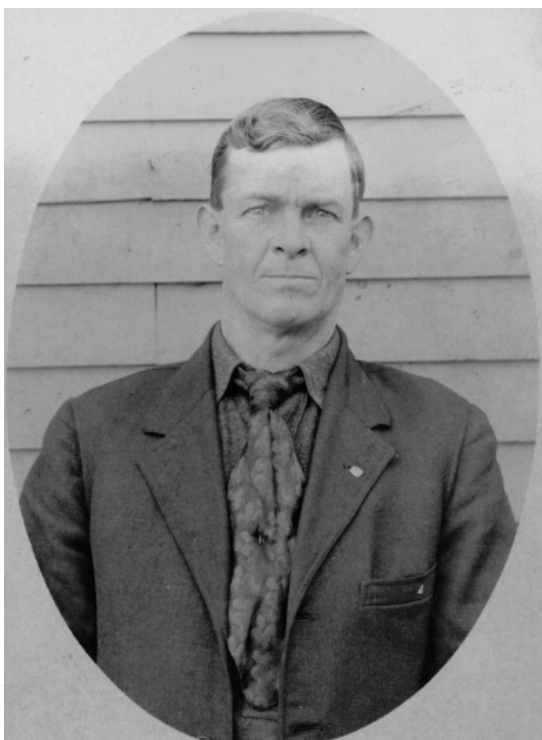


Children of William and Nancy Penix

James William Penix

James William Penix was born on March 12, 1877 in Frenchburg, Menifee county, Kentucky. James died on August 30, 1936 in Belle, West Virginia and was buried in Olympia, Kentucky.

James married **Mary Sophia**



James Penix

Kincaid who was born on January 18, 1879 in Olympia, Kentucky. Mary Sophia died on April 6, 1957 in Long Beach, California and was buried in Olympia, Kentucky. They were married on October 10, 1896. James and Mary had 14 children including a set of twins who died a few days after birth.

The children for James and Sophia are:

- ◇ **Nancy Bethel Penix.**
- ◇ **Georgia May Penix.**



Sophia Penix

- ◇ **Dorothy Elizabeth Penix.**
- ◇ **Kathryn Agnes Penix.**
- ◇ **Wilhelmina Penix.**
- ◇ **Unnamed twins .**
- ◇ **John Charles William Penix.**
- ◇ **Ethel Thelma Penix.**
- ◇ **Benjamin Franklyn Penix.**
- ◇ **Cleveland Pain Penix.**
- ◇ **Reba Louise Penix.**
- ◇ **Helen Arbutus Penix.**
- ◇ **Betty Jean Penix.**

James William Penix received his teaching certificate in Kentucky and started teaching school at the age of fifteen.

In 1908 James and four others, two men and two women, backed the first women to run for public office in the county. Her candidacy was for the

Children of William and Nancy Penix

James William Penix

James W. Penix died at his home at Bell, W. Va., Friday morning at 2 o'clock after a long illness of heart trouble. He was a son of W. W. Penix, of this place. He was born in Menifee county March 12, 1877; was married to Sophia Kincaid 1896. There were 12 children born to them. The wife and nine children survive him. Mrs. H. F. Martin, Mrs. D. M. Jarrett, Betty Jean and Cleveland P. Penix, all of Bell, W. Va., Mrs. R. A. Thomas and Mrs. C. A. Peters, of Charleston, W. Va., Mrs. M. C. Byron, of St. Albans, W. Va., Mrs. M. D. Ellis, of Tampa, Fla., and B. F. Penix, of Passaic, N. J. Also seventeen grand children and two great grand children, his father W. W. Penix, of this place, Stanley, of Farmers, Ben of Morehead, Tom, of East Beckley, W. Va., two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Sagraves, of this place, and Mrs. Ted Droubay, of Salt Lake City, Utah. He united with the Christian church in his youth, later by letter with the Presbyterian church at Bell, W. Va., of which he was chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was a christian, sympathetic with those sick and depressed, also a member of the Masonic order. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Sunday morning by Rev. Moores, of Salt Lick, and at the grave by the Masonic Order after which the remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery at Old Fields. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved ones.

Those who attended the funeral of J. W. Penix here Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Dorby and little daughter, Mr. Charles Bannister, James Smithers, Harry F. Martin and Mrs. D. M. Jarrett, all of Bell, W. Va., Capt. Byron, of St. Albans, W. Va., Mrs. Clarence Peters and little daughter, Mr. Bromley and Mr. Ed Winn, of Charleston, W. Va., W. B. Swartz, of Gallagher, W. Va., Mrs. M. M. Steele and son George, of Ashland, Mrs. D. M. Ellis and little son, of Tampa, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nixon and Mrs. E. A. Swartz and son Ben, of Preston, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Penix, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daniels and Miss Katherine Daniels, all of Morehead, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Penix, of Farmers. The Masonic Order of Owingsville conducted rites at the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Downs, of Owingsville, attended the funeral.

Funeral notice for James Penix

Children of William and Nancy Penix

James William Penix

Services Held Here For Mrs. Mary Sophia Penix

Mrs. Mary Sophia Penix, wife of the late James W. Penix, former Postmaster of Belle, West Virginia, died in a Long Beach, California hospital Saturday, April 6th.

Mrs. Penix, the daughter of the late John Wesley Kincaid and Sarah Swartz, was born June 18, 1879 in Olympia, Bath County, Kentucky. Natives of Kentucky, the Penix family moved to West Va. in 1914. For the past few months she had been visiting in California with her daughters, Mrs. Betty Cheevers, Mrs. Wilhelmenia Smith and Mrs. Reba Allen. Mrs. Penix resided with her daughter, Mrs. Nancy B. Martin, Postmaster, Belle, West Virginia from October 1955 to October, 1956, at which time she went to California.

Mrs. Penix is survived by seven daughters, Mrs. Nancy B. Martin, Belle W. Va., Mrs. Katherine A. Jarrett of Belle W. Va., Mrs. Thelma Emtage of Larue, Ohio, Mrs. Georgia Byron, Nitro, W. Va. Ms. Reba Allen, Sacramento, Calif. Mrs. Betty Cheevers, Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Wilhelmenia Smith of So San Gabriel, Calif.; one son, Cleveland P. (Buck) Penix of Rand, W. Va., 23 grandchildren 27 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Downs of Mt. Sterling and Mrs. Kate Gaylor of St. Charles, Virginia.

The body was shipped to the
Funeral Home in
services were
PRYSbyterian

Church Wednesday evening, April 10th., with Rev. William Fletcher and Rev. John Lawwill, Chelyan Chapter 101 Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls in charge of services. Music furnished by Salina Chapter of Eastern Star.

Burial services were conducted at Old Fields Cemetery, near Olympia, Thursday morning, April 11th, with short grave-side services.

Mrs. Penix was a member of the Belle Presbyterian Church, Chapter 101 of Eastern Star Lodge, Belle Business and Professional Women's Club and American Legion Auxiliary and served on the advisory board of the Rainbow Girls of Belle.

Funeral notice for Sophia Penix

democratic nomination for County School Superintendent. She was returned the winner by a margin of 314 votes, there by gaining the distinction of being the first women to serve in an elective office in the history of the county.

Marcellous remembers eating a lot of meals at their house. James always sat at the head of the table. He always wore a suit and a white shirt.

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Benjamin Franklin Penix

Benjamin Franklin Penix was Frenchburg, Menifee county, born on February 5, 1889 in Kentucky. He died in December 1971 in Morehead, Kentucky. Benjamin married **Ann Virginia Young** on June 28, 1911 in Selbiana, Pike county, Kentucky. Ann was the daughter of James Henry Young and Armin Elizabeth Williams.

Ann was born on July 15,



Ben Franklin Penix



Ben and Ann Penix



Ben, Anna front and family in the back from left to right are Frances, Margaret, Lurlene, Elizabeth, Kenton and Doris Penix.

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Benjamin Franklin Penix

THE MOREHEAD NEWS MOREHEAD, KY. 12-23-71

Prominent Citizen, B.F. Penix, 82, Dies

Benjamin Franklin Penix, 82, Morehead community leader, and known in railroad circles throughout northeastern Kentucky, died Thursday night at St. Claire Medical Center.

The end was not unexpected as Mr. Penix, retired agent of the C&O railroad, had been in failing health for more than three years.

Few people are known for their honesty, integrity and love of fellow man more than was Ben Penix. His most oft expressed business thought was, "A man's word should be as good as his bond." And, Mr Penix practiced that expression throughout his adult life.

For the past 41 years he had lived at Morehead where he was agent in charge at the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, retiring in 1961.

He began his railroad career in 1908 at Falmouth, Ky. with the L&N. He was telegraph operator and ticket agent on the C&O at Peach Orchard and Farmers before advancing in the 1920's to station agent at Shelbiana, then one of the busiest terminals on the Big Sandy division.

Born In Menifee County

In 1931 Mr. Penix's request to be transferred from Shelbiana to the agent's position in Morehead was granted. At the time he said he expected to reside the rest of his life at Morehead, the place he loved most, and educate his children here.

Mr. Penix was born Feb. 5, 1889 at McCreasy in Menifee County, son of the late W.W. and Nancy (Quicksoll) Penix. When he was a boy the family moved to Olympia in Bath County where Mr. Penix received his elementary schooling. Olympia is on the C&O railroad, and the boy saw the trains go by and decided to be a railroader, then about the most prestigious business in this area.

During his life Mr. Penix received many awards and citations from the C&O. He personally knew almost every conductor, engineer, brakeman, agent, telegrapher etc on the Lexington and Big Sandy divisions.

A lifelong and active member of the Christian Church, Mr. Penix taught Sunday School for many years.

He was devoted to the Masonic fraternal order, and has a 50 year Masonic pin. He held many offices in the Masons, including Master at Morehead, and Deputy Master of Kentucky.



CLAIMED . . . B.F. Penix, one of Morehead's best known citizens, died Thursday at age 82. He served 31 years as Morehead's C&O station agent, and was a church fraternal and community leader. This picture was taken in 1949. He married Mrs Virginia Foote at Pikeville June 28, 1911. In 1961 hundreds of Moreheadians helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary; and also their 50th in June this year.

Besides his wife, Mr. Penix leaves the following six children - Doris Pelfrey of Anaheim, Calif.; Kenton Penix of Portage Ind.; Elizabeth Foote of New Orleans, La.; Lurlene Alfrey of Morehead; Margaret Scott of Wilmington, Del.; and Frances O'Donnell of Portage, Ind.

Other immediate survivors are a sister, Elizabeth Luesner of Long Beach Calif.; two brothers - Thomas Penix of Akron, O., and Stanley Penix of Winchester, Ky.; 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Penix was a member of the Morehead Kiwanis Club and its first Secretary.

Funeral notice for Ben Franklin Penix.

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Benjamin Franklin Penix

1890 in Pikeville, Kentucky.
She died in Morehead, Kentucky
on June 15, 1982.

Benjamin and Ann Penix had
six children:

◇ **Doris Welton Penix** born
on August 23, 1912 in Olympia,
Bath county, Kentucky. She
married **Harold Pelfrey** on
December 23, 1943.

◇ **Kenton Franklin Penix**
"Tob" was born on March 29, 1914
in Hellier, Pike county,
Kentucky. He married **Peggy**
Reynolds.

◇ **Elizabeth Ann Penix**
"Lib" was born on June 26, 1915
in Prestonburg, Floyd county,
Kentucky. She married two times
with the last being to a man
with the last name of **Foote**.

◇ **Lurline Virginia Penix**
was born on July 30, 1917 in
Pine Grove, Clark county,
Kentucky. She married **Austin**
Alfrey.

◇ **Ethel Margaret Penix**
"Muff" was born on August 4,
1920 in Farmers, Rowan county,
Kentucky. She married **Robert**
B. Scott on November 6, 1943.

◇ **Francis Young Penix** was
born on April 3, 1927 in
Farmers, Rowan county, Kentucky.
She Married **J. Grant**
O'Donnell.

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Ann Elizabeth Penix

Ann Elizabeth "Queen" Penix was born on June 21, 1891 in Frenchburg, Menifee county, Kentucky. She married¹³ the first of her six husbands on April 1, 1908. She died on February 11, 1977 in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Ann Elizabeth Penix

Ann's first husband was **James Elmore Hovermale** who was born on January 21, 1891 in Salt Lick, Bath county, Kentucky. James died on January 19, 1945 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Another husband was **Cyrus Edson Droubay** born on February 28, 1897 in Toole, Utah. They were married in 1923. Cyrus died on December 7, 1932.

Ann had four children with James Hovermale:

◇ **Nancy Edith Hovermale** (Radabaugh Dondero).

◇ **Eva Delores Hovermale** was born on August 11, 1913. She married **Gerald Francis Conley** on May 27, 1933 in Boston Massachusetts.

There were three children



Ann and Jim Hovermale

in Frenchburg, Menifee county, Kentucky. She married¹³ the first of her six husbands on

¹³ See appendix for additional information on Queenie. Look for Strange Romance story.

in this marriage:

• **Spencer Francis Conley** born on March 4, 1934 married **Iris Daniels** then second wife **Janet Hill**.

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Ann Elizabeth Penix



Ann Elizabeth later in life.

Spencer and Iris had two children:

- Andrea Denise Conley.
- Michelle Conley.

There was one child in the second marriage.

- Chris Francis Conley.
- Margaret Ann Conley born on June 16, 1942 was a teacher and was married to Leonardo Regalado in 1965.

They had two children in this marriage:

- Francesca Margaret Regalado.
- Matthew Learnado Regalado.

- Mary Elizabeth Conley was born on March 17, 1945, was a nurse and married William W Richards MD.

Services Are Held

Elizabeth (Penix) Hovermale, Droubay Luenser Queen, died Feb. 11, 1977 in Salt Lake City of causes incident to age.

SHE WAS born June 21, 1891 to W.W. and Nancy C Quicksall Penix at Frenchberg, Ky., one of eleven children. She had survived all.

She married James Hovermale on April 1, 1907. She had four daughters, three survive: Edith Dondora of Roseburg, Ore.; Eva Conley of Vista, Calif. and Lucille Frey of Bountiful, Utah. Eleven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren

TRAVELING extensively, she had an adventurous life with each child being born in a different state. She homesteaded in Tetonia during World War I, she has skived in early airplane history, swam the Great Salt Lake from Antelope Island to Saltair, worked for a minister and at Lockheed Aircraft in electronics during World War II.

Independent and always helping others, she became seriously ill in November and was brought to Salt Lake City from California where she had been living. ~~She stayed with her daughter till her death.~~

FUNERAL services were held Monday, Feb. 14, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bountiful Union Mortuary Chapel where friends called one hour prior to services.

Interment was in the Bountiful Memorial Park.

Funeral notice for Ann Elizabeth Penix

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Ann Elizabeth Penix

They have a daughter:

- Jennifer Louise
Richards

◇ Izola Margaret Hovermale
born in 1916 and died in 1920 in
Bath county.

◇ Vera Lucille Hovermale
was married in 1949 to Verden
dale Wightman. She married
Charles William Frey on
October 19, 1963.

There were six children by
this marriage:

Triplets that were adopted, born
in 1946 were:

- Maurine Elain Frey who
married Earl Merrill. They
had one child:

- Dean William Merrill.

- Michael James Frey who
Married Elizabeth Ann Abbot
and had four children:

- Elissa Ann Frey.

- Julie Frey.

- Patricia Frey.

- Rachael Frey.

- Timothy William Frey who
married Dixie Darnbas and
had four children:

- Shawn Frey.

- Marlies Frey.

- Jeffrey Frey.

- Matthew Frey.

The other children were:

- Paula Frey who married
Stan Skinner and had two
children:

- Brandon Skinner.

- Crystal Skinner.

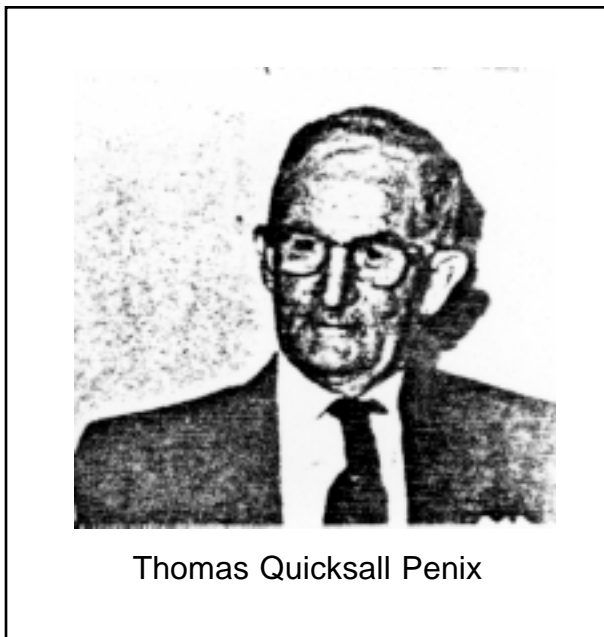
- Penny Frey who was married
then divorced.

- Jennifer Frey who married
Danny Ogilvie.

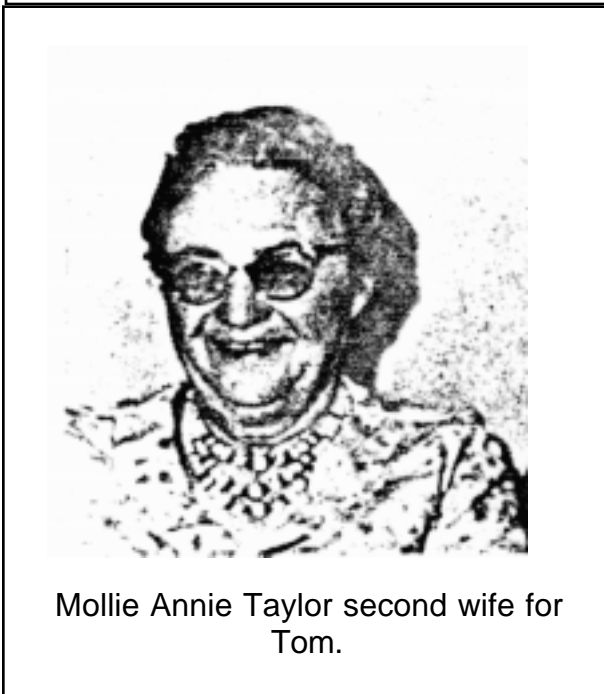
Children of William and Nancy Penix

Thomas Quicksall Penix

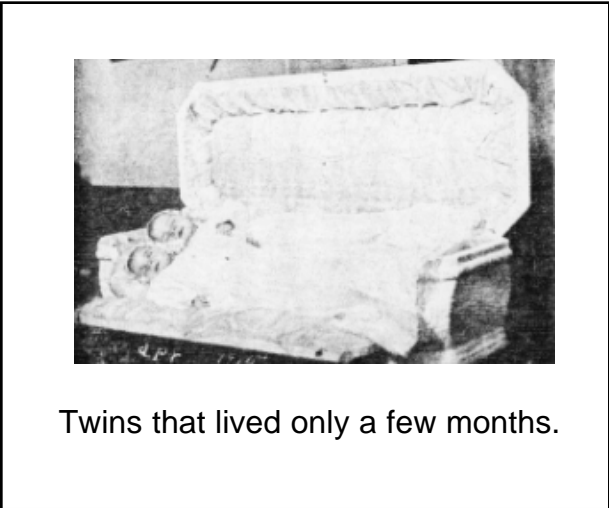
Thomas Quicksall Penix was born on April 6, 1893 in Olympia, Bath county, Kentucky. He died on August 30, 1973 in Akron, Ohio. He married **Clara Grace Syck** on June 10, 1915 in Pikeville, Pike county,



Thomas Quicksall Penix



Mollie Annie Taylor second wife for Tom.



Twins that lived only a few months.

Kentucky. Clara was born on June 28, 1896 in Sanger, West Virginia. Tom and Clara had a set of twins that lived only a few months.

The other children in this marriage were:

- ◇ **Mildred Faye Penix** born in 1919 and married to a **Fowler**.

- ◇ **Mary Evelyn Penix** born in 1921 and married and **Eskridge**.

Thomas later married **Mollie Annie Taylor** and had one son in this marriage:

- ◇ **Ermal Eugene Penix** and was born on April 1, 1935. Ermal Eugene Penix married **Mary Elizabeth Conlon** on July 23, 1960. Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of John Conlon of Akron, Ohio.

Children of William and Nancy Penix
Thomas Quicksall Penix



Ermal Eugene Penix



Mary Elizabeth Conlon

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Ruth Emily Penix

Ruth Emily Penix was born on May 7, 1896 in Olympia, Bath county, Kentucky. She died on November 24, 1944 in Olympia, Bath county, Kentucky. She married **Silas Tinsley Daniel** on April 26, 1913. Silas is the son of Luther Daniel and Ellen Tuck.

There were two children by this marriage:

◊ **Katherine Juanita Daniel** was born on April 7, 1914 and died on October 15, 1984. Katherine was the Mountain Laurel Festival Beauty Queen in 1936. She married **Elijah Hogge** in 1936 and **B.B Fortney** on March 9, 1946. There were no children by either marriage.

◊ **Charles Calvin Daniel** was born on March 22, 1916. He married **Myrtle Mildred Martin** who was born on August 1, 1817



Ruth Emily Penix

and is the daughter of John L. Martin and Ida B. Thick. The marriage took place on February 12, 1935.

There were five children in this marriage:

• **Shirley Ann Daniel** was born on December 7, 1935 in Morehead, Kentucky. She died the day of birth and is buried in Olympia, Bath county, Kentucky.

• **William Len Daniel** was born on August 12, 1943 and died on November 15, 1944. He is buried in Barbuton, Ohio where he died.

• **Charles Russell Daniel** was born on April 29, 1937. He married **Patricia Sumer** who was born on October 30, 1941 and is the daughter of Stephen Sumer and Elaine McClure.

There were five children in this marriage:

- **Charles Steven.**
- **Tery Lynn.**
- **Leigh Ann.**
- **Russell David.**
- **Michelle Marie Daniel.**

Charles later married **Helen Elizabeth Stover** who was born on February 12, 1948 and is the daughter of Carlton Stover and Arena Tope.

There were two children in this marriage:

- **Kelly Sue Daniel.**
- **Kelvin Daniel.**

• **Nancy Katheryn Daniel** was born on November 27, 1939. She married **Arlin Vanke** who was born in July 1936 and is the son of Lewis and Velje Vanke of Burbuton, Ohio.

There were two children in this marriage:

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Ruth Emily Penix

- Jeffrey Arlin.
- Craig Allen.

• **Ida Ruth Daniel** was born on October 31, 1948. Nothing further is known by this writer about Ida.

Children of William and Nancy Penix

Stanley Collins Penix

Stanley Collin Penix was born on December 1, 1899 in Bath county, Kentucky. He died on January 19, 1974 in Lexington, Kentucky. He married Mary Francis Stepp (Stippe) on December 28, 1920.

They raised a foster child:

◇ **Bruce Powell** of Frankfort, Kentucky who died in 1983. Nothing further is known about Stanley by this writer.



The Cueball Club

These young blades of Olympia got their heads shaved on a dare and then had their picture made. The photo was furnished to the News-Outlook by Arthur Johnson of Olympia, who has an uncle in the picture. It was taken in 1917 by Lee Slusher, father of the two Slusher boys in the photo. It is possible they figured they'd be drafted into military service and was beating the military barber to their heads. In the front row are Herbie Swartz, Stanley Penix and Coyle Slusher; second row, Simpson Sorrell, Raleigh Swartz, Virgil Jones, Bob Hart, Carbett Stull; back row, Dallas Henry, Archie Jackson, Dewitt Slusher, Orvin Moore and Charles Pergrem.

Stanley is front row center.



Mary Francis Stepp and Stanley Penix.



Stanley Penix

Children of William and Nancy Penix

John Monroe Penix

John Monroe Penix was born on September 27, 1878 in



John Monroe Penix

Menifee County, Kentucky. He was the second son of William Washington Penix and Nancy Carolyn Quicksall who were both born in Morgan County, Kentucky.

John was a farmer all his life where he resided in bath county, Kentucky. John Married **Lillie Smith** on January 14, 1912 in Bath County, Kentucky.

Lillie was the daughter of Jesse James Smith born in Bath County, Kentucky and Nancy Jane Downs born in Salt Lick



Lillie Smith

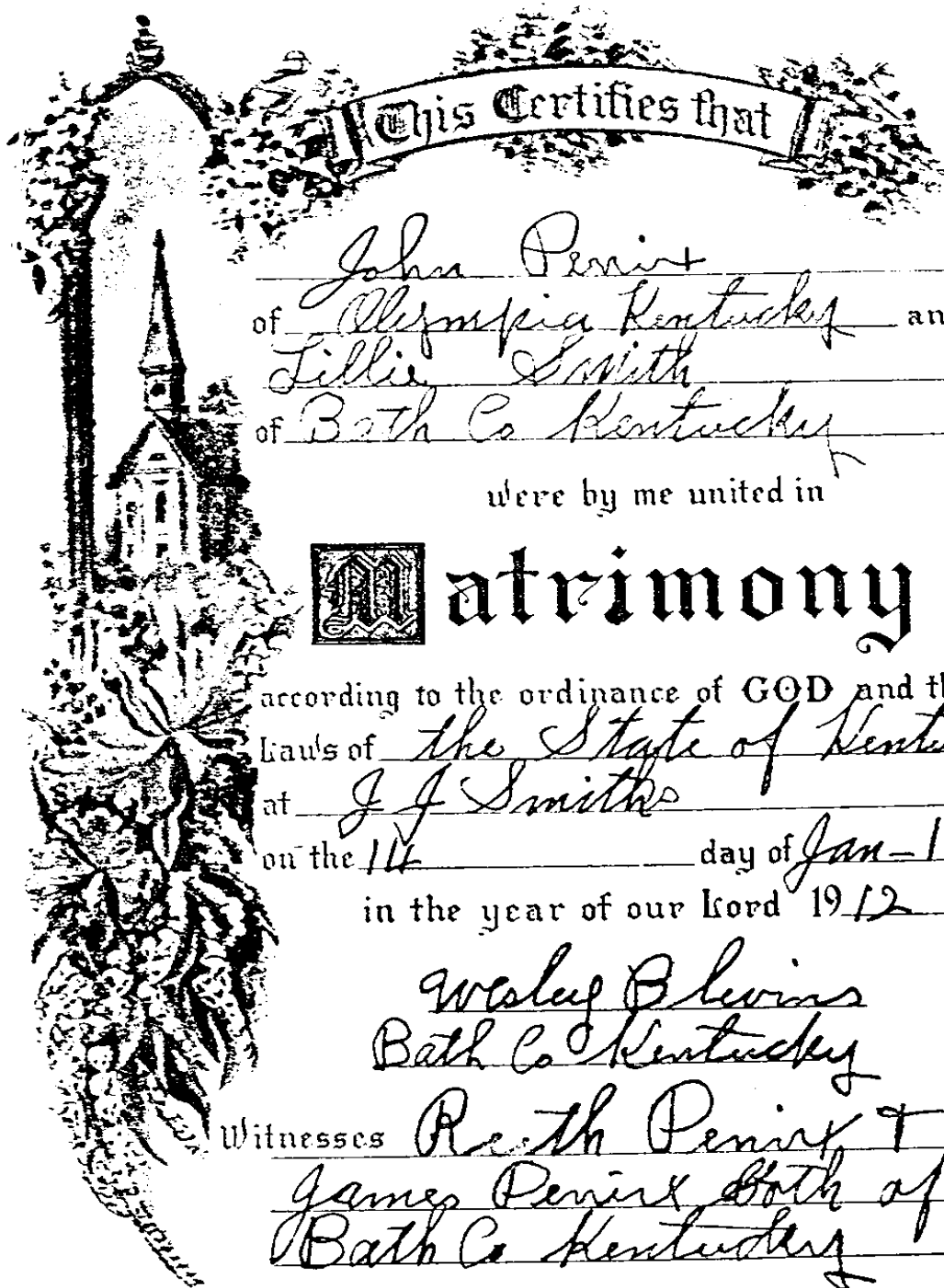
County, Kentucky.

John and Lillie had two daughters and four sons all of which I expand on in the next



John and Lillie Penix in 1921.

Children of William and Nancy Penix
John Monroe Penix



This Certifies that

John Penix
of Olympia Kentucky and
Lillie Smith
of Bath Co Kentucky
were by me united in

Matrimony

according to the ordinance of GOD and the
Laws of the State of Kentucky
at J. J. Smith
on the 14 day of Jan-1912
in the year of our Lord 1912

Wesley Blevins
Bath Co Kentucky

Witnesses Reeth Penix &
James Penix both of
Bath Co Kentucky

Marriage certificate for John Penix and Lillie Smith.

Children of William and Nancy Penix
John Monroe Penix

STATE OF KENTUCKY,
BATH COUNTY. } *Seal*

It is hereby certified, that under and by virtue of the within License, I did, on the
11th day of *Jan* *1942*, at the house of
the bride in said county, celebrate the rites of Matrimony
between the within named *J. M. Penix* and
Lillie Smith and that *Wallace Blevins*
J. W. Penix were present and witnessed the celebration.
Given under my hand, this *11th* day of *Jan* *1942*
J. W. Blevins Minister Church.

Marriage license for John and Lillie Penix.

**Lillie Smith Powers
dies at 88 after
a long illness**

Lillie Smith Powers, 88, of Cemetery Street, Owingsville, passed away Sept. 30 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Glen Underwood, Louisville, after a long illness.

She was a member of the Abounding Grace Baptist Church and the Bath County Senior Citizens.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Glen Underwood, Louisville, and Mrs. Callie McCarty, Olympia; three sons, Archie Penix, Gilbertsville, and Alvie and Fred Penix, both of Louisville; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Laura Smith, Atlanta, Ga. One son, Willie Penix, died in 1978.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Keal-Bromagen-Gray Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Byrd officiating. Burial was in the Owingsville Cemetery.

Funeral notice for Lillie Smith.

JOHN PENIX DIES

John Monroe Penix, 87, Bath County farmer, died at 11:30 p.m. April 6 at a Lexington hospital after a brief illness.

He was a native of Montgomery County and a member of the Olympia Christian Church. *McClure, C.D.*

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Sam McCarty, Olympia and Mrs. Glen Underwood, Louisville; four sons, Willie Penix, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Alva Penix, Louisville; Archie Penix, Wheeling, Ill., and Fredrick Penix, Louisville; three brothers, Tom Penix, Akron, Ohio; Stanley Penix, Winchester, and Ben Penix, Morehead; one sister, Elizabeth Luenser, Long Beach, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The body is at the Richardson Funeral Home.

Funeral notice for John Penix.

Children of William and Nancy Penix

John Monroe Penix

several sections. John and Lillie eventually divorced and he remained alone on his farm until he passed away.

John had five brothers and five sisters. The brothers were James W., Ben F., Charles Leon, Thomas Quicksall, and Stanley C. The sisters were Queen Elizabeth, Ruth E., Ida, Bertha and Mary.

The brothers and sisters of Lillie are Minnie, Lafayette, Charlie, William, Emma, Clemma, Jimmie, Maggie, Luther and Laura Annie.

John died at the age of 87 on April 6, 1965 in Lexington, Kentucky after a brief illness. John is next in the line of descendents.

The following history for John was written by Jesse Penix Underwood from her memories as a child.

'John Penix was the second son of W.W. Penix and Nancy Caroline Quicksall. I believe he was spoiled by his grandmother Nancy Pierce who may have bought him his "wheels" (See Family picture.) He was 34 years old when he married Lillie Smith. He told Lillie's parents that they would run away if they didn't give consent to the marriage which they had hesitated to do since Lillie was only 14 years old at the time.

When I was about six years old My father came down with a bone disease which resulted in a running sore on his knee. He went to Charleston, West Virginia to visit his brother Ben who entered him into the hospital. They wanted to cut off the leg above the knee, so, John put on his clothes and came home. We moved to the "pond place" which

was near his father and mother so they could watch over him while my mother went to work in Cynthiana, Kentucky to pay the bills. A strange came along and told John that he could cure the leg with an herbal medicine. He gave the recipe to my mother who gathered the barks and herbs and made a syrup which John was to take every day (I think I still have the recipe somewhere).

I believe he also had gout because he couldn't stand the sheets touching his feet (editor note: son Willie had gout also.). After a while the medicine worked well enough for John to limp on a stiff leg. From then on he worked at odd jobs, farmed and even worked on the C & O railroad as a "waterboy".

After John was well enough to work he bought the "Wright" place about two miles east of my grandfather. I believe my grandfather also gave him another house with 15 acres. John put the two together and built a nice house with a double fireplace in the center and it also had a back porch.

We kids picked blackberries and sold them to buy screen wire to put around the porch to keep the flies out. This is the home where Archie and Alvie were chopping wood and Archie dared Alvie to chop with his toes on the wood (See story recalled by me as told by Archie.). Alvie did chop but Archie lost only one toe forever.

In April 1941 Alvie and Archie were riding in a truck bed. The man driving had an accident and Alvie got his nose all bent and he lost some teeth. By this time my mother and

Children of William and Nancy Penix

John Monroe Penix

father were separated and my father was made guardian. He talked the boys into buying the "sour Springs" home until he became too sick to live alone. He then moved in with Callie and stayed there until his death.

The following is the recipe that was given to John that made him well. Lilly gathered the ingredients and made the syrup.

Blood Purifier

Prickley Ash
Sasaparilla
Wild Cherry
Blood Root
Dogwood

Equal parts
Boil, add sugar for a syrup
Cool and add a pint of alcohol
for each gallon

Take 1 tsp before each meal