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Date: May 17, 2008

1) Bible Name (Name of family recorded):

Kirkland

2) Contributed by: Name, address, phone, and email: Kenneth L. Kirkland,

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3) Relationship of Bible owner to family in Bible: grandson, great-grandson, g-g grandson,
g-g-g-grandson-

4) Original date of the Bible: Declaration 1847, Eleazar ca. 1850, Samuel G. 1890, Thomas
Eleazar (T. M.) ca. 1900.

Information about family recorded in Bible:

5) Where did the family live (city, county, state): Humphreys and Hickman Counties, Tennessee,
1810-1885, Johnson County, Texas, 1886+

6) Occupation of key figure in Bible if known: Eld. Levi Kirkland: Primitive Baptist Elder, Eleazar,
Samuel, & Thomas were farmers. Thomas also a carpenter for the Santa Fe Railroad

7) Brief sketch of the family if known (original place of origin, settlement in Tennessee)

Levi was born in Edgefield, County, SC (now Saluda County) moved to Kentucky ca. 1807,
Stewart Co. TN land grant no. 543 dated Oct. 5, 1810—filed Jan. 3, 1812, on Big Richland Creek
where he and Dicey are buried. (Divided off as Humphreys County in 1809). His mother, Lucretia
/Lucy Cotton Kirkland Arrington, was with him in Humphreys County, listed in the minutes of the
Big Richland Creek Primitive Baptist Church ca. 1830.

8) Relationships of family members if not stated in the Bible: _____

I hereby give my permission to the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society to include the genealogical information contained in this Bible in any compilation of Bible records that it may publish in the future.

Signed

Kenneth L. Kirkland

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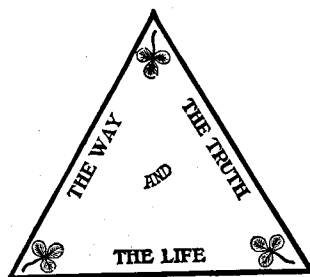
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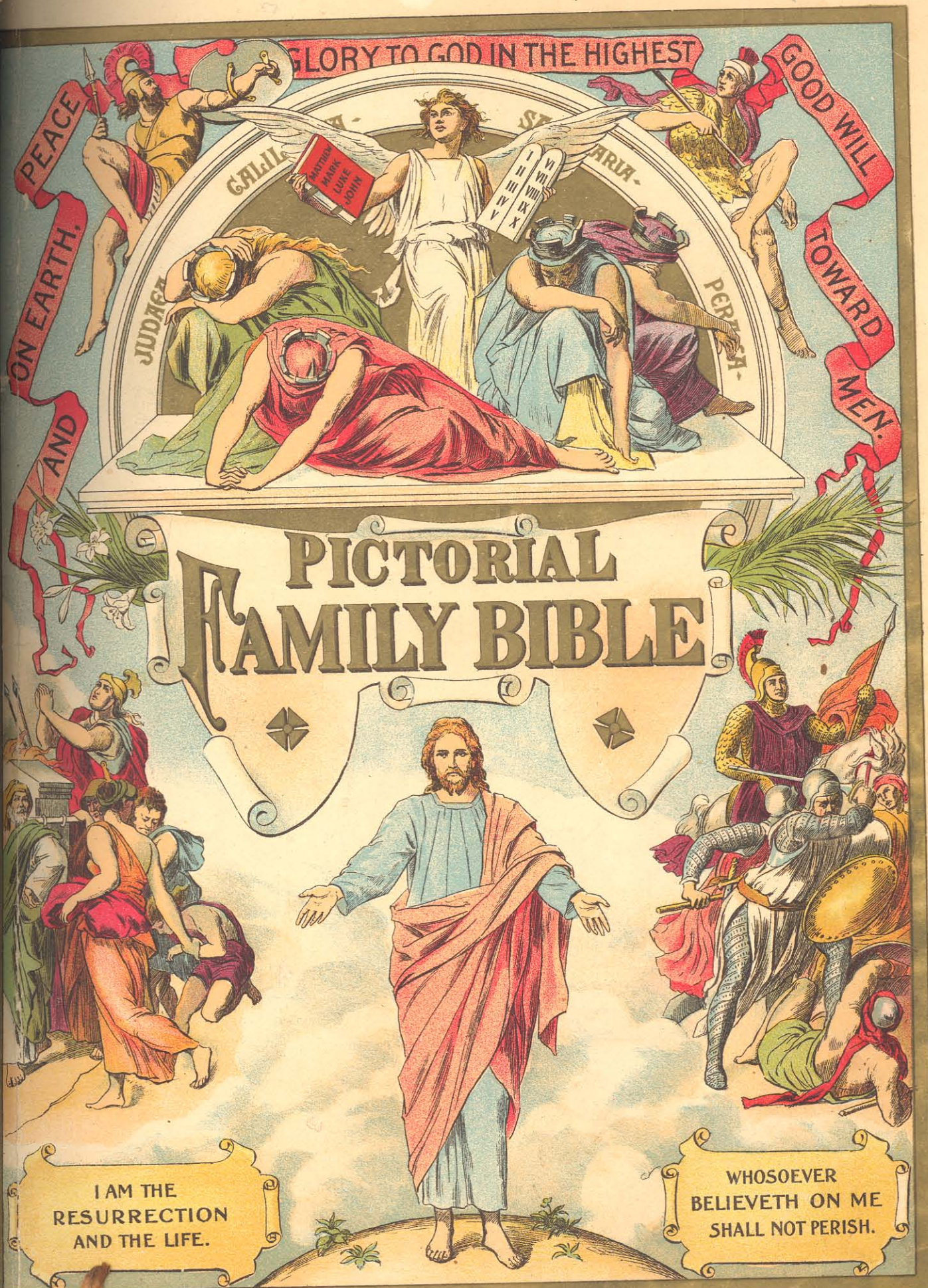
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NEW YORK,	BOSTON,	CHICAGO.
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Tiratia - Indian girl was the
mother of Rebecca Owens, the wife of
Samuel Owens. Our great-great-
grandmother. Lived in Tennessee.

Emma Owens knew grandmothers
Kirkland in Tennessee - Mabel
visited her in - then 87 yrs. old.
Oma is really Naomi.





"What God
hath Joined Together,
Let Not Man put Asunder."

This Certifies that
the Rite of
Holy Matrimony
was Celebrated between

Thomas Eleazer Kirkland of Johnson County, Texas
(or T. M.)
and Mary Geneva Morris West of Cherokee County, Texas

on Nov. 21 1886 at Waco, Texas

by

Witness

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MARRIAGES.

Kenneth Lester Kirkland (Sr.) married
Miss Margie Lyon at Roswell, New Mexico
June 4th, 1938.

Elden Meredith Kirkland married
Selma Pauline Thomason Simpson,
a widow, April 3, 1951 in
Los Angeles, California

BIRTHS.

Oma Clyde Kirkland. February 24, 1890 ^{Hill county Texas}
near Itasca

J. Kenneth Lester Kirkland, August 29, 1895
^{Colorado City, Texas}

Philip Elden Meredith Kirkland, Sept. 27, 1897

Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Kirkland
Born July 8, 1887

Kenneth Lester Kirkland, Jr.
born to the above T. Kenneth Lester Kirkland
and Margie Lyon Kirkland
Dec. 18, 1938, Fort Worth, Texas.

Margie Lyon Kirkland was born Nov. 25,
1900, in Smith County, Texas.

DEATHS.

Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. T.M. Kirkland
Died August 13, 1887

Kenneth Lester Kirkland, Sr.

Died January 15, 1958, at Littlefield,
Texas, (Tarrant County) in his
sleep while "on the road" as
a Texas state feed inspector. ^{buried at Cleburne, Texas}

Margie Lyon Kirkland died Aug. 11, 1971

at Okmulgee, Oklahoma,
buried at Edmond, Okla. ^{Retired teacher}

Elden M. Kirkland died Jan. 7, 1978

in Fort Worth, Texas. Buried at Cleburne, ^{Texas}

Oma Clyde Kirkland died Sept. 12, 1978

in Fort Worth, Texas, buried at Cleburne, TX

Taught in Fort Worth Public Schools 30 years,
and at Texas Christian University.



MEMORANDA.

John Levi Kirkland died March 6, 1916
in Cleburne, Texas, and was buried next
to his parents, Samuel & Oma W. Kirkland
at Rio Vista, Texas. He had no
children. His wife, Martha
Goodrich Kirkland, remarried.

A DECLARATION OF THE BIRTH AND PROGRESS OF LEVI KIRKLAND

I was born, July 1778, my father was named Thomas, and my mother, Lucrette (i.e. Lucretia/Lucy). He was a son of Snoden Kirkland, He had four brothers, James, John, Benjamin and Aron; and two sisters, Coney Loveless, Sibby Ganes. They were generally a short life people. My father died, 1788 or 89, and in the course of the same year, my mother married Benjamin Srenton (i.e. Benjamin Arrington?). By him she had no children. I had three sisters; the first, Kissier (i.e. Keziah) and she married a Fortner, the second Lucretia, and she married a Herns, the third, Famariah, and she married a Barefield. They all had considerable offsprings, son & daughters. In 1796 I married Dicy Burce (i.e. Dicey Bruce) and in 1802 I professed religion and joined the Baptist church; my wife being baptized the same day. In 1806 I moved to the Western country and settled in Kentucky. In July, 1807 our first child was born, named Lucretia. In 1808 we lived in Montgomery county, Tennessec and about the close of the year, moved to Humphreys county, Tenn., where I now live. Our second child was Eliazar (i.e. Eleazar), then (next) Lucenda, Aaron, Thomas, Moses, Susan, Nancy, Joshua and Levi. The three last at the date, 1847 are not married. My grandchildren, there has been 43 born, and only a small portion of the number dead. My mother was named Lucy Cotton. Her mother married a Hase (i.e. HayeSs/Hays?). There was a considerable chain of connection, both of the Hase and Cottons. It has been generally said that her grandfather and grandmother, one lived to 100 and the other 112 years of age. They were generally speaking, Baptist people. A good many of my father's people were what they call Seventh Day Baptist.

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Written this the 10th of October, 1847, by Levi Kirkland

Location of the original document is unknown. The late Ida Lea Kirkland Slate of Nashville, Tennessee (died June 1982) said that her grandmother, Ida Minnie McNeely Kirkland, had a hand-written copy. This version is based on a typewritten copy dated "25th day of June 1943, by Ida M. Kirkland."

Another version of the Declaration, from Turner Edward Kirkland, says Levi (Sr.) was born July 1776, and that he married in 1798. It is noteworthy that the children are named here in the same order as in his will (probated in Humphreys County, Tennessee, in 1852).

The Declaration would seem to have been written for the youngest son, Levi Kirkland Jr, who was born in 1825, since the latter's son, J. V. Kirkland, updated it for his generation 10 February 1913.

J. V.'s son Melvin Kirkland married Ida Minnie McNeely in 1886. Apparently she copied the *Declaration* after giving an account of her father and two grandfathers, and then added to the document in 1943, which Idea Lea Kirkland Slate typed up at some point.

My parentheses have been inserted in the *Declaration* to explain or suggest spellings or version of names or text. Otherwise, the spelling is not corrected.

Kenneth L. Kirkland

2948 N. Pine Grove Ave.

Chicago Illinois 60657

24 January 1991, 17 June 2000

Grandfather McNeely:

My Grandfather Colonel W. Y. McNeely of Farming^{ton}, Ky. borned Feb. 3, 1810, died 1897. Married Jane Bowles, borned 1813 and died 1836. He was the oldest of five brothers: William, Thomas, John, James and Mathew. He had two sisters. I think they all passed away before my Grandfather did. I think he was 88 when he passed away. He had seven sons and three daughters; Thomas, James, John, Jacob, Solomon and Mathew, Albert; daughters Mary, Nancy and Susan.

Grandfather Pullen:

Grandfather John Albert Pullen borned in 1817 and died 1865. Married Susan Elizabeth Thompson borned 1823 and died 1892. They had twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. William, Allen, Arcible, Tom, Sam, Nelson, Birch; Addie, Mollie, Sudie, Millie and Jeny. All have passed away, the last one in 1942.

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I, J. V. Kirkland, am a son of Levi Kirkland, the youngest of the family. My father married Irenia T. Fuqua. She was a daughter of Eld. Jesse Fuqua. Her mother was a Carter before she married. Her father has six brothers, and I have been told that, the seven brothers, were all ministers of the gospel in the Baptist church. My grandfather Fuqua had 15 children born to him, ten of whom lived to be grown and have families, viz. Joel, Nancy, Mary, Virginia, Irenia and Orlenia (twins), Jesse, William Polinia and Susan. There were born to my parents seven children, six boys and one girl. The youngest and oldest died in infancy. The other five are still living. They are Mary, Joel J. Melville and R. Samuel. Myself and three brothers are ministers of the gospel in the Baptist Church. I met with a spiritual change of heart when between nine and ten years of age. I joined the church, Feb. 18 and was baptized on the 19th 1877. I began my ministry on the fourth Sunday in Feb. 1879. I have had the pleasure of baptizing all of my three brothers, and assisting in the ordination and of performing the ceremony when they were married. I was born January 9th, 1857. I was married to Minnie Martin, Feb. 26, 1888. She was a daughter of I Brooks Martin. He married Sallie Ann Roberts. To them was born Lucy Ann, Susan, (continued)

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August 22, 1982

Mrs. Ida Kirkland Slate
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Dear Ida,

Perhaps you will remember me from the Kirkland-Hughes family reunion of May, 1981, in Pleasantville, Tenn. My great-great grandfather was Eleazar Kirkland of Humphreys County, Levi Kirkland Sr.'s oldest son.

During the week of June 13 this year I made a trip to Waverly and went through the courthouse deeds for all Kirkland records I could find, and also stopped by to see one of the founders of the Humphreys County Historical Society I had been corresponding with. (One of the reasons for the trip was to see a "new" third cousin, J.T. Witherspoon, to tour some of the Hickman Co. sites of our Wilkins ancestors). J.T. suggested we go see Mrs. Anderson, who led us to the place on Hurricane Creek where Elder Levi Kirkland had helped establish one of his many Primitive Baptist churches. After I returned to Chicago, Mrs. Anderson telephoned to ask if I had found the will of Levi Kirkland, and since my answer was negative, she got her daughter to make a copy and bring it back to Illinois. (Her daughter lives near Chicago).

Anyhow, I thought^t you might like to have a copy of Levi Kirkland Sr.'s (1776-1852) will and the inventory of his estate sale which has fallen into my hands. The photocopy of the photocopy brought to me is a bit difficult to read, so I have included my attempt at a typewritten transcription of both the will and inventory. As I understand it, the will book was discovered in an attic of the court house or other county building that was being torn down in 1950 (about), and along with some other "old records" was destined for the city dump. Someone happened by at the time, and persuaded the county officials to let him/her have the records that hadn't already been hauled away, and that book included our Levi Kirkland's will! Whoever it is that has the book doesn't want publicity, but Mrs. Anderson decided I had "proven" my seriousness about genealogy by that June trip to Waverly, so she found the will for me.

One of the most interesting things in this will, to me, is that Levi mentions a son Moses, who does not appear in the

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Declaration of the Birth and Progress of Levi Kirkland transcripts that I have seen. I believe you said your grandmother probably had the handwritten original, the location of which is not now known. Is that correct? I'm just wondering if a copyist or typist inadvertently left Moses out, and if there are any versions or the original floating around somewhere that might mention him. There is a deed in Waverly, Book E p.460 (or 469) dated 25 March 1836 where Levi Kirkland bought 50 acres next to his property on Spring Creek of Big Richland Creek. This deed was witnessed by I. Little and Moses Kirkland, and the register says "that Moses Kirkland as he is informed and believes is not a resident of said state" (Tennessee). That might be Levi's son--who knows? Levi Jr. and Nancy Kirkland also witnessed deeds for their father later, so it seems possible that son Moses might have been home visiting in 1836 and witnessed a deed for his father.

I hope that all this is something new to you, that it isn't just a repetitious bore. I've been sending copies to everyone that might be interested, including Mrs. John H. (Wilma) Kirkland in Greenwood, SC, Turner Edward in Union City, TN, Opal Thomas in Ralls, TX, and the Tennessee State Genealogical Society in Memphis and to The River Counties in Columbia, TN, to help publicize the will (and/or preserve it).

The will is full of clues as to whom some of Levi's daughters married, such as Lucretia to a Ridings, and Susan to a Keen, and Lucinda to Phillip May. (Phillip is not mentioned in the will, but there are records in Johnson County, Ark., I understand, that refer to Lucinda, wife of Phillip May and daughter of Levi Kirkland of Humphreys Co. TN). There is one place where Lucretia is miscopied as Lucinda, I think. Again, it would be nice to get ahold of the original will and compare the versions, since it is so easy to mix up names like Lucretia and Lucinda, which I did myself on one family chart I was compiling of Levi's children.

Another real kick in Levi's will for me is the mention of \$100 in gold Joshua had sent him from "Calafemia." My father once said Kirklands or a Kirkland had gone to California in the Gold Rush, and that someone had once told him there was a family of Kirklands in Bakersfield, Calif. that looked just like the ones from Fort Worth, Texas (my family). My father also said that we were related to Jack Kirkland, the producer or director of the movie version of Tobacco Road. It is not clear to me if Jack Kirkland came from the California Gold Rush Kirklands or not, but at least the will seems to lend some credence to at least one family story. (My father thought it was a disgrace to be associated with movies, and especially with Tobacco Road).

Are you planning to go to the next Kirkland reunion in 1983? If so, I might get to see you. I stopped by in Union City to see Turner Edward back in June, and he seems to be planning to hold the affair again.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L Kirkland

George E. Slate
2721 Overhill Dr.
Donelson, Tenn. 37214

December 16, 1982

Dear Kenneth:

First I want to apologize for being so slow in answering your letter which was received the latter part of August. This has been a sad year for me. My wife passed away the 25th of June and almost a month later to the day my father passed away.

Ida Lea would have appreciated very much the information you sent in August letter and you would have received a reply almost immediately. You asked about a Declaration of the Birth and Progress of Levi Kirkland which mentions a son Moses. In going through the material Ida Lea had I found a Typed Copy of such a declaration which does list Moses as being one of his children. So far I have not found the original hand written copy. I believe Ida Lea copied this from a hand written copy that her grandmother had.

Shortly after receiving your August letter I went to Alexander, Virginia to visit a first cousin of Ida Lea's, Mrs Edgar L. Haff. She is the daughter of Henry Tripp Kirkland who is the son of A. M. Kirkland. She is also very interested in the efforts being made to get information on the Kirkland family. She has most of the information that Ida Lea had and when she was visiting here about 2 years ago, she and Ida Lea went to Waverly, Tenn. and a person that had worked as County Court Clerk gave them copies of many of the records that were at the court house about some of the business transaction that Levi Kirkland had been involved in. One of these papers was concerning some land that Levi Kirkland was buying and one of the witnesses was Moses Kirkland. A written comment at the bottom of the deed made by James Teas the court clerk stated that he had been informed that Moses Kirkland was not a resident of the state of Tennessee, date Nov. 2, 1836. In some other papers Ida Lea had which I believe she received from Turner Kirkland was the census of 1820 of Tennessee there is a Moses Kirkland listed as the head of a household in Bedford Co. census p-39 Vol. 1.

Since receiving your letter about Humphrey County Historical Society planning a second volume of family histories, I have talked to Ida Lea's cousin about this and the writing up of a history of Levi Kirkland. I am sending her a copy of your letter and the other information included. She said she would like to be included on your mailing list and would be interested in writing a history of Levi Kirkland. Of course I would like to continue to receive any other information that is turned up about the Kirkland family. My daughter would like to continue the work on the family. She said that her mother had put too much effort and work into this project for it to be dropped and forgotten.

In the process of getting information on the Slate and Stamps family I have a record from the "Old" Mt. Vernon Cemetery Simpson county, Ky. that A. M. Kirkland, daughter of H. A. and M. A. Kirkland Nov. 14, 1840-Feb. 28, 1841 is buried there. I do not believe that this family of Kirklands have been checked out.

Kenneth I don't know if any of this makes any rhyme or reason but if you have any question about the material I will be glad to help in any way possible.

Turner has given me an invitation to attend the next reunion, and I hope to be there. I will bring what information Ida Lea has and if you are there you may see if there are any other papers that may be of interest to you. I am hoping that two of Ida Lea's Cousins will be there.

If at any time you are in Nashville I would be glad for you to come by for a visit.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. H. Tate". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "E. H. Tate".



Notes on supposed photograph of Levi Kirkland

A copy of this photograph purporting to be that of Eld. Levi Kirkland of Humphreys County, Tennessee, (1778-1852) was sent to me in 1982 by O. V. Koen, author of :

The glory trail :

Koen and kin, coast to coast, including references to hundreds of allied families /

Ottis Vaughn **Koen**

1974 **1st ed.** [Austin, Tex.] : Koen, 260 p. ill. ; 22 cm.

My recollection now is that O. V. said the photo came from one of his correspondents in Texas, but I do not remember her name. My notes from talking with him indicate that he had discussed the picture with other professional photographers and they concluded that it could be legitimate as a photograph from the time Levi Kirkland Sr was alive. O. V. had owned the Koen Studios in Lubbock, Texas, which I remember from my teen years in that area. I had no idea at the time that the Koenes were distant cousins and did not know them personally.

This version of the portrait was digitized and retouched for clarity of image in 2007.

Kenneth L. Kirkland
Chicago, Illinois
May 16, 2008