

Duncan, George. Will—December 9, 1838—probated February 21, 1839—mentions wife, Patsy D. Duncan—lawful heirs of daughter Emily B. Riley—"my body to be buried at the discretion of Alexander Wallace and Patsy D. Duncan."

Reed, Joshua. Will—December 24, 1823—probated August 19, 1839—mentions wife, Abigail—sons of wife, Caleb and Jarvis—of testator, Allen Smith, Caleb and Jarvis—testator's daughter, Malissa Smith.


Trimble, Jane. Will—June 21, 1839—probated October 11, 1839—mentions daughters: Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth Trimble, Sarah Martin, wife of Nathan—sons: Thomas and George—"My late husband, George Trimble."


This is the final installment of a series of abstracts of Wills of Orange County, Indiana, prepared by Mrs. N. B. Mavity. See Indiana Magazine of History (September and December, 1938), XXXIV, 384-387, 501-504, for previous installments.

Revolutionary soldier. See Mrs. Roseoe C. O'Bryne, ed., Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana (Brookville, Indiana, 1938).

Revolutionary soldier. Ibid., 159. He is buried in Stamper Creek Cemetery, Orange County, Indiana.


Denny, Simon. Will—September 23, 1837—probated July 19, 1842—mentions sons, Samuel and Davis.

Cloud, John. Will—August 5, 1842—probated September 26, 1842—mentions wife, Hannah—after Hannah's death, property to be sold and funds to go to Lick Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends to be used in the promotion of useful education—witnesses, Aaron Andrew, Thomas Newlin—executors, Silas Dixon, Levi Woody.


Self, John. Will—August 15, 1843—probated September 12, 1843—mentions wife and children (not by name).


Busick, Benjamin. Will—April 18, 1844—probated September 2, 1844—mentions wife, Eliza, her heirs and assigns forever.


Campbell, Robert. Will—February 19, 1845—probated May 27, 1845—certain tract of land where there is a family graveyard to be kept for that purpose—mentions sons: Robert A. M. Campbell (a

Edwin Harmon was a brother to William Watson Harmon who was given the contract for the carpenter work for the Orange County Courthouse. He also built the old Presbyterian church and the Simpson home on North Gospel Street at Paoli. The Harmon family came from Massachusetts. They are buried in the Paoli Cemetery.
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minor), John H., Samuel, David M.—daughter, Nan Taylor—heirs of “my daughters who are dead.”


Scott, William. Will—December 14, 1841—probated May 28, 1847—mentions wife, Nancy S. Scott—grandsons, William A. D. Scott and Samuel T. Scott—Martha Jane McPheeters and her heirs—“I reserve one-fourth acre of land, where the graveyard now is, for a family burying place, never to be transferred out of the family.”—witnesses: Simeon Frost and Mary Frost.


Meriam, Eliza. Will—July 8, 1847—probated September 25, 1847—mentions daughter, Helen M. Lewis and her children—mentions desire to be buried in the “burying ground” at Paoli, adjoining the grave of her husband (John Meriam)—executor, John Wise—witnesses: G. W. Wise and A. J. Simpson.


Moorman, Zachariah. Will—August 9, 1847—probated August 25, 1847—mentions wife, Nancy—children (not by name)—lot No. 84 in Paoli to be sold.

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6 See sketch of W. C. Campbell, History of Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, Indiana (Chicago, 1884), 605.
7 Joseph Farlow was a large landowner south of Paoli in the vicinity of the Beech Grove Friends Church.
8 The Throop family settled at an early date in Orange County, having migrated from Stafford County, Virginia. Miss Sophia Throop is said to have been the first woman teacher of Orange County. Miss Jennie Throop, a granddaughter of John Throop, was a well-known teacher for many years.
9 Eliza Meriam, wife of John Meriam, died on July 16, 1847, at the age of sixty-one. She was a Prentis (Prentice) of Vermont. John Meriam was one of the men who founded the town of Hindostan of Martin County, Indiana, one of the famous Hoosier “ghost towns.” He came later to Orange County, established a tavern known as “Mansion House,” on the public square in Paoli. Mrs. Meriam continued the tavern after her husband’s death.
10 The date of death given on Zachariah Moorman’s tombstone in the Paoli Cemetery (August 10, 1845) is incorrect.


Porter, James. Will—February 6, 1847—probated February 28, 1848—mentions two eldest sons, Thomas B. and James S.—daughter Mary Hix—youngest son David—executor, James P. Campbell.


Piggott, Jacob Jackson. Will—December 7, 1848—probated December 1848—mentions wife, Nancy—four sons—three daughters (not by name)—brother-in-law, Elijah Frazier, to be executor.


Cosgrove, Patrick. Will—March 15, 1849—probated August 14, 1849—mentions wife, Charity—two sons, John and James.


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Thomas Volney Thornton was a prominent lawyer of Paoli. His wife, Clarinda Thornton, "married against discipline," as shown by the minutes of the Lick Creek monthly meeting, held in Orange County, February 19, 1835. The Simpson home on North Gospel Street, Paoli, was built for them and the site for the Presbyterian church of Paoli was given by Mr. Thornton.

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A soldier of the Mexican War. His wife was Charity Underwood, widow of Benjamin Underwood.
Pound, Joseph. Will—November 20, 1849—probated April 16, 1850—mentions son-in-law to be executor—wife Hannah—children and their heirs (not by name)—witnesses: Alfred Elliot and Abraham Tegarden.


Irvine, William. Will—September, 1846—probated October 18, 1850—mentions sons: William W. and Jesse A.—daughters: Sarah Jeter, Anna Baker, Eliza Spear, Martha McLane—children of deceased daughter—Lucinda Tegarden—“my unfortunate daughter, Jane Irvine.”

McCracken, John. Will—September 14, 1850—probated May 29, 1851—mentions wife, Margaret—sons Ansil and Daniel—Azra Cobb’s heirs—witnesses: James Clark and John P. Davis.


Hardman, Daniel. Will—July 17, 1851—probated September 29, 1851—mentions six oldest children: Washington, Mary, Lumenious, Leonard, Abraham, John—other sons: David and Marion—wife Elizabeth—house and lots in town of Salem (the property of Margaret Hardman, deceased)—executors: Lumenious Hardman and son-in-law—give youngest children named: David, Marion, Margaret, Peter and Mary Evaline.

Lindley, Martha. Will—November 20, 1830—probated November 27, 1851—to my daughter Gulielma, “the watch which was left to me by her father”—mentions six children: Hezekiah Henley, John Henley, Joseph Henley, Henry Henley, Mary [Henley] Braxton, Rebecca Henley—executors: sons Joseph and Henry Henley—witnesses: Thomas Newlin and Owen Thompson.


See Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana, 238.

Martha Henley Lindley was the second wife of Jonathan Lindley. She was a widow whose maiden name was Saunders. Gulielma Lindley was the only child of this marriage.
Lewis, John M. Will—April 20, 1837—probated April 30, 1852—mentions wife, Elizabeth—son, David S. Lewis, to be executor together with wife. Codicil dated January 18, 1843, names Joshua Lewis co-executor with David Lewis—codicil dated March 22, 1852—to son Abraham J. Lewis and his heirs, the share of my real estate which would have descended to son George W. Lewis and his heirs.

Magner, Elizabeth Jane. Will—June 18, 1852—probated September 6, 1852—mentions sisters, Mary Ann Magner and Martha Sarah Magner—two brothers who are at home with “my mother,” James H. and Orin M. Magner—“brother John, having left home, is not to receive any portion”—witnesses: John Baker and Sarah Magner.

Corrections (“Indiana Genealogy,” December, 1938):
Line 24, p. 493. Change to read (Van Cleefe) instead of (widow of —— Cleft).
Line 30, p. 495. Change date 1825 to 1852.
First query, p. 496. Change heading from Gray Family to Byrn Family.