

Queries

Query 113: THOMAS-VAUGHT FAMILY

The inscription on my grandmother's tombstone reads: "Mary, daughter of J. and M. Thomas." The *Bible* record reveals Mary's mother as Martha Thomas, born in March, 1795, but no mention is made of her father. The family lived in Clark County, Indiana, where Mary Thomas was born on October 18, 1818. On March 10, 1835, she married Andrew Jackson Vaught, also of Clark County. The name of her father and the date of his marriage to Martha ———, Mary's mother, are wanted. Andrew J. Vaught's mother, Anny [*sic*], and her children came to Clark County from Virginia. Her husband George [?] Vaught died in Virginia. Of the children, Andrew, George H., and Lucretia moved to Johnson County, Indiana, and reared families there. A son William moved to Iowa, and another, Larkin Vaught, remained in Clark County where he married. Any information relating to this Vaught family will be appreciated.—Mrs. Charles B. Henderson, Franklin, Ind.

Query 114: BENEFIELD FAMILY

George Benefield was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was born in York County, Pennsylvania, on December 25, 1759, and died in Jefferson County, Indiana, on April 1, 1832 [?]. He married Mary Buchanan in 1787. One record gives her birth year as 1754, and places the date of her death in 1857. One of these dates is possibly incorrect, since, as they stand, the age would be one hundred three. It is known that George and Mary Benefield and their children, twelve in number, came to Indiana in 1814. One of the sons was George Washington Benefield (1795-1854) who first married Ann Ryker. After her death, he married Margery Van Cleave. The second marriage occurred in 1825. Who were the parents and grandparents of George Benefield? Who were Mary Buchanan's parents, grandparents and great-grandparents?—Mrs. J. C. (Lillian Gwyn) Stimson, 2521 No. 13th St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

Query 115: ARCHIBALD JOHNSTON FAMILY

Archibald Johnston was born in Virginia on October 3,

1773. Betsey Booth, who became his wife was born on October 27, 1777, in Maryland. Some years after the marriage (March 20, 1800), the couple came to live at Terre Haute, Indiana, or near there. This was as early as 1830, probably earlier. The husband died on April 4, 1846, while the wife lived to be over one hundred years of age. Their children were: Nancy (b. March 2, 1801; m. Lambeth Heath, Aug. 13, 1818); Sally (b. June 16, 1803; m. James Davis, April 8, 1824); Betsey (b. Feb. 10, 1805; m. Daniel Trullinger, April 27, 1823); Nelly (b. Dec. 7, 1806; m. Jeremiah Heath, March 3, 1825); Jane (b. Dec. 2, 1808; m. Collin Forbes, Jan. 1, 1829); Rebecca (b. Dec. 27, 1810; m. Riley Sarren, Sept. 13, 1827); Esther (b. April 8, 1813; m. William Forbes, Aug. 12, 1830); Minty (b. June 16, 1815); Libby, or Isabel (b. June 30, 1818; m. Samuel Smith, June 30, 1840; d. April 11, 1846). President Andrew Johnson was, it is claimed, a nephew of Archibald Johnston, being the son of one of the six older brothers of Archibald. The name of this brother was Jacob Johnston. He dropped the "t" from the name. I desire to know the names of the parents of Archibald Johnston and Betsey Booth, with places of birth. I also wish to learn the names and places of birth of the parents of William Forbes (b. Oct. 6, 1807, in Oneida County, New York), and likewise of Collin Forbes (b. May 7, 1803, in the same county as William). I feel quite sure that William and Collin Forbes were Brothers. As stated above, William Forbes married Esther Johnston at or near Terre Haute (Aug. 12, 1830). They went to Iowa to live.—Miss Margaret McCall, 5406, S. E. Ave., Portland, Oregon.