

## CHAPTER 6

### John (1776) Lusk

John married Jane/Jean Boyd, b. 1782, on 27 August 1801. (1) Jane was the daughter of William Boyd who was listed on the Carter County Tax Lists. (2) Their children were Robert Monroe, b. 1802; William Boyd, b. 1803; Rebecca, b. 1806; Samuel Hugh, b. 1807; Hugh Boyd, b. 1812; Elizabeth, b. 1813; Mary, b. 1815; Martha, b. 1817; James B., b. 1818; Alfred, b. 1823; Wiley M., b. 1824; and Saraphina, b. 28 Jan 1826. All were born in Carter County, TN, except the last three who were born in McMinn, Co., TN. (3)

From 1797 to 1800, John was on the Carter County Tax Roll Lists. (4)

Jane died and was possibly buried in McMinn County, TN. John may have traveled to the Polk County, MO, area to obtain land before he actually migrated to Missouri in 1846. He did not migrate with Robert Monroe and his second wife, Catherine, down the Tennessee River in flatboats as far as it is known.

Tom Lusk wrote Cal Lusk about 1940, "In the late 1770s came one John Lusk to the Tennessee Valley and secured a large body of land and established some large plantations as he was a large slave owner, having more than 80 working slaves. He built flatboats and floated his products down the Mississippi River to the market in New Orleans. He was also a breeder of racehorses and other fine stock. He was a wealthy man. About 1849, he sold his lands and slaves and came to Missouri with his sons and unmarried daughters except Samuel who was given John's land in McMinn Co. and Robert Monroe who went to Arkansas". (5)

In the Carter Co., TN, Minutes of Court Pleas and Transfer Session, Vol. 3, 1821-26 shows that a "deed of conveyance from John Lusk to Samuel Lusk for two hundred acres was proven in open court by Andrew Taylor and Thomas Gourley and admitted to record let it be registered." This possibly the land that John inherited and he then gave to Samuel. (6)

### The Tax Rolls

The Tax Rolls from 1829-1836 showed the following information. They include acres and black polls. A poll refers to the property owner as "one white poll" or to the black man who works with the property owner as a "black poll" or women working in the home. Either John moved into McMinn County or the county lines were relocated.

Tax Roll 1829 - McMinn Co., TN	John Lusk	165 acres	1 black
poll - Tax Roll 1830- McMinn Co., TN	John Lusk	155 acres	
	no poll listed	Tax Roll 1831- McMinn Co.,	
TN	John Lusk	155 acres	1 black poll
Tax Roll 1832 - McMinn Co., TN	John Lusk	235 acres	1 black poll
Tax Roll 1836- McMinn Co., TN	John Lusk	235 acres, 5th district.	

In the year of 1832, there is a question mark after the amount of 235 acres, which might be a mistake as it was hard to read the copy. As to what happened to the years between 1832 and 1836, there was no record. John's land bordered next to Monroe Co. (7)

### 1830 Tennessee Census

John was listed on the 1830 Tennessee Census, McMinn County as head of the household. Other individuals were listed only by brackets of ages. There were two females ages, 5-10; one, under 5; one, ages 10-15; two, ages 15-20; one, ages 20 to 30; one, 40 to 50, which would have been

John's wife, Jane. For the males, there is one male, ages 10-15, one, ages 15-20, and one, fewer than 50 to 60. There was also one female slave, ages 24-26. (8)

### 1840 Tennessee Census

Again on the 1840 Tennessee Census, McMinn County, only the head of the household was listed by name. John was listed as head of the household, and was between the ages of 50-60. There are two males listed under the ages of 15-20; 2 females ages 10-15; 3 females ages 20-30; 1 female 30-40 years old. On this census there is a female slave between the ages of 36 to 55; 3 male slaves under 10 years and 2 female slaves under 10 years. Jane had died in 1835. (9)

Looking at the birth dates of James B.'s children and the births of Wiley's children, who were born Missouri, they and John (1776) may have migrated between 1846 and 1849. Widower John, his unmarried daughters, Rebecca, Mary, and Saraphina, widowed daughter Martha Rice, and grandson, John Rice, sons James B. and Wiley went on to Polk County, Missouri. (10)

### Robert Monroe

John's first son, Robert Monroe (1802) married Elizabeth Naive about 1829 in Monroe Co., TN. They had six sons: Matthew, b. 1830; unnamed son, b. between 1831-1837; John, b. 1833; Hugh Boyd, b. 1835; Nathaniel, b. 1838; and Wiley, b. 1842. Elizabeth died in 1842 and Robert Monroe married Catherine McNabb, about 1844 or 1845, in Monroe Co., TN. They had the following children: Joseph, b. 1845- d. 1846; Ozina, b. 1846; and James Joseph Monroe (also known as "Jim Bud"), b. 1848, and all born in Tennessee. Jeremiah D., b. 1850; Elizabeth Jane, b. 1851; Noah Monroe, b. 1852; Mary Catherine, b. 1854; Robert Henry Neil, b. 1855; Sara Finah, b. 1856; and Margaret, b. 1858, who died before 1860, were all born in Arkansas. (11)

### William Boyd

John's second son, William Boyd, b. 1803, married Sarah Ann Dixon, b. 1805, KY, in Carter County, TN. They had a daughter, Rhoda, b. 1826 in TN and a son Jasper, b. 1832 in Green County, IL. They lived in Tennessee, but later moved to Green County, Illinois. (12)

### Samuel Hugh

Samuel Hugh, b. 1807- d. 1838, the third son of John married Elizabeth Marie Dixon, b. 1809, about 1826. Children were Louisa, b. 1828; John Winters, b. 1829; Lucretia, b. 1830; and Sarah Ann, b. 1832. She was probably the sister to William Boyd's wife. They went to Green Co., IL, about 1828. Samuel died there in 1833. (13)

### Rebecca and Mary

John's daughters Rebecca, b. 1806, and Mary, b. 1815, never married.

### Hugh Boyd

John's fourth son, Hugh Boyd, b. 1812 - d. 1860, married Joannah Matheys, b. 1812. They were married in Carter Co., TN, where all eight of their children were born. The children were: John, b. 1835; Martha, b. 1838; Marian, b. 1839; Cynthia, b. 1841; Mary E., b. 1843; Rebecca, b. 1846; Alfred, b. 1848; and Olivar, b. 1850. Joannah died in 1853. Shortly after her death, Hugh Boyd, went to live near his father and he married Madelina Bradford Oct. 4, 1854. (14)

### Elizabeth

Daughter Elizabeth, b. 1813, married Henry Jefferson Dixson, about 1827 and later married Thomas Taylor in Green Co, IL. She died of cholera in January 1850. (15)

## Martha

Daughter Martha, b. 1817, had married William Rice in Oct of 1842 in McMinn County, 1N and had a son, John Rice, b. 1844 in Carter Co., IN. William died and that was probably why Martha and her son went with her father to Missouri. (16)

## James B.

The fifth son, James B., b 18 Aug 1818- d. 1884; married Joannah Bond 2 Feb 1835/37, and lived in Missouri also. Children were John B, b. 1840; Dealtha; b. 1842; Benjamin, b. 1843; Marquis Lafayette, b. 1846; Idise Hugh, b. 1848; William, b. 1850; Wiley, b. 1855; and Hess Hamilton, b. 1857. (17)

## Alfred T.

The sixth son, Alfred T., b. 1823- d. 1905, married Amanda Faulkner, b. 1827, Polk Co., MO. They were married 26 May 1847 in Polk Co. and had two children, James Faulkner, b. 1848; and Rebecca, b. 1849. He went to California and while he was gone, Amanda married again. He later divorced Amanda and married Elizabeth Bond 11 Oct. 1860. Their children were Claiborne, b. 1862; William, b. 1863; Tryphena Isabella, b. 1865; John B., b. 1870. (19)

## Wiley

The seventh son, Wiley B., b. 1824 - d. 1852, married Martha Bond in 1N evidently just before they set out for Missouri. Their two daughters, Susannah, b. 1846, and Rebecca, b. 1849, were born in Polk County, MO. (18)

## Sarafinah

John's youngest daughter, Sarafinah (Saraphina) J., b. 1826- d. 1878, married Henry Bradford in Polk Co., MO., in 1847. They had five children: Lucretia, b. 1849; John H., b. 1850; James, b. 1851; Virginia, b. 1855; and Rebecca, b. 1856. (20)

## Location of Land

The location of the land that John (1776) purchased in Polk County, MO, was described as follows: Section 28, Township 32 N, Range 22 W, Legal land description W2NE4; and Section 29, Township 32N, Range 22W. Legal land description: E2NE4. He bought the land from Alexander Johnson for the sum of \$1000. Deed dated 23 November 1846. (21)

## 1850 Missouri Census

John and his family were enumerated on the 1850 Missouri Census, Polk County, John was listed as head of the household, age 74, a farmer and was born in Virginia. Living with him are daughters, Rebecca, age 40 who keeps house, and Mary, age 35. A married daughter, Martha Rice, age 33, lives with him, and is possibly a widow. John Rice is 6 years old and is Martha's son. The Property was valued at \$1,000. (22)

## 1860 Missouri Census

On the 1860 Missouri Census, Polk County, John was listed as head of the household, lived in House# 756, farmed, and he was now age 83. His daughter, Rebecca, age 50, lived with him and kept house.

Living next door in House #754 were the following family members: daughter, Martha Rice, age 35; John's son, Alfred Lusk, age 33; and John Rice, age 16, and was a farm laborer. The land value was \$3,000. They evidently farmed John's land. Martha's age should be 43 years, but whoever gave the information to the enumerator did not know her age.

Daughter Mary was not listed with either family. She may have died or married. (23)

### **Death of John**

John died in 1861 and left \$200 apiece for Robert Monroe's children in Arkansas, and probably for the other grandchildren. (24)

John was buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery in Slagle, MO. The cemetery is still in use and is located in East Looney Township about 7 miles southeast of Bolivar, MO. (25)

James B. Lusk, son of John, was appointed as the Administrator for his father's estate on 16 Mar 1861. (26). His duties were to pay the debts and divide the estate according to the law and customs as reported by him in a statement sworn before the County Clerk on 7 Aug 1866.

*"..about the month of June or July 1862, he had received Forty-seven dollars, money belonging to said estate of John Lusk, deceased, which said money was taken from the said administrator by a band of robbers who came to his house and demanded all the money he had, he being overpowered, was compelled to surrender to said robbers all the money he had on hand among which was the aforesaid Forty-seven dollars. Signed James B. Lusk. " (26)*

### **John's Estate**

John's estate at the time of his death included six head of horses, sixteen head of cattle, thirty-three head of sheep and seventeen stock hogs. He had one wagon that was sold for \$21.00. There appears not to have been a large amount of household effects. There were 2 beds, a cook stove, a loom, a spinning wheel, a square table and a number of chairs, a clock, and a box of books. Three hundred and eighteen pounds of bacon were sold as well as 11 bushels of wheat, 20 bushels of oats, and 25 bushels of com. Beside the material items, John Lusk estate was the east half of the Northeast quarter all in the Township 32 and Range 22. (27)

He had 1,000 acres of land in 1850 according to the Polk Co., MO, and Census. In 1860 he had 3000 acres. When he died, he was very wealthy. Twelve hundred dollars was put in to a guardianship for son Robert Monroe's, deceased, children in Arkansas. (28)

1. Information on birth supplied by Barbara Howell, descendant of Samuel Lusk, brother of Robert; [www.willowarchives.com.Lusk](http://www.willowarchives.com/Lusk)
2. CD 2 KY, TN Marriages, Carter Co., TN, 1819-1884; Burger, G.F.: *Carter Co., TN, Marriage Records, 1796- 1870*, Tennessee State Library: Nashville; Mrs. Merlyn Houck in a letter to Essie Lusk, 8 August 1966. .
3. *1830 Tennessee Census, McMinn County, 1840 Tennessee Census, McMinn Co*; and *1850 Missouri Census, Polk Co.*-names and ages determined by these censuses.
4. *1797 Tax List Carter Co., TN*, p. 181; 1798, p.194; 1799, p.112; and 1800, p.154.
5. Excerpts from a letter from Tom Lusk to Cal Lusk about 1940.
6. *Carter Co., TN, Minutes of Court Pleas and Transfer Session, Vol. 3, 1821-1826*; Dewey L. Lusk, Jan. 1992
7. *1829-1836 Tax List for McMinn Co., TN*; in a letter from Ann Lusk dated 17 Mar 1992 to George Boyd Lusk
8. *1830 Tennessee Census, McMinn Cq.*
9. *1840 Tennessee Census, McMinn Co.*
10. Barbara Wagner
11. Barbara Wagner
12. *1830 Illinois Census Green Co*; Barbara Howell.
13. Barbara Howell
14. Jesse Noble Lusk, Pocatello, ID, information sent to Essie Lusk in 1969; Barbara Howell.
15. *1830 Illinois Census, Green Co.; Tracing the Lusk Line: The Complete Lineage of Rebecca Lusk* by Susan Howell, 4 April 2002
16. Microfilm Roll, 443629, Archives Records, San Diego Family History Library; *1850 Missouri Census*
17. Microfilm Roll 443,629 San Diego Family History Library
18. *1860 Missouri Census, Polk Co.*
19. *1860 Missouri Census, Polk Co.; Marriage Record, Polk Co., MO*, Lusk, Amanda and Alfred, Book A 1836-59; Film 944885 p. 84; film #944891 *Court Records Petition for Divorce*
20. *1860 Missouri Census, Polk Co.*
21. In letters from Ann Lusk of Mar 17,1992 and Sep 17, 1992 from a deed dated 1846, Polk Co., Missouri.
22. *1850 Missouri Census, Polk Co.*
23. *1860 Missouri Census, Polk Co.*
24. *Guardianship papers, Independence Co., AR, Documents, Will Box 35*, Old Independence Co. Regional Museum, Probate Court, Independence Co; Dewey L. Lusk
25. Polk Co., MO, Clerk's Office.
26. Polk Co., MO, Clerk's appointment of James B. Lusk as administrator of father's estate.
27. Polk Co., MO, Clerk's Office, *Probate Court Records, Box 40, Estate of John Lusk*
28. *Guardianship Papers, Independence Co., AR., Documents, Will Box 35*, Old Independence Co., Regional Museum, Probate Court, Independence Co.