

Descendants of William STRANGE

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM¹ STRANGE was born April 02, 1732 in York, VA?. He married CLOE CORNWELL, daughter of PETER CORNWELL and SARAH BOWLIN. She was born 1757 in Fauquier County, Virginia.

Children of WILLIAM STRANGE and CLOE CORNWELL are:

- i. CORNWELL² STRANGE, b. Abt. 1775; m. SUSANNAH RILEY, November 04, 1795, Fauquier County, Virginia.
2. ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON STRANGE, b. December 26, 1779, Fauquier County, Virginia; d. April 01, 1854, Clay County, MO.

Generation No. 2

2. GEORGE WASHINGTON² STRANGE (*WILLIAM*¹) was born December 26, 1779 in Fauquier County, Virginia, and died April 01, 1854 in Clay County, MO. He married MARY COPELIN September 26, 1800 in Garrard County, KY, daughter of JACOB COPELIN and ANN HENTON. She was born October 15, 1784 in Garrard County, KY, and died January 15, 1859 in Clay County, MO.

More About GEORGE WASHINGTON STRANGE:
Census: 1850, Liberty Township, Clay County, MO

More About MARY COPELIN:
Census: 1850, Liberty Township, Clay County, MO

Children of GEORGE STRANGE and MARY COPELIN are:

3. i. JACOB³ STRANGE, b. January 30, 1801, Garrard County, KY; d. 1856, Brown County, Kansas.
- ii. WILLIAM DUDLEY STRANGE, b. February 10, 1804, Garrard County, KY.
- iii. ALSEY STRANGE, b. November 01, 1806, Garrard County, KY.
- iv. SARAH "SALLY" STRANGE, b. March 06, 1809, Garrard County, KY.
- v. MARY STRANGE, b. June 22, 1812, Garrard County, KY.
- vi. WASHINGTON STRANGE, b. August 16, 1814, Garrard County, KY.
- vii. JOHN B. STRANGE, b. September 22, 1818, Kentucky.
- viii. MARTHA ANN STRANGE, b. 1820, Garrard County, KY.
- ix. NANCY STRANGE, b. August 12, 1820, Garrard County, KY.
- x. BENJAMIN STRANGE, b. September 25, 1823, Garrard County, KY.
- xi. ELIZA JANE STRANGE, b. November 11, 1826, Garrard County, KY.
- xii. LEUTICIA STRANGE, b. November 01, 1830, Garrard County, KY.

Generation No. 3

3. JACOB³ STRANGE (*GEORGE WASHINGTON*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born January 30, 1801 in Garrard County, KY, and died 1856 in Brown County, Kansas. He married (1) ELIZABETH MERRITT December 20, 1828 in Garrard County, KY. She was born Abt. 1809. He married (2) CATHERINE "KITTY" ROBARDS October 21, 1836 in Garrard County, KY, daughter of JESSE ROBARDS and FRANCES PERKINS. She was born January 16, 1799 in Mercer County, Ky, and died July 28, 1899 in Ravalli or Missoula County, Montana.

More About JACOB STRANGE:
Census: 1850, Washington Co., KY

Notes for CATHERINE "KITTY" ROBARDS:
CATHERINE "KITTY" ROBARDS STRANGE

January 16, 1799 - July 28, 1899

Catherine "Kitty" Robards Strange, aged 91 years, 6 months, 11 days, died Sunday morning, July 28th, 1899, at the residence of her son, William Strange, about 7 miles south of Stevensville.

Mrs. Strange was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, January 16th, 1798; removed to Missouri in 1855, thence to the territory of Kansas in 1850, living in that territory until 1864. In the spring of that year, she removed to Oregon, remaining there 18 months. She then came to Montana and settled in the Bitter Root Valley, Missoula county in 1866, where she lived with her children up to the time of her death.

Deceased leaves four children, two boys and two girls, one daughter living in Kansas, the other three children and a goodly number of grandchildren being present to follow her remains to their last resting place. The funeral services were held at the house of her son, William Strange, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday of the present week, Rev. T.W. Flowers officiating, after which her mortal remains were taken to the Stevensville cemetery for interment.

Five years ago, Mrs. Strange received the ordinance of Baptism and was received in full fellowship into the M.E. Church, by Rev. Wilder Nutting, and from that time until her death lived a consistent Christian.

More About CATHERINE "KITTY" ROBARDS:

Burial: Stevensville cemetery, Montana

Census: 1850, Washington Co., KY

Immigration: 1855, From KY to MO

Children of JACOB STRANGE and ELIZABETH MERRITT are:

- i. THOMAS⁴ STRANGE, b. Abt. 1829, Garrard County, KY.
- ii. GEORGE STRANGE, b. 1831, Garrard County, KY.
- iii. NANCY STRANGE, b. 1833, Garrard County, KY.

Children of JACOB STRANGE and CATHERINE ROBARDS are:

4. iv. JACOB⁴ STRANGE, b. August 1835, Washington Co., KY; d. October 05, 1887.
- v. MARY FRANCES STRANGE, b. 1837, Garrard County, KY.
- vi. JESSE STRANGE, b. 1838, Garrard County, KY.
- vii. SARAH JANE STRANGE, b. 1840, Garrard County, KY; m. WILLIAM BUCKNER COX.
- viii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STRANGE¹, b. 1842, Kentucky; d. February 21, 1928, Corvallis, Bitter Root Valley, Montana.

Notes for BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STRANGE:

Benjamin F. Strange, a prominent farmer of the Bitter Root Valley, was born in Garrard Co, Ky. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Virginia. His maternal grandfather, Jesse Robards, was a Captain in the Colonial army during the Revolution and rendered his country much valuable service. Jacob Strange, father of our subject, was born in Kentucky. By his first marriage he had four children. He was afterward married in his native state to Catherine Roberts, a native of KY. and they moved to Kansas. Mr. Strange died in Brown Co. Kansas in 1856 at the age of 60, leaving a wife and three sons and two daughters. During the following year the eldest son broke his back at a barn raising. In 1860 a severe drought caused the crops to be a complete failure and the settlers became destitute of food. Benjamin and his brother William were obliged to go sixty miles with oxen to the supply station, provisions having been donated by the more fortunate settlers of Minnesota and other states. The journey was made through a destitute country and they received only 150# of graham flour. They then made a trip to Missouri, receiving 1,000# of middlings. While returning home they became snowbound two weeks, and their oxen not being able to draw the load, they uncoupled the wagon, putting a part of the supplies on the front wheels, and leaving the remainder. After waiting for the thaw they found the rivers very much swollen, and at one place the stream was surging against the bridge with such force that it seemed as if they must fall at any instant. While crossing, the wagon pole fell from the ring in yoke, ran under the planking and stopped the oxen. The bridge being narrow, they were obliged to unyoke the oxen and carry the yokes and wheels back to extricate the pole. To add to their fright and anxiety the accident occurred at night and in the morning they learned that the bridge had gone down. The brothers at last reached home in safety. In 1862 Mr. Strange enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company I, 13th Kansas Volunteer Infantry. He served to the close of the struggle in the Western Division, took part in the battles of Cane hill, Prairie Grove and Van Buren, was in numerous skirmishes and participated in the running fight from Ft. Gibson to a distance of 250 miles, in which

there was considerable fighting every day. Mr. Strange received a sunstroke during that forced march, from which he was disabled during the ensuing winter and has never fully recovered. After receiving his honorable discharge at the close of the war, he returned to his home in Kansas. On New Year's Day, 1867, he was married to Amanda Goff, and they continued to reside on a farm in Kansas until May 1, 1874. Four children were born to them in that state, one of whom Franklin, died at the age of 2 years. With their three children, James A., Fred and William A., the Strange family came direct to the Bitter Root Valley arriving at this place \$50.00 in debt. Mr. Strange first found work for two months at \$40.00 per month, then purchased a team, wagon and harness and located a ranch six miles north and one mile east of Corvallis. At the close of the first year, he owned a good team, three cows and had twenty acres of land fenced. He sold that farm with the intention of leaving this country and loaded his goods on a wagon, but on calmer reflection decided to relocate. Mr. Strange then purchased 160 acres of land six miles from Corvallis, for which he was indebted to the amount of \$350. During the first year he raised grain, at 50 cents per bushel, sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness. In 1881 he sold that place and purchased 160 acres of his present farm, to which he has since added until he now owns 640 acres. Three hundred and twenty acres of the place is located three miles from his home. Mr. Strange is engaged in general farming, stock and fruit raising. Six children have been added to the family in Montana: Luke, Sarah M., Mary C., John, Anna B. and Lucella. John died at the age of ten and the two eldest sons are married and reside near their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Strange have two grandchildren. Our subject and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. The former has been a life long Republican and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His entire life has been one of unrelenting toil, and he has not only secured a valuable property, but has the respect of the entire community. History of Montana, by Joaquin Miller, 1894

ATTENDED FUNERAL OF BENJAMIN STRANGE

Corvallis, February 1 - A number of Corvallis people, friends of the late Benjamin Strange, and of his daughter, Mrs. Jasper Frogge, attended the funeral of the aged man at Hamilton Tuesday. Mr. Strange lived in this community many years and had made his home with his daughter until he preferred to go a few months ago to the soldiers' home at Columbia Falls. He was an inventor and throughout the community are scattered gates made from a patent he secured many years ago.
Ravalli Republican, February 21, 1928

More About BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STRANGE:

Occupation: general farming, stock and fruit raising.

- ix. WILLIAM ALLEN STRANGE, b. September 15, 1844, Frankfort, Franklin, Kentucky; m. ELIZABETH DELILAH "LIZZIE" WOOD.

Notes for WILLIAM ALLEN STRANGE:

WILLIAM ALLEN STRANGE

September 15, 1844 - July 22, 1934

William Allen Strange, one of the Bitter Root Valley's pioneers, died Sunday, July 22, 1934, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl E. Magni, at Hamilton, after a period of declining health which extended back about a year. Mr. Strange was almost 90 years old at the time of his death. Had he lived to his next birthday, in September, he would have reached the age of 90.

He was born in Kentucky in 1844, and lived in Kansas and Missouri where his parents went when he was a lad. He came to the valley in 1864 and lived for many years a few miles south of town. For the past several years, he had made his home with his daughter in Hamilton.

Beside Mrs. Magni, there is one son, Gibbon Benton Strange, now representative for Ravalli County in the state legislature. He resides on a ranch near Bell Crossing, south of Stevensville.

The funeral services were held at Hamilton on Tuesday and interment was made at the Maplewood Cemetery at Stevensville. The funeral was attended by a large number of old time acquaintances of the deceased.

The Republican

July 26, 1934

William Strange, one of the Bitter Root's best-known pioneers, and for 68 years a resident of the valley, died here Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl E. Magni. Although he was nearly 90 years of age, Mr. Strange was in good health until a few days preceding his death.

A large number of friends and relatives attended last rites held in his memory from the Dowling chapel

Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Charles R. Miller of the Presbyterian Church officiated at the services and pallbearers were S.J. Barclay, M.L. Chaffin, Alex Chaffin, Bob Nicol, J.D. St. John, and Fred Van Blaricom. Interment was made in Maplewood Cemetery in Stevensville.

William Strange was born in Washington County, Kentucky, on September 15, 1844. At the age of 11, he moved with his parents to Missouri, where the family remained for a year. When he was 19 years of age, he left Brown County, Kansas with his parents, and after a long arduous trip by wagon train of over five months, they finally arrived in Polk County, Oregon, October 1, 1864. Two years later the family moved to the Bitter Root.

The town of Stevensville, the first permanent white settlement in this territory, had just been established. Near this historic town, William Strange took up a homestead, where he resided for most of the active years of his life. He saw the Bitter Root emerge from a region thinly populated with Indians and white to the most productive region in the entire state of Montana.

July 9, 1876, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Wood. Two children were born to them, Gibbon Benton Strange of Stevensville, former representative in the state legislature for a number of terms, and Mrs. Carl Magni of Hamilton. Also surviving him are four grandchildren, Eugene and Beth Manis of Hamilton, and Morris and Virginia Strange of Stevensville. For the past 21 years, Mr. Strange has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Magni, who has lived in Hamilton for the past 17 years.

Northwest Tribune
July 26, 1934

Notes for ELIZABETH DELILAH "LIZZIE" WOOD:
ELIZABETH DELILAH "LIZZIE" WOOD STRANGE

Mary 19, 1852 - September 22, 1899

In the death of Mrs. William Strange (Elizabeth Delilah Wood), Ravalli County and the Bitter Root Valley loses one of its noble pioneers. She went as a bride to the farm in Etna where he life was spent. She passed through the terrors of the Nez Perce Indian invasion, and endured the privations of a new, remote, and sparsely settled country with patience and cheerfulness. Her influence was a power for good. She trained her two children with loving faithfulness and her life was graciously spared to see them develop into promising usefulness.

For months, she has been a great and patient sufferer, but her trust in God, and she was prepared for the glories awaiting the faithful. To her husband, who has lost the companion of nearly a quarter of a century, we offer our heartfelt sympathy. May the son and daughter, thus deprived of a mother's loving care and wise counsel, cherish her memory and emulate her many virtues.

Elizabeth Delilah Wood was born to Lydia Tabor and Meredith Wood in Springfield, Missouri, Webster County. She was the eighth child born to the. When she was just 6 years old, her father died, and 15 when her mother died. She then lived with her older brother, John Franklin Wood. In 1874, with her brothers, John F., William J., and Joshua Taylor Wood and their families, she came to the Bitter Root Valley. She met and married William Allen Strange in 1876. They homesteaded at the corner of the East Side Highway and Lazy Lane, 1/2 mile south of Casey's Store. William's mother, Kitty, came to live with them there. Two children were born to the union, Gibbon Benton and Elsa Alice Strange. Kitty died in 1889 and in 1894, William built the family a new home now occupied by Millie and Casey Keiffer, just west of the old homestead. Elizabeth died an untimely death at the age of 47 years of stomach cancer.

The Stevensville Register
September 23, 1899

Generation No. 4

4. JACOB⁴ STRANGE (JACOB³, GEORGE WASHINGTON², WILLIAM¹) was born August 1835 in Washington Co., KY, and died October 05, 1887. He married SARAH REBECCA BULLOCK March 13, 1875 in Clay County, MO, daughter of !twnamebegin DAVID BULLOCK and JANE VAUGHN. She was born September 10, 1839 in Missouri, and died April 02, 1895.

Notes for JACOB STRANGE:
Cause of death: drowned

More About JACOB STRANGE:

Burial: Second Creek, near Smithville, MO

Occupation: Laborer

Notes for SARAH REBECCA BULLOCK:

marriage certificate indicates she was of Platte County, MO.

Mary Francis Strange (Miller) said she was mean and she was half black foot and had the nose of a black foot indian and was really ugly)

More About SARAH REBECCA BULLOCK:

Burial: Second Creek, near Smithville, MO

Children of JACOB STRANGE and SARAH BULLOCK are:

- i. MARY JANE^s STRANGE, d. Smithville, Clay Co., MO; m. DALL CORUN.
- ii. JOHN NICHOLAS STRANGE, b. January 09, 1876, Missouri; d. December 25, 1945, Butler, Missouri; m. (1) STELLA BURDETT; m. (2) MARY CAROLINE "CALLIE" SPARKS, April 06, 1906, Smithville, Clay Co., MO; b. January 14, 1881, Paradise, Clay Co., MO; d. June 23, 1941, Butler, Missouri.

Notes for JOHN NICHOLAS STRANGE:

Father drowned when he was 9 and his mother was unable to care for him and his siblings. John and his sister Mary Jane went to live with their uncle Bullock, who was very mean to them. Did not let John go to school but instead heard cattle on an open ranch. During the day would be given 2 biscuits and a canteen of water. John later ran away to Paradise near Liberty, MO. An old colored woman took him in who lived in a two room shack. He cut wood for her during the winter and she fed him. If not for her, John would have died. -Mary Louise Strange

More About JOHN NICHOLAS STRANGE:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery in Butler, MO

Occupation: Dairy Farmer, Horse & Mule Trader

More About MARY CAROLINE "CALLIE" SPARKS:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery in Butler, MO

- iii. ELISA STRANGE.

Endnotes

1. TITLE.