

Where There's a Will, There's a Way: How Probate Records for Never-Married Relatives Unlocked a Family Line

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Margaret (Newlin) Joseph was born in Ohio in 1825, before birth records were required. The earliest census data did not include the names of anyone other than the head of the household. Her marriage and death records do not name her parents. But probate, property records, later census data, and church records surmount these obstacles, and provide clues about her family. The sum of the indirect evidence demonstrates that Margaret Newlin's father was likely James Newland, born in 1776 in Pennsylvania, to Elijah and Ann (McGrew) Newland. That evidence also establishes that her mother was likely Nancy Jack, born in Ireland. And it reveals more: Margaret had at least six siblings, not just one brother commonly recorded on public family trees.

Margaret (Newlin) Joseph

Margaret Newlin was likely born in about 1825 in Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio.¹

In 1850, a 26-year-old Margaret Newlin resided in the Smithfield household of William H. and Edith Price.² She remained there for another decade.³ In July 1860, she married Moses R. Joseph.⁴ Margaret and Moses had two sons, William Anderson and Ross Parkinson.⁵ Margaret died 13 February 1901, in what was then Inverness, Ohio.⁶

Public family trees suggest that Margaret had just one brother, James Plummer Newlin.⁷ But Margaret's sons were listed in Clark P. Newlin's probate as his nephews, along with five other nephews and nieces, and a grandniece.⁸ The probate record demonstrates that Margaret and Clark were probably siblings. In his will, he left the entirety of his estate to his beloved niece, Talitha, with whom he lived until his death.⁹ The probate record offers hints about the size of Margaret's family of origin. See Table 1.

TABLE 1

Table 1	
Clark's Named Nieces and Nephews	Probable Parent
William Whitten, Nephew, 47, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio	Nancy H. (Newlin) Whitten ^a
Nancy Humphreyville, Niece, 50, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio	Nancy H. (Newlin) Whitten ^b
Belle Rhodes, Niece, 45, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio	Nancy H. (Newlin) Whitten ^c
Wallace Newlin, Nephew, 50, Cadiz, Ohio	James P. Newlin ^d
William A. Joseph, Nephew, 40, Irondale, Ohio	Margaret (Newlin) Joseph ^e
Ross P. Joseph, Nephew, 38, East Liverpool, Ohio	Margaret (Newlin) Joseph ^f
Talitha C. Newlin, Niece, 40, Smithfield, Ohio	Unknown ^g
Pearl W. Shivers, Grandniece, 28, Piney Fork, Ohio	Winfield Scott Whitten, son of Nancy H. (Newlin) Whitten ^h

Table 1 (cont'd.)

^a 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield township, p. 36 (handwritten), dwell. 250, fam. 260, Nancy H. in the household of Joshua C. Whitten. Nancy (age 8), William (age 4), and Hannah Bell (age 1) were all enumerated in this household. The 1880 census confirms the relationships. 1880 U.S. census, Belmont Co., pop. sched., Colerain, ED 17, p. 14 (handwritten), dwell. 87, fam. 89, William, 25, son, in household of Jos. Whitten. Although the 1880 census indicates the family was Black, the family composition and Joshua's occupation as a blacksmith is consistent with both the 1860 and 1870 censuses. 1870 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield, p. 11 (handwritten), dwell. 82, fam. 80, household of Joshua Whitten. Joshua's wife was recorded as "Hannah," consistent with Nancy's middle initial.

^b Jefferson Co., Ohio, Marriage Certificates, vol. 13: 562, Nancy J. Whitten–Theodore Humphreyville, 8 February 1896; Probate Court, Steubenville, digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9392-SPSW-29> : viewed 4 February 2024).

^c [Anna] Belle Rhodes's death certificate lists Nancy H. Newlin as her mother. Ohio Department of Health, death certificate no. 3564 (1913), Anna Belle Rhodes; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Columbus; image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GPJR-CW : viewed 27 May 2023); citing Family History Library ["FHL"] microfilm 004,021,226. Anna Belle died in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

^d James Wallace died in Cadiz, Ohio; his death certificate lists James P. Newlin as his father. Ohio death certificate no. 33017 (1937), James Wallace Newlin; image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9P2P-9Y9H : viewed 27 May 2023); citing FHL microfilm 004,020,846.

^e 1870 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Island Creek Township, p. 22 (handwritten), dwell. 171, fam. 158, Wm (9), in the household of Moses R. Joseph.

^f *Ibid.*, Ross P. (5), in the household of Moses R. Joseph.

^g In 1850, Talitha resided in a household headed by Jane Newlin (48), along with Anne (35), Mary (40), and Clark Newlin (23), and an eleven-year-old Elraymond Haynes. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch. Smithfield, unnumbered page facing p. 171 (stamped), dwell. 2141, fam. 2244, Talitha Newlin in household of Jane Newlin. Her mother may have been one of the three women.

^h Pearl's birth register entry lists her father as Winfield Whitten. Jefferson County, Ohio, Record of Births, 2:150-151, entry number 642 for Pearl Whitten; image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GRYW-SWB9 : viewed 1 June 2023). 1870 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield, p. 11 (handwritten), dwell. 82, fam. 80, Winfield (19), in household of Joshua Whitten.

In 1850, Clark, then twenty-three, lived in Smithfield, in a household headed by Jane Newlin (48), along with Mary Newlin (40), Ann Newlin (35), and Talitha Newlin (3), all reportedly born in Ohio.¹⁰ In 1860, Clark headed the household, where he resided with Jane and Mary.¹¹ Clark's information confirms Margaret's maiden name and birthplace, and implies that Margaret potentially had at least six siblings: Jane, Ann, Mary, James P., Nancy H., and Clark.¹² The combination of their Smithfield residence and later probate records confirms Margaret's birthplace.

The reported birthplaces of Margaret's parents varied. In 1880, the census enumerator noted that her parents were born in Virginia, mirroring the reported birthplace of Moses Joseph's parents.¹³ This was the only time her

parents' birthplaces were recorded as Virginia, and possibly an error by the informant or the enumerator. In 1900, just one year prior to Margaret's death, her parents' birthplaces were listed as Ohio.¹⁴

However, in 1880, two separate enumerators recorded the birthplaces of James P. Newlin's and Nancy H. Whitten's father as born in Pennsylvania and their mother in Ireland.¹⁵ The consistency between two separate enumerations has a ring of truth. And in 1900, the same birthplaces were listed for Clark P. Newlin's parents.¹⁶ Given the consistency between three of the four likely siblings, it is probable that Margaret's father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother was born in Ireland.

The Newlin, Newland, Noland, Nowland Name

While Margaret and her siblings adopted the Newlin spelling, many spellings of the name were used, even within records from the same source pertaining to a single family.¹⁷ In 1786 Pennsylvania, Newlin, Nowland, and Newland names were recorded.¹⁸ In 1790, the first federal census included Newlen, Newland, Nulen, and Nowland.¹⁹ Within Jefferson County, Ohio, the Newlin name varied as well, including Newland, Nowland, and Noland.²⁰ These variable spellings muddle the search for Margaret's father; however, the suggestion that the descendants of Elijah and Ann (McGrew) Newland commonly used "Newlon" or "Newlin" is borne out by later documents.²¹

Newland/Newlins in Smithfield, Ohio

The earliest indication of a Newlin (by any spelling) in Smithfield, Ohio is the marriage of James Newland and Nancy Jack, in 1805.²² In 1820, James Newland lived in Smithfield; no other similar surnames were recorded.²³ Nancy (Jack) Newland inherited land from her mother, Mary.²⁴ From 1821 through at least 1838, James Noland/Nowland paid taxes on the same seventeen acres of land.²⁵ James' nearby neighbors included the Parkinsons, J.W. McGrew, M. Blackburn, W. Price, J.F. Ong, and J. Newlin. See Figure 1. In the 1830s, two Newlands paid taxes in Smithfield: Elijah and Nathan.²⁶

FIGURE 1



Map of Jefferson County, Ohio: From Actual Surveys (Philadelphia: Lee & Marsh, 1856); imaged, Library of Congress (<http://www.loc.gov/resource/g4083j.la000643c/>; accessed 14 May 2024). The map was published in 1856, but it is unclear when the surveys were completed.

In 1820, James Newland resided in Smithfield, but in 1830, James Newton lived there, and no Newland was noted.²⁷ The 1820 household of James Newton tracks the 1830 James Newland household. See Tables 2a and 2b. In 1840, two James Newlands were recorded in Smithfield: one household much smaller than the 1820 and 1830 households, with two adults and two male children under five years of age, and the other with a much larger household that matches the 1820 James Newland and 1830 James Newton.²⁸

The 1820–1840 censuses for James Newland/Newton show a household that included multiple males and females who correlate to Margaret’s parents and potential

siblings. The oldest male in the 1820 household would have been born between 1775 and 1794, and in the 1830 and 1840 households, born between 1770 and 1780.

As for Margaret’s likely siblings, children of the right age were included in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 censuses; their identities may be surmised from later census data and probate records.²⁹ See Tables 2(a) and 2(b). Although not every enumerated male is accounted for, given the family composition and implications from probate records, James Newland/Newton appears to be the father of Margaret.

TABLE 2(A)

Table 2(a): Newlin Males					
Gender/Age ^a (*1820 categories)	James Newland, 1820	James Newton, 1830	James Newland, 1840	1850	1860
Males under 5		1 [Clark, 3]	1		
Males under 10*	3 [Edward, under 1; James P., 1] ^b				
Males 10- under 15		2 [Edward, 9–10; James P, 11]	1 [Clark, 13]		
Males 10- under 16*	2				
Males 15 – under 20		2	1 [Edward, 19]		
Males 16 – under 26, including heads of families*				Clark, 23	
Males 20 – under 30			1	Edward, 29	
Males 26- under 45, including heads of families*	1 [1775 – 1794, James]			James P., 31	Clark, 32
Males 50 – under 60		1 [1770-1780, James]			
Males 60 – under 70			1 [1770-1780, James]		

^a The tables exclude census age groups that did not have data.
^b Not all males have been identified; because death records were not kept until much later, some may have died in the intervening years.

TABLE 2(B)

Table 2(b): Newlin Females					
Gender/Age ^a (*1820 categories)	James Newland, 1820	James Newton, 1830	James Newland, 1840	1850	1860
Females under 5		1 [Nancy H., at 2]			
Females 5 – under 10		1 [Margaret, at 5]			
Females under 10*	1 [Ann at 5]				
Females 10 – under 15		1 [Ann, almost 15, or Mary, at 10?] ^a			
Females 5 – under 10			1 [Nancy H. - Should be 12]		
Females 10 – under 15			1 [Margaret, at 15]		
Females 16 – under 26, including heads of families*	1 [Jane at 18]				
Females 20 – under 30		2 [Jane at 28]	2 [Ann at 25; Mary at 20]		
Females 30 – under 40			1 [Jane at 38]	Ann, 35; Mary, 40	
Females 26- under 45, including heads of families*	1 [1775 – 1794, Nancy Jack]			Jane, 48	Mary, 45
Females 40 and under 50		1 [1780 – 1790, Nancy Jack]			Jane, 59

^a The 1830 census either miscounted females in the household, or one resided elsewhere.

In 1844, James Newlin witnessed James Blackburn’s will, and in 1845 James Newland served as an appraiser when the will entered probate in 1845.³⁰ But by 1850, James Newland disappeared from Smithfield.³¹ He may have died in the years between 1 June 1844 and 31 May 1849, which might account for the presence of 26-year-old Margaret in another family’s residence.³² Given his family’s continual presence in the area, it is more likely that he died than moved, but neither James Newlin nor James Newland otherwise appear in the well-indexed probate records in Jefferson County, Ohio.³³ By 1871, James Newland’s small parcel of Smithfield land was owned by his heirs.³⁴

A James **Neeland** died intestate in Belmont County, Ohio; however, the application to administer his estate listed his widow as Isabella Neeland.³⁵ And although the younger James Newlin and his wife Matilda (Ong) Newlin were buried in Smithfield, there is no record of Margaret’s father being buried there.³⁶ A sampling of wills dated between 1840 and 1870 and found through FamilySearch’s AI experiment was similarly unfruitful.³⁷

In 1869, a James Newland died in Colusa County, California, leaving four sons, including a James who he disinherited.³⁸ However, this James Newland was likely born in 1808, in Kentucky.³⁹

From Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania to Jefferson County, Ohio

The identification of Pennsylvania as the birthplace of James, Clark, and Nancy's father suggests he was likely born in there. Jefferson County, Ohio was formed in 1797 from Washington County, Ohio, in the Northwest Territory. Smithfield, Ohio is just over twenty miles from the Pennsylvania border. A move from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania to Jefferson County, Ohio was not novel. In the early 1800s, Jefferson County was full of names that would be familiar to a person from Westmoreland County: Blackburn, McGrew, Newland (and its variations), Ong, and Price.⁴⁰

By 1820, three McGrew brothers—each born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania—lived in Smithfield and were active in the Friends Meeting there.⁴¹ They were sons of James McGrew, Ann (McGrew) Newland's father.⁴² In addition, a James Newlin born in Pennsylvania joined the community: in 1833, a man by that name married Matilda Ong.⁴³ This younger James Newlin had a son named Finley and was also active in the Friends Meeting.⁴⁴

In 1896, Clark and Talitha Newlin inherited a Smithfield house and lot from Anna Worrill, who listed several Blackburn cousins as her only next of kin.⁴⁵ Her relationship with Clark and Talitha is illuminated by tracing her family:

- Anna's parents were likely Daniel and Louisa (Blackburn) Worrill;⁴⁶
- Louisa's parents were James and Hannah (Newland) Blackburn;⁴⁷ and
- Hannah was likely the daughter of Elijah and Ann (McGrew) Newland.⁴⁸

Thus, Anna Worrill was probably Clark's second cousin.

Finally, Margaret's 1850 and 1860 presence in the Price household can be explained by distant familial connections between the Price family and the family of Ann (McGrew) Newland: William Price's sister Ann married Thomas McGrew, Ann (McGrew) Newland's nephew.⁴⁹ The weight of the evidence points to

the conclusion that the James Newland/Newton of Smithfield was James Newland, born in Pennsylvania.

Evidence Tying James Newland of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania to Smithfield, Ohio

James Newland was likely born 06 November 1776 to Elijah Newland and Ann McGrew, possibly in York County, Pennsylvania.⁵⁰ Ann McGrew was a Quaker by birthright, but when she married Elijah Newland, the Warrington Meeting disowned her "for her outgoing in marriage."⁵¹ Being disowned as a Quaker did not mean she would be shunned; rather, it meant she could not vote as a member of the meeting.⁵² She was later named in her father's will.⁵³

By 1786, the family lived in the newly formed Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.⁵⁴ There, they received a portion of a land patent granted to one of Ann's McGrew cousins.⁵⁵ A "Lege Nolen" was enumerated in North Huntington in 1790. This was probably Elijah Newlin because the household consisted of one white male over the age of 16, five white males under 16 years, and three white females, later reflected in Elijah Newlin's will.⁵⁶

James may have married a woman named Ann Lytle; however, no corroborating evidence has been found.⁵⁷ In 1791, a James Newlin was disowned by the Quaker meeting that Ann (McGrew) Newlin attended.⁵⁸ However, by 1800, no one by the name of James Newlon, Newlin, Newland, or similar was enumerated as head of household in either Westmoreland or York county.⁵⁹ Given the migration of families from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to Jefferson County, Ohio, it is likely that the James Newland who married Nancy Jack in Smithfield, Ohio was the son born in 1776 to Elijah and Ann (McGrew) Newland in Pennsylvania.

Conclusion

No document directly identifies Margaret Newlin's father. The varied surname spellings, the pre-1850 scattering of her family, and incomplete or missing documents complicates accurate reconstruction of her family of origin. But a probate record naming her children as next of kin and identifying other relatives offers the first solid clue about her family of origin, identifying siblings.

Two other wills, as well as census data, property records, church records, and vital records, combined with a study of migration from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania to Jefferson County, Ohio, demonstrates that Margaret Newlin's father was James Newland, born in 1776 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to Elijah Newland and Ann McGrew. That evidence also leads to the identification of her mother as Nancy Jack, born in Ireland, and siblings not previously identified.

Endnotes

1. Columbiana County, Ohio, Record of Deaths, vol. 3 (1886-1903): 117, 1901 entry for Margaret (Newlin) Joseph; Probate Court, Lisbon; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9ZR-V9C1-J> : viewed 27 May 2023). 1870 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Island Creek Township, p. 22 (handwritten), dwelling 171, family 158, Margaret Newlin in Moses Joseph household; NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1227. Margaret's birthplace was reported as Ohio. Ohio first required maintenance of vital records in 1856. Joseph R. Swan, *The Revised Statutes of the State of Ohio of a General Nature*, in force August 1, 1860 (Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., 1870), 1411 "An Act to provide for the registration of births, marriages and deaths in Ohio;" digital image, Google Books (https://books.google.com/books?id=V7swAQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false : viewed 20 January 2024). But the law was not well-enforced nor complied with, and it was not until 1867 that records were more regularly kept. Carol L. Maki and Michael John Neill, "Ohio," in Alice Eicholz, PhD, C.G., editor, *Red Book* (Provo, Utah: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004), page 521.

2. Margaret's birthplace was listed as Ohio. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Smithfield Township, unnumbered page facing page 164 (stamped), dwelling 2045, family 2144, Margaret Newlin in William Price household; NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 699.

3. Margaret's birthplace was again recorded as Ohio. 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Smithfield Township, p. 16 (handwritten), dwelling 114, family 122, Margaret Newlin in William Price household; NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 993.

4. Jefferson County, Ohio, Marriage Certificates, vol. no. 7 (1850-1866): 436, Margaret Nolan-Joseph Moses, 05 July 1860; Probate Court, Steubenville. Although Margaret's name is misspelled and the groom's name is cited as "Joseph Moses" rather than Moses Joseph, the date is consistent with later census data. Moses was previously married and had at least five children with his first wife. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Knox, p. 507 (stamped), dwelling 1809, family 1861, household of Moses Joseph; NARA microfilm M432, roll 699.

5. 1880 U.S. census, Columbiana County, Ohio, population schedule, Wellsville, enumeration district (ED) 64, pp. 67-68 (handwritten), dwelling 609, family 659, A. William and P. Ross in the household of R.M Josephs; NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1002.

6. Columbiana Co., Ohio, Record of Deaths, vol. 3, 117, 1901 entry for Margaret Joseph; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9ZR-V9C1-J> : viewed 14 January 2024). A year after her death, Inverness reverted to Highlandtown. *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Highlandtown,_Ohio : viewed 20 January 2024), "Highlandtown, Ohio," rev. 23:28, 28 February 2021.

7. For an example of a family tree, see David Alford, "Alford (David) Family Tree," member contribution, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/111420044/person/142005117441/facts> : viewed 27 May 2023). The family trees sometimes include helpful hints, but few include substantive documentation for the parents of Margaret and/or James P. Newlin. One of the most helpful trees included notes regarding the land records discussed later in this article. Mary Roberts, *Research Notes* (2010); published on "McDaniel-Gammon family tree," member contribution, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/15316952/media?sort=-created&galleryPage=40> : viewed 1 June 2023).

8. Jefferson County, Ohio, Wills, vol. 15: 223, will of Clark P. Newlin, 1908, Probate Court Clerk's Office, Steubenville; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5133767:8801> : viewed 18 February 2024).

9. Ibid. 1900 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Smithfield township, ED 72, Sheet 72 (handwritten), dwelling 347, family 347, Talitha Newlin, 53, niece, in household of Clark Newlin; NARA microfilm T623, roll 1289. Talitha died single, in a home for aged women, and her death certificate did not name her parents. Ohio death certificate no. 6329 (1933), Talitha Newlin; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6S3Q-VP2> : viewed 27 May 2023); citing FHL microfilm 004,001,888. Her probate record named William A. Joseph and Ross P. Joseph as cousins and she left \$100 for the care and upkeep of “the West half of Lot 28, in Cope’s First Addition to ‘Northern Cemetery’ at Smithfield, Ohio.” Jefferson County, Ohio, Wills, probate file 20818, will of Talitha C. Newlin, 1933, Probate Court Clerk’s Office, Steubenville; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/4772266:8801> : viewed 20 August 2023). It appears that none of the people entombed in the West half of Lot 28 are Newlins. *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/214073631/james-l-neel> : viewed 20 Aug 2023), memorial 21407361, James Neel (1888–7 May 1957), Northern Cemetery, Smithfield, Ohio. The second photograph shows names of those within the crypt, all born after Talitha and none of which appear to be Newlins.
10. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield township, unnumbered page facing page 171 (stamped), dwell. 2141, fam. 2244, Clarke Newlin in the household of Jane Newlin. By 1850, Nancy had apparently already married Joshua Whitten, confirming that she and Ann were not the same person. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield township, p. 164 (stamped), dwell. 2049, fam. 2148, Nancy in household of Joshua Whitten.
11. 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield township, p. 37 (handwritten), dwell. 260, fam. 271, Clark P. Newlin. This census indicates Jane and Mary were born in Pennsylvania. In addition, as indicated in Table 1, Clark’s sister Nancy was likely enumerated just ten dwellings earlier. 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield township, p. 36 (handwritten), dwell. 250, fam. 260, Nancy H. in the household of Joshua C. Whitten.
12. Smithfield census data supports the possibility of another sibling, Edward Newlon. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sched., Smithfield township, p. 170 (stamped), dwell. 2138, fam. 2241, household of Edward Newlin (29); image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/13989727:8054> : viewed 17 February 2024). His name does not appear in the 1840 census for Smithfield. 1840 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, Smithfield, line reading for Edward Newlin; images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8057/images/4093843_00232 : accessed 22 February 2024). Edward appears to have migrated westward following the Civil War, which may account for his descendants’ absence from Clark’s estate. 1870 U.S. census, Warren Co., Illinois, pop. sched., Monmouth, p. 30 (handwritten), dwell. 195, fam. 196, household of Edward Newlon; image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/17505600:7163> : viewed 17 February 2024).
13. 1880 U.S. census, Columbiana County, Ohio, population schedule, Wellsville, enumeration district (ED) 64, pp. 67–68 (handwritten), dwelling 609, family 659, Margrate Josephs in the household of Moses Josephs; NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1002. Despite the misspelling of Margaret’s name, the family composition confirms her identity.
14. 1900 U.S. census, Columbiana Count, Ohio, population schedule, Washington Township, ED 33, Sheets 5–6 (handwritten), dwelling 103, family 101, Margaret Joseph in the household of William Joseph; NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1250. Margaret Joseph is enumerated on the second page.
15. For James P., see 1880 U.S. census, Belmont County, Ohio, pop. schedule, Richland Township, ED 30, p. 24 (handwritten), dwelling 226, family 235, James P. Newlin; NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 995. For Nancy H. Whitten, see 1880 U.S. census, Belmont Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Colerain Township, ED 17, p. 14 (handwritten), dwell. 87, fam. 89, Jos. Whitten; NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 994. The family appears to have been erroneously recorded as Black, in conflict with the 1860 census.
16. 1900 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Smithfield township, ED 72, Sheet 72 (handwritten), dwelling 347, family 347, Clark Newlin; NARA microfilm T623, roll 1289. Talitha resided with Clark and may have been the informant.
17. Newland, Robert E. and Newland, Leon L., *The Newland (Newlon) Family* (Bedford, Indiana: 1946), pp. 5–8; images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/29869/> : accessed 22 February 2024). The authors noted the use of Newland, Newlin, Nowland, and Newlen, among other spellings, even in documents from the same entity pertaining to the same person. The publication provides helpful clues but does not provide citations or a source list.
18. 1786 census, Pennsylvania, “Septennial Census,” search for N*1*n*; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 27 May 2023).
19. 1790 U.S. census, Pennsylvania, search for search for N*1*n*; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 27 May 2023).

20. For Newland, see Jefferson County, Ohio, Marriage Certificates 1:53, James Newland–Nancy Jack, 1805; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XD5Z-JLG> : viewed 18 March 2023); citing FHL microfilm 004,701,465. For Noland and Nowland, see Jefferson County, Ohio, Tax Rolls, 1800-1850, unpaginated entries arranged alphabetically; images, “Ohio, U.S., Tax Records, 1800-1850,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 17 March 2023); all years for Smithfield and Smithfield Township searched for entries relating to J*s N*nd.
21. Newland and Newland, *The Newland (Newlon) Family*, p. 10.
22. Jefferson County, Ohio, Marriage Record vol 1:53, James Newland–Nancy Jack, 1 August 1805.
23. 1820 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., p. 419 (handwritten), James Newland.
24. Jefferson County, Ohio, “Record of Wills, Vol. 2,” no. 163, Mary Jack, 1823; Probate Court Clerk’s Office, Steubenville; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9M2-FJL1?i=196&wc=S248-6TP%3A266278501%2C266530601&cc=1992421> : viewed 25 February 2024). The copy is faint, the pages frayed, and the page number is obscured, but the text of the will is legible. The copied will indicates it was signed and witnessed in January 1823. However, Mary appears to have last paid taxes on the land in 1819. “Jefferson Co., Ohio, Tax Rolls, 1800-1850,” unpaginated entries arranged chronologically; all years available for Smithfield and Smithfield Township read for entries related to Mary Jack; images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org : accessed 12 March 2023).
25. Jefferson Co., Ohio, Tax Rolls, 1800-1850, unpaginated entries arranged alphabetically; all years for Smithfield and Smithfield Township searched for entries relating to J*s N*nd; images, “Ohio, U.S., Tax Records, 1800-1850,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60104/ : accessed 15 March 2023). 1838 is the last year available. In 1881, James and Mary Newlin sold the property to Talitha Newlin. Jefferson County, Ohio, Deed Book 55: 406; FHL microfilm 004033919; digital image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ7-992C-XGMF : viewed 12 February 2024).
26. Elijah paid taxes in Smithfield in 1832–1834, and Nathan was taxed there in 1833 and 1834. “Jefferson Co., Ohio, Tax Rolls, 1800-1850,” unpaginated entries arranged alphabetically; all years for Smithfield and Smithfield Township searched for entries relating to various spellings of Newlin; images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org : accessed 12 March 2023).
27. 1830 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, p. 142 (handwritten), line 2, James Newton; NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 134. The lettering is unmistakably a “t,” not an “l.”
28. For the smaller household, see 1840 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Smithfield Township, unnumbered page facing p. 122 (stamped), James Newland; NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 405. For the larger household, see *ibid.*, unnumbered page facing p. 118 (stamped). The smaller James Newland household had two male children under five, and a male and a female adult, both between twenty and thirty years of age, too young to be Margaret’s parents.
29. 1820 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., p. 419 (handwritten), James Newland. 1830 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, p. 142 (handwritten), line 2, James Newton. 1840 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, unnumbered page facing p. 118 (stamped), James Newland.
30. Jefferson County, Ohio, Will Book 4: 79–81, James Blackburn; Probate Court, Steubenville; digital images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9M2-LVH4 : viewed 15 November 2023). James Blackburn’s wife was Hannah; she likely was James Newland’s sister. Newland, *The Newland (Newlon) Family*, p. 12.
31. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch.; *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 March 2023), searches for N*I*n, N*I*nd, and N*t*n, born in Pennsylvania in 1776. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, mortality schedule, image 15 of 16, notes at bottom of page. James and Nancy were not on the mortality schedule. James Plummer Newlin resided in Wayne, Jefferson County, Ohio. 1850 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sched., Wayne Township, p. 156 (stamped), dwell. 2236, fam. 2344, James Newlin (31).
32. Death records are not available for Jefferson County before 1867.
33. Leila S. Francy, compiler, *Abstracts of Wills, Will Book 4, Wills 1844-1853, Jefferson Co., Ohio* (Steubenville: Jefferson County Historical Association, 1985); Reva Ashcraft, *Jefferson County, Ohio Will Books*, 12 vols. (Steubenville: Jefferson County Historical Association, 1986). “Ohio, Jefferson County Court Records, 1797-1947,” *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1935519 : accessed 8 February 2024). A review of the will abstracts and the digital images did not reveal probate for James Newlin/Newland. “Final Record of Probate Cases, 1852–1888,” imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/250624> : accessed 10 May 2024); all volumes reviewed for Newlin/Newland entries, with no matches. Nor was James Newlin/Newland found in the common pleas docket. Jefferson County, Ohio, Appearance Docket, G

(1839–1842), H (1842–1845) I (1845–1848), J (1848–1851), K (1851–1854); imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L924-PYKB> : accessed 10 May 2024); line reading of N entries in each volume.

34. *Atlas of Jefferson County, Ohio : From Actual Surveys* (New York: F.W. Beers, 1871); digital image, *Family Search* (www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/265506/?offset=0#page=26&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q= : viewed 8 April 2023), p. 30. Both this map and the 1856 map spell James’s surname as Newlin. Ibid. *Map of Jefferson County, Ohio : From Actual Surveys* (Philadelphia: Lee & Marsh, 1856); digital image, *Library of Congress* (: accessed 11 February 2024).

35. Belmont, Co., Ohio, “Probate Journal 1: 40, administration order for estate of James Neeland; “Ohio Probate Records, 1789–1996, database with images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89M2-2ZGP : viewed 12 February 2024).

36. Tombstone inscriptions & family records of Jefferson County, Ohio, p. 117; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/21208/images/dvm_LocHist007208-00064-1 : viewed 17 February 2024). “James M. Newlin,” obituary, *The Friends Review*, 48 (15 March 1894): 241–264, specifically 259; digital images, *Internet Archive* (https://archive.org/details/sim_friends-review-a-religious-journal_1894-03-15_48_11/page/258/mode/2up : viewed 30 June 2023).

37. Some results immediately revealed irrelevancy, such as a will for a James Newland who was born in and died in Vermont. Lamoille County, Vermont, Wills 1859–1878, C: 322, Estate of James Newland (1867); digital image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9BH-JQR2 : viewed 21 March 2024). 1860 U.S. census, Lamoille County, Vermont, pop. sched., Hyde Park, p. 300 (handwritten), dwell. 2689, fam. 2609, James Newland (63); digital image; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/35480542:7667 : viewed 21 March 2024).

38. Colusa County, California, Wills 1858–1878 A: 88–91, Estate of James Newland; digital image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L975-HSLR : viewed 21 March 2024).

39. 1860 U.S. census, Colusa County, California, pop. sched., Colusa, p. 6 (handwritten), dwell. 72, fam. 62, James Newland; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10099766:7667 : viewed 21 March 2024).

40. For Smithfield, see 1820 U.S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, pp. 210–218 (stamped); NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 91. For Pennsylvania, see 1790 U.S. census, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania; NARA microfilm publication M637, roll 9 and 1800 U.S. census, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania; NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 41. The author surveyed entries in all towns in Jefferson and Westmoreland counties.

41. Short Creek Quarterly Meeting (Smithfield, Ohio), “Wedding Record Book, 1808–1869,” pp. 31–32, Finley McGrew–Hetta Carr, 1818; image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5Q-G92C-89SL-P : viewed 20 August 2023); citing FHL microfilm 004022603. Ibid., pp. 36–37, Thomas B. McGrew–Ann Price, 1819. Ibid., pp. 42–43, John B. McGrew–Mary Ong, 1820. “Friends” were Quakers. Each entry reflects that the groom’s father was James B. McGrew, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, who was probably Ann (McGrew) Newland’s brother.

42. Ibid. York County, Pennsylvania, Will Book H: 485–487, estate of James McGrew, 1793; York County Courthouse, York; images, “Pennsylvania Probate Records, 1683–1994,” *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-899B-K8GV : accessed 29 May 2023). James McGrew Senior’s heirs are named as his sons James and Finley, and as his daughters Deborah, Ann, and Mary.

43. Jefferson Co., Ohio, Marriage Certificates vol. 4: 113, James Newlin–Matilda Ong, 1833, certificate of marriage; County Clerk’s Office, Steubenville; image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q29W-3G85 : viewed 20 January 2023). Given the date of the marriage and his probable birth location, this James Newlin was not Margaret’s father; however, he may have been a cousin. *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com : viewed 11 March 2023), memorial 143118237, James M. Newlin (13 April 1809–16 February 1894), Smithfield Quaker Cemetery (Smithfield, Jefferson Co., Ohio). 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sched., Smithfield, p. 17 (handwritten), dwell. 118, fam. 126, James M. Newlin (51); NARA microfilm M653, roll 993; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBSX-9GFY> : viewed 22 February 2024).

44. Although there is bleed-through ink on the pages, the writing is legible. James, Matilda, and Finley Newlin are listed as witnesses. Short Creek Monthly Meeting (Smithfield, Ohio), “Marriage certificates (for Smithfield), 1808–1869 Minutes of Women Friends meetings,” p. 195, Willits Cope–Elizabeth Wood; images, “1807–1881 Minutes of quarterly meetings, 1819–1934,” *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5Q-G92C-899C-8 : 20 August 2023).

45. Jefferson Co., Ohio, "Record of Wills, Vol. 13, 1893-1905," 273–275, estate of Anna J. Worrill, 1896; Probate Court, Steubenville; digital image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9MP-72BL : viewed 20 August 2023).
46. 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ohio, pop. sch., Smithfield township, p. 11 (handwritten), dwell. 80, fam. 87, Anna (3) and Louisa (45), in the household of Daniel Worrill; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/43426810:7667> : viewed 19 February 2024). Find A Grave (www.findagrave.com : viewed 20 August 2023), memorial 184648370, Anna Worrell (29 November 1856–16 July 1896), Northern Cemetery (Smithfield, Jefferson Co., Ohio).
47. Jefferson Co., Ohio, Record of Wills vol. 4, 79–82, estate of James Blackburn, 1844; Ohio County, District and Probate Courts; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/56813:8801> : viewed 20 February 2024).
48. In his will, Elijah Newlin listed "Hanah" as a surviving daughter. Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania, "Will Book, Vol. 1," 94, will of Elijah Newlin, 1823; Probate Court, Greensburg; digital image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8802/images/005547050_00079 : viewed 20 February 2024). Newland, *The Newland (Newlon) Family*, p. 12.
49. William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, Vol. IV, p. 49 (Ann Arbor: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1940). Thomas McGrew was the son of James Blackburn McGrew, Ann's brother. York Co., Penn., Will Book H: 485-487, estate of James McGrew, 1793.
50. Newland, *The Newland (Newlon) Family*, p. 12. Westmoreland Co., Penn., "Will Book, Vol. 2," 784, will of Elijah Newlin, 1823; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-L9SM-CXZC?i=78&wc=9PML-W3D%3A268494501%2C268560201&cc=1999196> : viewed 28 May 2023). James Blackburn and John Dickson presented Elijah's will to the probate court.
51. Warrington Monthly Meeting (Warrington, Pennsylvania), "Warrington Monthly Meeting Book, Mens, 1747–1785," pp. 265, disowment of Ann Newlen, formerly Ann McGrew; image, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2189/images/43154_1821100519_5287-00246?ssrc=&backlabel=Return : viewed 19 March 2023). The phrase "outgoing in marriage" referred to marrying a non-Quaker or marrying contrary to church doctrine.
52. Karen Guenther, "Social Control and Exeter Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 1737–1789: A Research Note," *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 57 (April 199): 150-163, especially 152; image copy, *JSTOR* (https://www.jstor.org/stable/27773368?read-now=1&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents : accessed 20 August 2023).
53. York Co., Penn., Will Book H: 485-487, estate of James McGrew, 1793. The will also suggests that the three McGrew brothers present in Smithfield were James Newlin's uncles.
54. Duff, *The Forefathers and Families of Certain Settlers in Western Pennsylvania*, 269. Newland, *The Newland (Newlon) Family*, p. 10. William Boyd Duff (1200 Center Street, Wilkensburg, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) to Mary B. Johns (413 South 11th Street, Cambridge, Ohio), letter, 5 April 1963; copy sent via email by Teresa Martin Klaiber (deliverancefarm@gmail.com) to Melanie L. Proctor, (melanie@passifloraresearch.com), El Cerrito, California, 2024. John J. Wilson, compiler, *History of Sewickley Township* (N.p.: n.p., 1962), p. 5. Until the 1784 extension of the Mason-Dixon line, Virginia laid claim to the land.
55. Duff, *The Forefathers and Families of Certain Settlers in Western Pennsylvania*, 269.
56. Bureau of the Census, Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790; Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1907), p. 265, col. 1, Lege Nolen; digital image, *Census Bureau* (https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1790/heads_of_families/pennsylvania/1790i-06.pdf : viewed 21 July 2023). It has been suggested that this was Elijah Newlon. William Boyd Duff, *The Forefathers and Families of Certain Settlers in Western Pennsylvania* (Pittsburgh: William Boyd Duff [1200 Center Street, 15221], 1976), 269. William Boyd Duff, a descendant of Elijah Newlin and Ann McGrew, published several genealogical works about the Newland/Newlon family. Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, "Will Book, Vol. 2," 784, will of Elijah Newlin, 1823; Probate Court, Greensburg; image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2041061:8802> : viewed 11 March 2024).
57. Newland, *The Newland (Newlon) Family*, p. 12.
58. Concord Monthly Meeting (Delaware, Pennsylvania), "Concord Monthly Meeting Book, Mens, 1777–1795," p. 520, removal of James Newlin; image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/100136150:2189> : viewed 16 February 2024). The complaint against James was for "striking a man, using profane language and playing at cards." Concord Monthly Meeting (Delaware, Pennsylvania), "Concord Monthly Meeting Book, Mens, 1777–1795," p. 510, complaint against James Newlin; image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/100136085:2189> : viewed 16 February 2024).
59. 1800 U.S. census, Westmoreland Co., Penn.; NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 41; *Ancestry*

(<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 March 2023). Ibid, York Co., Penn.; NARA microfilm publication M32, roll 44. Line reading of all pages available for the counties; an Elijah Newland was enumerated in North Huntington, Westmoreland County, but no male of James's age was counted in that household, nor was James separately enumerated.

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Civil War Tidbits

by Missy Derrenberger

The Fremont Weekly Journal (Fremont, OH) 29 Jul 1864

The funeral of Holcomb and Stahl was held in the Court House Grove, Revs. Lang and Wilson officiating, and was attended by a very large concourse of sympathizing friends. No less than fifth-four carriages and wagons came with the funeral cortege of young Stahl from Ballville township.

Mr. Holcomb has buried two sons from this regiment since it arrived at Fort Ethan Allen.

KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THE 72d O. V. V. I.

Surgeon John B. Rice and Capt. J. M. Lemon have each furnished us with a list of the killed and wounded men in the 72d O.V. V. I., in the late engagement near Tupelo between our forces under Gen. Smith and the rebels under Lee and Forrest, as follows:

Major E. A. Rawson, head, dangerously;
1st Lieut. Daniel W. Huffman, right leg fractured just above the ankle. Left at Tupelo.
Sergt. Major Charles L. Hudson, chest, severe.
Co. A. - Private James Martin, 3 fingers off left hand. Edgar Reynolds, killed, Shot in abdomen.
Co. C. - Private Duncan Carter, thigh, slight; Michael Frederick, shoulder severely.
Co. D. - Private William Groley, shoulder, slight.
Co. F. - Private George Jackson, right arm amputated. Left at Tupelo. Joseph Bensinger, left arm and thigh; arm amputated. Left at Tupelo. Augustus Smith, leg, slight. Louis Bolack, fingers of left hand, slight.
Co. G. - Private Darius Downing, shoulder, severely. William Davy, thigh, severely.

Major Rawson has since died. A bullet entered his right eye coming out at his left ear. His remains are expected home in a day or two. The wounded have all been brought to Memphis, except those left at Tupelo. A physician with necessary comforts for the wounded was left at Tupelo. Gen. Smith's army is at Lagrange, Tupelo is 82 miles from Lagrange, within the rebel lines.