DATE: 29 November 2015

REPORT TO: Allen Peacock [Address Private]

SUBJECT: John C. Follette\(^1\) who married Carrie Parker on 19 January 1888 in Iredell County, North Carolina; great grandfather of Allen Peacock

BACKGROUND: This report is part of an ongoing study to identify the ancestors of Allen Peacock on the maternal side of his family. In a previous report the parents of his grandmother, Myrtle C. (Folle\(\`\)e) Peeler, were proved to be John C. Follette and Carrie A. Parker.

Federal Censuses
John C. Follette and his household were enumerated in the United States censuses of 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930. Abstracts and images of these censuses can be found in the report on Myrtle C. (Folle\(\`\)e) Peeler. These censuses requested information on the relationship of the members of the household to the head of the household. No individuals were identified as the parents of John. Although this information was not reported, these censuses did provide direct evidence of the date and place of birth of John. They also identify the place of birth for both his father and his mother.

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<td>67</td>
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On the basis of this census information, it is likely records for John with a birth month of September and a birth year of 1862 or 1863 will be found in Tennessee.

John was not found in the 1940 census.

\(^1\) Research was done using multiple variations of the Follette/LaFollette surname. This report will spell the surname as Follette except when quoting original records.
\(^2\) 1900 U. S. census, Iredell County, North Carolina, population schedule, Shiloh Township, Enumeration District (ED) 99, sheet 6-B, p. 198 (stamped), dwelling 117, family 117, John C. Follet; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T623, roll 1202.
\(^3\) 1910 U. S. census, Iredell County, North Carolina, population schedule, Coddle Creek, Enumeration District (ED) 72, sheet 12-A, p. 82 (stamped), dwelling 231, family 239, John C. Follette; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T624, roll 1118.
\(^4\) 1920 U. S. census, Iredell County, North Carolina, population schedule, Coddle Creek, Enumeration District (ED) 85, sheet 3-B, p. 263 (stamped), dwelling 63, family 63, John C. Follette; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T625, roll 1305.
\(^5\) 1930 U. S. census, Iredell County, North Carolina, population schedule, Coddle Creek, Enumeration District (ED) 7, sheet 1-B, p. 74 (stamped), dwelling 13, family 16, John Follette; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T626, roll 1700.
Marriage Record
A search done in 2013 at the office of the Iredell County North Carolina Register of Deeds produced an entry for a marriage record for John C. Follett and Carrie Parker. This is an index entry and only names the parties and the date of marriage (19 January 1888).

OBJECTIVE: To identify the parents of John C. Follette.

LIMITATIONS: 20 hours

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

John C. Follette, who married Carrie Parker on 19 January 1888 in Iredell County, North Carolina, is the same man as John P. Follette, who was born 10 September 1862 in Greene County, Tennessee.

He was the son of William W. Follett and Nancy Emaline Susong.

Between 25 August 1887 and 19 January 1888, John began to use “C” rather than “P” as a middle initial.

*See Research Notes for source-cited explanations supporting this Summary.*

REPOSITORIES/RESEARCH SITES USED:

- Ancestry
- East Tennessee State University — looking for newspaper reporting death of B. C. Follette
  - Archives of Appalachia
  - Sherrod Library
- Family Search
- Fold 3
- Find A Grave
- *Johnson City Press*, Johnson City, Tennessee—looking for death of B. C. Follette
- Johnson City (Tennessee) Public Library—looking for death of B. C. Follette
- Library of Congress: Chronicling America
- National Archives: Washington, DC (personal visit by mov)
- National Park Service: Soldiers and Sailors Database
- Register of Deeds, Burke County, North Carolina
- Register of Deeds, Iredell County, North Carolina (personal visit by mov)
- RootsWeb: Washington County, Tennessee Obituary Project
- State Archives of North Carolina
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RESEARCH NOTES

JOHN C. FOLLETTE PUBLISHED SOURCES

Attachment 1

“John C. Follette came to Iredell County during the 1880’s from Greene County, Tennessee. He was the son of William LaFollette and Nancy Susong. His father lost an arm in the Civil War. On William’s discharge papers he is described as having red hair and blue eyes. There were three children from this union, William, Alice and John Clark. William, Sr. was dead by 1870, and his widow married William A. Smelser. Alice died before her mother (Nancy died Nov. 30, 1912). Clark remained in Tennessee.

John C. Follette came to Statesville selling lightning rods. He met Carrie A. Parker…. They were married Jan. 19, 1888….

John died July 13, 1935 and Carrie, Aug. 26, 1933. Both are buried in Willow Valley Cemetery, Mooresville….

John Follette must have dropped the La from his name when he came to Iredell County. In Greene County, Tennessee, the family went by the name LaFollette. One of John’s daughters still used the name when she got married….”
Comment by mov:

This biographical sketch identified the parents of John. It was included in a book compiled and published by the Genealogical Society of Iredell County North Carolina. The publication is a typical county history of that time, consisting of a history of the county followed by biographies of current and former residents. These brief biographies were generally written by family members and often include photographs. As is the case in most of these genealogical “mug” books, the author, Dixie Follette, did not supply the sources for her information.

She did provide considerable detail about John and his parents. Dixie Follette was probably Dixie Sims, the wife of Henry Clinton Follette, who was named in the sketch as a grandson of John. If the identification is correct, Henry would have been four years old when his grandfather died. Therefore, neither Dixie nor Henry would have first-hand knowledge of John’s parents. This sketch is likely a compilation of multiple sources, including original records, family tradition and the author’s interpretation of events.

UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

1870
1870 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 25, Timber Ridge Post Office, sheet 451-A (stamped), p. 8 (penned), dwelling 61, family 61, Nancy Follet; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M593, Roll 1531.

Attachment 2

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<td>cannot read, cannot write</td>
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<td>John</td>
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<td>Alice</td>
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<td>attended school within the year</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clark</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>male</td>
<td>Tenn</td>
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</table>

Comment by mov:

Nancy Follet was head of a household of young children. The names of the children are similar to those named in the biographical sketch written by Dixie Follette (although she merged the two boys into one son and identified another as William). There was no male of an age to be the husband of Nancy and father of the children.

Census records are original records but because they do not identify the informant it is impossible to determine if the information they contain is correct. Based on the make-up of this household, Nancy or a neighbor was the probable informant. This individual would likely have known the names of the children and their respective ages.

The neighborhood which included the household of Nancy Follet:
## 1880

1880 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 3, Enumeration District (ED) 45, sheet 54-B (stamped), p. 34 (penned), dwelling 309, family 311, John Bowers Sen; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T9, roll 1258.

### Attachment 3

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<td>Tenn</td>
<td>Tenn</td>
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Comment by mov:

John and Martha Bowers were married; Noah Bowers was widowed; all others were single. John Follet and William, Vine and Ellen Bowers all attended school within the census year. According to the record, John Follet could not write.

The age and other identifying information of this John Follet corresponds to what is known about him from other records.

The neighborhood which included the household of John Bowers Senior:


Households headed by individuals with the Bowers surname were neighbors of Nancy Follet in the 1870 census. It is possible the Bowers household John was living in at the time of the 1880 census was headed by someone who knew the Follet family and employed John to work on their farm.

## 1880

1880 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 25, Enumeration District (ED) 47, sheet 80-A (stamped), p. 21 (penned), dwelling 68, family 90, William Smelser; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T9, roll 1258.

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Comment by mov:
William and Nancy Smelser were married; all others were single.

Despite the enumeration of an individual who appears to be John in the household of John Bowers Senior, the John Smelser enumerated in the household of William Smelser clearly was the son of Nancy and step-son of William. William was too young to be the father of either 18 year old John or 14 year old Alice. The ages of John, Alice and Clark correspond to the ages of the children enumerated in the 1870 household of Nancy Follet. Perhaps John worked on the farms of both households and therefore was reported by each.


None of these surnames appeared in the 1870 neighborhood of Nancy.

1890
Tennessee
No results

Comment by mov:
No records from Tennessee survive for the 1890 census.6

1890
North Carolina
No results

Comment by mov:
The only surviving records for North Carolina from the 1890 census are for South Point Township and Ricer Bend Township in Gaston County; and Township No. 2 in Cleveland County.7

7 Ibid.
1900
1900 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, Civil District No. 25, enumeration district (ED) 33, p. 75 (stamped), sheet 14-A (penned), dwelling 741, family 741, William A Smelser; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T623, roll 1573.

Attachment 5

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<td>head</td>
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<td>June 1844</td>
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<td>Kattie J</td>
<td>f</td>
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<td>m</td>
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<td>daughter</td>
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Comments by mov:

Nancy was enumerated as the wife of William Smelcer in the 1900 census in Greene County, Tennessee. The household consisted of five children with the Smelser surname—three of whom were recorded in the household in the 1880 census. According to the dates recorded, the births of all the children occurred after the marriage of Nancy to William Smelcer.

The informant for this census reported Nancy had ten children and eight were still living.

John, Alice and Clark were not living in the household.

- John was enumerated as head of his own household in North Carolina. ⁸
- Alice married Croford C. Huff on 4 March 1886. ⁹ She married Rufus Hinkle on 22 May 1895. ¹⁰ She likely died prior to the 1900 census since Rufus M. Hinkle, recorded as “single,” was enumerated as head of a household in Greene County Tennessee. ¹¹
- Clark (using the given name Benjamin) was enumerated as head of his own household in Greene County Tennessee. ¹²

William Follette was not enumerated in any census as head of a household. This correlates with the dates of his marriage and his death. He and Nancy married after the 1860 census and he died prior to the 1870 census.

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¹¹ 1900 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, Civil District 5, Enumeration District (ED) 33, sheet 7-B, dwelling 245, family 245, Rufus M. Hinkle; NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1573.
¹² 1900 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, Civil District 25, Enumeration District (ED) 33, sheet 5-B, dwelling 191, family 191, Benjamin C Follett; NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1573.
VITAL RECORDS

Birth Record for John C. Follette
None

Comment by mov:
Tennessee did not require statewide registration of births before 1908.

Marriage Record of John C. Follette and Carrie Parker

1) Iredell County, North Carolina, Register of Deeds index: entry for Follett-Parker marriage (1888); Iredell County Government Center, Statesville.

“Date Married: 01/19/1888
John C. Follett
Carrie Parker
File Number: 1888-00000012”

2) Matthew McCall, Register of Deeds, Iredell County, North Carolina to Mary O’Brien Vidlak, email, 8 July 2014, re marriage record of Follette-Parker; personal correspondence, 2014; Peacock Family, Vidlak Research Files; privately held by Vidlak, Williamsburg, Virginia.

“Unfortunately the only record I have of this marriage is our index entry. I don’t have the actual marriage license. I just pulled the old ledger book from 1788 [1888] that would’ve contained it, but I couldn’t find the entry. It’s possible this may have been shared information we received from a genealogist long before my tenure.
You may want to reach out to the NC Dept of Archives to see if they have anything available.”

Comment by mov:
The index entry was obtained during a visit to the Iredell County offices in 2013. As a derivative record it is more likely to contain errors than an original record. In addition, it does not provide information on the parents of the couple. A subsequent attempt to obtain the original record was unsuccessful. It appears to be lost or misplaced.


Attachment 6

“NAME and RESIDENCE of MAN:
SURNAME: Follett
GIVEN NAME: John C.
Residence: Tenn

NAME and RESIDENCE of WOMAN:
SURNAME: Parker
GIVEN NAME: Carrie
Residence: Iredell Co

13 Mr. McCall sent a follow-up email after his initial reply stating that he meant to write 1888.
AGE:

Man: 25
Woman: 18

White or colored man: W
White or colored woman: W

DATE of marriage: 1-19-1888

BY WHOM MARRIED AND PLACE:

Name and title of person officiating: W J Hopkins Min[ister]
Place of marriage: Statesville Tnshp

WITNESSES:
G S Daniel
A H Setzer
W R Day

Comment by mov:
In response to a request for the original marriage record, the staff at the state archive sent a copy of the microfilm of a page from the indexed register. Although, this record contains more information than the index entry held in the county office, it too does not identify the parents of John. The indexed register does not even have a column to record information on parents.

At present this record is the best available source for a record of John’s first marriage. The source provides primary information on the age and residence of John at the time of his marriage. Assuming the copyist did not make an error, it provides documentation for John as a resident of Tennessee at the time of his marriage in January 1888; his age indicates a birth year of 1862.

The back side of the copy was stamped: “Please note: Due to the poor condition of the original document Xerox copies may be illegible.” The response of the archive clerk which accompanied the record identified the date of the marriage as 18 September 1887, which was the date of the marriage preceding the entry for John and Carrie. In addition, it is difficult to tell who the witnesses to the Follett-Parker marriage were since the names in this column do not clearly line up with the other information. It is possible only two of the three witnesses in the transcription were associated with the marriage.

Marriage Record of John Follette and Mae Hewitte
Burke County North Carolina, marriage certificate no. 19 (1935), Follette-Hewitte; Burke County Office of the Register of Deeds, Morganton.
Attachment 7

“State of North Carolina, County of Burke
Office of Register of Deeds
No. 19 ...

Morganton, N.C., 2/7 1935

Rome Boston Newton N.C. having applied to me for a LICENSE for the marriage of

John Follette of Moorsville and

age 25 years; color white; the son of [blank] and [blank]
the father now [blank], the mother [blank]
resident of [blank]

Mae Hewitte of Newton, NC

age 52 years; color white; the daughter of [blank] and [blank]
the father now [blank], the mother [blank]
resident of [blank] ...
Rome Boston, being duly sworn, says: That he knows
of his own certain knowledge that the parties applying for License are both over 18 years of age, and
so far as he knows or is informed and believes, there is no lawful cause of impediment forbidding said) marriage....

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this

Feb 7 – 1935) Laurence Crouch

By HM Walton C.S.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Burke County
I, A. P. Causby, a Justice of the Peace, united in matrimony
John Follette and May Hewitte, the parties licensed above, on
The 7 day of Feb , 1935 at Morganton, N. C. in Morganton Township, in said County, according to law.

WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE
Fred Barton }
Frank Talbot  Morganton, NC }  A. P. Causby  J.P.
J. M. Clark  Morganton, NC  }  Officiating Officer.

Comment by mov:
John married a second time seventeen months after the death of Carrie. Unlike the derivative records
found for his first marriage, this license and return is an original record. The information is primary as it
was probably supplied by John. The license does ask for information on the father and the mother of each
party and the current residence of each parent. Unfortunately, this information was left blank. Neither the
individual applying for the license nor the witnesses are known members of John's family. The age given by
John does correlate with the birthdate of September 1863 from the 1900 census. There is nothing to
indicate where John was born.

Death Record for John C. Follette

1.   Death Certificate for John C. Fallett

accessed 6 July 2014), entry for John C. Fallett, 13 July 1935, Gaston County certificate no. 17; citing “North
Carolina Death Certificates, microfilm, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh.”

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October 2015), entry for Carrie Alma Augusta Follette, 26 August 1933, certificate no. 52, Iredell County; citing “North Carolina
Death Certificates microfilm, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh.”
Birthplace: Green County Tenn
Name of father: William Fallett
Birthplace [of father]: Green County Tenn
Maiden name of mother: Sue Susond
Birthplace [of mother]: Green County Tenn
Informant: William Fallett
Address: Mooresville, NC
Burial: Willow Valey [sic], July 15, 1935
Date of Death: July 13, 1935
Time of Death: 7:00 a.m.
Principal Cause of Death: Found dead in bed
Contributory causes of importance: Cardio-vascular-renal disease
Was there an autopsy: No

**Comment by mov:**
John died five months after his marriage to Mae Hewitte.

Despite the “a” in the spelling of the surname, this is undoubtedly the death record of John C. Follette. It is an original record containing both primary and secondary information. The information regarding John’s death is primary. However, the information regarding his date of birth, his birthplace, names of his parents and their places of birth is all secondary. It was supplied by the informant who was not likely to have firsthand knowledge of that information. The relationship of the informant to John was not requested or provided, but he was likely his second son, William, who lived in Mooresville. William would be reporting information he probably heard from his father.

2. Tombstone for J. C. Follette


[Family Stone]
“FOLLETTE”

[Headstone]

“J. C. FOLLOTTE
BORN SEPT. 9.1864
DIED JULY 13.1935”

**Comment by mov:**
J. C. Follette and Carrie A. Parker were buried in the same plot in Willow Valley Cemetery, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina. The surname on the family tombstone is Follette. The individual stone for John has yet another variation of his surname and his date of birth does not agree with other records. Nevertheless, this is certainly the gravesite of John C. Follette. The location corresponds with the burial information on his death certificate, the date of death is the same and the site is shared with Carrie A.
Parker, who is identified as the “wife of J. C. Follette.” Since the surname is spelled differently it is possible the stonecutter was either given incorrect information or made an error when cutting the stone.

**Marriage Record for William W. Follett and Nancy E. Susong**

Marriage License


“State of Tennessee
Greene County
To any authorized Minister or Justice of the Peace.

You are hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of Matrimony between William W Follett and Nancy Emaline Susong of said county; and the time of such marriage, with your name signed officially thereto, you shall endorse on the back of this License, and return the same to my office within six months thereafter,

Witness my hand, at office in Greeneville, this 12th day of October 1861
E W Hendrick CLC

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I Solemnized the rites of matrimony between the within named parties on the 13th day of Oct 1861
Daniel D Hull
Justes of the peace
For Green County

License
Wm W Follett
To
Nancy E. Susong
1st 12th Oct 1861

Marriage Bond

“Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950,” index and images, FamilySearch

Attachment 10

“State of Tennessee
Greene County

WE, William W. Follett + J. A. Farnsworth
bind ourselves, our heirs, &c., to the State [sic] of Tennessee, in the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars,

witness, our hands and seals, this 12th day of October, 1861.

TEST,

Wm W Follett (L.S.)
E. W. Hendricks

Joseph A Farnsworth (L.S.)”

Comment by mov:
The marriage license and bond are original records containing primary information regarding the names of the parties, the date and location of the marriage, the bondsmen and the name of the official who performed the ceremony. The individuals involved in this event were all eyewitnesses to it. The absence of a note giving permission for either one of the parties to marry indicates they were old enough to legally marry. Joseph A. Farnsworth was likely a close relative of the couple.

The surname given for Nancy corresponds to the mother’s maiden name on John’s 1935 death certificate. The difference in spelling could be the result of the irregular spelling common to the nineteenth century, faulty memory or misunderstanding based on the way the surname was pronounced. The birth name Sue, which appears on the death certificate, may have been a nickname the family used based on Nancy’s maiden name. The maiden surname for Nancy exactly matches that in the biographical sketch. However, the sketch uses the “La” prefix for William’s surname.

Since John and Nancy were married by a Justice of the Peace this document provides no indication of their religious affiliation (if any). Without such information it is difficult to search for a baptismal record for John. If such a certificate was found, it might provide additional direct evidence of his parents based on primary information.

Death Record for William W. Follett

No death record was located in any online database for William.

No burial record was found in any online database for William.

Marriage Record for William Smelser and Nancy Follett

“Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950,” database with images, FamilySearch
(https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1-159364-854486-47?cc=1619127 : accessed 9 July 2014), Smelser-Follett, 2 December 1873; citing Greene County, Tennessee, Marriage records, Feb 1873-Oct 1876, entry 1246; FHL microfilm 1,148,758. [face of license]

Attachment 11

"STATE OF TENNESSEE
Greene County:

TO ANY AUTHORIZED MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.
You are hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of Matrimony between

William Smelser and Nancy Follett of said County, ...

Witness my hand, at office in Greeneville, 2nd day of December 1873

V. S. Malonay, CLC

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I Solemnized the rites of matrimony between the
within named parties, the 2 day of December
1873

H C Smith
J.P for GC

1246
License
William Smelser
To
Nancy Follett
16th [Issued] 2nd Dec 1873

Ret 10th April 1874"

Comment by mov:
This record provides limited information. It does place Nancy in Greene County in 1873. In combination with the 1870 census, it is valid to assume Nancy was a widow at the time of her second marriage.

Death Record for Nancy E. (Susong) Follett Smelser
Find A Grave, database with images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 8 July 2014), memorial 45292773, Nancy Emaline Susong Smelcer (1844-1912), Pine Grove UMC Cemetery, Greeneville, Greene County, Tennessee; gravestone photograph by Anna Lane Long.

Comment by mov:
The creator of the Find a Grave page asserts the first husband of Nancy Emaline Susong Smelcer was William W. LaFollette and that the couple had three children: John Calley LaFollette, Benjamin Clark LaFollette, and Eliza Alice LaFollette. There is a link to additional information about Benjamin Clark; no link to John Calley or Eliza Alice.

The page includes a photograph of Nancy’s tombstone but the engraving is very difficult to read. There is a transcription on the page (presumably from the tombstone) which gives her date of death as 30 November 1912 in Greene County. The page also contains a photograph reported to be of Nancy and the Smelcer children.

Also according to the Find A Grave page, Nancy’s second husband, William Augustus Smelcer, died on 27 August 1911 and is buried in the same cemetery. There is no photograph of his grave.
No citations supply the source of the information vis-a-vis the relationships described on the page. It is obvious the creator of the page had no first-hand knowledge of the relationships she is reporting since the page was created long after the individuals had died.

**Death Record for Benjamin C. Follette**

1. News story

   “Benjamin Clark LaFollette, 75, of No. 3 Exum street, was killed instantly around 3:30 p. m. yesterday when struck by the engine of a west-bound Southern Railway freight train near the Main street crossing....

   LaFollette is survived by his wife; ... two sisters, Mrs. Frank Kelton and Mrs. [indecipherable due to damaged microfilm] both of Greenville, and one half-brother, Charlie Smelser....”

2. Tombstone for Benjamin Clark Follett
   *Find A Grave*, database with images (http://findagrave.com : accessed 8 July 2014), memorial 36601845, Benjamin Clark LaFollette (1868-1943), Hartmans Chapel UMC Cemetery, Mosheim, Greene County, Tennessee; gravestone photograph by Anna Lane Long.

   [Family Stone]
   “FOLLETT”

   [Headstone]
   “BENJAMIN CLARK FOLLETT
   APR 21. 1868
   SEPT 10. 1943”

Comment by mov:
This article reported the death of an individual who was almost certainly the brother of John. Unfortunately, the story did not identify his parents or his deceased siblings. The identification of Charlie Smelser as a half-brother implies Mrs. Frank Kelton and the woman whose name is indecipherable are full siblings. In fact, Mrs. Kelton was Lavinia Josephine, daughter of Nancy and her second husband. Other research suggests Eliza Alice Follette died before 1900. Therefore, she was not the sister mentioned in the article whose name is missing. That person would have to be another half-sister of Benjamin.

*Based on this information, Benjamin Clark was the son of Nancy Smelser and William W. Follet.*

Ric La Rue at the Sherrod Library at East Tennessee State University checked the paper for the two weeks following the accident and did not find any additional articles.

The *Find A Grave* page does not identify any siblings other than children of Nancy and William Smelser.

This is another example of the interchange in the use of LaFollette and Follett as the surname.

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17 See notes regarding Alice Follette in comments for 1900 census, page 7 of this report.

18 Ric La Rue, Sherrod Library, East Tennessee State University to Mary O’Brien Vidlak, email, 13 November 2014, re La Follette obit/story; personal correspondence, 2014; Peacock Family, Vidlak Research Files; privately held by Vidlak, Williamsburg, VA.
MILITARY RECORDS


Comment by mov:
Even without the clue from the biographical sketch, it is likely an individual of an age to be the father of John was involved in the Civil War. A search of the National Park Service (NPS) Soldiers and Sailors Database for the War produced two possible candidates who were likely to be William:

- William W. Follet who served for the Union with the 2rd Regiment Tennessee Infantry
- William Lafollet/Layfollette who served for the Confederacy with the 61st Regiment Tennessee Mounted Infantry (also called the 81st Regiment)


Attachment 12

Comment by mov:
The compiled military service record (CMSR) for William W. Follet consists of twenty-two cards documenting his service in support of the Union during the Civil War. These records were created after the War by Federal employees from muster rolls, returns, pay vouchers and other records. They document William’s enlistment on 22 November 1862 at Bowling Green, Kentucky (noting it was 400 miles from his home) for three years in Company F of the 2nd Regiment, East Tennessee Infantry.

Nothing in these cards provides information on William’s marital status or family. They do, however, document his discharge from military service on 10 June 1865 “by reason of disability.” In addition to the cards, the file also contains a copy of a Certificate of Disability for Discharge.

“ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
CERTIFICATE
OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

William W. Follet a Private of Captain [blank] Company, [F] of the Second E. Tenn Infantry Regiment of the United States Vol was enlisted by Capt Snead of the [blank] Regiment of [blank] at Bowling Green Kentucky on the Twenty second day of November, 1862 to serve Three years; he was born in Green Co in the State of Tennessee, is Twenty two years of age, Five feet Ten inches high, Fair complexion, Blue eyes, Red hair, and by occupation when enlisted a Farmer. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty [blank] days. [Was wounded in the right arm on the 22nd day of July 1864 near Jacksboro Tenn while in line of duty] (Soldiers Statement)

Station: Knoxville Tenn
Date: June 6th, 1865

J. Machard
Surgeon U.S.V.
Commanding Company

In Charge

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said William W Follett of Captain [blank] Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of amputation of right arm at lower third in consequence of a gun shot wound Disability total

J Machard
Surg. U.S.V. in charge
Asylum U. S. A. Genl. Hosp.
Knoxville Surgeon
Tenn.

DISCHARGED, this Twentieth day of June, 1865, at Asylum USa General Hospital Knoxville Tenn

J Machard
Surgeon USV
Commanding the Reg’t.
In charge

The Soldier desires to be addressed at
Town Greenville County Green State Tennessee

Comment by mov:
This Discharge Certificate is an original record with primary information. Barring a deliberate falsehood, all the information on this document was true. The attending surgeon signed the document in three places attesting to the truth of the statements.

The information on this document agrees with the information pertaining to his discharge papers in the biographical sketch written by Dixie Follette. William did lose an arm in the Civil War and he was described as “having red hair and blue eyes.” However, none of the twenty-two cards in his CMSR or the discharge certificate ever use the surname LaFollette.

The discharge further states he was born in Green County Tennessee and gave that location as his future address. This information ties with the location of his 1861 marriage.

PENSION RECORDS

Invalid Pension Record for William W. Follett
William W. Follet (Pvt., Co. F., 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War), pension no. Inv. 70,548, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Comment by mov:
William received a disability pension for the injuries he received resulting from his service in the war. His file provides considerable details surrounding his service and the cause of his disability. It does not contain personal information other than his age (24 in May 1866; 28 in September 1868) and residence (Greene County, Tennessee). There is no information about his wife or family.

It does include a duplicate of his Discharge Certificate.
Widow’s Pension Record for Nancy E. Follett

- Widow’s Declaration for Army Pension, 3 April 1871, Nancy E. Follett, widow’s pension application no. 195,140, certificate no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Attachment 13

Extracts:
“That she was married to the said William Follett on the 13th day of October A. D. 1861, at her Fathers House by one Daniel D. Hull a Justice of the peace; that her name before her said marriage was Nancy E. Susong; …”

“And my deceased husband left no minor children by a former marriage, and I have not married since the death of my husband, nor abandoned the support of any of our children under sixteen years of age, nor permitted any one for whom pension and increase pension is claimed to be adopted by any person or persons, and that they are the only legitimate children now living of myself and my deceased husband, and their names and ages are as herein stated:

John P. Follett, born September 10th, 1862
Eliza A. Follett, born August 19th, 1865
Benjamin C. Follett, born April 21st, 1868.”

“her
Nancy + E. Follett
mark”

- Statement of Witness to Children’s Births, 3 May 1871, Nancy E. Follett, widow’s pension application no. 195,140, certificate no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Attachment 14

“State of Tennessee }
Greene County } Personally appeared before me a clerk of a court of record M’s Vina Susong who being first duly sworn says that she was present when M’s a widow Nancy E Follett was delivered of the following children, to wit, John Patric Follett who was born on the 10th day of September 1862 and Liza Allice Follett who was born on the 19th day of August 1865 and that she has no interest in this claim

Witness. her
W. F. Park Vina x Susong
Tho” Lane Sr mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me and I certify that I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim. Given under my hand and seal of office, at office in Greenville this 3rd day of May 1871.

V. S. Malonay clerk
Greene County Court”

- Claimants Application for Arrears of Pension, 17 May 1880, Nancy E. Follett, widow’s pension application no. 195,140, certificate no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Attachment 15
Vidlak to Peacock: Parents of John C. Follette (1862-1935)………………………………….29 November 2015

Extracts:
“... Nancy Smelcer formerly Nancy E Follett widow of William W Follett aged about 36 years ....”

“ ... she ... was married again to her present husband William Smelcer on the 2^nd^ day of December 1873. And that the following are the names and dates of the births of said Follett legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at their fathers death –

John P. Born September 10\textsuperscript{th}, 1862  
E. A. " August 19\textsuperscript{th} 1865  
B. C. " April 21\textsuperscript{st} 1868

That she has not abandoned the support of any of his children, but that they are still under her care and maintain[ance] ....”

- Proof of Birth of Children, 26 January 1882, Nancy E. Follett, widow’s pension application no. 195,140, certificate no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.
Attachment 16

“State of Tennessee }  
Green County } I, V. S. Malonay Clerk +c do hereby certify that I have faithfully and carefully examined the family record as found in the family Bible recently belonging to William W. Follett and in the possession of his widow and find the following to be a full true and perfect copy of the same, to wit –

‘John. P. Follett was born Septr. 10\textsuperscript{th} 1862
Eliza. A. Follett was born Aug. 19\textsuperscript{th} 1865
Benjamin. C. Follett was born April 21\textsuperscript{st} 1868 [blot; no closing quotation mark]

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at office in Greenville on this the 26\textsuperscript{th} day of June 1882

V. S. Malonay Clerk  
By O. B. Headrick DC”

Comment by mov:
The invalid pension portion of William’s file ends with his Declaration for Arrears of Pension which he filed in September 1868. The file continues with Nancy’s claim for a pension as the widow of William. She also filed for additional money for the three minor children of William. This extensive file documents her persistent and ultimately successful attempt to prove William’s death was the result of ill health brought on by disease and the injury he experienced during the war.

The widow’s pension portion of the file includes documentation of William’s death on 14 July 1869 in Greeneville, Greene County, Tennessee.

Among other things Nancy was required to prove her marriage to William. The documents in the file concur with the marriage license and return dated 13 October 1861. In addition, she was obliged to provide the names and birth dates of their mutual children. This is primary information; Nancy was present at her marriage and at the births of their children. She swore before the clerk of Greene County that her statements were true. She was unable to sign her name but made her mark in the presence of two witnesses.

Vina Susong also made a sworn statement and attested that she was a witness to the births of “John Patric” and “Liza Allice.”
Nancy was no longer eligible to receive the widow’s pension when she married William Smelcer in 1873. However, she continued to file paperwork and made an application for arrears of pension in May 1880. In this she again identified “the names and date of birth of said Follett legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at their father’s death.” Two years later she carried William’s Bible to the county clerk who examined it and copied out the information regarding the births of their children.

All this documentation consistently affirms William W. Follett and Nancy E. Follett had three legitimate children:

- John P. born 10 September 1962
- Eliza A. born 19 August 1865
- Benjamin C. born 21 April 1868.

The statements of the witnesses to the births of the children are the only sources for the middle name of each child. They are identified as John Patric, Eliza Alice and Benjamin Clark.\(^{19}\) It becomes clear with this information that Eliza Alice bounced back and forth between her two given names and Benjamin Clark did the same.

**Minors’ Pension Record for John P. Follett, Eliza A. Follett, Benjamin C. Follett**

- Declaration of Guardian and heir of full age for Pension, 13 May 1886, John P. Follett, Eliza A. Follett and Benjamin C. Follett, minors’ pension application no. 339,415, certificate no. 239,204; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2\(^{nd}\) Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Extract:

“Declaration of Guardian and heir of full age for Pension –

State of Tennessee \}

Greene County \}

On this the 13\(^{th}\) day of May 1886 Personally appeared before me W H Piker clerk of the County Court, which is a court of record within + for said County in said State of Tennessee William A Smelcer [written in margin “guard”] and John. P. Follett, both residents of the County of Greene in the state of Tennessee aged respectively 37 + 24 years who being duly sworn according to Law make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of acts of Congress granting Pensions to orphans, That the said William A Smelcer is the legal guardian of Eliza A. Follett and Benjamin C Follett – Eliza A. Born Aug 19\(^{th}\) 1865, Benjamin C. Born April 21\(^{st}\) 1868 legitimate children of William W Follett who was a soldier in Company F 2\(^{nd}\) Reg Tennessee vol war of 1861-5 and that the said John P Follett is a son of the said William W Follett now of legal age but who makes application jointly with the guardian Born Sept 10\(^{th}\) 1862 in order to secure whatever sum may be due him as one of the lawful heirs of the said William W Follett decd – that on his account Pension was allowed to himself for + during his life and since his death upon due application Pension has been allowed to the widow of the said Follett and her Children but ending at the date of the remarriage of the widow to wit – Dec 2\(^{nd}\) 1873 –

That the names and the date of the birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving, who were under sixteen years at the date of the father’s death have been given and the proof of the same placed on file – also the

\(^{19}\) Statement of Witness to Children’s Births (Sarah E. Haynes), 3 May 1871, Nancy E. Follett, widow’s pension application no. 195,140, certificate no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2\(^{nd}\) Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.
proof showing the date of the remarriage of the widow to wit Dec 2\textsuperscript{nd} 1873 to Smelcer, is on file – in the Case of the application of the widow for Pension and is numbered \textsuperscript{139,140} to which file the Department is most respectfully referred –

Guardian for his wards to wit and the same John. P. Follett who is now of full age make application for whatever Pension may be allowed unto them as the legitimate Children of the said William W Follett Decd from the date of the remarriage of their mother the same Nancy. E. Smelcer to the time when each child shall have arrived at the age of sixteen years of age –

That they hereby appoint William H Harmon of Greeneville Green County Tennessee their attorney to prosecute the above claim that their residence is in the County of Greene and State of Tennessee – and their Post office address is “Timberidge”

[signed] William A Smelcer, guard
[signed] John P Follett

• Names and Post Office Addresses of Guardian + heir of W. W. Follett decd, 25 August 1887, John P. Follett, Eliza A. Follett and Benjamin C. Follett, minors’ pension application no. 339,415, certificate no. 239,204; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications …, 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.
Attachment 18

“State of Tennessee  
Greene County  

We the Guardian of the minor Children of Wm W. Follett and the children of said Follett of lawful age have hereto signed our respective names in our own handwriting – giving also our respective Post Office addresses – Done on this the 25\textsuperscript{th} day of August 1887 –

x [signed] William. A. Smelcer (Guar) Timber Ridge Greene Co. Tenn

[note in margin with left curly bracket encompassing signatures “names”]

State of Tennessee  
Greene County  

I James M Shaw an acting Justice of the peace within + for said County of Greene in the state of Tennessee do hereby [certify] that the foregoing are the genuine signatures of the persons whose names appear on this paper + in their own particular handwriting = In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal on this the 25\textsuperscript{th} day of August 1887

x James. M. Shaw (seal)
J P for G.C

State of Tennessee  
Greene County  

I W H Piper clerk +c do hereby certify that James M Shaw is and was an acting Justice of the Peace within + for said County in the said State at the time of subscribing the above jurat. + that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith + credit in testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal on this the 2\textsuperscript{nd} day of September 1887 –

W. H. Piper Clerk
By L. F. Self DC
Comment by mov:
When Nancy remarried, her claim for a pension ended. However, the children of William were still eligible to claim a minor’s pension from the date of her remarriage until their respective sixteenth birthdays. The declaration of William Smelser, as guardian of Eliza A. and Benjamin C., and John P., as an heir of legal age, was filed in May 1886. By that time all three children were over age sixteen. The payments were approved by the pension office in December 1887.

The documents are further evidence of the birthdate and parents of John.
JOHN P. FOLLETT AND JOHN C. FOLLETTE

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<td>Mother</td>
<td>Nancy Follett, later Smelser(^{26})</td>
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\(^{20}\) Widow’s Declaration for Army Pension, 3 April 1871, Nancy E. Folley, widow’s pension application no. 195,140, certificate no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2\(^{nd}\) Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C. Declaration of Guardian and Heir of Full Age for Pension, 13 May 1886, John P Follett, Eliza A. Follett and Benjamin C. Follett, minors’ pension application no. 339,415, certificate no. 239,204; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2\(^{nd}\) Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1943; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.


\(^{24}\) 1870 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 25, Timber Ridge Post Office, sheet 451-A (stamped), p. 8 (penned), dwelling 61, family 61, Nancy Follet; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M593, Roll 1531. 1880 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 25, Enumeration District (ED) 45, sheet 54-B (stamped), p. 34 (penned), dwelling 309, family 311, John Bowers Sen; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T9, roll 1258. 1880 U. S. census, Greene County, Tennessee, population schedule, District 25, Enumeration District (ED) 45, sheet 54-B (stamped), p. 34 (penned), dwelling 309, family 311, John Bowers Sen; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication T9, roll 1258.


\(^{29}\) The Genealogical Society of Iredell County, The Heritage of Iredell County (Statesville, North Carolina: The Genealogical Society of Iredell County, 1980), 280, “John C. Follette & Family.”


\(^{33}\) Genealogical Society of Iredell County, The Heritage of Iredell County, 280.
Twenty-four year old John P. Follett of Timber Ridge, Greene County, Tennessee signed his name as an heir of full age for a pension on 13 May 1886. 

Twenty-four year old John P. Follett of Timber Ridge, Greene County, Tennessee signed his name in the presence of a Justice of the Peace on 25 August 1887.

Fifty-seven year old John C. Follette of Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina signed his name as a witness to the marriage of his daughter Myrtle C. Follett to Lewis A. Peeler on 28 January 1920.

Comment by mov: The signature of John P. Follett on two pension documents bears a strong resemblance to the signature of J. C. Follette on the marriage return of his daughter, particularly in the shape of the J and F. The latter signature appears to be a shakier version of that on the pension as would be expected from a man who was at least thirty years older.

William did not use the surname LaFollette in his marriage, military or pension records.

The information obtained—both primary and secondary—after conducting a thorough search in a variety of sources provides reliable evidence to prove William W. Follett and Nancy Emaline Susong were the parents of John C. Follette. This conclusion is based on the belief that for some reason John P. Follett began to refer to himself in all records as John C. Follette once he moved to North Carolina. No evidence found to date disputes the conclusion that this is one individual.

End of Research Notes

35 The document states he is 24. However, if he was born on 10 September 1862 he would have been 23 years old in May.
36 Declaration of Guardian and heir of full age for Pension, John P. Follett et al, minors’ pension no. 339,415, Civil War, RG 15, NA-Washington.
37 Names and Post Office Addresses of Guardian + heir of W. W. Follett decd, 25 August 1887, John P. Follett, Eliza A. Follett and Benjamin C. Follett, minors’ pension application no. 339,415, certificate no. 239,204; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.
38 Iredell County, North Carolina, marriage certificate no. 24 (1920), Peeler-Follett; Register of Deeds, Statesville.
SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH:

1. Probate records: Check probate records in North Carolina for John and in Tennessee for Nancy. Based on information acquired during this phase of research, both may have held some property at the times of their respective deaths. There may be some proof of family relationship in the settlement of their estates.

2. Church records: W. J. Hopkins officiated at the marriage of John and Carrie. Identify his religious denomination and determine what church in Statesville would have been affiliated with it in 1888. Conduct a search for records from that church for the marriage. Such a record may identify the parents of John.

3. City and County Histories: Search for histories of Johnson City, Greeneville and Greene County, Tennessee similar to that produced by the Genealogical Society of Iredell County. It may include entries for Benjamin Clark Follett and members of the Smelser family. These sketches might include information definitively linking John P. Follett and John C. Follette.

4. Obituaries: Search for an obituary or notice of death for Nancy in both Tennessee and North Carolina. (A notice may have been put in John’s local paper.) It may include information about her children. Also search for an obituary or notice of death for John. It may contain information about his parents. If a record is found, however, the information is likely to be from the same source as that of the death certificate.

5. Marriage Record: Check records at the North Carolina State Archive in Raleigh in person (or hire a local researcher) for the original marriage license and return for John and Carrie versus the register entry. According to the archive website: “After 1868 NC began requiring certification of marriages at the county level and, for the most part, those licenses are on microfilm.”

6. Family Records and Artifacts: Family information and photographs were posted to Find A Grave pages for Nancy and Benjamin Clark by Anna Lane Long. Although she did not cite her sources, it appears she has original family materials. Contact her to see what resources she has.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. “John C. Follette & Family”
2. 1870 U. S. census: household headed by Nancy Follet
3. 1880 U. S. census: household headed by John Bowers Senior
4. 1880 U. S. census: household headed by William Smelser
5. 1900 U. S. census: household headed by William A. Smelser
7. Marriage of John Follette and Mae Hewitte – 1935
10. Marriage Bond for William W Follett and Nancy E. Susong – 1861
11. Marriage License and Return for William Smelser and Nancy Follet
13. Widow's Declaration for an Army Pension for Nancy Follett – 1871
15. Claimants Application for Arrears of Pension for Nancy E. Follett – 1880
16. Proof of Birth of Children from Nancy E. Follett – 1882
17. Declaration of Guardian and Heir of Full Age for Pension from William Smelser and John P. Follett – 1886
18. Names and Post Office Address of Guardian and Heir of W. W Follett decd – 1887
19. Client Agreement and Permission to Use Research Results
about by victories of the Revolution.
A school was also established by William near the old Center Church site, and at one
time he paid the teacher's salary. In his will he
specified that one of his slaves, Lindsey, and
his family should be emancipated. This, of
course, being before the Civil War, indicated
his visionary civic concepts.

William and Mary were the parents of John,
Betsey, Libbina, Elon, Sally, Abner, Mary,
Rufus, and Harriet, all born at Liberty Hill.
The oldest son, John, had a plantation near
his father and his (John's) five children are
the ancestors of many Iredellians. John's
dughter, Mary, married Silas Davidson
Sharpe and lived on the Sharpe plantation
near Fourth Creek, just off Midway Drive in
what is now the Midway Methodist Church
Community. Their nine children: Margaret
Sarah S. Douglas, Isabella S. Douglas, Mary
Ann Gunn, Fidelia Barrett, Jane Rickert, John
Ivey, William F. Clayton and James M.
Sharpe, have many descendants in Iredell.

William's wife, Mary Sharpe Feimster died in
1810. He was married the second time on
Nov. 28, 1816 to Jeorusa King (b. May 3,
1783, d. Jan. 20, 1859) at Liberty Hill.

Upon William's death in 1842, his only liv-
ing son, Abner, took over the leadership of
Liberty Hill and his descendants owned it until
after the Civil War. William and Mary are both
buried in the old cemetery at Snow Creek
Methodist Church in the Snow Creek
Community in North Iredell, not too far from Lib-
erty Hill.

The William Feimster house has been re-
commended as a designated historical struc-
ture.

— Mary D. Warren.

John C. Follette came to Iredell County dur-
ing the 1880's from Greene County, Tennes-
see. He was the son of William LaFollette and
Nancy Susong LaFollette. His father lost an arm in
the Civil War. On William's discharge papers he is
described as having red hair and blue eyes.
There were three children from this union,
William, Alice, and John Clark. William, Sr.
was born in about 1840, and his widow married
William A. Smelser. Alice died before her
mother (Nancy died Nov. 30, 1912). Clark
remained in Tennessee.

John C. Follette came to Statesville selling
lightning rods. He met Carrie A. Parker, daughter of J.J. Boston Parker and Elton
Elizabeth Setzer. They were married Jan. 19,
1888. They lived in the Celeste Henkel School
area.

They later moved to Mooresville and built a
home on North Broad and raised a family.
John traded horses and mules. There are a lot
of his land transactions on record in the court-
house, maybe land was traded too.

John died July 13, 1935 and Carrie, Aug,
26, 1933. Both are buried in Willow Valley
Cemetery, Mooresville. There is a will on
record for Carrie in the courthouse. She left
the home to one of her sons but it has been
torn down in the past decade.

The eight children of John C. and Carrie A.
Follette were: 1. Charles Robert (b. Sept. 10,
1889) married Janie Smith in 1925; ran a
livestock barn in Bennettsville, S.C.; no
May 27, 1892) married Elta Ramsey from
West Virginia. He was a horse trader. No
children. He died in 1960 and is buried in
Mooresville. 3. John Edger (b. Oct. 16, 1893)
married Nell Bumgardner from Mountain City,
Tenn. He died Aug. 29, 1973. He was a
barber and traded ponies on the side. They
had one daughter, Betty (b. July 4, 1926).
She has one son, Scott Trail (b. Nov. 17,
1955).

4. Clarence Clark (b. May 2, 1895; d.
1968) married Lucy Frances Horton. Clarence
"Coot" was a horse and mule trader and he
and his brother, Bob, started a riding stable in
New York back in the 1940's. Two of his sons
and their families still go there each summer.
Children: Christine married John L. Bowman;
they live in Florida and have two sons, John
and Jeffrey. Rufus John married Virginia
Oliphant of Mooresville; he is a food broker
and lives in Winston-Salem. Children: Rufus
John, Jr., married to Nancy and live in Ohio
and Judy (b. Oct. 27, 1956) married to Eddie
Shaffer. Henry Clinton (b. May 1, 1931) mar-
died Dixie Sims of Concord. They lived in
Mooresville and operated a western store.
They moved to Rowan County in 1972 and
25, 1955) married to Richard Brian of Alien-
town, Pa. on June 9, 1979 and Sue Ann, born
May 7, 1962. Rose Etta (b. Feb. 8, 1931)
momarrned Harvey Clinton Foust from Snow
Camp. They lived in Mooresville and now live
in Morganton where he is with the recreation
department. Children: Harvey Clinton, Jr. (b.
Oct. 16, 1956) and Clarence Michael (b. Mar.

"Babe" is a horse trader and operates a riding
stable in Lake George, N.Y. He has been mar-
rried five times. He married Julia Horner of
Camden, S.C. They have two children:
Katherine Ann (b. Feb. 16, 1964) and Charles
Richard, Jr. (b. Jan. 6, 1967). From his first
marriage there is a daughter, Desiree Dawn
(b. March 1979).

1, 1938) married Lewis Peelor. Children:
Alma Augusta (b. 1921) married William E.
Hamaker, Jr. of Portsmouth, Va.; Clara Nell,
Doris Louise (b. 1923) married Dr. Jaap Kel-
dermans of Holland, Lewis, Jr. (b. 1925) mar-
died Mary Evelyn Walshore of Salsbury. Eve-
lyn Eugenia married Kenneth Peacock from
Forest Hill, L.I., New York. Celia Clarke (b.
1932) married Carmen John Mellillo, Theima
Lorraine (b. 1935) married Jack A. Murfin
from Colorado, and a child Camilla Ann,
adopted and name changed to Romona Teller.

6. Eula Francis (b. Mar. 4, 1897) married
Croft Ludwick. They had a son, Paul. 7.
George Clinton (b. Mar. 13, 1898) married
1st Eula Williams, 2nd Reba Miller. He was a
horse trader and lived in the homeplace until
his death in 1953. He had one son from his
second marriage, Jerry, who lives in Louls-
ville, Kentucky. Jerry is married to Carol Jean
Epstein.

8. Henry Franklin (b. Jan. 19, 1901), not
married; died 1927 in a car accident in Can-
dor, Montgomery County while on a peach
buying trip.

John Follette must have dropped the La
from his name when he came to Iredell
County. In Greene County, Tennessee, the
family went by the name LaFollette. One of
John's daughters still used the name when she
got married. The newspaper article called
her Miss LaFollette.

— Dixie Follette.

JOHN CLEALAND FOWLER I

The Genealogical Society of Iredell County,
The Heritage of Iredell County [Statesville, North Carolina: The Genealogical Society of
Iredell County, 1980], 280.
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State of North Carolina, County of Burke
Office of Register of Deeds

No. 19
having applied to me for a LICENSE for the marriage of

John Follette of Groome, NC. and

age 71 years; color white; the son of
the father now . the mother
resident of

And the written consent of

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within sixty days from date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said County. You are required, within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage, to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature subscribed to the Certificate under this License, and with the blanks therein filed according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting $200.00 to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

Tom Boston, being duly sworn, says: That he knows of his own certain knowledge that the parties applying for License are both over 18 years of age, and so far as he knows or is informed and believes, there is no lawful cause or impediment forbidding said marriage.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 7th day of Feb., 1935.

By: HM Walton 6.3.8
Deputy.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Burke County
L. F. Courson, a Justice of the Peace, the parties licensed above, on
the 7th day of Feb., 1935 at Morganton, NC, in Morganton
Township, in said County, according to law.

WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE

Officiating Officer.
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County: Mecklenburg
Township: Cherryville
City: Cherryville
Registration District No.: 11
Certificate No.: 17

2. FULL NAME: John C. Fallott

3. SEX: Male

4. COLOR OF SKIN: White

5. Marital Status: Married

6. If married, name of spouse: Mary Elizabeth Fallott

7. DATE OF BIRTH: July 13, 1892

8. AGE: 72 years 6 months 3 days

9. OCCUPATION: Day Employee

10. BIRTHPLACE: (city or town): Mecklenburg County, NC

11. NAME: William Fallott

12. MOTHER'S NAME: Susie Fallott

13. INFORMANT: William Fallott

14. BURIAL PLACE (city or town): Cherryville

15. UNDERTAKER: Cherryville

16. FILED: August 5, 1925

17. DATE OF DEATH: July 13, 1925

18. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

I, hereby certify, that I attended deceased from
May 3, 1925, to July 4, 1925, and death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 7:00 a.m.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of cause were as follows:

Found dead in bed.

Contributory cause of importance not related to principal cause:
Cardio-vascular-renal disease

Name of operation: None

Date of: 1925

What had confirmed diagnosis? None

Name of: None

23. If death was due to external cause (violence) fill in the following:

Accident, suicide, or homicide?

Date of injury

Where did injury occur?

(Specify city or even, county, and State)

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Means of injury:

Nature of injury:

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?

If so, specify:

(Signed): W. M. Haden

Address: Cherryville, NC
State of Tennessee,
Greene County.

To any authorized Minister or Justice of the Peace.

You are hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of
Matrimony between
William H. Follott
and
Emma Virginia Morris,
of said county; and the time of such marriage, with your name signed officially thereto, you
shall endorse on the back of this License, and return the same to my office within six months
thereafter.

Witness my hand, at office in Greeneville, this 12th day of October 1861

[Signature]

Marshall, S. J.
Oct. 11. 1861

[Text in cursive and legible script]

David C. Hill
County Judge
STATE OF TENNESSEE,
GREENE COUNTY,

We, William W. Hollett and J. H. Harrelson,

bind ourselves, our heirs, assigns, to the State of Tennessee, in the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, lawful money of said State, but to be void, on condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage of said William W. Hollett to Mahala Ennels, deceased, of said county.

Witness our hands and seals this 12th day of October, 1861.

[Signatures]

[Seal]

[Caption]

STATE OF TENNESSEE.
Greene County.

TO ANY AUTHORIZED MINISTER OR JUDGE OF THE PEACE,

You are hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the marriage of

[Names and signatures]

of both sexes, and the said of such marriage, with full power and
effectual force, you shall write on the back of this license, and enter the same in any office within six
months thereafter.

Witness my hand at office in Greeneville, 1873.

(Signed)

[Official's signature]

Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," database with images, FamilySearch
(https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1-159364-
9544486-47?cc=1619127 : accessed 9 July 2014), Smelser-
Follett, 2 December 1873; citing Greene County,
Tennessee, Marriage records, Feb 1873-Oct 1876, entry
1246; FHL microfilm 1,148,758.
ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
CERTIFICATE
OF DISABILITY
FOR DISCHARGE.

William W. Follet, a Private, of Captain
Company, (F.) of the Second Tennessee Regiment of the United States
was enlisted by Capt. Andrew
on the Second day of November, 1863, to serve three years; he was born
in Tennessee, in the State of Tennessee, in the month of December,
years of age, five feet six inches high, fair complexion, blue eyes,
and by occupation when enlisted a Farmer. During the last two
months said soldier has been unfit for duty.

(Signature Statement)

Station: Company B
Date: June 26th

Surgeon Capt.

I certify that I have carefully examined the said
William W. Follet, of Captain
Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a
soldier because of

Discharged, this Day of

Surgeon Capt.

The Soldier desires to be addressed at
Towns, Greeneville County, State, Tennessee.

*See Note 1 on the back of this
[Duplicate]
Widow's Declaration for Army Pension.

County of Greene
State of Tennessee

On this 3rd day of April, 1871, before me, O. B. Brock, of the 3rd District Court, in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared

Nancy Hollett, aged 27 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that her post-office address is "Timber Hill," in the State of Tennessee, and that she is the widow of

William Hollett, who was a 3rd Private in

Company D, commanded by Captain David Fry, in the 2nd Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, and who died at Greenview, Iowa, or about the 14th day of July, 1864, by reason of

Malarial Disease, contracted while in the service of the United States.

That she was married to said William Hollett on the 15th day of October, A.D. 1861, by one

Daniel S. Hull, a Justice of the Peace; that her name before her said marriage was Nancy E. Lindsay; and that she states that she believes there is a

public record of her said marriage, a copy of which is herein sustained.

That her husband, the aforesaid William Hollett, died on the day above mentioned.

And my deceased husband left no minor children by a former marriage, and I have not married since the death of my husband, nor abandoned the support of any of our children under sixteen years of age, nor permitted any one for whom pension and increased pension is claimed to be adopted by any person or persons, and that they are the only legitimate children living of myself and my deceased husband, and their names and ages are as herein stated:

John P. Hollett, born September 6, 1862
Eliza A. Hollett, born August 19, 1863
Benjamin T. Hollett, born April 21, 1868

I hereby declare that I will be true to any honor, and will always do my duty to the United States, and that she is not now in receipt of a pension under any act of Congress.

I do hereby make the declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension of which she may be entitled under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862, and the law Constitution and applicable thereto, with power and authority to prosecute her claim and present such necessary papers. And informing and empowering her said attorney to do all necessary and lawful acts and things whatsoever in her behalf and as near to the causes which will or may be necessary, required, and render, and countermand all, in any authority that may be necessary for the above-mentioned purpose.

O. B. Brock, Sworn.
Sworn to, subscribed, and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written; and also personally appeared

John B. Shuler, U. S. A. Resident, Franklin, Tennessee,

persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who, being duly sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted with Mrs. Nancy B. Holt, who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration in their presence, and were acquainted with her and her husband before he entered the military service of the United States, and know that they lived together as man and wife, and were so reputed and acknowledged by those who knew them. That she is the widow of the

William Holt, who performed the military service mentioned in said declaration, and has remained a widow since his death, and they believe that all the statements made by her in the foregoing declaration are true. That their knowledge of the identity of her husband with the soldier and of the marriage was derived from hearing in the immediate neighborhood.

And they further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and affixed my official seal.

[Signature]

INSTRUCTIONS.

Where a widow seeks the act entitled "An Act to provide and give to the widow of a soldier entitled to be provided for under the provisions of this act, a pension, relief, or a grant, or a grant, or an act of the Congress of the United States," it is necessary that the application be made in accordance with the requirements of the law.

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State of Tennessee

Personally appeared before me, and blank,

Greene County of a Court of Record, Mrs. Vinya Scaggs,

who being first duly sworn, says that she

was present when Mrs. Widow Scaggs & Follett

was delivered of the following children, to wit,

John Paton Follett, who was born on the 19th day of

September 1862, and Lida Allen Follett

who was born on the 14th day of August 1868

and that she has not heard in this claim


W. F. Pack

Attorney


Sworn to and subscribed before me, and hereby

sworn to and subscribed before me, and hereby

attested to according to law, on this 3rd day of

March 1871.

W. W. Halsey, clerk

Greene County 1871

Statement of Witness to Children's Births; 3 May 1871,
Nancy E. Follett, widow's pension app. no. 195,140, cert.
no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F,
2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved
Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later
Pension Files; RG 15: Records of the Department
of Veterans Affairs; NA, Washington, D.C.
State of Tennessee  
On this the 17th day of 
May 1889 Personally appeared 
before me W. T. Horning, Clerk 
of the County, County of Greene, and State 
of Tennessee, James Jordan, formerly Jordan 
Hodge, citizen of Greene, Tennessee, aged about 36 years, 
who being sworn according to law made 
the preceding declaration, in order to obtain 
the amount of Pension provided by act of 
Congress granting annuities to widows. 
That she is the widow of William Hodge, who 
under the name of William M. Hodge, entered 
the army on the 22nd day of November, 1862, to 
serve three years or during the war of 1861 and 
who returned on the day of 
was 
in the right line (Arm, which he successfully 
composed of the hands and part of the arm 
and the service aforesaid. (that he bore at the time 
of some injury the result of being in some 
company and regiment, and (that) his said 
brother and was duly pronounced — and drawing 
therefrom from the Government, due to the state of 
the war, which commenced June, 1861, 
that she was named 
under the name of Anna S. Ovington, to 
Simeon A. A. Hodge, on the 13th day of October, 
1861, by Daniel A. Hodge, who was a justice of the 
peace, in Greene county, then being no legal
Claimants Application for Arrears of Pension, 1 May, 1880, Nancy E. Follett, widow's pension app. no. 195,140, cert. no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett ( Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NA, Washington, D.C. [2 of 4]
James A. Park
J. G. Brouse
Honey Smolten

Also affixed, before me, James A. Park, and James F. Kirk, persons sworn, I and fry

To be respectable, and willing to assist and

Whom being by me duly sworn, say that

They now present, and know Nancy Smolten
to me, Nancy Troth, widow of Nathan
troth, the claimant, sign her name

to the foregoing declaration, and that

They have every reason to believe from the

Appearance of said claimant, and the

Conduct and with her [?], she is the individual

Person, she represents herself to be, and

And that they have no interest in the premises

Of said claim. the name of J. G. Brouse

Signed, before me, James A. Park

J. G. Brouse,

State of Tennessee, Personally appeared before me, the

Judge, J. Elmore, and the

Pleading hand, from T. Kirk and

J. G. Brouse, and made oath in due form of

Law that the facts set forth in said document

Declaration of Affidavit, are true, and that

The facts and things were fully explained and made
Declaration for Arrears of Pension

Nancy Smullen Widow of

William Follett

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PENSION OFFICE
MAY 24, 1930

Claimants Application for Arrears of Pension, 17th Va., 1880. Nancy E. Follett, widow’s pension app. no. 195,140, cert. no. 220,630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NA, Washington, D.C. [4 of 4]
State of Illinois, I, M. Bailey, County Clerk, Grant County, do hereby certify that I have faithfully and carefully examined the family record set forth in the family Bible recently belonging to William W. Hollett, and in the possession of his widow and find the following to be a full true and perfect copy of the same:

John W. Hollett was born Sept. 10, 1862.

Eliza A. Hollett was born Aug. 19, 1863.

Benjamin W. Hollett was born April 21, 1868.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of office, at Greenville, this the 1st day of June, 1882.

W. M. Hollett, Clerk
By O. H. Administer.

Proof of Birth of Children, 25 January 1882, Nancy E. Follett, widow's pension app. no. 195, 140, cert. no. 220, 630; service of William W. Follett (Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf., Civil War); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications ..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NA, Washington, D.C.
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Applicants for Children of Mr. Follett
John P. Follett

Mother
Mr. M. Follett
Company F, 2nd REG. Tennesse V.R.

PENSION
May 1, 1886

Office

[Signature]

Filed by
William T. Harman

[Signature]
James and Post Office Addresses of Guardian + heir of
W. W. Follett decd, 25 August 1887, John P. Follett,
Eliza A. Follett and Benjamin C. Follett, minors' pension
application no. 339,415, certificate no. 239,204; service
of William W. Follett ( Pvt., Co. F, 2nd Tennessee Inf.,
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Mary O’Brien Vidlak  
5560 Brixton Road  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  

16 June 2014  

Mr. Allen Peacock  
[Address Private]  

Dear Allen:  

You have asked me to undertake professional genealogical services for you. This letter, with the accompanying Permission to Use Research Results, describes the agreement between us regarding these services. If you agree with the terms, please sign both copies in the space provided at the end and return one to me. I also ask that you review the Permission to Use Research Results and initial all of the statements that apply and return that form to me.  

The focus of this research is to determine the parents of your great grandfather, John C. Follett, who married Carrie Parker on 19 January 1888 in Iredell County, North Carolina. As we discussed, I will spend 20 hours on this work and it will be done on a pro bono basis. You agree to pay all expenses incurred in obtaining documents, including, but not limited to, costs of certificates, microfilm rental, computer scans and photocopies, postage, parking and facility fees.  

This is a continuation of research I have already conducted for you on the Follett family. That material will be used as the starting point for this work.  

I will perform this work as an independent contractor in accordance with prevailing professional standards in genealogy, including the Code of Ethics of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogist’s Code adopted by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), and the newly revised Genealogy Standards published by BCG this year. I have included copies of the codes of each organization in our previous agreements.  

After I have analyzed your problem, completed the research and reached my conclusions, I will provide you with a full research report.  

You understand and agree that I can make no guarantees regarding what information, if any, may be found or what conclusions may be drawn from it. You further understand and agree that I cannot predict in advance the time needed to find information or to prove facts or relationships, and there is a risk of nondiscovery or of discoveries contrary to those desired.  

I will hold confidential any information you provide that is not already a matter of public record or public knowledge. I will treat with discretion, even if they are already matters of public record, issues that concern living persons, their parents or immediate families. Otherwise, I
Mr. Allen Peacock  
16 June 2014  
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retain the right to make further use of the results of work done at your request, including publication in articles or books, with acknowledgement of your sponsorship of the research, unless you request anonymity.

You agree that if you distribute to others or publish any information taken from my report, including my findings and conclusions, you will report them accurately, you will include any qualifiers (for example, the words probable or possible, when accompanying a conclusion) and you will credit my report as the source. I retain the copyright to the report and the manner in which I have expressed the information in it. You may make a limited number of personal copies as a “fair use” of the copyrighted report, but you agree that you will not otherwise publish or make multiple copies of the report without my written permission.

We both agree that if any dispute arises out of this agreement, we will use the arbitration services of Dart Law, PC, Williamsburg, VA and accept as final and binding on both of us the arbitration decision. In addition, we both consent to the entry of the decision as a final judgment in any court that may have jurisdiction over either of us.

This letter and accompanying Permission to Use Research Results reflect the full scope of our agreement and replace any earlier, tentative commitments by either of us. Any changes will be effective only if they are also made in writing.

I thank you for the opportunity to continue to help you in researching your family.

Sincerely,

Mary

Mary O'Brien Vidlak

ACCEPTED:

[Signature]

Client  
6/21/2014  
Date
PERMISSION TO USE RESEARCH RESULTS

Mr. Allen Peacock  
[Address Private]

Dear Allen:

As a professional genealogist, I not only conduct genealogical research and compilations but also lecture, teach and write in the genealogical field. I like to use examples of my research in my teaching and writing, however, I do not use client-sponsored research without the client’s permission. If you would allow me to use the work I do for you in this way, or to use you as a reference, please initial all the following statements that apply and return the form to me.

Thank you for considering these requests.

Sincerely,

Mary O’Brien Vidlak

☐ I permit Mary O’Brien Vidlak to use the genealogical research report she prepared for me in a portfolio of her work to be reviewed for certification by the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

☐ I permit Mary O’Brien Vidlak to use parts of the genealogical research I commissioned as examples in genealogical lectures.

☐ I permit Mary O’Brien Vidlak to use parts of the genealogical research I commissioned as examples in genealogical publications.

☐ If the genealogical research I commissioned is used in genealogical publications, I want my identity to be kept confidential.

☐ If the genealogical research I commissioned is used in genealogical publications, I want my commissioning of the research to be acknowledged.

☐ If the genealogical research I commissioned is used in genealogical publications, I want my address to be included.

☐ I permit Mary O’Brien Vidlak to use my name as a reference.

Comments:

[Signature]  [Date: 6/21/14]