

- 3e. John Floyd Lester, b. Aug 25, 1828(M), d. Dec 21, 1899(F), bur Lester Cem #1, m. April 15, 1852(F), Susan Chafin, b. March 11, 1827(M), d. Oct 20, 1868(M), bur Lester Cem #1, dau of John & Sarah Chafin; 6 children: Guilford Dudley, James Wesley, Hulen Berdine, Harvey Leander, Sarah E., John Dow. John Floyd served as Pvt, Co I, 54th Va Inf., CSA.

Floyd and Susan Lester lived in Auburn Township, Montgomery County. Hulen Lester deeded his son Floyd a tract of 118 acres in 1862. Their house stood near the Riner road (present Rt. 8) and present Camp Carysbrook road.

Susan died in 1868. Guilford Dudley, the oldest child, was 15 years old, and John Dow, the youngest, was 5 years old. In 1885, Floyd divided up his property (over 300 acres) among his six children, and in 1888 he moved to Floyd County to live with his son Hulen Berdine, where he died in 1899.

In 1902, a portion of this farm, "known as the Floyd Lester land," was purchased by George T. Akers, whose wife was Posie Lester, daughter of Charlie D. Lester. The purchase price was \$2500.

- 4a. Guilford Dudley Lester, b. Feb 25, 1853(M), d. 1897(M), bur St. Matthew's Cem (no stone), m. Dec 24, 1871, Sarah Ellen (E1) Bishop, b. April 1851, d. 1934, bur Dublin Cem, dau of Obediah & Catherine Bishop; 12 children.

Dudley Lester married at the age of 18 and died at the age of 44; he left 12 children, the youngest 5 years old. It was said that his wife Ellen did the work of a man, and managed to raise the children. They lived near Pilot.

- 5a. Rufus K. Lester, b. June 2, 1873, d. Jan 10, 1900 (W.Va), bur Thompson Cem, m. Feb 27, 1895(F), Lillie E. Thompson, b. Oct 1874, dau of J. Stillman & Mary Ellen Thompson; 2 children. (Lillie m. (2) March 3, 1903, Lonnie A. Cummings, wid; 3 children: Ova, Woodson, Brown).

Rufus Lester moved to West Virginia to work in the mines. He was killed in a mine disaster the first day he went to work.

- 6a. Bessie E. Lester, b. Dec 1896, d. 1980 (Birmingham, Ala), m. (1) Robert Reece, m. (2) _____ Christian.
- 6b. Fannie F. Lester, b. April 1899, d. Aug 13, 1983, bur Sunset Cem, m. & div. Clarence Thomason; 2 children.

7a. Virginia Thomason

7b. Ralph F. Thomason

- 5b. Silas E. Lester, b. March 7, 1874(M), d. April 3, 1958 (Pulaski), bur Dublin Cem, m. Aug 11, 1895(F), Minnie Flora Agnew, b. July 20, 1872(F), d. Nov 21, 1951 (Pulaski), bur Dublin Cem, dau of Jacob T. & Nancy Agnew; 13 children, 11 lived to adulthood. (Many of the dates for this family have been taken from census records and may not be exact).