

- 3j. Ellen F. Lester, b. Oct 13, 1841(M), d. Aug 26, 1893(M), bur Lester Cem #1, m. Feb 15, 1877(M), Roland A. Akers, wid, b. 1849(M), son of James & Eliza Akers; no children.

Ellen was the youngest child of Hulen & Nellie Lester.

There is some mystery concerning her marriage to Roland Akers. They were married Feb 15, 1877. He was working in Raleigh Co., W. Va., but it is not known if she ever went to West Virginia with him. One year later in July 1878, when Hulen Lester made his will, he stated, "Ellen, who married Rowland (sic) Akers sometime ago and who is not living with her at this time, is to have a home and support as long as she lives absent from the said Akers." He continued, "All personal property, money and bonds that my daughter Ellen receives under this my last will and testament are to be held, managed and controlled by her and that she see Rowland (sic) Akers is to have no interest whatsoever in them."

She is listed as Ellen Akers in the 1880 census, living in her father's home. She died in 1893 and the name on her tombstone in the Lester Cemetery is Ellen F. Lester. There is no record of a divorce. Her marriage license is missing from the records in Montgomery County Clerk's Office.

Roland Akers enlisted in the Confederate States Army on April 1, 1863, in Wytheville. He served in Co. B, 21st Va. Cavalry, and Co. K, 24th Va. Inf. He was captured & taken prisoner of war on May 10, 1864, at Cloyd's Mountain, and was received at Camp Chase, Ohio on May 26, 1864. He was transferred to City Point on Feb 25, 1865, date of release not given.

In December 1874, he was indicted for felony in the Circuit Court of Floyd County. Presumably he was cleared as he married Ellen Lester three years later.

Ellen Lester and her sister Catharine devoted their lives to taking care of their parents in their last years and Hulen Lester desired to provide for his two daughters, as attested by his will.

(End Hulen Lester family)