

The names of James' & Cloe's eleven children were recorded in the chancery suit: Lynch, Rhoda, Lindsay, James Jr., Mahala, Lockie, Leftwich, Lewis, Cloey, Catherine, Julia Ann. They had a fondness for names beginning with the letter L. Many of James Lester's descendants are living in Floyd County today.

- 3a. Lynch Lester, b. 1815, d. May 5, 1891(F), of dropsy; Pvt, Co. B, 54th Va. Inf., CSA, m. Feb 16, 1837(F), Lucy Sowers, b. May 1812, d. 190-, dau of Jacob & Catharine (Morricle) Sowers; their ages have been taken from census records, it is not known where they are buried; 7 children: Matilda, Malinda, Lynch S., Lucy Ellen, Catherine, Cloey, Ira.

Lynch Lester was respected in the community and active in public affairs. He was a Justice of the Peace, and filled the office of Constable at various times, beginning in 1833.

Lynch and Lucy Lester's first home may have been in the vicinity of White Rock Church on a tract of land given him by his father. They bought a tract of 200 acres in Alum Ridge on present Rt. 750 - date unknown when they moved there (before 1870). The house, no longer standing, was in a valley near a spring, some distance from the present road. The farm is now (1994) owned by Russell Akers. Lynch left this farm to his youngest daughter Cloey and her husband Ennis Akers, with the proviso that she pay her sister Malinda \$82, and her sister Lucy \$50. Lynch & Lucy lived with Cloey & Ennis Akers with the understanding that they would have full control of the home tract as long as they lived.

Lynch Lester made his will on August 8, 1885. He had previously divided up his land among his three daughters. Chrisley Duncan, his son-in-law, was designated executor. The will was probated on May 12, 1891. By that date Chrisley had "departed this life" and Griffith D. Reed was appointed executor. Lucy Lester died after 1900.

Lynch & Lucy lost three children, Matilda, Catherine & Ira, in September 1854. All died of flux. Their son Lynch S. Lester died in the Civil War in 1863. Only three daughters remained: Malinda, Lucy, Cloey.

- 4a. Matilda Lester, b. 1838. d. Sept 17, 1854, of flux, age 16 years.
 4b. Malinda (Linda) Lester, b. 1842, d. 1889-1892 (Missouri), m. Jan 10, 1860(F), Chrisley L. Duncan, b. 1839, d. ca. 1891 (Missouri), son of George & Elizabeth (Morricle) Duncan; 8 children.

In 1886, Chrisley & Malinda Duncan sold their land on Lost Bent Creek and moved to Douglass County, Missouri. Malinda retained the tract of land deeded to her by her father which was to go to her children at her death. The disposal of this land caused a family quarrel which was settled in a chancery suit, thus furnishing information about the family members after they went west. All the children went with their parents except Lucy Arzella who had married Birdine Reed and remained in Floyd County. Chrisley Duncan