

Official Newsletter of the Nuckolls Worldwide Kindred Society  
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## Welcome to the Nuckolls Worldwide Kindred Society

The Nuckolls News is published quarterly by the Nuckolls Worldwide Kindred Society for the benefit of our members, and for all who have an interest in the surnames NUCKOLLS/NUCKOLS/NUCHOLS/NUCKLES/KNUCKLES/NUCKOLES/, etc. The Society was formed in 1995 by Sandi Koscak, Adrian Hopkins and Edward Reynolds in an effort to reprint the book "First Virginia Nuckolls and Kindred" by Bertha Nuckolls including an index which was not in the publication. When the cost of reprinting was beyond a budget on a personal level, they decided to form a Society to raise the funds for reprinting the book. We wanted to also include our direct lines to include in the new publication, and the project soon became so popular, that many people contacted me with their lines to also be included. The book which was originally 175 pages then became a major publication with over 1200 pages. We have published the newsletter 4 times yearly since the Society was founded.

Most of the NUCKOLLS families in North America come from either of two origins. One comes from a story from the granddaughter of Nathaniel Nuckolls. "For over three hundred years, there have been Nuckols families in Scotland, so James could have very well been from there. Whatever his roots, James was a yeoman, a man who worked for years to earn the right to a piece of land. A small piece, by the standards of the James River planters, but land of his own, that may still be in the possession of his descendants, some three hundred years later. A letter copied Aug 31, 1957 by Bertha Nuckolls, written by Ann Elizabeth Nuckolls, daughter of Nathaniel Nuckolls, granddaughter of Thomas Nuckolls " ....his ancestors came from Dunfermline, Scotland, and settled in Virginia.""



Another source appears here: History of Ohio, American Historical Society, Chicago, 1925. Section V pg 302 "While analysis of the surname Nuckols seems to indicate a remote German origin, the American branch of the family traces its lineage to a sturdy Scotchman, who was a substantial shipbuilder in Scotland, where he maintained his home in the City of Glasgow. According to well established family tradition there were nine Nuckols brothers who came from Scotland to America, and their posterity is now scattered about in different states of the union. Investigation made by representatives of later generations of the family all seem to indicate a common ancestor, the Glasgow shipbuilder. " The Ross Co, Ohio biography of James Austin Nuckols proudly attests to the Scottish shipbuilder from Glasgow.

From the chronological history of Scotland we find that 1684 The first trans-Atlantic voyage made by a Clyde ship (The "George") when a vessel sailed from Greenock employed on a special mission to America with 22 persons transported to Carolina for attending conventiellers and 'being disaffected to Government'. In 1719 First Greenock based vessel (built at Crawforddsyke in 1719) crosses Atlantic. It was part of the Darien expedition, having been fitted out at Cartdsyke in 1697. (This expedition was to Panama)

Because our first records of Nuckolls are 1657 York County, 1689 in New Kent Co and 1702 in Hanover, the "Scottish Shipbuilder" would have had to come to America prior to 1657, prior to the time Scotland was able to produce sea-going vessels. See history of Greenock <http://www.greenock-town.co.uk/history.html> and history of Glasgow <http://www.scotland.org/about/innovation-and-creativity/features/education/maritime.html>

Which brings us to the second story handed down by family members that they were all from England.....

## The Nuckolls of England

From a self published book by Frances C Griffin, 1313 Butts Station Road, Chesapeake, VA 23320 entitled "Nuckles of Virginia"

"It says by tradition in the Nuckles family that three brothers came from York England. They were merchants. Their names were John, James and William. They came to Jamestown Virginia. They, with the colonists came over and established the first permanent English colony in America....." Further support of this story is found in THE NEW RIVER FRONTIER SETTLEMENT ON THE VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA BORDER 1760-1820 by Paula Hathaway Anderson-Green\* Published in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, V86: pgs. 413-431 ,1978.

In Pioneer Settlers, (by Benjamin Floyd Nuckolls), Nuckolls states that according to family tradition three Nuckolls brothers from York, England, came to Jamestown, VA; their descendants spread out in Virginia. From the brother John came a line into Louisa Co., with a John who m. Mary Garland circa 1776. Then circa 1790 John and Mary's family moved from Louisa to New River on Meadow Creek, following a cousin Charles Nuckolls, who came in 1780. Eventually John and Mary returned to Louisa, but several sons remained in the Grayson area, as did descendants (some moved on to TN and KY)

Perhaps there is more romance than truth.

"John Nuckolls married Agatha Bullock in Virginia, perhaps in Dinwiddie County. The Nuckolls family came over from England and settled in Virginia. Their history runs back to 1452, when the "War of the Roses" began. The house of York led one faction and the house of Lancaster the other. They were adherents to the house of York, the emblem of which was the white rose. One family that sided with York in that struggle was named Nuckolls. When the original Nuckolls emigrated to America he brought a bush of that rose with him. Each member of the family kept a bush of this famous rose. When John Nuckolls and his wife Agatha, came to South Carolina, they brought the rose with them and planted it at Whig Hill, near Grindall Shoals. From that plant, their descendants got cuttings or roots, and several members of the family had the white rose until 1860, when sentiment was knocked out of the hearts of many of our people. If the Rose of York is now living, it is at the residence of John D Jeffries, who owns the W T Nuckolls homestead. "Aunt Nancy " Dawkins had the rose until the time of her death, about 1861 or 1862, and T D Littlejohn now owns the famous homestead."



## Nuckolls Coat of Arms



Source....

"Pioneer Settlers of Grayson Co, VA" pg 93 and "History of Grindal Shoals" by J B Bailey

The arms has very interesting meaning. The colors denote truth, justice, peace and virtuous qualities, wisdom and steadfastness. The gold chief of the shield denotes illustrious deeds, elevation of mind, domination, and authority. The three Cornish choughs\* are the emblem of long life. It is the king of crows, a carnivorous bird.

The silver pales symbolize military strength and fortitude given to those who defend cities, or who had supported his government of their sovereigns by standing up rightly for prince or country.

Engrailed signifies on land or earth

In crest, the ear of golden wheat, we find symbolized that the bearer deserves well for his hospitality and it is also an allusion to plenty.

\*Cornish Chough: is called "the king of crows." "...may betoken the bearer thereof to be a man of stratagems to the disadvantage of his enemies." Might (also) betoken "watchful activity for friends."

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#### JOIN OR RENEW YOUR NWK MEMBERSHIP

Any of our readers who are not now members of the Nuckolls Worldwide Kindred Society are invited to join us. Benefits of membership include four (4) issues of the NUCKOLLS NEWS each year. You will have the benefit of free research on your family lines, even if they are not related to the Nuckolls. You will be eligible for discounts on all of the books, CD's and materials published by the Society. By submitting at least three (new) documents in a year, you qualify for a discount on your membership. New first-time members may receive our document CD for \$5. Our memberships run from January through December of each year. If renewing or joining in mid-year, please submit pro-rated amounts on the membership form found at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nuck141/memberapp.html>

Please send your \$15 annual dues to NWK c/o Sandi Koscak, 314 Hope Rd, Helena, MT 59602. Checks can be made payable to NWK or Nuckolls Society. Current members on the postal mailing list have an expiration date on their address labels. New members are requested to submit their direct lineage so contact can be made when I uncover someone from under a rock.

Most all of our newsletters are delivered by an email delivery system that allows attachments. Mark Knuckles was kind enough to provide this free service for the Society. In order to receive your quarterly newsletters without disruption, you need to set your spam filters to receive mail from : NuckollsSociety@EmailList.cc. Each time you renew, you will receive a farewell message immediately followed by a welcome message. This is the system updating the expiration date of your subscription.

If you are not a member of our discussion, group, I encourage you to join. There are 4 at rootsweb: NUCKOLLS-NUCKOLLS-NUCKLES & KNUCKLES. I am the moderator for all 4, so when I post a message it is sent to all 4 lists. If someone posts a message to the board, I try to intercept it and make sure the other 3 lists receive the contents also. To subscribe send an email with the word "subscribe" in the subject line to:  
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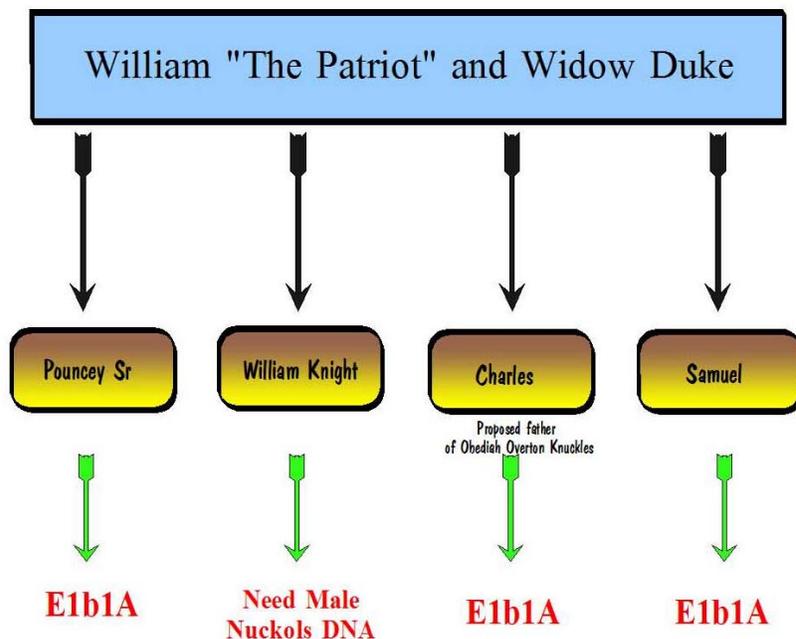
## DNA NEWS



The Nuckolls Worldwide Kindred Society began a DNA project 3 years ago in order to try and connect some families who were not documented to be descended from the immigrant ancestor, James Nuckolls who signed the Blissland Complaint in April 1677.

The DNA project began with descendants from the lines of Silvester Nuchols (VA-NC-TN) and John Nuckles of North Carolina. DNA results confirmed they had the same ancestor as recent as 6-8 generations, which made these two most likely brothers having the same father. As of this date, we have not proven their connection, but have a likely candidate in Charles Nuckolls who lives in same county of Warren NC on the tax list from 1771—1786. The William Nuckolls in Warren Co, NC in 1715 is the possible father of Charles. William's date of birth would match with the son William of the immigrant who was born c1768. Although no confirmed documentation, all of these dates and locations seem to have a nice fit.

With other test results, we were able to determine what seems to be a merging line of African American descent. DNA results with Haplogroups of **E1b1a** are of African American descent.



We would also like to obtain DNA from a male descendant of William and his first unknown wife through their son Thomas who would be the Josiah Nuckolls family who settled in Pittsylvania Co, Callands, VA. The more pieces we can add to this puzzle the more likely we will be able to find how the DNA merged into our Nuckolls line..

## Books and Materials Offered by NWK



### BOOKS

#### First Virginia Nuckolls & Kindred by Bertha Nuckolls

Book is out of print, and is not copyrighted, so the Society offers copies of the pages. Bertha Nuckolls died before finishing this book and so it was completed and edited by Sally Stetson Tongren. I assume Sally and husband Hale Nuckolls Tongren are both still living (as of 2008), as I do not find them in the SDDI. This book was printed by Thomas Todd Company in Boston Mass. originally and the dedication reads: Dedication to Benjamin Floyd Nuckolls, Ruth Nuckolls Johnson and Bertha Nuckolls, The historians of the Nuckolls family who believed that "The long toil of the brave is not lost in darkness." 146 pages. \$15.00

#### First Virginia Nuckolls & Kindred Book II

Over 900 pages and has a hard bound cover. There are also many old family photos. The Book may be ordered from Higginson Books. 148 Washington St, Salem, MA 01970. 978-745-7170. It is now available to be ordered on line at [www.higginsonbooks.com](http://www.higginsonbooks.com).

#### First Virginia Nuckolls & Kindred Book II Addendum

The Nuckolls Society has added thousands of additional names and many family lines that did not appear in the first published book in 2000. The new book will have the newly discovered connections and many family lines that were not included in the first book. It is about the same size and will include much more research material. We are now collecting payment for the addendum which will cost 79.95 plus 5.00 for media mail shipping.

#### Kentucky Knuckles

New book provides all of the research and documentation that proved Obediah Nuckles and Overton Knuckles were one and the same person. Includes all of his descendants known today. This book was a limited print and sold out immediately. A recent discount in printing fees made it possible to print 14 additional copies of this book. So if you missed out on the first one, or wish family members to have a copy, now is your chance! \$43.00 Includes shipping and handling. NOW also can be ordered in spiral bound soft cover for \$29 (\$26 for members), which includes shipping. Over 300 pages

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Members \$10 Non Members \$15.00



Included with a new membership for only \$5

### ALL Nuckolls Society Books on CD

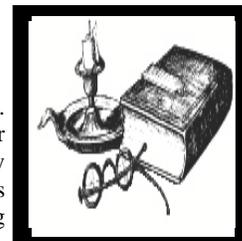
First Virginia Nuckolls & Kindred by Bertha Nuckolls  
 First Virginia Nuckolls & Kindred Book II  
 First Virginia Nuckolls & Kindred Book II Addendum  
 Kentucky Knuckles- Ancestors & Descendants of Obediah Overton Nuckolls  
 Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County Virginia by B F Nuckolls  
 All Society Newsletters 1998-2009  
 Complete GEDCOM 28643 individuals, 262,000 text note records  
 All descendants of James Nuckolls, the immigrant, in searchable PDF format.

Member price 39.95 Non Members 49.95

## Letter From the Editor



As I write this newsletter it is 10 below zero with a windchill of about 20 below. Even the dogs wont stay out longer than to squat and run back inside. Not their favorite time of year. As the holidays approach, I want to take this opportunity to thank our members for their continued support. This end-of-year issue will list our members and their contact info. Be sure to let us know if you change mailing address or email address so we can be sure you are getting the up-to-date information about the Society and our research efforts. Thanks to all who have submitted historical information to be included on our annual CD Rom.



As an "unadvertised" ten year anniversary special, the Nuckolls Society will be offering the source document CD for \$5.00 to all of our current members. You will receive the most current and updated one published in January. This covers the costs of the materials to publish as well as shipping costs. (See article on this CD on page 13 )

So you will not have to send an extra check, the dues this year only will be \$20.00. This will INCLUDE the Source Document CD. Dues for all members are due in December each year prior to Jan 1. If you have not yet sent your dues, please remit to the NWK at 314 Hope Rd, Helena, MT 59602. Also, each few years I like to update my files on descendant lines. So please send me an email with an outline of your direct line to Evilsizer3@aol.com. This helps me to contact those who are researching the same families, and also to inform of new information in the line.

I also want to take this time to wish all a very joyous season and to always remember the "reason for the season." With the nation and the world in turmoil, I predict that there will be massive changes in the upcoming year, none that I can foresee that will be good.

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 Bureau of Vital Statistics  
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Jan 1943

Local Registrars, Physicians, Health Officers, Nurses, School Superintendents, and Clerks of all of the Courts:

Dear Co-workers:

Our December 1942 letter to local registrars, also mailed to the clerks, set forth the determined effort to escape from the negro race of groups of "free issues" or descendents of the "free mulattos" of early days, so listed prior to 1865 in the United States census and various types of state records, as distinguished from slave negroes.

Now that these people are playing up the advantage gained by being permitted to give "Indian" as the race of the child's parents on birth certificates, we see the great mistake made in not stopping earlier the organized propagation of this racial falsehood. They have been using the advantage thus gained as an aid to intermarriage into the white race and to attend white schools, and now for some time they have been refusing to register with war draft boards as negroes, as required by the boards which they are faithfully performing their duties. Three of these negroes from Caroline County were sentenced to prison on Jan 12 in the United States Court at Richmond for refusing to obey the draft law unless permitted to classify themselves as "Indians"

Some of these mongrels, finding that they have been able to sneak in their birth certificates unchallenged as Indians are now making a rush to register as white. Upon investigation we find that a few local registrars have been permitting such certificates to pass through their hands unquestioned and without warning our office of the fraud. Those attempting this fraud should be warned that they are liable to a penalty of one year in the penitentiary (Section 5099a of the Code) . Several clerks have likewise been actually granting them licenses to marry whites, or at least to marry amongst themselves as Indian or white. The danger of this error always confronts the clerk who does not inquire carefully as to the residence of the woman when he does not have positive information. The law is explicit that the license be issued by the clerk of the county or city in which the woman resides.

To aid all of you in determining just which are the mixed families, we have made a list of their surnames by counties and cities, as complete as possible at this time. This list should be preserved by all, even by those in counties and cities not included, as those people are moving around over the state and changing race at the new place. A family has just been investigated which was always recorded as negro around Glade Springs, Washington County, but which changed to white and married as such in Roanoke County. This is going on constantly and can be prevented only by care on the part of local registrars, clerks, doctors, health workers, and school authorities.

Please report all known or suspicious cases to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, giving names, ages, parents and as much other information as possible. All certificates of these people showing "Indian" or "white" are now being rejected and returned to the physician or midwife, but local registrars hereafter must not permit them to pass their hands uncorrected or unchallenged and without a note of warning to us. One hundred and fifty thousand other mulattoes in Virginia are watching eagerly the attempt of the pseudo-Indian brethren, ready to follow in a rush when the first have made a break in the dike.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Plecker, M.D.  
 State Registrar of Vital Statistics

### SURNAMES BY COUNTIES AND CITIES OF MIXED NEGROID VIRGINIA FAMILIES STRIVING TO PASS AS "INDIAN" or WHITE\*

Albemarle: Moon, Powell, Kidd, Pumphrey  
 Amherst: (Migrating to Allegheny and Campbell) Adcock (Adcox), Beverly (this family is now trying to evade the situation by adopting the name Burch or Birch, which was the name of the white mother of the present adult generation), Branham, (per Dr Plecker, no white Branham families in Amherst Co) Duff, Floyd, Hamilton, Hartless, Hicks, Johns, Lawless, **NUCKLES (KNUCKLES)**, Painter, **RAMSEY**, Redcross, Roberts, Southards (Suthards, Southerds, Southers), Sorrells, **TERRY**, Tyree, **WILLIS**, Clark, **CASH**, Wood.

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Red lettering in these names indicate aligning families with many of our NUCKOLS lines.

**SURNAMES BY COUNTIES AND CITIES OF MIXED NEGROID VIRGINIA FAMILIES STRIVING TO PASS AS  
“INDIAN” or WHITE (CONTINUED)**

|                                     |   |
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| Bedford:                            | McVey, Maxey, Branham, Burley. (See Amherst County)   |
| Rockbridge:                         | (Migrates to Augusta) <b>CASH</b> , Clark, Coleman, Duff, Floyd, Gartless, Hicks, Mason, Mayse (Mays), Painters, Pulte, <b>RAMSEY</b> , Southerds (Southards (Suthards, Sutherds, Southers), Sorrells, <b>TERRY</b> , Tyree, Woods, Johns |
| Charles City:                       | <b>COLLINS</b> , Dennis, Bradby, Howell, Langston, Stewart, Wynn, Adkins  |
| King William:                       | <b>COLLINS</b> , Dennis, Bradby, Howell, Langston, Stewart, Wynn, Custalor (Custaloe), Dungoe, Holmes, Miles, Page, Allmond, Adams, Hawkes, Spurlock, Doggett.  |
| New Kent:                           | <b>COLLINS</b> , Bradley, Stewart, Wynn, Adkins, Langston   |
| Henrico and<br>Richmond City:       | See Charles City, New Kent and King William   |
| Caroline:                           | Byrd, Fortune, Nelson (see Essex)   |
| Essex and<br>King and Queen:        | Nelson, Fortune, Byrd, Cooper, Tate, Hammond, Brooks, Boughton, Prince, Mitchell, Robinson  |
| Elizabeth City<br>And Newport News: | Stewart (descendants of Charles City families)  |
| Halifax:                            | Epps (Eppes), Stewart (Stuart), Coleman, Johnson, Martin, <b>TALLEY</b> , Shappard (Shepard), Young   |
| Norfolk and Portsmouth:             | Sawyer, Bass, Weaver, Locklear (Locklair), King, Bright, Porter, Ingram   |
| Westmoreland:                       | Sorrells, Worlds (Worrell), Atwell, Gutridge, Oliff   |
| Greene:                             | Shifflett, Shiflet  |
| Prince William:                     | Tyson, Segar (See Fauquier)   |
| Fauquier:                           | Hoffman (Huffman), Riley, Colvin, Phillips. (See Prince William)  |
| Lancaster:                          | Dorsey (Dawson)   |
| Washington:                         | Beverly, Barlow, Thomas, Hughes, Lathcoe, Worley  |
| Roanoke:                            | Beverly (see Washington)  |
| Lee & Smythe:                       | <b>COLLINS</b> , Gibson (Gipson), Moore, <b>GOINS</b> , <b>RAMSEY</b> , Delph, <b>BUNCH</b> , Freeman, Wise, Barlow, Bolden (Bolin), Mullins, Hawkins– chiefly <u>Tennessee “Melungeons”</u>  |
| Scott:                              | Dingus (see Lee County)   |
| Russell:                            | Keith, Castell, Stillwell, Meade, Proffitt. (see Lee & Tazewell)  |
| Tazewell:                           | Kammed, Duncan (see Russell)  |
| Wise:                               | see Lee, Smythe, Scott and Russell counties.  |

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## Robert C Nuckols

### Semi-Weekly Interior Journal Tuesday October 6 1891 Stanford Kentucky

Harrodsburg was treated to a genuine sensation this week, when Robert C. Nuckols, cashier of the Mercer National Bank, "came up missing." It was currently reported in different portions of the county that when the fact became known the depositors made "a grand rush for what was coming to them." On arriving at Harrisburg a few days after his departure, I asked a leading lawyer and the one who had been called in to examine Nuckols' accounts, if these reports were true and he said: "Not a word of it. I examined everything and Nuckols, so far as the bank is concerned, left nothing out of shape. Everything is square to a dollar." Nuckols left a note stating that he would be back soon, but gave no reason for his sudden and mysterious departure. His beautiful and excellent wife is heart broken and is two little children seem to realize the situation. A handsome young lady is said to be a figure in the case and the business of married men and women losing their heads is getting to be so common that it is really growing monotonous all over the country. With all the good people in it, Harrisburg is a resort of modern Sodom anyway.

### Hazel Green Herald

Wolf County Kentucky November 21, 1891

RC Nuckols, the cashier of the Mercer National Bank, at Harrodsburg Kentucky, who disappeared so mysteriously some time ago has been discovered in Mexico, where he is living under the name of Brown

### Crittenden Press, Marion, KY

R C Nuckols the Harrodsburg banker who so suddenly dissappeared has been located in California

### Semi-weekly Interior Journal Stanford Kentucky January 29, 1892

Robert C. Nuckols, late cashier of a Harrodsburg bank, who mysteriously disappeared and was found in California, writes to the Georgetown Times to say that any paper or person who hereafter charges that his flight was cause by drink or theft, "by the power of truth, I affirm that I will hold him individually responsible for a personal recantation." He claims that worry unsettled his mind and drove him off, he knew not whither.

### Richmond Climax, Richmond, KY

#### Forgery Charged

Louisville Ky, July 29- Robert C Nuckols, though held under three bonds of \$500 each on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences, was arrested Thursday night on the charge of forging the name of J M Atherton & Co to notes, aggregating \$5,376.10 which were discounted at the Union National Bank.

### Semi-weekly Interior Journal Stanford Kentucky August 9, 1904

RC Nuckols, formerly a resident of Harrodsburg, was arrested in Louisville on the charge of forgery. He attempted to commit suicide on finding he could not give bail.

Blue Grass Blade Lexington Kentucky August 7, 1904

#### Sequel To the Skeleton Story

In the last Blade I printed a story headed "Skeleton for a Religious Novel -- All Accurate except the Names Since Then the Courier Journal has printed my story given the names. It is as follows:

Arrested Again

New charge against Robert C. Nuckols accused of forging J. in Atherton and companies name to note for \$5376.

Robert C. Nuckols, though held under three bonds of \$500 each on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was arrested last night at Ninth and Broadway by detectives Maher Sexton on the charge of forging the name of JM Atherton & Co. to two notes , aggregating \$5376.10. Nuckols, who was until about a year ago a prominent business man and leading churchman, is now forced to answer to 4 different charges. He has been presented in Police Court and held to answer on the three charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. He is alleged to have passed worthless checks upon J. Bacon And Sons for \$15, the Kaufman - Straus Company for \$25, and the Herman Straus & Son' Co for \$50. He has separated from his wife and is said to be living at 413 W. M St. When found by the detectives last night he was with Mrs. Lillian Orender and her child. They were walking down Broadway and were greatly inner age when he was

placed under arrest. The detectives say they believe he had heard that the forgery charge was to be brought against him, and that he was going to be Street station to leave the city. His actions were suspicious, and though he carried no baggage, the officers were convinced that they arrested him just in time. The Orender woman created a scene when the detectives approached, and she demanded that a warrant be presented. Knuckles joining her in this demand, but they were introduced to believe that a warrant was not necessary. The mother of Lillian Orender has signed Nuckols' bond in previous instances. He will be presented In Police Court this morning and will be prosecuted both by Mr. Atherton and the officials of the bank where the forged notes were discounted. Nuckols claims that Mr. Atherton gave him the authority to sign the notes. This is absolutely the night by Mr. Atherton. Nuckols was at one time employed by the Atherton firm. Nuckols was educated at the Georgetown College, the religion of which was principally managed by Rucker. It will be noticed that the Courier Journal said Nuckols was a "leading churchman," as is nearly always the case with men of his kind.

**Blue Grass Blade Lexington Kentucky August 14, 1904****Turnkey Believes Nuckols Has Lost his reason****Behaves Strangely in His Cell and Laments His Vain Effort in Suicide**

It is the firm belief of the guards at the jail that Robert C. Nuckols, held to answer on charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses has become insane. They say he refuses to stay in bed at night, walks and runs about his cell, yell and keeps the other prisoners awake. He had not slept for almost 5 days and nights. Since he attempted to end his life last Sunday by cutting his throat with a small pen knife, he has been acting strangely. He mopes all day and will have nothing to do with any one. He objects to every suggestion of the guards and at times appears to be raving mad. The worst spells come at night, when he often becomes so wild that the guards have to force him into his bed by main force, after fierce struggles. Yes let alone he will run about his cell at night like a maniac. At times he refuses his food, but at other times he eats ravenously. He talks about his attempt at suicide and complains that he did not have the nerve to carry out his threat. "When the blood began to flow," he says, "I lost my nerve and stopped." Nuckols was a man of high standing in the community and was the treasurer of the McFerren Memorial Baptist church. He had many friends in business circles and was thoroughly respected. "The cause of all his travels was "dope" and the lack of it is what is the matter with him now," said a man who knows him. "He was led to attempt to end his life by the desire for dope because his troubles became multiplied when he felt the effects."

The guards do not think it possible that he is only pretending to be insane in order to make such a plea in the courts. They have seen cases of that kind and cases of real insanity are not rare at the jail.

The above account, from the Courier -- Journal, is another chapter in the sequel to my story in the Blade headlined "Skeleton." I am going to press this story to its end, because Nuckols is a man who got his religious training under the man J. J. Rucker, the prohibition editor in Georgetown, who had me sent to the penitentiary for publishing "obscene literature," the literature being that I was exposing him for having taken from Atherton a big distiller, \$6000 for educating young men to the Baptist ministry and \$1000 for building a bad taste church, Atherton evidently giving the money to assist him in a race for Congress, and Nuckols having come from a very high position in society and church and usefulness by beginning as a whiskey drinker. Nuckols and I were Clark in two rival banks in Georgetown. The only business dissatisfaction between me and the bank I was in -- the "Deposit" -- was when I insisted that I owed the bank \$7.50 And the Cashier, Judge James Y. Kelly, then poor and now rich and still living in Georgetown, said I did not owe it and we had a quarrel about it, and I told him I would say it to be take, or leave the bank -- in which I was also a stockholder -- and I did pay it. Judge Kelly was, and is, a fanatical religionist of the Campbell light brand and once, in a personal discussion with me said to me "the Bible said that Jonah swallowed the whale I would believe that just as I now believe the whale swallowed Jonah." He believed in spiritualism which I exposed and ridiculed just as I did, and now do religion, and I was dismissed from that bank because I was an infidel. They put into my place a man named Wolf who was a Christian. Wolf stole \$15,000 from the bank and was put in the penitentiary at Frankfurt, and was killed by a guard who shot him with a rifle when Wolf was attempting to escape. My salary at Georgetown was \$100 a month, and after I had been dismissed from the Georgetown bank, Judge Kelly recommended me, when I did not even know about it to Grinstead and Brantley, bankers in Lexington, telling them that they ought to pay me \$150 a month, and on that recommendation the Lexington banking house employed me. Kelly knew that Grinstead

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was an infidel and new that my religious opinions would not hurt his bank. Through all of this Robert C. Nuckols held his place and was soon promoted to the cashiership of another bank, because he was a Christian, and from that other bank he ran off with a bad woman and went to California, leaving his wife and children and taking his wife's money. I never knew, or knew of, but two infidels who suicides and today were both most excellent and exemplary men. One of the came to see me when I was in the penitentiary. They left -- one in writing and the other in a statement to a friend -- their reasons for their intended suicide, and they were both printed in the Blade. They occurred about the same time, neither knowing, or knowing of, the other, one in the South and the other In the North. Each by singular coincidence, explaining that he was going to commit suicide because he was hopelessly afflicted with rheumatism and was a tax to his family, each saying, as was true, that he left his family well provided for. One blew his brains out with a pistol and the other to poison, and, in the interest of science, carefully recorded all his symptoms as long as he could write. Nuckols, the Christian, however, who was reared, and had lived, a Christian, and was the treasurer of the big rich McFerrin church, wanted to get out of his misery, but did not have the nerve. It takes nerve to be an infidel and it takes cowardice to be a Christian. In the mean while we are seeing some of the fruits of the religious training of the man Rucker , who had me put in the penitentiary because my infidel prohibition paper did go and his Christian prohibition paper would not go.

Blue Grass Blade, Lexington Aug 14, 1904

Another Sequel to My "Skeleton" Story

"R C Nuckols attempted to cut his throat at the county jail, but was stopped by Jim Howrad who was confined in the same cell and whose small penknife Nuckols had borrowed. He did not succeed in inflicting serious injuries. "

The above is from the Courier Journal in a list of suicides and attempted suicides, for July, in Louisville, and makes a second sequel to the story I printed in the Blade, in which I gave, without giving names, an account of a couple I knew who were exceedingly religious, Nuckols being the man to whom I referred. I have, since then, printed, from the Courier-Journal, the account of the forgeries of Nuckols and his wife's leaving him. I have thought it probable that Nuckols would do something about like the above item, but I did not think he had the nerve to really kill himself. The special interest in this case to me is that Nuckols was educated under the religious guidance of J J Rucker, the Christian Prohibition editor who had me put in the penitentiary for being a "free lover and the editor of a free love paper.", and that Nuckols' downfall is attributable to whiskey drinking and that he was employed by Atherton the distiller, from whom Rucker took \$7,000 to build a Baptist Church and to educate young men for the Baptist ministry. The Prosecuting attorney for the Government who tried me has since died from drunkenness and a convict in the penitentiary who was a leading politician and editor, told me that he had several times taken the judge who tried me to some place to care for him, because the judge was too drunk to take care of himself. But Rucker, and the attorney and the judge and Nuckols were all Christians together. There are Infidels who encourage liquor drinking. All such are, to that extent, helping Christianity.

Blue Grass Blade Lexington 12/5/1904

Robert Nuckols Sent To The Lunatic Asylum

For a long time at different times I have told you about a very devout Christian named Robert Nuckols about whose misdeeds the newspapers have had much to say. He has, for some time, been in jail for forgery. He has some how been sent to a lunatic asylum. Had he been without influential friends and an infidel he would have been sent to the penitentiary.

(Robert died in the Christian County KY insane asylum 4/29/1912)

*Note from Sandi-*

*It marvels me how atheists degrade and mock Christians, bringing them down to the lowest level they can. We have all sinned against God. God also loves the atheist and offers His free gift of salvation to him as well as to us. The moral of this story is that we can be "forgiven"... by His grace and mercy. Notice how the atheist ended an article with accusations that leading churchmen are men of these kinds. (See Aug 7th 1904 arrest article)*

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The Society is pleased to offer to it's members this year who renew for 2011, for an additional \$5, we will include a copy of the Version 11.0 Document CD. Your total renewal will be \$20 instead of \$15 if you choose this offer. The offer is entirely "OPTIONAL".. If you send in \$15 I will assume you do not want the CD. **This offer will expire Jan 30, 2012**

I was recently contacted by someone who was disappointed in the CD because it was not "searchable". However this CD comes with an index of all items with full names that are scanned to it. This index can easily be searched. It was being compared to the CD offered by the Society that includes all of our books ever published.

I wish to clarify for others so there can be no misunderstanding. Depending on what you are looking for would be your choice of CD. If looking for family connections, additions and corrections , or connecting surnames, it is good to have all of the books. The Document CD is exactly as advertised. It contains "Source Documents", meaning births, deaths, marriages, military, obits, photos, tombstones, etc. It has no family lines. It is for source documentation only. The index is easily searched. Each year, the contents of this CD are published on our web site. To see what was included on the 2010 version :

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nuck141/society/contents.htm>  
Many new documents have been added for 2011. I will post of list of those soon.

## SEEKING CONNECTIONS

1900 Pendleton Co, Callensville, KY Dist 71 HH#98

**Thomas J Nuckols**, head, 11/1848, 51, KY KY KY Physician

Hallie L, wife, 6/1861, 38, M15y 3/3, KY KY KY

Mary B, dau, 1/1886, 13, KY

Henry L, son 6/1889 11, KY

Richard McD, son, 1/1891 KY

No previous or further record. A Henry Lee born and raised and died 1890-1971 in Sumner Co TN is the only similar connection.. He is son of Samuel Lee (unconfirmed).

**Robert Nuckles** with surety of L J Culton married Polly Payne July 16, 1891 in Knox Co, KY witnesses W B Dozier and J H Fortney. (No further record of this couple)

**Nancy KNUCKLES** married John P Steel 5/16/1906 Knox Co, KY. They appear in the 1910 Census Whitley Co, KY Census John married 3 times and Nancy married 5 times and no children. Nancy died 2/26/1922 in Whitley Co, Woodbine, KY. She was born 1844 age 78 to Elijah Wilson and Elander Turner. James Saylor in Woodbine KY was the informant. Burial location not noted.

NO BIRTHS REPORTED  
FOR 2010

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**Lee Nuckolls served in the War of 1812, as a private in Captain Graham's Company. He applied for two bounty land warrants of 80 acres each and had received them. He later filed for a pension, but the paper found at the Wythe County Courthouse in Virginia had no result in regard to that request. Proof: see application, Loose Papers at the Wythe County, Virginia Courthouse.**

Information submitted by **Gwen Williams**





## **BLISSLAND COMPLAINT INFORMATION UPDATE**

It has recently come to the attention of the Nuckolls Society that we are actually NOT in possession of the copy of the signed Blissland complaint. In 1992 when the Society was formed with Adrian Hopkins, Edward Reynolds and myself, Doris Dell had mailed a copy of what she thought at the time was the Blissland Complaint with the signature of James Nuckolls.

This document has been on Adrian's web page for 20 years, as well in the Nuckolls archives. A recent observation by a society member brought to our attention, that the document is NOT the complaint, but another legal record.

I have contacted Doris Dell who is unable to locate her copies of her genealogy research. So we are now in search of that document. Any assistance by the members would be greatly appreciated.

DECEMBER IS TIME FOR RENEWAL. SEE SPECIAL OFFER THIS YEAR PG 13