

CHAPTER ONE

THE FAMILY

Alfred Meour/Mure/Muer/Moor-e/ Stanley was born March 23, 1809 in North Carolina, county as yet not known (might we suggest Rowen County ?). He married Nov.15, 1827 in Marion, Claiborne Co., Tenn. to Margaret Heather, daughter of Thomas Heather & Mary "Polly" Mure, (see Alfred's middle names above) b. 1810 in Washington Co. Ky. Margaret d. Oct. 17/18? 1857 in Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa. Alfred d. Oct. 15, 1881 near Lakeview, Lake Co., Oregon & is buried in the Oddfellows Cemetery at Lakeview, in the plot of his son Alfred N. Stanley. No marker shows for his grave but names of many of those interred there are listed on a wall.

Rufas A. "Gus" Stanley b. 1861 in Iowa was the son of Christopher C. Stanley b.1840 who was a son of Alfred M. Stanley. Rufas did research of some sort in the early 20th century on into the 1930s-40s. Rufas was with his folks & grandfather, Alfred M., in Lake Co. Ore. when the 1880 census was taken so he knew his grandpa it may be assumed.

Rufas has in his accounts: Alfred M. Stanley, son of Joseph Stanley b. abt 1767 in Scotland. and wife Comfort. He even shows an 1854 Feb. date of death for Joseph Stanley but did not state where he died.

As for myself - Marvin Lander of Red Bluff, Calif. - I did search the 1850 census records for states where Alfred M. is known to have resided: Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina & Iowa. But there are no old Joseph Stan(d)l(e)y's listed nor Comfort as well. Thus Joseph might be listed with a son (in 1850 Joseph is probably residing with a son, whose name we do not know; census indices list only heads of families). Joseph would be about 80 in 1850. He could be living with any one of numerous Stanley families in North Carolina, in neighboring Kentucky, or even Indiana or Illinois.

Of course Rufas may have been mistaken as to the names of his grandfather, A. M.'s, parents. I have checked on several Joseph Stanleys in early 1800-1850 era North Carolina, but have made no decision as to a possible relationship to A. M.! (Another Joseph (will, 1804) had a wife Sarah and this Joseph resided in Rowen Co. an old man who d. about 1804 judging from his will there.) His sons in the 1790-1800 censuses shows men younger than if Joseph was born in 1767. Of these sons, Thomas, William and Reuben, Reuben d. prior to his father and only one had a son Joseph and was b. 1790-1800. & in 1810 would be in the census as age 16-26. By 1810, Thomas & William were gone from Rowen Co. NC.

Meanwhile, another Joseph married here in 1802 to Mary (of all names) MOOR!, a daughter of George Moor, who named her in his will (or estate papers). Did she have perhaps two names possibly Mary "Comfort" Moor or Comfort Mary Moor? Alfred 's middle name has been spelled several ways - as Meour, Mure, Muer, MUIR,. Moor, Moore etc. If this Joseph is the same in the 1810 census in Rowen. Co. p.289 (The only other Joseph Stanley in N.C. in 1810 was in Guilford Co. & seems to be of a Quaker family.) He had no male children in his family young enough to be Alfred M. 0-10 years.

THUS The JOSEPH STANLEY on p. 289 1810 census of Rowen Co. NC. might be considered the father of Alfred M.!? Joseph's family consisted of:

3 male children..	0-10 years,	b.1810-20
1 male	26-45	b.1765-84

1 female	0-10 &	b.1810-20
1 female	16-26	b.1784-94

IF THIS IS ALFRED M's FAMILY, WE CANNOT NOW ACCOUNT FOR THE OTHER CHILDREN b. 1800-10 IF ALFRED WAS THE ELDEST CHILD in the family as Rufas Stanley suggested.

The 1880 census shows Alfred residing with the family of his son Christopher in Lake Co., Oregon and it lists Alfred's parents as both born in North Carolina.

The 1820 census of North Carolina shows 3 Joseph Stanleys, with one on p.122 in Rowen County but he is aged 26-45 & so b. 1775-94 & too young to be the Joseph in the 1810 census of Rowen Co.

In 1820, the Rowen Co. Joseph had male children 10-16,. but apparently none 0-10. Alfred M., b. 1809 was the eldest child in the family, the others b. after him should be listed so that the 1810 Joseph Stanley evidently had moved from Rowen Co.

I have not proved yet that Joseph was the name of Alfred M.'s father. But Rufas did give his birth year as about 1767 in Scotland, wife Comfort, and a death date of Feb. 17, 1854, but never gave the place of decease. This is what makes me think that Joseph, 80 year old Joseph, would be living with a son - some where- BUT WHERE ?? & who was that son ?

So the info that I have given here is TENTATIVE! No Proof as yet!

Rufas indicated on his work sheets re: the family info he received was from his father, Christopher C. Stanley, while info on the Heather family was from Rufas's grandfather Alfred M. Stanley.

NOW AS TO POSSIBLE PARENTS FOR JOSEPH STANLEY B.. 1767, -Again, no proof so this is as yet tentative. Annie Stanley Reynolds (daughter of Ozias L., son of Alfred M.) wrote her cousin, Rufas A.. Stanley, on May 10, 1938 a letter in which she recalled:

"Our great-great-grandfather was Lord Stanley of Stanley Manor of Berkshire, England. But g.g.grandfather of ours was disinherited because he married a French maid - Bettie. He became a captain of a ship, there was quite an estate left in England.

Uncle J. R. (John Robert) Stanley being a lawyer traced it up, and the ones handling the estate admitted there was still a vast estate, but they wrote it would take so much red tape on account of their son being disinherited, it would cost more than it was worth to get it.

I saw this letter that they wrote to uncle John Robert which was during the year 1893 so he (J. R.) & father (Ozias L.) concluded to let it drop."

Annie Stanley Reynolds

[J. R. was a justice of the peace and notary in Lake Co., Calif. Nothing in the above shows that the solicitors of the estate agreed there was a connection. gm]

Recently, at the Family Research Center LDS Library, I found in the Family Registry parents of Joseph Stanley b. 1767. Mrs. Lois Gibson of Hillsboro, Oregon had placed it. Today, Dec. 18, 1988, I phoned and chatted with her.

In her mother's notes was a reference to a letter written May 10, 1938 by Gus Stanley to Annie Reynolds, in which Lord _____ Stanley and wife Bettie of the Isle Of Mann are said to be parents of Joseph Stanley b. 1767 in England.

The Isle of Mann is situated just North of England & South of Scotland & between them & Ireland. Thus England or Scotland might be considered.

[I can't resist. From a Manx National Heritage website: "Foremost of the 17th century lords of the Isle of Man was James Stanley, 7th Earl of Derby, known as "Yn Stanlagh Mooar" the great Stanley. With his countess, Charlotte de la Tremouille, the earl held the Isle of Man as one of the last Royalist strongholds during the English civil war." gm.]

Gus Stanley was the son of Christopher C. Stanley; Annie Reynolds was the daughter of Ozias L. Stanley; Lois Gibson descends from Jesse Harris Stanley and I from Oliver H. Stanley.

Lois Gibson, of Hillsboro, Ore., sent me a typed copy of Annie's letter in 1989. I list the info on Joseph & his supposed parents Lord & Bettie Stanley and reference to Lord Stanley's folks for the value that it may have at some future time-should it ever be proven..

In a letter of the late 60s/early 70s Pat (Hunt) Stanley referred to Edward Stanley & Elizabeth Izard. She was b. 1740? in France. Edward was b.1732 but it seems he d. 1745? (1795?).

As to siblings for Alfred M. Stanley: Rufas never named any, but wrote on a form that Alfred was the eldest, then 3 males & then 3 females were born. Myself & others have found names that MIGHT ? tie in, but NO PROOF as yet.

1. Alfred M. Stanley b. 1809 NC
2. Benjamin Stanley b. about 1812 N.C., d. Tenn. Ark 1842; his son John went to Colusa Co., Calif. in 1854 and another son, Wesley, was in Red Bluff and in Redding in 1906.
3. Aaron Robert Stanley b. 1817 Tenn.
4. John Jonathan Stanley b.. 1818 (Va., Ky., Tenn.?)
5. Luanna Elizabeth Stanley, Mrs. Andrew J. Randolph b. 1820 Tenn.

Marie (Stanley) Dyke of Adell, Ore., in the early 1970s, related that her father, Wm. E. Stanley, son of Wm. Foster Stanley (1828-1868) told her that her g.g.grandfather (this would be Joseph Stanley) was a full blood Scotsman. This line then goes: Marie (Stanley) Dyke, daughter of Wm. Francis Stanley, son of Wm. Foster Stanley, son of Alfred M. Stanley, son of Joseph Stanley.

Wm. Foster Stanley's brother Oliver's daughter, Charlotte "Lottie" Stanley Stinchaum, told her grandchildren that the Stanley family were aristocrats & of Scots-Irish background.

[In the U.S., Scots-Irish refers to Scots who emigrated to the U.S. from Ireland, gm.]

Joseph Stanley b.. abt 1767 Scotland, England ? son? of Lord Stanley and Bettie a French Maid b. in France; no proof.

Joseph Stanley md. Comfort (MURE?) and resided North Carolina & Tenn. He d. Feb.17, 1854 but where?; was it perhaps Kentucky? Were these in fact the true names of Alfred Mure Stanley's parents? At any rate their family:

Alfred M. Stanley b. 1809 NC md Margaret Heather 1810 Tenn.. d. 1881 Ore.

son John Jonathon,

son Aaron Robert ?

son Benjamin.

daughter Luanna/Luciana md. Andrew J. Randolph

daughter Ester ? md. John Hatfield, resided in Mercer Co., Mo.

daughter whom ??

[concerning Ester, please see endnote after last chapter. gm]

Alfred Mure Stanley was b. March 23,1809 in N. Carolina. md. Nov.15,1827 in Marion, Claiborne Co., Tenn. to Margaret Heather of Campbell Co., Tenn. She d. Oct.. 17/18 1857 Leon/Eden, Decatur Co., Iowa. Margaret was the daughter of Thomas & Mary "Polly" Mure (Rufas Stanley wrote Polly Means). Alfred M. Stanley later married about 1858 Mrs. Rebecca (Anglin) Sandlin. Evidently they were not married long for it seems she d. 1881, shortly after Alfred M., but she died in Missouri. They are in the 1870 census in Grundy Co., Missouri, Washington Co. p.410-B in Edenburgh twp. He age 60 b. Tenn., farmer and she age 58 b. Ky.

After coming to Calif. in 1864, (his daughters married at Yreka/Hawkinsville, Siskiyou Co., Calif. in 1865) Alfred went back to Missouri then by 1872 he was back in Calif. near Adin, Modoc Co., Calif. where he owned land bought from the government.

Family letters show Alfred to be a religious man in old age, a Baptist. He died Oct. 15, 1881 near Lakeview, Lake Co. Oregon and is buried in the Oddfellows Cemetery in the plot of his son Alfred N. No Stone covers his grave.

Margaret Heather was the daughter of Thomas & Mary Heather. of N.C. & S.C. respectively. Rufas Stanley had Thomas born in Germany & Polly in Va. They are in Campbell Co. Tenn. 1818 & 1823 in tax lists there. They are not found 1830 but are probably in Western Tenn. Madison Co., as a letter was at the post office there to Thomas Heather.

Thomas is in Grape Grove, Ray Co., Mo. in the 1840 census and in 1850 he is in Jackson, Gentry Co., Mo. He died there in 1858 (estate information) and she is yet there in the 1860 census. She is listed in the census as born in S.C. and he in N.C.

Rebecca (Anglin, Sandlin) Stanley d. in Mercer Co., Mo. Sept. 6, 1881. She is buried in Chestnut Cemetery. She was born July 15, 1812 in Ky. Alfred M. Stanley d. Oct. 15, 1881 in Lake Co. near Lakeview, Oregon.

[On 8 Feb. 1834, Rebecca m. William Sandlin b. 1809 in Clay Co., Ky. They moved to Indiana then, in 1860, to Missouri. They had several children. gm]

1851 Iowa State Census Decatur Co. Heads of Families

<u>Name</u>	<u>over 45</u>	<u>under 45</u>	<u>over 21</u>	<u>over 5</u>	<u>under 5</u>	<u>total</u>
Hirum J. Stanley		1	1	2	1	5
Alfred M. Stanley			1	1	7	3
						12
Jesse H. Stanley		2			2	4
Moses Hatfield	2		1			3

NOTE... these 3 neighbors as listed + Moses who had siblings here later 1850s, evidently father of Nancy Ann who md. Alfred M. Stanley's son Oliver H. Stanley). In 1850 Moses was in Bloomfield, Davis Co., Iowa with 16 yr old Nancy b. Tenn. Alfred M. md Margaret Heather, they were at Eden Twp. in 1850.

Alfred Stanley		1	1	5	2	9
Anthony Vanderpool						
Sarah Stanley	1	1		2		4
John B. Gibson		1	1	2	1	3
John Vanderpool						

NOTE...These five, evidently at Center twp., minus Sarah in 1854 list. Alfred md. Elizabeth Heather- sister of Margaret above Anthony Vanderpool md Easter/Ester Stanley, John Vanderpool md. Mary Stanley and Sarah was their mother. John B. Gibson md. Mary E., dau of Alfred M. Stanley. Sarah also married Hiram J. Stanley, above.

Decatur Co. Iowa 1854 State Census

<u>Name</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Militia</u>
<u>Franklin twp.</u>				
John Stanley				
<u>Eden twp.</u>				
Hirum J. Stanley	4	2	1	1
Calvin Stanley	2	2	1	
John J.. Stanley		7	3	1
A. R. Stanley	2	5	1	1
Alfred M. Stanley	8	3	1	1
<u>Center twp.</u>				
Alfred Stanley	7	3	1	1
John B. Gibson	1	3	1	1
John Vanderpool	3	4	1	1
Anthony Vanderpool	3	3	1	1

NOTE. . . A. R. Stanley was on Alfred M.'s land. I believe - but have not yet proved - that John J., A.R. (Aaron Robert) and Alfred M. are brothers ?! A possible sister - Luanna - Mrs. Andrew J. Randolph is listed her 1850 census at Eden twp.

JONATHON JOHN STANLEY

Born about 1818 in (censuses do not agree) Ky., Tenn. or Va.? But probably in. Tenn. A Decatur Co., Iowa History has a notation that he was a trapper. And it is evidently this John J. Stanley who built the first Courthouse of Decatur Co.

It is quite possible that he was the first to come west from Tennessee of those whom I suspect are Alfred Mure Stanley's siblings. Jonathan was in Alabama at the birth of son John A. in 1841. Son Alfred L. was b. in Tenn. 1837-38, They were in Missouri by 1843 at birth of son Jesse G. The 1856 Iowa State census shows them in. Iowa 11 years thus they came to Decatur Co, area about 1845.

Since I suspect Alfred M. & Jonathan were brothers, due to them residing in the same states at the same time frame, having children b. in those various states at the same time frames and in some cases names of children of both men are similar.

Jonathan J. Stanley was yet living at Leon/Eden in Decatur Co in the 1860 census. After that he disappears. One could check the 1880 census with its later Soundex System for Iowa to see if some of his sons may yet be in Iowa. In 1880 he would be about 62.

Jonathan Stanley md. a women Whose first name was Quedame and she was age 30 in 1850 so b. 1820 and census says in Arkansas. Is that a French name? As a Trapper did he per chance marry into an Indian Tribe? By 1856 she evidently had died for he later md. a Mrs. Nancy W. Williams b. 1826 in Va. She brought 2 daughters into the marriage and may have been the mother of the last of Jonathan's children.

Oct. 31, 1850 census Eden, Decatur Co., Iowa p.626

(neighbor to A.M.)

Jonathan J. Stanley	33	farmer	b. Va
Quedame	30		Ark
Alfred L. Stanley	12		Tenn.
Benjamin	10		Tenn.
John A.	9		Ala.
Jesse G,	7		Mo.
Margaret E.		4	Mo.
Aaron J.	2		Iowa

1856 census Iowa state p.308

John J Stanley	39	md.	b. Ky in state 11 years (600
Nancy W.	32	md.	Va. acres impr. land)
Alford L.	18		Tenn.
Benjamin	16		Tenn.
John A.	14		Ala.
Jesse G.	12		Mo.
Margaret	10		Iowa
Aaron J.	8		Iowa
Sarah	1		Iowa,
Clark	2		Iowa
Margaret Williams	10		Ky.
Elizabeth Williams	9		Ky

1860 census p124. Eden twp., Decatur Co,

John J. Stanley	43	farmer	Tennessee	\$1000
			Real Est.	
Nancy	36		Virginia	
Jesse G. Stanley	16		Alabama	
John A.	18		Alabama	
Elizabeth M.	14		Iowa	
Aaron J.	12		Iowa	
Sarah	4		Iowa	
Clark	6		Iowa	
Erasmus	4		Iowa	
Harris	2		Iowa	
Wm. O.	5/12		Iowa	
Margaret Williams	14		Kentucky	
Elizabeth Williams	13		Kentucky	

To date, I have never found any of his descendants who are trying to trace their line.

AARON ROBERT STANLEY

Aaron is shown in the 1840 census of Wilson Co., Tenn. along with two Johns and Others of Stanley. Alfred Mure/Muir Stanley had four sons born in Warren Co., Oliver H., 1833, John Robert, 1835, Ozias L., 1837 and Francis Marion 1839. By the 1840 census, Alfred M. Stanley is in DeKalb Co., Ala. where Christopher was born in 1840. Later they went to Dade Co., Mo., where, in 1843, Lemuel was born..

They moved then to Mercer Co, Mo., somewhat north of Dade Co. By 1846, Alfred M., & family is in Eden, Decatur Co. Iowa where he shows up in several censuses. The 1851 census shows him and other Stanleys. The 1854 census shows him along with Aaron R. Stanley,

I believe Aaron R. is a brother of Alfred M. Stanley, but this is not proven.

Grundy Co., Mo. 1850 census District 35, p.396

A.R. Stanley	33	Tenn.	real estate \$170
Elizabeth	38	Tenn.	
Serena Stanley	13	Tenn.	
Margaret	8	Mo.	
N.	3	Mo.	
Letty J.	1	Mo.	

The 1854 census shows him in Decatur Co., Iowa on land of brother(?) Alfred M. These censuses 1851/54 only lists head of families.

[Grundy Co. is just south of Mercer Co. which is just south of Decatur Co. gm.]

The 1856 State census for Iowa Eden twp., Decatur Co., Iowa p316 shows:

Aaron R. Stanley	39	md in Iowa	4 yrs.	b. Tenn./	1 voter mil age
Elizabeth	43	md	4	Tenn.	
Serena	19		4	Tenn.	
Margaret	11		4	Mo.	
Nancy		9			4 Mo.
Letty J.	7		4	Mo.	
Aaron M.	4		4	Mo.	
Louanna (Joanna?)	1			Iowa	(md. 1875)

1860 census Dade Co. Missouri

Aaron Stanley	46			Tenn..
Elizabeth	46			Tenn.
Margaret	16			Mo.
Didama	14			Mo.
Jane	12			Mo.
Madison	10			Mo.
Joana		6		Mo.

(They were not in the 1870 census in Dade Co.)

NOTE... First wife of Aaron R. Stanley is said to be Cerena Jane York. So Elizabeth in the above censuses must be a 2nd wife, unless Cerena also carried that given name.

Their daughter, Cerena/Serena Stanley md. 22 Feb., 1857 in Decatur Co., Iowa to John Meyers Hatfield. Serena was b. June 10, 1836 in Tenn. and d. July 18, 1930 at El Centro, Imperial Co., Calif. and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

John Meyers Hatfield was a son of Reuben Hatfield and Polly Comstock. John's brother Joseph Hatfield md. Polly Heather 1820 - 1899; she was the sister of Margaret Heather, wife of Alfred M. Stanley. Margaret lived from 1810 to 1857.

John Meyers Hatfield's 1st wife was Martha J. Vanderpool, daughter of John & Mary (Stanley) Vanderpool. The Vanderpools were from Campbell Co., Tenn. before moving to Mo.

Mary Stanley herself was a sister of Alfred S. Stanley 1812 - 1890 who md. Elizabeth - "Betsy" Heather 1817 - 1903 another sister of Polly and Margaret Heather who were daughters of Thomas & Mary "Polly" Mure of Tenn. who went to Jackson then Gentry Co., Mo. Abraham Stanley md. his niece, Martha J. Vanderpool, to John Meyers Hatfield. Abraham, Mary & Alfred S. Stanley were all children of Andrew Stanley & Sarah Ballew.

LUANNA ELIZABETH STANLEY

Luanna was born 1820 in Tenn., Warren Co, md abt 1840 prob in Tenn. and moved to Decatur Co., Iowa by the time of the 1850 census.

In 1850, they resided at Eden, Decatur Co., Iowa.

Andrew J.	Randolph	31	farmer	b. Tenn
Luanna	"	30		Tenn
John G.	"	8		Tenn
Aaron H.	"	11		Ill.
Mary E.	"	4/12		Iowa

Years ago some lady placed a query in the Genealogical Helper re: Luanna Stanley Randolph. Since then a few others have come forward in her interest.

The Randolphs stopped in Illinois by 1848. They had a son Aaron and later a son Alfred Meour was born but died as an infant. Since Luanna was in Ill. in 1850 could it be a possibility for her supposed father "old Joseph Stanley" to be there in 1850 also? He is not in the index.

Kathleen Wesley Reynolds from Bear, Delaware has sent info re: Luanna.
Among the Children of Luanna E. Stanley and Andrew Jackson Randolph are:

1. John F. Randolph b. Tenn. 1842 d. 1863
2. Jesse M. Randolph b. Tenn. 1843 d. 1843
3. Alexander Houston Randolph b. Mo. 1846 d. 1847 Mo.
4. Aaron H. Randolph b. Ill. 1848 d. 1855 Iowa
5. Mary Elizabeth Randolph b. 16 Nov. 1849 Decatur Co., Iowa & d. Sept. 19, 1946 Mounds Creek, Okla., md. James Tuttle
6. Margaret Randolph b. 1851 Decatur Co., Iowa, d. 1886/7 Johnson Co., Arkansas
7. Sarah H. Randolph b. 1853 Decatur Co., Iowa, d. 1854
8. Stanley Randolph b. 13 May 1855 Mo. d. Apr. 20, 1935 (??) Keoto, Seminole Co., Oklahoma
9. ALFRED MEOUR Randolph b. 1857 Mo., d. 1858
10. Sarah Frances Randolph b. 1863 Mo., md. Mr. Wheat., d. 1946 in Ill.
11. Timan (Infant) Randolph b. 1865 Mo.

5. Mary E. Randolph & James Wm. Tuttle b. 1840 md. and had:
 - a. James Andrew Tuttle b. 1868
 - b. Anna Elizabeth Tuttle b. 1869
 - c. Thomas Madison Tuttle b. 1871
 - d. Susan Cordelia Tuttle b 1874 & she md Dexter Brooks b. 1857 and had:
 - i. Mamie Brooks b. ?
 - ii. Erastus Brooks b. 1892
 - iii. Goldie Brooks b. ?
 - iv. Virgil Brooks b. 1892
 - e. Lulu Frances Lily Clementine Tuttle b. 1884
 - f. Peter Joseph Tuttle b. 1891

James William Tuttle, husband of Mary E. Randolph, had a sister, Susan C. Tuttle, who md. Aaron Stanley a son of J. H. Stanley b. 1856 in Tenn. They md. Feb. 19 1871 in Texas Co., Mo. It is interesting that Mary E. Randolph and Aaron Stanley were prob. not cousins...her mother, Luanna E. Stanley Randolph, a sister of Aaron R. Stanley, who had son, Aaron M. Stanley b. perhaps in 1854.

The above Aaron who md. Susan Tuttle was in the 1870 in census with his father J. H. in Texas Co., Mo. was aged 17 years so he must have been born 1853-4 in Tenn.

BENJAMIN STANLEY

An 1887 issue Of the Adin Argus (Modoc Co., Calif.) reported that O. L. (Ozias L.) Stanley, wife & daughter had stopped in at Adin from a trip to Colusa & Lake Counties to visit relatives. Of course the relatives in Colusa Co., may have been from Lake Co. and whoever they were need not have been Stanley kin, but perhaps Gibsons, maiden name O. L.'s wife Rhoda.

For what it may prove to be worth though, I give this excerpt from the 1906 Historical And Biographical Record of the State of California's Sacramento Valley pp 1691-1692 of John, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Lamb) Stanley.

"John Stanley b. in Randolph Co. (there is no Randolph Co. in Tenn. but there is in N.C.) Oct. 11, 1835 was a descendant, in the second generation, of the Carolinas and through his mother, Sarah Lamb, of German. ancestry. He was of five in the family (by 1906, three deceased). A brother Wesley, a pioneer of 1857 is now a resident in Redding, Shasta Co. When John was eight years of age, the family moved from Tennessee to Arkansas, from there to Grayson Co., Texas in 1849."

In 1854 he came to Calif. In 1858 he came to Stoney Creek, Colusa Co. and took up land. Mr. Stanley md. 1st Fredericka Mordoc and had John and Annie Reed. John md. 2nd to Mary Miller & had Ernest, Louise and Dean Stanley.

NOTE: the 1840 census lists no Benjamin Stanley in Tenn. unless he and his family resided with others.

Also: the Great Register of California voters, Tehama County 1877 lists Wesley Stanley, 43, b. Tenn., Junk Dealer, Red Bluff.

The Great Register for Shasta Co. shows Wesley Stanley, 51, Tenn., Junk dealer.

Neither the 1880 nor 1900 census for Shasta Co. shows Wesley. Perhaps he moved around a lot.

It is my Suspicion that Alfred M. Stanley had these named siblings (not yet proven):

Benjamin Stanley	b. about 1812 North Carolina
Aaron Robert Stanley	b. 1817 Tenn.
Jonathan John Stanley	b. 1818 Tenn.?
Luanna Elizabeth Stanley	b. 1820 Tenn.
2 other sisters - whom ?	
And we recall that Alfred. M. was	b. 1809 North Carolina

I may be way off base on Ester and Benjamin and perhaps somewhat on the others. My Opinion should be taken as TENTATIVE! (yes, Ester was dau. of Jacob of Ray Co., Mo.) Rufas A. Stanley wrote on his work sheets that Alfred the eldest had 3 bros & 3 sisters.

1856 state census: Eden, Decatur Co. Iowa, p.308 Aug.26

Alfred M. Stanley	49	farmer	Va.
Margareate	48		Ky
Osither	18		Tenn.
Fransis M.	16		Tenn.
Christopher		14	Ala.
Lemuel	13		Mo.
Joseph D.	10		Mo.
Luanna	9		Iowa
Celia		8	Iowa
Alford	6		Iowa

NOTE: Osither, age 18, should be Ozias L. Osither, age 17 in 1850, census would be Oliver H. age 17, -- why this discrepancy? did a child give the info? Or possibly a double set of census records were kept by the County from the 1850 to the 1856 census?

[I've seen this kind of thing before. The population density was low so census riders had large areas to cover and would take what they could get to avoid returning so I'll bet on the child or neighbor theory; gm]

By 1853, Oliver H. and his brother, Wm. F., were in Siskiyou Co., Calif. and were there in the 1860 Census. Mrs. Margaret/Margareate Stanley died Oct. 17 or 18, 1857 and Alfred M. then married about 1858-9 to Mrs. Rebecca (Anglin) Sandlin (Mrs. Wm Sandlin). She was born in Ky. 1812 and married Wm. Sandlin in 1834 in Clay Co., Ky.

Some may believe that Rebecca never came to California with Alfred M. in 1864--1872, for it seems there was a divorce in Missouri (perhaps only a separation ?) They married in Decatur Co., Iowa or Mercer Co. Mo. which are neighboring counties.

That she probably came to Calif. is taken from a letter from Alfred M.'s daughter, Luanna Colvin, to her sister, Cela Jane Studley, at Adin, Calif. in which Luanna made the statement: "The way mother makes cheese [cheese]". Luanna and Cela's mother Margaret had died in 1857 when they were about 9-10 years old. When their father married again, to Mrs. Sandlin, they certainly could bond enough to call her mother.

Alfred and Rebecca (if the same couple ?) evidently went back to Mo. for the 1870 census shows them on p.410-B in Edenburg, Washington twp., Grundy Co. which is just south of Mercer County, Mo.

Alfred Stanley	60	farmer	Tenn. ,
Rebecca "	58		Ky.

Rebecca (Anglin) Stanley died Sept. 6, 1881 in Mercer Co. Mo. Alfred M. was not listed in her Will. Alfred M. Stanley d. 1½ months later, Oct. 15, 1881, near Lakeview, Ore.

Alfred's daughters, Luanna & Cela, md. in 1865 in Siskiyou Co. Calif. It is known that he came

out to join his son, Oliver H., who was at Yreka. It is said Alfred was at Hawkinsville near Yreka. Son Wm. was in Fort Jones, Siskiyou Co. eventually by 1869-70. Some of the family moved east to near Adin which is in Modoc and Lassen Counties.

Alfred M. bought land from the Government in 1872 near Adin, Modoc & Lassen Counties. The Great Register Of Voters, Modoc Co., Calif. shows A. M. Stanley, 1875 Apr. 24 farmer 66 at Big Valley born North Carolina.

1860 census p.602 July 24 Eden, Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa

Alfred M. Stanley	51		N.C.
Rebecca "	47	Ky	
Fransis M.	21	Ala,	
Lemuel	18	Mo.	
Luanna	14	Iowa	
Celia J.	12	Iowa	
Alfred N.		10	Iowa

The 1880 census, June 12, 60th Enum. Dist., Lake Co., Ore. shows living with his son Christopher's family:

Alfred M. Stanley	71	b. NC	father b. NC	mother b. NC
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Grass Valley, CA 95949
September 11, 1999

Mr. Marvin Lander
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Subject: Stanley Genealogy

Dear Mr. Lander:

Thank you for your letter and all the information you passed along. It looks as though you have compiled a fairly thorough history of the Stanley family. I'm still compiling and digesting the data you sent and am sure to have questions when I've had a chance to review everything.

We do not know Rev. Richard Johnson. We actually live in a large subdivision south of Grass Valley. We work, go to school and church, shop and play in Auburn, fifteen miles south in Placer County.

My lineage up to Otha Lonzo Stanley is enclosed. I believe most of the details are reliable, but I do not have definitive proof for very much of it.

We visited my folks in Alturas over Labor Day weekend. On Sunday, we took a drive up to Lakeview, Lake Co., OR, to see if we could find Alfred Mure Stanley's grave. Had I read your letter more carefully, we would have known that he has no headstone. There was a bulletin board listing the names of those interred there. Most of the names were faded beyond recognition, but the Stanley section was intact. Included in Block 01 were A. M. Stanley, A. N. Stanley and Mrs. A. N. Stanley. I have details if you are interested. We did find the headstones for four of the children of Mary Jane Stanley and Silas James Studley. I hope the photographs came out.

From Lakeview, we drove over Fandango Pass and down into the Surprise Valley of eastern Modoc County. We visited Fort Bidwell before stopping at the Cedarville Cemetery. We found the headstones for R. Heenan Stanley, F. Heath Stanley and Leon Stanley. Heenan and Heath I recognize as being the son and grandson of John Robert Stanley, but who is Leon? There were several others in the plot also. I can provide details if you like.

On the way out, I stopped on impulse to check out the phone book. Everyone in Modoc County is listed in the same book. There, just below my father's name, was Heath Stanley. Heath died in 1992, my parents didn't move to Alturas until 1995. Therefore, I figured that Heath's widow might still be alive. Her address was 450 Main Street in Cedarville, right across the street from where we were parked. Dad is totally comfortable talking to people he doesn't know, so he walked right up and knocked on the door. Inside, sitting on the porch, was Georgia Stanley,

Heath's wife. She is 91 and has lived in that same house since 1928, the year of my father's birth. The building that housed the paper that Heenan started and Heath took over is next to the house. Heath and Georgia had one child, Dona. She married Sam Stevenson. Dona died in 1994 (according to Heath's obituary). Dad works part time for a mortuary in Alturas. Last month he was called to pick up the body of a man who had passed away at home. His name was Sam Stevenson. Sam's two daughters and a granddaughter were the only ones present when Dad showed up. Sam was a big man, too big for Dad to manage by himself (250 lbs). The ladies helped Dad load him up and get him down the stairs. It wasn't until after we talked to Georgia and I started filling in some blanks that we realized the two daughters were Dad's fourth cousins. He has promised to get better acquainted with the families and to find out who the current family historian is.

On our way home, we stopped west of Adin to try to locate the land that Alfred Mure Stanley patented when he got to California. The site is in Big Valley in Modoc County, just a couple of miles north of the county line. It appears to now be part of the Ash Creek Wildlife Management Area. It's hard to say exactly where the house was, if there ever even was one. The site is about as barren as it gets - a couple of scraggly trees and sparse desert scrub. There is water, Ash Creek, and lots of water fowl, even a coyote. Not far to the southwest there are lush cultivated fields of alfalfa. He must have been after the water. Do you know anything about what he did or intended to do with the land?

Dad was talking to some locals after we left. He hears rumors of a Studley descendant still living in Adin. He is not clear which of the brothers, Silas James or Benjamin Franklin, is the ancestor. Perhaps you already know who this is?

Enough for now. I'll send pictures of our trip when they get developed.

Sincerely,
Michael Stanley

Grass Valley, CA 95949
September 19, 1999

Mr. Marvin Lander
Red Bluff CA 96080

Subject: Stanley Genealogy

Dear Mr. Lander:

Our last letters crossed in the mail. I'm absolutely thrilled to have a copy of Alfred Mure's photograph. It really makes the old man come to life! I would love to get a photographic copy of that picture. I would be happy to pay for the processing.

Seems like quite a bit of our history happened there in Shasta, Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, as well as the Lake Counties in both Oregon and California. I didn't stay long in Redding the first time around (actually, my folks were living in Old Shasta). We moved on quickly. My sister who is two years younger than me was born in Fresno. We lived in Redding again for about a year when I was in the fourth grade. After that, we lived in Fort Jones (Siskyou Co.), Whitmore and Burney before landing in Paradise in 1964.

My wife and I met while I was attending college in College Place, WA. We lived just a few miles north of Milton-Freewater, OR. We chose to get married outside along the banks of the Umatilla River near Thorn Hollow, Umatilla Co., OR. We never actually lived in that part of the state. However, my grandmother, Frances Lena Fraser, was born in Ione, Morrow Co., OR. and lived for a while as a youngster in a convent in Pendleton.

Do you know much about Jesse Harris Stanley? He seems to be pretty invisible. There are also stories about William Clemens Stanley being one of the last surviving veterans of the Civil War. It's funny that his obituary doesn't mention that fact. Do you have much information on him? Mom had a copy of his photo and obit (copy enclosed).

The California Land Patents Database lists Alfred M. Stanley as having received Patent No.436 on 01 Mar 1875 in Sections 27 and 28, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, Modoc Co., California. I have ordered a copy of the patent. I can send maps showing the exact location if you are interested.

Sincerely,
Michael Stanley