

Jacob Kern

Jacob Kern was a son of Michael Kern, Jr. and Catherine Criss. Jacob was also the grandson of Michael Kern, Sr. and widow Susanna Christina (nee unknown) Weatherholt. Michael Kern, Sr. was a founder of Morgantown, West Virginia and a very wealthy and notable man in his community.

Jacob Kern's exact date and place of birth is not known at this time. It is assumed that he was born in Monongalia County, (W) Virginia, which is where his parents resided. He married Sarah McVicker, daughter of James McVicker, on 13 February 1812 and they resided in Monongalia County, Virginia. Jacob was deceased by or before February of 1834.

Marriage to Sarah McVicker

The marriage record of Jacob Kern and Sarah McVicker, which was obtained from the Monongalia County Marriage Bonds, Volume 2, Page 450, is transcribed below:

Now all men by these Presents, that we Jacob Kern & Reuben Chalfant both of Monongalia County Virginia are held and firmly bound unto James Barber Esquire Governor or Chief magistrate of this Commonwealth for the time being and his successors in the sum of One Hundred Fifth Dollars to be paid to the said James Barber or his successors for the use of the said Commonwealth to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 13th day of February 1812

Whereas a Marriage is suddenly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Jacob Kern and Sarah McVicker, daughter of James McVicker both of this County. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause or just impediment to obstruct the said Marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, and delivered

Jacob Kern ()

In the present of

Thos. P. Ray

R. Chalfant ()

[Note: Reuben Chalfant was married to Susannah Kern, Jacob Kern's sister.]

Sarah McVicker

Sarah McVicker came from a very notable family.

Her great-grandfather Duncan McVicker, came from Scotland to New Jersey, and was a paymaster in the Revolutionary army under Washington. He married Nancy McCollum, and removed to Bedford, Penn. From this place James McVicker, one of his sons, went to the South Branch (of the Potomac River), and there married Permelia McNamar. They removed to near Brownsville, Penn., and after a short time started to Randolph County, but stopped in Monongalia County about ninety years ago. James McVicker kept a tavern stand where T.J. Meeks resides, in 1800. His children were: Elizabeth, wife of Owen John; Mary, wife of William John; Sarah, wife of Purnell Houston [second

husband]; Matilda Buck, James Madison, Maria Costolo and George W. (Clarification added in brackets.)

Inheritance

Jacob Kern received land from his parents. Note that the following deed was signed on 13 January 1817, but the dower was not perfected until 18 January 1822. The deed confirms the relationship that Jacob was “son” to Michael Kerns, Jr. and Catherine, wife.

Indenture

Michael Kerns, Jr. and Catherine to Jacob Kerns, Son
13 January 1817, 1 acre, 3 rods, 2 poles with Grist Mill
Monongalia County, West Virginia Deed Book 8 (O.S.), p. 514,

This Indenture made this 13th day of January in the year 1817 between **Michael Kerns jun. and Catherine his wife, of the one part and Jacob Kerns (son of the said Michael and Catherine)** all of Monongalia, and State of Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Michael Kerns Junr. and Catharine his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand dollars lawful money of Virginia, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoss, release and confirm to the said Jacob Kern his heirs and assigns forever, all that peice of parcel of land which Henry Dering conveyed to the said Michael, on the 13th day of July 1806 for the purpose of erecting a water grist mill, on, under these conditions, that the said Henry was to pay half the expence of the building of said mill, if not, then the said Michael was to go on to build the said mill and receive the profits thereof until the said Henry’s part of the expence was paid and then an equal dividend to the said Henry & Michael, of the said profits - And the said Michael having built the said mill still receives the profits of the same. Now this Indenture further witnesseth, that the said Michael & Catherine for the consideration aforesaid, doth grant to the said Jacob, his heirs and assigns forever, all the right title interest, claim or demand which he can or may have to the said piece of parcel of land with the appurtenances thereon, which is described in said deed from Dering to said Michael as follows towit: [LEGAL DESCRIPTION] containing One acre three rods and two poles To have and to hold the above described premises with its appurtenances to the said Jacob Kerns his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said Jacob Kerns his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Michael Kerns Junr. & Catharine his wife, for themselves their heirs and assigns. do hereby covenant to and with the said Jacob Kerns his heirs and assigns, that they the said Michael Kerns Junr. & Catharine his wife the above described premises with the appurtenances to the said Jacob Kern his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend, against all persons and claims whatsoever.

In testimony whereof the said Michael Kern jr. and Catherine his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
In the presence of

Michael Kern Jr. (Seal)
Catharine [her “=” mark] Kern (Seal)

Monongalia county towit: We James Tibbs and John Evans Jr. Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Catharine Kerns the wife of Michael Kerns, Junr. parties to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate to Jacob Kerns personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by as privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Catharine acknowledged the within conveyance to be her act and deed, and declared that she willingly signs, seals and delivers the same, and that she wished not to retract it – Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of January in the year 1822.

James Tibbs (Seal)
J. Evans Jr. (Seal)

Virginia Monongalia County towit, This deed was this day produced before me in my office, and acknowledged by the within named Michael, which is continued for a certificate of the relinquishment of the dower of the within named Catharine – Given under my hand this 13th day of January 1817.

N. Evans Clk

Virginia Be it remembered. That on the 18th of January in the year 1822, this deed was produced to me Nimrod Evans clerk of the County court of Monongalia with a certificate certifying the relinquishment of the dower of the said Catharine.

N. Evans Clk

After the dower was proved, Jacob and Sara thereafter transferred the land to John Thorn by deed dated 18 January 1822, Monongalia County Deed Book 8 (O.S.), p. 464. This land also contained a grist mill. This deed also sets forth a little history of the land.

Indenture

Jacob Kern and Sarah, his wife, to John Thorn
18 January 1822, ½ interest in 1 acre 3 roods and 2 poles (Grist Mill)
On the Monongahela River
Deed Record: 18 January 1811
Monongalia County, West Virginia Deed Book 8 (O.S.), p. 464

This Indenture, made the 18th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, between Jacob Kern and Sarah his wife, of the one part, and John Thorn, all of Monongalia county and State of Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Jacob Kern and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars, to them in hand paid by the said John Thorn, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents, do grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said John Thorn his heirs and assigns forever, all such right, title, interest and claim, which the said Jacob Kern and Sarah his wife now have to the following described piece of land, lying and being in said county on the Monongalia river, **being the same that was conveyed by Henry Dering to Michael Kerns junior, on the 13th day of July 1806, by which conveyance it will be seen, that the heirs of the said Dering have yet title therein. And the said Michael Kern Junr and Catharine his wife on the 13th day of January 1817 conveyed to the said Jacob Kern, such title in the premises as he held under the deed from said Dering, and the said Jacob Kern by this writing intends to convey no more than the title as vested in him** – the said piece of land is bounded as follows: [LEGAL DESCRIPTION] containing one acre three roods and two poles together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the above interest and claim of the said Jacob and his wife to the said John Thorn, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said John Thorn and his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Jacob Kern and Sarah his wife, for themselves their heirs & assigns do covenant promise and grant to and with the said John Thorn, his heirs and assigns, that the said Jacob Kern and Sarah his wife at the time of sealing and delivering these presents, are seized of a good, sure, perfect and indefeasible estate of one half of the premises hereby described, and that they have good right, and possess, and lawful authority to convey the same to the said John Thorn in manner and form aforesaid – and that the one half of the said premises now are and forever shall be free and clear of and from all claims, liens, and incumbrances of all and every kind or kinds whatsoever. And lastly the said Jacob Kern, and Sarah his wife and their heirs, all and singular the premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said John Thorn his heirs and assigns, against the said Jacob Kerns and Sarah his wife their heirs, and all and every other person or person whatsoever, lawfully claiming, shall and will warrant and forever defend. In testimony whereof the said Jacob Kern and Sarah his wife hath hereunto set their names and seals the day and year first above written.

Jacob Kern (Seal)
Sarah [her "X" mark] Kern (Seal)

Monongalia county towit – We James Tibbs and Feilding Kygert, Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Sarah Kern, the wife of James [sic, must be error] Kern, a party to the within deed, personally appeared before us in our county, aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her; she the said Sarah acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly, signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it – Given under our hands and seals the 18th day of January in the year 1822.

James Tibbs (Seal)
Feilding Kygert (Seal)

[NOTE: The deed recorded previous to this one by the Clerk is from Rebecca Dering, Henry Dering's widow, who grants to John Thorn the other one half interest in the property. These two deeds were recorded after Henry's Dering's death.]

Children of Jacob and Sarah (McVickers) Kern

By 1833, Michael Kern Sr., Michael Kern, Jr. and Jacob Kern were deceased. It is interesting that they all died about 1833. According to an indenture dated 12 November 1838 between Stephen Gilbert and Huldah, wife, to George Kern and Jacob Kern, deceased, Jacob had the following named heirs:

1. **Eliza Christie** (also, Christey; Christy). Eliza was born c. June 1813 (per 1900 federal census). She married first to William A. Christey 25 January 1831 by Reverend Asby Pool. According to the 1850 federal census, they had 4 children: Sarah J., born c.1832; James, born c.1836; Mary C., born c.1840; Levina, born c.1844 and Permelia, born c.1845.

Set forth below is information regarding William Christey.

Lieutenant George W. Clutter, early in 1847, enlisted a detachment of thirty-two men in Monongalia county, for service in the War with Mexico. They were known as the "Mountain Boys of Monongalia," and all left Morgantown, May 21, 1847, and proceeded to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where they were attached to Company B of the Thirteenth United States Infantry, of which John Tyler was captain. He resigned and Lieutenant Clutter was promoted to the captaincy. The Company sailed June 9, 1847, in the brig "Tuckahoe" from Old Point Comfort, to Point Isabel at the mouth of the Rio Grande, whence the Regiment marched to join the forces of General Taylor. The names of these Monongalia county men were as follows:

Levi L. Bryte	John W. Hayes	Elliss Mitchell
William Black	Richard Hall	John McFadden (dis.)
Jesse J. Carraco	Oakley Hopkins	William Miller
William Christy (died)	Aaron Hamilton (died)	Amos Martin (died)
Henry Dean	N. N. Hoffman	Lewis Powelson
William Dean	Alexander Jenkins	William Pixler (Pa.)
Wilson Dean	John Keefover	Felix Scott
George Exline	John Koontz	Jeff Scott
Jacob Farr (Pa)	William Miller	Benjamin Scott (died)
Oliver Guthrie	Levi Hayes	Davis Toothman
George Hayes		

Eliza married second to George Weaver on 23 December 1852, who also had been previously married. Eliza and George had two children: Joseph Henry, b.31 December 1854 and Purnell W.

Weaver, c. February 1856 (1900 federal census). The 1860 federal census indicates that they are residing in Preston County, VA. The 1870 federal census indicates George's occupation as hotel keeper. The 1900 federal census indicates that Eliza is living with her son, Purnell Weaver, and family in Preston County, which indicates that George was probably deceased. She died 25 October 1905, P.W. Weaver informant.

2. **James M. Kern.** James married Catharine (also, Katherine) Chisler. They had three children: Thornton W.J., bc.1843; John E., bc.1845 and Elizabeth M., bc.1847.

3. **Michael C. Kern.** See next chapter.

4. **Jacob H. Kern.** Jacob was born in June 1820 in Monongalia County, VA (WV) and died 6 March 1901, Delaware County, Indiana. He was married to Mary Ann Dean on 1 December 1842, Monongalia County, the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Houston) Dean. Mary Dean was born 1 October 1819 in VA and died 16 February 1880 in Delaware County, Indiana. Jacob's occupation has been noted as farmer and carpenter in the federal census records. [Note, Jacob's name appears at "Jacob H. Kern" in the 1880 federal census.]

In 1860, Jacob and Mary were living in Boothsville, Marion County, VA, which is southwest of Morgantown. Jacob and Mary relocated to Indiana by 1870 where they lived the rest of their lives. They had the following 8 children: Eliza A., bc.1843; Sophia H., bc.1846; Sarah L., bc.1848; James, bc.1851; Mary Adaline, bc.1853; Joseph Elry/Ellery, bc.1856; Isaac Ashbrow, bc.1858 and Emma Susan, bc.1863.

Jacob married second to Mary E. (unknown) c.1879. Mary E. was born in 1836 and had been previously married having 7 children. No children were known to have been born as a result of this marriage. According to the 1900 federal census, they were living in Monroe Township, Delaware County, Indiana, which is located south of Muncie.

Indenture

Stephen Gilbert and Huldah, Wife, to George Kern and Jacob Kern, children of Michael Kern, [Jr.] Deceased,
Eliza Christie, James Kern, Michael Kern and Jacob Kern, children of Jacob Kern, Deceased
12 November 1838, 10 Acres and 93 Parities
Date of Record: 23 April 1841
Monongalia County, West Virginia Deed Record OS Vol. 16, page 362

This Indenture made this 12 day of November in the year of our Lord 1838 between Stephen Gilbert and Huldah his wife of the one part and **George Kern and Jacob Kern children of Michael Kern decd, Eliza Christie, James Kern, Michael Kern and Jacob Kern children of Jacob Kern deceased who was another child of the said Michael Kern deceased and all heirs at law of the said Michael Kern deceased of the other part.** Witnesseth that the said Stephen Gilbert and Huldah his wife pursuant to the provisions of a Title Bond executed by the said Stephen Gilbert to the said Michael Kern first above named in his life time bearing date the 28th day of November in the year 1832 and in consideration of the sum therein stated have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the before named heirs of Michael Kern deceased the following described piece or parcel of land bounded as followeth, to wit. [LEGAL DESCRIPTION] containing 10 acres and 93 parities more or less. To have and to hold the above described premises with the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper use benefit and behoof of them the before mentioned heirs at law of the before mentioned Michael Kern deceased their heirs and assigns forever. And the said Stephen Gilbert and Huldah his wife for themselves and their heirs do covenant to and with

the aforesaid heirs of Michael Kerns deceased that they the said Stephen Gilbert and Huldah his wife will warrant secure and forever defend the said premises to the said heirs at law of the said Michael Kern deceased their heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Stephen Gilbert and Huldah his wife will warrant secure and forever defend the said premises to the said heirs at law of the said Michael Kern deceased their heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof of the said Stephen Gilbert and Huldah his wife have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

Stephen Gilbert (seal)
Huldah Gilbert (seal)

Harrison County to wit.

We F. Burdett and E. J. Armstrong Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Stephen Gilbert one of the parties to the foregoing deed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and Huldah Gilbert wife of the said Stephen Gilbert also a party to the said deed appeared also before us at the same time personally and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Huldah Gilbert acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract. The said Stephen Gilbert desired us to certify his acknowledgement aforesaid to the clerk of the County court of Monongalia in order that he said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 12 day of November 1838.

F. Burdett (seal)
E. J. Armstrong (seal)

Virginia: Be it remembered, that on the 23 of April in the year 1841 this deed was produced to me Thomas P. Ray clerk of the County court of Monongalia county in my office, duly certified and admitted to record.

Thos. P. Ray

Petition for Dam

In December 1815, Jacob Kern made a petition to build a lock, as follows:

The Petition
of
Jacob Kern
of Monongalia

Decr. 18th 1815
Refd. To Propt.
reasonable
repealed
Bill drawn

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of Virginia in general Assembly wit.

The Petition of Jacob Kerns therewith – That he has built a dam across the Monongahela river in Monongalia County for the purpose of working a grist mill. That where this dam stands the channel of the river is on the side opposite to that of the mill, and boats descending the river uniformly cross the dam at the place last mentioned except when the spring floods permit them to cross any where. For these reasons your petitioner prays that an act may be passed authorizing him to erect a lock, windlassed, on the side of the river opposite to his mill and your petitioner will pray be.

J Kern

Death of Jacob Kern

Jacob Kern’s date and circumstance of death is not known. However, it is evident by a deed dated 8 February 1834 that Jacob Kern was already deceased. It is unknown whether Jacob left a will. No estate record has been found for Jacob Kern at this writing.

Indenture

James Johnson & Rebecca, Wife, to John Kerns & Maria, Wife; John G. Cooper & Elizabeth, Wife (late Elizabeth Kern); Michael Kern & Eliza, Wife; James Kern & Polly, Wife; Susanna Culland (late Susanah Kerns); and George Kern & Polly, Wife, **Heirs of Jacob Kerns Deceased (Heirs and Legal**

Representatives of Michael Kern, Deceased)

8 February 1834, 6 ½ Acres (Booths Creek)

Monongalia County, West Virginia Deed Book Records (O.S.) Vol. 12, p. 21

This Indenture made the eighth day of February in the year 1834 Between James Johnson and Rebecca his wife of the county of Monongalia and State of Virginia of the one part and John Kerns and Maria his wife John G. Cooper & Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Kern Michael Kern and Eliza his wife James Kern and Polly his wife Susannah Culland late Susanah Kerns, and George Kern and Polly his wife **the heirs of Jacob Kerns deceased, heirs and legal representatives of Michael Kern deceased.** Witnesseth; That the said James Johnson and Rebecca his wife for and in consideration of the sum of forty dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoss, release, and confirm unto the said John Kerns & Maria his wife, John G. Cooper & Elizabeth his wife late Elisabeth Kern, Michael Kern & Eliza his wife James Kerns & Polly his wife Susannah Culland late Susanah Kern George Kern & Polly his wife & the heirs of Jacob Kerns deceased, heirs and legal representatives of the said Michael Kerns deceased their heirs and assigns forever, all a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County aforesaid on the waters of Booths creek and bounded as follows viz: [LEGAL DESCRIPTION] containing 6 ½ acres be the same more or less – To have and to hold the above described premises, with appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of them the said heirs and legall representative of the said of Michael Kern decd & their heirs and assigns for ever, And the said James Johnson & Rebecca his wife for themselves and their heirs do covenant to and with the said heirs and legall representatives of the said Michael Kern decd their heirs and assigns, that at the time of sealing and delivering these presents they are seized of a good sure, perfect and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple, in the above described premises, free from all claims, liens or incumbrances, and that they have good right and authority to convey the same in manner and form aforesaid, and that they will warrant, secure and forever defend the said premises to the said heirs & legall representatives of the said Michael Kern decd their heirs and assigns, free from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever.

In testimony whereof the said James Johnson and Rebecca his wife have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written

James [his O mark] Johnson ()
Rebecca [her x mark] Johnson ()

Monongalia County to wit:

We Fielding Kiger & Ralph Berkshire Justices of the peace in and for said County, in the state of Virginia, do hereby certify that Rebecca Johnson the wife of James Johnson parties to the within deed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband and having the deed fully explained she acknowledged the same to be her act and declared that she ha willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same, and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of February 1834.

R. Berkshire

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Fielding Kiger

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Virginia:

Be it remembered that on the 8th of February in the year 1834 the deed was produced to me Henry Lazier deputy of Thomas P. Ray Clerk of the County court of Monongalia is my office acknowledged by the said James Johnson and admitted to record together with a certificate enclosed of his wife acknowledgment.

Henry Lazier

Marriage to Purnell Houston

After Jacob Kern's death, Sarah married Purnell Houston on 31 January 1838. Purnell Houston was born c. 1794 in Kent County, Delaware to Purnell and Mary (Carey) Houston; he died June 4, 1881 in Monongalia County, West Virginia. One child, Mary, was born to Sarah and Purnell Houston c. 1840. Purnell and Sarah's marriage bond is transcribed and set forth below:

Know all Men by these Presents,
That we Purnel Houston & Joseph D. Hill

are held and firmly bound unto David Campbell Esq.,
Governor, or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the time being and his successors, to the use of the said Commonwealth, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 31st day of January 1838

Whereas a marriage is suddenly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Purnell Houston & Sarah Kern daughter of James McVicker both of this county.

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such, That if there be no lawful cause or just impediment to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered,
In the presence of

Purnell Houston

Lind. W. Bogges

Joseph D. Hill

Purnell, Sarah and Mary Houston were living in Monongalia County, Virginia in 1850, according to the 1850 federal census records. By 1860 they resided in Preston County, Virginia next to Purnell Houston's nephew Purnell Dean. In 1880 Purnell Houston was a widower, residing with his nephew, Purnell Dean and family. Purnell Houston was widowed and living with his nephew, Purnell Dean by 1800.

Death of Sarah (McVicker) Kern Houston and Mary Houston

The U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index reflects that Mary Houston died February 1870 by suicide at the age of 31 years; her mother also died February 1870 from paralysis.

Death of Purnell Houston

Purnell Houston's Will was dated March 13, 1878 and the date of probate is March 7, 1882. Sarah Houston, wife, and Mary Houston, daughter, are listed as devisees to Purnell Houston's Last Will and Testament. The executor of Purnell Houston's Last Will and Testament was Purnell Dean. According to Purnell Houston's obituary, his wife and daughter predeceased him by 2 years; c 1880. However, the U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index reflects that Mary Houston died in February 1870 by suicide at the age of 31 years; Sarah died in February 1870 from paralysis. It is conjectured that Mary Houston never married. Purnell Houston's obituary is as follows:

Death of Purnell Houston - Died, at his home near Morgantown, Thursday, March 2, 1882, after a long and patient sickness, Purnell Houston, in the 86th year of his age.

Mr. Houston was one of the oldest citizens of our county. He was born and raised in Monongalia and was well known in this as well as in adjoining counties. He was active, vigorous and industrious all his life; was possessed of an aggressive character, and was a man of fixed views and opinions. For several years he rode as High Constable of the county, and many incidents that took place during his public and private life are often told and are characteristic of his nature and habits. He was an industrious man, and left a comfortable estate. He died without children, his wife and daughter having died about 2 years ago. The relatives of the deceased are many, in this and other counties, and his memory will long be revered by them and a large circle of friends and family.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/wv/monongalia/obits/PurnellHoustonObit.txt>