

Family Group Sheet for James S. Pointer

Husband:		James S. Pointer
	Birth:	27 Nov 1815 in Franklin County, Missouri
	Death:	27 Dec 1898 in Osage County Missouri
	Burial:	1898 in College Hill Baptist Cemetary Osage County Missouri
	Marriage:	10 Jan 1836 in Gasconade Co. Missouri
	Father:	George Pointer
	Mother:	Joannah Tackett
Wife:		Nancy Branson
	Birth:	20 Feb 1816 in White Co. Tennessee
	Death:	03 Mar 1904 in Linn, Osage County Missouri
	Burial:	Mar 1904 in College Hill Baptist Cemetary Osage County Missouri
	Father:	Thomas Garred Branson
	Mother:	Alma Susan McGowan
Children:		
1	Name:	George Washington Pointer
M	Birth:	16 Sep 1839 in Lynn Osage County Missouri
	Death:	01 Jul 1925 in Osage County Missouri
	Burial:	Becker Cemetary Osage County Missouri
	Marriage:	17 Mar 1859 in Osage County, Missouri
	Spouse:	Margaret Elizabeth Lamb
2	Name:	Thomas B. Pointer
M	Birth:	Abt. 1841 in Mo.
	Marriage:	28 Dec 1862 in Osage County, Missouri
	Spouse:	Elizabeth Leyle
3	Name:	John Andrew Jackson Pointer
M	Birth:	07 Nov 1844 in Bland, Gasconade, Mo.
	Death:	31 Jan 1926 in Bland, Gasconade, Mo.
	Burial:	Union Cemetery
	Marriage:	07 Mar 1864 in Osage County, Missouri
	Spouse:	Louisa Minerva Magowen
4	Name:	Charles Roark Pointer
M	Birth:	18 Nov 1846 in Laughlin Springs, Mo
	Death:	29 Nov 1934 in Bland, Gasconade, Mo.
	Marriage:	24 Oct 1867 in Osage County, Missouri
	Spouse:	Elizabeth Isabella Mathews
5	Name:	Sarah M. Pointer
F	Birth:	Abt. 1848 in Mo.
	Marriage:	01 Sep 1870 in Osage County, Missouri
	Spouse:	John F. Palmer
6	Name:	Mary Pointer
F	Birth:	Abt. 1853 in Mo.
7	Name:	Martha Pointer
F	Birth:	24 Dec 1853 in Lynn Osage County Missouri
	Death:	19 Apr 1925 in Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri, USA
	Marriage:	23 Jan 1873 in Osage County, Missouri, USA
	Spouse:	James A Hassler

8 Name: Mellisa J. Pointer
F Birth: Abt. Jul 1858 in Mo.
Marriage: 09 Aug 1883 in Osage County, Missouri
Spouse: John T. Leach

9 Name: Steven B. Pointer
M Birth: 06 Jun 1861 in Linn, Osage Co. Mo
Death: 1948 in Appleton City, St. Clair Mo.
Marriage: 30 Aug 1883 in Osage County, Missouri
Spouse: Sara Elizabeth Howard

Notes:

James S. Pointer

James Pointer was born on November 27, 1815 in Franklin County Missouri as noted in the Good Speed History of Osage County published in 1888. (However since Gasconade county was not formed until 1820 and Osage in 1841, his birthplace could have been in any of the three) He was the fourth child and second son of George and Joannah (Tackett) Pointer. According to the Goodspeed history of Osage County, Missouri published in the 1880, he was one of the pioneer settlers in Osage county.

On January 10, 1836, his marriage to Nancy Branson is recorded in the Missouri Marriage records with the marriage being conducted and recorded by Joshua Cox.

The 1840 Census has James and Nancy living in Gasconade County Missouri, (Osage County not formed until 1841). George Washington Pointer has been born and is one year old. He is living next to his brother Thomas and there are a number of additional people in his household. One female age 50 to 59 is probably his mother Joannah Pointer, One female 15 - 19 is his sister Johanna, there is an additional female 15 - 19 that could be another sister, as there is some debate over how many children Joannah had.

There is a recorded sale of property to James on October 1, 1840. The location Section 36Township 43-N, Range 8-W 5th Meridian. This places it where the present Linn State Technical College is located. This is probably the farm that Son George was born on.

The 1850 census has James and family still located at the farm near Linn Missouri. There are now five children, George W., Thomas, John AJ, Charles and Sarah M. It notes that James is a farmer and the value of his real estate is \$200.00. It also notes that he can read and write but that Nancy cannot. His brother Thomas is also listed above George and it notes that he is a laborer. He was probably living on George's farm and working with him. Georges mother Johanna is part of Thomas's household as well as one sister Elizabeth Roach.

In 1854 James again purchased land as recorded in the US General Land Office records. He purchased property at Section 9, Township 42-N Range 7-W Fifth Meridian. This property is farther south and east and is located in the general area that George W. Pointer would have his homestead.

The 1860 Census has James located near the Coppers Hill post office in Jefferson Township. The family moved from the original farm to the second property James bought between 1850 and 1860. It notes that his real estate holdings are now worth \$1000.00 and personal property is \$350.000 there are now seven children, Thomas B, John G, Charles, Sarah, Mary, Martha and M. The four older children attended school during the year. His brother Thomas now has his own farm but is still located nearby.

The 1870 census list James, Nancy and five children, Sally, Mary, Martha, Mellissa and Steven B. They are still located at the farm in Jefferson Township, Osage County. Son George is located on the next farm. It is noted that James real estate is now worth \$5000.00 and his personal property is worth \$577.00. It notes that the three youngest children attended school during the year. It notes that Nancy and Mary cannot read or write. It also notes that Mary cannot speak (Dumb).

Notes: (con't)

In 1876, James is listed in the Missouri State Census, Listed with him are Nancy, Mary, Melissa and H. James owns 1 horse, 2 mules, 6 cattle, 18 Sheep and 10 hogs. During the year he produced 65 # wheat, 400 # corn and 50 # oats as well as 55 # of wool.

The 1880 census has James and Nancy with Melissa and Stephen still at home. It notes that Stephen attended school during the year. It notes that James is farming and that he was born in Missouri, his father was born in Kentucky and his mother was born in North Carolina and that Nancy is keeping house and was born in Tennessee and that her parents were born in Virginia.

James dies on December 27, 1898 and is buried at College Hill Cemetery, near his farm. His stone notes "Our father has gone to the Mansion of rest, to the glorious land by the deity blessed".

Nancy Branson

Nancy was born on February 20 1816 probably in White County TN. although at present we have found no record. She was the third daughter and sixth child of Thomas Garred and Alma Susan (McGowan) Branson. She lived her early life in TN. probably arriving in MO in the late 1820's. She first appears on the census records of MO in 1830 with her father Thomas. On 10 Jan. 1836 she married James Pointer in Gasconade Co. This marriage is recorded in the Missouri Marriage records and was officiated over by Joshua Cox.

The 1840 census finds her listed with husband James in Jefferson Township Gasconade County Missouri. Her first child George Washington Pointer has been born. There are additional members in the household probably her mother in law Johannah and two sisters in law. The 1850 census of Crawford Township, Osage County Mo. first list Nancy by name and noted she was born in TN. and cannot read or write.

The 1860 census is the finds them back in Jefferson Township so we can assume that there was a move during this decade. They are now located at a farm near Coppers Hill, MO. James and Nancy now have seven children living at home. The 1870 census James and Nancy with five children at home and still living in Jefferson Township. No additional new information is found. In the 1880 census James and Nancy are in their 60 and still have two children living at home. This census notes she is keeping house, was born in TN and that her mother and father were born in Virginia.

Nancy again appears in the 1900 census in the household of John Leach where she is listed as a mother in law. John is married to daughter Mellissa. She was the mother of 11 children of whom we have records of 9 and five are still living in 1900. It notes she was born in February 1816 and is widowed. It also noted that she was born in TN and that her Father was born in Kentucky (incorrect) and her mother in TN. (incorrect). This was probably due to the person giving the information not knowing the correct birthplaces.

Nancy dies on February 20 1904 and is buried at College Hill Cemetery nears Coppers Hill, Missouri.

Fact Notes for Nancy Branson

Burial: Grave stone photographed by Don Appel In the 1980's.
College Hill Cemetery (Near Coppers Hill Missouri); Highway 50 West from Union Mo. At Mount Sterling Take Junction A South (left. One mile outside Mount Sterling take Highway D right towards Coppers Hill. Cemetery on D right past College Hill turnoff

George Washington Pointer

George Washington Pointer was born on September 16, 1839, the first child of James and Nancy (Branson) Pointer. He was born near Linn Missouri on his parent's farm. He attended the common schools until he was 19 years old.

Notes: (con't)

On March 17, 1859 he married Margaret E. Lamb, daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy (David) Lamb. In this year he also built a house for his new bride near the College Hill Baptist Church. The farm was 110 acres of which 50 acres were under cultivation. They also raised stock. It was in this house they would live and raise 13 children over the next 60 years. The house was still standing, in poor repair in 1985.

George served in the Missouri 28th Reg't Enrolled Missouri Militia during the Civil War. This was a local Osage County group formed to help combat the rebel forces that were active in the Gasconade River area. He was ordered to active service twice August 24, 1862 to October 26, 1862 and May, 1 1863 to November 9, 1864. Most of the activity was in the area between Saint Aubert and Jefferson City Mo. He was called into active service the second time, September 25, 1864, to repel Price's invasion of Missouri. Skirmishes on Osage River took place on October 5-6. He was relieved from active service October 31, 1864.

However rebel forces did reach as far as the G.W Pointer farm while George was away. Margaret jumped on a horse and with her daughter galloping off as the forces shot at her. She escaped to a relative home. It is said that there were still rebel bullets embedded in the logs of the house.

On December 6, 1866 Governor Thomas C. Fletcher "reposing especial trust and confidence in the integrity, patriotism and valor of G.W. Washington" commissioned him 1st Lieutenant Company D, 9th battalion of the Missouri Militia

The 1870 Census finds George's parents directly above him in the book. We can assume that they live nearby. The value of the farm (real estate) was \$2000.00 and \$410.00 in personal estate.

In 1880 census we find the couple with 8 children and Margaret's mother, Nancy (David) Lamb, was also living with them. It also noted that he could read and write.

By the 1900 census George and Margaret have three children remaining at home. It noted that George and Margaret has been married 41 years and 12 of their 13 children were living. It also notes that he is a farmer and owns his farm free and clear of any mortgage and that he can read, write and speak English.

The 1910 census find all children gone in this their 51st year of marriage; however two grandchildren Era (age 11) and Josephine (age 7) Hassler are now living with them. Three daughters married Hasslers so at this time we do not know which daughter's children these are. Oddly at this time it notes that he owns that farm but that it is mortgaged.

The 1920 Census find George and Margaret living on the farm alone. He is 80 and she is 79. They have lived on the farm for 60 years with no electricity and only a pump for water and raised 13 children.

Margaret died in March 1920 and George lived an addition five years till July of 1925, He was 85 and died of heart failure. He was buried at the Bigger cemetery on property owned by Sara Bacon in the 1985. The cemetery was in poor shape and George's stone was missing in 1985. Margaret's stone was still present at that time.

George and Margaret were prominent people in Osage county and the following Biographical sketch appeared in Godspeed History of Osage county published in 1889.

George W. Pointer is a son of James and Nancy (Branson) Pointer, of whose family of eleven children six are now living. James Pointer was born in Franklin County, Mo., in 1815, and is one of the pioneer settlers of Osage County, in which county he is still living. His wife, Nancy Pointer, who is a native of Tennessee, was born in 1.817. The paternal grandfather of our subject was George Pointer, who immigrated from Kentucky to Missouri while the' Indians claimed possession of the interior counties. He died in Osage County, Mo., about 1825.

George W. Pointer was born in Osage County in 1839,

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and was reared on a farm, attending the common schools of the county until about nineteen years of age. March 17, 1859, he married Margaret Lamb, who was born near Nashville, Tenn., October 22, 1842, and is a daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy Lamb, natives respectively of Mississippi and Virginia, who settled in Osage County, Mo., in 1843, where the father died in 1844 and the mother in 1884.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pointer:
Catherine, who married James Jett, and died in 1884, leaving two children;
Franz Siegel, Bettie, wife of James L. Vaughn; Errena T., Flora
Isabelle, Charles M., Louisa R., Mary M., James C., Nora S.,
Lorenzo B., Martha L. and Antonia C.

In 1860 Mr. Pointer removed to his present home in Jefferson Township, Osage County, twelve miles southeast of Linn, where he owns a farm of 110 acres, fifty-eight acres of which are under cultivation. He is engaged in farming and stock-raising, and has been very successful at his chosen occupation.

He was a member of the Missouri State Militia during the late war, and December 6, 1866, he was commissioned by Gov. Fletcher first lieutenant of Company D, Ninth Battalion.

Mrs. Pointer is a member of the Baptist Church.

GOVERNORS PROCLAMATION

STATE OF MISSOURI

NO. 3756

GREETINGS

KNOW YE A THAT I THOMAS FLETCHER GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE FORCES THEREOF, REPOSING ESPECIAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY, PATRIOTISM AND VALOR OF G. W. POINTER ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE DO HEREBY APPOINT AND COMMISSION HIM 1ST LIEUTENANT COMPANY "D" 9TH BATTALION IN THE MISSOURI MILITIA, TO RANK DECEMBER 6 1866 AND DO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER HIM TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF SAID OFFICE ACCORDING TO LAW.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I HAVE HERETO, SET MY HAND DONE AT THE CITY OF JEFFERSON. THIS THIRTY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIX
THE UNITED STATES THE EIGHTY NINTH AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI THE FORTY FIFTH.

THO C. FLETCHER

SAMUEL P. SIMPSON
ADJUTANT GENERAL