

# JACOB FALCONBURY

1757 - 1844

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## PREFACE

This brief and jumbled history of Jacob Falconbury was compiled to provide Kentucky descendants with additional, information about their ancestor before and after Kentucky.

It is hoped the history will find its way to descendants of Jacob in Indiana and beyond who will be interested and can possibly add to the story of Jacob's life between the 1820's and 1844.

Another hope is that it will aid future researchers to fill in some gaps and answer questions in the Carolina's and Virginia. What was Charity's maiden name? Could it be Baker? Did Jacob have a wife before Charity? Which of Henry Falconbury's children or grandchildren is really the father of Jacob? When we move back in time from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia (Chesters Gap), in the first half of the eighteenth century, where does it lead us?

I am captivated by the life of Jacob Falconbury. I know, personally, the effort required to survive on Fishing Creek in the 1930's. Jacob was there a hundred and thirty years before that time, just eleven or twelve years after George Washington became President. He lived there for two and one-half decades retaining the pioneer spirit to move to new and unsettled land at the age of 70.

See Attachment No. 5 for correcting and informational responses. Blank sheets have been added for reviewers to leave notes that would be an aid to others.

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"Born 14 February 1757, Anson Co., N.C. Volunteered 1776, for 2 mos., 21 days, as a private under Gen. Redderford, Capt. Hay, Col. Lone; 1780, under Col. Wade and Capt. Deganett; and drafted 1781, for 12 mos. under Col. Wade. Engaged in battle of Beaty's Bridge. All N.C. service. Pension Claim S167759. Died 2 November 1844, Decatur Co., Ind. Married Levina \_\_\_\_\_, who survived the pensioner." (Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana. Compiled and edited by Mrs. Roscoe C. O'Byrne, Chairman, Brookville, Ind. Published by Indiana Dau. of the Am. Rev. 1938. -- New Albany, Ind. Public Library, 973.3.

"Born 14 February 1757, Anson Co., N.C. Pension Claim S16789, N.C. Line, applied 24 Oct. 1832, Decatur Co., Ind., age 76. Soldier lived in Anson Co., N.C. at time of enlistment and after his service moved to Richmond Co., N.C., also enlisted there." (Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Virgil D. White).-- FC (Filson Club, 1310 S. Third, Louisville, Ky.) 973.34 W588.

The dates of birth and death in the above excerpts agree with those of Mr. Harold E. Ragle, a Falconbury descendant who has placed a history in the Family Files at the Casey County Library, Liberty, Ky. He said he had a copy of the original pension application from the National Archives.

Mr. Ragle said the signature on the pension application was "Jacob Falconbury." As will be seen in this history, various and sundry spellings have been used.

Mr. Ragle said Jacob was born near Wadesboro. I have found no reference to Wadesboro but it is the county seat of Anson County and is 10-12 miles from the Pee Dee River, referred to in family deeds. A dam has been built across the Pee Dee River to form Blewett Falls Lake. Anson County was formed from Bladen in 1748-1750 depending on who you read.

The Falconburys probably came to North Carolina by way of Virginia. Jacob, Andrew and Henry Folkenburrrough signed petitions concerning a road (Chester's Gap) through the Blue Ridge Mountains on 23 July 1737. Thomas Chester had a ferry across the river. The name of the river is not mentioned. (FC Orange Co. Deed Books 3 & 4, 1738-1741).

They were in North Carolina by 1750 when Henry Faultenberry/  
Faultonburg on 6 Apr 1750, received a Land Patent No. 3426,  
Bk 5, Pg 351, 80 ac in Bladen Co. on North side of Great Pee  
Dee, joining the mouth of naked creek and an island. In the  
1750's Jacob Fallinborough, Isaac Falkenborough, and Henry  
Fortunberry were all living near the Great Pee Dee River.  
(NC <Colony> - Land Grants, Margaret M. Hoffman, FC 975.6  
H713c).

From the Anson County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts  
1749-1766 & Abstracts of Wills & Estates 1749-1795, by Brent  
H. Holcomb, C.A.L.S., (PC 975.675 H725a), we find the  
following:

(a) 7 Sept 1759, Henry Falkenburg, Sr. of Anson, to grandson  
Henry Falkenburg son of Jacob Falkenburg, for natural  
love ... 134 A on Smith Creek, S side Pee Dee also an iron  
gray horse ... Henry Falkenburg.

(b) 7 Dec 1759, Henry Falkenborough Senr of Anson Co., for  
natural love and affection to beloved grandson Jacob  
Falkenborough, son of Isaac Falkenborough ... half of the  
tract of S side Pee Dee on both sides of mouth of Little  
Creek and one bay mare and a cow ... Henry Falkenborough.

It appears that Jacob descended from Henry, Sr., who was  
either his grandfather or great grandfather. If Henry is  
his GF then Isaac would be his father. If another  
generation is involved, his father could be Jacob s/o Isaac  
or Henry s/o Jacob. Three other names also appear (see  
below), Jonathan, Andrew and Samuel; however, these names  
have not been identified in Jacob's descendants. He did  
have a son named Henry and a grandson named Isaac.

Andrew, Henry and Isaac Falkenburg were on Anson Co. tax  
lists for 1763 (Early American Series, NC Vol 2, Jackson, FC  
929.4756 E12). They were there in the 1770's when the above  
and Jacob, Jonathan and Samuel signed petitions. Henry was  
mentioned as farming for a living on Turkey Cock Creek.  
Isaac was overseer of Blewetts Ferry Rd. In Superior Court  
at Salisbury, Isaac was fined \$10 for contempt and had to  
give security for his good behavior' (North Carolina - County  
- Anson, Mary Wilson McBee, (FC 975.675f M118).

On the 1790 census for South Carolina, a Jacob Falconburg is  
in the Orangeburgh District (North Part) and Henry, Isaac,  
John and Jacob Faulkenburg are in the Lancaster District.  
The Faulkenburgs remained in Lancaster and Kershaw Counties  
on the 1800, 1810 and 1820 census.

Jacob Falconbury that is the subject of this history claimed 62 acres of vacant land on Fishing Creek in Lincoln Co., Ky. on 9 Jan 1804. Proof was made that he had actually settled and improved said land (Lincoln Co., Ky. Records, Vol 111, FC 976.972 C711); therefore, he was on Fishing Creek earlier. Son Benjamin was born in Ky. ca 1801-1802. The description of the land makes clear that the land bordered the creek for at least 80 poles (1/4 of a mile), KSA (Ky. State Archives, Frankfort, Ky.) MF 272831, Bk 8, Pg 351. On 28 May 1822 he obtained 50 acres (Land Warrant 5065) that joined his 62 acres. This tract also bordered Fishing Creek (KSA MF 272847, Bk 1, Pg 186).

On 3 Oct 1826, Jacob Falconberry and his wife Charity sold both tracts of land to William Falconberry (KSA MF 7007363, Bk M, Pgls 123 & 124). William had also obtained 70 acres that joined Jacob in 1819, Land Warrant 3095 (KSA MF 272847, Ek G, Pg 79). In Sept 1853, William sold 45 acres to Monroe McMullen, 54 acres to John McMullin and 104 acres to Hugh Caldwell. These deeds are recorded in Lincoln Co. Deed Bk X, Pg's 497, 498, and 499. The description of the land to Monroe McMullin sounds like a part of the 62 acres that Jacob Falconberry obtained in 1804. In 1857, William Falconburg sold 55 acres to David Singleton. This land joined Monroe McMullen. David Singleton sold this tract to Eli McMullin in 1865 (Bk 3, Pg 424). Eli was the s/o Monroe and Harriet. Eli had two sons, Horatio Seymour and Bradley. On the 1900 census Eli (widowed) was living with Bradley and Seymour was living on an adjoining tract of land. This land is currently owned (1993) by Willis B. McMullin, s/o Bradley, s/o Monroe. After studying the land descriptions, it is concluded that the original 62 acres of Jacob Falconbury was part of this land and is where he lived until 1826.

Jacob and Charity, who were in or approaching their 70's, moved to Decatur Co., Indiana between October 1826 and Sept 1828 when son Henry married. Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin and Henry are on the 1830 and 1840 Decatur Co. census. Charity was living in 1830 (female age 70-80).

Decatur Co. was not formed until 1821. The first settlement in the county was in the northeastern part in 1819. Greensburg is the county seat and the first house was not built there until 1821. The first settlement in the western part of the county, around Milford, commenced in 1825. Jacob was in the southwestern part of the county soon thereafter and was within a mile of being as far from the county seat as possible.

Charity died between 1830 and 1836 when Jacob married Lavina Brown in Jennings Co. on 29 January 1836 (Jennings Co., Ind. Marriages 1818-1837, Indiana Source Book 111, NAL >New Albany, Ind. Library<, 929.3772 1 39). Jacob's farm was close to where Jennings, Bartholomew, and Decatur Counties join.

The deed to Jacob Falconberry's 40 acres in Decatur Co. was recorded 5 Aug 1836. The grantor was Samuel Howk. The price was \$150 and it was located SE of NE, Section 18, Township 8, Range 8 (Bk F, Pg 295). Jacob is listed in the book of original landowners at the courthouse.

He sold the farm to son Joseph on 11 July 1844 (Bk M, Pg 106). Joseph and wife Margaret and Lavina (widow of Jacob) sold to George Schoonover on 2 Sept 1847. Lavina was on the 1850 Jennings Co. census, Geneva Twp, Pg 295, in the family of Jonathan C. Jones.

The property has since been divided and half has been in the Beesley family since 1869 and is currently (1992) owned by Fred and Mary Beesley Nugent. The property fronts on road 1050W between 1300S and 1400S. The other half is owned by Frank and Elizabeth Forester and fronts on 1300S.

I interviewed Mary Beesley Nugent on 30 November 1992. She related a story that she remembered hearing as a young girl around the dinner table. The original owner of the land walked from South Carolina to stake out his land, returned home and moved his family to the farm by horse and wagon. Jacob may or may not have told the neighbors in Indiana that he stopped over in Ky. for 20 odd years on his walk from S.C.

Mary did not know if the original home site was the same as the current home site. She was born there and the house had two rooms. There has been several additions since that time. She did not know of any abandoned cemeteries on the farm. Jacob may be buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery which is very old with a lot of stones lying flat on a platform. Could not locate a Falconbury stone. Several family names that were neighbors on the 1830 census (Robbins, Barnett, Sharpe) are buried there. The cemetery is located on road 1300S, Section 18.

Jacob and Charity may have had an unmarried dau. that moved to Indiana with them. Catherine Falcenberry married John Howk on 7 July 1831 in Decatur Co. (Bk B, Pg 96). Samuel Howk was the Grantor on Jacob's deed. The early marriage records did not contain a consent statement, witness or surety. Birth and death records were not kept in Decatur County until 1882.

Jacob and Charity had eleven proven and possible children as described below.

#### WILLIAM

No. 1

William b. ca 1778-1800 in North Carolina, died in the 1860's. He was shown as 80 on the 1860 census. He married Mary Wall, daughter of Jacob Wall, Sr. on 9 Sept 1805. William and his father were on Fishing Creek before 1804 when his father received a land grant. William bought Jacob's land when he moved to Indiana (see above for a description of the land, dates of acquisition, and when and to whom it was sold). William remained in Lincoln Co. until between 1840 and 1850.

On the 1850 census he was in Casey Co., Ky. and his occupation was shown as chairmaker. He lived in the house next to David and Patsy Sluder, Mary's sister and brother-in-law. On the other side was Jacob Falconbury, Jr, Three houses away was Mary's brother Francis. This would have been Grove Ridge. William and Mary must have moved before the 1860 census when their address was shown as Mintonville. Again he was living next door to Jacob Falconbury, Jr.

William and Mary had a daughter Lucinda who married Nathaniel Wall s/o Francis s/o Jacob; daughter Malinda at home on 1850 census, age 31; son Baker at home, age 23 and Jacob, Jr. Some researchers, including Mr. Ragle, think Jacob, Jr. is the son of Jacob, Sr. My reasons for showing him as a s/o William are outlined in Attachment No. 1.

JOSEPH  
No. 2

Joseph was born ea 1799 in South Carolina. He married Sarah Wheeldon, d/o John and Catherine Wheeldon, in Lincoln Co., Ky. 2 Jan 1821. Joseph obtained 50 acres of land in Pulaski Co., Ky. on the waters of Caney Fork of Buck Creek on 10 June 1822 (KSA MF 272848, Bk 1, PS 192). Sarah's parents were granted 275 acres on Buck Creek.

Joseph was on the 1830 census in Decatur Co., Ind. Sarah died prior to 1838 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery (see Attachment No. 2). Joseph married Margaret Holmes, 8 Mar 1838, Decatur Co. Bk D, Pg 53. The Holmes were neighbors to Joseph on the 1830 and 1840 census.

I could not make positive identification of Joseph and Sarah's children. Joseph and Margaret's children were: James, Sarah Ann, Henry, Mahala, Susan and Amanda E. They were on the 1860 census in Jennings Co., Ind. On the 1870 census Joseph and daughter Amanda were back in Decatur Co. in the household of Jacob Fortenburg, age 27, who was married to Ruth Sharpe. They had children Rupert L. and Elpha. Jacob may have been a son of Joseph and Mary but he was in the household of Perry Owens on the 1850 and 1860 census. The Owens had always been neighbors of Joseph in Decatur Co.

Amanda married Melville B. Cornett 18 Feb 1878, Decatur Co. Bk L, Pg 42. Their children were Lee, Annie and Lester. On the 1920 census Amanda was living with son Lester in Fayette Co., Ind. Lester and Elizabeth had a son Franklin born in 1920. Amanda died in 1932 and is buried in the Westport Community Cemetery, Decatur Co., with Melville who died in 1916.

Joseph or brother Benjamin had a son, Milford G., which would have been their first born in Ky. in 1822. He became a physician and married Mary E. McCormick in Decatur Co. on 14 Nov. 1844. Their children were Martha, Angleline, Zerelda, Mary, John and Laura. M. G. died in May 1890 in Greensburg, Ind.

CELIA  
No. 3

Celia was born in South Carolina on 1800-1802. Her census age shows younger than brother Benjamin who was born in Ky. and his census age shows born ca 1801. Celia married James Wheeldon in Lincoln Co., Ky. 12 Oct 1824. Consent was by her father Jacob. The marriage record shows Selah. James was a brother to Sarah who married Celia's brother Joseph. They moved to Indiana probably at the same time as their parents. They had a son, John, born in Ky. who became a physican in Decatur Co. Other children were James F., Lydia, Maneiyle?, female, Mary C., Rebecca M., John H. and Mahala. James died between 1850 and 1860 and Celia between 1860 and 1870.

James' parents (also Sarah and Polly's) were John and Catherine Wheeldon, born in Delaware, who came north to Indiana with the movement and settled in Decatur Co. Both were on the 1850 census and she was on the 1860 census, age 83.

BENJAMIN  
No. 4

Benjamin was born 1801-1802 in Kentucky and married Polly Wheeldon, daughter of John and Catherine, 12 Feb 1821 in Lincoln Co., Ky. He obtained 100 ac of land in Lincoln Co. on Buck Creek (KSA MF 272848, Bk 1, Pg 192) which he sold to Pleasant Gooch before moving to Indiana.

Polly died probably in 1843 and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery (see Attachment No.2). The stone was read in 1978 as 1813 but believe the "4" was misread as "1" on this and two other stones. There were four stones, all children of John and Catherine Wheeldon.

Benjamin married Sintheann (Cynthia) Bradley in Brown Co., Ind. 2 June 1844 (Book on Jennings Co. Marriages, Bk 111, 929.3772 139, NAL). I did not identify any of Benjamin and Polly's children. Stephen age 15 and Sally 10 could be theirs, living with grandparents John and Catherine Wheeldon on the 1850 census.

Benjamin was in Decatur Co. on 1830 and 1840 census and Bartholomew in 1850. The children of Benjamin and Cynthia were: Harriet, John H., Perlina, Bluford and Isaac. They were in Tipton Co. in 1860. The youngest son Isaac, born ca 1859 was on the 1920 census in Tipton Co. His wife was Anna and their children were: Shirley (male), Pansy, Goldia?, Freddie, Gay (female), Winfied (female) and Ivan.

On the 1920 census Isaac and Anna were living on Second Street in Tipton, Ind. Ivan was at home and two grandsons, Ralph A. and Harry E. were in the household. These would be the sons of Shirley and/or Freddie.

See Attachment 3 for a civil suit filed by Benjamin in Decatur Co. in 1841 for payment for services rendered.

HENRY B.  
No. 5

Henry was born ca 1802 in Kentucky and married Mary Armstrong in Decatur Co. 18 Sept 1828, Bk A, Pg 144. Henry was on the 1830 and 1840 census in Decatur Co. and 1850 and 1860 in Marshall Co. Henry and Mary had two sons, J.B. and James W.

J.B. may have been the first Postmaster of Tyner in Marshall Co. in 1869. The Story of Marshall Co. says it was Baker Falconburg and that he sold tobacco and candy. J.B. was a merchant on the 1860 census. His wife was Mary Jane and children were James W. and Florence B. James W. married (1) Hattie and (2) Fanny. Children were Flossie, Vesta B., Mary F., Eueence C., Forest (died in WW 1), Arthur, Donald and Ely M., Hollace? (male), Oliver L., Cecil C., Pauline L., and Juanita.

James W., s/o Henry and Mary, married (1) Sarah and (2) Hannah on 11 Feb 1893. Two of the children of James W. and Sarah were Stephen and Jacob B. Jacob B. was on the 1920 census and his wife was Nancy.

KIZEAH  
No. 6

Kizeah married Langhorn Edwards in Lincoln Co., Ky. on 26 May 1815. Jacob gave consent for his daughter to marry. There was a Langhorn Edwards on the Casey Co., Ky. Census for 1810 through 1850; however, the wife shown on the 1850 census was Nancy. Kizeah may have died in the interim. Could find no evidence that Kizeah moved to Indiana unless Langhorn died or they were divorced and she married Beewfort Wheeldon, brother of Sarah and Polly. A Beewfort and Keziah are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery (see Attachment No. 2). Again, the dates are probably 1844 and 1841

MARY  
No. 7

Mary married Robert Wall in Lincoln Co., Ky. on 25 Sept 1817. Jacob Falconbury gave consent. They remained in Casey Co., Ky. Robert is the probable s/o Francis s/o Jacob.

SALLY  
No. 8

Sally married Thomas Graham in Lincoln Co., Ky. on 8 April 1815. I have no proof that Sally is the daughter of Jacob; however, he was the only Falconbury around old enough to have a daughter of the age to marry in 1815. William would be an exception but there is no indication he was married before 1805 when he married Mary 'Wall. There was a Thomas Graham on the 1800 and 1810 census in Garrard Co. No further identification.

ANN  
No. 9

Ann married Solomon Cross in Lincoln Co., Ky. on 18 Feb 1815. Possible daughter of Jacob using the same logic as for Sally.

NANNY (NANCY)

No. 10

Nanny married Jacob Wall(s) in Lincoln County on 2 October 1821. Possible daughter of Jacob using the same logic as for Ann and Sally; however, Nanny could be the first born of William and Mary and married at age 15. Jacob is probable s/o Francis s/o Jacob.

CATHERINE

No. 11

Catherine married John Howk in Decatur Co., Ind. on 7 July 1831. As previously stated, this is a possibility but a longshot at best. Could not find John Howk on 1840 or 1850 Indiana census.

ATTACHMENT 1

JACOB FALCONBURY, JR.  
S/O WILLIAM AND MARY VS S/O JACOB AND CHARITY

The record of death of Jacob, Jr. on 3 Nov 1875 (Casey Co. Ky. Vital Records, FC 976.944 152) gives his age as 66, born in North Carolina. He could not be the son of either William or Jacob if he was born in N.C. ca 1809. I have to believe this was a mistake as well as the names of his parents, Jacob and R. The 1850 census gives his birthplace as Kentucky and 1860 as Lincoln County.

There was a male in the household of William on the 1830 census, Lincoln Co., in the 20-30 age bracket. Jacob would have been about 21. William and Jacob, Jr. were living next door to each other on the next three census: 1840 (Lincoln Co.); 1850 (Casey Co.), probably on Grove Ridge; and 1860 (Casey Co.), Mintonville Post Office, Walltown area.

Jacob, Sr. probably left Kentucky for Indiana shortly after selling his land to William. If Jacob, Jr. had been his son, unmarried, 17-19 years of age, it seems he would have gone north with his parents to a land that was Indian Territory less than a decade past.

The "Jr". in the name is unexplained. Maybe his father's name was William Jacob, as some have said, or the "Jr." could have been an unofficial handle that was added to separate him from the grandfather. They lived in adjoining households or farms from the time "Jr," was born until Jacob "Sr." moved to Indiana. "Jr." would have been in his late teens by this time.

Another troublesome aspect is for William to have two sons named Jacob. There was a son born ca 1825 named Jacob Baker. This could have resulted from a tradition of naming the first son after the father's father and second son after the mother's father. Both 'William and Mary's fathers were named Jacob. However, this tradition was not practiced by William and Mary in the naming of their daughters.

Jacob was an ancestral name as revealed by the Virginia and Carolina records. Baker was another much used name in the Falconbury family. Future research should reveal the answer to the name Baker.

Mr. Ragle says that one granddaughter of Jacob, Jr., had an entry in the family bible indicating he was a son of William and a Routsaw girl, part Indian. This means he would have been born out of wedlock because William and Mary married in 1805. Jacob, Jr.'s second marriage was to Mary Hamilton, daughter of Martin Hamilton and Susannah Routsaw. Susannah was the probable daughter of Conrad and Mary Routsaw. They were living between the Martin's and Jacob, Jr. and Mary on the 1850 census.

Jacob, Jr., born ca 1809 married (1) Ann Camden 12 Oct 1831 and (2) Mary Hamilton 21 March 1839. Jacob and Ann had two children and Jacob and Mary thirteen (Bicentennial History, Waynesburg, Kentucky and Southern Lincoln County, 1792-1992, Pg. 67, Wilma Reece Hatter and Blanche Hubble White). Wilma and Blanch were great granddaughters of Jacob, Jr. and their mothers Emma and Isabelle, daughters of Albert Galiton Tolbert Falconbury, had related the story to their children about their Indian heritage. Emma also had said Jacob, Jr. was the s/o William and Mary. (Every family needs a little mystery, but wouldn't you like to know?) I would like to claim heir to the Indian blood but I descend from Jacob, Jr.'s sister Lucinda who married Nathaniel Wall.

The children of Jacob, Jr. and Ann were Sarah Ann and William Riley. Eleven of the children of Jacob, Jr. and Mary were: Susanna, John, Polly A., Henry B., George A., Josephus, Albert Galiton Tolbert, James B., Nancy Co., Franklin, and Percella (1850, 1860, 1870 census).

See Attachment No. 4 for a land purchase in 1912 by William Riley Falconbury, grandson of Jacob, Jr. This land was a part of or Joined the original land grants obtained by the Falconburys on or near Fishing Creek.

Jacob, Jr. received land grants in Casey County Kentucky on Knob Lick Greek, 26 Feb 1836 (Bk 1-2, Pg 240 and K-2, Pg. 235). He was probably living on this land when the 1850 census was taken.

FOREST HILL CEMETERY  
(also known as Newburg)  
JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Polly Falconbury  
consort of Benjamin Falconbury  
dau John & Catherine Wheeldon  
departed this life March 25, 1813  
age 41 yrs 2 mos 6 days

Beewfort Wheeldon  
son of John and Cather  
died April 14, 1814  
age 23 yrs 2 mos 11 days.

KEZIAH WHEELDON  
dau John & Catherine Wheeldon  
departed this life Oct. 3, 1811

Sarah Falconbury  
dau John & Catherine Falconbury  
no other information

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This little cemetery is on the east edge of Forest Hill and must have been used by one family. Location is described in some records as:

"NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, east side of Forest Hill (newburg). East side Road 700W S side road 500 S".

It is on a little knoll overgrown with weeds and trampled by livestock since it is not fenced. Size is unknown and number of burials cannot be determined. We found four stones whose inscriptions were legible and the bases of two small stones that we did not locate. They may have been carried away or weathered below the ground. There may be some obliterated graves. Condition is terrible. Visited July 26, 1978 by Joseph E. Whipple and Dale G. Myers.

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

THE ABOVE WAS PHOTOCOPIED FROM A BOOK OF CEMETERIES IN DECATUR COUNTY INDIANA ON FILE AT THE LIBRARY IN GREENSBURG. THE DATE OF 1878 WAS CHANGED TO 1978 BECAUSE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID ONE OF THE MEN THAT SURVEYED THE CEMETERY WAS STILL LIVING (NOVEMBER 1992). I BELIEVE THE DATES OF DEATH 1811, 1813 AND 1814 SHOULD BE 1841, 1843 AND 1844 AS EXPLAINED IN THE HISTORY.

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ATTACHMENT NO. 3

CIVIL SUIT

Benjamin Falconbury filed a civil suit against David Sullivan in Decatur County, Indiana in 1841. The case is stored in Box 17 at the Decatur County Courthouse. His appeal of the loss of the case in 1842 is stored in Box 20.

The case involved the moving of Enoch Foster to Missouri, a distance of six hundred miles. The trip to Missouri took thirty days. Benjamin charged \$1.25 a day for himself, three horses and a wagon for a cost of \$37.50. The return trip took twenty-four days for a cost of \$30.00.

ATTACHMENT NO. 4

WILLIAM RILEY FALCONBURY, S/O WILLIAM RILEY, S/O JACOB

William Riley bought 30 acres in Lincoln County from D. W. Caldwell in 1912, Bk. 17, Pg. 27. D.W. was a son of Hugh Caldwell. Hugh had bought 104 acres from William Falconbury on 3 Sept 1853, Bk. X, Pg. 499. This land would have been a part of or joined the original land grants of William Falconbury and/or his father Jacob.

William Riley's land joined that of Seymour McMullin. Riley married (1) Parthenia Bastin on 12 Dec 1890 and (2) Malinda Gastineau ca 1908. The children of Riley were: Oma who married late in life; Lora married Ernest Sims; Everett married Daisy Luttrell; Ruth Henry married Lucien West; Johnnie married Mildred Hasty; Roy married Elzie; and Thomas married Ora.

Johnnie bought the 30 acres from the Riley Falconbury heirs in 1950, Bk. 109, Pg. 618.

The writer hoed row after row of corn, shocked a lot of hay built many a haystack, and wormed a lot of tobacco with Johnie, Roy and Thomas in the Fishing Creek bottoms. I did not realize they were cousins. Oh! the questions I would ask today. However, they, like my father, may not have known about their roots for more than a generation past. Survival may have taken precedence over family history.

ATTACHMENT NO. 5

I would welcome your corrections and/or information addressed to:

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In consideration of future researchers, information should also be sent to the following for a more LASTING address than the above:

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Third Floor, Old Capitol Annex  
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Frankfort, Ky. 40602

This history will also be placed in family files in Casey and Lincoln Counties in Kentucky and in Decatur, Jennings, Marshall and Tipton Counties in Indiana.

## UPDATE

### HISTORY OF JACOB FALCONBURY, 1757-1844

This update is prepared as a result of new information found while distributing the history to libraries in Indiana.

No new information was found on son Benjamin in Tipton County. No indepth search was made but I did find information on descendants that leads me to believe Benjamin died and is buried in Tipton Co.

A Milford G. Falconbury purchased acreage at the courthouse door in Tipton Co. in 1877. This indicates that the Milford G. who was a doctor in Decatur Co. and who died and is buried there was probably the son of Benjamin. I had not been able to determine if he was the son of Benjamin or Joseph.

Stephen G. Falconbury married Elizabeth Hawkins in Tipton on 5 March 1863. This is probably the son of Benjamin and Polly wheeldon who was living with his grandparents on the 1850 census in Decatur Co. The children of Benjamin and Cynthia Bradley all married in Tipton Co: Perlina married Franklin J. Turner, 13 Aug 1870; Bluford married Rosa A. Rigg, 24 Dec 1879; and Isaac married Anna Kenton (marriage may not have been in Tipton). Isaac (1860-1937) and Anna (1861-1932) are buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Tipton (county seat of Tipton Co.).

An article (containing a picture) was found in the Tipton Tribune, 23 June 1973, about Claude E. Falkenberry, who was the son of Bluford and Rosa. He left Tipton in 1894 at the age of 12 and moved to Anderson, Ind., where he retired. He had returned to Tipton on his 91st birthday, his first trip back in 50 years. He brought with him his son Claude, Jr., age 58. Claude, Sr. said his family was poor when they lived in Tipton in the 1880's and early 90's and for a time he and his brothers and sisters lived in an orphanage in an area just north of Cicero Creek. Claude had married Anna Poor in Madison Co.

In Marshall Co., where Henry B., another s/o Jacob and Charity, and Mary Armstrong relocated to from Decatur, Co., a reference was found to a probate record indicating Henry died 21 Sept 1861. Mrs. Mary Falconberry "Aunt Mary" was buried in the Blissville graveyard last Thursday, the 21st. Another pair of tired hands are folded, and weary body at rest (Plymouth Republican, 29 Aug 1890). Plymouth is the county seat of Marshall Co. Blissville Cemetery is probably near Tyner, Ind., where Henry lived.

In the Falconbury Family File at the Historical Library in Plymouth, Ind., a certificate of appointment to Henry B. Falconbury as Postmaster of Tyner City, 20 March 1861, was found. He would have only served a few months if he died 21 Sept 1861.

The above was the only reference to Henry B. in the file. The file started with Jacob Baker, s/o Henry and Mary, and was silent on James W., their other son.

Jacob Baker married Mary Jane Snyder. A son James William was born 18 Apr 1852. James William married Florence Bell Baugher. They had 16 children. The 12th was named Climax. Some thought was given to naming the 16th Anticlimax but nothing came of this. The Falconbury Family File was compiled by Hollis Ford Falconbury, s/o James William, in 1931. It was passed on to his daughter Barabara Falconbury Walker. She is to pass it to one of her daughters. Her address is 711 Water St., Plymouth, Ind.

James William died in 1937 at the age of 85 and is buried in Memorial Park in Plymouth. He ran a grocery store in Tyner, served as Postmaster in Rutland and served two terms as sheriff of Marshall Co.

Adrienne Fortenberry Criminger, published a book (copyright 1984), *The Fortenberry Families of Southern Mississippi*. The book is on file at the Allen County Public Library, Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The book has a thorough listing of petitions and legal and land records pertaining to the Falconbury family in Virginia and North and South Carolina. A deed dated 14 Jan 1782 (Anson Co., N.C.) was listed, showing Jacob and Charity, his wife, selling 200 acres on the south side of the Pee Dee River called Pleasant Hill to Samuel Spencer. This means that Charity was probably Jacob's first wife. It had been thought that because William was born ca 1778, with no other children of record until the 1790's, that Charity might not have been the mother of William.

Adrienne, or a family member, researched the New Jersey records. Reference is made to a book entitled "A History of Little Egg Harbor Township" by Leah Blackman, published in the latter part of the 19th century. (This book is on file at the KY Historical Society (974.9 B961). In a section of "the Faulkenberry Family," Mrs. Blackman stated that when the first English settlers arrived in New Jersey, in 1677, they used an Indian interpreter named Henry Jacobs Falkinburg. She quoted from a publication of a Hon. Edwin Salter that Henry Jacobs Faulkinburg came from Holstein, a little province adjoining Denmark on the south.

The authors of the Fortenberry book think there may be a relationship between a Brewer (Senix, Sinexer or Sinexen) and the Fortenberrys. He was descendant of a Swedish settler of New Jersey - Delaware area. Henry Faulkinburg, Sr. gave to his grandson Henry, Jr., 134 acres on Smith Creek in Anson Co., N.C.

in 1759. The Faulkenburys sold this land back and forth between 1756 and 1759 and evidently occupied it until sometime after 1770 when they lost it because of a disputed claim filed by a Samuel Spencer. In his petition, Spencer stated that Falconbury had no clear title to the land "For Senix died intestate without any Conveyance or Disposal of it in any Manner whatever, and without an Heir known of by any Body in this county except one son, who was since drowned in Virginia. . ." (SS 727.s, Requests for Resurvey, Anson Co. folder). From the above records, it appears that the Falconburys had some sort of family connection with Brewer Senix that could not be proven satisfactorily enough for them to be able to keep the land.

The authors say it is conceivable that the Falkenburgs and Sinexs immigrated from the Swedish settlements along the Delaware to Virginia and then later to North Carolina. If this type of relationship could be proven without a doubt, it would give irrefutable evidence of our being descendants of the Swedish Indian interpreter, Henry Jacobs Faulkinburg, mentioned earlier in New Jersey records.

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