

## THE BURRUS FAMILY

THE BURRUS NAME is spelled in a number of different ways in early Virginia; as was usual for the times, it depended on whoever wrote the record. Later, in Kentucky, the spelling by this branch of the family was usually *Burrus*, which will be used herein, but it often found as *Burriss* and in the records it can be *Burruss*, *Burriss*, *Burrows*, *Burrowes*, *Burroughs*, *Burrace*, *Burys*, etc.

At least the first three volumes of *Cavaliers and Pioneers*<sup>86</sup> list early Virginia Burruses. The earliest Burrus of that spelling found in Virginia was there by 1643. Thomas Burrus bought land in King William County in 1703 and sold land to Jacob Burrus that same year; he and John Burrus were on the county rentroll in 1704 with 60 acres of land each. By the following year King William County landholders included Edmund, Charles, John, William, Edward, and Thomas Burrus. John Burrus and Samuel Burrus were in Caroline County in 1783, owning two horses and two cows apiece. Thomas Burrus, “and Sarah, his wife,” were in Fredericksville Parish, Louisa County, by 26 June 1758 when he bought 350 acres from Joseph Martin “on the north side of the Little Mountains” for £40; Thomas Burrus, son of Jacob, married Sarah, the daughter of Joseph Martin of Louisa, no date given; this is surely the same Thomas and Sarah of Fredericksville Parish. None of these are known to be ancestors of the Thomas Burrus who married Frances Tandy.

**John Burrowes**, the first known person in Virginia with a name similar to Burrus, was a passenger on the *Survivor*,<sup>87</sup> which arrived at Jamestown in 1608, just in time to rescue those who had lived through that first terrible year in the new land. He is seen in the records until his death by murder in 1628. The murderer was a 14-year-old indentured servant who stabbed John in the stomach.

John built and lived on a plantation south of the James River for many years, but moved back north of the river in order to provide care for a mentally retarded sister-in-law, Mara Buck, for whom he had been appointed guardian.<sup>88</sup>

It is interesting to note that his plantation was called *Burrowes Hill* or *Burrowes Mount*, in that other Burrus researchers (below) report having traced the line back to a John Burrows “of Burrow's Mount, England,” who was in Virginia by 1638. It has not been shown to my satisfaction that the earlier John Burrows, who had married in February 1624 Bridget Langley (widow of Rev Richard Buck, who had come to Virginia in 1610 and died in 1623) had a son. It seems reasonable, however, to assume that the later John could very well have been the son of the first, especially since no other Burrows family was in Virginia at the time. One researcher<sup>89</sup> does include a John Burrows, son of John and Bridget, no date of birth but it was either after the muster of January 1625<sup>90</sup> or he was not present in the Colony at that time. His not appearing in other records prior to 1638 could be explained if he had been sent back to England for an education. It is possible, of course, that both men were from Burrows Mount in England, that the plantation was named for the English site, and that they were not related as father and son, if at all, though the latter seems unlikely.

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86. *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Vols I, II, & III*

87. Jester, Annie Lash, *Adventurers of Purse and Person*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Order of the First Families of Virginia, 1987.

88. *Adventurers of Purse and Person*.

89. Tharp, J, *Ancestors of Roger Tandy Burrus*, Box 3165, Auburn, CA. Computer printed.

90. This is often called the Muster of January 1624 or 1624/25. Using the Gregorian Calendar that starts the year with January, it was in 1625, but the English and the Colonies did not officially recognize the new calendar until 1752.

Brockman<sup>91</sup> and some others<sup>92</sup> say that the three generations of this Burrus family preceding Thomas Burrus are as follows, but the evidence for this has not, as yet, been seen. The later generations, starting with Thomas Burrus and Frances Tandy are covered in publications of both Kentucky<sup>93</sup> and Virginia,<sup>94</sup> and in a Massie family publication.<sup>95</sup>

### JOHN BURRUS:

JOHN BURRUS (or BURROWS), said to have been of Burrows Mount, England, came to James City County, Virginia, in 1826; he also died there. Issue:

**John Burrus, Jr** (below)

**JOHN BURRUS, Jr** died before 1705:

JOHN BURRUS, Jr, lived in St John's Parish, King William County, Virginia, and died there before 1705. He had at least three children:

**Thomas Burrus**

**Edmund Burrus** (below)

**Jacob Burrus** (died about 1755, Caroline County, Virginia), married Mary Burrus\*.

Tharp<sup>96</sup> says this was Mary Tandy. Issue:

William Burrus

Jacob Burrus

Henry Burrus (born before 1721)

Thomas Burrus (died before 5 November 1772), married Sarah Martin

Charles Burrus

Elizabeth Burrus

Ann Burrus

Justinia Burrus

Mary Burrus.

### EDMUND BURRUS

EDMUND BURRUS had the following children and possibly others:

**Thomas Burrus** (below), married Frances Tandy

**Edmund Burrus**, married (1) about 1745, Mary Woolfolk, married (2) about 1754, Mary Wisdom Perry. Issue:

John Burrus (1) (born ca 1745)

Mary Burrus (1) (born ca 1747)

Nathaniel Burrus (2) (1762, Orange County, Virginia–26 Jan 1855), married Mary Threlkeld (died 6 October 1853). They had moved to Mercer County, Kentucky.

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91. Brockman, William E, *The Brockman Scrapbook*, Minneapolis, 1952.

92. For example, Tharp is in error about John Burrows of the Jamestown muster of 1624 coming that year.

93. *Genealogies of Kentucky Families, Vol A-M*

94. *Genealogies of Virginia Families, Tylers Quarterly, Vol I*

95. Kelsey, Mavis Parrott, MD, and Mary Wilson Kelsey, compilers, *The Family of John Massie, 1734-c.1830*, M P & M W Kelsey, #2 Longbow Lane, Houston, TX 77024 (1989)

96. *Ancestors of Roger Tandy Burrus*

Edmund Burrus (born 9 September 1764)  
 William Burrus (born 1765)  
 Samuel Burrus (born ca 1766), married -?- Rucker  
 Roseanna Burrus (born 1767), married Wisdom Rucker  
 Nancy “Ann” Burrus, married John Atkins  
 Fanny Burrus (born 1773), married John Griffin  
 Susan “Sukey” Burrus (born 1775), married -?- Mothershead  
 Elizabeth Burrus (born 1779).

#### THOMAS BURRUS 1722–1788:

THOMAS BURRUS was born about 1722, in Norfolk County, Virginia, according to one source.<sup>97</sup> Another says King William County. Thomas served in Captain George Mercer's Company of Virginia Regiment under Colonel George Washington in the French and Indian War. He fought at the Battle of the Meadows in 1754, and was listed at Wills Creek on 9 July 1754, just after the battle, as one of the men “fit for duty.” He was on the payroll of the Virginia Regiment and received bounty money for his service. He was also at Braddock's Defeat in 1755, for which he received a pistol and some land. At some point during his service he lost an arm and was awarded £10 on 27 May 1757 for the loss.<sup>98</sup> The reports that he was also a soldier in the Revolution are highly doubtful in view of his age and his loss of an arm—the honor belongs to his son Thomas.

Thomas Burrus is on both the National and Texas DAR Rolls of Honor, unfortunately with conflicting personal data about his non-military service. His year of death is usually given as 1888 in Orange County, Virginia; his will was written 3 October of that year and probated 23 March 1789 in Orange County. The complete text of his will is available.<sup>99</sup> It provides for his wife, Frances Tandy, and sons Thomas, William, and Roger Burrus to divide 1500 acres of land he owned in Clark County, Kentucky, plus other bequests. Five hundred more Kentucky acres were divided among his daughters, except Mourning, who was to receive his Virginia property after the death of his wife. Almost all of those who were left property in Kentucky eventually moved there.

Thomas Burrus married Frances Tandy (page 41), daughter of Roger Tandy and Sarah Quarles, about 1749 in King and Queen County, Virginia. Their children were most prolific, and the names of about 450 of their descendants through their great-grandchildren are known. Their daughter Sarah Ann, who married Andrew Tribble, gave Thomas and Frances 12 grandchildren who married, and they provided at least 110 great-grandchildren. Almost that many more came from the 13 children of daughter Jane and her husband, James Quisenberry. “Only” 37 great-grandchildren are known to have come to them through the 13 children of Roger Burrus and Cynthia Mills, the line that includes Lou Draper.

The wills of Thomas and Frances, along with a number of other sources, provide the names of their children.<sup>100,101,102</sup> The will<sup>103</sup> of Frances Tandy Burrus, for example, probated in Christian County, Kentucky, in January 1817, named sons Thomas, Roger, and William T Burrus; Andrew Tribble, son-in-law; daughters Sally Tribble and Frances T Bush; and others:

97. *Revolutionary Ancestors*, Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

98. Bockstruck, Lloyd DeWitt, *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, 1988.

99. *Genealogies of Kentucky Families, Vol A-M*

100. *Genealogies of Kentucky Families, Vol A-M*

101. *Genealogies of Virginia Families, Tylers Quarterly, Vol I*

102. Tharp, J, *Descendants of Thomas & Frances (Tandy) Burrus*, Box 3165, Auburn, CA 95604, 1993.

103. *Genealogies of Virginia Families, Tylers Quarterly, Vol I*

Sally Ellen Burrus, daughter of Roger Burrus, and Joseph Mills Burrus, son of Nathaniel Burrus. William Tandy and Nathaniel Burrus were her executors. Thomas Burrus and Frances Tandy had eleven children, over a hundred grandchildren, and several hundreds of great-grandchildren. Some 450 known members of the first three generations of their descendants are included in a chart printed on a single sheet of legal size paper. It is titled simply "Descendants of Thomas Burrus and Frances Tandy." Issue:

**Fanny Burrus** (1747, Orange County, Virginia–1818), married before 1767 John Embree, whose probate was 14 December 1818, Lincoln County, Kentucky. Note that Embree was often spelled Embry. Issue:

Joseph Embree, married Susannah Shackelford

Elisha Embree

Moses Embree

Sallie Embree, married –?- Roberts

Julia Embree, married –?- Roberts

John Embree

**Mildred (Milly) Burrus** (about 1749, Orange County, Virginia–between 1788 and 1796, Clark County, Kentucky), married before 1788 Joseph Embree (died before 1818). They lived in Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

They joined the Providence Baptist Church in Clark County, Kentucky, in 1786. The church had originally been in Orange County, Virginia, but its members had moved en masse to Kentucky, stopping twice along the way before settling permanently in Clark County. The group was called the Bush Colony, for William (Capt Billy) Bush (see under Billy Bush's wife, Frances Tandy Burrus, page 54), who had come to Kentucky with Daniel Boone, obtained land and had sold it to his relatives and friends in the group.<sup>104</sup> Issue of Mildred Burrus and Joseph Embree:

William Embree (died 1799?), married 1791 Jane Bush

Nancy Embree, married Orson Martin

Thomas Embree (died in Howard County, Missouri) married 1795, Clark County, Kentucky, Elizabeth Duncan

Caleb Embree (1776–1849), married 1803, Clark County, Kentucky, Sally Burrus

Polly Embree (1779–1796), married 1795, Clark County, Kentucky, James Jackson

John Embree

Elizabeth Embree, married 1803, Clark County, Kentucky, Stephen Brockman

Frances Embree, married 1813, Clark County, Kentucky, James Tucker

Joseph Embree (born 1800, Madison County, Kentucky), married 1824, Madison County, Kentucky, Rachel Igo

**Sarah Ann (Sally) Burrus** (30 September 1753, Orange County, Virginia–15 December 1830, Madison County, Kentucky), "red headed and high spirited,"<sup>105</sup> married 1768 Rev Andrew Tribble. Issue:

Frances Tandy Tribble (1769–1852), married Michael Stoner

Samuel Tribble (1771–1814), married about 1791 Mary Polly Martin

Peter Burrus Tribble (1774–1849), married 1795 Mary Boone

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104. *Descendants of Thomas & Frances (Tandy) Burrus*

105. *Genealogies of Kentucky Families, Vol A-M*

Thomas Tribble (born 1776), married 1796 Jenny Phelps  
 Nancy Tribble (1778–1862) married 1794 David Chenault  
 Sally B Tribble (1781–1810) married 1799 David Crews  
 Silas Tribble (1783–1842) married 1809 Jerusha White  
 Andrew Tribble (1785–1869) married 1810 Lilly (Lucy?) Boone  
 Mary Tribble (1788–1872), married 1806 Joseph Stephenson  
 John Tribble (born 1790), married (1) 1834 Martha White, married (2) 1852 Sally Coffey  
 Martha Tribble (born 1794) married 1812 Dr Jacob White  
 Dudley Tribble (1797–1877), married Matilda Tevis

**Thomas Burrus** (1756, Orange County, Virginia–1836, Clark County, Kentucky), married Elizabeth Stevens or Stephens; he was the Thomas Burrus who served as a private in Capt William Washington's company, 3rd Virginia Regiment of Foot until 1777, then as a corporal in various units until 1779, all of these during the Revolution. Issue:

Thomas Q Burrus (1775, Virginia–before 1834), married Elizabeth Burger  
 Sally Burrus (born 1785, Virginia), married 1803, Clark County, Kentucky, Caleb Embree

Frances Tandy Burrus (died before 1834), married James Ragland  
 Nancy Burrus, married (1) 1803 Francis Hieronymous, married (2) Samuel E Morton

Betsy Burrus, married Thomas L Rowland  
 Jane Burrus, married (1) 1815 Jacob Brockman, married (2) 1824 Pleasant Matthews  
 William B Burrus (1795–before 1832), married Philadelphia Perkins

**Mary Burrus** (about 1751, Orange County, Virginia–before November 1788), married 22 February 1773 Lewis Perry. Issue:

Elija Perry, possibly married Ann Webb  
 Dicey Perry, married Obed Hancock  
 Mary Perry.

**Jane Burrus** (5 July 1759, Orange Co, Virginia–3 November 1811), married 4 December 1776 Rev James Quisenberry, son of James Quisenberry and Joyce Dudley. Issue:<sup>106</sup>

Joyce Quisenberry (25 October 1777, Orange County, Virginia), married about 1800, Kentucky, William Duncan, moved to Missouri  
 Frances Quisenberry (6 October 1779, Orange County, Virginia–1810, Clark County, Kentucky), married 1804 John Bruner of Clark County, Kentucky  
 Jane Quisenberry (22 February 1782, Orange County, Virginia–Clark County, Kentucky), married Ambrose Bush of Clark County, Kentucky  
 Joel Quisenberry (31 January 1784, Kentucky County, Virginia–5 September 1849, Clark County, Kentucky), married Elizabeth Haggard of Clark County, Kentucky  
 James Harvey Quisenberry (13 March 1786, Fayette County, Kentucky–6 August 1822, Henry? County, Kentucky), married Lucy Thomas  
 Colby Burrus Quisenberry (7 June 1788–13 Dec 1870, Fayette County, Kentucky),

106. Some information on the Quisenberry children is from Anderson Chenault Quisenberry, *Genealogical Memoranda of the Quisenberry Family*, Hartman & Cadick Printers, Washington, D.C., 1897.

- married 1810 Lucy Bush (born 1790, Bush Settlement, Kentucky)
- Tandy Quisenberry (8 January 1792, Clark County, Kentucky–1869), married 16 December 1810, Madison County, Kentucky, Peggy Bush of Clark County, Kentucky
- Roger Quisenberry (23 November 1792, Clark County, Kentucky–1877), married 1813 Polly Eubank of Clark County, Kentucky
- Mourning Quisenberry (born 22 January 1795), married 22 December 1811 John Haggard of Clark County, Kentucky
- William Fountain Quisenberry (9 July 1797, Clark County, Kentucky–19 November 1868, Clark County, Kentucky), married 16 June 1817, Clark County, Kentucky, Rachael Ryan of Clark County, Kentucky
- Jackson Quisenberry (16 December 1799, Clark County, Kentucky–1880, Pettus County, Missouri), married 30 September 1819, Clark County, Kentucky, Fanny Simpson
- Rhoda Quisenberry (born 3 February 1802–1843), married (1) 1821, Peter Courtney, married (2) John Haggard, married (3) George Fox
- Sally Banks Quisenberry (31 July 1805, Clark County, Kentucky–before 1832), married (1) Thomas Smith Ragland, married (2) 1 November 1821, Clark County, Kentucky, Nathaniel Ragland
- Frances Tandy Burrus** (31 January 1762, Orange County, Virginia–3 December 1828, Clark County, Kentucky, buried Dyke's Farm, one mile north of Boonesborough), married 9 December 1778, Orange County, Virginia, William (Captain Billy) Bush (1746–1814, buried on Dyke's Farm). They lived near Boonesborough. (See note about the Bush Colony under Mildred Burrus, page 52) Issue:
- William Tandy Bush, married 1806 Sally Matthews
- Frances Bush, married 1802 George Giddings
- Elkana Bush (1765–1846), married (1) 1809 Polly Sweeney, married (2) 1827 Mary Stone
- Cynthia Bush (born 1785), married (1) 1809 Thomas Bush, married (2) after 1810 Zack Elkins
- Susana Bush, married 1809 Christopher Morrow
- Willis A Bush (1796–1852), married 1821 Malinda R Welch
- Jane Bush (1800–1852), married 1816 Pleasant Bush
- Thomas Bush (1801–1823)
- Polly Bush, married (1) 1798 Richard Stiles, married (2) 1803 Benjamin Hieronymous
- Elizabeth Burrus** (1766, Orange County, Virginia–1835, Orange County, Virginia), married John Brockman. Issue:
- Samuel Brockman, married 1791 Nancy Durrett
- Eleanor Brockman, married (1) 1792 Aaron Crosswaite, married (2) John Ireland
- Elija Brockman, married 1795 Sally Tomlin
- Molly Brockman, married 1801 James Mallory
- Jacob Burrus Brockman, married 1815 Jane Burrus (above)
- Stephen Brockman, married 1803 Elizabeth Embree (above)
- John Brockman, married (1) 1809 Ann Minor Merriwether, married (2) 1818 Mary K

Estes, married (3) 1826 Catherine Jenkins  
 Rebecca Brockman, married 1810 Brockman Bell  
 Asa Brockman, married 1819 Lucy Ellis Quisenberry  
 Thomas Brockman

**Roger Tandy Burrus** (18 April 1769, Orange County, Virginia–30 September 1826, Todd County, Kentucky) (see below), married 18 January 1790, Orange County, Virginia, Cynthia Mills (page 35), daughter of Nathaniel Mills

**Mourning Burrus** (born 1774, Orange County, Virginia), married 5 February 1791 Thomas Graves, Jr. Issue:

Frances Graves, married 1812 Reubin C Sims  
 Sarah Graves, married 1812 William Early  
 Martha Graves, married 1813 Willis D Garth  
 Catherine Graves, married 1823 Joel Garnett  
 Mary Louise Graves (1801–1865), married 1820 John Vivion Webb  
 Elizabeth Graves (died before 1833) married 1824 Brightberry Garth

**William Tandy Burrus** (7 June 1776, Orange County, Virginia–22 June 1831, Orange County, Virginia), married 24 May 1792 Martha Slaughter (15 May 1872, Virginia–20 April 1845?). William “was a magistrate and substantial land owner in Orange County.” He is referred to in family correspondence and in petitions for legal regress as *Captain* and some of the land he assembled remained in the family until the 1990's. He is believed to be buried in a family cemetery on this property.”—Bess Burrus Brooks. His will is filed in Orange County. Issue:<sup>107</sup>

George Slaughter Burrus (born 9 March 1793, Virginia)  
 Thomas Burrus (22 March 1794, Virginia–1836)  
 Joseph Burrus (born 1 Nov 1795, Virginia), married 1823 Nancy Terrell  
 Lancelot Burrus (born 5 November 1797, Virginia), married 1827 Frances W Slaughter. A farmer with \$12,000 in real- and \$25,711 in personal property in 1860, Lancelot, Frances, and their eight children lived in Orange County, Virginia.  
 Nancy (Ann) Burrus (born 22 February 1800, Virginia–17 Apr 1877), married William S Frazer. A son was William Tandy Burrus Frazer, who married Lucinda Draper Mills (page 36).  
 Emily Frances Burrus (29 January 1804, Virginia–14 March 1837), married 1828 Hezekiah Quisenberry  
 Harriett Burrus (born 1805), married 1826 Robert S Moore  
 Jane Slaughter Burrus (born 24 September 1807, Virginia), married Jerome B Collins  
 William T Burrus (born 1809)  
 Elizabeth Burrus (born 1811), married -?- Brockman  
 Robert Banks Burrus (born 12 June 1814, Virginia–4 January 1893, Orange County, Virginia), married Ann E Graves (about 1825, Jamestown, Virginia–March 1878, Orange County, Virginia).

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107. Among other sources for the names of his children are his will, executors: son Lancelot and son-in-law William S Frazer; certified for probate: William S Frazer; witness: Hezekiah Quisenberry; security Lancelot and Thomas Burrus. Additional information from Bess Burrus Brooks, a descendant of Robert Banks Burrus.

**ROGER TANDY BURRUS** 1769–1826:

ROGER TANDY BURRUS, son of Thomas Burrus and Frances Tandy, was born 18 April 1769, in Orange County, Virginia, and died 30 September 1826 in Todd County, Kentucky. In 1810 he was still on the Tax List in Louisa County, Virginia, although he had moved west to Kentucky about 1809. Most of his children were in Kentucky shortly after 1810, including several who, when married, were listed in the marriage records as “daughter of Roger Burrus.” Presumably Roger was in Christian County in 1814 when daughter Frances Burrus married, in 1816 when his mother died, and in 1819 when daughter Mary Ann Burrus married. Roger witnessed a will in Todd County, Kentucky, adjacent to Christian County, in 1823.

Roger Burrus married Cynthia Mills (page 35, daughter of Nathaniel Mills and Frances Thompson) in Orange County, Virginia, on 8 January 1790. Cynthia was born 19 September 1772 in Orange County and died 26 January 1853, presumably in Todd County. The Bible Record of Rev Andrew Tribble,<sup>108</sup> among other sources, names these children:

**Nathaniel Burrus** (20 November 1790, Virginia–1870, Todd County, Kentucky),  
 married (1) 19 March 1812 Rebecca A Massie, married (2) Martha Maria Bullock,  
 married (3) Elizabeth Walker

Issue (1):

A son

Issue (2):

Ann? Burrus

Edmund B Burrus

Cynthia J Burrus

Martha M Burrus

Issue (3):

Charles Henry Burrus

**Henry Tandy Burrus** (23 September 1793, Louisa County, Virginia–17 October 1872),  
 married 22 February 1816 Nancy Daniel

**Margaret “Peggy” Burrus** (25 January 1794–about 1815), married 12 March 1812, in Louisa County, Virginia, as his first wife, John Draper (page 112), called John Draper, Jr, in the marriage records because there was an older John Draper in the same county. Though a wife of John Draper, she is not an ancestor of Lou Draper, who descends from John's second wife, Elizabeth W Clayton. The Drapers moved from Virginia to Caldwell County, Kentucky, before the birth of their daughter Lucinda in December 1812. See under John Draper (page 112) for more about Lucinda.

**Roger Burrus, Jr** (11 December 1795, Louisa County, Virginia–about 1815)

**Frances Burrus** (1797–1863) (below), married 1814 Benjamin Snelling

**Mary Ann Burrus** (30 May 1800, Louisa County, Virginia–1868), married 4 October 1819, Christian County, Kentucky, Elija Dickerson (possibly Dickinson). Issue:<sup>109</sup>

John Quarles Dickerson

Cynthia M Dickerson

Celia B Dickerson

Mary Elizabeth Dickerson, married William Major

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108. Genealogies of Virginia Families, Tylers Quarterly, Vol I

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Ann Quarles Dickerson  
 Elmira Jane Dickerson  
 Sara Mildred Dickerson  
 Elija William Dickerson, married Annie M Dennis  
 Charles Richard Dickerson  
 Roger Burris Dickerson

**Sally Ellen Burrus** (born 14 November 1802, Louisa County, Virginia–before 1829), married 4 October 1819, Christian<sup>110</sup> County, Kentucky, Vincent Snelling. See page 66 for their children.

**Cynthia Mills Burrus** (15 February 1805, Louisa County, Virginia–1890), married 25 March 1824 Robert G Kay. Issue:<sup>111</sup>

William T Kay, married Harriett S Wells  
 Sarah Ann Kay, married George Sinnok  
 James Roger Kay, married Nettie B Bane  
 Charles Muscal Kay, married Lizzie Scott  
 Margaret Rebecca Kay, married Rev William Stewart  
 Perrin Leander Kay, married Mary E Smith  
 Mildred Ann Kay, married Rev Edward P Scott  
 Mary Ellen Kay, married Kimball E Smart  
 Cynthia Emily Kay, married Charles W Seymour  
 Idella Kay, married Samuel E Hewes  
 Robert Kay, Jr

**Charles Mills Burrus** (born 19 February 1807, Louisa County, Virginia)

**Celia Ann Burrus** (born 20 June 1809, Louisa County, Virginia)

**Virginia Banks Burrus** (born 26 May 1811, Christian County, Kentucky), married 1827 Westley Greenfield

**Rebecca Massie Burrus** (born 19 June 1814, Christian County, Kentucky), married (1) David B Combs, married (2) David R Cockerham

**Mildred Thompson Burrus** (born 13 February 1818, Christian County, Kentucky)



Frances Burrus

Found in a locket belonging to Lou Draper, this is her grandmother, Frances Burrus. She looks much like her own daughter, Rebecca Snelling.

**FRANCES BURRUS 1797–1863:**

FRANCES BURRUS, born 8 September 1797 in Virginia, probably Orange County, died 5 June 1863 in Johnson County, Missouri. She married Benjamin Snelling (page 69) 20 September 1814 in Christian County, Kentucky. Born in Virginia, an early settler in both western Kentucky and western Missouri, she was among the first to make the trek to California in 1849. She stayed on after her husband died and worked in her son Charles's hotel, acting as a nurse when the need arose. Frances saw her husband, a daughter, and a grandson die in California, and a son murdered there. She also saw a small town named after the family: Snelling, California, which is about 20 miles

110. Daye Hulin of Eugene, Oregon, a descendant of Vincent Snelling, says Trigg County, Kentucky.

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north of the present City of Merced. Her deed transactions in California were by attorney after 1856 and she probably returned to Missouri with one or more of her children that year. Additional information is in my Snelling book, *The Family of William Snelling and Sarah Scott*.