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Dear Friends,

November 3, 1997

Your courtesy and patience with visitors to the Battlefield are greatly appreciated.

Following quite a bit of research, I have assembled some more information on my Great-Grandfather's brother who was mortally wounded in the battle. That information is enclosed.

I request that you make it available to anyone having use of it.

Thanks again for your friendly attention during my recent visit.

Larn W. Westfall



**Private Ebenezer Westfall
35th Illinois Volunteer Regiment**

BATTLE OF STONES RIVER
December 30, 1862 - January 3, 1863

Early in 1861, Rebel forces had fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor (South Carolina) initiating armed hostilities between the Union and Confederate states. That summer, Union forces were embarrassed just outside Washington D.C. at the first Battle of Bull Run. Emotions were running high throughout the country as sides in the issues were firmly taken. Generally, ethnic, social and economic alignments tended to place those in northern states on one side, those in southern states on the other. The division was often not so pure in any locality.

Our direct ancestors were then living in Illinois. Having been orphaned only four or five years earlier, the children of Arnold and Marilla (Barnes) Westfall were living in foster homes. The older two sons, Ebenezer and William answered the call of recruiters, joining the Union forces. Daniel Alonzo, their younger brother, could not, he was too young.

Ebenezer, born in 1838, joined the Thirty-Fifth Volunteer Infantry Regiment of Illinois. A cousin, William Riley King, a neighbor, James E. Galloway and a friend, Isaac McBroom joined with him. Ebenezer, Isaac and Riley were assigned to Company A, Galloway was assigned to Company B. Assembly of the new regiment was at Decatur, Illinois. On the 4th of August, 1861 the new army started south. As with many grand and glorious starts, the young men, most of whom had never been outside of their native county, became infected with "Soldier's Complaint", intestinal distress due to unusual foods and water. The recruiter's promises preached with the aid of a brass band extoling exciting adventure serving The Cause proved for the first few weeks to be somewhat elusive. Ebenezer's complaint laid him up in Marine Hospital at St. Louis for a time.

By mid-September the regiment had mostly survived its first "battle", it was transported by railroad to Jefferson City, Missouri. From there, mostly by marching, the 750 or more men proceeded to Otterville on the 25th, to Sedelia by October 15th and to Springfield on the 26th. During most of November and December the Thirty-Fifth Illinois made its presence known by various marches into Wilson's Creek, Rolla and other places of Phelps County in south-western Missouri.

In late January of 1862 Isaac, Riley and James were to experience the first firing of weapons not as target practice or foraging for fresh rabbit and squirrel meat. The Rebel Army of General Price was retreating from the area into Northern Arkansas, Illinois 35th (and others) in hot pursuit.

The chase lasted for about 230 miles and several weeks finally pausing at a place called Pea Ridge in Arkansas. General Price decided it was here to turn and take the offensive with his Missouri men against troops of Illinois and Iowa.

On the seventh of March, from about ten in the morning until four in the afternoon, gunfire like continuous thunder and thick smoke stinging their nostrils and blurring their vision gave Isaac, Riley and James veteran soldier status. They heard the screams of wounded, shouts of sergeants and officers and cries of horses in an absolute nightmare. When the day had ended their measured success in defending their positions had cost 15 lives, 45 men wounded and 55 known to have been taken prisoner by the Rebels. None had previously envisioned wounded and dying men like so many hogs on butchering day.

Left in hastily dug graves were friends of less than a year:

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| Robert Bullock | Thomas Campbell | Richard Canada |
| Edward Cooper | John Cox | John Cross |
| Samuel Devall | Jacob Durham | John Durham |
| Jacob Immel | William Jackson | James Meak |
| George Morrison | John Porter | Joseph Williams |

Ebenezer missed the action, he had been sick since November and stayed behind at Rolla. His illness was not officially diagnosed but speculation is that his original intestinal distress was more serious than that of the other boys. Water and foods containing unaccustomed bacteria can take some time for one's immune system to reconcile with. He rejoined his buddies in early May. Riley, Isaac and James had plenty to tell him !

They had again been subjected to experiences not fully explained by that recruiter last summer. He had failed to mention that any wound from a fifty caliber ball would shatter bone, amputations were done without anesthesia, sanitation facility and care for wounded were virtually zero and if infection didn't get you, pneumonia would.

Those former neighbor pals and new friends left in unmarked graves were all too real to these survivors. They continued their service with a wary eye for Rebs. Rations were hard tack, a bread product made up by contractors to the Army who looked to commercial success rather than nutrition. The hard tack was sometimes weevil infested due to slow and inefficient distribution with little protection from the elements. Soldiers found that roasting it on a stick over a fire would drive the pests out. Salt pork in the ration package had to be soaked or boiled in order to remove enough salt to taste the meat. Fresh beef came about once a week

from the small herd of animals following the regiment. Roasted coffee beans in each soldier's ration were ground by hammering them with a rifle butt against a rock. The woolen blanket issued gave little protection from rains and, when wet, was slow to dry out especially when rolled up.

Only essential items were carried by each soldier. Marching was difficult enough without unnecessary weight. A knapsack containing a change of clothing and a blanket hung on their backs with straps. Tin cup and pan with canteen were hung onto the knapsack. A haversack draped over the hip contained a day's rations (twelve ounces of salt pork & hard tack) plus some sugar and coffee. A cartridge case with forty rounds hung below the haversack. Finally, a bayonet in a scabbard rounded out the material strapped on. A rifle of 68 calibre seldom left his hands.

The rest of 1862 saw the boys through a lot of southern Missouri and into Tennessee and Mississippi. Several contacts with the Rebels were made but no serious losses were encountered like those at Pea Ridge. The fall and early winter, according to weather notes in military records, began early and were especially cold and wet. By Christmas time the Thirty-Fifth Illinois was at Nashville, the Rebels were near the town of Murfreesboro 31 miles to the southeast.

At daybreak of the 26th Rosecrans' Army headed southeast. The ground between Nashville and Murfreesboro became a quagmire as thousands of Yanks proceeded down the pike and railroad cut. Enemy forces had been scouted and battle lines began to form by the 29th of December just west of Murfreesboro. What a way to celebrate the new year. Freezing rain persisted, surely no battle of consequence could take place. Shots were exchanged for two days with occasional close calls. Every near hit just caused Ebenezer, James, Isaac and Riley to stay closer to the cold, wet ground or to keep a tree between themselves and Johnny Reb.

At daylight on Wednesday the 31st Rebel forces (26th & 39th Alabama Regiments) charged the positions of Woodruff's third brigade. Sister regiments, Eighty-First Indiana and Twenty-Fifth Illinois were forced to retreat by an overwhelming force of men, gunfire and artillery. This appeared to be like Pea Ridge except rank was never broken then. Thirty-Fifth held its position allowing the first two regiments to reload and reform. The rebels seemed to pause for a while, probably gathering wounded and prisoners.

The pause was only brief, a fresh force (Texas Ninth) joined them and a new charge was coming. This one looked pretty bad, more noise, smoke and that incessant yelling the rebels were famous for than had been seen in the hour before or what was said about Pea Ridge. Bullets was striking all around and men were getting hit, brave adventurers were

afraid. A sudden jolt like a kick from a mule struck Ebenezer knocking him to the ground. He was hit. Intense pain and fear caused him to feel strangely dizzy and nauseas. He saw Sergeant Sam Bird of Company C and several others go down near him. Those not hit ran back into the cedars to the West and North.

Positions were completely over-run and now strangers with an unusual accent began gathering walking wounded. Ebenezer, Sam and six others were taken to an assembly area. They were now prisoners of war. This status would last for only a few hours. Captured wounded were exchanged (paroled) later in the day. Ebenezer and Sam were at least now back in friendly hands.

Their unit had suffered 45 men wounded not counting those captured. Twenty-one more were unaccounted for. Four hundred thirty-nine men began the day alive and healthy. One in five were out by the end of the day. Bodies of ten men and an officer of the Thirty-Fifth lay behind including:

William Mason
Jeremiah Payne
Sandusky Wright

Jacob Musser
Leonard Powell

Isaac Nelson
Curney Wicker

Rebel forces retreated after five days of fighting. Small consolation that 12,000 men of the Army of Tennessee were among the battle's casualties. Triumph of emotion over reason, roots of the war, had again put men of common heritage and destiny into mortal contact. One in four Confederate soldiers was killed or wounded, one in five for Union men. Total casualties of the Battle of Stones River (23,525) would be equal to about half a twentieth century Super Bowl's attendance.

Cold rain, sleet and winds had weakened them. Stamina required to stay warm and awake was enough against meager cold rations of the last few months, healing was slow. Wounded mates of Regiment 35 including Geroge Morrison (from Oconee, the one killed at Pea Ridge was from Catlin), Moses Buchanan, and James Chambers who all died in less than a week. John Simmons lasted about two weeks.

It appeared that Ebenezer and Sergeant Sam Bird would survive, two and a half weeks had elapsed since taking the hit. They were "hospitalized" in the home of a family named Harding less than a half mile of where they had been wounded.

Either infection began to spread or he contracted pneumonia, a high fever came on Ebenezer making him shake uncontrollably and hallucinate. He cried for his mother at times. In brief times of clear mind he made Sam promise to write to his sister Rachel if "anything happened". At seven-thirty on the evening of January 26 Ebenezer succumbed.

Sgt. Byrd wrote the letter, regained strength to rejoin his Thirty-Fifth and survived the war. Isaac wrote a similar letter to William, Ebenezer's brother. William Riley King, the cousin, died of intestinal distress at Chattanooga ten months later, James D. Galloway lasted only two months more. Isaac McBroom was mustered out September 27, 1864.

Ebenezer's body was buried in a coffin (unusual practice during the war) along with colleagues from Illinois' 35th and 25th regiments and Indiana's 81st. The graves on the north rise of the battle site were each marked with only with a board. In two and a half years the boards became decayed or otherwise illegible. In mid-1865 a National Cemetery was created, all honored dead were reinterred. Over six thousand bodies of boys from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio and other places were reburied, names could be placed on less than half the new graves. Ebenezer Westfall's name is on the list of heroes buried there.

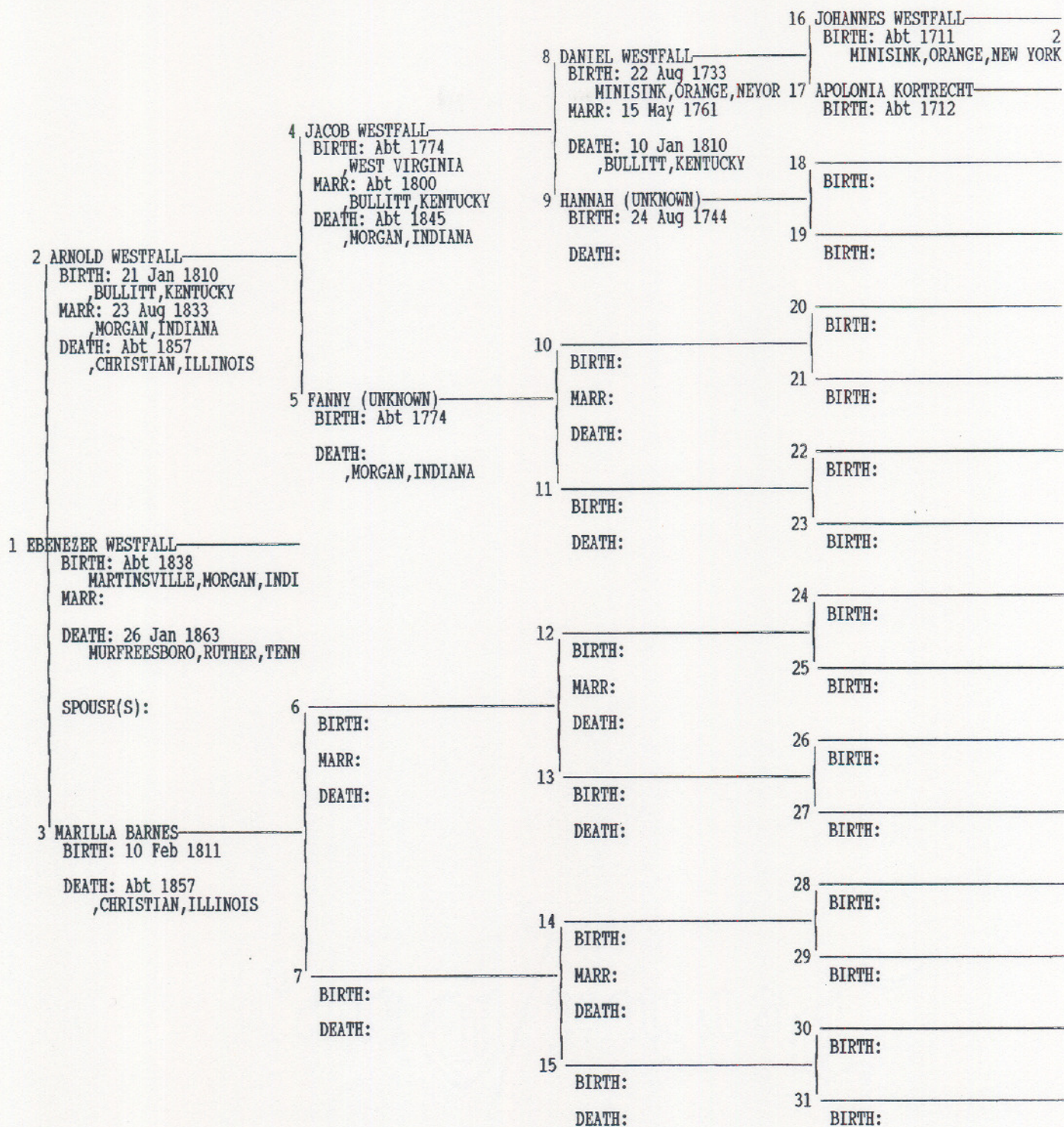
Murfreesboro, Tenn
Jan 29th 1863

Miss R. D. Westfall

In compliance with a promise I made to your brother Ebenezer, I write this letter to inform you of his death. He died at 7 1/2 P.M. of the 26th this month. I was with your brother from the time he was taken prisoner until his death, being wounded & taken myself. Our beds were side by side most of the time. His wound was not thought to be fatal, but the chills and fever set in on him and that with the wounds terminated his life. His comrades in Co. A came in and buried him next day. They procured a coffin which a great many do not get. I have no doubt but some of his friends have written to you before this time informing you of his death, but I felt as if I must write because I had promised him I would do so. In the forenoon of the day he died he called me to his bed side and told me if he should die here I must write to you and let you know it. I told him I would. He was delirious most of the day and would often mention his mother and sister. He was a good soldier on the Battle field and bore his suffering well.

I am very faithfully
your Obedient Serv't
Samuel W. Bird
35th Ills.

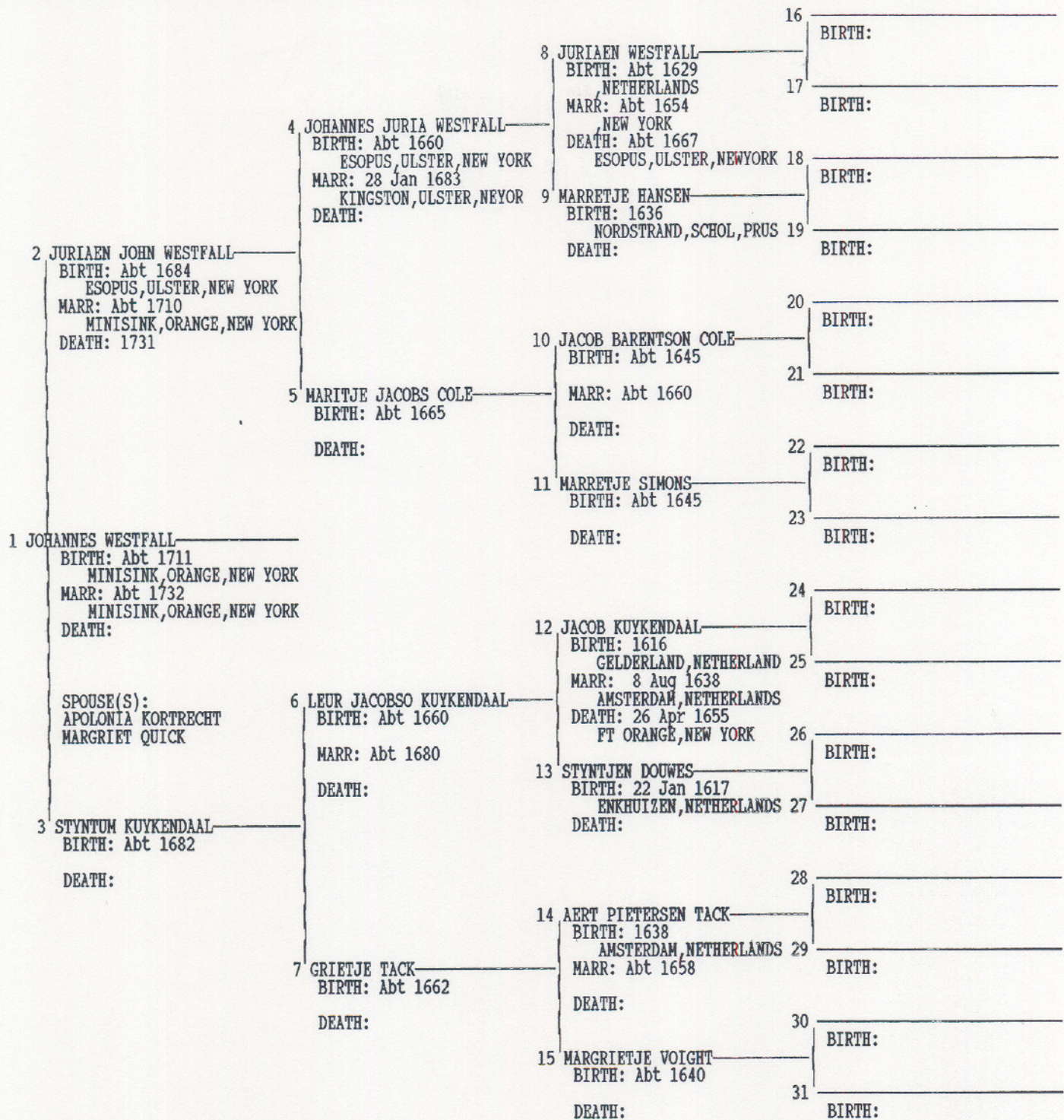
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HUSBAND ARNOLD WESTFALL-62

BIRTH: 21 Jan 1810 PLACE: BULLITT, KENTUCKY
 CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 23 Aug 1833 PLACE: MORGAN, INDIANA
 DEATH: Abt 1857 PLACE: CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: JACOB WESTFALL-1483 MOTHER: FANNY (UNKNOWN)-1484 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER WIVES: Parents' MRIN: 414

WIFE MARILLA BARNES-63

BIRTH: 10 Feb 1811 PLACE:
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: Abt 1857 PLACE: CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: MOTHER:
 OTHER HUSBANDS: Parent Link Type: ()

CHILDREN

1. NAME: FANNY M. WESTFALL-64 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1836 PLACE: MARTINSVILLE, MORGAN, INDIANA
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:

2. NAME: EBENEZER WESTFALL-65 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1838 PLACE: MARTINSVILLE, MORGAN, INDIANA
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: 26 Jan 1863 PLACE: MURFREESBORO, RUTHERFORD, TENNESSEE
 BURIAL: 27 Jan 1863 PLACE: MURFREESBORO, RUTHERFORD, TENNESSEE
 SPOUSE:

3. NAME: WILLIAM WESLEY WESTFALL-66 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1840 PLACE: MARTINSVILLE, MORGAN, INDIANA
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: 8 Nov 1865 PLACE: FORT COLLINS, LARIMER, COLORADO
 BURIAL: PLACE: FORT COLLINS, LARIMER, COLORADO
 SPOUSE:

4. NAME: HANNAH WESTFALL-67 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 4 Nov 1843 PLACE: MARTINSVILLE, MORGAN, INDIANA
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 27 Feb 1859 PLACE: CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE: FRALEY CEMETERY, TAYLORVILLE, CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 SPOUSE: EDWARD K. SLATER-375 MRIN: 100

5. NAME: DANIEL ALONZO WESTFALL-18 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 3 Sep 1845 PLACE: MARTINSVILLE, MORGAN, INDIANA
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 23 Aug 1866 PLACE: TAYLORVILLE, CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 DEATH: 13 Oct 1930 PLACE: CARNEY, LINCOLN, OKLAHOMA
 BURIAL: 13 Oct 1930 PLACE: CARNEY, LINCOLN, OKLAHOMA
 SPOUSE: MARY JANE JOHNSON-19 MRIN: 6

6. NAME: RACHEL DIANE WESTFALL-68 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 30 Jun 1847 PLACE: MARTINSVILLE, MORGAN, INDIANA
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 20 Jan 1867 PLACE: CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 DEATH: 27 Apr 1910 PLACE: GREENWOOD TWP, CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: NATHANIEL DURBIN-1201 MRIN: 323 There are other marriage(s)

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HUSBAND JACOB WESTFALL-1483

BIRTH: Abt 1774 PLACE: WEST VIRGINIA
 CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: Abt 1800 PLACE: BULLITT, KENTUCKY
 DEATH: Abt 1845 PLACE: MORGAN, INDIANA
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: DANIEL WESTFALL-663 MOTHER: HANNAH (UNKNOWN)-1027 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER WIVES: Parents' MRIN: 232

WIFE FANNY (UNKNOWN)-1484

BIRTH: Abt 1774 PLACE:
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE: MORGAN, INDIANA
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: MOTHER:
 OTHER HUSBANDS: Parent Link Type: ()

CHILDREN

1. NAME: ALLIE LOU TRACY WESTFALL-1245 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 24 Jun 1805 PLACE: BULLITT, KENTUCKY
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 22 Oct 1830 PLACE: MARTINSVILLE, MORGAN, INDIANA
 DEATH: 1 Aug 1868 PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: LEVI PARKER-1244 MRIN: 335
2. NAME: JACOB WESTFALL [JR.]-1264 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1808 PLACE: BULLITT, KENTUCKY
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 3 May 1829 PLACE: WASHINGTON, INDIANA
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: MARTHA ANN WILSON-1265 MRIN: 345
3. NAME: ARNOLD WESTFALL-62 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 21 Jan 1810 PLACE: BULLITT, KENTUCKY
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 23 Aug 1833 PLACE: MORGAN, INDIANA
 DEATH: Abt 1857 PLACE: CHRISTIAN, ILLINOIS
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: MARILLA BARNES-63 MRIN: 14

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HUSBAND DANIEL WESTFALL-663

BIRTH: 22 Aug 1733 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 CHR.: 18 Jun 1734 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 15 May 1761 PLACE:
 DEATH: 10 Jan 1810 PLACE: BULLITT,KENTUCKY
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: JOHANNES WESTFALL-503 MOTHER: APOLONIA KORTRECHT-504 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER WIVES: Parents' MRIN: 127

WIFE HANNAH (UNKNOWN)-1027

BIRTH: 24 Aug 1744 PLACE:
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: MOTHER:
 OTHER HUSBANDS: Parent Link Type: ()

CHILDREN

1. NAME: DIANA WESTFALL-1062 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1770 PLACE: WEST VIRGINIA
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 8 Jan 1788 PLACE: BEVERLY,RANDOLPH,WEST VIRGINIA
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: JAMES HOLDER-1220 MRIN: 325

2. NAME: JOHN WESTFALL-1028 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 5 Dec 1772 PLACE: WEST VIRGINIA
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 15 May 1804 PLACE: KENTUCKY
 DEATH: 20 Aug 1844 PLACE: KENTUCKY
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: SARAH WESTFALL-1029 MRIN: 233

3. NAME: JACOB WESTFALL-1483 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1774 PLACE: WEST VIRGINIA
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: Abt 1800 PLACE: BULLITT,KENTUCKY
 DEATH: Abt 1845 PLACE: MORGAN,INDIANA
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: FANNY (UNKNOWN)-1484 MRIN: 414

4. NAME: SUSANNAH WESTFALL-1640 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1776 PLACE: WEST VIRGINIA
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 30 Jun 1790 PLACE: JEFFERSON,KENTUCKY
 DEATH: 28 Apr 1812 PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: WILLIAM CLEAVER [JR.]-1641 MRIN: 453

5. NAME: SAMUEL WESTFALL-2112 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1778 PLACE: WEST VIRGINIA
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: Abt 1807 PLACE: LAWRENCE,MISSISSIPPI
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: Abt 1852 PLACE: SABINE,LOUISIANA
 SPOUSE: NANCY (UNKNOWN)-2113 MRIN: 604

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HUSBAND JOHANNES WESTFALL-503

BIRTH: Abt 1711 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 CHR.: 24 Jun 1711 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1732 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: JURIAEN JOHN WESTFALL-84 MOTHER: STYNTUM KUYKENDAAL-502 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER WIVES: MARGRIET QUICK-511 Parents' MRIN: 126

WIFE APOLONIA KORTRECHT-504

BIRTH: Abt 1712 PLACE:
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: MOTHER: Parent Link Type: ()
 OTHER HUSBANDS:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: DANIEL WESTFALL-663 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 22 Aug 1733 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 18 Jun 1734 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 15 May 1761 PLACE:
 DEATH: 10 Jan 1810 PLACE: BULLITT,KENTUCKY
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: HANNAH (UNKNOWN)-1027 MRIN: 232

2. NAME: CHRISTINA WESTFALL-664 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1736 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 19 May 1736 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1756 PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: ABRAHAM KITTLE-1110 MRIN: 280

3. NAME: JURIAEN WESTFALL-510 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1739 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 29 May 1739 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1763 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE: HARDESTYTOWN,SUSSEX,NEW JERSEY
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: GRIETJE QUICK-734 MRIN: 170

4. NAME: JOHANNES WESTFALL-505 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1741 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 28 Jun 1741 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: Abt 1741 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:

5. NAME: ELISABETH WESTFALL-506 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1744 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 23 Apr 1744 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: (ILLEGITIMATE) UNKNOWN-738 MRIN: 171

6. NAME: JOHANNES WESTFALL-507 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1747 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 6 Jul 1747 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:

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HUSBAND JOHANNES WESTFALL-503
WIFE APOLONIA KORTRECHT-504

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Yr of Birth 1712

CHILDREN (continued)

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| 7. NAME: SAMUEL WESTFALL [(TWIN)]-1011 | | Parent Link Type: (B) |
| --- BIRTH: Abt 1749 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| M CHR.: 24 Mar 1749 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| MAR.: Abt 1771 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| DEATH: 1787 | PLACE: WANTAGE, SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY | |
| BURIAL: | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: MARGARET LICHERT-514 | MRIN: 129 | |
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| 8. NAME: HENDRICK WESTFALL [(TWIN)]-508 | | Parent Link Type: (B) |
| --- BIRTH: Abt 1749 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| M CHR.: 24 Mar 1749 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| MAR.: Abt 1772 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| DEATH: | PLACE: | |
| BURIAL: | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: SUSANNA KORTRECHT-518 | MRIN: 130 | |
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| 9. NAME: JOSEPH WESTFALL-509 | | Parent Link Type: (B) |
| --- BIRTH: Abt 1751 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| M CHR.: 6 Oct 1751 | PLACE: MINISINK, ORANGE, NEW YORK | |
| MAR.: | PLACE: | |
| DEATH: | PLACE: | |
| BURIAL: | PLACE: | |
| SPOUSE: | | |

HUSBAND JURIAEN JOHN WESTFALL-84

BIRTH: Abt 1684 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 CHR.: 27 Apr 1684 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1710 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: 1731 PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: JOHANNES JURIAEN WESTFALL-78 MOTHER: MARITJE JACOBS COLE-83 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER WIVES: MARYTJEN CUDEBECK-617 Parents' MRIN: 17

WIFE STYNTUM KUYKENDAAL-502

BIRTH: Abt 1682 PLACE:
 CHR.: 2 Apr 1682 PLACE: KINGSTON,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: LEUR JACOBSON KUYKENDAAL-1077 MOTHER: GRIETJE TACK-1078 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER HUSBANDS: Parents' MRIN: 254

CHILDREN

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 --- BIRTH: Abt 1711 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 24 Jun 1711 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1732 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: APOLONIA KORTRECHT-504 MRIN: 127 There are other marriage(s)

2. NAME: JACOBUS WESTFALL-616 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1713 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 5 Feb 1713 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 7 May 1738 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: SOPHIA VAN AKEN-665 MRIN: 159 There are other marriage(s)

3. NAME: JACOB WESTFALL-615 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1715 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 8 Jun 1715 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1734 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: JUDIKE HORNBECK-674 MRIN: 161

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HUSBAND JOHANNES JURIAEN WESTFALL-78

BIRTH: Abt 1660 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 28 Jan 1683 PLACE: KINGSTON,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: JURIAEN WESTFALL-75 MOTHER: MARRETJE HANSEN-76 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER WIVES: Parents' MRIN: 16

WIFE MARITJE JACOBS COLE-83

BIRTH: Abt 1665 PLACE:
 CHR.: 7 Mar 1666 PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: JACOB BARENTSON COLE-418 MOTHER: MARRETJE SIMONS-614 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER HUSBANDS: Parents' MRIN: 110

CHILDREN

1. NAME: JURIAEN JOHN WESTFALL-84 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: Abt 1684 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 27 Apr 1684 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1710 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: 1731 PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: STYNTUM KUYKENDAAL-502 MRIN: 126 There are other marriage(s)

2. NAME: MARETJE WESTFALL-390 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: Abt 1685 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: Aug 1685 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1705 PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: CORNELIS KUYKENDAAL-622 MRIN: 155

3. NAME: REBECCA WESTFALL-391 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: Abt 1687 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 29 Apr 1687 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1709 PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: MANUEL GONSALES-630 MRIN: 156

4. NAME: JANNETJE WESTFALL-392 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: Abt 1689 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 17 Mar 1689 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 21 Mar 1715 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: MATTHEUS KUYKENDAAL-639 MRIN: 157

5. NAME: SARAH WESTFALL-393 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: Abt 1691 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 26 May 1691 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 3 Feb 1712 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: JACOB KUYKENDAAL-645 MRIN: 158

6. NAME: JACOB WESTFALL-394 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: Abt 1693 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 23 Apr 1693 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 19 Nov 1717 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: MARGRIETJE DE DUYSER-401 MRIN: 105

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 WIFE MARITJE JACOBS COLE-83

Yr of Birth 1660
 Yr of Birth 1665

CHILDREN (continued)

Parent Link Type: (B)

7. NAME: ABEL WESTFALL-395
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1696 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 9 Feb 1696 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 25 Feb 1717 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: ANTJEN BOGARD-488 MRIN: 123

Parent Link Type: (B)

8. NAME: NICHOLAS WESTFALL-396
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1698 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 1 May 1698 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1725 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: BREGJEN MIDDAG-553 MRIN: 106

Parent Link Type: (B)

9. NAME: CLAERTJE WESTFALL-397
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1700 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 31 Oct 1700 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 22 Sep 1721 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: SOLOMON FREER-558 MRIN: 135

Parent Link Type: (B)

10. NAME: RYMERICK WESTFALL-398
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1703 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 13 Jun 1703 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:

Parent Link Type: (B)

11. NAME: HELENA WESTFALL-399
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1705 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 22 Sep 1705 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1725 PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: CORNELIUS DE VOOR-1071 MRIN: 248

Parent Link Type: (B)

12. NAME: RACHEL WESTFALL-400
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1709 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 11 Sep 1709 PLACE: MINISINK,ORANGE,NEW YORK
 MAR.: Abt 1729 PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: JOHANNES MIDDAG-1072 MRIN: 249

HUSBAND JURIAEN WESTFALL-75

BIRTH: Abt 1629 PLACE: NETHERLANDS
 CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: Abt 1654 PLACE: NEW YORK
 DEATH: Abt 1667 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: MOTHER: Parent Link Type: ()
 OTHER WIVES:

WIFE MARRETJE HANSEN-76

BIRTH: 1636 PLACE: NORDSTRAND,SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN,PRUSSIA
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 FATHER: HANS JANSEN-441 MOTHER: (UNKNOWN) VOLKERT-442 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER HUSBANDS: Parents' MRIN: 115

CHILDREN

1. NAME: RYMERICK WESTFALL-79 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1656 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 7 Dec 1672 PLACE: KINGSTON,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 DEATH: Abt 1716 PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: THOMAS THEUNISZEN QUICK-439 MRIN: 114

2. NAME: JOHANNES JURIAEN WESTFALL-78 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1660 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 28 Jan 1683 PLACE: KINGSTON,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: MARITJE JACOBS COLE-83 MRIN: 17

3. NAME: ABEL WESTFALL-80 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1661 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 25 Sep 1661 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:

4. NAME: SYMEN WESTFALL-81 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1663 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: 30 Sep 1663 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: 17 Aug 1692 PLACE: KINGSTON,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: NEELTJE QUAKENBOSCH-460 MRIN: 120

5. NAME: NICHOLAS WESTFALL-77 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1664 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 21 Apr 1701 PLACE: KINGSTON,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: MARIE MONTAGNJE-268 MRIN: 70 There are other marriage(s)

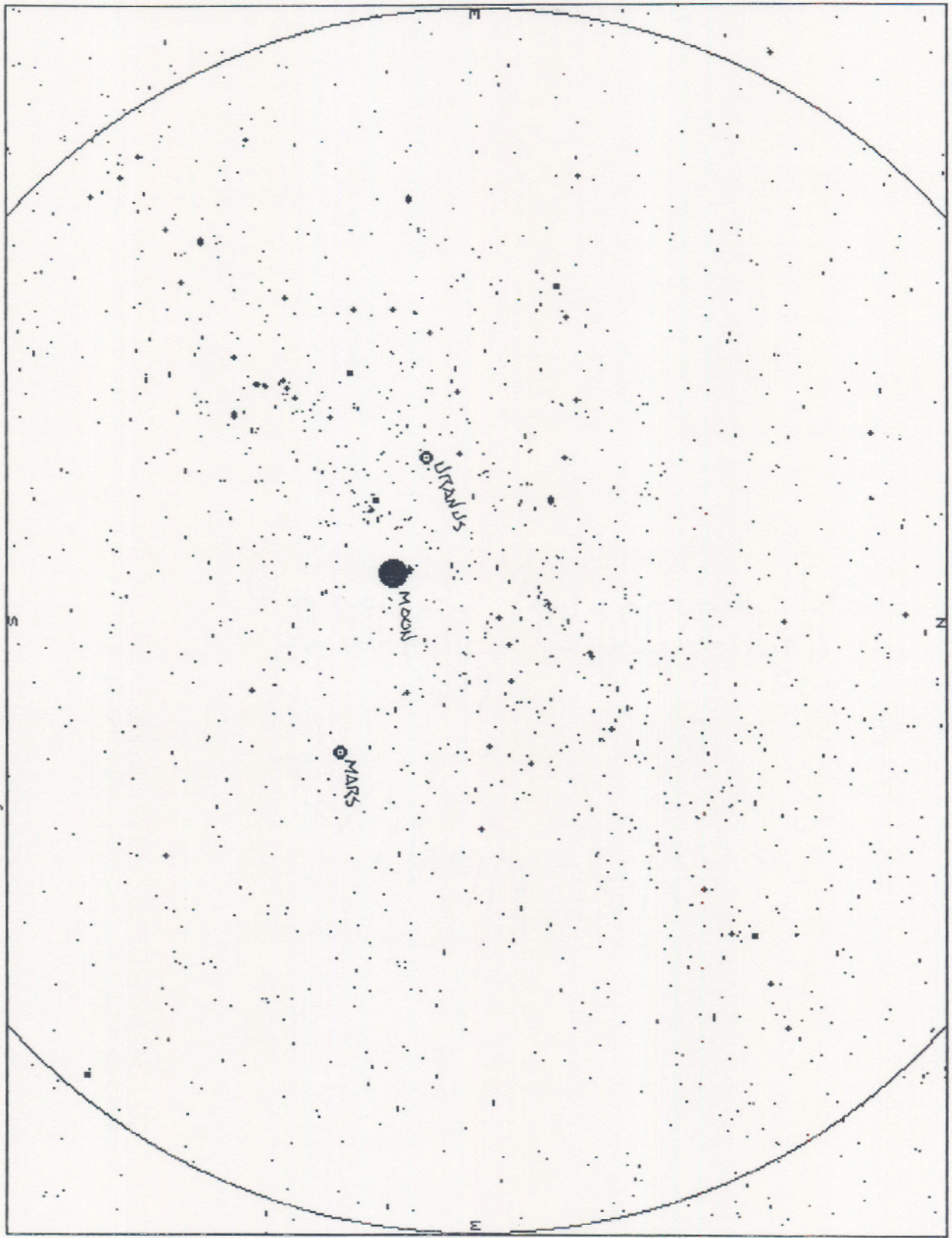
6. NAME: ELSJEN WESTFALL-82 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: Abt 1665 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 F CHR.: 27 Jun 1665 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: Abt 1685 PLACE: ESOPUS,ULSTER,NEW YORK
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:

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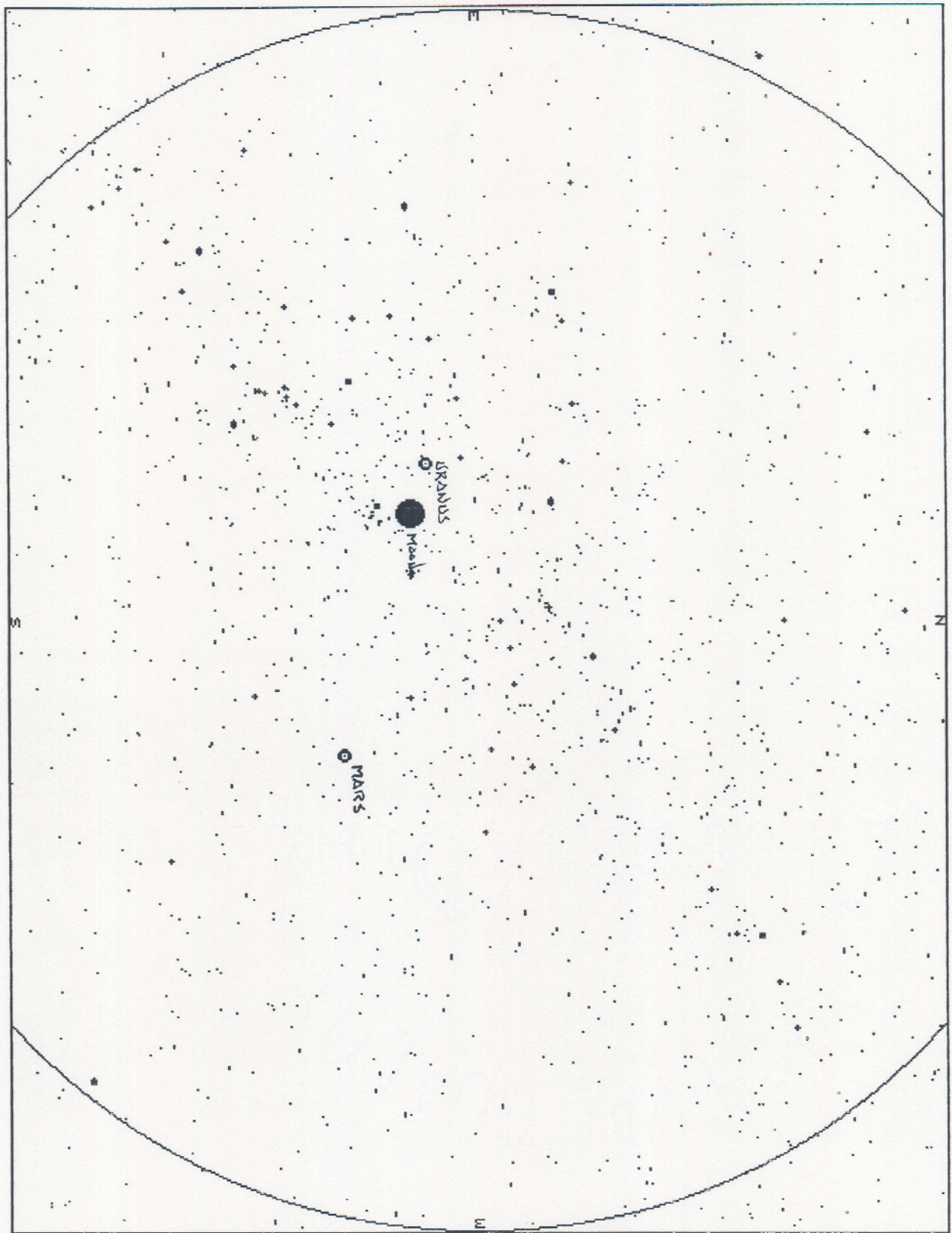
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Mr. Lorn Westfall

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Murfreesboro, Tenn
Jan 29th 1863

Miss R. D. Westfall

In compliance with a promise I made to your brother Ebenezer, I write this letter to inform you of his death. He died at 7 1/2 P.M. of the 26th this month. I was with your brother from the time he was taken prisoner until his death, being wounded & taken myself. Our beds were side by side most of the time. His wound was not thought to be fatal, but the chills and fever set in on him and that with the wounds terminated his life. His comrades in Co. A came in and buried him next day. They procured a coffin which a great many do not get. I have no doubt but some of his friends have written to you before this time informing you of his death, but I felt as if I must write because I had promised him I would do so. In the forenoon of the day he died he called me to his bed side and told me if he should die here I must write to you and let you know it. I told him I would. He was delirious most of the day and would often mention his mother and sister. He was a good soldier on the Battle field and bore his suffering well.

I am very faithfully
your Obedient Serv't
Samuel W. Bird
35th Ills.

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Jan. 29th 1863!

Miss R. D. Westfall,

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I am very respectfully
yours obedient servant

Samuel W. Bissel
33rd St. N. Y.

L O R N W . W E S T F A L L
5308 Tanglebriar
Dickinson, Texas 77539

April 09, 1988

Mr. Donald E. Magee, Superintendent
Stones River National Battlefield
Route Ten, Box 495
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

Received

APR 12 1988

STONES RIVER
NATIONAL
BATTLEFIELD

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Re: Ebenezer Westfall

Dear Mr. Magee:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 6, 1988 and the materials sent with it. The family appreciates your attention to the responsibility of maintaining the Battlefield, its Cemetery and Records pertaining thereto.

We are sorry to hear that no marked grave exists for our relative. For your records, we would like to place a copy of his death notice in your files. The notice received by Ebenezer's sister, Rachel D. Westfall reads as follows:

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Jan 29th 1863*

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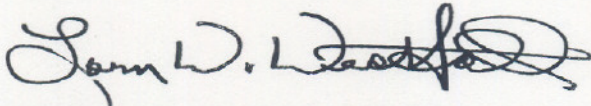
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I am very faithfully
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Samuel W. Bird
35th Ills.

You have our permission to use this and make it available to any legitimate use in preserving the history of the Battle of Stones River.

Thank you again for your kind attention to our previous requests.

Sincerely,



Lorn W. Westfall

COPY FOR YOUR
INFORMATION

November 1, 1990

Dear friends:

On Sunday, October 28, 1990 a long-awaited visit was paid to the Stones River Battlefield. Well kept, good displays, etc.

My grandfather's uncle (my great-grandfather's brother), Ebenezer Westfall of the 35th Illinois was wounded in the battle. He died a few days later per death notice letter copy enclosed.

Have often wondered where he may have been cared for and buried. Best guess is that his wounding occurred 7-8 AM on 31st, possibly by a Texas 9th soldier.

Any records or evidences of where hospitals were set up and burial sites?

Lorn W. Westfall

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November 11, 1990

Mr. Lorn W. Westfall
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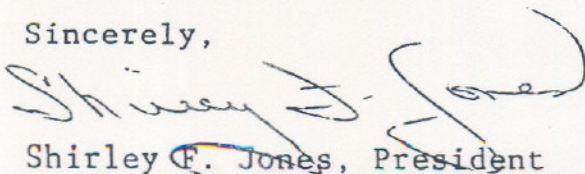
Dear Mr. Westfall:

I have received your letter of November 1 addressed to the Rutherford County Historical Society, regarding your great-grandfather's brother, Ebenezer Westfall. I found the enclosed correspondence from Samuel W. Bird fascinating! Civil War history is my specialty, although I'm afraid we were on opposing sides. My great-grandfather was a doctor in Company I of the 41st Tennessee Infantry.

I can certainly appreciate and share in your curiosity as to where your ancestor was cared for, died, and was buried. Having re-traced several of the paths of victory and defeat experienced by my great-grandfather, Dr. John Kennerly Farris, Sr., it is hard not to get caught up in the nostalgia. For this reason, I wish that I could provide you with more information than what is noted. All that I can tell you is that area homes were transformed into battlefield hospitals, as well as tents, and any other type of available shelters. The Battle of Stones River was such a bloody and awful experience. It is said the river ran red with blood. And more than 25,000 lives were lost in such a short time. Unfortunately, for soldiers not from around the immediate area, burial was almost immediate. Our boys were either taken home to family cemeteries or buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Confederate Circle. There are no Confederate soldiers buried in the Stones River Military National Park as it is a U.S. Military Park and therefore dedicated only to those who fought for the United States. I feel confident in saying that your ancestor is buried there. Perhaps officials at the park can help you locate his exact burial plot. Extensive work has just been completed and many graves have been newly identified. I am forwarding your correspondence on to the Park Superintendent in the hope that she can be of assistance.

I wish you much luck in obtaining the information you seek. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,



Shirley F. Jones, President