

LET'S DISCUSS IT – JANUARY 29, 2011

How would you use the information in this document in your research?

1. Deed - Conveyance of land of Mordecai Fowler, deceased, by children and heirs to J P Gray 25 Sept 1856.

"Deed Book N - Trigg County KY (from Becky Root Dec 2000)

M. Fowler Heirs Deeds to J P Gray 25 Sep 1856

Whereas Mordicai Fowler late of Trigg County died possessed of a tract of land herein after described which descended to his children and heirs at law (towit: Thomas Fowler and Matilda Gray wife of John Gray of Lyon Co KY, Isaac Fowler, George Fowler, Josiah T Fowler, John G Fowler, Josiah Fowler and Loftin Fowler of Schuyler County Illinois, William Fowler of Kansas Territory, Jane Lester wife of Wm Lester, Mary Ann Jones wife of Richard Jones and Casandra Fowler of Trigg County Ky and the heirs of Martha Lester deceased of said Trigg County and said heirs by themselves and agents leaving sold said land to said John Gray in consideration of the sum of six hundred and thirty five dollars by note due 1st Feby next to them in hand paid the said parties before mentioned except said Gray and wife, have bargained and sold and do hereby convey unto said Gray and his heirs [?] twelve undivided thirteenth in and to said land lying in Trigg County aforesaid on the Muddy Fork and Bounded as follows towit:

Beginning at a black oak marked J B running thence [???] W [?] to a black oak thence N25 W 200 poles to the beginning, containing by Patush[?] in the name of James Brown dated 16 May 1809 two hundred acres, but supposed to be more, conveyed to Mordecai Fowler by Joshua Cates[?] in 1822 with all and singular the appurtenanced to said undivided interest belonging or in in any wise appertaining unto the said Gray his heirs said to have and to hold forever, the said Fowler's heirs before mentioned hereby covenanting to warrant and defend the same against all claims whatever. In testimony whereof the said Thomas Fowler, Isaac Fowler, Josiah T Fowler and wife, George Fowler, Jane Lester, Wm Lester, Wm Fowler, John G Fowler, Josiah Fowler, Loftin Fowler, Mary Ann Jones, Richard Jones and Casandra Fowler by themselves and agents, and Martha Lester's heirs by William Lester their father do hereto set their hand this 25th day of September 1856. Witness as to Thos. Fowler and as agent for Wm Fowler, William Lester, Isaac Fowler Jr.

Isaac (his mark) Fowler

William Lester

Thomas (his mark) Fowler

Jane (her mark) Fowler

William (his mark) Fowler

by Thomas Fowler his atty in fact

Josiah Fowler

by Wm Lester his atty in fact.

Jane (her mark) Lester

Richard (his mark) Jones

Mary Ann (her mark) Jones

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John G Fowler

Jane Fowler

Loftin Fowler

by thomas Fowler their atty in fact

George Fowler by

Wm Lester his atty in fact

Daruson[?] Dunning

Geroge W Lester

Lucinda (her mark) Lester

Matilda (her mark) Lester

James (his mark) Lester

William (his mark) Lester Junr[?]

Samuel (his mark) Lester

Benjamin (his mark) Mitchell

Casandra (her mark) Mitchell

Commonwealth of Kentucky Trigg County Sch[?]. I Albert S Dabney clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that this deed from Isaac Fowler and others to John Gray, was the 28th day of March 1857 acknowledged before me in my office by the grantors. Benjamin Mitchell and Casandra Mitchell his wife to be their act and deed and on the 14th April 1857 in like manner by the granters John G Fowler and Jane Fowler and his wife, and Loftin Fowler by Thomas Fowler their attorney in fact to be their act and deeds and on same day by George Fowler by Wm Lester his attorney in fact and on this day by Matilda Lester to be their act and deeds. Given under my hand this 11th day of December 1857. A S Dabney by R A Burnett D.C.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Trigg County

I Albert S Dabney clerk of the county court for the county aforesaid, do certify that this deed from Isaac Fowler and others to John Gray was the 25th day of September 1856 acknowledged before me in my office by the grantors Isaac and Wm Lester to be their act and deed, that it was proven before me on the 28th day of October 1856 by the oaths of Wm Lester and Isaac Fowler sub[?]

being witnessed thereto as to the grantors Thomas Fowler and Wm Fowler by said Thomas Fowler his attorney in fact, on the 28th day of February 1857 it was acknowledged before me in said county by the grantors Josiah Fowler by Wm Lester his attorney in fact to be his act and deed on the 28th day of March 1857 it was acknowledge before me in my office by James Lester, Richard Jones and Mary Ann Jones his wife to be their act and deed, and on the 13th Oct 1857 it was acknowledged before me by the
Other links for the month:

grantors George W Lester and Lucinda Lester his wife, James Lester and Wm Lester Jr to be their act and deed and the same was ordered to be [?]. Whereupon the same with the certificate therein endorsed and this have been admitted to record in my office.
Given under my hand this 22nd day of February 1858.
A S Dabney."

---- I had four pages of notes where I followed the census records from Kentucky, Illinois and Oklahoma. What I learned was that you shouldn't "assume". There were several William Fowlers in Trigg and Oklahoma and it turns out the one I would have thought was the son named in the will, turned out to be a member of a different family. It was a very long process of tracking census records for many years and many Fowlers with the same name in several counties across several states.

Other links:

RootsMagic Free Webinars. If the webinar is full, it will be posted for later viewing. <http://www.rootsmagic.com/webinars/>

RootsMagic Blog: <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/>

Ohio Genealogical Society: <http://www.ogs.org/>

Wills of Northern Ireland: http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars.htm

A blog concerning genealogy software by Tamura Jones: <http://www.tamurajones.net/>

Greta's genealogy blog: <http://gretabog.blogspot.com/>

I sent this out, earlier in the month, via email. It's videos from Google for learning basic computer things:
<http://www.teachparentstech.org/watch>

National Archives – Searching Online – Public Access: <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/>

Discussion about storing genealogy data online versus having it only on your own personal computer:
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/12/from-the-in-box-which-online-software-to-use.html

Another fun photo site: <http://anymaking.com/>

“20 things I learned about browsers and the internet”; I sent this to you via email earlier in the month: <http://www.20thingsilearned.com/>

Here are two links and information from Virginia Goodwin-Gray on land records:

“I have been exploring the new Bureau of Land Management website (<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/beta/>)

and was excited to find both listings for and actual images of the land patent certificates issued to several of my ancestors in Sumter County, Alabama in the mid 1830's. I didn't know what they meant so spent some time searching for additional information. On the Alabama Secretary of State Website (<http://arc-sos.state.al.us/CGI/SOSLND00.MBR/MENU>)

I found images of the plat indexes which gave the date of the actual purchase (a few months earlier than the date the certificate was issued) and plat maps that helped me locate where the properties were located.”

This information from Gerald French:

From a Mississippi Newspaper: "The University of MS is making its Civil War archive available online just in time for the sesquicentennial.

Organizers say historians and the merely curious anywhere in the world can browse letters, diaries and other documents from those who saw the war up close.

The archive, handled by the university's Special Collections Digital Initiative and the J. D. Williams Library, consists of 762 items.

The collection includes the Gage Family Papers, Jeremiah Gage was a member of the University Greys, a unit composed of Ole Miss students which met its defeat at Gettysburg.

The Kinloch Falconer Collection features wartime correspondence, field dispatches, orders and circulars between various Confederate generals of the Army of Tennessee." Link: <http://clio.lib.olemiss.edu/archives/>

I subscribed to GenealogyBank.com this past week. I'll share some neat things I found. <http://www.genealogybank.com>

An article I read in a blog [on the Cobb family, of all places – I have no Cobbs in my family:

<http://wkygenealogy.blogspot.com/2011/01/this-n-that.html>] led me to correspond with the author of another web site. I sent him a copy of an old newspaper article that contradicted one piece of his information. He sent back another article that helped me confirm the identity of the man in MY article. [hooray!]. I then joined GenealogyBank.com, since that was where he had found HIS article, and I found info on several other family members. It was a successful weekend.