

HENRY SPARROW (Lucy Hanks)

The Rev. War Pension application of Henry Sparrow in Mercer Co. Ky. 2 Sept 1833, age 68, a resident of Washington Co. Ky., drafted in Mecklenburg Court House, Va. in the spring of 1781 under Cpt. Thomas Shipp for 6 months. He was born 9 Oct 1765 in Mecklenburg Co. Va. near Cran Oak (Roanoke) River. Lived in Mercer Co. Ky. upwards of 40 years, "some few years since I removed to Washington near the Mercer line where I now live"7 Dec 1833.¹ Mecklenburg Co., Virginia records show James Wright Sparrow, his wife Mary and their children sold their land in Virginia and migrated to Kentucky sometime in 1788 or early 1789.

Henry and Lucy Hanks Sparrow

Lucy Hanks may have been born in 1762. She had two illegitimate children Nancy Hanks b. about 1784 and married Thomas Lincoln and had President Abraham Lincoln and Sarah Hanks who had at least six illegitimate children and never married. Lucy married Henry Sparrow in 1790 and had several Sparrow children. See Hanks DNA website or geneticlincoln.com for information on the Nancy Hanks Lincoln mtDNA study.

On 30 November 1787 Mercer Co. Ky. Court ordered James Smith pay Lucy Hanks 50 lbs. tobacco for her attendance for two days as a witness for him at the suit of Alex Kinney in August last.² On 30 August 1787 Alexander Kenny agst. James Smith who intermarried with Margaret Irvine and Margaret his wife, upon a Petition. For reasons appearing to this court ordered suit dismissed and the defendant recover his costs agst. sd. Plt. James Smith was in Franklin Co. Penn. 1785 tax list, married August 1786 Margaret Irvine in Lincoln Co. Ky. and was in Fayette Co. Ky. in 1789.³

Records in Mecklenburg Co. Virginia indicate the James Wright and Mary Sparrow family migrated to Mercer Co. Ky. sometime in 1788 or early 1789.

24 Nov 1789 Mercer Co. Ky. Grand jury presentment agst. Lucy Hanks for fornication.⁴

23 March 1790 – Mercer Co. Ky. Commonwealth agst. Lucy Hanks upon a presentment on the motion of the attorney for the commonwealth an alias summons is awarded herein returnable, etc.⁵

26 April 1790 Note of consent written by Lucy Hanks reads...."I do certify that I am of age and give my approbation freely for henry Sparrow to git out Lisons this or enny other day, given under my hand this day, Apriel 26th 1790 witnessed by John Berry and Robert Mitchell. John Daniel certifies she is of full age." This note was with the bonds in 1929 but not in 1966. Taken from Lineage of Lincoln by William E. Barton, page 354⁶

30 April 1790 Henry Sparrow married Lucy Hanks, bond in Mercer Co. Ky. dated 30 ____1790 1 (1791 is written over the original date of 1790 which is faded) married by John Bailey⁷ 25 May 1790 – Mercer

¹ Fold3.com, Revolutionary War Pension Records

² Familysearch.org, Mercer County Kentucky, Court Order Book 1 1786-1793, page 182

³ Ibid, page 127

⁴ Michael L. Cook, Mercer County, Kentucky Records Vol. I, Order Book 1, page 415

⁵ FHLC #191837 Mercer Co., Kentucky Court Order Book 1 (1786-1790), page 482

⁶ Marriage Bonds and Consents 1786-1810, Mercer Co. Ky. by Alma Ray Sanders Ison and Rebecca Wilson Conover, 1970 Ison and Conover, Harrodsburg Kentucky, LDS film # 496849 #2, DGS 7901187, Vital Records, Houston Public Library

⁷ "Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-XXL> : accessed 22 February 2015), citing p. 16, Mercer, Kentucky, United States, FHL microfilm 192,267.

Co. Ky. Commonwealth agst. Lucy Hanks. For reasons appearing to the court the suit is ordered to be discontinued.⁸

(The Marriage Record in Mercer Co., Ky. of Henry Sparrow and Lucy Hanks....The page containing this record is missing the left side half inch or so which means at least the "17" portion of the year is missing as is the month. It does appear that someone has tried to replace the missing portion on the Sparrow/Hanks marriage and has written 91 in the space. The month is missing entirely, and the day is 30th. The marriages on this page are for 1790 and 1791 but not in numerical order. Based on census records, Mary Sparrow's birth is in the first half of 1790, thus she is likely the child that caused the presentment. The court would not have discontinued this action without the Hanks/Sparrow marriage which occurred in April of 1790 followed by the May 1790 dismissal.)

Children of Henry and Lucy Hanks Sparrow

In 1922 William Townsend, an attorney in Lexington, Ky., at the request of Dr. William E. Barton, interviewed Amanda Pilcher and Arch Sparrow regarding their recollection of the names of the children of Henry and Lucy Hanks Sparrow. Amanda Pilcher was the granddaughter of Henry Sparrow Jr. and Ailsey Smith Sparrow. In her statement dated 5 August 1922 she states "My name is Amanda Pilcher, wife of C. W. Pilcher, and I am seventy years old, my birthday being May 27th. My mother's name was Sarah, and she was the daughter of Henry Sparrow, Disciples of Christ Minister. I have always understood that my grandfather, Henry Sparrow, was an uncle of Abraham Lincoln. This fact has been recognized in the Sparrow family ever since I can remember. My grandfather, Henry Sparrow, had the following brothers and sisters, all of whom I personally knew Thomas, George, James, Betsy Franklin, Lucinda Campbell, Peggy or Margaret Ingram. Besides these I have heard my mother speak of another sister of Henry Sparrow named Polly who lived in Boyle County. It seems to me that she married a man named Whitehouse up there, but I am not sure as to this. My grandfather lived to be real old and is buried at New Liberty Church, where his birth and death dates may be found on his gravestone."⁹

Arch Sparrow in his statement dated 5 August 1922 states "My name is W. Arch Sparrow and my age is seventy two years. My father's name was James Sparrow, brother of Henry Sparrow, George Sparrow, Thomas Sparrow, Betsy Franklin, Lucinda Campbell and Peggy Ingram. I think Peggy Ingram and Betsy Franklin were both older than Henry Sparrow and I know my father of older than Henry. My father died when I was about 6 years old and I barely remember him. I have often heard Uncle Henry Sparrow say that he was half-uncle of Abraham Lincoln and that he had held him in his lap lots of times. I have also heard my Uncle Henry say that his father, my grandfather, was named Henry. I do not recall having heard my grandmother's name mentioned, but years ago Mr. Thomas Hanks of Anderson County, had a long conversation with me in which he said that my grandmother's name was Hanks. I know that my family came from Mercer or Boyle Counties and I have always understood that the brothers and sisters came pretty much together."¹⁰

In William Townsend's letter he states, "I went to see Mr. William B. Stinnett who lives close to the old church and is a grandson of Betsy Franklin." I next drove down the road and interviewed Mrs. Elizabeth Sparrow Crutcher, with whom you have been in correspondence. I asked her about the relative ages of her uncles and aunts, being somewhat surprised not to find Henry the oldest, and she said that all the children were older than Henry, except George and Lucinda. She is positive that her father Thomas was born in 1800...."¹¹

⁸ FHLC #191837 Mercer Co., Kentucky Court Order Book 1 (1786-1790), page 516

⁹ Copy of statement is property of the Lincoln Museum, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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With this information, along with tax, census, marriage and death records, we can place the children of Henry and Lucy Hanks Sparrow in the following order:

Mary “Polly” Sparrow – On 9 July 1808 (after the original entry was made, the final 8 in 1808 is overwritten with a 9) Polly Sparrow married Benjamin Whitehouse by John McGraw.¹² (*The Lucy Hanks Presentment was 24 Nov 1789 and cleared in May of 1790 likely because Lucy had married Henry Sparrow in April 1790. If Mary was age 60 (as per August of 1850 census) she was born in the first half of 1790 and was the child Lucy was pregnant with per the presentment and marriage. The census categories from 1840 back support Mary’s age as having been born in 1790.*) Based on ancestry.com family trees the following children were born to Ben and Polly Whitehouse: Cassandra 1809, Samuel 1810, Jane 1811, Dennis 1814, Henry Clay 1815, James 1817, Austin 1819, William 1822, Nancy 1823, Andrew Jackson 1824, Elizabeth 1825, Mary 1828, Sarah 1831, Lucy 1834 and Martha 1836. Benjamin Whitehouse died 4 Oct 1865 Boyle Co. Ky. and Mary Whitehouse died 4 Oct 1861.¹³

James Sparrow - On 13 Aug 1813 James Sparrow married Catherine Whitehouse, Henry Sparrow surety, consent of James Whitehouse for daughter on 10 Aug 1813, witnessed by Dennis and Henry Sparrow.¹⁴ James Sparrow, son of Henry Sparrow first appears on the Mercer Co. Ky. tax list in 1815, age 21 and older.¹⁵ James died about 1856 according to his son Arch Sparrow.

Elizabeth Sparrow - 22 July 1813 Elizabeth Sparrow married Claiborne Franklin, surety 3 April 1813 by Henry Sparrow.¹⁶

Margaret “Peggy” Sparrow - 29 July 1815 Peggy Sparrow mar. William Ingram in Shelby Co. Ky.¹⁷

Thomas Sparrow born 1800 mar. 2nd Mary Smith. 2 Aug 1826 Thomas Sparrow married Sally Smith.¹⁸ Thomas Sparrow is listed on the 1826 tax list as age 21 and older.¹⁹ Kentucky Death records show Thomas Sparrow born about 1803 Va. and died 23 Sept 1856 Kenton Co. Ky.²⁰

Henry Sparrow born 5 Aug 1802, died 2 Oct 1881 Anderson Co. Ky.²¹ Henry Sparrow Jr. is taxed for a horse in 1822 but is listed as a minor (under 21). Henry Sparrow Jr. is listed age 21 on the 1824 tax.²² 19 Feb 1822 Henry Sparrow mar. Ailsey Smith.²³ Henry Sparrow born 5 August 1802 and died 2 October 1881.²⁴ Ailcy, wife of H. Sparrow born 25 November 1805 and died 7 November 1895²⁵

¹² "Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-L4N> : accessed 22 February 2015), Benjamin Whitehouse and Polly Sparrow, 18 Jul 1809; citing p. 138, Mercer, Kentucky, United States, Madison County Courthouse, Richmond; FHL microfilm 192,267.

¹³ Findagrave.com

¹⁴ Michael L. Cook, Mercer Co. Ky. Records Vol. 2, Marriage Bonds and Consents

¹⁵ FHLC #101053 Mercer County, Kentucky Tax Books

¹⁶ "Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-2YH> : accessed 22 February 2015), Claebom Franklin and Elizabeth Sparrow, 22 Jul 1813; citing p. 176, Mercer, Kentucky, United States, Madison County Courthouse, Richmond; FHL microfilm 192,267.

¹⁷ Dodd, Jordan. *Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997.

¹⁸ Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-GGB> : accessed 23 February 2015), citing p. 304, Mercer, Kentucky, United States, Madison County Courthouse, Richmond; FHL microfilm 192,267.

¹⁹ FHLC #101053 Mercer County, Kentucky Tax Books

²⁰ Ancestry.com. *Kentucky, Death Records, 1852-1953* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007

²¹ Ancestry.com. *U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

²² FHLC #101053 Mercer County, Kentucky Tax Books

²³ Dodd, Jordan. *Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1997.

²⁴ Copy of statement is property of the Lincoln Museum, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

George Sparrow mar. Susan Ingram. George Sparrow is listed on the 1826 tax list as age 21 and older.²⁶

Lucinda Sparrow married 20 May 1824 Casey Co. Ky. Sandy Richardson.²⁷ In Mercer Co. Ky., James L. Campbell and Milton Conde bond for 50 pounds on 5 Jan 1841 for Campbell to marry Lucinda Richardson.²⁸ Richardsons were in Shelby Co. Ky. in 1860 and Spencer Co. Ky. in 1880. Children include Lavicy/Louisa born c. 1842, Waide M. 1844, Joseph H., 1846, Margaret C. 1849, and George H. 1852.

Virginia and North Carolina Records for Sparrow

Thomas Wright Sparrow was in Pr. George Co. Va. 1722 through 1727. He was born prior to 1701 to have been of age and status to purchase land in 1722. In 1727 he and wife Mary sold the 100 acres purchased in 1722 and in 1728 he was in Surry Co. where he obtained a grant of 301 ac. in Brunswick Co. Va. He sold this grant in 1738 and is listed as living in North Carolina, his wife Elizabeth rel. her dower to this land.

Prince George Co., Virginia Indenture dated 12 Feb 1722/3 George Bleighton and Lydia Clement of Martin Brandon Parish, Pr. Geo. Co. to Thomas Wright Sparrow of same for 25£ sell a parcel of land at a place called The Ponds where Thomas Moltan formerly lived beg. at the mouth of Indian Spring Branch and adj. Fletcher's line, cont. 100 ac., witnessed by Geo. Davenport and John Scoggins, rec. 12 Feb 1722/3²⁹

An indenture dated 24 Oct 1727 from Thomas Wright Sparrow of Martin Branden Parish, Pr. George Co. to Robert Hall of same for 5shillings current money sold 100 ac. (description same as 1722), witnessed by David Wadner, Robert Grant and Sarah Vainham, rec. 14 Nov 1727 and ack. by Sparrow, Mary the wife of Thomas W. Sparrow relinquished her dower.³⁰

Thomas Wright Sparrow of Surry Co., Virginia grant of 301 ac. on North side Sturgeon's Run in Brunswick Co., Va. adj. Charles King, Wm. Gent, and J. Roberson, 20 September 1728.³¹

Indenture dated 30 October 1738 Thomas Wright Sparrow of North Carolina to Henry Embry of Brunswick Co., Virginia for 5 shillings Sterling, 301 ac. in Brunswick Co. on the north side Sturgeons Run adj. Charles King's line and witnessed by John Merrett, Richard Vaughan, Wm. Reads and on 2 Nov 1738 Sparrow's wife Elizabeth rel. dower and ack. by Sparrow 8 March 1738/9.³²

James Bolling Sparrow was in Mecklenburg Co. Va. and Mercer Co. Ky. at the same time as the family of James and Mary Sparrow. These records in Granville Co. NC refer to James Bolling Sparrow. His mother Elizabeth may have been a daughter of Thomas Wright Sparrow.

²⁵ Copy of statement is property of the Lincoln Museum, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

²⁶ FHLC #101053 Mercer County, Kentucky Tax Books

²⁷ Ancestry.com, Kentucky Marriages 1802-1850

²⁸ Familysearch.org., Kentucky County Marriages 1797-1954, Mercer Co. Ky.

²⁹ Familysearch.org, Prince George Co., Virginia, Deed Book 1713-1728, pt. 2, page 582

³⁰ Familysearch.org, Prince George Co., Virginia, Deed Book 1713-1728, pt. 3, page 1046

³¹ Virginia Memory, Grants and Patents, Book 13, page 350

³² Familysearch.org, Brunswick Co., Virginia, Deed Book 1, page 424

Elizabeth, a “base born” child of Elizabeth Sparrow, bound to William Glover Aug. 30, 1749.³³ On Sept. 9, 1757 - Jas. Bolling als (alias) Sparrow, natural son of Eliz’a. Sparrow, age 13 on Feby 2, 1757, bound to Robt. Mitchell, “as a Planter.”³⁴

Brunswick Co. Virginia Indenture made 30 August 1748, between Henry Embry Senr. of St. Andrews Parish, Brunswick County and Henry Simmons of same, £40, 301a, on Sturgeon Run, **formerly granted to Thomas Wright Sparrows dated 1728**. Signed H. Embry. Witnesses: Henry Embry Junr., Thomas Embry, Richard Burch. Court January 5, 1748, Indenture, Memorandum, and receipt acknowledged by Henry Embry.³⁵ Deed Book 3, Page 524.

On 3 March 1760 James Hunt of Halifax Co. Va. receives a grant of 700 ac. on Terrible Creek adj. John Sparrow, Virginia Memory, Grants and Patents, No. 33, p. 716. On 23 May 1763 James Breedlove of Halifax Co. Va. received a grant of 387 ac. on both sides of Difficult Creek adj. John Sparrow. Virginia Memory, Grants and Patents No. 35, p. 177

Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Records

Created 1 March 1765 from Lunenburg Co. Va., adjoins Halifax Co. Va. on the west.

Henry Sparrow in his pension record states he was born in Mecklenburg Co., Va. in 1765.

James Sparrow received a grant in Mecklenburg Co., Va. dated 7 Dec 1774 containing 400 ac. on both sides of Little Mine Creek adj. Francis Clark’s line and Durham’s line.³⁶

Mecklenburg Co. Va. Personal Property Tax³⁷

1782 William Randolph Dist. - James B. Sparrow 8w
1782 Lewis Parham Dist. - James R. Sparrow 10w
1783 Taken by Bennett Goode Gent. – James Sparrow 1 wm, Bolling Sparrow 1 wm
1784 – taken by Wm. Johnson – Bolin Sparrow, Sparrow, A James
1785 Lower District John Burton - W. James Sparrow 1wp, 13 cattle, 5 horse
1785 Roger Gregory Dist – Sparrow, James Bolling 1wp, 3 cattle, 1 horse
1786 –Wm. Johnson Dist. - James Sparrow 1wp, 12 cattle, 4 horse
1787 – Lower Dist. - W. James Sparrow, **Henry Sparrow**, Thomas Sparrow, James Sparrow 1 wm 21 up, 3 wm 16-21, Bolling Sparrow 1wm 21 up, 2 mares, 3 cattle
1788 - none
1789 – none

Mecklenburg Co., Va. Land Tax³⁸

1782 – Mrs. Elizabeth Sparrow 50
James Sparrow 190 ac.
B. James Sparrow 50 ac.
1786 - Elizabeth Sparrow by John Gulliam? 50 ac
1787 – James Sparrow 190 ac.

³³ <http://www.ncgenweb.us/ncgranville/other/bas-bond.htm> Bastardy Bonds from Granville County, N.C., 1749 – 1780
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³⁵ Familysearch.org, Brunswick Co., Virginia, Deed Book 3, page 524

³⁶ Library of Virginia Online Catalogue, Virginia Land Office Patents No. 42, 1773-1774, p. 821 (Reel 41)

³⁷ FHLC #511949 Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Land Tax 1782-1800

³⁸ FHLC #511949 Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Land Tax 1782-1800

James Bolling Sparrow 50 ac.
1788 – James Bolling Sparrow no land
James Sparrow no land
1789 – none
1790 – none

Will of Elizabeth Sparrow of Mecklenburg Co., Virginia dated 5 June 1781 and probated 12 Nov 1781 names grandson Thomas Newman Wright Sparrow to have 1 horse and 3 cattle, lends to mother Elizabeth Sparrow during her life one white mare and then to grandson TNW Sparrow, daughter Mary Andrew and if she has any child her items to go to child at her death. Exec. Wm. Bottom, James Wright Sparrow, and James Bolling Sparrow.³⁹ An account of the estate of Elizabeth Sparrow, James Wright Sparrow exec. dated 28 June 1782 and recorded 8 July 1782.⁴⁰ On 2 Sept 1787 James Sparrow to the estate of Elizabeth Sparrow...to cash paid you for 50 ac. land, acct. returned 8 Oct 1787.⁴¹

12 August 1782 James Sparrow of Mecklenburg Co. Va. to Allen Young 110 ac. both sides of the north and south forks of Little Creek adj. Swepson Jeffries and ack. by Sparrow....12 August 1782 Mary Sparrow relinquished dower.⁴²

13 September 1785 James Right Sparrow of Mecklenburg Co. to John Gallivan of same 50 ac. on south side of Little Creek, Mary Sparrow relinquished dower of 13 Feb 1786.⁴³

12 September 1787 James W. Sparrow of Mecklenburg Co. to Jacob Shelor of same 240 ac. adj. Young, Gallivan, both sides Little Mine Creek, Jeffries, proved by witnesses 16 April 1788.⁴⁴ This is the same deed as the one in Book 7-----Indenture 12 September 1787 James W. Sparrow to Jacob Shelor deed.....at a court held for Mecklenburg Co. on 15 April 1788 by oath of James Hix....at a court for Meck. Co. on 8 September following on oath of Nathaniel Moss, and on **14 Jan 1793** Nathaniel Birchett a witness being dead, Sherwood Bugg was sworn and deposed that he is acquainted with the hand writing of Bugg and it appearing to court that James W. Sparrow a party thereto is also dead, indenture ordered to be recorded.⁴⁵

Children of James and Mary Sparrow of Mecklenburg Co., Va. and Mercer Co., Ky.

On 27 Oct 1789, the nuncupative will of James Sparrow of Mercer Co. was probated. He left to his wife his personal estate to raise the children and support herself and his land to be divided first 100 acres for my eldest son Henry then the other 300 to be divided equally to the other four sons Thomas, James, Peter and Dinis (Dennis) Sparrow this 18 May 1789 and proved by Josiah Campbell, Susanna Campbell, Henry Sparrow, Julia Sparrow.⁴⁶ 28 June 1791 Adm. granted to Henry Grider for estate of James Sparrow dec'd. bond with Lewis Rose.⁴⁷

1793 The following hands to attend John Berry in keeping the road – James Mitchell, John Campbell, Henry Sparrow, John B. Sparrow, James B. Sparrow, Peter Sparrow and others.⁴⁸

³⁹ Familysearch.org, Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Will Book 1, page 391

⁴⁰ Familysearch.org, Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Will Book 1, page 433

⁴¹ Familysearch.org, Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Will Book 2, page 222

⁴² FHLC #32534 Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Deed Book 6, page 192

⁴³ FHLC #32534 Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Deed Book 6, page 545

⁴⁴ FHLC #32535 Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Deed Book 7, page 670

⁴⁵ FHLC #32535 Mecklenburg Co., Virginia Deed Book 8, page 254

⁴⁶ FHLC #191837 Mercer Co., Kentucky Court Order Book 1 (1786-1790), page 408

⁴⁷ Michael L. Cook, Mercer County, Kentucky Records Vol. I, Order Book 1, page 195

⁴⁸ Michael L. Cook, Mercer County, Kentucky Records Vol. I, Order Book 3, page 15

19 Oct 1794 James Bolin and Thomas Sparrow bond for Bolin to marry Nancy Ellcock. My daughter Ann Ellcock by my first husband, sd. Ann hath no other parent or guardian, dated 20 Oct 1794 and signed by Joannah Hunter.⁴⁹

9 Aug 1798 Thomas Sparrow married Rebecca Bolling Sparrow⁵⁰

Peter Sparrow married Rebecca Sparrow 6 Aug 1798 bond James B. Sparrow, father James B. Sparrow, father James Mitchell (This Peter Sparrow is often combined with Peter Sparrow, the son of James and Mary Sparrow and brother of Henry. Rebecca Sparrow is the daughter of James Mitchell as shown by the marriage record and she apparently was married to a Sparrow first. As shown, the father of Peter Sparrow is James B. Sparrow. James B. is enumerated on the 1794 Mercer Co. tax lists, sometime after James Sparrow had died (1789). Peter Sparrow, son of James dec'd. was born about 1777 and is likely the tithables listed with Mary in 1794.

The following information is summarized from Mercer Co. Ky. tax lists. Henry, Thomas, James, Peter and Dennis sons of James Sparrow are named in his will of 1789. By the first tax list of Mercer Co. 1794 Thomas, Henry and James B. are enumerated as separate households with Mary Sparrow enumerated with one male 16-21. In 1795 Mary Sparrow has one male over 21 and two males 16-21. In 1796 she has two males over 21 and one male 16-21. In 1797 she has two males 16-21. From 1799 to 1804, after which she is no longer on the lists, Mary Sparrow has no males listed in her household.⁵¹

Henry Sparrow born 1765 in Mecklenburg Co., Virginia, fought in the Revolutionary War, migrated to Kentucky about 1788 and married Lucy Hanks in 1790.

Thomas Sparrow married Elizabeth Hanks on 17 Oct 1796 in Mercer Co.⁵² He is enumerated on the Mercer Co. Ky. tax lists in 1794 and again in 1797-1800 and he may be the Thomas on the 1803-1805 tax. In 1810 he resided in Hardin Co. Ky. Thomas and Elizabeth had no children of their own but raised her sister Nancy's illegitimate son Dennis Friend Hanks. The Sparrows followed the Lincolns to Spencer Co. Ind. where they both died of Milk Sickness in 1818. On 9 Oct 1818/21 Sept 1818 Spencer Co. Ind. the will of Thomas Sparrow leaves to wife Elizabeth until her death, then to Dennis Hanks when he comes of age, Thomas Carter exec. and witnessed by David Casebrew and **Nancy Lincoln**. (See separate write up on Thomas and Elizabeth Hanks Sparrow)

James Sparrow, son of James and Mary Sparrow, may have died or left Mercer Co. sometime after 1796. Mary has three males enumerated on the 1796 tax list after which Dennis and Peter show up under their own names, with James neither alone or with Mary. He is not the same as James B. Sparrow who resided in Mercer Co. from 1794 to 1809.

Peter Sparrow - Peter Sparrow married Milley Edwards in Mercer Co. Ky on 25 Nov 1800.⁵³

⁴⁹ FHLC #191840 Mercer County, Kentucky Marriage Bonds 1786-1794

⁵⁰ "Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-KTY> : accessed 22 February 2015), Thomas Sparrow and Rebecca Bolling Sparrow, 09 Aug 1798; citing p. 74, Mercer, Kentucky, United States, Madison County Courthouse, Richmond; FHL microfilm 192,267.

⁵¹ FHLC #101053 Mercer County, Kentucky Tax Books

⁵² Information on marriages obtained from LDS films #191839, 191850 and 191841 which are indexes and bonds of Mercer Co. KY. Compiled by Nancy Royce from microfilm

⁵³ "Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-VBP> : accessed 22 February 2015), Peter Sparrow and Milley Edwards, 25 Nov 1800; citing p. 84, Mercer, Kentucky, United States, Madison County Courthouse, Richmond; FHL microfilm 192,267.

He was born about 1777 and died after 1850. He purchased land in Illinois in 1833.⁵⁴ A daughter Rebecca Sparrow Bowman born 12 July 1801 Ky. and died 2 May 1876 Pike Co., Ill., wife of C. Bowman, 74ys 5ms 25ds (this probably refers to her age).⁵⁵ On 30 July 1824 Rebecca Sparrow married Curtis Bowman.⁵⁶

Dennis Sparrow married Susanna Davis 11 Feb 1804, bond Henry Sparrow⁵⁷ Census records show him as having been born about 1773. It appears they had no children.

Biddy Sparrow was the daughter of James W. and Mary Sparrow. Her brother Henry Sparrow became her guardian upon the death of her father and he gave the consent for her to marry John Daniel in 1790. On 2 Mar 1790 John Daniel and Samuel Webster gave bond for John Daniel to marry Biddy Sparrow, consent by guardian Henry Sparrow.⁵⁸ On 5 March 1790 John Daniel and Biddy Sparrow by John Bailey⁵⁹ On 18 Jan 1792 John Francis and Henry Neau bond for Francis to marry Biddy Daniel...no permission.⁶⁰ Some posted histories show her as Biddy Darnel. The original marriage bond could be interpreted either way since there is no dot above the "I".

Elizabeth Sparrow - George Davis and Henry Sparrow bond 27 June 1805 for Davis to marry Elizabeth Sparrow.⁶¹

⁵⁴ State of Illinois. Illinois, Public Land Purchase Records, 1813-1909 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999.

⁵⁵ <http://www.findagrave.com/>, Woodland Cemetery, Bayliss, Pike Co., Illinois

⁵⁶ Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-GGB> : accessed 23 February 2015), citing p. 304, Mercer, Kentucky, FHL microfilm 192,267.

⁵⁷ Ibid

⁵⁸ FHLC #191840 Mercer County, Kentucky Marriage Bonds 1786-1794

⁵⁹ "Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V653-XXL> : accessed 22 February 2015), John Daniel and Biddy Sparrow, 1791; citing p. 16, Mercer, Kentucky, United States, FHL microfilm 192,267.

⁶⁰ FHLC #191840 Mercer County, Kentucky Marriage Bonds 1786-1794

⁶¹ "Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/V5Z6-Z7C> : accessed 22 February 2015), Henry Sparrow in entry for George Davis and Elisabeth Sparrow, 27 Jun 1805; Mercer, Kentucky, United States, FHL microfilm 191,843.