

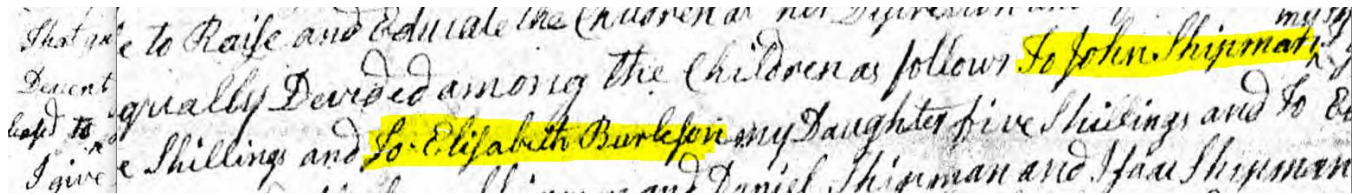
TEXAS JOURNEY

by Gerry Booth

To Okaw

Corrections:

- I have referred to the wife of Captain James Burleson as Jo Elizabeth Shipman. I picked up the “Jo” sometime way back there. I cannot remember where I first saw it. Elizabeth is listed as Jo Elizabeth on Find-A-Grave, where I may have first seen her name with the “Jo.” I thought “Jo” was to help distinguish her from all the other Elizabeth Shipmans. I was asked to prove it. I later saw the will of her father and it stated a bequest to “Jo Elizabeth” or so I thought. I offered this as my proof. However, Carrie Woolverton pointed out to me that what I thought was “Jo” is actually “To.” You see “To” before the names of other children. So the will does not prove the name, “Jo.” I stand corrected.

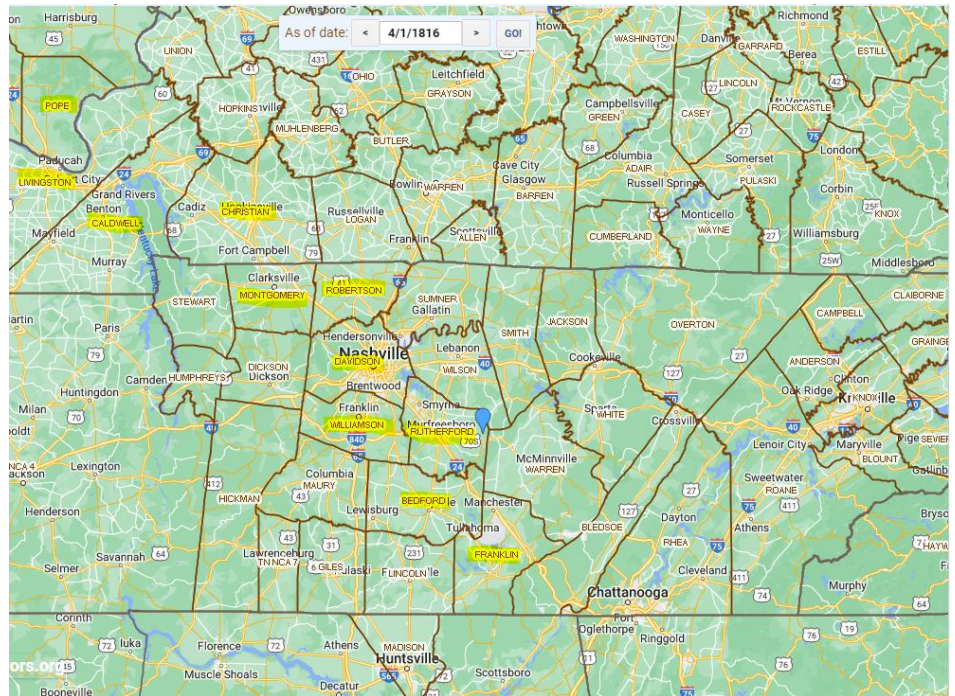


- In giving the death date for Elizabeth Shipman Saling previously, I stated the year as 1808. The date should have been between the years 1850-1857.

Changes: This article will have the excerpts from Daniel Shipman’s book not only indented in a quote format but also in bold and a different font. I hope this will make it easier for you to differentiate between my added comments and the writings of Daniel Shipman.



We left our journey with Moses and Mary Shipman about to cross into Illinois on their way to Missouri where they had planned to meet with “the old gentleman Burleson,” James Burleson. Moses and Mary had to leave their home in Franklin County, Tennessee in the fall of 1816, when Moses’ second cousin, Edward Burleson, killed the Cherokees at Moonee Town. When they headed out, they traveled north and west to Illinois. Assuming they traveled basically in a straight line the Shipmans traveled from Franklin County, Tennessee, to Bedford County, to Williamson County or Rutherford County, to Davidson County, to Robertson or Montgomery County, to Christian County, to Caldwell County, to Livingston County and finally to Pope County, Illinois. This is an educated guess. However, with this information in mind, we can look for other people who may have hosted the Shipman family during their journey, giving us better insight into the big picture of the Burleson/Shipman/Gage migration.



[This is a current map with the historical counties of 1816 overlaid.]

In 1816, Daniel Francisco also headed for Illinois. This is the same child that was identified in an earlier Texas Journey article written by Paul Scisco. Rebecca *Shipman* Francisco bore this child after she kept “evil company” while attending the Spring Creek Baptist Church located on the border of Jackson and Overton Counties, Tennessee. Recent DNA testing has confirmed that Daniel Francisco’s DNA matches with the Gages, not the Franciscos. Moses and Mary for the first time in about thirteen years, were very close to where their cousin, Daniel Francisco (Gage) was. Could Daniel Francisco (Gage) have traveled with Moses and Mary to Illinois? The late Francisco family historian, Shirley Wicker Hendrix suggested this possibility years ago.

From the book *Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois* we learn:

Daniel Francisco was a native of Alabama; he came to Illinois in 1813, and stopped in Greenville, at the Fort; he was but a mere lad then; his father and mother were both dead. Some trouble arose among the members of the family as to the division of the property of the deceased; said property consisted of six dollars in money and a gun. In the dispute Daniel picked up the gun, shouldered it, walked out of the house, came to Illinois direct, and never heard or saw any of the family afterward. How the assets were divided is yet unknown. He left the Fort and went to Montgomery County and about the year 1818 settled on Robinson Creek, in what was afterward Shelby County, and from that moved out on the Okaw river, then to Todd’s Point township, and died there in 1859.¹

It should be noted that Montgomery County, Illinois was formed in 1821 from Bond and Madison counties. There are more similar accounts of this story. Different accounts give different dates. A letter written by Henry Francisco, a grandson, pinpoints the year that Daniel made his journey to Illinois as 1816.

“Grand Pa Francisco was born down in Southern Alabama and he ran away from home just after his Father died, when he was 13 thirteen years old and never did write back. He came to Shelby County Illinois, to a saw mill on the Kaskaskia river, and Growed up there; and when He was 18 years old He bought out the saw mill. He Pre-empted the first piece of land that was Pre-empted in Shelby County Illinois. Raised 10 boys and when He died He gave them each a Good Farm and the Town of Findlay today is on the Farm he gave to my Father.”²

The Francisco family has researched Daniel’s story for years. Where was Daniel, exactly, between 1816 when he left for Illinois, and when he married his wife, Charity Verdin on January 10, 1822? It is an interesting mystery and it may have connections to the same people that were part of Moses’ journey to Texas. I may not be able to solve this mystery but I can examine some of the people and locations that might give some insight into solving this puzzle and fill in some of the blanks in Daniel Shipman’s account of his journey to Texas.

We think the area Daniel “came from is the border area between Tennessee and what is now Alabama³.” This appears to be approximately the same area where the Moonee Town incident occurred. Starting with the departure from Tennessee after the incident at Moonee Town, and if Daniel ran away in the year 1816, it does coincide with Moses and Mary Shipman setting out for Missouri in the fall of 1816. If Daniel started earlier, he could have traveled part of the way with **James Burleson** (1775-1836) who left shortly after the Moonee Town incident in August of 1816 headed for Missouri. James was traveling with his wife, **Elizabeth Shipman Burleson** (1770-Abt.1834), and his thirteen children. Daniel Shipman never speaks of Elizabeth but he does write about her mother, Old Aunt Sarah Saling.

Perhaps Daniel Francisco (Gage) was just traveling by himself the whole time. However if he had relatives in the area he might have stopped at their home. So who could Daniel have known that lived along the path of his journey? Daniel did have three grown siblings.

¹ *Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois*, (Philadelphia, Brink, McDonough & Co., 1881). 299, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/223341/?offset=2#page=302&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=daniel%20francisco>

² Eleanor “Totsie” Francisco (McElheny) (Arens), “Descendants of Daniel Francisco – “Danal Sisco” and Charity Cater Virden, 4.

³ Francisco (McElheny) (Arens), “Descendants of Daniel Francisco” 2.

Jacob Francisco (1788-1834) married **Sarah “Sally” Franks** (1788-1834) in New Market, Madison County, Alabama in 1811. They were still in the same area until Jacob died in 1834.

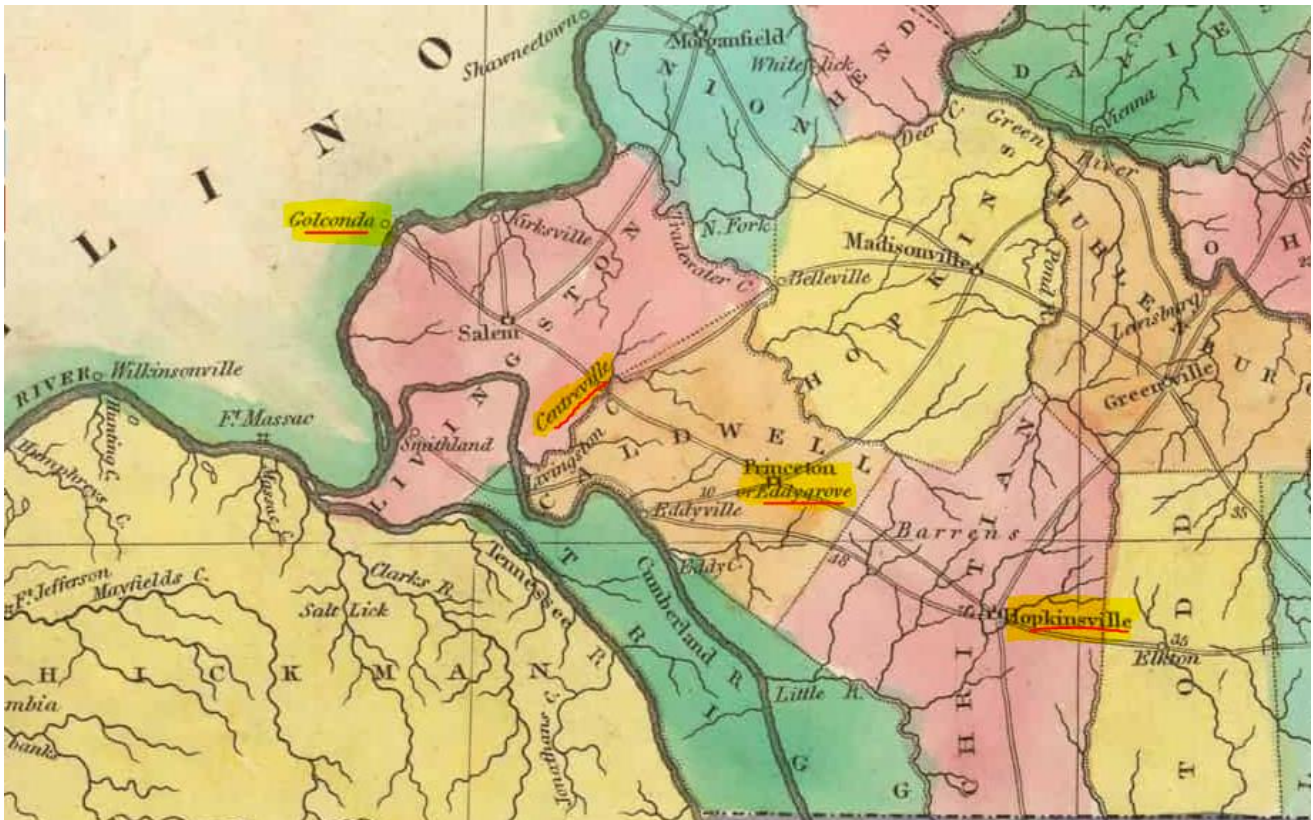
John Andrew Sisco (1789-1868) married **Phoebe Ann Turner** (1789-1855). They resided in Perry County, Tennessee on a large farm. John died on Cane Creek, in Hickman County, Tennessee.

Hannah “Anna/Anner” Francisco (1785-1871) married her first cousin **Daniel L. Lee** (1785-1863) in Tennessee in 1810. Hannah and Daniel had a son, Jacob born in Tennessee on February 9, 1815. In 1817 Daniel’s father died in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

In addition to these siblings, It is important to examine the unwritten about other relatives and places who might have played a part in the journey of Daniel Francisco (Gage), and maybe in Moses and Mary’s journey. Daniel Shipman does not tell us who is traveling with his family other than an occasional mention of a person who joins the family for part of the trip. The Shipmans may have traveled in a small wagon train but Daniel Shipman does not tell us.

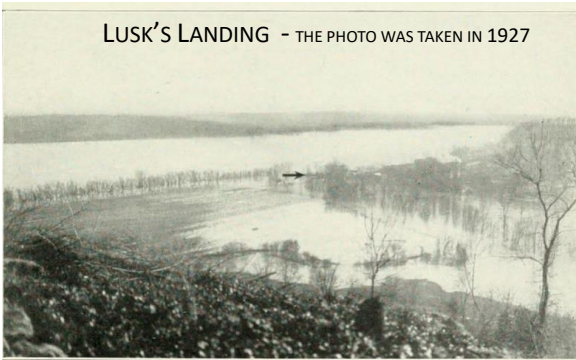
We left Moses’ family in Eddygrove (renamed Princeton in 1817). There a brother of Moses Shipman named **George Washington Shipman** (1772-) joined the family.

I think in about eighteen or twenty miles we passed through an old dilapidated town called ‘Old Centerville.’ Passed through Hopkinsville, Christian county. Crossed the Ohio river at what was then called Furgerson’s ferry (since I have understood it is called Golconda on the Illinois side),⁴ when all across we went on to a large creek called Big Bay about fifteen or twenty miles, there we found a cousin of father’s, Daniel Shipman, a son of old aunt Sarah Saling, by her first husband. She and husband and son, Abraham Shipman, was all along with us; we stayed there two or three days,



⁴ Henry Charles Carey and Issac Lea, *Geographical, Statistical, and Historical Map of Kentucky*, 1822.

<https://mapgeeks.org/kentucky/#!fancybox/bcc44b8f/1822-Geographical-Historical-and-Statistical-Map-of-Kentucky.jpg>



The name of the settlement that Daniel called Ferguson's ferry, was originally Lusk's Ferry⁵, then it became known as Ferguson's Ferry, Sarahsville, and finally Golconda in 1817⁶



Sarah Kuykendall Shipman Saling (ABT.1749-AFT.1830), Old Aunt Sarah Saling was the daughter of **Abraham Kuykendall** (ABT.1720-1812). Her first husband was **Jacob Shipman** (1746- 1794). She and Jacob Shipman had ten children. After Jacob died, Sarah married **George Saling** (1760-1770) who was 10 to 20 years younger than she was. They had no children.

George Saling, Old Aunt Saling, and two of her sons, **Daniel Shipman** (1780-1860) and **Abraham Shipman** (1775-1850) were in Golconda, Pope County, Illinois in 1816 when Moses and his family arrived there.

Old Aunt Saling's son Daniel Shipman, was married to **Zilpha Macom** (1786-Aft.1850). Daniel and Zilpha had migrated to Pope County in 1813 and had settled near Big Bay Creek.⁷

Daniel was listed on the supplemental census of Pope County in 1818. "In 1818 the legislature of the territory ordered a census to be taken, to substantiate the claim that the population was large enough to be organized as a state."⁸ In 1819, after Moses and Mary Shipman's visit, Zilpha gave birth to a son. Daniel and Zilpha named their son, Moses.

Old Aunt Saling's son, **Abraham Shipman** (1775-1850) married **Sulette "Letitia" Magby** (1789-1850) on June 14, 1805, in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Magby is an unusual name but we have seen it before. On the first Saturday of December 1805, **William Magby** (1756-1826) was received by letter as a member of the Spring Creek Church of Jackson and Overton Counties⁹. This was Letitia's brother. Magby is sometimes McBee.

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CENSUS OF POPE COUNTY, 1818 (Continued)

Names of heads of families	Free white males 21 yr. & upwards	All other white inhabitants
[109††] James A Whitsids	1	7
[110] William Goodman	1	2
[111††] frenklen penny	2	4
[112††] Robart Hays	1	6
[113††] Widow Joneton		2
[114] William John	2	5
[115] James Hazelwood	1	1
[116††] thomas Roas	1	6
[117††] Abel Richison	1	9
[118††] William Hays	1	2
[119] John Arnut	1	3
[120††] Bengamin Belford	1	4
[121††] George Storey	1	7
[122††] John Witt	1	12
[123] Robart penny	1	8
[124††] Hiram penny	1	6
[125] Enough penny	2	4
[126] William thomas	1	3
[127] Charels Hudelston	1	
[128] Daniel shipman	1	7
[129] John Stanlee	1	6

⁵ Golconda in Pope County, Illinois – *The American Midwest (Great Lakes)*, <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=155008> September 24, 2023

⁶ Lusk's Ferry, Illinois. (2023, August 20), *Wikipedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lusk%27s_Ferry,_Illinois
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lusk%27s_Ferry,_Illinois#/media/File:Site_of_Lusk's_Ferry_1927.jpg September 25, 2023.

⁷ Carey's 1822 Geographical, Historical and Statistical State Map of Illinois, <https://mapgeeks.org/illinois/#!fancybox/3360e5b0/1822-Geographical-Historical-and-Statistical-Map-of-Illinois.jpg> September 25, 2023

⁸ Margaret Cross Norton, *Illinois Census Returns, 1810, 1818*, Illinois (Springfield, Illinois: State Historical Library, 1935), 148, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/546701/?offset=3#page=176&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=%22daniel%20shipman%22>

⁹ *Minutes of the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties Tennessee 1802-1868(excluding the Civil War years)*, 11, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/470695/?offset=&return=1#page=11&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>

Old Aunt Saling had another son who remained in North Carolina named **Edward Shipman** (1771-1864). He was married to **Hannah Robinson Shipman** (1776-1870), Mary Davis Robinson Shipman's sister.

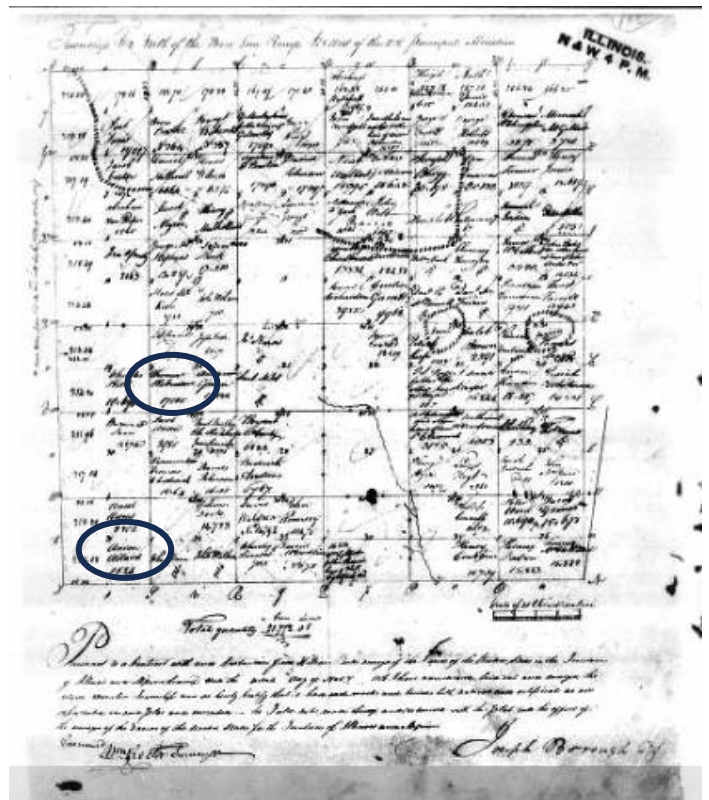
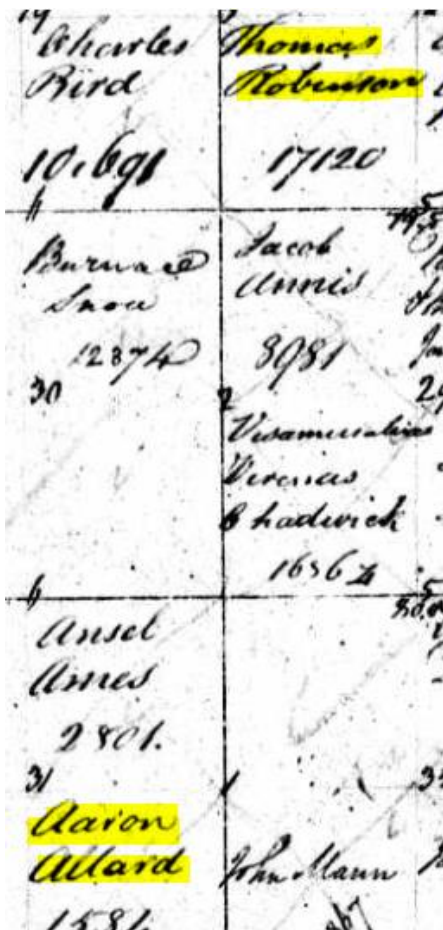
Was there any more family in the area? I found land records that suggest that there were other relatives in the Golconda area not mentioned by Daniel. In 1816 Pope County and Gallatin County were adjoining. I found a land record for Gallatin County in the Burselson Family Bulletin. It is a record of payment for land in the Shawneetown Land District. It was a record of the payments that John Burlison made for the land he was purchasing in Gallatin County, Illinois.¹⁰

Installment	No.	Location	Purchaser	Residence of Person	Dollars
7 Sep 1814	100	NW34, 5S, 10E	John Burlison	Gallatin Cty, IL	16.00
30 Sep 1814	143	"	"	"	64.00
7 Sep 1817	2188	"	"	"	80.00
2 Sep 1818	3970	"	"	"	79.91
160 Acres					

(I have not been able to determine which John Burlison this was. I ruled out John Burlison the brother of Mary Allard because he was in Alabama during these years.)

I searched on the Illinois state website and found several pages of possible relatives living in Illinois between 1814 and 1820. On Ancestry I found Township maps. I have attached a map which suggests two possible relatives. For you to see the names, I have enlarged that section of the map. The names are on the map of Township No. 2 North of the Base Line Range No. 8 West of the 4th Principal Meridian,¹¹ (Adams County) dated 1816, the year the Shipmans were there. The first name I found on the map was **Thomas Robinson** (1788-ABT.1855). I have not yet been able to tie this man to Mary Robinson

Shipman. Thomas Robinson is known in Illinois for being one of the first settlers on Robinson Creek in Shelby County.¹²



¹⁰ Potts, Marisue Burlison, "Land Records," *Burselson Family Bulletin* 7 no. 4 (1988): 927.

¹¹ <https://www.randymajors.org/listing-of-all-townships-in-the-us-public-land-survey-system>

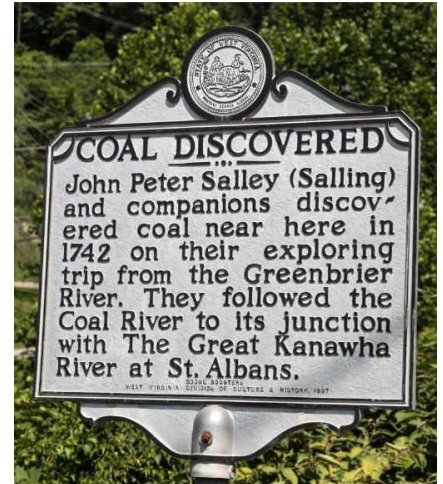
¹² "U. S. Indexed Early Land Ownership and Township Plats, 1785 - 1898," digital image s.v. "Robinson" (date and location:1816, Illinois), Ancestry.com. https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/29957:2179?_phsrc=vgl1463&_phstart=successSource&gsln=robinson&ml_rpos=17&queryid=a799171d49c0c7ee655fbfd268abf17a

The next name that I discovered was **Aaron Hardin Allard** (1798-1865). He was the son of **David Allard** (1776-1816) and **Mary "Polly" Burleson** (1778-1818) the daughter of Aaron Burleson and Rachel *Hendricks*. One of Mary's brothers was Captain James Burleson. David Allard died in 1816, in Pope County, Illinois the same year that the Shipmans were there.

Aaron Allard had a brother, **James Burleson Allard** (1817-1949) and sister, **Lucy Allard** (1817-1918), born March 2, 1817 at Goshen Settlement, Illinois. Lucy married **J. Benjamin Pigman** (1814-). James married **Nancy Weaver** (1813-1911).

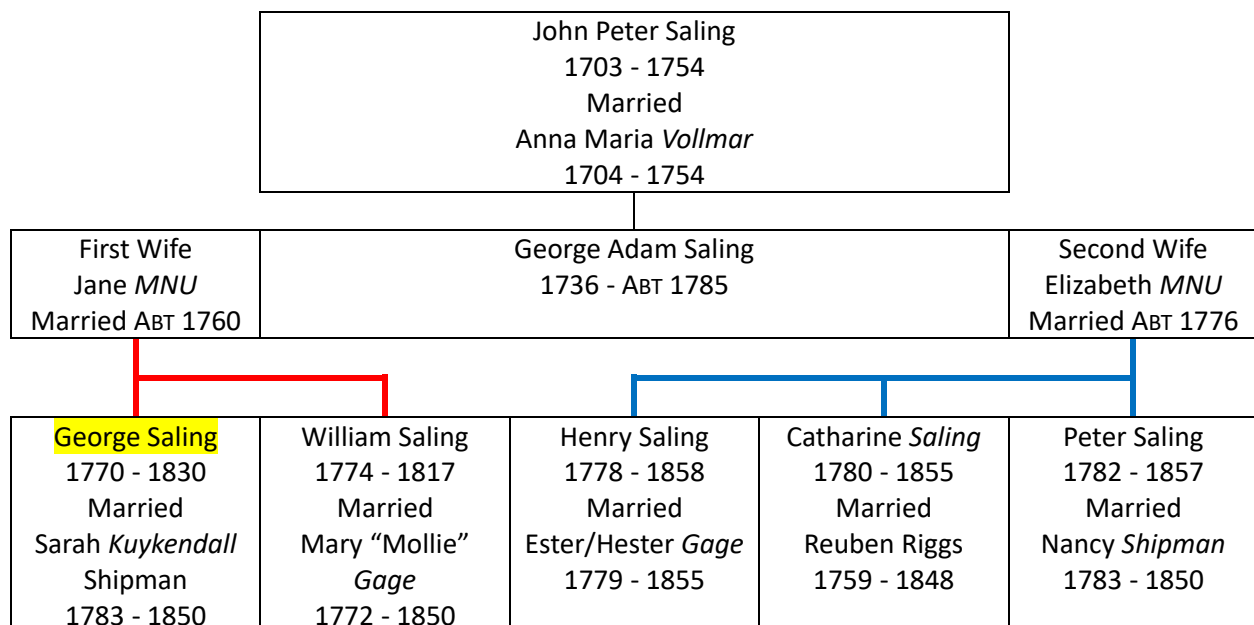
Interestingly, when I did other searches of the same two names, I found no results. I also reviewed my paper trails in my Ancestry tree. Since we have covered some of these relatives before, I chose to focus on George Saling's relatives. I have noticed the Saling name in many documents. I have mentioned George and some of his family before but not in detail. The family has several spelling variations of their surname but I will try to be consistent and use "Saling."

Most of the early Salings in America descend from two brothers **John Peter Saling** (1703-1755) and **George Saling** (1719- 1788). The Salings were from Alsace. John Peter Saling arrived in Philadelphia on September 18, 1733, with his wife, **Anna Maria Vollmar Saling** (1704-1754), and two daughters **Anna Catherina "Catrina" Saling** (1733-1809) and **Mary Elizabeth Saling** (1733-1809) who may have been born aboard ship. John Peter's brother, George Saling arrived in Philadelphia on August 28, 1750.



John Peter was asked by John Howard to join his expedition from "the Colony of Virginia to the westward of that colony as far as the river Mississippi."¹³ John Peter kept a journal of this journey which provided a better understanding of the territory west of the Virginia Colony. His "description of the rich lands west of the mountains increased the pressure for migration into what became known as West Virginia and Kentucky."^{14 15}

John Peter Saling was George Saling's grandfather.



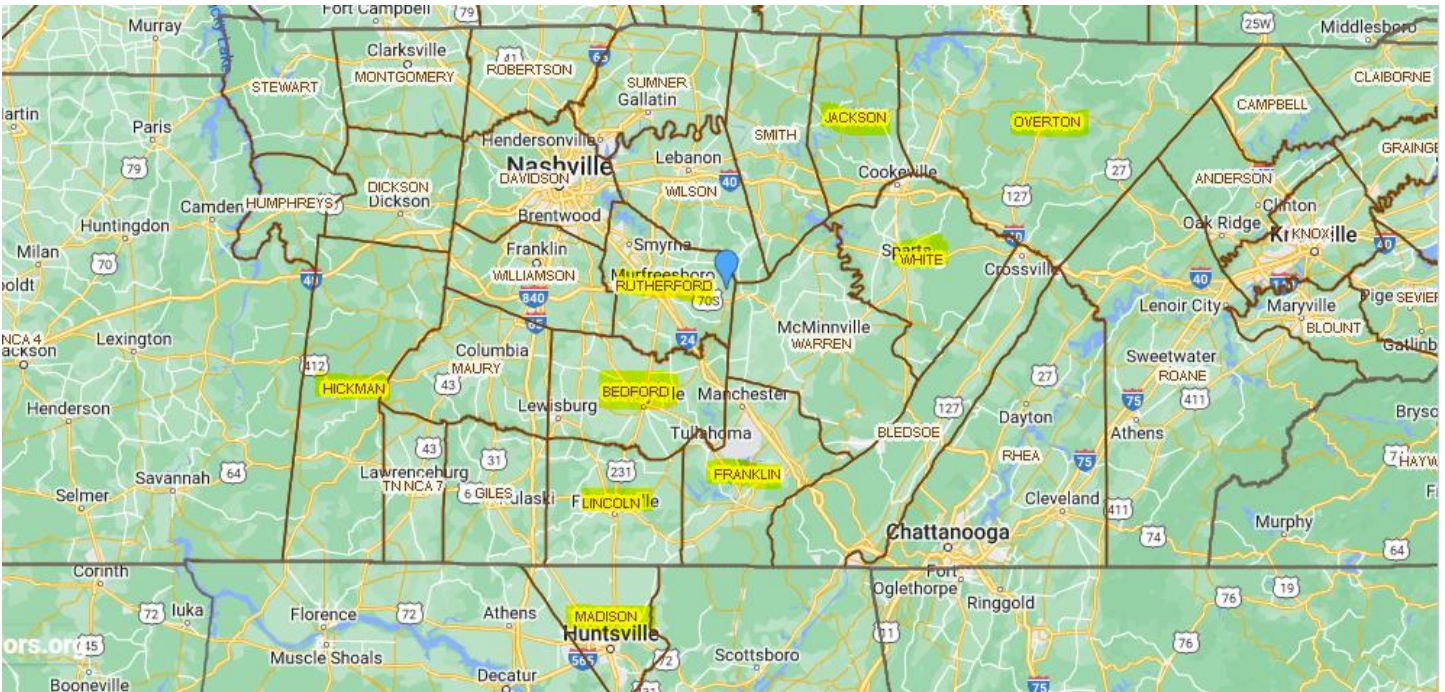
¹³ Jo Ann Smith and James H. Head, *The Saling Family in America* (Monument, Colorado, James H. Head, 2020), 25.

¹⁴ Smith and Head, *The Saling Family in America*, 35.

¹⁵ J. J. Prats. "Coal Discovered," Hmdb.org, September 25, 2023, <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=137510>

George had three brothers and a sister.

George's brother, **William Saling** (1774-1817) married **Mary "Mollie" Gage Saling** (1772-1850) in North Carolina before 1750. Since we now know that Daniel Francisco's DNA proves that he was a Gage, this makes Mollie and her relations of interest. Mollie's father was **Daniel Gage** (1756-1820) and he died in White County, Tennessee, just below Jackson and Overton Counties where Spring Creek Baptist Church was located. Mollie's Gage grandparents were **David Gage** (ABT. 1725-1807) a member of Sandy Run Baptist Church where he is buried and **Esther Shipman** (1730-1775) of Orange County, New York. Mollie's great-grandparents were **Abigail Burleson** (1710-1776), who married **David Gage** (1701-1770) who immigrated to America with his two half-brothers, Daniel, and Joseph Shipman.



[This map is a present-day map with the historical counties of 1816 overlaid.¹⁶]

I have also included a list of Mollie's aunts and uncles on her father's side of the family and some of their children, all Gages.

David Gage (1750-1829) married Love Rider. He died in White County, Tennessee.

Sarah Jane Gage (1750-1765) married **Jacob Shipman** (1746-1794). Sarah died one year after their marriage in North Carolina. Then Jacob married Old Aunt Saling, Sarah Kuykendall. Jacob was a member of Sandy Run Baptist Church. He died in North Carolina.

James Gage (1754-1837) married **Nancy Rose Gage** (1754-1845). He lived most of his life in North Carolina. In 1830 he appeared on the Tipton, Tennessee census. In 1837, he made his home in Arkansas, where he died in Madison County.

James Gage, Jr. (1790-) married **Nancy Webster** (ABT.1800-). James was on the Tax List for Bedford County, Tennessee in 1812. He married in 1820 in Lawrence County, Tennessee.

William Martin Gage (1792-1879) married **Clarissa Telitha Harris** (1800-1838). They married in 1815 in Hardeman County, Tennessee. They are listed on the 1820 census for Franklin County, Alabama

¹⁶ <https://www.randymajors.org> This map was made on this website. It has a tool that can be attached to your Ancestry or FamilySearch tree to track your ancestors' journey and to keep track of the correct historical counties. It also lists every township.

Aaron David Gage (1758-1844) married **Nancy Carter** (1768-1837). Aaron was a member of Sandy Run Baptist Church. He and his wife died in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Samuel Gage (1785-1829) married **Mary Ann "Polly" Sneed** (ABT.1800-) on December 1, 1819, in Madison County, Alabama. He died in McNairy County, Tennessee.

Matthew Gage (1796-1850) married **Kettura MNU** (1799-). They married in Lincoln County, Tennessee in 1818. In 1820, they were listed on the census for Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Mary Esther Gage (1798-1870) married **Charles W. Westermann** (1798-1834). They were married in Lincoln County, Tennessee in 1818.

Jeremiah Gage (1750-1790) married **Lucretia "Lucy" Shipman** (1752-1839). Lucy was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth *Burleson* Shipman and the aunt of Daniel Francisco (Gage). Lucy died in Hardeman County, Tennessee.

William Gage (1760-). William was a member of Sandy Run Baptist Church. He died in North Carolina.

Mary Gage (1760-1846) married **Shadrach Green** (1763-1846). Mary was a member of Sandy Run Baptist Church, in North Carolina.

John S. Gage (1762-1817) died in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Moses Gage (1764-1830) married Sarah *Wood* (1765-1789). Sarah was a member of Sandy Run Baptist Church, in North Carolina.

Reuben Gage (1770-1844) married **Abigail Burleson** (1774-1885). They were members of the Spring Creek Baptist Church located in Jackson and Overton Counties, Tennessee. They met Moses Shipman in Missouri in 1819¹⁷ and traveled to Arkansas with him.

Nancy Gage (1772-1815) married. **Joseph Burleson** (1770-1849). Nancy was a member of Spring Creek Baptist Church (1802-1807). Nancy died in Madison County, Alabama in 1815.

Jacob Gage (1775-) married **Sarah MNU**. Jacob lived his entire life in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

After William and Mollie married in North Carolina, they began a migration west to Kentucky and then to Tennessee. It is known that William and Mollie had at least ten children. Mollie reported William dead to the court in White County, Tennessee on February 28, 1817. It is not known when William died. He may have never come home from the War of 1812 and was given up for dead¹⁸. Mollie moved the family to Missouri. Their sons **Daniel Saling** (1792-1850), **John Saling** (1796-1850), **William Saling** (1801-1855), **James Saling** (UNK), and **Rumsey Saling** (1806-1883) were early settlers of Monroe County, Missouri.

George Saling had another Gage sister-in-law. **Henry Saling** (1778-1858), a half-brother to George Saling, married **Esther/Easter Gage** (ABT.1779-1855). They were married on June 21, 1800, in Warren County, Kentucky. Esther/Easter *Gage* was Mary "Mollie" *Gage's* sister. Two Saling brothers married two Gage sisters.

In 1803, Henry was on the Tax List in Warren County, Kentucky, on the Sinking Creek water course along with William Saling and Peter Saling. Henry appears on the 1812 Bedford County, Tennessee Tax List. About 1820 Henry and Esther moved to Howard County, Missouri, and became founding members of the Gilead Church.

"Although the 1830 and 1840 census list several children in the household, Henry and Esther do not appear to have had any children of their own."¹⁹

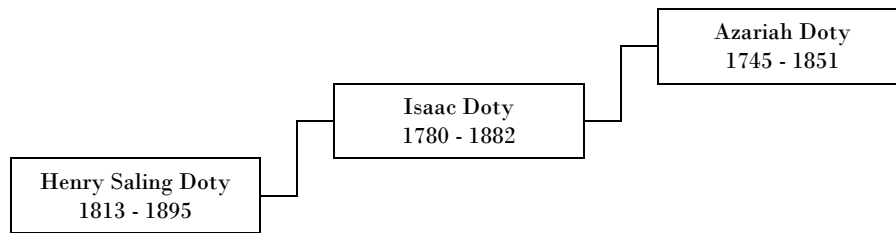
¹⁷ Daniel Shipman, *Frontier Life*, (1879), 8.

¹⁸ Smith and Head, *The Saling Family in America*, 63

¹⁹ Smith and Head, *The Saling Family in America*, 66

In 1845 there is an interesting historical record for Henry Saling.

January 31, 1845, Howard Co., Missouri: "In consideration of the natural love and affection Henry Saling and Easter his wife ('now old and infirm') have for Henry S. Doty" and for \$45, the Salings sell to Doty the quarter-section where they live. In return, Doty agrees to take care of them there the remainder of their days (and if he does not, the deal is rescinded). [Who is Henry Saling Doty (1813-1895)? Henry Doty's middle name is Saling and the explicit statement of natural affection (the warm feelings which exist between close relatives, which were considered to be a legal payment in a deed) indicates he is a close relative. However, the exact relationship has not been learned. Perhaps he was a ward of the Salings.]²⁰



Henry Saling Doty (1813-1895) was the grandson of **Azariah Doty** (1745-1851) (a familiar old name) who lived in Greene County Tennessee where Rachel Burleson, the widow of Aaron Burleson owned property. Azariah had loaned Aaron money. After Aaron's death, Rachel was in debt and needed money. She sold the land to Azariah in 1783 and paid her debts, including the amount owed to Azariah.

Henry and Esther Saling bought the land back from Henry Saling Doty on April 6, 1847.

George's half-sister was **Catherine Saling** (1780-1855) who married **Reuben Riggs** (1769-1848). The Riggs migrated through Tennessee and Kentucky and settled in Missouri by 1816. Reuben moved to Illinois where he wrote his will in Morgan County, in 1842.²¹ Peter and Catherine died in Berwick, Warren County, Illinois.

George's last brother was **Peter Saling** (1782-1857) who married **Nancy Shipman** (1752-BTW.1850-1857). In 1814, Peter was located on the Garrison Fork of Duck River in Bedford County, Tennessee²². In 1819, in Bedford County, Tennessee, Peter was appointed to represent John Cates of Howard County, Missouri "as Attorney to settle all his business in Tennessee."²³ Peter was on the 1830 census for Cole County, Missouri.

Nancy *Shipman* Saling was the daughter of **Daniel Shipman, Jr.** (ABT.1747-1831) and **Mary Elizabeth McMinn Shipman** (1752- 1808). On April 16, 1803, the Spring Creek Baptist Church agreed to pay Daniel Shipman three dollars to hew down the meeting house, according to the church records. This was the same day that the church received Daniel's nephew and his wife, Moses, and Mary *Robinson* Shipman. It was also the same day that Brethren Moses Shipman and Lazarus Webb were asked to go speak to Jacob Francisco about his drinking.²⁴ Daniel Jr. died in Bedford County, Tennessee. His wife, Nancy died in Moniteau, Missouri.

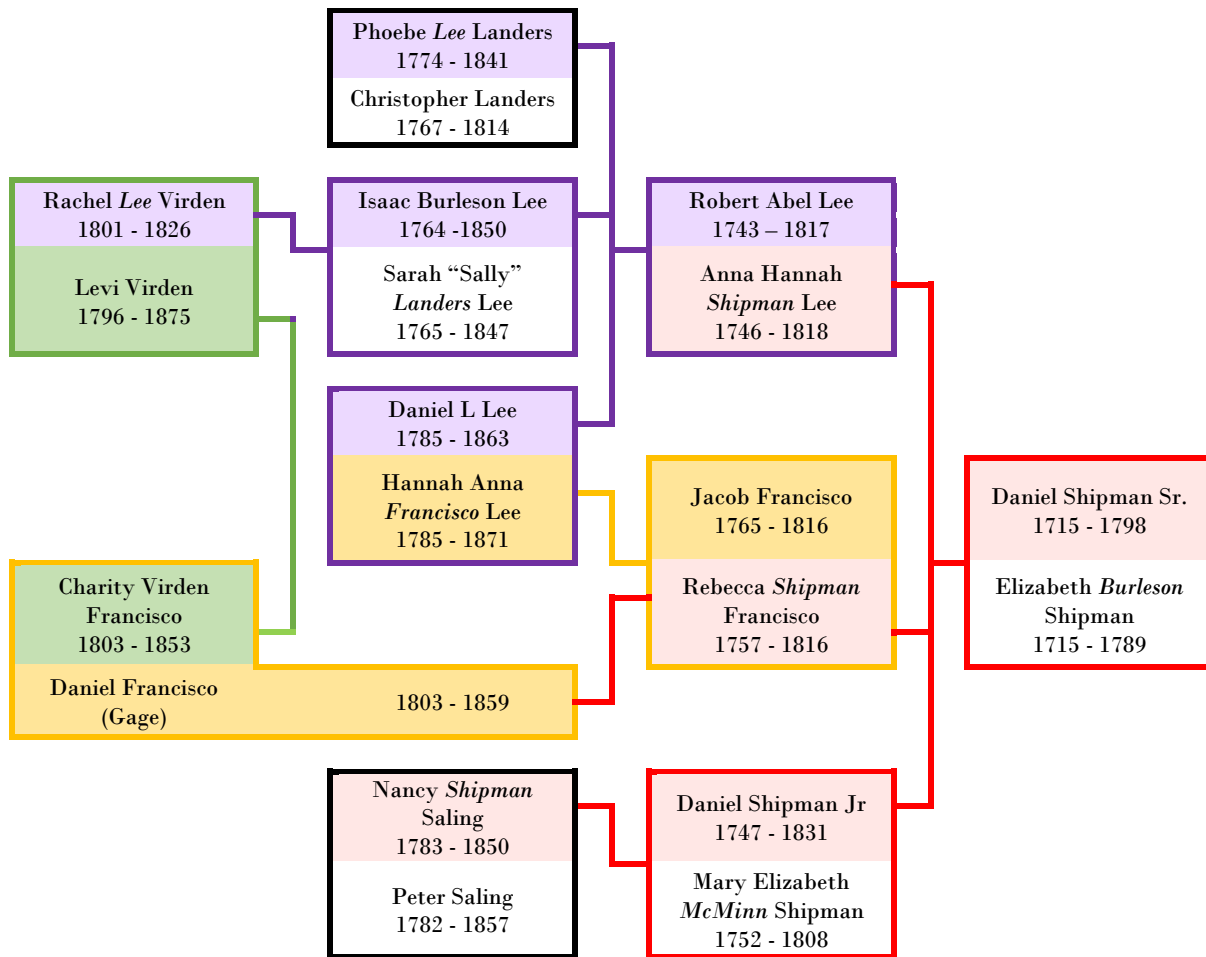
²⁰ Smith and Head, *The Saling Family in America*, 67-68.

²¹ Smith and Head, *The Saling Family in America*, 69.

²² Smith and Head, *The Saling Family in America*, 71.

²³ Smith and Head, *The Saling Family in America*, 72.

²⁴ *Minutes of the Spring Creek Baptist Church of Jackson and Overton Counties Tennessee 1802-1868(excluding the Civil War years)*, 2, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/470695/?offset=&return=1#page=11&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>



[On the chart, Levi Virden, Charity Virden, and Rachel Lee Virden have an extra generation that Daniel Francisco (Gage) does not. I have seen this when I have made other charts. One common reason for this was that the families had children over many years. I looked at the ages of the parents and children. Daniel's mother Rebecca was forty-six years old when she had Daniel. She fits right in with the second-generation column. Daniel being born so much later than his older siblings, skips their generation column and fits in with the fourth generation. Another way of explaining it is Anna Hannah Shipman Lee was 18 when she had her son, Isaac, while her sister Rebecca Shipman Francisco was 46 when she had Daniel Francisco (Gage).]

Now the relationships become confusing, so I added a chart. Rebecca Shipman Francisco was Nancy Shipman Saling's aunt and the mother of Daniel Francisco (Gage). Anna Hannah Shipman Lee was Nancy Shipman Saling's aunt also. Anna Hannah Shipman and her husband Robert Abel Lee were the parents of Daniel L. Lee who married Hanna "Anna" Francisco Lee the daughter of Jacob Francisco and Rebecca Shipman Francisco. This means that Daniel Lee married his first cousin.

Daniel Lee's brother was Isaac Burleson Lee (1764-1850). Isaac married Sarah "Sally" Landers (1765-1850). They were the parents of Rachel Lee (1801-1826). Rachel married Levi Virden (1796-1875). Levi had a sister named Charity Virden (1803-1853). Charity married Daniel Francisco (Gage).

In the next part of Daniel Shipman's account, he refers to a river called Ocaw. The Ocaw River is more commonly spelled Okaw and is also known as the Kaskaskia River. The Kaskaskia River is a tributary of the Mississippi River.²⁵ It crosses several counties in Illinois, including Washington County.



²⁵ Gols, Peter. "What are the major rivers in Illinois?" Quora, September 25, 2023. <https://www.quora.com/What-are-the-major-rivers-in-Illinois>

And started again, traveled until the weather got cold, so much rain, snow, sleet and ice, and the ground hard frozen, that father and mother concluded to stop for the winter in Illinois. Uncle George Shipman traveled with us until we crossed a little river called Ocaw, there he and his family stopped,

George Shipman (1772 -) was the brother of Moses' father, **Edward Shipman** (ABT. 1742 – 1814). The census of 1818, for Washington County, lists George Shipman.²⁶ Two years after George traveled with Moses, he had established his residence in Washington County, Illinois.

On April 7, 1821, George Shipman was serving on a grand jury in Montgomery County²⁷, two counties north of Washington County. Remember the book, *Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties*, stated that Daniel Francisco(Gage) left Greenville to move to Montgomery County (formed 1821).

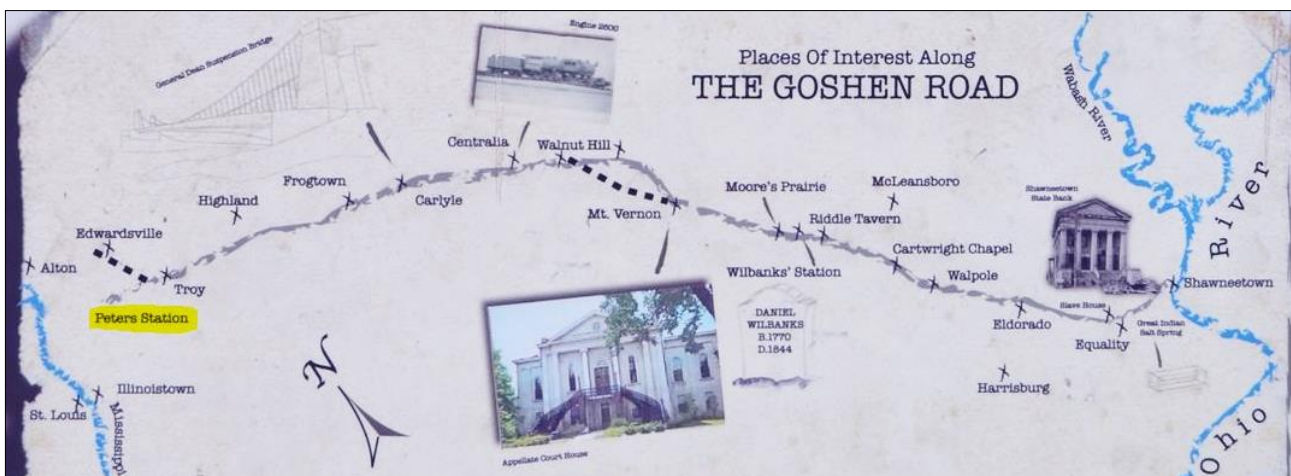
Notice that Daniel now adds "and his family." I had assumed, until this statement, that Uncle George was one person traveling with Moses. If Uncle George was just one person traveling with Moses, he might have been on horseback. However, since it is Uncle George and family one must assume and "stuff." A family would more than likely be traveling with a wagon. Were there other people traveling with Moses and Mary?

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CENSUS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, 1818 (Continued)

Names of heads of families	Free white males 21 yr. & upwards	All other white inhabitants	Free persons of color	Servants or slaves	Total number
[33*] Asahel Smith	1				1
[34*] Wingate Maddux	1	10			11
[35*] Zachariah Maddux	1	6			7
[36] James Bankson	2	4	1		7
[37] Frances Petty		6			6
[38] Elijah Bankson	1	5			6
[39*] Lecaiden Posey	1	4			5
[40] Whitmill Ryal	1	9			10
[41*] William Steel	2	6			8
[42] George Shipman	1	6			7
[43] William Wakefield	1	7			8

And we went on until we came to Goshen settlement; we there fell in with a gentleman who advised us to turn off to our right about forty miles to a creek called Shoal Creek, which father and mother concluded to do.

The path the Shipmans took seems to have followed the Goshen Road. The Goshen Road ran between Shawneetown, near the Saline salt works, to the Goshen Settlement which included Peter's Station near Edwardsville.



[This is the map on the historical marker in Carlyle, Clinton County, Illinois.²⁸]

²⁶ Norton, *Illinois Census Returns, 1810, 1818, 184*, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/546701/?offset=3#page=212&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=george%20shipman>
²⁷ William Henry Perrin, *History of Bond and Montgomery Counties*, (Illinois: O. L Baskin & Co., 1882), 187. http://livinghistoryofillinois.com/pdf_files/History%20of%20Bond%20and%20Montgomery%20Counties,%20Illinois,%201882.pdf
²⁸ Duane Hall. "Goshen Road," HMdb.org, September 25, 2023, <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=98931>

The Goshen Settlement area became a part of the Illinois Territory in 1809. Governor Edwards established a fort in the settlement and named it Fort Russell for Colonel William Russell.

In 1934, the state of Illinois placed a historical marker for Fort Russell near Edwardsville, Illinois on Springfield Road. The inscription on the plaque read: "One quarter-mile to the west stood Fort Russell, a wooden stockade which served as a base of supplies and operations for the Illinois Militia during the War of 1812. From here, for months at a time, Governor Ninian Edwards administered the affairs of Illinois Territory."²⁹ Unfortunately, Goshen, Fort Russell, and even the marker no longer exists.



When looking at the map it appears that the Shipmans went further west than they needed to go. They probably could have turned off to Shoal Creek about the time they crossed the Okaw River. This suggests to me that the Shipmans had wanted to go to Goshen regardless. (Speculation).

When Moses and Mary reached Goshen, Mary *Burleson* Allard would have been about four to six months pregnant with twins. James and Lucy Allard were born March 2, 1817, and the Shipmans were traveling through Goshen in the early winter of 1816.

Daniel used the term "gentleman" when referring to the man who gave them directions to go to Shoal Creek. Daniel used the term "gentleman" once before to be respectful to his cousin, James Burleson. The gentleman who steered them to Shoal Creek may have been another relative.

I do not know the route that James Burleson traveled to Missouri but he too, may have passed through Goshen to visit his sister, Mary on his journey to Missouri. If Daniel Francisco (Gage) was traveling with him, Goshen could have been the point at which they went their separate ways.

The next records we have for Daniel are for after 1816. Daniel married Charity Cater *Virden* on January 10, 1822. Thomas Robinson built the first log house on Robinson Creek in 1823. "Daniel Francisco located and made an improvement on Robinson creek in 1823."³⁰ Levi Virden and his wife Rachel were living on Robinson's Creek. Rachel *Lee* Virden was listed as the first death on Robinson's Creek in 1826 in Shelby County. Daniel lived on Robinson Creek for six years and then he moved to the Okaw Township

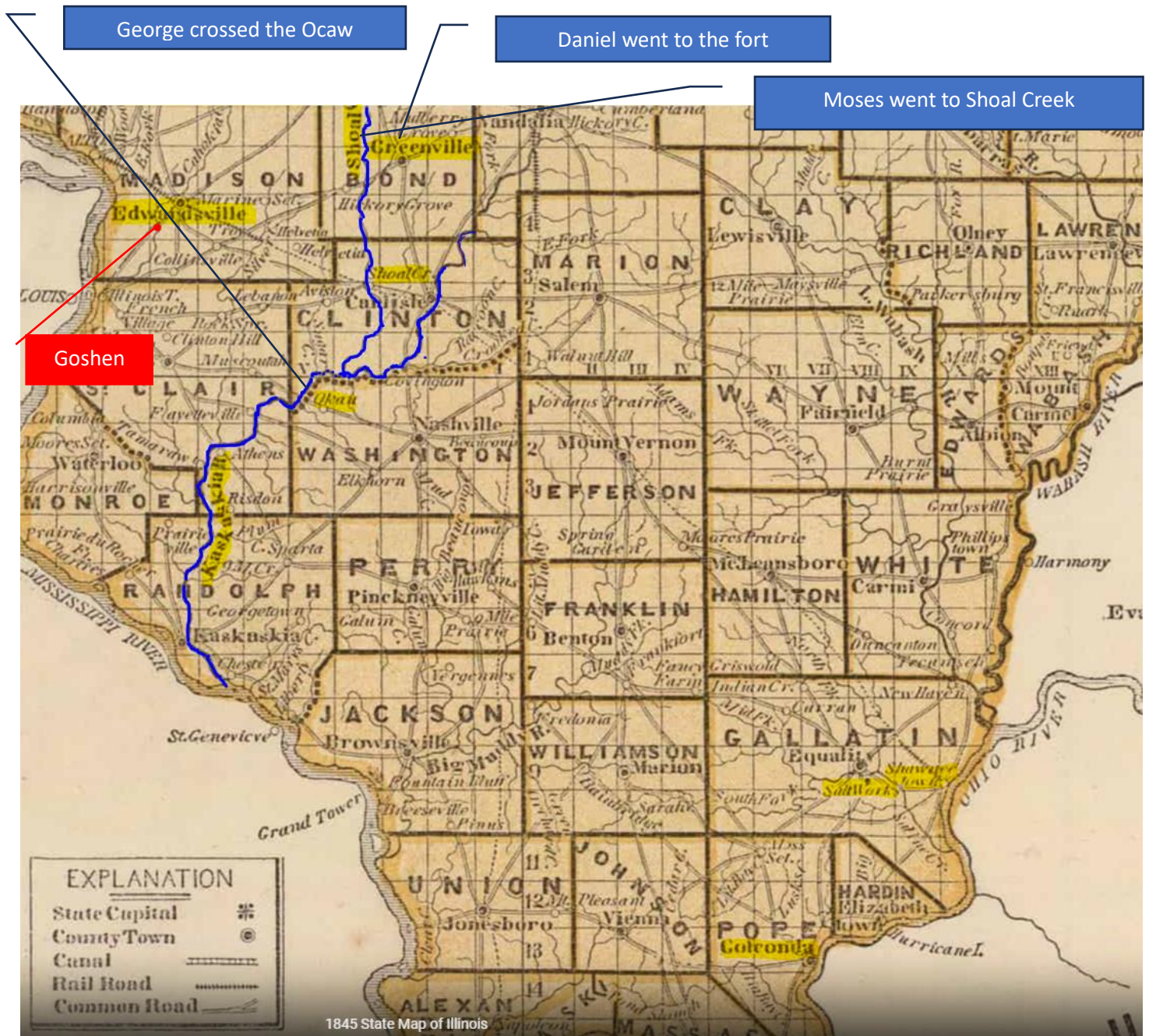
We know from the book *Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties* that Daniel Francisco (Gage) first stopped at the fort in Greenville. In 1816, according to Daniel Shipman's account, we know that his Uncle George Shipman left Moses and Mary when he crossed the Okaw before reaching Goshen. And finally, we know that Moses and Mary decided to turn right and settle on Shoal Creek.

I took this information and put it on a map. Now with this additional information, I ask again, could Daniel Francisco (Gage) have traveled with Moses and Mary to Illinois?

Map on the next page.

²⁹ Russ Grimm. "Fort Russell," HMdb.org, September 25, 2023, <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=202080>

³⁰ *Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois*, (Philadelphia, Brink, McDonough & Co., 1881). 268, <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/223341/?offset=2#page=302&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=daniel%20francisco>



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We really do not know who traveled with the Shipmans. Daniel wrote about his journey more than 50 years after it happened. He condensed 10 years of travel into about 10 pages of type.

We know that Daniel Francisco (Gage) could have traveled to Illinois about the time that James Burleson went to Missouri or when Moses and Mary went to Illinois. We know that there were many relatives along the way for Daniel Francisco (Gage) or Moses and Mary to visit. We know the locations where Daniel Francisco (Gage) settled and where Moses and Mary settled for a time. With this information a few more clues have been found that might help to solve the mystery.

³¹ Sidney Edwards Morse and Samuel Breese, *State Map of Illinois*, 1845.
https://mapgeeks.org/illinois/#Morses_1845_State_Map_of_Illinois