

FORSYTH SCOUT - BEECHER ISLAND

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The Scout Casualties

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Last month we covered
Scouts Wilson, Culver, Lt. Beecher and Surgeon Mooers

Scout Lewis A. Farley

Lewis Farley's grandfather, Captain Matthew Farley, was a Veteran of the Revolutionary War, and in his own time a famous Indian Scout.

Scout Lewis A. Farley, was the son of James Farley and Nancy Harvey (Paul). The Farley family history is put together using a number of sources, including much information from reader Donna Tauber's site at:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/t/a/u/Donna-Tauber-IN/FILE/0048page.html>

An interesting quote from Donna's site says;

"Louis [Lewis] married Mary Lanham. To them were born four children, two boys and two girls. Nancy Belle, Laura, Hutz and David. Louis and his son Hutz were acting guides for a body of soldiers in the western plains of Kansas during the Indian War. Louis died of a wound received in a battle. He went through the War of Rebellion, coming through without a scratch." Source: Committee of family members (un-named) who wrote a two-page description of the family entitled "History of the White and Farley families."

Note; Hutz, is Hutson, often called Hudson or Hutch.

Lewis (Louis) # iii, and Hutson (Hutz) are listed under # 6. James Farley.

The Farley Family History

James Farley, b. APR-11-1795 in Monroe County, (now West) Virginia, (son of Matthew "Matt" Farley and Esther McCullen).

He married Nancy Harvey (Paul), OCT-02-1818 in Monroe County, (now West) Virginia, b. APR-02-1796 in Monroe County, (now West) Virginia, (daughter of John Harvey and _____) d. OCT-12-1863 in Marion County, Indiana.

James died APR-11-1856 in Hamilton County, Indiana. James and Nancy are buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Indiana.

Children:

- i. Johnson Farley, b. about 1819.

He married Louisa Elizabeth Dale Weed, AUG-24-1843 in Rush County, Indiana.

Johnson died ___ - __-1862.

- ii. Wilkerson Farley, b. JUL-10-1820, d. AUG-27-1838 in Hamilton County, Indiana, first burial in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Indiana.
- iii. Eliza Ann Farley, b. FEB-25-1823 in Monroe County, (now West) Virginia.

She married William Whiting, NOV-14-1857 in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Eliza died SEP-15-1886.

- 2. iv. Freeman Farley, b. OCT-___-1827 in Monroe County, (now West) Virginia.

He married (1) Salinda Eller, JUN-06-1850.

He married (2) Clementine Dawson, AUG-04-1859 in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Freeman died ___-___-1905, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana. His children were, Alvina, James Daird, Levi W., Charley, Nella and Lula M. Farley.

- 2. v. **Scout Lewis A. Farley**, b. about 1828.
- vi. Samuel Farley, b. APR-12-1831.

He married Dorothy.

Samuel died NOV-10-1888 in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

- vii. James Farley, b. ___-__-1833. He married Lucinda. Their children were Candice I. and Alice Farley.
- viii. Thomas P. Farley, b. JAN-___-1835 in Indiana.

He married (1) Martha Kenyon, JUN-10-1856 in Hamilton County, Indiana.

He married (2) Prudence C. _____ (Wright), about 1877.

Thomas died FEB-21-1911 in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

In 1880, Thomas, Prudence, her children, Charles, Myrtle O. and Minnie H. Wright, were living in Pleasant township, Lincoln County, Kansas, where his nephew, **Scout Hutson Farley** and family still lived. Later they went to North Dakota, before returning to Indiana.

ix. Mary Jane Farley, b. AUG-27-1837 in Indiana.

She married Jonathan "John" Cloud, b. AUG-21-1836 in Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Mary died DEC-08-1865, buried in Carmel Cemetery, Hamilton County, Indiana. Their children were Robert B., James W., Mary J. and Nancy A. Cloud.

In 1860 **Scout Lewis Farley's** oldest daughter, Nancy was living with the Clouds, following the death of her mother.

Next generation

2. **Scout Lewis A. Farley**, b. about 1828 in Monroe County, (now West) Virginia.

He married Mary Lanham, ___-__-184_ in _____, _____ County, Indiana?, b. ___-__-1831 in Kentucky, d. JAN-20-1859 in _____, Hamilton County, Indiana, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Lewis died SEP-26-1868 at Beecher Island, now Yuma County, Colorado Territory, and originally buried at Beecher Island Battleground, Colorado Territory.

He had been wounded in the leg at the outbreak of the battle and spent the day behind a riverbank and is credited with much accurate shooting, despite his serious, painful and eventually mortal wound.

Immediately following the relief of the Scouts at Beecher Island by Colonel Carpenter and the 10th Cavalry, Surgeon Jenkins Fitzgerald found it necessary to amputate Lewis' badly infected leg. He died of complications.

On DEC-28-1868 he was re-buried at Fort Wallace Post Cemetery, Wallace, Kansas.

In May of 1886, following the closing of Fort Wallace, he was again re-buried at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Was Lewis in Kansas once before? Before the Civil War, there was a Lewis Farley involved in some Free State issues around the Lawrence, Kansas area in

the 1850's. Some census records indicate that the second oldest Farley daughter, Laura, was born in Kansas in 1857.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ahopkins/kansas.htm>

Following the death of his wife, on September 20, 1861, Lewis, enlisted as a farrier (blacksmith) in Company G, 3rd Cavalry Regiment. Apparently he left the four children with relatives.

Lewis and Hutson had already spent some time on the plains hunting and scouting before being recruited by Scout Jack Peate to join the Forsyth expedition. They were among the first settlers in what would become southwestern Lincoln County, Kansas, settling about 2 or 3 miles southwest of the site of Sylvan Grove.

Children:

3. i. **Scout Hutson Lewis Farley** b. JAN-11-1849.

Though he survived the battle, this seems like the place for his history, so too is covered below.

4. ii. Nancy Bell Farley b. APR-__-1853.
- iii. Laura A. Farley, b. ___-__-1857 in Kansas or Indiana.

She may have married a James E. Sharpe on OCT-03-1872 in Hamilton County, Indiana, but more research is needed here. She may have had family and descendants.

- iv. David Farley, b. ___-__-185_ and is not found after the 1860 census, so must have died young. His mother died JAN-20-1859, could this be when he was born?

Next Generation

3. **Hutson Lewis Farley**, b. JAN-11-1849 in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

He married Lydia Eugenia "Jennie" Phelps, OCT-10-1870 in _____, _____ County, Kansas, b. AUG-03-1846 in Hopkinton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, (daughter of Edmund Weir Phelps and Hopedill Corbet Pond) d. JUN-26-1930 in Sedro Woolley, Skagit County, Washington.

Hutson returned to Lincoln County following the battle. He married and started a family, farmed and for a time operated a hotel. About 1883 the Farley's and his wife's sister and her family, the Bliss' moved to the area of Tacoma, Washington.

Eventually Hutson and his family and his mother-in-law, moved to Sedro Woolley, where they lived the rest of their lives.

Hutson died JAN-09-1911 in Sedro Woolley, Skagit County, Washington.

Hutson and Jennie are buried: in Union Cemetery, Sedro Woolley, Washington.

Children:

- i. Lela M. Farley, b. MAY-16-1873 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas.

She married Abel J. Knutson, about 1899 in Washington. Abel was b. JAN-30-1868 in Minnesota, d. JAN-09-1946 in _____, Skagit County, Washington.

Lela died JAN-10-1926 in _____, _____ County, Washington.

Lela and Abel are buried in Union Cemetery, Sedro Woolley, Washington. No known descendants.

- ii. Alta Gleam Farley, b. FEB-25-1879 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas.

She married (1) James A. Hawkins, about 1894 in Washington, b. APR-18-1868 in Ohio or Kansas. They divorced, but did have a daughter, Hazel R. Hawkins, who married Leighton Eugene Sexauer, but were not know to have had any descendants.

She married (2) _____ Weston.

She married (3) Daniel Stephen Lyons, in 192_ in _____, _____ County, Washington, b. JAN-26-1888 in Massachusetts or Prince Edward Island, Canada, d. MAY-20-1944 in _____, King County, Washington.

Alta died OCT-14-1941 in Seattle, King County, Washington, buried in Union Cemetery, Sedro Woolley, Washington.

- iii. Clara Armenia Farley, b. MAY-21-1886 in Vaughns Bay, Pierce County, Washington.

She married (1) Edward Frederick Nelson, JUL-04-1904 in Washington. Ed was b. JAN-20-1876 in River Falls, Pierce County, Wisconsin, (son of Paul Nelson and Celia _____) d. SEP-03-1937 in Sedro Woolley, Skagit County, Washington. They had two children, Selma and Lewis. There may still be descendants of this branch out there.

She married (2) Earl Goodspeed, about 1942 in _____,

_____ County, _____. Earl was b. SEP-14-1897 in Volinia, Cass County, Michigan, (son of Jared Edwin Goodspeed and Eva Goff) d. AUG-31-1959 in _____, _____ County, Washington.

Clara died JAN-23-1971 in Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington. Clara and both husbands are buried in Union Cemetery, Sedro Woolley, Washington.

4. Nancy Bell Farley, b. APR-__-1853 in Kansas?

She married (1) Elbert Middleton, FEB-09-1874 in _____, Hamilton County, Indiana, b. NOV-__-1850 in _____, _____ County, Ohio, (son of John Middleton and Mary _____) d. ____-__-1928 in _____, _____ County, Indiana, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana. They divorced.

She married (2) William H. Jackson, OCT-26-1916 in _____, _____ County, Indiana, b. ____-__-1871 in _____, _____ County, Indiana, d. ____-__-1928 in _____, _____ County, Indiana, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana. Nancy died ____-__-1933 in _____, _____ County, Indiana, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Children by Elbert Middleton:

- i. Mary E. Middleton, b. APR-__-1876 in Delaware Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.

She married Morland Brunson, OCT-30-1892.

Mary died ____-__-1949 in _____, _____ County, Indiana, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana. They had Maud, Mabel and Elbert. Maud and Mabel, twins died at birth or as infants.

- ii. Florence "Flora" E. Middleton, b. JAN-__-1882 in Delaware Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.

She married James Mirl Landis, FEB-18-1903 in _____, Hamilton County, Indiana, b. AUG-08-1881 in _____, _____ County, Indiana, (son of A. J. Landis and Ellen Catherine Humes) d. JUN-__-1969 in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Florence died ____-__-1950 in _____, _____ County, Indiana. Florence and James are buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana. They had three sons, Bazel, Vernon and Marvin.

- iii. Lillian Middleton, b. OCT-__-1883 in Delaware Township,

Hamilton County, Indiana.

She married John T. Hasty, DEC-31-1900 in _____,
Hamilton County, Indiana.

- iv. John Middleton, b. ___-___-1884 in Delaware Township,
Hamilton County, Indiana.
- v. Dovie Middleton, b. NOV-___-1886 in Delaware Township,
Hamilton County, Indiana.

Dovie died ___-___-1920, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel,
Hamilton County, Indiana.

- vi. Laura Belle Middleton, b. NOV-19-1887 in Delaware
Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, d. MAR-08-1889,
buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton County,
Indiana.
- vii. Lela Middleton, b. ___-___-1890 in Delaware Township,
Hamilton County, Indiana.

She married (1) Franklin O. Landis, married JUL-16-1907 in
Hamilton County, Indiana, b. MAR-___-1885 in _____,
_____ County, Indiana, (son of A. J. Landis and Ellen
Catherine Humes) d. MAY-10-1914 in Washington
Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. They had a son
Ellsworth Landis.

She married (2) Walter Earl Crist, married APR-07-1917 in
Hamilton County, Indiana, b. MAR-01-1883 in _____,
_____ County, Indiana, d. APR-08-1919 in Noblesville,
Hamilton County, Indiana. They had a daughter, Virginia
Crist.

She married (3) _____ Gasho.

Lela died ___-___-1969 in _____, _____ County,
Indiana, buried in Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Hamilton
County, Indiana.

It seems that that there is a good possibility that somewhere out there, there are
descendants of both Scouts Farley.

Scout Thomas O'Donnell

Like Scout Wilson, little or nothing is known about Scout O'Donnell.

He was wounded in the battle and survived until the relief arrived, and then the torturous ride back to Fort Wallace.

Some of the wounded stated that they walked back, as riding in the government wagons was too rough and caused more pain than walking.

He died at NOV-18-1868 at Fort Wallace Post Hospital, Wallace, Kansas, and was buried at the Post Cemetery. He is still buried there along the east side of the old cemetery, near Scout Abner T. "Sharp" Grover.

A few years ago, author, Orvel Criqui lead an effort to get both Scouts O'Donnell and Grover, permanent markers, rather than the wooden markers that had been used since their burials. By an act of Congress in the early 1900's, when the surviving Scouts and their surviving widows were pensioned, the act also allowed for a military style marker. A fitting tribute I think. Great job Orvel.



Trivia, Corrections and other Things

Last month we had a picture of a young Scout Howard Morton. Now we have a picture of Howard in his Civil War uniform courtesy of readers Jane and Kerry Peterson. Compare the photos.



HOWARD MORTON 1836 - 1925
Picture taken during Civil War

In the spring of 1869, when most of Scout Thomas Alderdice's family along with a number of other citizens of what would become Lincoln County, Kansas, were killed during the Spillman Creek Indian raid, his wife, Susanna, a sister of Scout Eli Zigler, was carried away by the Indians. Another woman, Maria Weichell, who's husband, George was also killed, was taken along with Susanna.

On July 11th, 1869, Col. Eugene Carr's 5th Cavalry, lead by a yet unknown scout named Bill Cody, raided the Indians Summit Springs, Colorado camp to attempt to recover Susanna and Maria. Sadly Susanna was killed, but the wounded Maria Weichell was rescued. After recovering at Fort Sedgwick, Maria went east on the Union Pacific and pretty much disappeared from history. Earlier this spring, Jeanette Lyon, a great great granddaughter of Maria Weichell was finally located and came to Lincoln County to see her ancestral home.

Now, courtesy of Jeanette, for the first time outside of her family, we have a photo of the long missing Maria Weichell - Mantz. It will be formally published for the first time in Jeff Broome's *Tales Along the Overland Trail: The Denver Trails and the Indian War 1864-1869*, due out by the Lincoln County Historical Society in 2009.



All for this month.
Happy Trails.
Mike