

"James Greer" (my grandfather) born in Bedford County, Virginia
 "on the 21st of September, 1774 (on Stanton River) Susannah Searcy
 "born on the 29th of October 1780 and after giving birth to the
 "9 following children, dies on the 16th day of September 1819. She
 "was married to James Greer on the _____ day of _____

"1st Elizabeth Greer	born	November,	27,	1799.
"2nd Ann Haynes Greer	"	July,	1,	1801.
"3rd David S. Greer	"	August,	21,	1804.
"4th Diannah Greer	"	November,	28,	1806.
"5th Jane Greer	"	October,	15,	1808.
"6th Robert Searcy Greer	"	May,	29,	1811.
"7th Sally Low Greer	"	September,	19,	1813.
"8th James Madison Greer	"	January,	29,	1816.
"9th Susannah Greer	"	January,	1,	1818."

Very shortly after my grandmother's death, my grandfather married a Mrs. Rachel Williams, a widow who was in poor circumstances and a near neighbor of my grandfather's, who was then living in the town of Paris, Tennessee. By her first husband she had two children, Isaac Williams and Miriam Williams. The former became a lawyer and lived for years in Paris, Tennessee. Miriam married a Mr. Fenner.

Mrs. Rachel Greer, I remember in a vague sort of way to have seen in my infancy, as I also recall my grandfather. She was about medium height, blue-eyed, quite stout, of a quick temper, possessed of much ambition, had many generous impulses, and was disposed to use some of the money which my grandfather had acquired in making their home elegant, their surroundings as showy as they were substantial and hospitable. She does not seem to have been a bad stepmother nor to have shown much, if any favoritism to her own children so far as certain comforts were concerned. My father has told me that she has but little to do with him, and he was suffered to do as he pleased with his time. As my grandfather was a man of larger wealth when the second set of children were growing up than during the childhood of the first set, they naturally had some advantages, which the first set, especially the older ones of the first set, did not have

I shall now resume copying from Uncle David's book, so as to give the names and births of the second set of children.

"Ages of Rachel Greer's children -- Second wife.

"10 Henry Greer	born	September,	16,	1820.
"11 Aquilla Greer	"	April,	23,	1822.
"12 Mary Greer	"	February,	29,	1824.
"13 Elkanah Greer	"	October,	11,	1825.
"14 Martha Greer	"	August,	25,	1829.

My grandfather, as I vaguely recall him, and as I have had him vividly described, was about 5 feet, 10 inches in stature, was blue-eyed, rather stout, after passing middle life and weighing about 175 pounds.

He was a man of no culture, and possessed only the rudiments of an English education. He read but little and wrote less, but was a practical surveyor, and very keen and quick about arithmetica