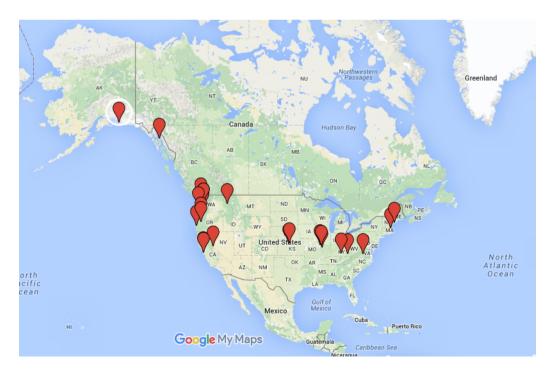
### Gaffney Family 1786-2016

of Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas, Illinois, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, United States of America

By James M. Burton, Aberdare, 18th July 2016 (Updated 29th July 2016)

I was asked to research the Gaffney family originating in Alaska by living direct descendant Catherine Gaffney. She provided accurate details of her lineage to her grandfather in the USA and suggested his family may have originated in Ireland due to the nature of that name. Having traced these details I set off on another genealogical adventure that stretched in a broad arc across America, that matched the march of colonisation across the land, with origins in Virginia and the War of Independence (1775). I take their story as a typical example of families that came from Britain to the first outposts, being granted land, working the railroads and fighting on the winning side in all the major conflicts, ending with a legacy of thousands of descendants stretching throughout the States. Researching families in the USA is very easy due to well kept documents full of interesting information, with social security records all release to the public. This is a *thesis* by an amateur-professional with 15 years of research experience, but is by no means to be set in stone, I am happy for anyone with reliable evidence to edit and rewrite this, if it becomes apparent in the future. All documents and the Eames-Jones family tree can be found by searching for username "spooksprung" at Ancestry.co.uk in the member directory <a href="https://community.ancestry.co.uk/directory/directory/directory.aspx">https://community.ancestry.co.uk/directory/directory/directory/directory/directory.aspx</a>.



#### John Morton Gaffney

VA 1790 - 1842 Garrard, KY m.1807, VA, Anna Duke (VA 1772-1842 KY)

#### James Gaffney

Buckingham, VA 1810 - 1880 IL m.1832, Garrard, KY, Mary Polly Hall (KY 1805-1880 IL)

James Gaffney (1832-1858) Henry Gaffney (1835-) Sarena Ann Gaffney (1836-) Martha Gaffney (1841-) John W. Gaffney (1842-1904) Elmida Gaffney (1844-) James Gaffney (1845-)

#### Thomas J. Gaffney

Garrett, KY, 1834 - 1889 Smith, KS m.1878 St Louis, MO, Mary Jane Brisco (IN, 1835-1928 IL)

John Henry Gaffney

Elizabeth Gaffney (1808-1864)

John Morton Gaffney (1810-1880)

Henry Green Gaffney (1815-1900) Susan Gaffnev (1820-1870)

Nancy Gaffney (1810-)

Juda Gaffnev (1840-)

Greene, IL 1866 - 1954 Marion, OR m.1885 Smith, KS, Mary Pearl Potter (MO 1870-1956 OR)

Thomas Wesley Gaffney (1887-1887) Charles David Gaffney (1888-1976) Martha Gertrude Gaffney (1890-) May Gaffney (1894-1894) Arthur Dewey Gaffney (1900-1992) Pearl Marie Gaffney (1902-1972) Vashti Esther Gaffney (1908-2005)

John Jay Gaffney

Mockenna, WA 1892 - 1969 Marion, OR m.1912 Pierce, WA, Lucia Ann Newton (WI 1893-1936 AK)

Berthele Gaffney (1913-)

1918, Tacoma, WA - 2000 Brunswick, ME m.1946 Haverhill, MA, Dorothea P. Harland (AK 1919-2013 ME)

Irene Eames-Jones

Gareth Eames-Jone

Catherine Gaffney m. Paul Eames-Jones

Lewis Eames-Jones Carys Eames-Jones m. Claire L Jones

Gaffney Tree Researched & Compiled by James M Burton July 2016

> Elizabeth Gaffney (1873-) Eugene Gaffney (1875-1915) George Gaffney (1875-)

Julia Gaffney (1877-) June Irenegaffner Gaffney (1878-)

Ama Gaffney (1879-)

Winnie Mabel Gaffney (1879-)

Ella Gaffnev (1881-) Elan Gaffney (1884-)

John Lèwis Gaffnev

### John Lewis Gaffney

#### **Father to Catherine Eames-Jones**

BORN: 11 March, 1918, Tacoma, Washington

MARRIAGE: 1946, Haverhill, Essex, MA, Dorothea Patience Harland (1919-2013)

**DEATH:** 13 Jul, 2000, Brunswick, Cumberland, Maine

John Lewis Gaffney was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child to John Jay & Lucia Gaffney. His father at the time was working in a saw mill in Lewis county, so possibly he was named after the place. A split then occurred between his parents shortly after, Lucia remarrying Archie Beaudin a ship's carpenter, with French Canadian origins in 1919, his father John J. going off to war, I have discussed the divorce below. The two children are given the Beaudin name, they were none the wiser of course, but this sticks with John who is named Lewis Beaudin until he is 19 when he invokes a name change back to Gaffney. This is when presumably he was told if he didn't know already who his real father was, note his mother also divorced Archie prior to 1930, so we can always question the paternity. For example, he may have been given the name Lewis after Archie's father Louis, if Lucia was having an affair, then again Lewis may be the feminine for Lucia. Archie was also a close friend of the family, and even gifted the child at the time of birth. Catherine, grand-daughter states he was very fond of of his step-family, but all official records state John Jay & Lucia as his parents.

As Archie was a ship's carpenter, the family are of course seen living next to ports, first on San Juan Island in WA where their house burned down completely in 1921, then the small village Eyak on the south of Alaska. He may even have built his own small steam boat the Ketchikan. Alaska with sometimes inclement weather at the time was not officially recognised as a state, it had few public amenities, I would suggest that they lived mainly on fish. John was regularly sent down to the shore to collect king crabs for lunch. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> divorce Lucia and John Lewis are seen living alone in Alaska in 1930, times must have been hard on them, Berthele his sister was adopted. His step brother Forrest and step sister Dorothy Marie Beaudin were left lodging with a Davis family nearby, while Archive travelled as a steward on steam ships. In his fatherless and pecuniary situation he found solace in books and learning and became very fond of Dorothea Patience Harland, his future wife, at high school, Juneau High or J-Hi who was a 'head girl' type whose family were quite well off. He joined the Mummer's drama club, and became co-editor of the school magazine, allowing himself some closer contact. Evidence from a 'not-so-secret' message in the school year book suggests he was be-smitten by her (see below).

In 1936 a horrific natural disaster engulfed the family in tragedy and changed his life forever and was widely reported in the US news. Forrest & Dorothy his siblings were lodging with a Mr & Mrs James Hoag at the time, the wife, Mrs Hoag is described as a divorcee of Archie Beaudin and Forrest her son, proving she remarried again. The family were having a "gay dinner party" at the home, possibly a birthday when a large landslide caused by heavy rain (blamed on mine blastings) engulfed it, killing the four occupants. One little girl with a red dress aged about 14 could not be identified, a baby was also mentioned, possibly Lucia's? It was 'fortunate' that John Lewis was at university and Berthele & Dorothy, sisters round about town. Berthele had even stuffed some figs for the party.

This must have affected him deeply and he dropped out of college at Idaho, becoming a reporter for a daily newspaper, the 'Haverall Gazette' in Massachusetts. His future wife Dorothea had completed her college course and moved to New York with her family. She however married

a Donald Olavis Boe who she met at university in 1941, but who perished in WWII in the Philippines in 1945. John Lewis was also drafted into the war movement, but due to some infirmity, instead of battle field action was sent to build a runway with the Engineer Corps at Yakutat not far from Juneau and returned to civil life as a reporter once more. The story of how John & Dorothea met again is as follows, as told by Catherine, granddaughter, "as a young widow she embraced Christian life and found an article one day in the Christian Science Monitor written by John around 1946, and contacted the magazine, who put them in contact. They both with previous sympathies moved to Massachusetts to marry in 1946, producing one child, myself in 1947." He continued as a reporter and had stints on radio as well as drama plays and was a well read, well dressed gentleman. He also appears in a book calling for the prohibition of hanging, giving a graphic description of witnessing one as a reporter and young man.

### **Timeline for John Lewis Gaffney**

RECORD	DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	WORK	BIRTH	NOTES
BIRTH	11 May 1918	John Lewis Gaffney	0	Seattle Reg Dis.	baby	Tacoma, WA	F: John J Gaffney. M: Lucy Newton
DIVORCE	1918-1919	Mother Lucia remarries Archie Beaudin 31 Oct 1919	1	Pierce, Washington	baby		Renamed Lewis Beaudin
CENSUS	1920	Lewis Beaudin	1 2/12	63, San Juan Island, San Juan, WA	Stepfather Archie is a Ship's Carpenter	WA	Archie Beaudin listed as father. Lucia mother
CENSUS	1930	Lewis Beaudin	11	58, Eyak Village, Cordova, 3rd Judicial District, Alaska Territory	Mother housewife	WA	Mother Lucia Beaudin, Status Divorced
CENSUS	1935	Lewis Beaudin	17	OR and AK	High School		According to 1940 census
SOCIAL SEC.	Jul 1937 Jul 1938	John Lewis Beaudin >> >>John Lewis Gaffney	19		Student	11 May 1918 Seattle, WA	F: John J Gaffney M: Lucia Newton Renamed on coming of age
NEWS	24 Nov 1936	Lucia Hoag (mother)	20	Nickinovich Apt, Juneau	(Student ID)		Mother death, landslide
CENSUS	1940	John Lewis Gaffney	21	541, 12th Street Juneau, 1st Judicial Division, AK	Reporter for daily newspaper	WA	Income \$1200. Lodger, Mae Kilroy 53yr old dressmaker. Completed 1st year college
MILITARY	1942-44	John Lewis Gaffney	23	AK	Handyman at Yakutat airstrip		21.3.42-1.1.44
MARRIAGE	1946	John L Gaffney m. Dorothea Patience Harland	28	Haverhill, MA			Dorothea widow
SOCIAL SEC.	bfr 1951	John L. Gaffney	33	Alaska (Before 1951)			
SOCIAL SEC.	1988	John L. Gaffney	70	15, Breckan Rd, Brunswick, ME		11 May 1918	
DEATH	13 Jul 2000	John L. Gaffney	82	4011, Brunswick, Cumberland, ME		11 May 1918 Seattle, WA	SSN: 574-03-0790. F: John J. Gaffney M:Lucia Newton

### **John Lewis Beaudin**

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

John Lewis Beaudin

Name: [John Lewis Gaffney]

[John Gaffney]

SSN: 574030790

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birth Date: 11 May 1918

Birth Place: Seattle, Washington

Death Date: 13 Jul 2000

Father: John J Gaffney

Mother: Lucia Newton

Type of Claim: Original SSN.

Signature on SSN Card:

J LEWIS BEAUDIN

Relationship of Signature: Signature name differs from NH's

name.

Notes: Jul 1937: Name listed as JOHN

LEWIS BEAUDIN; Jul 1938: Name listed as JOHN LEWIS GAFFNEY; 25 Jul 2000: Name listed as JOHN

L GAFFNEY

### JUNIOR CLASS



Fifth Row—Beaudin, Kearney, Hagerup, C. Berg, Satre, Scott, Jackson, Webster, Bowden, Kiloh.

Fourth Row—Turner, Smith, Slagle, McLean, Seelye, Borleck, West, Hagerup, Sterling. Third Row—Smith, Schaeffer, Stewart, Giovanetti, Geyer, S. Berg, Morris, Miss Gray. Second Row—Williams, Swanson, Sturrock, Crosby, Porter, Lemieux, Dalton, Jorgensen, Converse.

First Row-Personeus, Bardi, Hall, Mahoney, Harland, Ness, Carlson, Skinner, Saloum, Jensen.

Juniorias participating in the successfu play, "Dulcy," were Patricia Harland, Walter Scott, Edward Slagle, Birdie Jensen, Herbert McClean, and Lewis Beaudin. Tom Stewart, Howard Jackson, and Edward Bowden played the leading roles in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Juniorias who sprouted with highest scholastic honors were Walter Scott, Emma Ness, and LeRoy West.

### MUMMERS' CLUB



Third Row—Mr. Erickson, Scott.
Second Row—Beaudin, Berg, McLean, Jensen, Borleck, Simpson, Ford, Winn, West.
First Row—Stewart, Pledger, Riedle, Harland, Godfrey, E. Dalton, Sterling, Lindstrom.

Lewis Beaudin (John Lewis Gaffney) & Dorothea Patience Harland, Mummers Club (Drama), Juneau High School, Alaska, 1935

Pat Harland: Hey, what're you following me for? Didn't you ever see anyone like me before.

Lewis Beaudin: Yes, my dear, but I had to pay a quarter.

#### The Evening Record

ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, TUESDAY

J. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1936

Death Toll of Landslide Sunday At Least Five

JUNEAU. Alaska, Nov. 24-(P)-Four bodies, one unidentified, were recovered from crushed wreckage today, bringing to at least five dead the toll from Juneau's giant landslide which struck Sunday.

Three of the bodies brought from a hole rescuers dug near the top of the ruins were identified as Mr. and Mrs. James Hoag and Forrest Beaudin, son of Mrs. Hoag by a former marriage. She was the former wife of Archie Beaudin, of Portland, Ore.

The other body was believed to be that of Mrs. George Lee. The body was bent double under a fallen timber. The skull was crushed and the back broken.

The fifth known victim was Mrs. Gus Erickson, negress, whose body was recovered early yesterday from the debris of the small frame house in which she lvied with her husband. He was in serious condition from slide injuries today.

Sievert Christenson, caretaker of the Whato lodging house, in the slide district, reported he saw several persons on S. Franklin street. in the path of the slide Sunday night. He said he believed they had been caught under the roaring mass !! of mud, stone, timbers and debris.

Spurred by the recovery of the bodies from the ruins of Sunday's c great landslide, resccue crews redoubled their attacks today on earth and wreckage they believed buried !! perhaps a dozen others.

#### Madera Cribune

#### Night Tragedy

#### At Least Ten Missing in Mass of Debris Say Officials

JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 24, -Veteran Alaska - Juneau mine workers, digging swiftly and efficiently through oozing landslide debris, early today recovered six more bodies from their mud tomb, bringing the official count to seven and revealing the terrible suddenness with which the avalanche killed it's sleeping vic-

The identified dead now are Mr. and Mrs. James Hoag; George Lee; Forrest Beaudin, 12; Mrs. Gust Erickson.

A man and aw oman, unidentified but believed to be husband and wife were found and placed in the city's only morgue, rapidly ecoming over-taxed.

REACH WRECKED HOMES Speaking only in hushed monotones as they began their grim task late last night, the miners

attacked the huge pine of mud, rock and trees from the top rather than the sides. After working at ton speed for

a few hours, the miners reached the wreckage of small homes crushed by the onslaught of the sliding earth which rolled down the side of Mt. Roberts.

The first body sighted was that of Mrs. Hoag. Wisps of a red dress which she had been wearing at a party when the slid struck spurred the workers on. Mrs. Roag's body was extricated two hours later.

#### WORK UNDER LIGHTS

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Officials here estimated there still were at least 10 persons missing in the mass of rain-soaked debris which snapped power lines and virtually cut the city in two, destroying two apartment houses and small homes.

With the miners leading the way, approximately 100 workers, digging in shifts, continued the rescue work under the glare of mine company and coast guard

Fires which broke out after the landslide still were smouldering under the debris, adding to the hazards of the work.

JINCOLN EVENING JOURNAL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1936

### FIVE BODIES TAKEN FROM JUNEAU SLIDE

#### Thirteen Missing and Ten Injured in Hospital After the Avalanche.

JUNEAU, Alaska, OP. Five bruised bodies were dug out of the debris of Sunday's mountain landslide and rescue crews redoubled offorts Tuesday, believing perhaps a dozen others still are buried under the mud and rock.

First fire, then rain, hampered the 150 rescue workers. As they toiled, the first actual accounts were heard of the rumbling slide which, loosed by heavy downpours, rolled down on Juneau's apartment house sector, crumbling structures.

The unverified death list stood at six or seven, with 10 injured in hospitals and 13 missing.

Coast guardsmen from the cutter Tallapoose, in a message to district headquarters at Seattle. reported digging out five dead persons, including a woman and baby.

The Juneau Daily Empire counted five, without mentioning the baby.

Four bodies were recovered from one "hole near the top of the ruins. Victims were Mr. and Mrs. James Hoag and her son. Forrest Beaudin; and Mrs. George Lee. An unidentified 14-year-old girl was found nearby. The body of Mrs. Gus Erickson, Negress,

Fire issuing from the wreckage of the Nickinovich apartments hampered rescue workers.

was found in her home.

Rain began again after stopping for a few hours.

Missing were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Peterson, Mrs. Matson, Pete Battelo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vanali and their 3-year-old daughter, Lorraine: Oscar Laito, Sitka, and Mrs. Lena Peterson.

### John Jay Gaffney

#### **Grandfather to Catherine Eames-Jones**

BIRTH: 3 FEB 1892, Mockonema, Washington

MARRIAGE: 6 Feb 1912, Tacoma, Washington, Lucia Ann Newton (1893-1936)

DEATH: 15 Jan 1969, Salem, Marion, Oregon

John Jay was born in Mockonema, WA in a household that raised 10 children. His father John Henry was a labourer for many years, mainly on the rail-roads, and therefore moved where the work was needed, so within his youth moved between Missouri, Idaho and Washington. In 1910 he finds himself working as a clerk in a "5 and 10c store" in Tacoma, WA where he may have met Lucia Newton, daughter of Charles H., former navy man and lumber-worker. They marry in that place in 1912. We then see him battling to make ends meet by taking the various low paid occupations of chef, car-man and clock-worker. A car-man was a delivery man. A 'clock-worker' would assume he wound or cared for clocks, but may actually mean a factory worker who punch-clocks in wherever he is sent to by an agency.

There seem to have been difficulties in this marriage, they only raise two children. The first was Berthele in 1913, but with a gap of 5 years until John Lewis in 1918, but with a divorce almost immediately after this, and the remarriage of Lucia to an Archie Beaudin, ships carpenter in 1919. The children take the surname Beaudin and move to Alaska, John Lewis registered with that surname until at least 1937, so we can speculate as to the legitimate parentage, but the divorce may have just been due to poverty. Contributing to this was the fact that John Jay was drafted as a soldier in WWI at this time, and may have served abroad at some point. There is a define link in the fact that at the time of the draft in 1917 he was working as a saw mill operator at Doty in Lewis county, and Archie working as a ship's carpenter, they were in close proximity, he even gifted John Lewis as a baby. Interesting to note Doty saw mill (named after C.A. Doty) was the biggest lumber-mill in the county, also his stepfather a lumber-man.

He thereafter returns to his father's household in Aberdeen city, WA where he is seen divorced and working as a mail-man, until he moves to California around the time of the "Great Depression". There he meets Ruby Myrtle Beaver, and they marry in 1940 in Nevada. Amazingly, for me at least is that he was called up for WWII aged 50, then working as a 'building engineer', but I find no insight into his roles in the two world wars. He returns from the war taking advantage of new technologies and wealth boom by selling or maintenance of radio sets in California. He retires to Oregon around 1951 where he passes away in 1969, after he was involved in a car accident in 1963. A very varied low paid work-career and service in two world wars indicates a very fit man with a work-drive and faced many dark alleys in his time, and indeed was practical and not a man of books, music and the arts, never attending a college.

Lucia his wife was born in Wisconsin marrying John Jay 1912, Archive Beaudin in 1919 and James Hoag sometime in the 1930s. Catherine, grand-daughter states she was "a marvellous cook, but was of questionable reputation, a little crazy at times." Pictures of the period show a respectably dressed woman and her son John Lewis a fine, handsome and well mannered young man. She was killed with her 3<sup>rd</sup> husband and son Forrest Beaudin in an avalanche in 1936 (see John Lewis above). Forrest's death certificate age 12 suggests he was a Roman Catholic, suggesting Lucia also.

Evidence for John J. Gaffney: Living direct descendant Catherine confirmed that she met her grandfather then living in Oregon in the late 50's and told that he used to work as a postman, confirming his marriage date to Lucia Newton in 1912 and had divorced around 1918, and had been in a 'car crash' thence he grew his own food. Thankfully there are very few John Jay Gaffneys, and only one can be found within this time frame in the public records. Having traced the marriage I noted a Martha G. Gaffney as a witness, which must be a close relative. Only one John Jay is traced within the WWI & II drafts cards both state born 3 Feb 1892 in Mockonema, WA, near Tacoma his place of marriage and birth of son. The only census entry to match these snippets are in 1900 where a John J. Gaffney born WA in Feb 1892 with a mother Martha and father John Henry, then living in Mullan, Shoshone, Idaho. He is also confirmed in the 1920 census as living back with his father working as a postman (mail carrier) and status divorced, born WA. I am perfectly satisfied with NO other cross matching entries, and the way each document below is in sequence and does not conflict each other, with the evidence of a living relative that this information is correct. I was uncertain for a while at the way he has 10 different addresses and as many occupations PLUS called up in both wars, but the nature of America at this time was its fluidity, turmoil, freedom of movement and lack of work restrictions. Anyway despite spending 3 days chasing all this info up, I found later that the research has already been done by others and posted on his father's memorial at findagrave.com, confirming all my research.

### **Timeline for John Jay Gaffney**

RECORD	DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	WORK	BIRTH	NOTES
BIRTH	3 Feb 1892	John Jay Gaffney	0	Mockonema, WA		Mockonema, WA	(near Tacoma & Seattle) (from WWI & II card)
CENSUS	1900	John J. Gaffney	8	Mullan, Shoshone, ID	-	WA	DOB Feb 1892. F: John Henry Gaffney. M: Martha
CENSUS	1910	John J. Gaffney	(20)=18	723 South Tacoma Avenue, Pierce, WA	Clerk in 5 & 10c Store	WA	lodger
MARRIAGE	6 Feb 1912	John J. Gaffney & Lucia A Newton *	21	Tacoma, WA			(banns 25 Jan) Witness: Martha G Gaffney (mother)
DIRECTORY	1912	John J. & Lucia A Gaffney	21	h 5823 S Junnet, Tacoma WA	chef		
DIRECTORY	1913	John J. & Lucia A Gaffney	22	h 5-902 So G Tacoma, WA WA	carman		
DIRECTORY	1918	John J. & Lucia Gaffney	25	h 811 Madison, Seattle, WA	clockworker		
WWI DRAFT	1918	John Jay Gaffney	25	Doty, Lewis County, WA	Saw Mill Laborer in Doty Emp. by Doty Labour & Company.	3 Feb 1892 Mockenna, WA	
DIVORCE	1918	John Jay Gaffney	25				Lucia remarried Archie Beaudlin children take surname ***
CENSUS	1920	John J. Gaffney	28	Aberdeen City, Ward 6, Grays Harbor, WA	Mail carrier	WA	Divorced, living with father John Henry Gaffney

CENSUS	1935-40	John Gaffney	48	453 Hyde St, San Francisco, CA	Building Engineer	WA	Rented, single
MARRIAGE	7 Nov 1940	John J. Gaffney m.Ruby Myrtle Beaver	48	Carson City, Nevada, USA			
WWII DRAFT	1942	John Jay Gaffney. Ruby M Gaffney, wife	50	1101, Green Street, Apt 201, San Francisco, CA	Building Engineer for Bellair apts.	DOB 3 Feb 1892, Mockenna WA	
DIRECTORY	1945	John J. Gaffney. Ruby M Gaffney, wife		39a Franklin, San Francisco, CA	Radios		Ruby M Gaffney, wife
SOCIAL SEC	1951	John Gaffney	60	OR			Moves to OR - retired? SSN Issued: CA (bfr. 1951)
DEATH	Jan 1969	John Gaffney	77	97 301 Salem, Marion, OR	SSN:545-10-8152	DOB 3 Feb 1892	

<sup>\* (</sup>Lucia signs her name Lucia A Nelson might be transcript error) Also witness Mrs Grace Flesher. John A Flesher



<sup>\*\*</sup> Has wife and child. Tall, slender, blue eyes, brown hair. Dated 6 5 17.
\*\*\* divorce due to Johns decision to go to war? Wife and children move to Alaska

#### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

1 No. 12478

STATE OF WASHINGTON, County of Pierce.  85.  This is to Certify, That the undersigned, a Coloragy man
by authority of a license bearing date the 25 day of Jan A. D., 191 F, and issued by the Auditor of the
County of Pierce, State of Washington, did on the 6 day of Jet A. D., 1912, at Jacoma
in the County and State aforesaid, join in lawful wedlock John 9 Gaffney
of the County of June in the State of Washington, and Junia A Deserton
of the County of Jures in the State of Washington, with their mutual consent.
Witness my hand this 6 th day of Feb A. D., 1912.
In presence of
mil GG 11 Tesker.
Signatures of Bride and Groom.
Mrs Grace Hicker 1 John J. Galyney.
Lucia a nelson
Filed Jeb - 16-1912

Marriage certificate, John Jay Gaffney and Lucia Ann Newton, 16th February 1912

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9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?
0	Married or single (which which)?
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### John Henry Gaffney

#### **Great Grandfather to Catherine Eames-Jones**

BIRTH: 17 Apr 1866, Carollton, Greene, Illinois

MARRIAGE: 20 Nov 1885, Smith Center, Smith, Kansas to Mary Pearl Potter (1870-1956)

DEATH: 29 Dec 1954, Marion County, Oregon

John Henry born in Illinois, 1866 had a fairly stable upbringing within that county. As his father Thomas J. was a farmer and labourer most of his life, it seems he did not get much of a schooling and follows in this vein, track laying on the railways from around 1885 which was then in its heyday. He rose through the ranks becoming a foreman overseeing large rail-road construction projects, moving to wherever the work was needed in Idaho then Washington where his son John Jay was born in 1892. Although his marriage certificate cannot be found, it is inferred he wed in Smith, Kansas in 1885, and he is found in a mini-census of that state in the same year living with his uncle & aunt (or parents or cousins see explanation next entry) John & Eliza and two siblings, his first children were also born here, and father buried here in 1889. By his 60's he had taken leave of the railways to become a house carpenter in Oregon and remained so up until his 70's, where he is buried with a headstone. Mary Pearl Potter his wife died shortly after John. She was brought up in Breckenridge, Missouri the daughter of John Wesley Potter a farmer with a family of 12. We have a picture of her father taken in Moscow, Idaho around 1890.

**Evidence for John Henry:** from his son John Jays (above) and siblings' records he is consistently given this name and Illinois as a place of birth. There is only one John Henry consistently traced within the time period originating from that state, working continuously within the railways. Tracing John Jay his son we find him living with his father in the 1900 and 1920 census claim confirming the paternity and in his social security claim in 1944. Although nothing other than those three records confirm that John Henry is his father, all others do by inference, in conjunction with his siblings. All my research was also confirmed when I found his memorial at findagrave.com.

## **Timeline for John Henry Gaffney**

RECORD	DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	WORK	BIRTH	NOTES
BIRTH	17 Apr 1866	John Henry Gaffney	0	Illinois	baby	Carlton, Greene, Illinois	SOCIAL SEC. 1944. F:Thomas J. Gaffney. M: Martha E Brisco
CENSUS	1880	John Gaffne	14	180, Pin Oak, Madison, IL	Father farmer	1866, IL	F:Thomas Gaffne. M:Martha Gaffne. Father's Birth: KY
CENSUS	1 Mar 1885	John Gaffney	19	Houston, Smith, KS, USA	Farm hand? single	IL	Living with John & Eliza Gaffney, farmer, parents or uncle?
MARRIAGE	20 Nov 1885	John Henry Gaffney Mary Pearl Gaffney	21	Smith Center, Smith, KS			Record not found. Alternate: 1887 Breckenridge, Caldwell, MO
CHILD BIRTH	2, May, 1888	Charles David Gaffney son of John Henry Gaffney		Colby, Thomas, KS, USA			
CHILD BIRTH	14 Jun 1900	Arthur Dewey Gaffney son of John Henry Gaffney	34	Mullan, Shoshone, ID, USA		1866, IL	Age 34 (issued 1900)
CENSUS	1900	John H. Gaffney Pearl M. Gaffney		Mullan, Shoshone, ID	Labourer, railways	Apr 1866, IL	Spouse: Pearl M. Gaffney Marriage:1886. Father's Birth: KY
CENSUS	1910	John H. Gafney Mary P. Gafney	44	Parkland, Pierce, WA	Track Foreman Railroad	1866, IL	Father's Birth: KY. Mortgaged
DIRECTORY	1911	John H. Gaffney	45	711 s 58 <sup>th</sup> Tacoma, WA,	Construction foreman		Wife Mary P.
CENSUS	1920	John Gaffney Mary Gaffney	53	605, West First, Aberdeen City, Ward 6, Grays Harbor, WA	Railroad Construction man	1867, IL	Father's Birth: KY. Rented
CENSUS	1930	John H. Gaffney Pearl M. Gaffney	63	435, Berry St, Bunker Hill, Coos, OR	Building carpenter	1867, IL	Father's birth: KY. Owned, \$3500
CENSUS	1935	John H. Gaffney	68	Rural, Lane, OR			From 1940 census
CENSUS	1940	John H. Gaffney Mary Pearl Gaffney	73	2089, 15th Street Eugene, Lane, OR	Retried Construction	1867, IL	Rented, \$12.50. School, 8th grade. Income, \$336

SOCIAL SEC.	Jan 1944	John Henry Gaffney	78	OR	SSN: 544 249 465	17 Apr 1866 Carlton Greene, IL	F: Thomas J. Gaffney M: Martha E. Brisco
DEATH	29 Dec 1954	John Henry Gaffney	88	Marion County, OR USA			
BURIAL	1954	John Henry Gaffney	88	Rest-Haven Memorial Park, Eugene, Lane County, OR		Apr 1866 Greene County, IL	Father: Thomas J. Gaffney

## John Henry Gaffney

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name: John Henry Gaffney

SSN: 544249465

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birth Date: 17 Apr 1866

Birth Place: Carlton Gree, Illinois

Father: Thomas J Gaffney

Mother: Martha E Brisco

Type of Claim: Original SSN.

Notes: Jan 1944: Name listed as JOHN

HENRY GAFFNEY



John Henry Gaffney, gravemarker, Eugene, Lane County, OR



John Wesley Potter, Moscow, ID, father to Mary Pearl Potter. Dated c.1890 from age of youngest child Emma Ruth (b.1883). "Photo of John Wesley Potter & Emma Gertrude Potter and 5 of their children. Standing; Sarah, William (went by Linn), & George. Seated; Morgan Hunt (went by Hunt), John, Emma Ruth (went by Ruth), & Emma Gertrude (went by Gertrude). Except for Sarah, Hunt was the only one of their children I never met. Sarah was my grandmother and died before I was born." posted by an Ancestry.co.uk anonymous user. 1900 Census confirms them living in Moscow, ID.

#### Thomas J. Gaffney

#### 2nd Grandfather to Catherine Eames-Jones

BIRTH: 1834, Garrett, Floyd, Kentucky

MARRIAGE: 31 Jul 1863, Greene, Illinois, Martha Eliza Brisco (1847-1925)

DEATH: 11 NOV 1889, Smith County, Kansas

Thomas J. is reliably born in Kentucky from countless records of his sons and daughters and his military records. Aged around 21 we see him farming in the Illinois area when the US Civil War breaks out and he is enlisted in G Company, 61<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Illinois in 1861 as a private and foot soldier. The history claims this was a volunteer unit and went on to fight various campaigns, this is very long and detailed and can be seen on many popular websites. It appears that Thomas may have been injured in the battle of luka, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1862, and was discharged as an invalid on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The battle of luka, Mississippi halted the advance of the confederate army, the 61<sup>st</sup> Reg. supported Gen Rosecrans (Union) against Gen Price (Conf.), however the regiment history states there was no engagement with the enemy suggesting support only, so maybe he fell off the train on the way back or was sniped at.

I cannot either find the extent of his injuries but he was well enough to marry Martha Eliza Brisco in Greene, Illinois, 1863 and get back to his farming, at least by 1880. He is difficult to trace thereafter but I have found 3 of his children, Julia, Winnie and John Henry living in Smith, Kansas in 1885 where they later married and had children, with a John and Eliza Gaffney. These two were either their cousins or an uncle making a land claim in that newly formed state or his parents Thomas John and Martha Eliza (note similar middle names) hiding their identity for some reason. We know the parents came here because as a Civil War veteran Thomas is awarded a gravestone in 1888 while living in Smith, Kansas, whether this contract was secured before his death, his wife certainly makes a widow's claim in 1891.

His wife Martha Brisco was born in Illinois, but her family cannot be traced prior to 1860, the census suggests they were born in Indiana, but she is seen in that year working as a servant aged 15 for a Smith family of tanners and farmers. Thomas' brother John W. married a Mary Jane Brisco, and so I am quite certain this must have been her sister. After Thomas' death she remarried an Andrew Butler, provenance also unknown and died in the Oregon area, possibly while staying with her son John Henry.

I have also seen no document that discloses Thomas' middle name. It is supposed it may be John by way of his eldest son's name, but others have suggests it may be Jefferson, it could even be James with reference to his father.

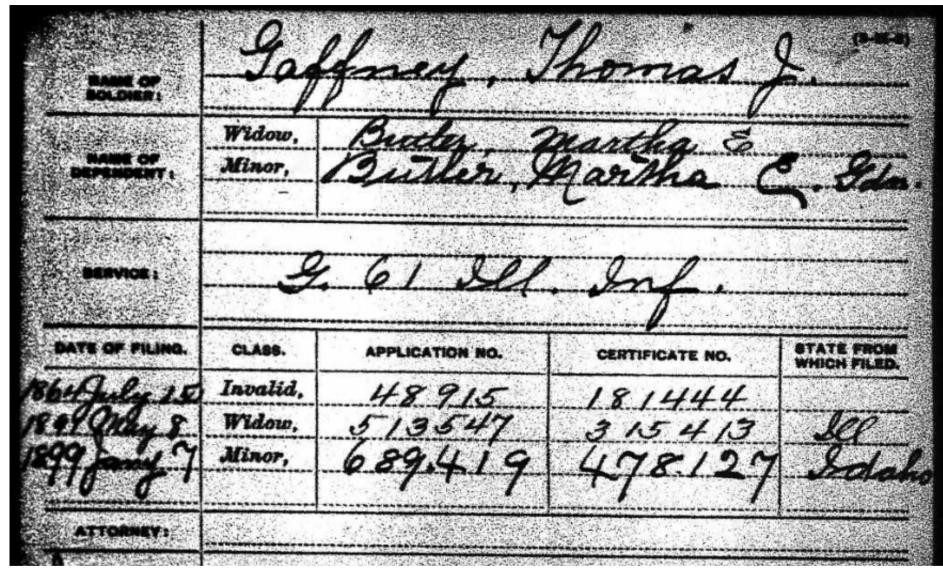
**Evidence of Paternity:** From the countless records of his 11 children in census, social security and grave memorials, Thomas J. is confirmed without doubt by government officials as their father and born in Kentucky. From this we trace his military records where we find his widow and daughter making a claim on benefits paid to former Civil War veterans. We can pin him down from this to serving in G 61<sup>st</sup> Illinois regiment, where only one Gaffney enlisted, that being Thomas. After his marriage and flight from the army he is difficult to trace, I suggest he was on the move, but being an invalid might have seen the family in desperate times, living in a horse and caravan or in physiotherapy until they secured the farm in 1880. His war service confirms his burial in Kansas. They may have moved to this county as this was a newly formed state (1861) and land claims trebled by 1885.

## **Timeline for Thomas J. Gaffney**

RECORD	DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	WORK	BIRTH	NOTES
BIRTH	1834/7	Thomas J. Gaffney	0	Kentucky	baby	Garrett, Floyd, KY	From Civil War records
CIVIL WAR ENLISTMENT	2 Oct 1861	Thomas J. Gaffney	24	Illinois	Private. Company G, Illinois. 61st Infantry Regiment		Mustered out on 24 Sep 1862
DISCHARGE	Sep 24, 1862	Thomas J. Gaffney	25	Greene CO, IL	Private. 61 <sup>st</sup> Infantry. Illinois (Farmer)	1837 Garrett CO, KY	5' 6 Hair: dark. Eyes: hazel. Single. Discharged, disability at St Louis, MO
SUBJECT TO MILITARY SERVICE	1863	Thomas J. Gafney	26	Carrollton, IL	Private, soldier Congressional District 10th (laborer)	1836 KY	Unmarried, list made at Greene, IL
MARRIAGE	31 Jul 1863	Thomas F. Gafney also spelt Cafney to Martha E. Briscoe	26	Greene, IL, USA			
CIVIL WAR PENSION	15 July 1864	Thomas J. Gaffney	30		G 61 Illinois Infantry		Invalid by war
CENSUS	1880	Thomas Gaffne Martha Gaffne	46	180, Pin Oak, Madison, IL	Farmer	1834 KY	Father Birth: KY
GRAVE	21 Aug 1888	Thomas J. Gaffney	54	Cedarville, KS (cemetery)	G 61 Illinois Infantry		Date of contract with Sheldon & sons for headstone
DEATH & CIVIL WAR WIDOW PENSION	8 May 1891	Martha E. Butler – widow of Thomas J. Gaffney	57		G 61 Illinois Infantry		Martha E. Butler (remarried c.1898) date of widow claim in Illinois from US war pension application
DIRECTORY	1914	Martha Gaffney (widow of Thomas J.)	-	A 123- N Yakima Av, Tacoma, WA			
SOCIAL SEC.	1944	Thomas J. Gaffney & Martha E Brisco parents of John Henry Gaffney	-				Son's pension claim

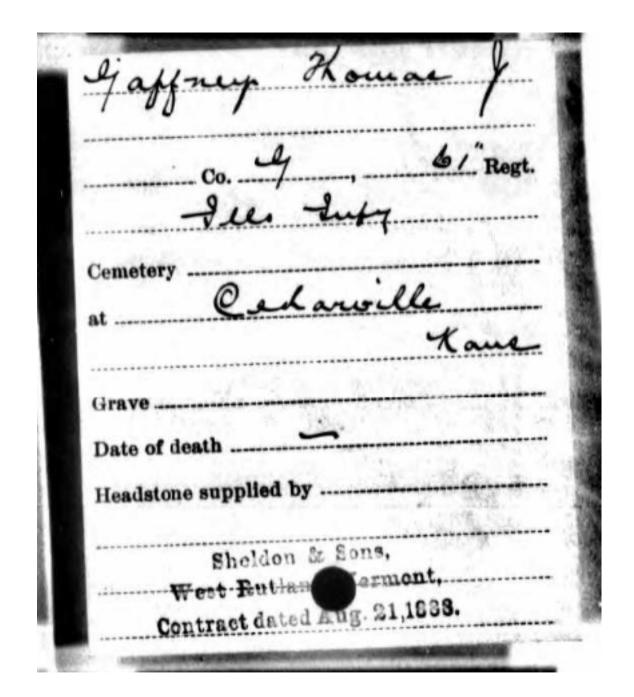
## Thomas J Gaffney in the Web: Illinois, Databases of Illinois Veterans Index, 1775-1995

Name:	Thomas J Gaffney
Rank:	Private
Company:	G
Unit:	61st Illinois Infantry
Height:	5'6
Hair:	DARK
Eyes:	HAZEL
Complexion:	DARK
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Farmer
Birth Date:	Abt 1837
Birth Place:	Garrett CO, KY
War:	Civil War
War Years:	1861-1865
Service Entry Age:	24
Service Entry Date:	29 Oct 1861
Service Entry Place:	Carrollton, IL
Joined By Whom:	J B NULTON
Period:	3 YRS
Muster In Date:	5 Feb 1862
Muster In Place:	Carrollton, IL
Remarks:	DISCHARGED FOR DISABILITY SEP 24, 1862 AT ST LOUIS MO
Residence Place:	Greene CO, IL
Record Source:	Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls



Civil War pension and widow claim for Thomas J. Gaffney

http://civilwar.illinoisgenweb.org/history/061.html - Illinois Civil War 61st Regiment History
https://archive.org/stream/storycommonsoldier00stilrich/storycommonsoldier00stilrich\_djvu.txt - Story of the common soldier
http://files.usgwarchives.net/il/statewide/military/civilwar/other/61stinf.txt - Civil War Archives 61st Regiment History



### **James Gaffney**

#### 3rd Grandfather to Catherine Eames-Jones

**BIRTH:** 1810, Virginia or possibly Kentucky

MARRIAGE: 27 Jan 1832, Garrard, Kentucky to Margaret (Mary) Polly Hall (1805–1880)

**DEATH:** c.1880, IL, USA

I have seen no reliably documented data to prove that James is the father to Thomas J., and this information comes from others who have studied the family in the USA. However, this is the ONLY Gaffney I found on the census found living and born in the same state as his son's birth, marrying at Garrad, Kentucky not 100 miles from Garret (*birthplace of Thomas J, son*), noted though that 3 of their other children are born at Garrad, so Garrett might even be a mis-transcription of the military record. 90% of the other Gaffney's listed in the US at this time originated in Ireland.

Thomas J., son, states his father born in Kentucky from one census only, but all the other evidence points to James being born in Virginia, but he did indeed move to Kentucky to marry and sire all his children. Other reliable evidence is that James' family is living at Greene, Illinois in 1860 where Thomas J. is mustered to join the Civil War in 1861, and married in 1863.

#### **Timeline**

RECORD	DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	WORK	BIRTH	NOTES
BIRTH	1810	James Gafney	0	Buckingham, VA	baby	Buckingham, VA	Inferred from census
MARRIAGE	27 Jan 1832	James Gafney & Margaret (Mary) Polly Hall		Garrard County, KY	Farmer?		Document not seen or found
CENSUS	1860	James Gafney Mary Gafney	50	Carolton, Greene, IL	Farmer, 400A	VA	5 children born Kentucky
CENSUS	1880	James Gaffney Mary Gaffney	77 80	Nilwood, Macoupin, IL	Farmer	VA	Age wrong maybe not them?
DEATH	Aft 1880	James Gaffney		IL			Infered due to age, does not appear in 1890 census

# James Gafney in the 1860 United States Federal Census



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Name:	James Gafney	
Age:	50	
Birth Year:	abt 1810	
Gender:	Male	
Birth Place:	Virginia	
Home in 1860:	Carrollton, Greene, Illinois	
Post Office:	Carrollton	
Family Number:	2588	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Gafney	50

Name	Age
James Gafney	50
Mary Gafney	60
Martha Gafney	19
John Gafney	19
Elmida Gafney	16
Frank Taylor	6
Boone Taylor	4
Ann Taylor	24

### John Morton Gaffney

4th Great Grandfather to Catherine Eames-Jones

BIRTH: c.1790, Virginia

MARRIAGE: c.1807, Virginia to Anna Duke (1787–)

DEATH: c.1842 Garrad, Kentucky

The link from John Morton to James above comes from basic documented facts that inextricably link them together. 1. James Morton's birth state Virginia is the same as his child James above. 2. He appears on the 1820-40 census in Kentucky with son John Gaffney *junior* as living in Garrad, Kentucky exactly the county where his son James and grandchildren were born, married and farmed, (3.) to the exclusion of any other similar named family. 4. We have a dated marriage settlement to land between his son John Gaffney *junior* and the Duke family, 'gentrified' landholders in the area. With an origin like Virginia and early date we can be fairly certain that this is where the Gaffneys may have first emigrated to, possibly from Ireland, but note from the marriage into the ruling families of Virginia and Kentucky and the information below, it is very unlikely they were those turfed out during the land clearances or potato famine. I can imagine that due to the legacy below, they were tobacco farmers, which was the main crop.

According to Daniel Morton, M.D., in his book, 'The Morton Patriarchs of Virginia' 1909; "There were several men of the name Morton, living in Virginia prior to 1800, anyone whose Morton ancestors lived in Virginia prior to 1800 is probably descended from one of these men." Because John has a middle name Morton this might infer that he was given it in honour of his mother's maiden family, and an indirect descendant of them.

"Sir William Morton, born 1610 England owned land with many others on which Washington DC stands. John Morton b.1655 his son was sent to America to represent his father's interests and it is he who is the progenitor of the Morton line." (Sic) 'The Morton Family of Colonial Virginia' by Kitt Heuer 2015. Noted this man was a royalist and lost out in the English Civil War 1642-8. There are certainly a lot of James and Johns' amongst his Morton descendants, which is also strong evidence, being that the 'John' name runs consistently through the generations of Gaffneys in their honour. Judging by the dates from these articles, John Morton's father would have been the 5<sup>th</sup> generation from them, and some of these branched out to Illinois and Kentucky.

His wife was Anna Duke who's father was likely Henry Duke who granted money \$50 to his step-grandson John Morton Gaffney *junior* on his marriage by bond to Elizabeth Hall in 1832 (note John M. snr's other daughter Elizabeth Gaffney also married a Henry Duke in 1824). The Dukes were also prominent land holders in the upper echelons of Virginia and Kentucky at the time. They supposedly descend from Sir Walter Raleigh, but ahem I wont hold my breath, but neither would I discount it. There are plenty of Mortons in the 1790 Virginia tax list but no Gaffneys, neither do they appear in list of colonial families of Virginia and there is no apparent connection with the town Gaffney in N. Carolina (after Michael A. Gaffney, born in Granard, Ireland, in 1775).

We do though have this entry for John from the Anglo-American War of 1812-15; "John Gafney on pay roll as Private for 5 months & 28 days in Capt Horace Timberlake's company of infantry of the 7th Regiment of VA militia between 26 Aug 1814 and 21 Feb 1815." As he is reported born in VA and married before this date it suggests that he was a farmer pressed into military service and his father (b.c.1770) was present in VA at the War of Independence, and whose father in turn (b.c.1750) could have partook in it, although I find only one Caffney, a Morgan serving therein, but plenty of Mortons.

### John Morton Gaffney Timeline

RECORD	DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	WORK	BIRTH	NOTES
BIRTH	Abt 1786	John Morton Gaffney	0	VA	Baby	VA	Inferred from marriage and military record
MARRIAGE	Abt 1807	John Morton Gaffney to Anna Duke	21	VA	Farmer?		Document not found, inferred from children birth
MILITARY	1814	John Gafney	26	Timberlake's company of infantry of the 7th Reg. of VA militia	Private, foot soldier (Farmer?)		26 Aug 1814 to 21 Feb 1815
CENSUS	1820	John Gafney	34	Garrad, KY	Farmer		Son John Gaffney (junior)
CENSUS	1830	John Gaffney	44	Garrad, KY	Farmer		Son John Gaffney (junior)
MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT	19 July 1832	John Morton Gaffney	46	Garrard, KY	Farmer		Surety bond by John Moton Gafney ( <i>junior</i> ) and Henry Duke for marriage of John M. Gafney ( <i>junior</i> ) and Elizabeth Hall
CENSUS	1840	John Gafney	54	Garrad, KY	Farmer		With son John Gaffney (junior)
DEATH	1842	John Gaffney	56	Garrad, KY			Inferred as not found on 1850 census

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- http://www.kykinfolk.com/muhlenberg/fgs/morton-family.htm The Morton Family of Colonial Virginia' by Kitt Heuer 2015
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- http://www.binnsgenealogy.com/VirginiaTaxListCensuses/1790index/1790M-index.htm Virginia Tax List
- https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Revolutionary\_War\_Service\_Records Revolutionary War Records

# John Gafney in the 1840 United States Federal Census



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Name:	John Gafney
Home in 1840 (City, County, State):	Garrard, Kentucky
Free White Persons - Males - 50 thru 59:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 60 thru 69:	1
Persons Employed in Agriculture:	2
No. White Persons over 20 Who Cannot Read and Write:	2
Total Free White Persons:	2
Total All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves:	2



Marriage bond between John Morton Gaffney junior and Elizabeth Hall, signed John Morton Gaffney (Moton) junior and Henry Duke, 19 July 1832

"Know all men by those present that we, John M. Gaffney and Henry Duke, are held firmly bound unto the commonwealth of Kentucky in this fiscal sum of \$50? current money, the payment of which will truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs jointly severally and firmly by those present, sealed and dated this 19th day of July 1832. The conditions of this obligation is such that whereas this is a license about to issue from the clerks office of the Garrad County Court for a marriage intended between the above bound John M. Gaffney and Elizabeth Hall. Now should there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force (and) virtue. Witness Moton Gaffney, Henry Duke"