Enoch Livesay



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Born: 28 Oct 1804 Fort Bedford, VA
Married: Polly Wilburn
Died: 1870 Kyles Ford, TN
Parents: George Livesay & Nancy Anderson

Enoch Livesay A15a, the eleventh child of George and Nancy Anderson Livesay, was born on October 28, 1804 in Grayson County, Virginia. He was the youngest of George and Nancy's children. In 1816 George moved his family to Lee County, Virginia. Three years later the family crossed the line into Tennessee near Kyle's Ford, which was then in Hawkins County.

The National Archives and Record Service in Washington, D.C. lists Enoch as the head of a household in the 1830 census. He was not listed as a slave owner; however a later census listed an adult living with the family whose occupation was "servant" and was of the white race. We know that he was married and the father of four children at the age of twenty-six. He had married Mary (Polly) Wilbourne when he was quite young, although we have no record of the date. The 1840 census shows that four additional sons have been added to the family.

The first child of Enoch and Polly was James Livesay, born between 1823 and 1826 in Hawkins County, TN. He married Sarah Bledsoe on November 3, 1843.

Stephen W. Livesay was born on December 2, 1826 in Hawkins County, and married Margaret (or Margot) Anderson, daughter of Ely and Betty Anderson of Kyle's Ford, on September 11, 1851. Stephen was a farmer and blacksmith. He was prominent in community affairs. He served as a magistrate of the Kyle's Ford District and often made the twelve mile trip to the county seat at Sneedville

by horseback. He was appointed the first postmaster at Kyle's Ford on April 20, 1871. He died on January 14, 1907.

The third child of Enoch and Polly was Mary "Polly" Livesay, born February 16, 1829 in Hawkins County. She married William Roberts on May 17. 1848 and married a second time to Jacob Eller.

The next child of Enoch and Polly was William Livesay, born March 15, 1830 in Hawkins County and married Emily Livesay, daughter of Andrew and Nancy Anderson Livesay, on June 27, 1858.

George Livesay, son of Enoch and Polly, was born in 1833 in Hawkins County, married Armina Testerman, and died on March 8, 1915.

Next, Wilbourne Livesay was born in 1836 or 1837 in Hawkins County and married Sarah (Sadie) Bloomer on June 17, 1859. The last son of Enoch and Polly was Claiborn Livesay, born 1840 or 1841 in Hawkins County, TN. He married Anna Johnson and he died before 1890.

Enoch was a farmer and also a blacksmith He owned land along the Clinch River between Sneedville and Kyle's Ford. On April 30, 1832 in Hawkins County, TN he enters the purchase of 100 acres of land in Walter Simms survey north on Clinch River that joined land he owned on the south side of the river. This land is near the Kyle's Ford area. This is where he lived and died and many of his descendants still live there.

Enoch's wife, Mary (was always called Polly), died about 1842. She was killed by the Indians when she went to the spring for water. Polly was the mother of Enoch's eight children.

Enoch married a second time to a Rachel Anderson. They had no children, but five of his children were still living with him during the 1850 census. He continued to live in the Kyle's Ford area. He is listed in the 1870 census with all his sons gone from the household, but his daughter and four of her children are living with him. This is the last record we have of Enoch A15a, so we assume that he died between 1870 and 1880. We feel sure he is buried in the Kyle's Ford area on the land that he owned, but no one knows where the grave is.

Information from the book "A History of the Livesays" Volume 2, pgs 165 - 167 by James Livesay 2003

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