
Orange Ferris Howland, Sr.

Notes

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Conflict: On the 1850 Pike County Census, his age is listed as 48, which would make his birth year 1801 or 1802.

Per William Gardner Howland, his son,....Orange Ferris Sr., "His mother died when he was young and he went to live with his brothers in New York City.. They were Carriage Makers and he learned the Trade but never followed it."

Per son Wiliam Gardner Howland (1/7/1932) "He come to St. Louis, Mos. and was a clerk on a Mississippi Steam Boat and eventually located at Naples, Ill."

Howland, O.F. LMD Jersey Co.

Candidate for Justice of the Peace Aug 7, 1843

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"May have lived in Jersey Co. before,[1857] because Frederick Wm. Howland died Jersey Co. 12 Mar 1848 (from bible record)."

Jasper Terry and OF sold out in Illinois and moven to Texas with the four Terry boys who subsequently stayed in Texas. Jasper and OF returned to Illinois, possibly this is when he bought in Pike County Illinois

"living in Pike Co., Ill in 1857 for sure when son Geo W. Howland Died"

"When PBH born sr. had retired & Jr. was running farm."

"Old folks moved to Roodhouse too & lived with Jr. Later back to farm [Pike Cty] when S.A.D. moved onto it. After that?" per PBH

However the Green Pond Cemetery may be in Pike County, someday this needs to be verified. [keo 5/1998]

The following letter was in the possession of Frances Howland Hassler, his great granddaughter:

Pearl, Pike Co., Il, 22nd of April 1889.

I, Orange Ferris F. Howland, was born 20th of May 1807, in Dutchess Co, NY. All my parents and grandparents were Quakers. Wm. Howland, my father, had four sons and one daughter, Margaret, who married Judge Fred Stone and Margaraet had three children, all girls, viz., Mary, Frances and Jane. I had three brothers, Egbert, Alfred and George. Egbert and George married Capt. James Travis' two only daughters, Mary and Rebecca. Egbert was cashier for over forty years in N. Y. City banks. Egbert's two boys were tellers in his bank in the city of N. Y. George was a shipper to Lisbon, Portugal.

G. G (Gardner Greene) and S.(Samuel) Howland of N. Y. City were my great uncles. They build our Illinois Central RR with Aspenwal [Aspinwall] of N. Y. (see info below re: Aspinwall) and received lands of our state. My own grandfather, Nathaniel Howland, had two sons, William my father, and Doctor David Howland who studied medicine with Dr. F. Vanderburgh of our county, well known in N. Y. City and Poughkeepsie, our county seat. He married Dr. Vanderburgh's sister, Caroline. All these men were men of large fortunes.

My Grandfather gave my father and the other two children 500 A. farms each. Vanderburghs were all wealthy people. Our family consists of two girls and four boys, viz. Egbert, W. G., Ferris and Douglas. The two oldest girls married farmers. The oldest boys are married and Douglas single.

Orange F. Howland Farmer of Pearl, Pike Co., Illinois Dated this 22nd of April 1889

WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL

According to corporate records of the Ill. Central RR, Wm H. Aspinwall was a major stockholder and organizer on Feb. 10, 1851. The Act of Congress was 20 Sep 1850. Aspinwall was the nephew of Gardner G. Howland and was born Dec. 16, 1807. He worked at the shipping firm of Gardner and Samuel Howland in New York. Then Howland and Aspinwall was formed in 1837.

This co. ran mail and steamers from Panama to San Francisco CA and organized the Panama Railroad Co. Aspinwall was involved in organization of the Ohio & Miss. Railroad from Cincinnati to St. Louis.

Aspinwall was a liberal patron and collector of fine arts in NYC. He died Jan. 18, 1875 at age 68. His son Lloyd was commander of the 22nd NY Regt and an aide to Gen. Burnside in the Civil War.
