

MEERS, Sarah  
(Taylor)

1913

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are Sam Meers, of Davenport, Neb.;  
Louis Meers, of Powhattan; Richard,  
Samuel, James and George Meers,  
and Mrs. Caroline Sharp, Mrs. Lizzie  
Sluss and Mrs. Jane Hargis, all of  
Troy!

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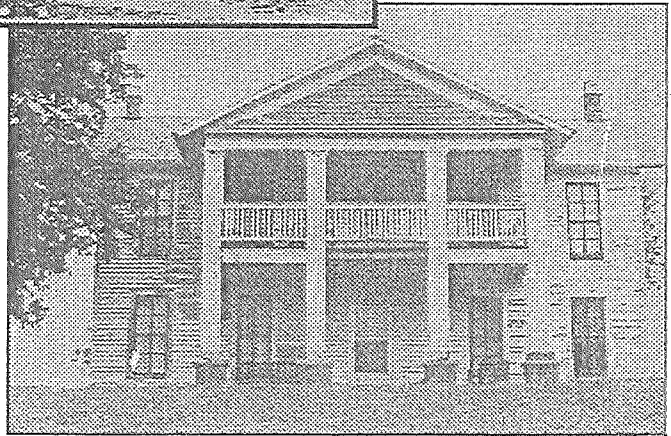
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Sunday afternoon at 1:30 by C. C.  
Atwood, pastor of the Christian  
church, at the Mosquito Creek school  
house. The body was laid to rest in  
the cemetery adjoining.

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# The Mears Family History



*Family Home  
about 1912*



*Family Home  
1985*

*by*

*Carol Mears Banks*

*of Mears  
m.*

- iii. William H. Mears, born 1840, Green Co., Kentucky.
- iv. May (Mary) Mears, born 1843, Green Co., Kentucky
- v. Eliza Mears, born 1844, Green Co., Kentucky.
- vi. Melinda Mears, born 1846, Green Co., Kentucky.
- vii. Louisa Mears, born 1848, Green Co., Kentucky.
- viii. Emma Mears, born 1850, Buchanan, Missouri.
- ix. Thomas W. Mears, born 1859, Buchanan, Missouri.

11. FORRESTOR TIMISTICLE<sup>4</sup> MEARS (*JAMES<sup>3</sup>, MOSES<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1811, and died July 29, 1885 in Hodgenville, Larue Co., KY. He married SARA JANE WRIGHT September 04, 1844 in Green Co., KY. She was born July 21, 1825 in Hart Co., KY, and died February 02, 1890 in Hodgenville, Larue Co., KY.

Child of FORRESTOR MEARS and SARA WRIGHT is:

- i. Mary Amy<sup>5</sup> Mears, born May 01, 1860; died August 04, 1949, Clinton, MO; married JOHN POPE SKAGGS; born September 22, 1862, Marion Co., KY; died July 30, 1932, Clinton, Henry Co., MO.

12. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> MEARS (*JAMES<sup>3</sup>, MOSES<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1820 in Green Co., KY, and died in Buchanan Co., MO. He married SARAH TAYLOR. *m. Oct. 5 1848 Buchanan Co. Mo. d. Jan. 1880*  
*Deniphan Co. MS. Buried Mosquito Cr. Cemetery* *Typhoid fever*

Child of NATHANIEL MEARS and SARAH TAYLOR is: are

- i. Sarilla Jane<sup>5</sup> Mears, born 1849.  
*and 11 more, living in Deniphan Co. MS. in 1860*

### Generation No. 5

13. MARY E<sup>5</sup> MEARS (*MOSES<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, MOSES<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 09, 1817 in Green Co., KY. She married (1) GARRETT UNDERWOOD. She married (2) GABRIEL BLEVINS, son of CHARLES BLEVINS and SARAH ROARK. He was born April 1817 in Green Co., KY.

Notes for MARY E MEARS:

Mary Mears first married Garrett Underwood, and had one son. Second marriage to Gabriel Blevins and had a son, Thomas J. Blevins. "Mrs. Mary E. Blevins was born in September, 1817, in Green, now Taylor County, KY.; she was a daughter of Moses Mears, a native of Taylor County (he was actually born in Surry Co. NC), who married Eda Hamilton, a native of Tompkinsville, Ky. He died in 1873, aged seventy-six."\*

Notes for GABRIEL BLEVINS:

"Gabriel Blevins was born in April, 1817, in Green County and with the exception of

\*Kentucky Genealogy & Biography, Vol. 5, p. 54.

State of Kansas,

*Dorickaw* County.

ss. In the Probate Court, in and for said County.

In the matter of the Estate of

*Nathaniel Meers*

Late of said County, deceased.

On this *twenty seventh* day of *January* A. D. 1880, personally

appeared before me, the undersigned, Judge of said Court, *Sarah Meers*

who being by me duly sworn, according to law, doth upon *her* oath depose and say that

*Nathaniel Meers* died on the *Eighteenth* day of

*January* A. D. 1880, at *Dorickaw* County

and State aforesaid; that to the best of *her* knowledge and belief, the names and places of

residence of the heirs of the said deceased are as follows, to wit:

*Serillia Jane Meers - Thomas J Meers - Caroline Meers -  
Mary Elizabeth Meers - Lewis Meers - Richard Meers -  
James Lincoln Meers - Samuel Meers - Charles Meers -  
George W Meers - and Grier Pettiner, the Widow -  
all*

and that deceased died without a will, as affiant verily believes.

And *she* further states that the said *Nathaniel Meers* died

sized and possessed of real and personal estate, consisting chiefly of - *Cattle, Horses,*

*farming implements &c*

*personal*  
all of said estate being estimated to be worth about *Four hundred* Dollars.

Your petitioner would therefore respectfully pray that your Honor will grant Letters of Administration to *Grier Pettiner - Sarah <sup>re</sup> Meers <sub>ma</sub>*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the day and year first above written.

*Rob Wiersman* PROBATE JUDGE.

AFFIDAVIT OF THE DEATH OF

*Nathaniel Meers*, Deceased,

By *Sarah Meers*

Filed *Jan 27* A. D. 1880.

*Robt. W. Williams*  
Probate Judge.

# ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND.

KNOW, ALL MEN, BY THESE PRESENTS, That we,

*Sarah Meers*

as principal., and *John T Morris, A C Deaver*

~~Isaac~~ *Graves and John Negmiller*

as securities, acknowledge ourselves to be held and firmly bound unto the State of Kansas, in the sum of *One Thousand* Dollars, for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these Presents, sealed with our seals, and signed this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, A. D. 1880.

The condition of the above Bond is, that if:

*Sarah Meers*

*Administratrix* of the Estate of *Isaac Meers*, deceased, shall faithfully administer said Estate, account for, pay and deliver all money and property of said Estate, and perform all other things touching said administration, required by law, or the order or decree of any Court having jurisdiction thereof, then the above Bond to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force.

WITNESS, our hands and seals, this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, A. D. 1880.

*Sarah Meers* [Seal.]

*John T Morris* [Seal.]

*A C Deaver* [Seal.]

*Isaac Graves* [Seal.]

*John Negmiller* [Seal.]

[Seal.]

Approved this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, A. D. 1880.

*W. B. Williams*, Probate Judge.

October 5, 1848 Buchanan Co, Missouri  
Marriage of Nathaniel Meers  
+  
Saran (Sally) Taylor

To the recorder of Buchanan County  
I hereby certify that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1848. I solemnized marriage between Nathaniel Meers  
aged 26 years and Sally Taylor aged 17 years - Given under my  
hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1848. William R. Jones C. J.  
The foregoing Certificate was reported for record in my office  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1848. William Fowler Recorder  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

To the recorder of Buchanan County I hereby certify  
that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1848. I solemnized the bonds of Mat-  
rimony between Mr. Robert Grace aged 26 years and Miss  
Annemette Wilson aged 18 years - Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1848. William R. Jones C. J.

State of Missouri  
County of Buchanan  
I hereby Certify that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1848, I solemnized marriage between Nathaniel Meas aged 26 years and Sally Taylor aged 17 years - Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1848. William F. Jones J. P.  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1848.  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

To the recorder of Buchanan County I hereby Certify that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1848 I solemnized the laws of Matrimony between Mr. Robert Gears aged 26 years and Miss Annabelle Wilson aged 18 years - Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1848. William F. Jones J. P.  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1848.  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

State of Missouri  
County of Buchanan  
I Thomas Allen a Preacher of the Gospel do hereby Certify that I solemnized the rites of Matrimony between Peter Rhodes and Eliza J. Lewis on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848 both of the County and State aforesaid - Given under my hand this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848. Thomas Allen -  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1848.  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

Buchanan City Mo. This is to Certify that J. William Allison a Minister of the Gospel did solemnize marriage between Ezekiel Steward & Abba Barnes each of the State and County aforesaid on the twenty ninth day of Sept. 1848. this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1848  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1848 -  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

This is to Certify that J. Elder J. R. Ferguson in the State of Mo. Buchanan Co. at the houses of Amiah Pealy joined together in holy Matrimony Ann Pealy his daughter and David M. Devins on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. A. D. 1848.  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1848  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

I do hereby Certify that at Williams a  
marriage or contract between Gordon G. Gullick and Margaret Ball on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1848. This I solemnized in the presence of  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of December A. D. 1848.  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

State of Virginia  
County of Buchanan  
This is to Certify that I Gordon Silvers  
Minister of the Gospel did solemnize the rites of Matrimony  
between James Taylor & Sarah Rebecca Holford on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December  
1848. Given under my hand this January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1849.  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A. D. 1849 -  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

This Certifies that the undersigned an Ordained Minister  
of the Gospel joined in Marriage on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. A. D. 1848. G.  
W. Wood and Miss Georgiana Allen both of Buchanan County  
and State of Missouri. January 3<sup>rd</sup> A. D. 1849 - W. M. Hush.  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January A. D. 1849 -  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

J. Joseph Shannon a Minister of the Gospel do hereby Certify  
that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848, I joined together in the  
rites of Matrimony in the County of Buchanan and State of  
Missouri, Isaac Cooley of Platte County Mo. and Estina Scott  
of Buchanan County Mo. for the form of the Christian Church  
in such cases made and provided - Given under Certified under  
my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1848 - Joseph Shannon  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January A. D. 1849 -  
By John A. Fowler Deputy

State of Missouri  
County of Buchanan  
This is to Certify that John Langston and Nancy  
Wasper was married December the 28<sup>th</sup> 1848 -  
Given under my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1849  
The foregoing Certificate was deposited for Record in my Office on the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of January A. D. 1849 -  
By John A. Fowler Deputy



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Supervisor's Dist. No. 4

Enumeration Dist. No. 122

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the last day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Williams Township, in the County of Stone, State of Missouri, enumerated by me on the 1 day of June, 1880.

John A. Star

Enumerator

Table with columns: Name of Person, Sex, Age, Personal Description, Civil Condition, Occupation, Health, Education, Nativity. Rows include families like West James, Miller David, Hoark Bessie, Barnes Charles, Taylor Thomas, Baker Charles.

NOTE D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 22, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.

NOTE E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.

NOTE F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases where a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.

NOTE G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

(Mrs. Meers Came to Doniphan County

MAR 23 In 1854 1939

Mrs. Caroline Meers, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Beedle, February 18, 1939.

Caroline Graves was born near DeKalb, Missouri, July 24, 1853, twin sister to Mrs. Adeline Taylor, mother of John D. Taylor, and Mrs. Bell Chapple and Mrs. Anna Gurwell of Troy.

She moved with her parents, Daniel and Elias, Graves, to Kansas, north of Troy, 1854, where she spent her childhood in the days of the spring wheel and loom, making most of her own clothes.

She was united in marriage to

Thomas J. Meers, March 24, 1876. He being also an early settler.

They lived near Troy 5 or 6 years then spent some time near Washington, Kansas, after going to the State of Oregon and back they settled near Davenport, Nebraska, where they remained until his death about 7 years ago. Since that she has lived most of the time with her daughter where she passed away. To this union 7 children were born. Five survive.

Two sons preceded her in death one in infancy and the other at the age of 42 years old. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Anna Beedle, Arapahoe, Nebr.; Mrs. Eliza Lambert, Davenport, Nebraska; Mrs. Sarah Post, Salem, Ore.; Mrs. Adeline Christiner, North Platt, Nebraska; one son, Clarence Meers, Davenport, Nebraska; fourteen grand children, thirty-six great grandchildren, one great great grand child, also two brothers, John W. Graves, Washington, Kansas, and Hugh Graves, Troy, Kansas. She was united with the Christian church when young and kept the faith.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christian church at Davenport, Nebraska, by her grand daughter's husband, Rev. Clarence Mersch, pastor of the church.

She was laid to rest by her husband in Davenport cemetery and by many old friends and neighbors.

She was a devoted wife, kind and loving mother and a real friend.

JAN Meers, 1928

James Lincoln Meers was born September 11, 1863 at the old home place five miles north of Troy, Kansas, was the son of Nathaniel and Sara Meers, departed this life January 18, 1928 at the age of 64 years. He was blind since he was 23 years old. For over two years he had been confined to his bed. In 1926, Rev. J. W. Campbell, baptized and received him into the Methodist church. He made his home with his brother George, where in his long illness he received kind attention.

Meers.

Samuel Meers, well known farmer of this community, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Cummings, at 8:30 o'clock, Monday evening. The deceased was born northeast of Troy, November 13, 1865, the son of Nathaniel and Sarah Taylor Meers, pioneers of this county.

His early life was spent in the Mosquito Creek neighborhood and he attended the Mosquito Creek public school. On March 18, 1888 he was united in marriage to Rose Ann Meyers at Highland Station. Up until about five years ago they lived near Sparks. Since that time they have resided at Dearborn and Amazonia, Mo. His wife survives him. He was the father of ten children, nine of whom survive him: Mrs. Susie Layland, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. John Kotsch, Troy; Mrs. Edith Cowhick, Troy; Chas Meers, Highland; Thomas Meers, Amazonia, Mo.; Mrs. Robert Cummings, Troy; Warren Meers, Meckling, South Dakota; Gilbert Meers, Amazonia, Mo.; Lyle Meers, Amazonia, Mo.; He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Sluss, Troy; and two brothers, George Meers, and Thomas Meers, Davenport Nebraska.

Mr. Meers will be greatly missed in this community. He was a devoted husband and a loving father.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church, at 2:30 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, Rev. Samuel Twombly preaching the sermon. Burial was in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Gilbert F. Meers, 76

Gilbert F. Meers, 76, St. Jo, died Wednesday evening, May 24 at a St. Jo hospital.

A native of Sparks, Mr. Meers had resided in St. Jo since 1939. He was employed with the Burlington Railroad for 39 years, retiring in 1968. Mr. Meers was a member of Community Christian Church, St. Jo, Masonic Lodge and the Odd Fellows Lodge at Amazonia. He was preceded in death by a son, Gilbert Dean Meers, in August, 1938.

Surviving are his wife, Yula M. Meers of the home; a son, Arthur J. Meers, St. Jo; a daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Hoffman, Troy, a sister, Mrs. Mamie Cummings, Troy; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at a St. Jo funeral home. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Jo.

MRS GEORGE MEERS

Funeral Services Were Held Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Mary L. Meers, life-long resident of this community, was born September 28, 1878, at Troy, the daughter of John Eberhart and Ellen Edwards Eberhart and at her death had reached the age of 71 years 6 months and 5 days.

She was married to George W. Meers of Troy in 1894.

The deceased is survived by her husband, George W. Meers; three children; Mrs. Sarah Mix, Troy; Mrs. Minnie Frakes, Hiawatha, and Mrs. Martha Robertson, Troy.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church in Troy, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Louis Kitchner in charge. Burial was in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Troy 1950.

Richard Meers  
Richard "Gene" Meers, 65  
Mountain Home, Ark, formerly of Troy, died Sunday, July 18, 1939, at a Mountain Home hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Highland Mortuary. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorial services are suggested to the American Heart Association.  
Mr. Meers was born Sept. 25, 1927, in Troy, the son of Richard and Lillie Colley Meers. He was a 1945 graduate of Highland High School and graduated from Highland Community Junior College and attending and graduating from Kansas State University with a degree in business.  
He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He worked for the General Electric Corp. as a company foreman and lives in Liverpool, N.Y. Meers was a member of the Elks Club, Twin Lakes Golf Club and I. O. O. F. Mountain Home. He married Mary Colley, July 18, 1948, at Wamego. She survives him. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Meers, on June 9, 1960.  
Mrs. Meers includes two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Goldstein, Springfield, Mo., and Ethelna Gudon, Troy, N.Y. A brother, Mr. Meers, lives in Springfield, Mo.

Deaths  
July 11 - Mrs. Meers - 1929

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Bank meers George Barnhill  
Walt meers Victor Sutton  
millard Barnhill

**ROBERT MEERS**

Robert L. Louie Meers, 74, Elwood, died Wednesday, February 21, 1990, at his home following a brief illness.

He was born May 21, 1915, in Highland, a son of Charles and Jesse Curry Meers and lived most of his life in Elwood.

Mr. Meers was retired from the parts department of the Crouch Brothers trucking firm in Elwood. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 161, Wathena, and of the Christian Church.

He married the former Thelma E. Henderson on December 8, 1946. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen; two brothers; and a sister.

Additional survivors include: a son, Mickey M. Meers, of Elwood; four daughters, Linda Meers, Mañana Meers, Roberta Killingsworth and Tina Kimberlin, all of Elwood; a brother, Charles Meers of Wathena; five sisters, Betty Wieland, Jessie Jaynes, Helen Mosher and June Schoenfelder, all of St. Joseph, Mo., and Rosemary Gentry of San Ramon, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, February 24, 1990, at the Harman-Rohde Funeral Home, Wathena, with the Rev. Robert Shellenberger. Burial was in Mount Olive Cemetery, Troy. Military graveside services were conducted by the American Legion Post No. 161, Wathena.

Pallbearers were: Mike Schoenfelder, Bob Meers, Jim G... ..

**Meers, 1913**

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She moved to Doniphan county in 1854, with her family, where she spent the rest of her days on the farm they pre-empted, except about two years ago she moved with her son, George, to the farm where she died, four miles northwest of Troy, March 7, 1913, aged 81 years, 11 months and 6 days. She leaves to mourn her loss 9 children, 44 grand children, 41 great grand children and 1 great great grand child, besides a large circle of neighbors and friends. She was a true friend and a loving mother and to know her was to love her. Her husband preceded her into the other world about 33 years.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 1:30 by C. C. Atwood, pastor of the Christian church, at the Mosquito Creek school house. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT.

*Final* ACCOUNT OF *Sarah Mers*,  
 Administrator of the Estate of *N. Mers*, deceased.

Accountant charges himself as follows:

Amount, <i>On hand last settlement</i>		\$	
" <i>Made January 21<sup>st</sup> 1881</i>			<i>236.00</i>
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And Accountant claims credit for the following payments made in behalf of said Estate:

Paid <i>for Tombstones</i>	Voucher No.	\$	<i>45.00</i>
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" <i>Probate fees &amp; notice this settlement</i>	" "		<i>5.00</i>
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Accountant claims the following compensation for his services:

For <i>collecting &amp; paying out 470<sup>00</sup> a. G. prob.</i>	\$	<i>28.20</i>
For <i>taking care of 5 children for</i>	\$	
For <i>3 years</i>	\$	<i>157.80</i>
	\$	<u><i>236.00</i></u>

Leaving a balance on hand belonging to said Estate,

THE STATE OF KANSAS,  
 DONIPHAN COUNTY,

amt received *236.00*  
 amt paid out *236.00*  
 Leaving nothing on hand *00.00*

*Sarah Mers*, Administrator of the Estate of *Nathaniel Mers*, deceased, being duly sworn, on oath says that the foregoing is a full and accurate account of her administration of said Estate.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *15* day of *July*, A. D. 188*3*.

*Sarah Mers*  
*John A. Wilson*  
 Probate Judge

Administrators A C Count

A C Count of Sarah. Piers  
 Administratrix of the Estate of N. Piers deceased  
 A C Countant Charges herself as follows  
 Amount of Sale Bill \$470.75

A C Countant Claims Credit for the following  
 payments made in behalf of said Estate

Paid	C B Beckford & Co	9.65
	John Breckenridge	25.00
	Wambush & Breckenridge	5.50
	C Deland	17.00
	" " "	25.00
	J B Thompson York Stone	45.00
	W C Sinclair	4.20
	J W Pease	5.00
	J B Byers	4.40
	Wambush & Breckenridge	2.00
	Robt Shuss	6.00
	A W Tracy Coffin	27.00
	Reeder & Senmore	59.00
		<u>470.75</u>
		<u>234.75</u>

Leaving Bal on hand \$236.00  
 Belonging to said Estate

State of Kansas }  
Compton County } SS.

Sarah Meers, admstr  
of the Estate of Nathaniel Meers, dec'd  
Being duly sworn on Oath Says  
that the foregoing is a full and  
accurate account of her adminis-  
tration of said Estate

Sarah <sup>her</sup> Meers x Administratrix  
<sub>mark</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1881.

Filed This

January 22, 1881

John W. Meers

Private

Judge

Instructions in Making Inventory, Allowance, and Appraisement.

INVENTORY.

Every executor or administrator (except an executor who is a residuary legatee, who is bound to pay all debts and liabilities of the deceased) must, within sixty days after the death of the decedent, make and return to the court a true and correct inventory of all the goods, chattels, and effects which shall have come to his possession or knowledge, and also of all of the real estate of the deceased.—G. S. 1868, 37, § 39, id. § 55-60.

WHAT ARE ASSETS?

Assets are real estate, personal property, and all other things which are owned by the decedent at the time of his death, and which are not exempt from the payment of his debts. Assets include, but are not limited to, the following:—G. S. 1868, 37, § 39, id. § 55-60.

APPRAISEMENT, ALLOWANCE, ETC.

Appraisement.—The personal estate and effects comprised in this inventory must be appraised by three disinterested householders of the county in which the decedent died, before making such appraisement, they must take and subscribe an oath annexed to this inventory.—Id. § 41.

Appraisers must proceed to estimate and appraise the personal property, and to ascertain its value, opposite to the articles or items respectively.—Id. § 45.

A particular statement of all bonds, mortgages, notes, and all other securities for payment of money belonging to the decedent, which are known to such executor or administrator, shall be made in each account, and the date, the sum, and the name of the party to whom due, shall be stated.—Id. § 46.

In the judgment of the appraisers, can be collected on each security.—Id. § 46.

A statement of all other debts and accounts belonging to the decedent, which are due or payable to him, shall be made in each account, and the date, the name of the creditor, and the amount, shall be stated.—Id. § 47.

An account of all moneys, whether in specie or bank bills, or other circulating medium, belonging to the decedent, which shall have come to the hands of the executor or administrator, shall be made in each account, and the date, the name of the creditor, and the amount, shall be stated.—Id. § 48.

Advance to Widow and Children of Deceased.

In addition to her portion of her deceased husband's estate, the widow shall be allowed to keep, absolutely, for the use of herself and children of the deceased, the articles of personal property specified under the following heads in the within inventory.—Id. § 49.

Articles allowed without appraisement.—Id. § 49, id. § 51.

There be no children, the above articles allowed belong to the widow. If there be one or more children, said articles belong to such children.—Id. § 50.

On the completion of this inventory, it must be signed by the executor or administrator, and the appraisers.—Id. § 52.

Appraisers each receive two dollars per day for their services.—Id. § 53.

TURN OF INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT.

Copy of this inventory and appraisement must be retained by the executor or administrator, and he must return the original to the Probate Court.—Id. § 52.

On returning this inventory, the executor or administrator must take and subscribe an oath, stating that such inventory is, in all respects, just and true, that it contains a full and correct statement of all the personal property of the decedent, which has come to his possession or knowledge, and of all his claims against the decedent, and of all his claims of the decedent against him, and of all his claims of the decedent against other persons, according to the best of his knowledge. Such oath must be indorsed upon or annexed to the inventory.—Id. § 54.

No. ....

*Nathaniel Meers*  
Decedent

Inventory, Appraisement and Allowance

Of Personal Property of Decedent

Returned and Filed this *21<sup>st</sup>*

day of *February* 18*80*, and

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*Robt Williams*  
Probate Judge

Appraisers' Fees.

day	\$
day	
day	
Total	

GEO. W. CRANE,

Stationer, Printer and Binder,

AND DEALER IN

LEGAL BLANKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

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APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS.

G. S. 1868, Ch. 37, § 42.

State of *Kansas, Doniphan* County, ss:

The State of Kansas, to *George Sutton, Isaac Hooper* and *A. Deaver*

You are hereby appointed to appraise, on oath, the personal estate and effects comprised in the inventory of the estate of *Nathaniel Meers* deceased, at such time and place as may be designated by the *Administrator* of said estate.

Witness my hand and official seal, at *Troy* in said

County, this *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 18*80*

*Robt Williams*  
Probate Judge

OATH OF APPRAISERS.

G. S. 1868, Ch. 37, § 44.

State of *Kansas, Doniphan* County, ss:

We the Undersigned, disinterested householders of said County, do solemnly swear that we will truly, honestly, and impartially appraise the personal property of the estate of *Nathaniel Meers* deceased, which shall be exhibited to us, and perform such other duties as may be required by law in the premises, to the best of our knowledge and ability. So help us God.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this *30<sup>th</sup>*

day of *January* 18*80*

*Robt Williams*  
Probate Judge

Appraisers.

*George M. Sutton*  
*Isaac Hooper*  
*A. Deaver*

State of Kansas,

Doniphan County.

In the Probate Court of said County.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Nathaniel Meers

Deceased.

Inventory, Appraisement, and Allowance, etc.

Inventory and Appraisement of, and allowance from, the personal estate and effects of

Nathaniel Meers

deceased, made this

January 1880

by

George Sutton - Fred Mosier

and Alvin Deaver

appraisers of said estate and effects.

Allowance to Widow & Children, Exempt from Administration & Debts of Decedent

G. S. 1868, Ch. 37, §§ 49, 51.

Sarah Meers

the widow of said deceased, is allowed to keep, absolutely, for the use of herself and children of said deceased, the following articles of personal property, to-wit:

ARTICLES ALLOWED BY LAW WITHOUT APPRAISEMENT.

- First, The family Bible, school books, and family library.
Second, Family pictures, and musical instruments used by the family.
Third, A seat or pew in any church or place of public worship, and a lot in any burial ground.
Fourth, All the wearing apparel of the deceased and his family; all beds, bedsteads, and bedding used by the deceased and his family; one cooking stove and appendages, and all other cooking utensils, and all other stoves and appendages necessary for the use of the widow and said children; one sewing machine; all spinning wheels and looms, and other implements of industry.
Fifth, Two cows, ten hogs, one yoke of oxen and one horse or mule (or in lieu of one yoke of oxen and one horse or mule, a span of horses or mules); twenty sheep, and the wool from the same, either in the raw material or manufactured into yarn or cloth.
Sixth, The necessary food for the support of said stock for one year, either provided or growing, or both, as the widow may choose.
Seventh, The grain, meat, vegetables, groceries, and other provisions on hand, necessary for the support of the widow and children of the deceased for one year; and also, all the fuel on hand necessary for their use for one year.—G. S. 1868, Ch. 37, § 49; Id. 51.

ARTICLES ALLOWED WITHOUT APPRAISEMENT.

1 Span Horses - 2 Cows - 7 Hogs - 1 Cowling & all the beds, bedsteads & bedding and all the household furniture

The necessary food chosen by said widow for the support of said stock for one year, to-wit:

75 bushels of Wheat, all of the corn on the place and all of the hay on the farm

Grain, meat, vegetables, groceries, and other provisions on hand, necessary for the support of said widow and children for one year, to-wit:

75 bushels of Wheat, and all the meat on hand

And all the fuel on hand necessary for the use of said widow and children, for one year, to-wit:

all the fuel on hand

ARTICLES ALLOWED BY LAW WITH APPRAISEMENT.

- First, All household furniture not enumerated above, not exceeding in value five hundred dollars.
Second, One wagon, cart, or dray, two plows, one drag, and other farming utensils, including harness and tackle for teams, not exceeding in value three hundred dollars.—G. S. 1868, Ch. 37, § 49; Id. § 51.

ARTICLES ALLOWED WITH APPRAISEMENT.

Articles not Exceeding in Value Five Hundred Dollars.

ALL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE NOT ABOVE ENUMERATED, TO-WIT:

ESTIMATE OF VALUE.

None

All of the aggregate value of 100 Dollars.

Articles not Exceeding in Value Three Hundred Dollars.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

ESTIMATE OF VALUE.

One wagon (cart)

2 plows

One drag

Other farming utensils, to-wit: Harness and tackle for 1 teams

20 00
10 20
5 00
20 00
55 20

All of the aggregate value of Fifty Five Dollars.







THE STATE OF KANSAS, }  
Doniphan County, } ss.

*Sarah Meers*

upon application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of *Nathaniel Meers*  
....., deceased, being duly sworn, upon oath, say, ~~to the best of~~  
~~knowledge and belief, the names of the heirs of the said~~ .....

That the said *Nathaniel Meers* ..... died without a Will,  
that *She* ..... will make a perfect inventory of and faithfully administer all the Estate of the said  
*Nathaniel Meers* ....., and pay the debts so far as the assets will extend and  
the law direct, and account for and pay all assets which shall come to ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> possession or  
knowledge.

*Sarah Meers*  
her  
.....

Sworn and subscribed before me this *27<sup>th</sup>* day *January* ..... A. D. 18*80*

*Robt. Williamson*  
.....

Judge of Probate.

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*Sarah Meers*  
*her*  
*me*

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*Robt. Williamson*

Judge of Probate.

Estate of  
Nathaniel Meers  
and die

RECORDS OF THE PROBATE COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF KANE, ARIZONA

Order

Filed Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1888

Robt Williams

Probate Judge