



# The No Quarterly

## Newsletter of the William Clarke Quantrill Society

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### Who Was Quantrill's Young Friend "Nannie" Dawson?

In our previous issue of The No Quarterly [Spring 2016] is a poem written by William Clarke Quantrill to young Nannie Dawson whom he met at her father's house near Wakefield, Kentucky.

The question arose—*"Who was Nanny Dawson and how would the Dawson family become acquainted with Quantrill?"*

The following research on her family tree reveals the answer to those questions.

The parents of Nancy "Nannie" **Dawson** were Charles **Dawson** [1821-1891] and Millie **Duncan** [1825-1882] who lived on the outskirts of Bloomfield, Nelson County, Kentucky and owned property near Wakefield where **Quantrill** was mortally wounded. By the beginning of the war the Dawson's had eight children: Nannie [1845-1921], Hattie [1847-1867], Margaret Ann [1851-1926], Mary [1853-1924], Jephtha D. [1855-1899], Jenette C. [1857-1914], John J. [1859-1891], Charles B. [1861-1927]. An additional son was born in 1866, his name was Gus L. **Dawson**

Charles **Dawson**, Nannie Dawson's father, was one of seven children born to Thomas **Dawson** [1782-1846] and Nancy **Saunders/Sanders** [1785-1863]; who were both born in Virginia and died in Nelson County, Kentucky. The other children were Olivia **Dawson** [1820-1910], Rosella **Dawson** [1816-1884] dying at Lee's Summitt, Jackson Co, Missouri, John S. **Dawson** [dates unknown], Mary Elizabeth **Dawson** [1811-1833], Martha A. **Dawson** [unknown], and Adelaide **Dawson** [1814-?]. married, and had joined her sister Olivia on the trip to Missouri.

Olivia **Dawson** married Zachariah Green **Cooper** in 1848 and moved to Jackson County, Missouri. Their daughter Thomas Ann **Cooper** married William **Hulse**, one of Quantrill's men. Their other daughter [according to her Death Certificate] was named Rosella Quantrell **Cooper**, she never married, it is believed that her middle name was given to her in later years as she was born in 1849, long before William Clarke **Quantrill** came onto the scene.

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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

To the members of William Clarke Quantrill Society,

As your newly elected WCQS president (Oct.2, 2016), I am both honored and humbled. This office had previously been held by men which makes my election to office even more of an honor.

The president's position requires leadership as well as knowledge of Quantrill and his men. As your president, I will fill some "big shoes". Our first president, Donald Hale, was an expert in the lives of the Guerrillas, their activities, their homes and their families. Donald worked hard preserving and publishing information about Quantrill and his men. Harold Dellinger, our immediate past president is knowledgeable of not only the area surrounding "Guerrilla Country but also about little incidentals' and the skirmishes they fought in. Hats off to both of these gentlemen! I hope Harold plans to stay around awhile for consultation.

My experience with the study of Quantrill and his men is ongoing. I continue to read about them and have done various "on the ground" searches and visits to some of the lesser known skirmish sites and cemeteries where the men are buried.

My great-grandfather, W.G. Austin, was about age 15 or 16 during his stint with Quantrill; his older brothers Greenberry and possibly James were also with Quantrill; James later joined the regular Confederacy. Their father, in his 40's, enlisted as a private in Company C with J.O. Shelby. So, I am at least a strong one half Confederate rebel!

With the help of the Board of Directors, I hope to bring some ideas for developing areas important to this society. It is our priority to see that preservation of the history of the time period and the study of Quantrill's men continues. These things will be accomplished through the growth in membership, fund-raising, and locating descendants of Quantrill's men. The tours must continue!

I am a firm believer in good communication and will be open to suggestions and problem-solving. Please call, email or text me if you have ideas or needs. Thank you for this opportunity to serve in this awesome capacity.

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**CHRISTMAS IS COMING-**  
 How about a membership to William Clarke Quantrill Society for that history lover?

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Thomas and Nancy **Dawson's** daughter Adelaide **Dawson** was born ca 1814 and became the wife of Robert J. **Saunders/Sanders**. Adelaide and Robert **Saunders/Sanders** came to Jackson County, Missouri 1858-1859. Among their children was a daughter Martha W. **Saunders/Sanders**. Martha was known as "Mattie" **Saunders/Sanders** and she has quite a story. "Mattie" first married guerrilla Richard P. **Maddox**, he and his brother George **Maddox** were with Quantrill and Bill **Anderson**. After the death of Richard **Maddox**, Mattie married George **Shepherd**, another well known guerrilla. While **Shepherd** was in prison she met the man who would become husband number three in 1871, his name was Alexander **McMakin**. **McMakin** and his brother were both previously married to **Duncan** girls.

The next daughter of Thomas and Nancy **Dawson** was Rosella **Dawson** born 1816 in Virginia, she was known as "Aunt Roe", she never married, and had joined her sister Olivia on the trip to Missouri. In 1884 she died in Jackson County at Lee 's Summit, Missouri.

Another daughter of Thomas and Nancy **Dawson** was Mary Elizabeth **Dawson** who married Joshua **Jarrett**, their son John **Jarrett** In 1850 was living with his Uncle Charles **Dawson** and family in Nelson County, Kentucky. After the war John **Jarrett** married Josephine **Younger**, sister to the infamous **Younger** brothers. In 1860 Jackson Co, Missouri Census John and Josephine **Jarrett** have his Uncle, Jephtha **Duncan** living with them. John **Jarrett**, born 1833, joined The Mo State Guard and was later with **Quantrill**. He died in 1906 in Canada.

Not much is known about the final daughter of Thomas and Nancy **Dawson** except that her name was Martha A. **Dawson**

Thomas and Nancy **Dawson** had a second son named John S. **Dawson**, it is known that he came to Missouri with his sister Olivia, her husband Zachariah Green **Cooper** and other sisters in 1848, but the events of his life are uncertain at this point.

Family lore says he went to Texas and died at Bonham.

A look at Nannie Dawson's maternal side of the family adds even more evidence of the connection between her family and Quantrill's men.

The mother of Nannie **Dawson** was Mildred "Millie" G. **Duncan**, the child of Thomas "Fighting Tom" **Duncan** [1792-1856] and Nancy **Berkley** [1793-1836].

Millie was one of eight children born to Thomas and Nancy **Duncan**. Their family consisted of Thomas **Duncan** Jr. who married Harriet **Muir**, Scarlett Berkley **Duncan**, Jephtha **Duncan** who married in 1866 to Sarah Ann **Younger**, the sister of Cole **Younger** and the **Younger** brothers of guerrilla fame, Margaret Boyle **Duncan** who married Meverell Lock **Muir**, brother to Harriet **Muir** listed above, Jenette L. **Duncan**, Elizabeth Ann **Duncan** who married Lloyd **Clarkson**, and William Henry **Duncan**, Sr. married to Mary Eleanore **Davison**.

We know at least one **Muir** rode with Quantrill and Younger very early-on; he was Boone T. **Muir**, who resided in Bates County,. Missouri. His relationship to this Kentucky **Muir** family is not known at this time. We leave this for another day.

The **Dawson** and **Duncan** families and their relatives kept the trail hot between Nelson County, Kentucky and Jackson County, Missouri. Most, if not all, of the Missouri family returned to their old Kentucky home to wait out the war.

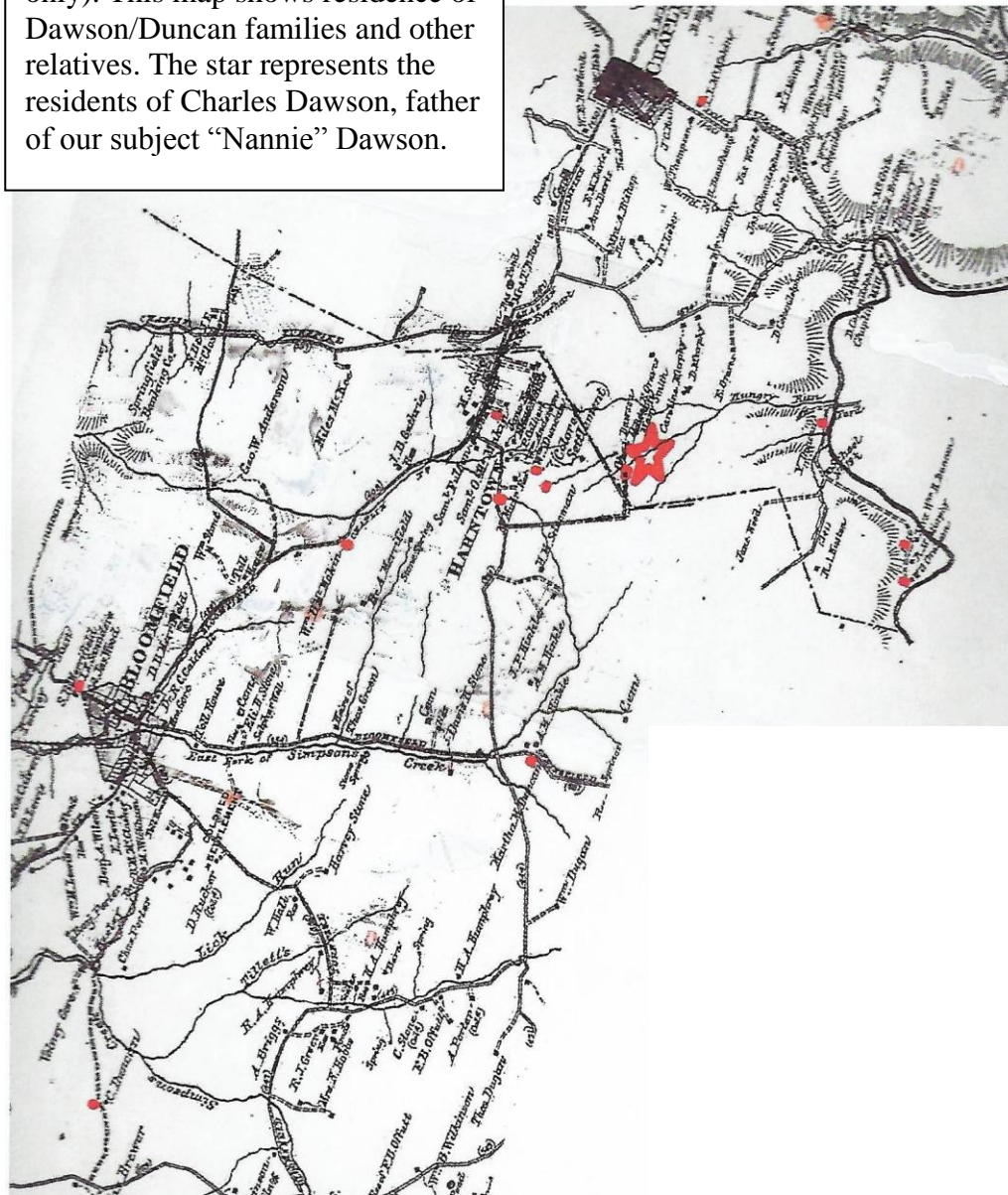
Nannie **Dawson**, as well as three of her sisters, remained single and lived on the homestead their entire lives.

*As a side note: Frank and Jesse **James** had cousins living in the Chaplin and Bloomfield area. Their mother Zerelda **Cole James** descended from Richard **Cole**, Sr's. son, Richard **Cole**, Jr. Sally **Cole** was the sister of Richard **Cole**, Jr., she married Benjamin **Graves**, their daughter Mary Emma married Thomas Sims **Graves**. In 1850 Thomas and Mary Emma **Graves** are in Chaplin, Thomas died in 1858 but Mary Emma **Graves** was living there in 1860 and 1870, descendants remained in the area.*

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1882 Map of Nelson County, KY (area of Bloomfield and Chaplin only). This map shows residence of Dawson/Duncan families and other relatives. The star represents the residents of Charles Dawson, father of our subject "Nannie" Dawson.



Sources:

www.findagrave.com- Nelson and Washington Co. Kentucky Cemeteries.

Ancestry.com, family records search for Duncan, Dawson, Jarrett, Cooper, Younger, Maddox, McMakin, Hulse, Muir, Clarkson, Sanders/Saunders family.

1850-1920 Federal Census Nelson County, Kentucky  
1850-1940 Federal Census Jackson County, Missouri  
Certificate of Death Bloomfield, Nelson Co. Kentucky # 6543  
Miss Nancy Dawson 3 March 1921.

Certificate of Death, Missouri State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics for misc. Missouri relatives 1910-1950.

Spencer and Nelson County Maps, 1882, Collection Number: G&M\_24; Roll Number: 24 Ancestry.com. U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: Various publishers of County Land Ownership Atlases. by the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., *The Men Who Rode with Capt. William Clarke Quantrill and Capt. Wm. T. Anderson* by White & Bartels, *Branded as Rebels* by Eakin & Hale, Volumes 1-3, *Reunion in Death* Volumes 1-3, by Hansen.

Other sources too numerous to mention in this space.

Researched and submitted by Jackie Roberts

*Fort Worth Gazette*, Ft. Worth, TX, September 25, 1892

## A Southern Cavalier

### Remembered by Union Soldiers, Whose Lives He Saved

"The survivors of the First Iowa Volunteer Cavalry have had a gold medal struck, which is to be presented to a Confederate officer, Lieutenant J. W. Graves of Company H, Third Missouri Cavalry, for saving the lives of seventeen Union soldiers, who were in his care as prisoners. Captain H.S. Hilberling gives the following dramatic account of the incident:

September 25, 1864, Lieutenant J.W. Graves of Company A Third Missouri Cavalry with forty Confederates, while escorting under a flag of truce, Captain J.T. Foster and sixteen men of the First Iowa Cavalry, was surrounded by detachments of Todd's, Anderson's, and Quantrell's guerrillas, in a lonely spot about twenty miles from Lexington, MO.

The guerrillas numbered 150 men and were in command of the notorious and merciless Jesse James and Colonel Younger. Having halted both detachments marching under the flag of truce, the guerrillas demanded of Lieutenant Graves that he immediately surrender to them the Federal soldiers. This he felt would be to hand them over to be massacred and with an honor and valor that were chivalric, he defiantly declined to do so. Riding in front of his men and addressing the guerrilla leaders, Lieutenant Graves said that the men they asked to be surrendered were in his charge and if a shot was fired or an attempt made to injure them, he and his men would die in defense of their trust and the Federal soldiers. This courageous declaration quelled the guerrillas and they sullenly departed without being able to gratify their brutal taste for murder and blood."



As the New Year rolls in, The William Clarke Quantrill Society is making exciting changes to our newsletter and you can help.

We welcome stories about Quantrill, his men or other related information. Each submission will be considered for publishing in *The No Quarterly*. Submissions should be typed into a word document and emailed to the Editor. Please remember to cite your sources.

Accepting queries which will be researched by qualified researchers and answered in our newsletter and on our website is another new feature of our newsletter.

We would love to hear your suggestions or comments about our newsletter.

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 Already paid? Please pass the Membership Form on to a friend.**

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*The Howard Union, Glasgow, MO, July 13, 1865*

**Abandoned Bushwhacking**

“Joshua Finley, of Howard County, came over the river on Friday last, and surrendered himself to Lieut. Rose, at this Post. He took the oath of allegiance, and was released. He has been out about four years [ in the bush]. He states there are fourteen others in Saline county, who refuse to surrender for fear of the civil law, but that they have abandoned bushwhacking, and intend to leave the state.”

*The Butler Weekly Times, Butler, MO, May 17, 1906*

**Quantrell Survivor Dies With Flag Over His Bed**

“El Paso, Tex., May. – Jack Swartz, one of the last of the survivors of the famous Quantrell command, who co-operated with the Confederate Army in Missouri during the Civil War, died. His body was found in his room.

Stretched above his bed was the flag which fluttered at the head of Quantrell’s command.”

**Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association**

**2017 Events**

**THIS LIST WILL BE UPDATED AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE**

**June 17 Newburg, MO** One day. Parade, living history. Meal. Contact info to follow

**June 24 Beaufort, MO** NCWAA School of the Piece \$20 registration fee must be prepaid. Contact Randy Baehr at 314 971-6808 or robaehr@earthlink.net

**SEP 23-24 Battle of Pilot Knob** Held on original battlefield. Normal amenities. Contact Terry Cadenbach 573 368-0949 or mocav4@yahoo.com Hosted by Terry Cadenbach and 2<sup>nd</sup> MO Infantry (CS). Registration will be available after January 2017

MCWRA contact Terry Cadenbach, 573 368-0949, e-mail: mocav4@yahoo.com

**THANK YOU**

**To William Clarke Quantrill Society**

Cass County Civil War Roundtable and Friends of Quantrill Society would like to give a big thank you to The William Clarke Quantrill Society for allowing us time on your agenda, at the WCQ Reunion, to present our Crystal Book Awards and Certificates of Appreciation to two of your society members.

The 2016 awards went to Joanne Chiles Eakin and Carolyn Bartels in appreciation for their life long dedication to the preservation of primary sources, and bringing a greater understanding and appreciation to Missouri’s cultural heritage.

As part of a small group of visionary women leaders, Eakin and Bartels influence in the field of Civil War research inspired a generation of future historians, researchers and authors. These two women made an indelible mark on history. Congratulations!

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