

APPENDIX G

THE LIFE OF JOSIAH CONLEE

May 3, 1887 Fort Dodge, Iowa
(Supplied by Marianne Conlee)

I was born in Green County, Tennessee, July 8, 1803.

In the fall of that year my parents moved to Kentucky and settled in Barren Co. near Glassgow(sic) and in the spring of 1804 they moved to Warren Co. and settled near Bowling Green. In 1816 they left Kentucky for Illinois and reached there in May, settling in Madison Co., fifteen miles east of St. Louis.

On the 25th of Feb. 1821, I was married to Priscilla Crawford at Morgan Co., Illinois. By that union there were 12 children born, seven sons and five daughters. At this writing (1887) there are six of them living, three sons and three daughters, all married and have families.

In the spring of 1826, I moved to St. Clair Co., Ill. and settled near Lebanon. In the spring of 1829, I moved to St. Louis. While in St. Louis, I bought a farm in Macoifin [Macoupin] Co., ILL., and in the fall of 1832 moved to said farm. In September of that fall, I united with the Baptist Church, my wife having united with the same church in May 1826. In the spring of 1836, I moved to Jo Davies Co., ILL., and settled ten miles from Galena at a place called Scales Mound, and operated a saw mill. In the summer of 1839, the town of Scales Mound elected me Justice of the Peace. In the summer of the same year the Democratic Party nominated me to run for Commmissionary. The following winter the legislature changed the Co. Commisionary to a judgeship with two associate judges, with jurisdiction over the County as Justices of the Peace. I was elected as Associate Judge and took my seat on the Board.

Having been elected for three years, my term expired in 1843, and in the same year the County Board appointed me to assess the County of Jo Davies and collect the revenue. In the fall of the same year I was appointed to take the census of the County, which I did to satisfaction of the Board. In the spring of 1860 I moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where I am at this writing in my 84th year.

In 1861, the Democratic party nominated me to run for supervisor. I was elected and took my seat on the Board and was appointed chairman. The next year the party wanted me to run for the third term, but I declined the nomination. However, I was nominated for Justice of the Peace and elected, but by this time my hearing being defective, I declined to qualify. I was also elected the next year, but declined for the same reason. This finished my political career with the exception of serving the town of Fort Dodge two terms as town trustee.

Josiah Conlee

P. S. The family were Irish from the ould country. Lords of the Manor, they were called. We have never had a Catholic among us that we knew of. We have had several preachers and all of them have made a success of life.

Dictated by him while lying in bed after he had been paralyzed for several months. For four years he lay helpless in bed, but his mind continued as bright as ever until he died Feb. 4, 1891, a year after his wife Priscilla died. He, too, is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

APPENDIX H

IN MEMORIAM, of Priscilla (Crawford) Conlee

Died at Fort Dodge, Iowa, February 12, 1890, Priscilla Conlee, wife of Josiah Conlee, aged 86 years.

Copied from a clipping from a Fort Dodge paper, found in the desk of Mrs. Conlee's daughter, Mrs. Henry A. Platt (Ariminta Conlee). (from Marianne Conlee)

It is fitting that some words of memorial should accompany this announcement of the death of one who has lived so long and so worthily among us.

Priscilla Crawford was born August 14, 1803 in the state of Tennessee. She was left an orphan at an early age, and was brought up in the family of an uncle, with whom she removed to the territory of Illinois in the year 1817.

On the 25th of February, 1821 at Ridges Prairie, Madison county, Illinois she was married to Josiah Conlee he also at the time being in his eighteenth year, who still mourns her. To this couple there were born twelve children nine of whom reached years of maturity, and eight of whom were married and raised families of whom six, Wm. C. Conlee, Thomas Jefferson Conlee, Mrs. H. A. Platt of Fort Dodge, Mrs. Maupin of Ensenada, Mexico, Mrs. Hoag of Humboldt county Iowa, and Smith Conlee of Jefferson county, Illinois, still survive.

In the year 1856 Josiah Conlee and his wife removed to Scales Mound, Jo Davis county, Ill., where they resided until 1860. For many years they were prosperous and built for themselves a pleasant home, and while living there Mr. Conlee received many expressions of esteem and confidence from his neighbors and political associates, but the financial reverses of 1857 struck them and swept from them their home and the accumulations of years of toil and at a time in life too late for a man of Mr. Conlee's years and temperment to recover himself.

In 1860 they removed to Fort Dodge where they have since resided. It was in this hour of trouble that the strength and force of Mrs. Conlee's character developed itself. The storm before which her life's partner bent and from which he never fully recovered seemed but to nerve her to renewed energy and zeal in the battle of life. It was her hope, energy and uncompromising industry that held their course steadily forward in the sea of adversity which had nearly overwhelmed them.

Mrs. Conlee gave three sons to her country in the late war, two of whom contracted disease from which they subsequently died. Andrew Jackson Conlee died in 1870, leaving two little girls. Their mother dying six month later they were left in the care of this aged couple and were brought up by their grandmother, and that she faithfully performed this duty their life among us in abundant witness.

Horace Conlee died in 1874, he at the time being the principal support of his aged parents. Since 1880 Mrs. Conlee and her husband have made their home with their children, part of the time with Mr. Hoag, of Humboldt county, and part of the time with Jefferson Conlee, and for the last four or five years with their son Wm. C. Conlee. During all of these later years she was industrious, ever busy about such kinds of work as her strength enabled her to do. It was less than a year ago that her hand, as she graphically expressed it, "fell off" from her work.

Three years ago this month Mr. Conlee was stricken down with paralysis and confined to his bed ever since. About a year ago Mrs. Conlee, while knitting, was also stricken with paralysis and since that time has had no use of her right hand, and has been obliged to be ministered unto rather than to minister.

The path for her declining footsteps has been made smooth by the ministrations of her daughter Mrs. H. A. Platt, and her granddaughter Maud Conlee, while the closing hours of her life were watched over by her daughter, Mrs. Hoag and her other children and grandchildren in this city.

It was a privilege not lightly to be esteemed to have known something of the inner life of this aged couple, who, for almost the allotted time of man's life have been permitted to walk together in life's journey; to note the evidence of confidence in, and affection for each other, unshaken by the vicissitudes of years of prosperity and adversity, undimmed by the constant round of daily toil and care in the battle of life, and which at the last seemed to grow stronger and brighter under the influence of kindred suffering and helplessness.

Appendix C - Life of Josiah Conlee says spring of 1836
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Dear Robert:

I am sending you print outs of material about great great grandfather's "Isaac Conlee's" Family who went to Sealie Mound - Jo Daviess County - 10 miles from Galena, Ill. These were children of ^{Elder} John H. & Hussy Conlee - 1st son Alexander and family 6th in family Josiah and family and 7th child - Fleming and Rachel Conlee Maupis. All were members of Primitive Baptist Church. Younger brother (George) Whitfield of Morgan County and Isaac ^{in Morgan County} ~~in~~ both preachers. I have read that youngest son Vincent was not a preacher like his 4 brothers & his father. However the printouts I have received emphasize the community and political leadership of JOSIAH.

Due to repetition of names he had 2 nephews and his youngest son all named Josiah Conlee
Isaac's ^{1st} son b. in 1821 - wife Mary Ann
Alexander's 6th son b. in 1827 1st wife Lib Thompson
2nd wife Tersey Turner
Josiah's 7th son (12th child) b. in 1850 (no information other than date of birth)

I hope you can find the facts for which you are searching

If you have any lists of HILYARD's - Joseph & Elizabeth Morris Helyard and their families living in early churches in Iowa near Galena I would appreciate having the lists - Their son John Morris Helyard and family stayed in Central Illinois John's son Joseph was the father of my grandmother Lattie Helyard Conlee.

Yours truly

Do not return any of the material.

Gerald Anderson Mies

Sons of John Hnd Hessa Conlee John was a Baptist Preacher in Ky + IL

#1 Alexander Conlee, Elder
1792-1860 b in N. Ca d. Mn buried Scales Mound
Preached at Canteen Creek, Troy IL, Head of Wood River and 3 New Hope - Apple Creek Church IL.
18469-1849 Bordomon's Grove Clayton Co, IA
1849 till death - W. St. Paul, MN (Dakota Co.)

#2 Isaac Conlee, Elder
1795-1879 Born Green Co TN died & buried - Waverly
He preached over Morgan County, IL
50 years in Central Illinois
(3 daughters)

My Gr. Gr. Grandfather
H. M. M. M.

#6 Josiah 1803-1891 born Green Co, TN
in 1816 John Hnd Family settled in Madison Co
IL - 15 miles east of St. Louis. Elder John Hnd
died when they reached Madison Co - buried
near Edwardsville

25 Feb, 1821 Josiah and Priscilla Crawford married Morgan Co IL
Lived at Lebanon and St. Louis then Macoupin Co IL
1826 Wife united with Church (did they live in Macoupin?)
1832 Josiah " " same Church (in Macoupin Co?)
1836 moved to Jo Daviess Co. IL 10 miles from Galena
Appendix C The Life of Josiah Conlee May 3, 1887.
No mention of his preaching!

The next child of John & Hessa:

#7 Rachel m. Fleming Maupin - they were in Head
of Apple Creek Church - Waverly then went
to Jo Daviess Co near Josiah's family
There were 3 girls between Josiah + Geo. Whitfield

#10 Whitfield, Elder 1812-1894 b. in Warren Co KY

1815-1896
b. Ky. d. IL

#11 Vincent - not a preacher, died in Greene Co, IL Buried at
Salem, Mo. Morgan Co IL

2-3-1994 by Jim Morgan of Oregon
and Dr. G. Miles

THIRD GENERATION; Children of John H. Conlee: Alexander Conlee, Elder

CHILDREN OF JOHN H. AND HESSY

13. (1st) Alexander Conlee, Elder (s/o John H., s/o Isaac) *never lived in IL*
 b. 9 Sep 1792, Rockingham Co. NC
 d. 4 Oct 1860, West St. Paul, Dakota, MN
 bur. Scales Mound, Jo Daviess, IL
 m. (1st) 22 Sep 1811, near Glasgow, Barren, KY
 Rebecca Weddle
 (d/o George Weddle and Mary Evans)¹
 b. 1793. KY
 d. 1845, Scales Mound, Jo Daviess, IL
 bur. Scales Mound, Jo Daviess, IL
 m. (2nd) 14 Dec 1846, Carnerville, Clayton, IA,
 Mrs. Delilah Thompson
 d. abt. 1884, West St. Paul, Dakota, MN.²

children:	(1st marriage)	birthdates:	birthplaces:
96.	(1st) John H. Conlee	8 Mar 1817	Madison Co. IL
97.	(2nd) George W. Conlee	abt 1819	IL
98.	(3rd) William Conlee	abt 1821	IL
99.	(4th) James Monroe Conlee	abt 1823	IL
100.	(5th) James Madison Conlee	abt 1823 (twin)	IL
101.	(6th) Josiah/Joseph Conlee	abt 1827	IL
102.	(7th) Russell Conlee		
103.	(8th) Hester Conlee		
104.	(9th) Mary Conlee		
105.	(10th) Margaret Conlee		
106.	(11th) Avalina Conlee		
107.	(12th) Julie Conlee	3 Oct 1837	Vesta, Johnson, NE

Parents-Birth: The record of births from the *John Conlee Family Bible* seems to be the source of the common agreement in the various

¹. The AF has two generations of Ancestors for Rebecca:
 father: George Weddle,
 b. 1745, of Wash. Co. MD
 d. Jul 1800, Clark Co. KY
 grandfather: George Weddle or Weddell
 b. abt 1722
 d. bef 1790, Rostraver, Westmoreland, PA
 grandmother: Mary
 b. abt 1722, of Wash. Co. MD
 d. Rostraver, Westmoreland, PA
 bur. Weddle Fam. Cem. Rostraver
 mother: Mary Evans, b. 1750, MD
 grandfather: Richard Evans b. abt 1725
 d. 1805, Clark Co. KY
 grandmother: Mary b. abt 1727

². (Joe Brady)

THIRD GENERATION; Children of John H. Conlee: Alexander Conlee, Elder

lists of all of John and Hussy's children.³ At the time of Alexander's birth the family was still in NC. Rockingham Co. is where his parents were married.

Marriage: (1st:) The original hand written marriage report by his father, John Conlee, who performed the ceremony, still exists in the Barren Co., KY, records and is available on microfilm.⁴ (2nd:) Marriage records are available in Elkader, IA, for this marriage.⁵ As she is called, "Mrs. Delilah Thompson," she was apparently a widow.

Military: Alexander served in the War of 1812 in Capt. James Hall's Company, in Col. Miller's Regiment, of the 3rd Kentucky Militia, from 1 Sep 1812 to 25 Dec 1812. He served another month later, from 8 Feb 1815 to 7 Mar 1815 under Captain Andrew Coomb's Company in Francisco's Regiment in the 17th Kentucky Militia.⁶

Land: In 1830 Alexander bought 240 acres in Madison Co. IL. and in 1835 he bought 80 acres in Macoupin Co. IL.⁷

Church-Ministry: Alexander joined the Baptist Church in KY in

³. *John Conlee Family Bible*. Cited by Lucille Bell Walker, *The Family Record of the Bell-Conlee Families*, after 1923, p. 7. (LDS Microfilm #1033692, Item #1) "in possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. (Maud) J. W. McClelland, 1257 Brush St. Detroit, MI" (Daughter of Josiah)

⁴. LDS Microfilm #0209749, Found among "Marriages Performed by John Conaly, 1811-1812", first on the List:
"Alexander Conlee-Rebecca Wedell" (Written on the envelope by the Clerk, Miss Bess Howard at a latter date. The envelopes are printed.)
"Alexander Conlee and Rebky Wedell married September the 22 1811." (John Conlee's hand writing on paper in the envelope.)

⁵. Marriage Records, Clayton Co., IA:
Alexander Conlee m. Mrs. Delilah Thompson, 25 Dec 1846.

⁶. Widow's certificate # 9002, War of 1812, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C. also Office of the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. and the Adjutant General records, Frankfort, KY. (Walker, *op. cit.* p. 8)

⁷. Maucoupin Co. IL, Land Tract Sales to Patentees:
"Alexander Conlee, 160 acres, Madison Co., IL, 17 Mar 1830
80 acres, Madison Co., IL, 26 Mar 1830
80 acres, Macoupin Co., IL, 25 Apr 1835"
(Juanita Conlee)

THIRD GENERATION: Children of John H. Conlee: Josiah Conlee

18. (6th) Josiah Conlee (s/o John H., s/o Isaac) (never lived in IL.)
 b. 8 Jul 1803, Green Co., TN
 d. 4 Feb 1891, Webster Co., IA
 m. 25 Feb 1821, Madison Co., IL

	Priscilla Crawford		
	b. 14 Aug 1803, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN	birthdates:	birthplaces:
	d. 12 Feb 1890, Webster Co., IA		
children:			
121. (1st)	Rebecca Catherine	22 Jun 1822	Madison, IL
122. (2nd)	William Crawford	14 Jan 1825	St. Clair, IL
123. (3rd)	Thomas Jefferson	9 Dec 1826	St. Louis, MO
124. (4th)	Mary Jane	10 Aug 1830	St. Louis, MO
125. (5th)	George Washington	14 Jan 1833	Maccoupin, IL
126. (6th)	Andrew Jackson	6 Mar 1835	Jo Daviess, IL
127. (7th)	Sara Ann	17 Jun 1837	Jo Daviess, IL
128. (8th)	Sophrona	9 Jun 1839	Jo Daviess, IL
129. (9th)	Horace Dunlop	20 Sep 1841	Jo Daviess, IL
130. (10th)	Thompson Smith	3 Aug 1844	Jo Daviess, IL
131. (11th)	Araminta B.	10 May 1847	Scales Mound, IL
132. (12th)	Josiah Preston	10 Aug 1850	Jo Daviess, IL

Parents & Birth: The Family Bible of Josiah Conlee establishes parentage and gives the date in this time before civil records of such were kept.⁴⁰ We are also fortunate that in this case we have a brief autobiography of Josiah Conlee, dated May 3, 1887 at Fort Dodge, IA.⁴¹ He begins by establishing his date and place of birth. "I was born in Green(sic) County, TN, July 8, 1803."

Marriage: We have the extraction from the marriage records of Madison Co., IL, giving February 24, 1822.⁴² His own statement is February 25, 1822. The 24th may be the license date, depending on the nature of the original records. Priscilla Crawford was raised by her Mother's brother, Anderson Smith. A contemporary obituary provides many of the details of her life, death and burial, and the town of

⁴⁰. Family Bible of JOSIAH CONLEE, owned by Mrs. Maude Conlee McClelland, daughter of Andrew Jackson Conlee. (Mariann Conlee)

⁴¹. THE LIFE OF JOSIAH CONLEE, May 3, 1887, Fort Dodge, IA
 "Dictated by him while lying in bed after he had been paralyzed several months...his mind continued as bright as ever..."
 (see Appendix C)

⁴². Madison County Illinois Marriages, p. 9 (Marianne Conlee)
 "2-24-1822 Conley, Josiah & Priscilla Crawford"

THIRD GENERATION: Children of John H. Conlee: Josiah Conlee

their marriage.⁴³ The place of her birth, Nashville, TN, is in their family Bible.⁴⁴

Children: This same family Bible lists all twelve of the children with their birthdates and marriages. The locations of birth can be derived from his own account of the moves of the family. Thomas Jefferson's birthplace is also supported by his own obituary.

Residences & Occupations: From Josiah's own account we can list the following residences and occupations beginning with his childhood:

Birth, July 8, 1803, Greene Co., TN
Fall, 1803, Barren Co., KY
Spring, 1804, Warren Co., KY, near Bowling Green
1816, Madison Co., IL
Mar. 1821, in Morgan Co., IL, but still lived in Madison Co.
1826, St. Clair Co., IL, near Lebanon
1829, St. Louis, St. Louis Co., MO
1832, Macoupin Co., IL
Spring 1836, Scales Mound, Jo Daviess Co., IL, Operated Sawmill
June, 1860, Scales Mound, Jo Daviess Co., IL, Farmer (Census)⁴⁵
1860, Fort Dodge, Webster Co., IA

Public Service: One public duty he performed that is not found in his own record is laying out the town of Scales Mound with his nephews, ^{one of} John H. and James Monroe Conlee.⁴⁶ His own service list is:

1839, Scales Mound, Justice of the Peace
1840, Jo Daviess Co., Commissioner/Associate Judge
1843, Jo Daviess Co., Tax Assessor and Collector, Census Taker
1861, Webster Co., IA, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, two terms
1863+, Fort Dodge, IA, Trustee, two terms.

Death & Burial: These are given in the note that was added to his own history after his death.

(If he was a preacher why isn't that listed?
G. Miles)

⁴³. "IN MEMORIAM", of Priscilla Crawford Conlee, a newspaper clipping from a Fort Dodge, IA newspaper, February 1890. (Marianne Conlee) (See Appendix H)

⁴⁴. Family Bible of JOSIAH CONLEE.

⁴⁵. US Census, 1860, IL, Jo Daviess Co. Scales Mound p. 395
fam. 2941 Josiah Conlee 58 M Farmer \$100 KY (sic)
Percilla " 57 F TN
Saphrona " 21 F Domestic Serv. IL
Aramanta " 13 F IL Att. School
(Photocopy from Juanita Conlee)

⁴⁶. Pitts, History of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, p. 466, Cited in Walker, op. cit., p. 7-8.

THIRD GENERATION: Children of John H. Conlee: Rachel Conlee

19. (7th) Rachel Conlee (d/o John H. Conlee, s/o Isaac)
 b. 12 Jun 1805, Warren Co., KY
 d. 30 Oct 1881, Jo Daviess Co., IL
 m. 27 Mar 1823, Madison Co., IL

Fleming C. Maupin, b. abt. 1801, VA

children:	birthdates:	birthplaces:
133. (1st) Thomas J. Maupin	abt 1833	
134. (2nd) John C. Maupin	abt 1836	IL
135. (3rd) Nancy J. Maupin	abt 1840	MO
136. (4th) Eveline V. Maupin	abt 1842	MO
137. (5th) Percilla A. Maupin	abt 1844	IL
138. (6th) Lavinia C. Maupin	abt 1846	IL
139. (7th) Elizabeth R. Maupin	abt 1852	IL

Parents & Birth: Rachel with her birth date is listed in both family Bibles as a daughter of John and Hessy.⁴⁷ Her brother, Josiah's, history of the family places them in Warren Co. KY. at the time she was born.⁴⁸

Marriage & Children: The whole family is listed in the 1860 census in Scales Mound, Jo Daviess Co., IL.⁴⁹ The marriage date and place were found in Madison Co., IL.⁵⁰ From the 1860 census we know Fleming C. Maupin was born about 1801 in VA. We know he was a 1st Lieutenant in the Black Hawk War of 1832 in IL.⁵¹ He was the first postmast of Scales Mound, IL, and was elected treasurer of Jo Daviess

⁴⁷. John Conlee Family Bible, in Walker, *op. cit.*, p. 8
 and Family Bible of JOSIAH CONLEE

⁴⁸. THE LIFE OF JOSIAH CONLEE, (see Appendix C.)

⁴⁹. U. S. Census, 1860, IL, Jo Daviess, Scales Mound, p. 393
 Residence 2819, Family 2923

F. C. Maupin	59 M	[occ. not listed]	\$5700, \$500	VA
Rachiel	"	54 F		KY
Thos. J.	"	27 M		IL
Nancy J.	"	20 F	Domestic Servant	MO
Eveline V.	"	18 F	" "	MO
Percilla A.	"	16 F	" "	IL
Lavinia C.	"	14 F		IL
Elizabeth R.	"	8 F		IL
Peter Fleming	18 M	Farm Hand		\$30 Ireland

[son, John C. Maupin, who married, 1859, next door]
 (photocopy from Juanita Conlee)

⁵⁰. (Nancy Roberts)

⁵¹. Adjutant General's Report, Illinois, Volume 0, p. 58
 Capt. W. Butler's Co., 1st Illinois Mounted Volunteers.
 cited in Walker, *op. cit.* p. 8