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**on the cover:** On a bright Summer day in 1911, the family of Shirley Troutman (at left, with cane) gathered at its home place near Boston, in Nelson County, to celebrate his 60th birthday. Those pictured formed a portion of a 33⅓-by-9 inch composite photograph taken by the Royal Photo Co. for the occasion. The article The Troutman Family and its 1911 Nelson County Reunion begins on page 118.
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On a bright Summer day in 1911, the family of Shirley Troutman gathered at its home place near Boston, in Nelson County, to celebrate his 60th birthday. During the celebration, a photographer from Royal Photo Co. of Louisville took an image of the 113 attendees in the large, horizontal, composite format popular at the time for large gatherings. The photo measures 33¼-by-9 inches and contains remarkable detail, not only of family members, but the large brick home they posed before.

Shirley Troutman

Shirley Troutman, a son of Franklin Troutman and Malvina Quinn, was born in 1851 in Nelson County and was named for the family of his maternal grandmother, Mary “Polly” Shirley (b. 1 April 1755, Culpeper County, Va.).

Troutman married Charlotte “Lottie” Harned (b. 1848, Ky.), a daughter of Henry Harned Sr. and Charlotte Johnson, on 25 November 1884 at the Harned family home near Boston.1 The couple shared their wedding day with Lottie’s father, who was celebrating his 79th birthday. The Nelson County Herald reported that “he was given a gold headed cane bearing the date of 1805 and 1884, also his name finely engraved on it, given by his children.”2

In November 1890 Shirley Troutman appeared on a list of the wealthiest citizens of Nelson County, his worth given as $7,795. Also on the list was his mother in law Charlotte Harned ($7,335), William Q. Troutman ($8,610), and Mrs. Anna M. Troutman ($7,200).3

Shirley appeared in the 1910 census in Nelson County as 58 years old, married 24 years, b. Ky., parents b. Ky. Charlotte was 61, mother of four children, all living, b. Ky., parents b. Ky. Also in the

Of the 113 people who attended the 1911 birthday party for Shirley Troutman, 71 have been identified by family members. The original image, a composite made from a series of photographs, measures 33¼-by-9 inches.
household were Willie E., son, 20, b. Ky., parents b. Ky. and Katie, daughter, 18, b. Ky., parents b. Ky. In addition, son Henry (24, married three years) lived there with his wife Ethel, and their child Shirley B., 2.

Shirley and Lottie’s children were Henry Harned (b. about 1865, m. Ethel Brown), Malvina Quinn (b. 1887, d. 1972, m. Thomas Lafayette Greif), Katie, and William Franklin “Willie Frank” (b. 1888, d. 1936, m. Emily Harned).

It is interesting to note that Shirley Troutman wrote his will in August 1911, about the time the photo was taken, and died before 12 February 1917, the day the will was probated.4

German Immigrants
Shirley Troutman’s paternal great-grandfather was John Michael Troutman (b. 23 October 1738, Germany, d. 1814), who married Rebecca Beard/Baird (b. about 1738), and settled in the “Middletown Valley,” of the Catoctin District of Frederick County, Md., in the 1760s.5

Troutman served as a county militia captain and member of the committee of observation in 1775 and 1776 and was an elder in the Middletown Lutheran Church.6

Michael and Rebecca’s children, all born in Frederick County, included John (m. Joanna Bainbridge), Caty (m. Jacob Ambrose), Peter (m. Peggy Duncan, Catherine Spurge), Michael (d. S.C.), Anna, and Joseph, Leonard (m. Caty Wilhite), and Elizabeth “Betty” (b. 15 March 1778, d. 17 July 1830, m. James Carrico).

After Rebecca’s death about 1782, Michael married Elizabeth Schroeder (d. 1822) on 4 January 1784. The couple’s children included Elizabeth “Betsy” (b. 1784), Abraham (b. 1785, d. 1848, m. Eleanor “Nellie” Magruder), Isaac (b. 1787, Md., m. Elizabeth James), Jacob (b. 1789, Md., d. 28 June 1854, Bullitt County, m. Ursula Magruder, Lucinda Holmes), Rebecca (b. 30 December 1791, near Hagerstown, Md., d. 17 June 1874, m. John Patterson), Barbara (b. 19 July 1793, Bullitt County, Ky.) Mary “Mollie/Ibby” (b. 19 July 1793, Bullitt County, d. June 1850, Fort Kearney, present-day Nebraska, m. 1. Jonathan Simmons Jr., 2. James Morton), Phillip, Margaret (m. Lewis Brown), and Catherine “Caty.”7

During a trip to Kentucky in 1780, Troutman served in the Lincoln County militia, in General George Rogers Clark’s July and August expedition against Shawnee Indians. He also entered several land claims before returning to Maryland. After several family members—including his sons John and Peter and his daughter Caty and her husband Jacob Ambrose—moved to Kentucky in the late 1780s, Troutman began making plans to join them. He sold his Maryland lands, most of which he
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had inherited from his first wife, for more than a thousand pounds and moved his family in 1793.9 Troutman appeared on the 1793 Bullitt County tax list with 700 acres. The following year, he had 2,500 and in 1796, 2,650. At various times, he owned property in Bullitt, Nelson, Washington, Jefferson, Fayette, Henry, Grayson, Shelby, Breckinridge, Garrard, and Hardin counties, in addition to several mills and tanneries.

In his will, which was written on 10 April 1814 and probated on 2 July 1815, he gave his wife Elizabeth his plantation for her lifetime, along with four cows, four horses, and 10 head of sheep. She also was to receive “one negro girl named Darby and one negro man called Ben, with all the small negroes with one negro man named Tuller.”

“Moreover,” he added, “Elizabeth was to “take care of the negro Slego (76 years old) and Tom (55 years old) as belonging to her.” After his wife’s death, Troutman’s slaves were to be sold and the money divided among the children of his second wife.

Troutman’s will also gave $1 to his sons John and Peter and daughter Caty (Ambrose) because they had received their “proportional parts” before. Isaac
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Front row, from left (seated children): Walter S. Langsford Jr. and Lee Langsford, sons of Walter S. Langsford Sr. and Eleanor W. Harned; Billy Ack and Evelyn Crady, children of Wood David Crady and Mary Ack Harned. The four children were first cousins, grandchildren of Atkinson “Ack” Lee Harned (b. 1840, Nelson County) and Emma Troutman (b. 1858). Second row, from left: Malvina Quinn Troutman Greif (holding daughter Katherine Greif), a daughter of Shirley Troutman and Charlotte Johnson Harned and wife of Thomas Lafayette Greif; Eleanor W. Harned Langsford (holding son John Harned Langsford), a daughter of Atkinson “Ack” Lee Harned and Emma Troutman and wife of Walter Langsford Sr.; Walter S. Langsford Sr.; Mary Ack Harned Crady (b. 9 March 1881, Nelson County) (holding daughter Marion Norton Crady), a daughter of Atkinson “Ack” Lee Harned and Emma Troutman and wife of Wood David Crady; and Emma Troutman (b. 1858), a daughter of Franklin Troutman and Malvina Quinn and wife of Atkinson “Ack” Lee Harned. Third row: Ruby Lee Porter (b. 29 September 1882), a daughter of Henry Sprigg Harned and Fannie Quinn Troutman and wife of Virgil Hewitt Harned; Fisher D. (1891-1986) and Ack Hill Harned (1894-1962), sons of John D. Harned and Sallie Quinn Troutman; Elza Troutman Harned, a son of Leonard Lee Harned and Ruth Shawler and grandson of Colmore L. Shawler and Mary M. Troutman; Wood David Crady, husband of Mary Ack Harned; and Atkinson “Ack” Lee Harned, husband of Emma Troutman and father of Eleanor W. Harned Langsford and Mary Ack Harned Crady. Back row, from left: (between Ruby Lee Porter Harned and Fisher D. Harned) Robert William Durrett (4 December 1884, d. 20 November 1979); (between Fisher D. Harned and Ack Hill Harned) Henry W. McClaskey Jr.; (between Elza Troutman Harned and Wood David Crady) Sallie Harned Barnes (1886-1968), a daughter of Atkinson “Ack” Lee Harned and Emma Troutman, standing to the left of her husband, Albert Johnson Barnes (b. 1888); and Marcia T. Harned (b. 1883), daughter of Atkinson “Ack” Lee Harned and Emma Troutman.

received $1,000, Michael Jr. $500, and Leonard $100, “to be paid from the proceeds of the plantation I now live on after the death of my present

loving wife Elizabeth Troutman.”

Daughter Elizabeth got “the plantation she now lives on” and $100 from the proceeds of his father’s
plantation. Abraham got “the plantation he now lives on and one negro named Levi,” but had to pay various notes his father was security for to “Porter.”

Jacob received “the plantation he now lives on and one negro boy by the name of Tony” and $100 from the proceeds of his father’s plantation. Rebecca

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Front row, from left (seated children): James W. “Jimmy” McClaskey Jr., a son of James W. McClaskey Sr. and Lillie Ray Troutman McClaskey; Henry Sprigg Harned III, a son of Henry Sprigg Harned Jr. and Mary Hart (b. 1886); Darrel Harned Wells; and Tone Goodin Harned Jr., a son of Tone Goodin Harned Sr. (b. about 1877) and Callie Cook (b. about 1884), and grandson of Atkinson Lee “Ack” Harned and Emma Troutman. Second row (seated): Henry Sprigg Harned Jr. (b. 17 November 1873, d. 12 February 1950), a son of Henry Sprigg Harned Sr. and Fannie Quinn Troutman and husband of Mary Hart Harned; Mary Hart Harned (b. 1886), wife of Henry Sprigg Harned Jr.; Charlotte “Lottie” Harned Wells (holding unidentified child); and Katherine “Kate” Harned (holding, at left, Katherine Wells; other child unidentified). Third row (standing): Ethel Brown Troutman, wife of Henry Harned Troutman; Henry Harned Troutman, a son of Shirley Troutman and Charlotte Johnson Harned and husband of Ethel Brown Troutman; Callie Cook Harned, mother of Tone Goodin Harned Jr. and wife of Tone Goodin Harned Sr.; Tone Goodin Harned Sr. (holding, at left, his son James Cook Harned; other child unidentified); and Ida Stamper. Fourth row (behind Ethel Brown Troutman): Marion Pope Harned (b. about 1890), a son of Atkinson Lee “Ack” Harned and Emma Troutman and husband of Willie Troutman Harned.

(Patterson) received half of a Grayson County plantation, “having sold the other half to her husband John Patterson.”

Mary (Simmons) got the 250-acre plantation adjoining her father’s, a “negro named Hannah” — remitting him his bonds more two hundred Dollars” from the proceeds of her father’s plantation. Margaret received a 250-acre plantation “on which Jackson Tally (?) lived,” and “the negro boy called Charles,” in addition to $500 from the proceeds of his father’s plantation.

Phillip got “the whole of my lands and mills on Cedar Creek in Bullitt County near Salt River,” on the condition that he pay “one thousands pounds” to his father’s estate, “Seven hundred of which is to be given to my Daughter Caty Troutman.” Caty also received “one negro girl called Aegar (?).”

A woman named Peggy Tombteston (?) — perhaps
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an apprentice—was to receive a 180-acre plantation somehow associated with Peter Brand “provided she stay with my wife until she is married.”

Troutman’s will, which several of his children from both marriages considered unfair, generated litigation that prevented it from being settled for about 15 years.10

Leonard Troutman

Leonard Troutman (b. 12 November 1776, d. 19 July 1841), a son of Michael Troutman and Rebecca Schroeder, married Caty Wilhite, a daughter of Tobias Wilhite and Mary Shirley on 25 April 1799.11

According to historian Evelyn Crady Adams, the couple began their married life with $100 Leonard received in his father’s will and “some help” Caty got from her grandfather. In 1821, Leonard had a warrant for 200 acres along Lick Creek and Pine Tavern Road, near Boston in Western Nelson County. He built a “roomy log homestead … slightly south of the creek and west of the road,” and called the place Farmington.

Adams described Troutman’s enterprises, which could have also described those of his father:
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The rich, creek bottom land … yielded bountiful harvests which Leonard, like his neighbors, marketed in southern ports. … Two caves nearby kept sweet the dairy products which were raised and lowered on a platform manipulated by a windlass, and an adjacent grove of sugar maples was generous in output of syrup and sugar. Leonard was a tanner and a merchant as well as a farmer. The large tannery and log store faced the road south of the creek. Some of the slaves were skilled tanners, and the time-worn tanning stone, long after it had served its original purpose, was made a part of the style blocks at the Boston Christian Church. Leonard’s thrift, industry, and good management were sufficiently rewarded for him to leave to his widow and each of six [surviving] children about $2,000 and perhaps some property besides.12

Leonard and Caty’s children were John B. (b. 21 March 1800, d. 10 April 1872, m. 1. Mary Hill, 2. Eleanor Quigley, 2. Elizabeth Quigley, 4. Anna Blackwell Montgomery),13 Mary “Polly” (b. 1803, m. John Howlett), Warren Leonard Wilhite (b. 24 January 1805, d. 17 March 1862, m. Sarah E. Lutes),14 Caty (d. 1826?, m. William Temple), Elizabeth “Bettie” (m. John Lee Jr.),15 Franklin (b. 9 December 1812, d. 4 February 1883), and Eliza Ann (b. 1823, Nelson County, Ky., d. 1850, m. Francis W. Maramen).

Franklin Troutman

Franklin Troutman (b. 9 December 1812, d. 4 February 1883), a son of Leonard Troutman and Caty Wilhite, married Malvina Quinn (b. 15 September 1821, d. 23 March 1863), a daughter of William Quinn and Nancy ______, on 13 January 1842. Franklin bought 480 acres—including the Farmington home place—and tan yard from his father’s estate and/or heirs. He brought the tan yard and farm back into production and began planning a “palatial brick home,” which he commenced building just south of the log house in 1848.

Adams’ description:

The first and second stories of the house are identical and the large basement is stone-lined. The upper and lower hallways, which are forty feet long, have two rooms on each side, and there are four rooms in the ell. Each room is twenty feet square and the ceilings fourteen feet high. At the entrance is a double balcony with wrought iron balustrades. A graceful winding stairway is at the rear of the lower hall and on the landing the grandfather clock ticked the days and years away. Among the pieces of elegant furniture handed down as heirlooms are handsome bedsteads and bureaus, two rose back sofas that stood on each side of the fireplace in the old parlor, an inlaid walnut cupboard with fan-shaped doors that once graced the old dining room, and Franklin’s personal writing desk of elaborate design which stood in the spacious hallway.

Franklin and Malvina’s children, all presumably born in Nelson County, were Nancy “Nannie” (b. 3 October 1844, d. 28 October 1869, m. Henry Hart).16 Katherine (b. 12 December 1845, m. A.L. Harned), Frances Quinn “Fannie” (b. 16 October 1847, m. Henry S. Harned), Shirley (b. 1851, d. 1917, Nelson County, Ky., m. Charlotte Harned), Warren Leonard (b. 13 January 1853, m. Rowena Belle McGee), Emma (b. 1857, m. Atkinson Lee “Ack” Harned), William Quinn (b. 13 January 1859, d. 25 November 1889 m. Lillie D. Ray), and Sallie Quinn (m. John D. Harned).

After Malvina’s death, Franklin married Mary Ellen Goodin/Goodwin (b. 24 January 1837, d. 24 August 1882), a daughter of John E. Goodin/Goodwin and Mary Ann Margaret Swope, on 27 August 1867. Their children were Jennie E. (b. 1 July 1869, d. 4 July 1884), Mary Myrtle (m. 1. Allen McKay, 2. John S. Kelly), and Lottie (Charlotte?) H. Franklin Troutman’s will, dated 23 January 1883, names his children Fannie L. (wife of H.S. Harned), Shirley, Warren L.W., Emma (wife of A.L. Harned), William Quinn, and Emma. Fannie L., Shirley, Warren L.W., and Emma each received $4,000.17

Shirley Troutman was appointed the guardian of Sallie, with H.S. Harned the guardian of Myrtle, and A.L. Harned for Jennie. Franklin also directed that

The Troutman home place had been owned by Shirley Troutman's father Franklin (1812-1883), who began building the “palatial brick home” in 1848, just south of the log house the family had previously occupied.
his “Knob lands” be sold to provide $50 worth of silverware and a bedstead to Emma and $25 worth of silver for Sallie, Jennie, and Myrtle.

William Quinn Troutman received the 700-acre homestead, along with the household and kitchen furniture and farm implements, horses, cattle, hogs, corn, hay and fodder. This was on the condition that he give his sister Sallie and half sisters Jennie and Myrtle one horse, one cow, and one bedstead and bedding each. Sallie was to be paid $2,000, with Myrtle and Jennie receiving board, clothing, and education, along with $3,000 each on their majority.

The “Elders of Christian Church near Boston” received $100.

H.S. and A.L. Harned were appointed executors of the will, which was probated on 12 March 1883.

William Quinn Troutman married Lillie D. Ray, and their children were Lora Morrison (b. September 1884, d. 1956) and William Ray (b. August 1889). William Quinn died on 25 November 1889 and Lillie later married James W. McClaskey. Lillie and James' children were Henry Morrison (b. October 1892, Ky.) and James W. McClaskey Jr.

1 Margaret Schroeder, Lillian Ockerman (and others), *Nelson County, Kentucky, Cemeteries*, Vol. 3 (Northwestern Section; Including Nazareth and St. Thomas) (Bardstown, Ky.: no date), p. 54. Shirley and Charlotte Harned Troutman's birth and death dates are taken from transcriptions of their tombstones at Boston Christian Church Cemetery in Nelson County.

2 Carolyn Wimp, *Nelson County, Kentucky, Newspaper Abstracts, September 1807-September 1890* (Vine Grove, Ky.: Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Inc.), p. 120.


5 Evelyn Crady Adams, “The Troutman Families of Kentucky,” *Filsom Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 3, p. 199. See also Ruby S. Caulwell to ____ (fragment of undated letter) in Troutman file, Thomas D. Clark Library of the Kentucky Historical Society. Caudwell said Michael Troutman’s family arrived in America in 1743 and settled near Hagerstown, Md. The information was apparently handed down in Caulwell’s family. She was a descendant of John Michael Troutman’s daughter Rebecca (b. 30 December 1791, near Hagerstown, Md., d. 17 June 1874), who married Phillip Patterson.

6 Adams, pages 199-203.

7 Leonard Troutman and Caty Wilhite, a daughter of Tobias Wilhite/Wilhoit (b. 5 October 1750, Orange County, Va.) and Mary “Polly” Shirley Wilhite (b. 1 April 1755, Culpeper County, Va.) were married on 25 April 1799.


11 Tobias (1750-1839) and Mary Shirley Willhite (1750-1844) joined the Shaker Community in Mercer County, leaving Bullitt County in 1808.


