

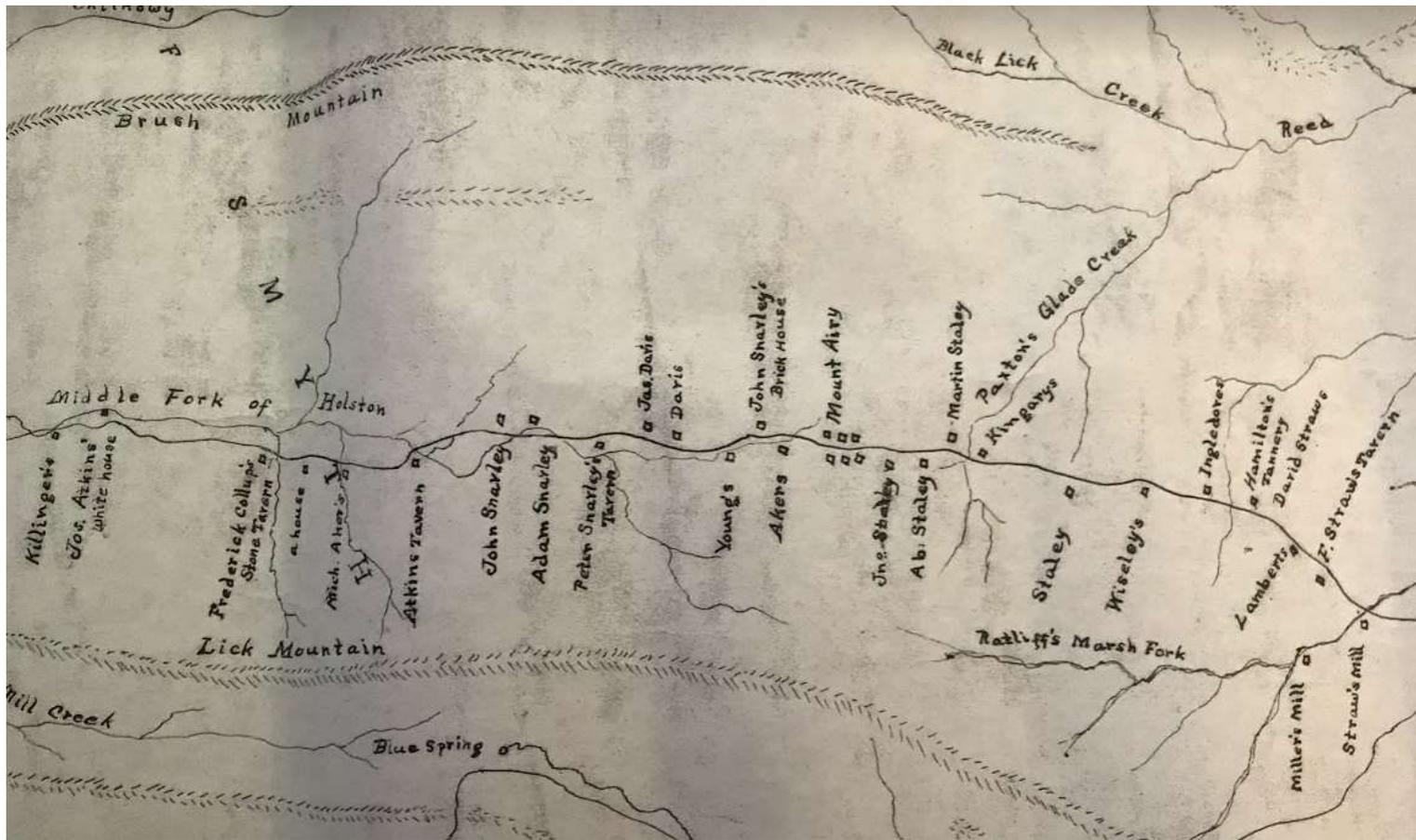


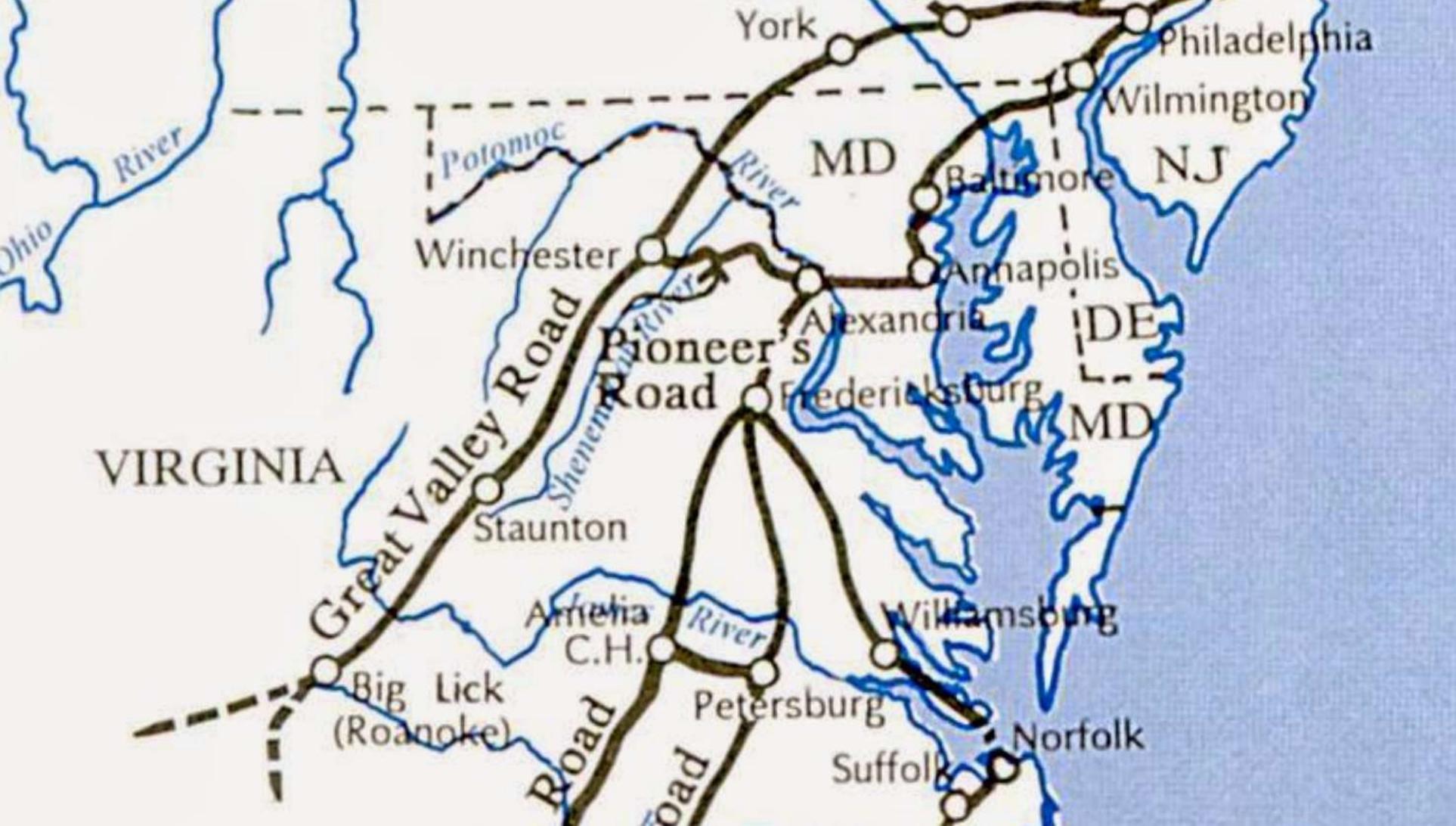
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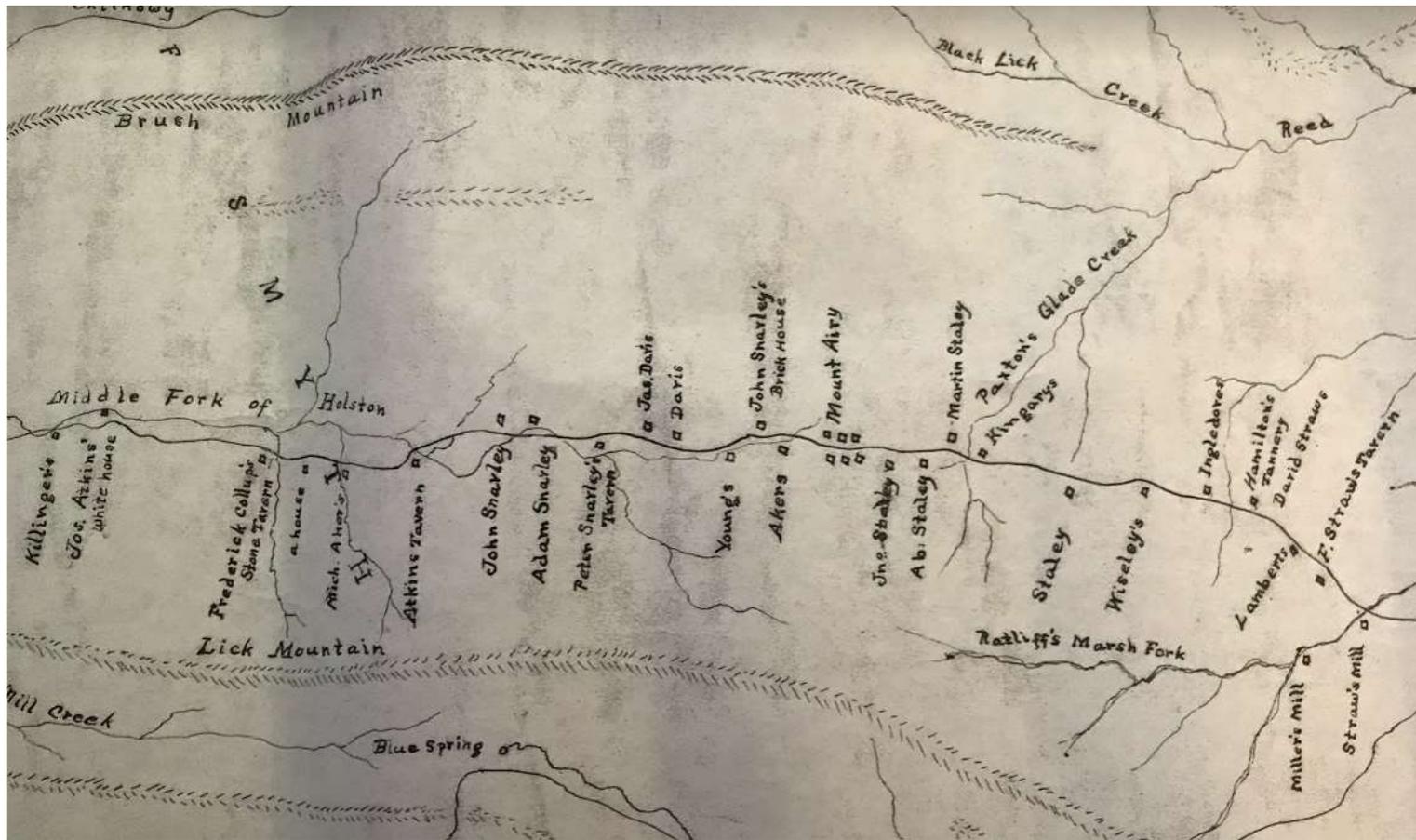
# Woods Map of 1821



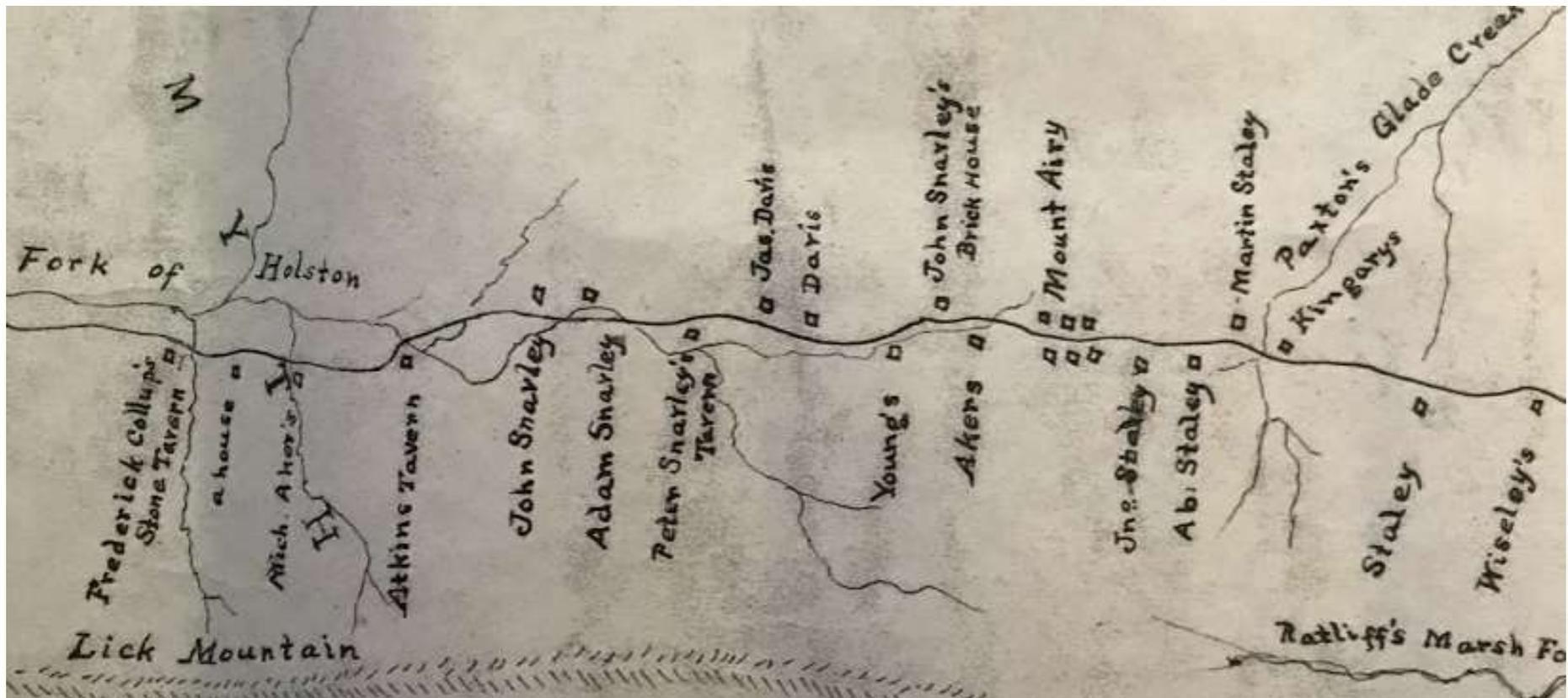




# Woods Map of 1821



# What Do We Notice?







# 1820 Wythe County Tax List

John Housson.	1					
Leonard Straw sr.	1		10			1. 40
Jacob Snabely. sr	3	2	6			2. 48
Martin Haley.	1	1	4			1. 42
Leonard Straw jr.	1	2	2			1. 76
John Haley.	1	1	5	1. 3..		7. 60
Peter Snabely.	2	5	10			5. 30
Adam Snabely.	1	2	5			2. 30
George Snabely.	1		2			. 36
John Snabely.	1	1	3	10 <sup>00</sup>		1. 94
Alex <sup>r</sup> . Smith.	1		1	118 <sup>00</sup>		. 14
William Sprunkle.	1		3	2 Pairs of 12		. 54
John Steffey jr	1		7			1. 26
Abram Steffey jr	1		3			. 54
Richd. Silkock.	1		.			. .
Peter Snider.	1		2			. 36
John Snider.	2		6			1. 4
Henry Steffey jr.	1		5			. 90
Henry Steffey sr.	1		2			. 36

# 1822 Wythe County Tax Lists - List of Ordinary Licenses

*List of Ordinary Licenses, and Houses of private entertainment, granted from the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of September 1821.*

Month	Name & License Type	Tax
October 1821	To Peter Snabeley, ordinary	\$ 10. 50
Nov.	John F. Straw, private entertainment.	4. 50
May 1822	Joseph Atkins, pr. ent.	4. 50
	Dan. Wisely, pr. ent.	4. 50
"	Frederick Colchep, pr. ent.	4. 50
"	Peter Snabeley, ordinary	18 ..
"	Henry & John Snabeley, ordinary	18 ..
June	George Kinder, ordinary	18 ..
	John H. Johnston, ordinary	18 ..
Aug.	John F. Straw, pr. ent.	4. 50
		<u>\$ 105. 00</u>

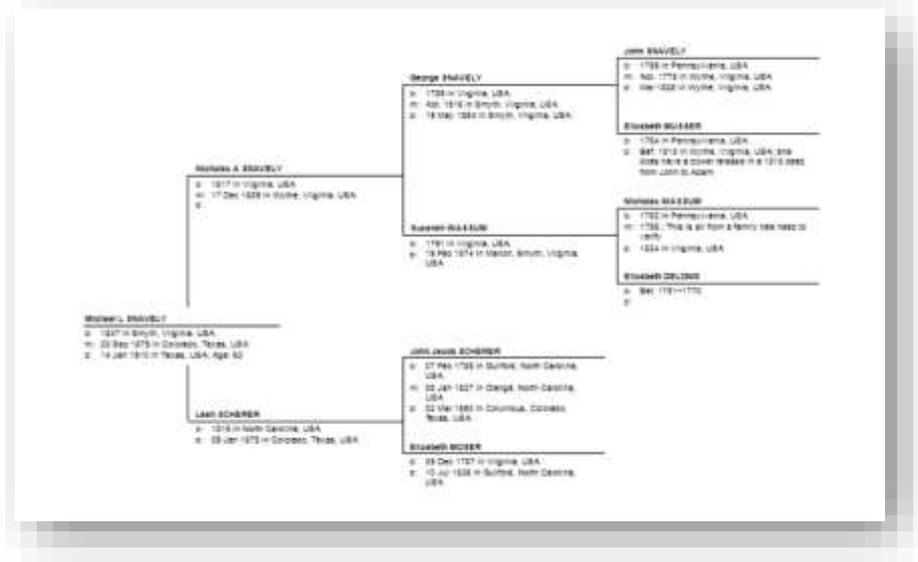
*to be accounted for by the clerk.*

# Who are the members of each Genetic Community?



# Ancestors

- Genealogy focuses on building the tree.
- Moving back one generation at a time.
- We document when and where they were born, married and died.
- You can think of your tree, or your direct ancestors, as one cluster that you belong to.



# Cluster Genealogy

- But that is just one cluster.
- Everyone belongs to many groups or *clusters* of people.
- Pick a group your ancestor belonged to. Don't think of it as just a label.
- Research it and other people in it.



Group of children in the kindergarten school composed of the cotton mill people. Even during the play the mill is ever in the back ground. Dallas Cotton Mill. Location: Dallas, Texas. Photo by Lewis Wickes Hine, October 1913. Courtesy of Library of Congress

# Cluster Research

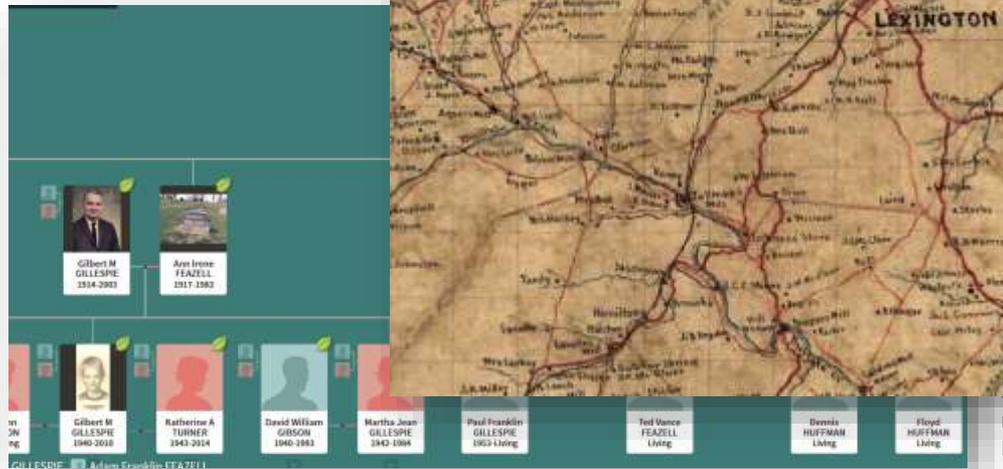
- These children either worked in the Dallas Cotton Mill, went to school there or more likely both.
- Don't think of *Dallas Cotton Mill* as just a event or label.
- It applied to a group of people who shared an experience.



Group of children in the kindergarten school composed of the cotton mill people. Even during the play the mill is ever in the back ground. Dallas Cotton Mill. Location: Dallas, Texas. Photo by Lewis Wickes Hine, October 1913. Courtesy of Library of Congress

# Three common types of cluster research

- Collateral research
- Descendancy research
- FAN research



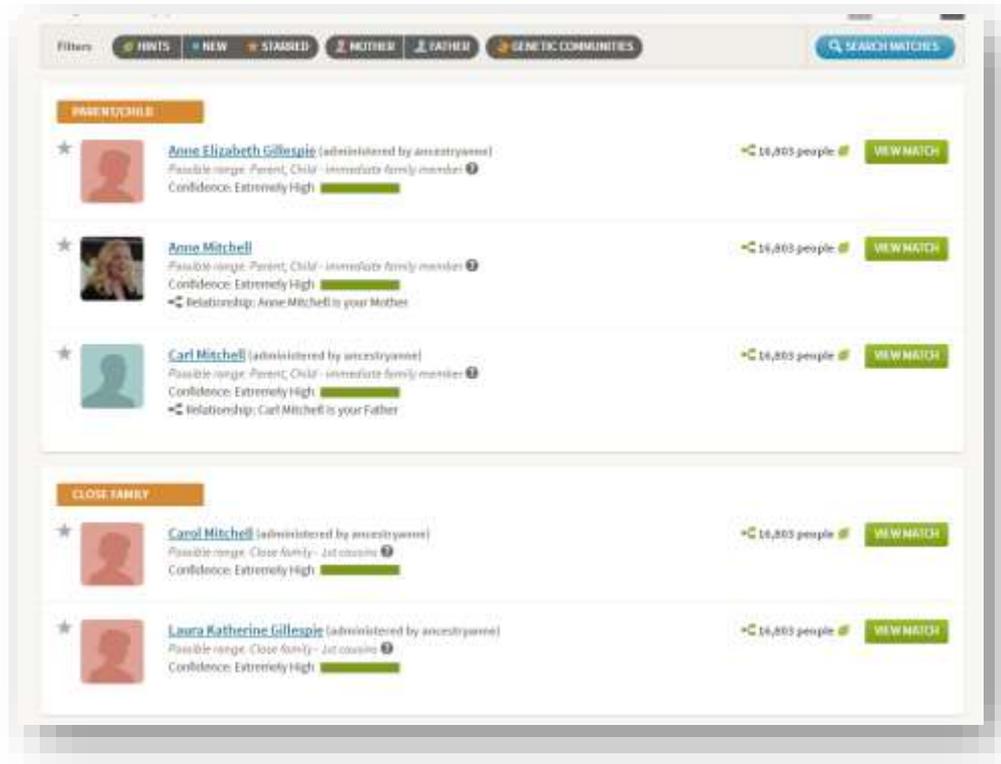
an Augustine, Texas. Farm family in town on Saturday morning. Photo by John Vanchon, Apr 1943. Courtesy of Library of Congress.

# Who are your collateral relatives?

Your collateral relatives are anyone you share an ancestor with, but is not a direct ancestor.

Cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces or nephews.

Could you match them on a DNA chart? Then they are a collateral relative.



The screenshot displays the AncestryDNA interface with search filters for 'MOTHER' and 'FATHER'. It shows two sections of results: 'PARENTS/CHILD' and 'CLOSE FAMILY'. Each entry includes a profile picture, name, relationship, confidence level, and a 'VIEW MATCH' button.

Section	Name	Relationship	Confidence	Match Count
PARENTS/CHILD	Anne Elizabeth Gillespie	Relationship: Anne Mitchell is your Mother	Extremely High	14,803 people
	Anne Mitchell	Relationship: Anne Mitchell is your Mother	Extremely High	14,803 people
	Carl Mitchell	Relationship: Carl Mitchell is your Father	Extremely High	14,803 people
CLOSE FAMILY	Carol Mitchell	Relationship: 1st cousin	Extremely High	14,803 people
	Laura Katharine Gillespie	Relationship: 1st cousin	Extremely High	14,803 people

# Research the entire family

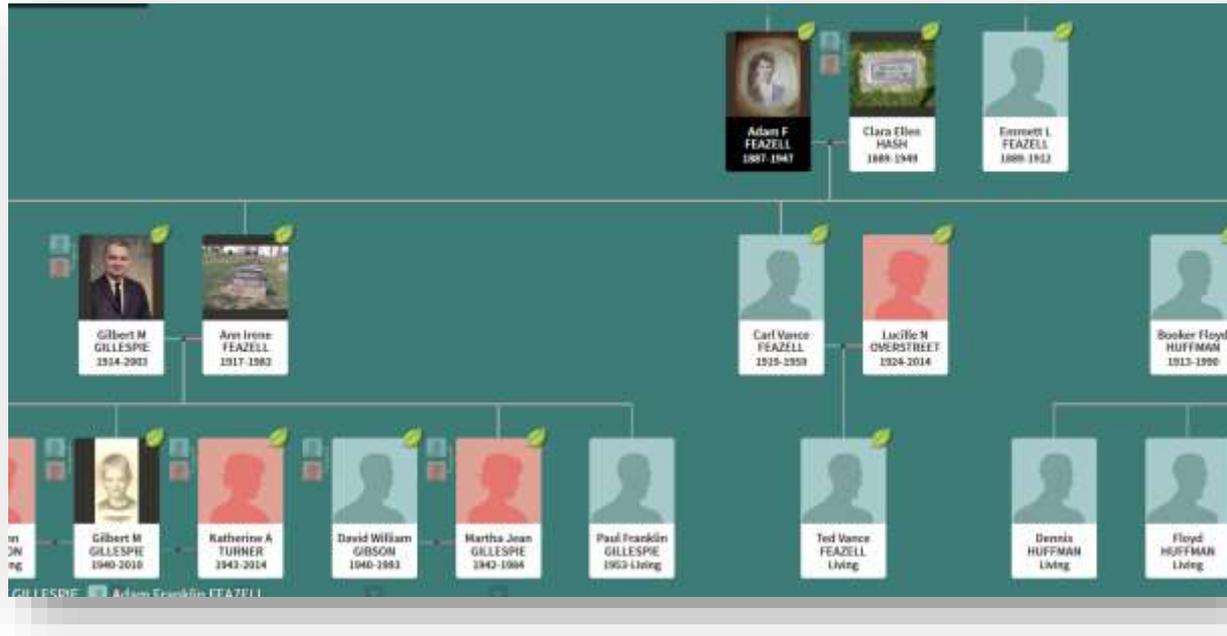
Family Group Sheet for Michael L. SNAVELY		
<b>Husband:</b> Michael L. SNAVELY		
Birth:	1847 in Smyth, Virginia, USA	
Marriage:	23 Sep 1879 in Colorado, Texas, USA	
Burial:	1910 in Luling, Caldwell, Texas, USA	
Death:	14 Jan 1910 in Texas, USA; Age: 62	
Father:	Nicholas A. SNAVELY	
Mother:	Leah SCHERER	
<b>Wife:</b> Blanch Mary SECREST		
Birth:	25 Jan 1861 in Oakland, Colorado, Texas, USA	
Death:	18 Oct 1960 in San Marcos, Hays, Texas, USA; Age: 99	
Father:	Larkin Downs SECREST	
Mother:	Mary Jane DODSON	
<b>Children:</b>		
1	Name: Edward B. SNAVELY	
M	Birth: 24 Mar 1882 in Texas, USA	
	Death: 27 Jun 1966 in Glendale, Los Angeles, California, USA	
2	Name: Larkin L. SNAVELY	
M	Birth: Oct 1883 in Texas, USA	
	Death: 1901 in Luling, Caldwell, Texas, USA Burial: Luling, Caldwell, Texas, USA	
3	Name: Robert Edward SNAVELY	
M	Birth: 09 Sep 1889 in Columbus, Colorado, Texas, USA	
	Death: 25 Jan 1952 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, USA; Age: 62 Spouse: Lillian GREER	
<b>Notes:</b>		

- The recommendation is, when doing research, do the entire family.
- Don't ignore the siblings of the person you are researching.
- Document their vitals and families as well.

# Descendancy research

Descendancy research goes down, not up.

Pick a couple in your tree, and document all known descendants.





# Cluster Research

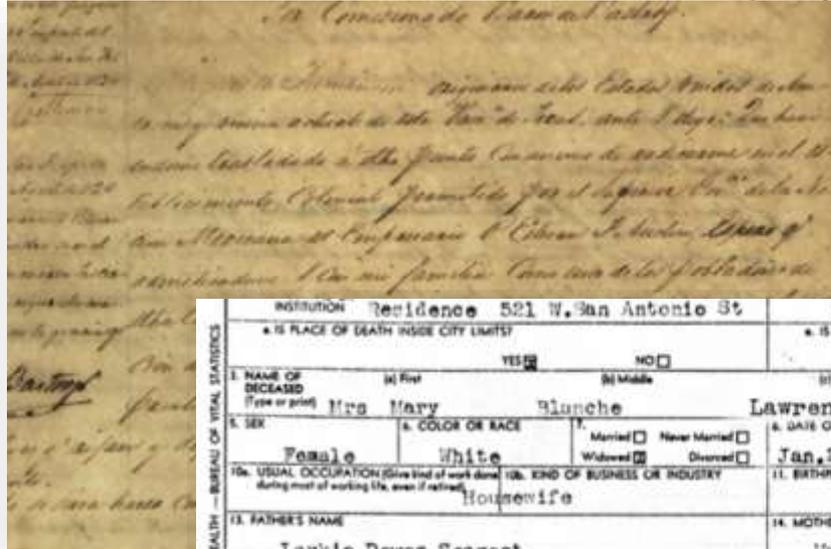
- But it is more than just find the record or pieces of information that help us document our ancestors.
- It helps us put our ancestors into context and understand them.
- It's a different thing to be a child who works in the mill than a child whose parents own the mill.



Group of children in the kindergarten school composed of the cotton mill people. Even during the play the mill is ever in the back ground. Dallas Cotton Mill. Location: Dallas, Texas. Photo by Lewis Wickes Hine, October 1913. Courtesy of Library of Congress

# What documents should you be looking at?

- Documents that tell us about groups of people.



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5. SEX Female	6. COLOR OR RACE White	7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH Jan. 25, 1861
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired.) Housewife		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Texas	
13. FATHER'S NAME Larkin Downs Secrest		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary Jane Dodson	
15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 210		17. INFORMANT Mrs. Laddie T. Lawrence	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)			

## Former Weimar Citizen Dies at Port Arthur

From the Tuesday morning issue of the Houston Chronicle we learn of the death of a former native son of Weimar, a Mr. John Dodson Secrest, said to have been born here 84 years ago. Mr. Secrest died at Port Arthur, Texas, where he had been in the building and contracting business for the past twenty-eight years. His death occurred last Sunday, after an illness of three months.

Mr. Secrest was a Mason, Maccabee and Woodman. Possibly he will be remembered by some of the older citizens of this section.

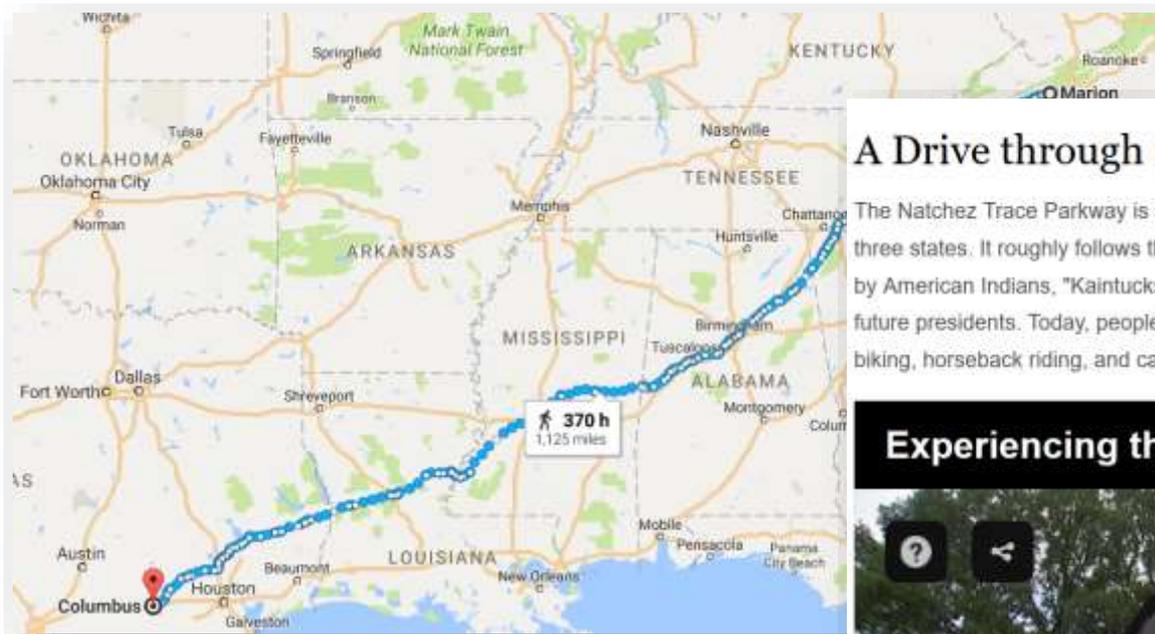
He is survived by his widow, one son, Dr. Secrest, one brother, Clyde Secrest of Port Arthur, and five sisters: Mrs. C. A. Lawrence of San Antonio, Mrs. Ida Barnett of Galveston, Mrs. J. H. Sherrill of San Marcos, Mrs. Flora Dunlavy of Eagle Lake and Mrs. P. Minter of Goose Creek.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his bereaved ones.

# Michael Snavely

- Born Dec 1848 in Smyth County, Virginia, 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 children
- Moved from Virginia to Texas, most likely in 1855, age 7.
- Married in Colorado County, Texas, age 29
- Died in Texas, likely Caldwell County, age 63

# Natchez Trace Parkway



## A Drive through 10,000 Years of History

The Natchez Trace Parkway is a 444-mile recreational road and scenic drive through three states. It roughly follows the "Old Natchez Trace" a historic travel corridor used by American Indians, "Kaintucks," European settlers, slave traders, soldiers, and future presidents. Today, people can enjoy not only a scenic drive but also hiking, biking, horseback riding, and camping along the parkway.

## Experiencing the Trace



# Census Work: 1900

1900: Luling, Caldwell, Texas, Mike L Snavely, dwelling 268, family 279

Household of Mike L Snavely (Dec 1828, 51, VA, W), **tin smith**, rents home; wife, Blanch Secrest (Jan 1861, 39, TX, W), keeping house; married 21 years; 2/2 children living: Larkin L (Oct 1881, 16, TX, W) post office clerk, Robert E (Sep 1889, 10, TX, W), at school; also in household: John Secrest, ( Nov 1877, 22, TX, W)(Blanch's brother), carpenter; Lottie Strickland, (Sep 1880, 19, TX, W) (Mike's niece), school teacher

Both Mike and John had been out of work 6 months in the last year.

No other Secrests or Snavelys in Caldwell County.

Only one other group of tin workers, no known relation.

Results 1-2 of 2

View Record	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1900 (City, County, State)	Birth Date	Birthplace	Relation to Head of House	View Image
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Thomas R Churchill	Sarah F	Lockhart, Caldwell, Texas	Jul 1869	Kentucky	Head	
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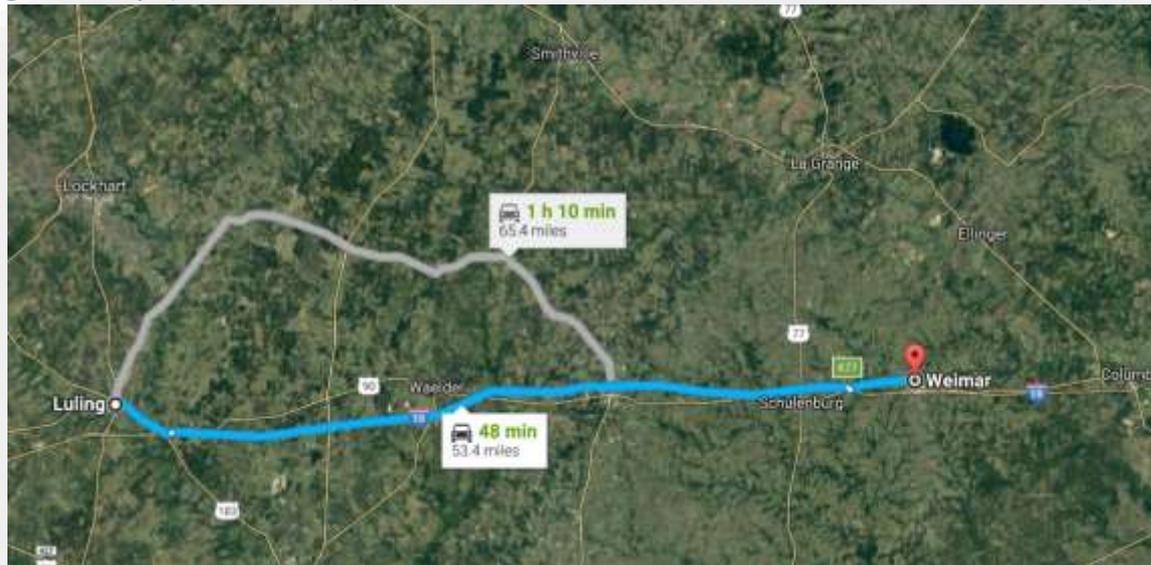
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# Census Work: 1880

1880: Weimar, Colorado, Texas, Mike L Snavely, dwelling 55, family 53

Household of Mike L Snavely (29, VA, W), tinner; wife, Blanch Secret (18, TX, W), keeping house; both can read/write

Other Households nearby: H Z Windrow (30, TX, W), postmaster; R H Hunsberger (39, PA, W), tinner; Frank Shetmatten (25, TX, W), furniture manufacturer; H C Carey (45, MI, W), baker; Thos J Grace (49, TN, W), cotton buyer; George Bishop (40, NY, W) (b-i-l, married to Mattie Secret, Blanch's sister), carpenter;



# Surname Clusters

Results 1-4 of 4

<a href="#">View Record</a>	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1880 (City, County, State)	Birth Year	Birthplace	Relation to Head of House	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Rudolf Schmaly		Bernardo Paririe, Colorado, Texas	abt 1839	Prussia	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Moses Sherly		Precinct 1, Colorado, Texas	abt 1856	Arkansas		
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Mike L. Suavely	Blanch	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1851	Virginia	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Blanch Suavely	Mike L.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1862	Texas	Wife	

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<a href="#">View Record</a>	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1880 (City, County, State)	Birth Year	Birthplace	Relation to Head of House	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Eliza Secrist		Frelsburg, Colorado, Texas	abt 1816	Kentucky		
<a href="#">View Record</a>	L. D. Secrist	Mary J.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1828	North Carolina	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Mary J. Secrist	L. D.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1840	Missouri	Wife	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Ida Secrist	L. D., Mary J.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1862	Texas	Daughter	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Delia Secrist	L. D., Mary J.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1872	Texas	Daughter	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Larkin Secrist	L. D., Mary J.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1874	Texas	Daughter	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Flora Secrist	L. D., Mary J.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1876	Texas	Daughter	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	John Secrist	L. D., Mary J.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1878	Texas	Son	

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# Census Work: 1880 (tinner cluster)

SEARCH  Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)  Last Name

Birth Year  Location

Lived In  Colorado County, Texas, USA

Any Event Year  Location

Exact to this place

Add family member: [Father](#) [Mother](#) [Sibling](#) [Spouse](#) [Child](#)

Father First & Middle Name(s)  Last Name

Mother

Sibling

Spouse

Child

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Occupation   Exact

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View Record	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1880 (City, County, State)	Birth Year	Birthplace	Relation to Head of House	View Image
<a href="#">View Record</a>	J. N. Binkley	C. C.	Columbus, Colorado, Texas	abt 1826	Tennessee	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	R. M. Hunsberger	Mary	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1841	Pennsylvania	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Wm. H. Jones	Sarah E.	Columbus, Colorado, Texas	abt 1832	Pennsylvania	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Ed Lang	Henrietta	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1845	Missouri	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Mike L. Suavely	Blanch	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1851	Virginia	Self (Head)	
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Charles W. Traylor	Lura V.	Columbus, Colorado, Texas	abt 1848	Louisiana	Self (Head)	

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o Sarah E Jones is the former Sarah Elizabeth Snavelly, sister of Michael

# Census Work: 1880 (born in VA cluster)

The screenshot displays the search results for the 1880 United States Federal Census. The search filters are set to Virginia, USA, and the results are sorted by birth year. A red arrow points to the 'Results 1-50 of 523' header. The table below shows the first five results, with columns for Name, Parent or spouse names, Home in 1880 (City, County, State), Birth Year, and Birthplace. A 'View Record' link is provided for each entry.

View Record	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1880 (City, County, State)	Birth Year	Birthplace
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Maria	William	Precinct 8, Colorado, Texas	abt 1818	Virgi
<a href="#">View Record</a>	William	Maria	Precinct 8, Colorado, Texas	abt 1823	Virgi
<a href="#">View Record</a>			Precinct 8, Colorado, Texas	abt 1830	Virgi
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Austen	Eliza	Precinct 8, Colorado, Texas	abt 1832	Virgi

Search Filters: Results 1-13 of 23

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1880 United States Federal Census

This database is an index to 50 million individuals enumerated in the 1880 United States Federal Census. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, occupation,...

Learn more about this database... Browse individual records\*

Shortcut keys \*

View Record	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1880 (City, County, State)	Birth Year	Birthplace	Relation to Head of House	View Image
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Joe T. Holman		Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1818	Virginia	Self (Head)	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Violet Harst		Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1818	Virginia	Mother	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	R. N. Ammon		Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1815	Virginia	Mother-in-law	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Lucinda Miles	Harrison	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1811	Virginia	Wife	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Harrison Miles	Lucinda	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1814	Virginia	Self (Head)	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Amelia Miller	Chan.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1819	Virginia	Wife	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Cora R. Quin	R. N., H. C.	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1814	Virginia	Wife	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Mollie Richardson	Jim	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1814	Virginia	Wife	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Henry Rose	Terry	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1820	Virginia	Self (Head)	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Elizabeth Stubbs	John	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1840	Virginia	Wife	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Mike L. Suwely	Blanch	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1851	Virginia	Self (Head)	<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Jim Terry		Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1851	Virginia		<a href="#">View Image</a>
<a href="#">View Record</a>	Joe Thomas	Bachel	Weimar, Colorado, Texas	abt 1811	Virginia	Self (Head)	<a href="#">View Image</a>

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# Census Work: 1870

## 1870: Columbus Precinct 1, Colorado, Texas, Jasper Newton Binkley, dwelling 29, family 31

Mike L Snavely is living in the household of Jasper Binkley who is a Manufacturer of Tin Ware. Mike Snavely is one of 3 men in the household who are Tin Smiths.

Household of Jakrent Binkley (25, TN, W); children: Deliah [Cordelia] (20, TN, W), James E (13, TN, W), William A (9, TX, W) , Fred S (4, TX, W); Manufacturer of Tin Ware; \$2500 real estate, \$2000 personal; James is attending school; family can read and write

Also in household:

Mary B Nash, (no age given, TX, W)

Amanda Nash (?) (35, TN, B), housekeeping; can't read/write

Mike J Carrell (25, KY, W), tin smith, no real estate/personal property, can read/write

Mike L Snavely (21, VA, W), tin smith, no real estate/personal property, can read/write

George Holeman (19, AL, W), tin smith, no real estate/personal property, can read/write

# 1870 Households around Mike Snavely

- James R Muckkerry (37, TN, W), retired good merchant \$4500/\$9000
- John W Harbert (36, TN, W), retired farmer, \$3000/\$500
- John D Campbell (28, TN, W), retired merchant, \$2000/ \$250
- Levi W Kelly (41, TN, W), carpenter, \$200/\$100
- Horace H Haskell (40, TN, W), Constable Precinct #1, \$1000/\$2000
- Thomas Nash (32, VA, W), clerk store
- Joseph P Harris (28, TX, W), no profession, \$1250/\$200
- William J Dardin (45, VA, W), lawyer, \$2000/\$500
- Andrew Gallilee (30, VA, W), black smith
- James M Cummins (43, TN, W), retired farmer, \$2000/\$300;

# Census Work: 1870

## 1870 Manf Sch: Columbus, Colorado, Texas, J N Binkley

Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual producing to the value of \$500 annually.	Name of Business, Manufacture, or Product.	Capital (real and personal) invested in the business.	Greatest number of hands employed at any one time during the year.	Average number of hands employed.			Wages and Hours of Labor.					Months in Operation.				Value of Material (including Mill Repairs and Fuel, omitting fractions of a dollar).	Value of Product (including Jobbing and Repairing. Omitting fractions of a dollar).	
				Males above 15 years.	Females above 15 years.	Children and youth.	Number of hours in the ordinary day of labor.		Average day's wages for a skilled mechanic.	Average day's wages for an ordinary laborer.	Total amount paid in wages during the year.	On full time.	On 5/6 time only.	On 2/3 time only.	On 1/2 time only.			Idles.
							May to November.	November to May.										
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Mullen H. W.	Printer	1250	7	2			10	9	20	100	600	12					400	1600
Binkley J. W.	Printer	3000	2	2			10	8	20	100	800	12					1000	2800

# Census Work: 1860

## 1860 Manf Sch: Precinct 1, Colorado, Texas, J N Binkley

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SCHEDULE 4. Products of Industry in Precinct No. 1, in the County of Colorado, State of Texas, during the year ending June 1, 1870, as enumerated by me, J. N. Binkley, Asst Marshal.

Post Office: Columbus

Name of Corporation, Company, or Individual producing or value of \$100, annually.	Name of Business, Manufacture, or Product.	Capital stock or amount invested in the business.	HORSE POWER.		MACHINERY.					AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS EMPLOYED.	Total amount paid to wages during year.	Number of which have been produced, including year made or for them.	RAW MATERIALS (Including Mill Supplies and Fuel.)			PROVISIONS (Including all Feeding and Expediting.)		
			Kind of Power.	Value of same.	Name or Description.	Number of	Miles above 10 feet.	Feet above 10 feet.	Other kinds.				Kind.	Quantity.	Value (including Scales of a dollar).	Kind.	Quantity.	Value (including Scales of a dollar).
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Binkley John	Wagon	2000					3			12		1200	1200	1200		1200	1200

# Census Work: 1860

## 1860: Post Office, Columbus, Colorado, Texas, Nicholas Snavely household, dwell 294, fam 278

Household of N A Snavely, Wife, Leah Scherer, Children, M A (17), E E (14), M L (13), F C (11); Nicholas is farmer; \$5000 real estate, \$1340 personal; all 4 children attended school; everyone born in VA, except Leah, NC

Other Households nearby: J B Runion (30, TX, W), pilot, \$100/\$300; T S Wesson (22, England, W), tinner, \$400/\$0; J M Howard, (25, PA, W), master carpenter, \$0/\$0; J Shrots (22, TN, W), cabinet maker, \$0/0; Charles Dilert (25, France, W), black smith, convict; Robert Robson (60, Scotland, W), farmer, \$30000/\$5000, b Scotland; W J Darden (35, unk), lawyer, \$0/\$15000; b VA; H[annah] B Snavely (42, sister of Leah, widow of Peter Snavely); \$300/\$100, b NC, children VA;

# 1860 Houses around Nicholas Snavely

- J B Runion (30, TX, W), pilot, \$100/\$300
- T S Wesson (22, England, W), tinner, \$400/\$0
- J M Howard, (25, PA, W), master carpenter, \$0/\$0
- J Shrots (22,TN, W), cabinet maker, \$0/0
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- Robert Robson (60, Scotland, W), farmer, \$30000/\$5000, b Scotland
- W J Darden (35, VA, W), lawyer, \$0/\$15000;
- H[annah] B Snavely (42, NC, W)(sister of Leah, widow of Peter Snavely); \$300/\$100, children, born VA;

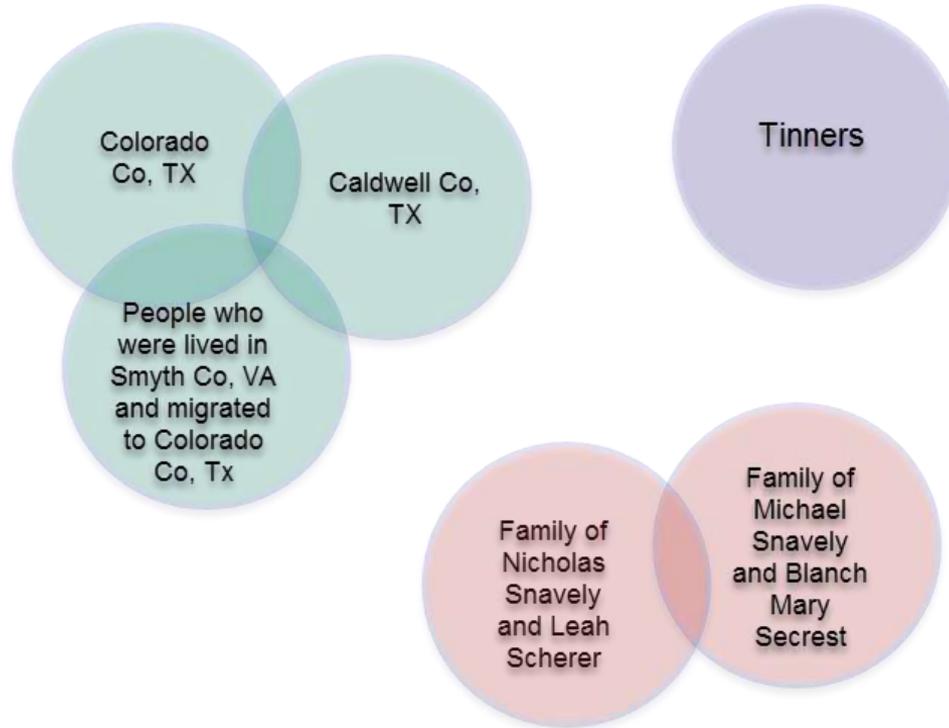
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## 1850: District 60, Smyth, Virginia, Nicholas Snavely household

Household of Nicholas A Snavely, Wife, Leah Scherer, Children, Salley E (9), Mary A (7), Eliza E (4) Michael S (3), Frances C (1); Nicholas is farmer; \$1000 real estate; Sally and Mary attended school; everyone born in VA, except Leah, NC

Other Households nearby: Michael Aker (67, f-i-l of 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, John Snavely), farmer; \$3000 re; Thomas Crow (66, h/o of paternal aunt), farmer; \$2000 re; Solomon Crow (28, paternal 1<sup>st</sup> cousin), farmer; Adam Snavely (23, brother), farmer; George Snavely (59, father), farmer, \$3000 re; David Snavely (26, brother), farmer; John Snavely (44, paternal 1<sup>st</sup> cousin )farmer, \$45 real estate

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# Leah Scherer

## John Jacob SCHERER

**Born:** 07 Feb 1785  
Guilford, North Carolina, USA  
**Died:** 02 Mar 1860  
Columbus, Colorado, Texas, USA



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## Elizabeth GRIESON

**Born:** 03 Mar 1795  
North Carolina, USA  
**Died:** 26 Oct 1855  
Columbus, Colorado, Texas, USA



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**Marriage:** 08 Jan 1827 in Orange, North Carolina, USA



Go	#	Children: 10	Sex	Birth	Death
◀		Gideon Percy SCHERER	M	02 Dec 1811 in Guilford, North Carolina, USA	02 Jun 1861 in Columbus, Colorado, Texas, USA
◀		Leah SCHERER	F	1815 in North Carolina, USA	09 Jan 1875 in Colorado, Texas, USA; Age: 56
◀		Hannah B SCHERER	F	1817 in North Carolina, USA	
◀		Sarah Eve SPOON	F	06 May 1817 in Orange, Virginia, USA	02 Feb 1853 in Columbus, Colorado, Texas, USA
◀		Simeon SCHERER	M	09 Oct 1819 in North Carolina, USA	11 Jul 1876 in Guilford, North Carolina, USA
◀		Michael Moser SCHERER	M	1823 in North Carolina, USA	1882 in Independence, Arkansas, USA
◀		Eliza SPOON	F	13 May 1823 in Virginia, USA	18 Aug 1862 in Rural Retreat, Wythe, Virginia, USA
◀		John Jacob SCHERER	M	07 Feb 1830 in Wythe, Virginia, USA	16 Apr 1919 in Marion, Smyth, Virginia, USA; Age at Death: 89
◀		Luther SCHERER	M	09 Mar 1835 in Virginia, USA	28 Oct 1855 in Columbus, Colorado, Texas, USA
◀		Amelia SCHERER	F	1838 in Virginia, USA	
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# Father: John Jacob Scherer

1c Jacob Scherer, born 2-7-1785. Guilford County, North Carolina; died 3-2-1860, near Columbus, Texas. Lutheran Minister, and farmer. Preached in both the German and English languages. Traveled extensively, on one trip making 1600 miles by horseback to Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee. Preached the first sermon in Dayton, Ohio, in the German language. Was minister of churches in Guilford, Orange, and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina, in Wythe County, Virginia, and near Columbus, Texas. His farm in Guilford County, North Carolina, was located south of Gibsonville. The Whitsett Institute is located on his home place. Married 1st Elizabeth Moser, 5-14-1810, Orange County, North Carolina. At her death, he married a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Spoon, nee Grieson, or Greeson, a woman much younger than he. It is not known, except for the first two, which children were born to which wife. Three of his sons, Gideon, Simeon, and John Jacob, became ministers. In the publication, "Who's Who in America", 1930, it gives the genealogy of James Augustin Brown Sherer, a grandson, and here we learn that Simeon was born of Elizabeth Maser, which is evidence that at least four of the children were by her. Issue of Jacob is as follows. (Note facsimile of old letter)

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## Rev Jacob Scherer

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**Birth:** Feb. 7, 1785  
Guilford County  
North Carolina, USA

**Death:** Mar. 2, 1860  
Columbus  
Colorado County  
Texas, USA

Lutheran pastor for the North Carolina Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America. He was licensed by that synod as a traveling missionary in 1810. He helped organize the Southwestern Virginia Synod of the ULCA.

**Family links:**  
Parents:  
Friedrich Scherer (1763 - 1817)  
Barbara Smith Scherer (1766 - 1824)

**Spouses:**  
Elizabeth Moser Scherer (1787 - 1826)  
Elizabeth Grieson Scherer (1795 - 1855)  
Elizabeth Moser Scherer (1787 - 1826)\*

**Children:**  
Gideon Percy Scherer (1811 - 1861)\*  
Elizabeth Scherer (1812 - 1876)\*



# Brothers: John Jacob Scherer

**SCHERER, JOHN JACOB** (1830–1919). John Jacob Scherer, teacher, was born near Rural Retreat, Wythe County, Virginia, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Spoon) Scherer, on February 7, 1830. After some education in a country school, he attended Virginia Collegiate Institute and Pennsylvania College, where he graduated in 1852. He accepted a teaching position in the private school of a Judge Munger in San Felipe, Texas, but soon was teaching school in Columbus. With his father and his brother, [Gideon Scherer](#), Jacob organized Colorado College in Columbus under the auspices of the [Lutheran Church](#) in 1857. All three of them taught in the college. On October 19, 1863, John Jacob Scherer enlisted in the Confederate Army for a six-month period. He returned to Virginia in 1867 and there was married to Elizabeth Katherine Killinger. They moved to Texas, where Scherer served as president of Colorado College until 1873, when he left Texas to go back to Virginia; there he founded Marion College. He served as its president until 1910 and remained as president emeritus until his death in 1919.

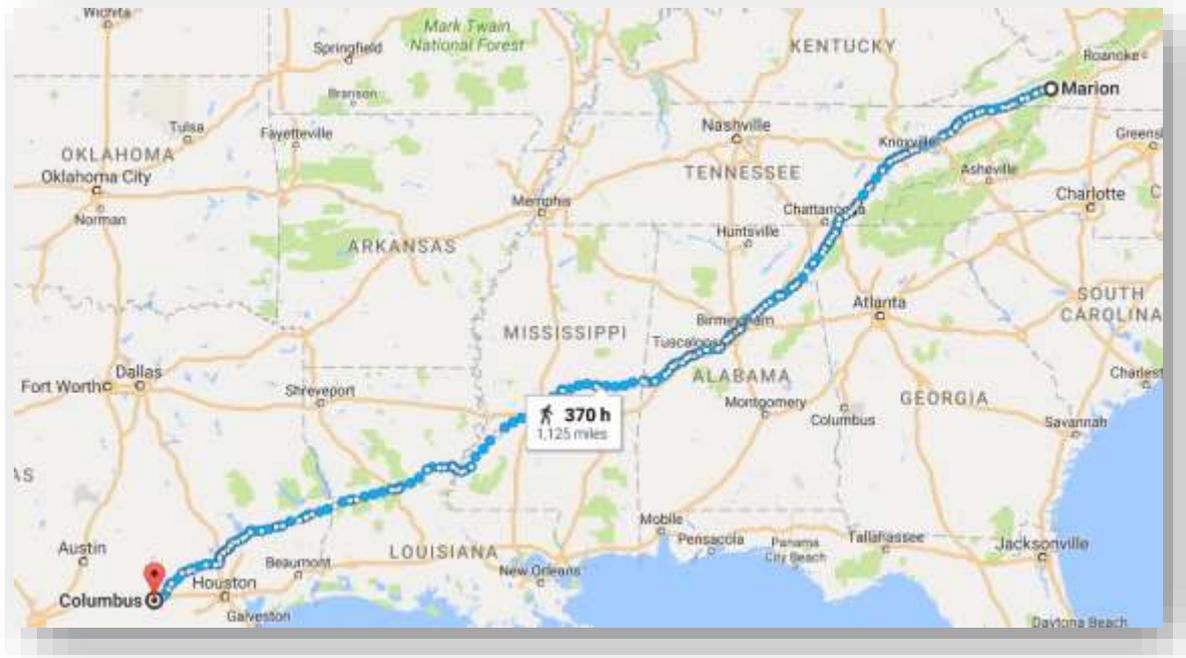
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# Brother: Gideon Scherer

**SCHERER, GIDEON** (1811–1861). Gideon Scherer, Lutheran minister and founder of Colorado College, was born near Rural Retreat, Wythe County, Virginia, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Spoon) Scherer, on December 2, 1811. He studied in a country school and probably received further formal training, for he was a practicing minister when, about 1852, he and his wife decided to come to Texas to minister to German Lutheran immigrants. The Scherers made their way by the Kanawha, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, then to Galveston, and finally to Columbus, where Scherer organized a church. He served as trustee for the congregation in the acquisition of a town lot and the construction of a church building, which was completed by 1854. In 1857 he and his brother, [John Jacob Scherer](#), founded [Colorado College](#) in Columbus. Jacob Scherer, their father, who was also a minister and had come to Columbus in 1854 at the age of sixty-nine, taught in the college until his death. Gideon had three sons and two daughters. His wife died before 1860. In 1858 ill health compelled him to resign his ministry; he died in Columbus on June 2, 1861.

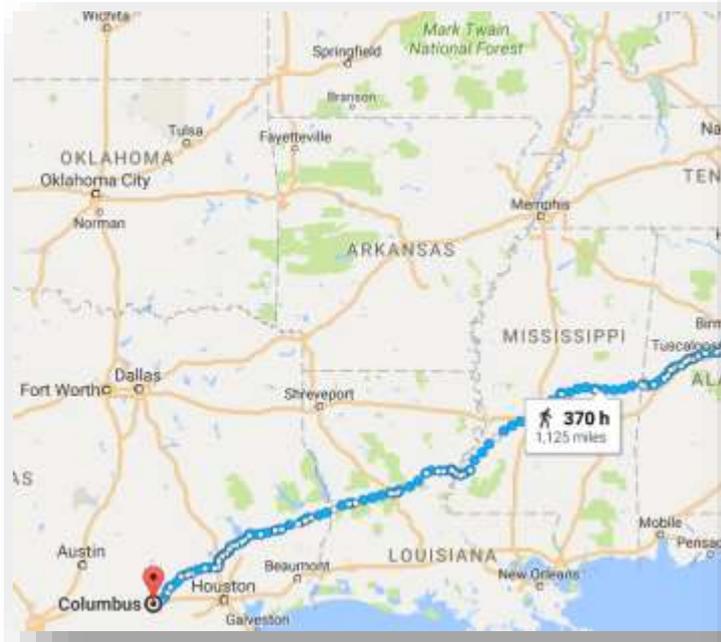
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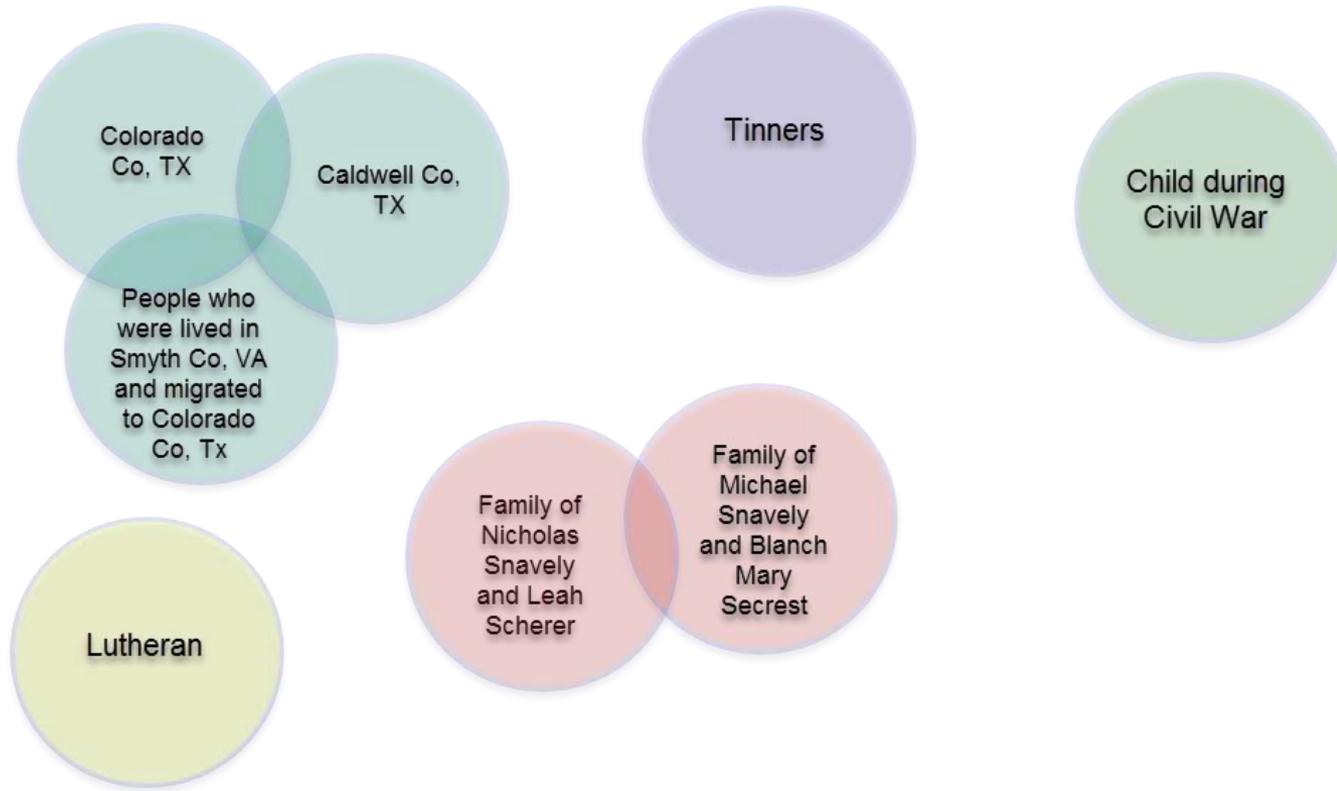
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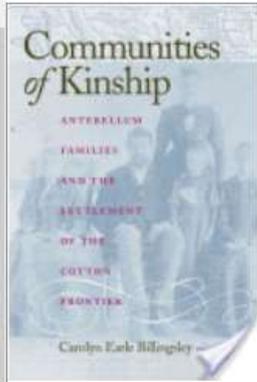
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