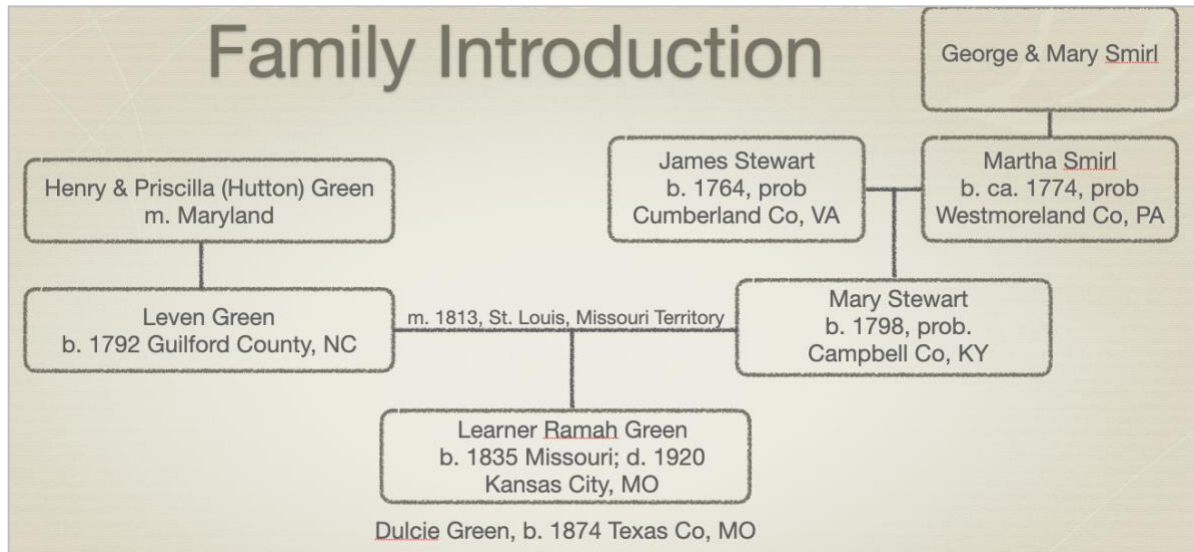


Tracking Territorial Families through Missouri Repositories The Families and their Records

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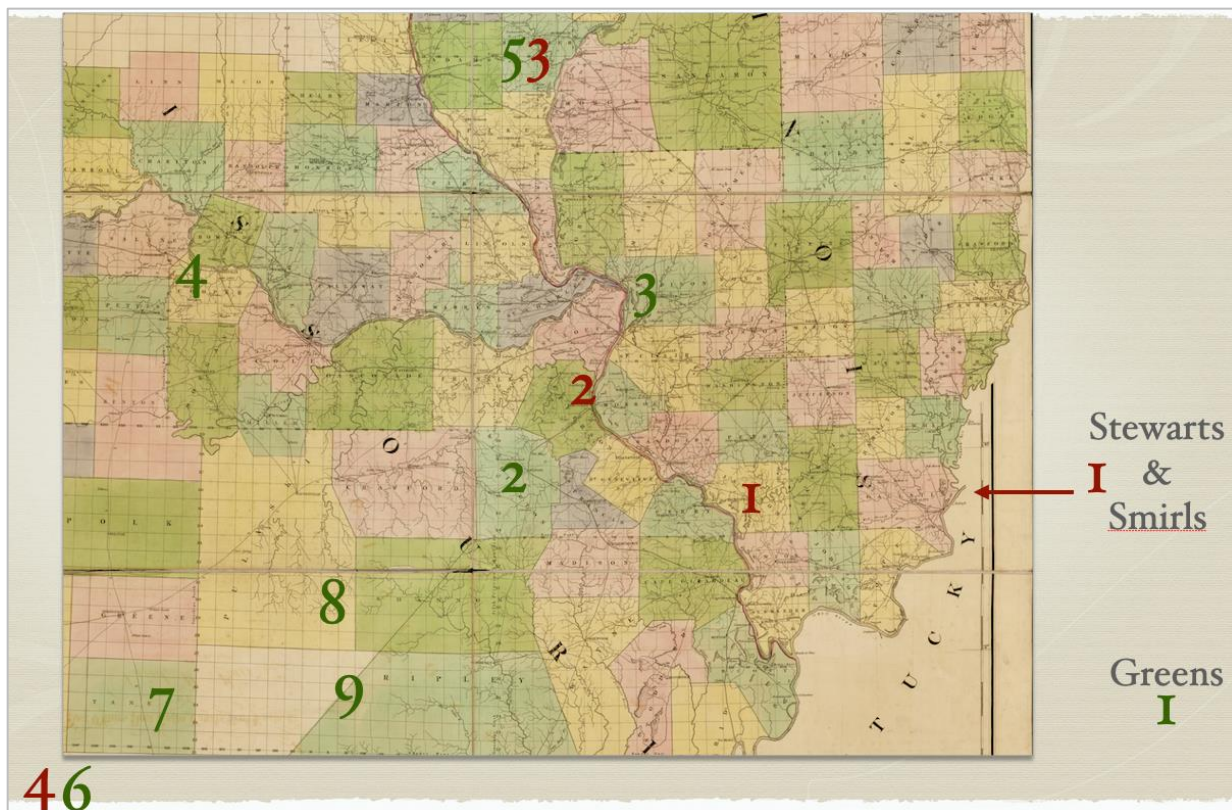
*This session focuses on showing a timeline of the families using the rich records they created.
The second session focuses on the repositories.*



Timeline

| Date | Smirl | Stewart | Green |
|-----------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1775-1788 | Westmoreland Co, PA | Cumberland County, Virginia | Maryland > North Carolina |
| 1789-1803 | 1. Bourbon/Campbell/Pendleton counties, Kentucky | 1. Bourbon/Campbell/Pendleton counties, Kentucky | North Carolina > Tennessee |
| 1803-1823 | 1803 – ca. 1815 | 1803-1823 | 1803-1808 |
| | 2. St. Louis County (now Jefferson County), Missouri Territory | | 1. Christian County, Kentucky |
| | | | 1809- ca. 1815 |
| | | | 2. Potosi, MO > 3. Madison Co, IL |
| | | | ca. 1815-1823 |
| 1823-1832 | | 3. Schuyler County, Illinois | 4. Howard/Cooper County, MO |
| 1833-34 | | 4. Madison County, Arkansas | 5. Schuyler County, Illinois |
| 1835-1846 | | 4. Madison County, Arkansas | 6. Madison County, Arkansas |
| 1850-1861 | | | 7. Taney County, Missouri |
| 1880-1920 | | | 8. Texas County, Missouri |
| | | | 9. Howell County, Missouri |

Numbers shown in the “Timeline” table correspond to placement on the following map with Stewarts and Smirls shown in red, and the Green family shown in Green. George Smirl likely died in 1815 or soon thereafter, since the court cases involving him came to an end.



David H. Burr (topographer to the Post Office, Geographer to the House of Representatives of the U.S.), *Map of Illinois & Missouri, Exhibiting the Post Office, Post Roads, Canals, Rail Roads &c.* (District of Columbia, 1839); Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3700m.gct00185>).

The documents listed below include designations that show where the records were found. Books found online or in many repositories will be discussed last.

- MSA – Missouri State Archives (Jefferson City)
- MSA-SL – Missouri State Archives – St. Louis
- MHS – Missouri Historical Society (St. Louis)
- SHSMO – State Historical Society of Missouri (Columbia)
- MDH – Missouri Digital Heritage (website)
- MDA – Missouri Department of Agriculture (website)
- CMU – Central Methodist University (Smiley Library)
- MSU – Missouri State University (Meyer Library)
- SGCL – Springfield-Greene County Library (The Library Center)
- UMC – University of Missouri – Columbia (library website)
- County – County records found at MSA, FamilySearch, or county courthouse

Smirl & Stewart documents from Missouri repositories

Delinquent tax list from Pendleton County, Kentucky shows George Smirl moved from Kentucky to "Spain."

1802-1803 *American State Papers* (books) showing land by right of inhabiting prior to 30 December 1803 by both George Smirl and James Stewart.

September 1805: St. Louis District, Louisiana Territory, Circuit Court case file no. 27, George Smirl vs Moses Lunsford for trespass. James and Jno. Stewart and James Smirl called as witnesses (MHS)

December 1805: Memorial to the President by the Citizens of the Territory signed by James and John Stewart and George, Thomas, and John Smirl. (Published Territorial papers. Not able to get originals because of NARA closure.)

January 1806: survey certified by Soulard among Papers of Original Claimants, 1st Board of Land Commissioners to establish George Smirl's claim to land as an assignee of John Henderson. (MSA, MDH)

February 1806: Antoine Soulard surveys from "Registre d'Arpentage" for George Smirl surveys. (MDH)

February 1806: Territory of Louisiana, Record of Land Titles B:351-2, George Smirl. (MSA, FS)

unknown date: General Land Office, Field Notes, for township 42 N, range 6 E of the 5th principal meridian showing James Stewart lands. (MDA)

March 1811: United States vs. George Smirl, for threats (MHS)

July 1811: Ephraim Conner vs. George Smirl, for debt (MSA-SL)

November 1811: United States vs. George Smirl, Assault & Battery (MHS)

November 1811: George Smirl vs. Frederick Sterzenback, for debts (MSA-SL)

November 1811: George Smirl vs. Benjamin Baker for debt (1,000 lbs lead) (MSA-SL)

November 1811 & 1812: James Stewart surety for David Conwell to have a license to ferry across the Merrimac River.

March 1812: John Cleves Symmes vs. George Smirl, breach of covenant (MSA-SL)

April 1812: John Wideman vs. George Smirl, for debt (MSA-SL)

August 1812: Lewis Heart vs George Smirl, debt for "schooling 1 shollar 6 months." (MSA-SL)

April 1813: Symmes vs. George Smirl case to Missouri Superior Court (MSA)

December 1813: William Smirl agrees to maintain George Smirl and his wife Mary in exchange for possession of a tract of land. (County)

April 1815: George Smirl vs. William Smirl, \$60 debt. John and James Stewart and John Smirl summoned to testify. (MHS) This is the last sighting of George Smirl in documents.

February 1818: General Land Office field notes and surveys establishing James Stewart's property (MDA)

April 1819: James C. Smirl vs. William Smirl, ejectment, forcibly taking property with arms (MSA-SL)

May 1819: Newspaper notice that James Stewart living in town of Joachim, Jefferson County took up a stray horse (SHSMO)

July 1826: Petition to move the county seat from Herculaneum to a more central location. Signed by James Stewart. Is this the right James Stewart? (SHSMO)

October 1830: James Stewart of Schuyler County, Illinois deed selling land designated at US surveys 2019 and 1985. (county)

Plat book for Jefferson County, Missouri (MDH)

1846: James Stewart died in Madison County, Arkansas.

[Green documents from Missouri repositories](#)

1811: Leven Green supply Methodist minister in the “Maramec” Circuit. (book)

September 1813: Marriage of Leven Green to Mary Stewart in District of St. Louis, Missouri Territory. (county)

1817-1823: Movement documented by application for Revolutionary War pension by Leven’s mother Priscilla (Hutton) Green. John Scripps, a Methodist minister, wrote an affidavit establishing that he held services at the Green household in what was then the Boonslick Circuit at the end of 1817.

1823–1832: Chauncey Hobart’s reminiscences (book) tells about Leven Green’s arrival in Schuyler County, Illinois, in November 1823. Leven and Mary Green sold land they’d purchased in Schuyler County in 1832. One daughter was born in Arkansas in 1833, probably the area that became Madison County in 1835, where the Stewarts settled.

1835: Leven’s son Learner born in Missouri. Leven is enumerated in Taney County, Missouri, in **1840:** This was likely the area of Taney that later became Ozark County (Turnbo Manuscripts at SGCL).

1850–1861: Leven enumerated in Texas County, Missouri. Leven Green made an elder of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1850. He attended the annual conferences through 1858. He does not appear in the minutes in 1859 and 1860. The minutes for 1861 through 1864 are missing. (CMU)

1853: Leven Green applied for bounty land for his War of 1812 service in Illinois. He located the land in Texas County. (NARA-Washington, DC)

1855: Leven and Mary Green sold the land received by warrant to their son Phillip McK. Green. (county)

1850 (also available for 1860, 1870, and 1880): Agriculture schedules showing land improvements, stock, crops raised. (MSA)

1862–3: Leven and Mary’s son Learner served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia in two units as shown by carded records (MDH) and enrollment roll (MSA). His brother Pleasant Thomas Green was made captain of one of these units by election. (MSA)

1880–1920: Learner enumerated in Howell County, Missouri through 1910. In 1920 he was residing with his daughter Minnie in Kansas City.

1901: Learner's daughter Dulcie Green married Robert Van Hoesen in Howell County. (county)
A letter written by Robert's father to an Iowa newspaper stated that "Robbie" was running a jewelry store on 2nd street in 1899. (UMC library Sanborn maps)

1920: Learner died in Kansas City (MDH) and obituary was published in Willow Springs, Howell County. (SHSMO microfilmed newspapers)