

ASSORTED HUFFSTUTLERS OF THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL

The area known as the “bootheel” for the state of Missouri includes three counties in the extreme southeast portion of that state lying between the Mississippi and St. Francis Rivers. These counties are: Dunklin, New Madrid, and Pemiscot. Sometimes parts of surrounding counties along the edge of the bootheel are included and these are Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, Ripley, Scott and Stoddard.

Huffstutters have lived in most of these counties but also found in them are Huffstudlers, Hufstetlers, etc. While they are not related to the descendants of Ulrich Huffstutter, often they adopted the spelling Huffstutter/Huffstetter. So, to briefly clarify, here are accounts for the assorted non-Huffstutter households of the bootheel.

BOLLINGER AND CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI

Henry Huffstutler and his wife Jane Gibson came to Missouri by 1820 from South Carolina. Among their children were sons: Thomas Jefferson; George; Henry H.; Lawson and Aaron. All of them are found in the Cape Girardeau County records and sometimes their surname has been misinterpreted as Huffstutter.

Henry had died by 1840. His probate papers were filed 1841 in Cape Girardeau County, MO. The 1840 census Torance, Cape Girardeau, MO Jane Hufstatler is head of a household and Elizabeth Hufstatler is head of a household (see notes below on John Huffstetler).

In the 1850 census Cape Girardeau, MO we find Jane (Gibson) Huffstetler, widow of Henry, living in the household of their son George Huffstetler, b 1826, MO. This household included, in addition to George: Narcissa Huffstetler, age 24 b MO; Quinn Collins, age 4, b MO; Caroline Huffstetler, age 16, b MO; Susan Huffstetler, age 14, b MO; and Jane Huffstetler, age 48 b NC.

George W. Huffstetter and Miss Narcissus Smith were married in Cape Girardeau on 13 May 1850. A notation in the US Civil War Draft Registration Records for Cape Girardeau, MO shows George W. Huffstetler, age 37, farmer, born MO and includes the notation "was in the Rebel Army".

Next door to George Huffstetler in the 1850 was Aaron Huffstetler b 1830, TN living in the household of William Acre. The US Civil War Draft Registration Records (1861-1865) list Aaron Huffstetler, age 32, b MO residing in Lorance, Bollinger Co., MO. In addition, Civil War pension records show Aaron Huffstetter served in Cochran's Company, Prov. MO Infantry receiving a pension 21 Jul 1891.

Aaron lived at Marble Hill in Bollinger Co., MO after the Civil War. In the 1870 census he was a widower with young children: Martha, 13; Barbara, 7; Esther, 5; Susan, 3; and Dora age 11/12, born in July.

Aaron Huffstutler died 22 Jan 1911 in Bollinger Co., MO and was buried in the Crites Cemetery. Three marriages are shown for him; 1) Nancy Shelton about 1855; 2) Teletha Rambo 26 Nov 1871 at Bollinger Co., MO; and 3) Barbara Jane Eaker [sic Acre] 09 Oct 1873 at Bollinger Co., MO.

Another son of Henry and Jane was Lawson Huffstetter who married 5 April 1848 Elizabeth Welch in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was listed in the 1850 census for Cape Girardeau Co., MO as Lossen Hufstutler, age 25, born MO. The rest of this household included: Elizabeth, age 22, Julia Ann, age 1, and James Polk age 1/12 and Francis Chandler, age 16, b AR.

During the Civil War 1861-1865, Lawson H. Huffstutler, served as a Private in Company A, 8th Regiment Missouri Cavalry, Confederate Army. He is also listed serving as Lawson Huffstutler with the 4th Regiment, Missouri Infantry State Guard (1st Division) Confederate Army. Elisabeth Huffstutler, widow of L.H. Huffstutler, applied 1902 in Clay County, Arkansas for a Confederate Pension for his service in the Missouri Cavalry. The Pension gives a death date for L.H. Huffstutler as 11 Mar 1887.

After the Civil War Lawson Huffstutler, his wife Elizabeth and their family were living in Chalk Bluff Twp, PO Loyal Hill, Green Co., Arkansas according to the 1870 census.

The head of another family in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri was John Huffstetler, born about 1800 in North Carolina and his wife Elizabeth Roberts, born about 1798 in North Carolina. They were married about 1819. John died about 1833 in Cape Girardeau, MO and his wife Elizabeth Hufstatler is found listed as a head of household in the 1840 census for Cape Girardeau, MO. Their children were: Thomas; Eli; Susannah; William Morgan; Abraham; Isaac; and John.

Thomas Huffstetler married 15 May 1848 Sara Crites in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Eli Hufstetler married 11 Sep 1865 Cape Girardeau, MO., Emma Leavit

DUNKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI

At first glance it seems John Huffstuter who is living in Dunklin Co MO in 1860 and was born in Indiana would be one of the descendants of Ulrich Huffstutter yet no connection has been found.

Harvey Hostetler in Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, p 926 identifies this family stating David Huffstutler moved from Indiana to Bloomfield, Stoddard Co., MO and his son was John Huffstutler of Kennett MO who was married to Dallia Ann Bird.

Census records provide the names of the children of John Huffstutler:

John Huffstuter, age 27, farmer, b Indiana was in the 1860 census living in Independence District, PO Kennett, Dunklin Co., MO with his wife Dolly, age 27, b TN and children (all born MO) Nancy, age 5; Freeman, age 2 and James age 1.

Also on the same page (1005) in 1860 is found T. Huffstuter, age 14, b IN living in the household of William Bird (age 25, b TN) and his wife Eliza, age 25, b IN.

No Huffstuter, using variant spellings, is found in Dunklin Co., MO in 1870.

The 1880 census for Independent Twp., Dunklin Co., MO lists John Hufstutter, age 50, farmer, b Ohio, father b KY and mother b IN. His wife's name was hard to decipher, it could be either Pollie A. or Dollie A. age 49, b TN. The only other member of the household was a son, Freman, age 22, b MO.

Harvey Hostetler continues with the details on this family by stating that Freeman H. Huffstutler was the second husband of Eulila J. Hostetler. They were married 24 Dec 1885 in Kennett, MO. Eulila Hostetler was the daughter of James W. Hostetler and Paulina Letitia Hostetler. James W. Hostetler was born in Mitchell, Lawrence Co IN in 1829. At the beginning of the Civil War he was living at Friars Point, Mississippi where he was forced to join the Confederate Army. He was captured and later exchanged returning to Lawrence Co IN where he enlisted in the Union Army. About 1878 he moved to White Oak, Dunklin Co., MO.

The 1900 census for Dunklin Co., MO, Independence Twp, Excl Kennett City, shows a household for John Huffstuller, age 66, born May 1834, Ohio, father born Kentucky and mother born South Carolina. John's wife is Mary E., age 36, born Aug 1863, TN. Her father was born North Carolina and her mother Tennessee. The only other member of the household is William Jones, a servant, born Jun 1876, MO.

Further details, although conflicting ones, are provided in the 1910 census when John is found living in Dunklin Co., MO in the home of his son Freeman H. Huffstetter age 51, b MO. John's age is 77 (born 1833), Indiana with his father b SC and mother b Indiana.

NEW MADRID, COUNTY, MISSOURI

Samuel M. Hufstedler married Margaret L. Brookman, 17 Aug 1869, New Madrid Co., MO

1870 Le Sieur Twp, PO New Madrid, New Madrid Co., MO we find Samuel Hufstutler, age 23, farmer, b TN with wife Margaret, age 26, b MO and James Hufstutler, age 21, b TN.

1880 Le Sieur Twp., New Madrid, Co., MO has a household with J.C. Hufstedler, age 32, farmer, b MO and whose father was born NC and mother born SC. In J.C.'s household are his wife Emma P., age 26, b MO, parents b TN; son Wm Saml, age 6, b MO and daughter Emma, age 4, b MO.

Also found on the same page is Samuel Hufstedler, age 10, b MO, father b TN and Mother b MO. This young Samuel is listed as "grandson" in the household of Julia Bookman, age 65, farmer, b MO, father b TN and mother b SC.

SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI

Eli Huffstutler came to MO after the Civil War. He was a son of Joel Huffstutler born 1810 in Tennessee and his wife Sarah Ann Coble. In the 1850 census Eli was living at the home of his parents in Williamson Co., IL and his father Joel's occupation was Sheriff. It should be noted that name of the IL county was chosen because so many of the settlers came there from Williamson Co., TN.

The 1860 census shows Eli Huffstutler age 29, b IL was the head of a household in PO Marion, Williamson Co., IL. The household included his wife Mary A., age 28 and children: Franklin P. 7; William T., 6; Joel I. 5; Sarah A., 4; John 2; and Infant 1/12.

1870 Moreland Twp, PO Benton, Scott Co., MO has Eli Hoofstutler, age 39, farmer b IL. He is a widower with four young children; William age 13, b IL; John age 11, b IL Richard age 9, b IL and Adeline age 5, b MO.

Missouri marriage records show:

Eli Huffstettler married in Scott Co., MO on 9 Feb 1873 Desdemona Riggins

Eli Huffstutler married in Scott Co., MO on 21 Feb 1875 Missouri Sides

1880 Moreland Twp., Scott Co., MO.--Eli Huffstutler, age 49, widower, retired farmer, born IL and parents born IL. Son William T., age 25, b IL; son John, age 23, b IL; son Richard, age 20, b IL; daughter Mary A., age 14, b MO.

Also found living in Moreland Twp., Scott Co MO 1880 is Richard Huffstetler age 31, b MO who is working as a laborer in the household of James Walker.