

First Generation

1. **Simon KEY**¹⁻³ was born about 1738.⁴ He died before 3 Oct 1800 at the age of 62 in Warren Co., KY. He was buried in KY.

1723 bef, Simon Key estimated birth (jk).

1743, Simon Key m. Elizabeth in Orange Co., VA source VA IGI page 17, 993

1748 abt, Simon Key born in VA

1761 May 20, Simon witness in murder of Mary Key, Caroline Co. order book, p205

1767 Sep 1, Simon Key witnessed sale of realestate in Culpepper Co., VA

1768 abt, Simon Key, m. Elizabeth, source KY IGI 13,079

1782 S Apr, Simon Kee, Orange Co., VA, 1 free male, 0 slaves, 4 horses, 9 cattle, source AIS (census)

1782 TX, Simon Key, 250 acres, paid taxes, Orange Co., VA

1785, Heads of Families, Orange Co., VA, p97, List of Zack Burnnley, 9 White Souls, 1 Dweling

1787 TX, Simon Key, 250 acres, paid taxes, Orange Co., VA

1787 Symon Key paid personal property tax, Madison Co., KY, 1787 census of VA

1788 TX, Simon Key, 250 acres, paid taxes, Orange Co., VA

1789 TX, Simon Key, 250 acres, paid taxes, Orange Co., VA

1790 TX, Simon Key Sr. paid taxes in Fayette Co, KY, source AIS, p K16

1790 Feb 26, Simon Sr. paid taxes in Fayette Co, KY, First Census of KY 1790, by Chas Heinmann, p 55

1790 abt, Simon Key moved to Lincoln Co., Ky, near Bays Fork

1800 Siemon Key, Early Tax Lists of Warren Co., KY, Bays Creek, acquired from self

1800 Oct 3, Simon's real estate registered in name of Elizabeth and children

1809 Mar 10, Simon Key's widow and children named in sale of property

Note: Woodford Co. was formed from Fayette Co. in 1788

Scott Co. was formed from Woodford Co. in 1792

Logan Co. was formed from Lincoln Co. in 1792

Warren Co. was formed from Logan Co. in 1796

Vesta Lee believed this is the Simon Sr. who died in Warren Co., KY

The following was copied from the book "Key and Allied Families" by Mrs. Julian Lane, page 277.

UNKNOWN LINES

The ancestors of the following families are unknown to the compiler but may the publication thereof assist in the establishment of the correct history and genealogy of their forefathers.

There were four brothers, Thomas, John, Elijah and William and two sisters. One married a Bennett, the other married a Fincher they removed to California about 1849. There may have been other children:

This family moved from Virginia to Kentucky and thence to Missouri (Keysville).

Elijah Key b. July 10, 1773, married Sarah Collins. She was born Mar. 23, 1778. Issue: Jeremiah b. Oct. 19, 1800; Mariah b. Dec. 16, 1802; Obadiah b. Dec. 16, 1804; Catherine b. April 2, 1807; Elijah, Jr., and William Key, twins, b. May 20, 1809; Sarah b. 1813; Lewis b. Mar. 1, 1815; John b. Dec. 27, 1817, and Mary Key.

Louis Key son of Elijah Key m. twice, 1st Eady Woods. She was b. May 12, 1827, m. 2nd Sarah Dieson b. Nov. 26, 1826.

Children of Louis Key: Sarah Elizabeth b. Sept. 6, 1839, m. Charles Russell, Isaac Eaton b. Sept. 3, 1843, never married; Mary Jane b. Dec. 31, 1844; Hiram Newton b. Sept. 30, 1846, never married; Jacob Clark b. Mar. 5, 1849, m. Eva Gregg; John Joal b. June 14, 1852, m. Lizzie Roberts; Lewis Preston b. Aug. 10, 1854, m. Louisa Bridgewater; Mariah Annabella b. Dec. 15, 1856, m. Wm. Brown; William Paten b. Sept. 15, 1860, m. Judy Taylor; Finis Ewing b. Aug. 11, 1857, died in infancy; George B. McClean b. Feb. 25, 1863, m. Mary Carr.

Lewis Preston Key and Louisa Jane Bridgewater born Oct. 11, 1861, had the following children: Eugene Preston and Sarah Lavinia, twins, b. June 27, 1881, both died; Lewis Levi b. June 28, 1882; Artie Earl b. Aug. 16, 1884; Wila Landon b. Aug. 29, 1886, Bismark, Mo.; Elizabeth Isabel b. Mar. 7, 1858, m. Mr. Hunt; John Parson Dailey b. June 25, 1892, St. Louis, Mo.; Drewry Luther and Hugh Arthur twins b. Feb. 5, 1894; Richard Park Bland, St. Louis, Mo., and Wm. J. Bryan twins b. Dec. 3, 1896.

Lewis Preston Key died Mar. 20, 1896.

William Key brother of Elijah married and had two sons (probably other children) Thomas E. and John W. Key.

Thomas E. Key brother of Wm. and Elijah m -- and had three children: Lester Thomas, Zelma and Mary B. Key who married a Sites, children "Bud", Lawrence, Lucile and Allien Sites. Thomas E. Key family resides in Keysville, Mo.

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KEY

The progenitor on the Key family of Keysville, Mo., was Simon Key, Sr., shown on the 1782 Orange Co., Va. census. Simon and wife, Elizabeth moved to Warren Co., Ky. about 1790. Their children, named in a deed of sale, 1809, were Landon, a Rev. War soldier, William, Elijah, Bennett, John, Obediah, Simon, Jr., Elizabeth and Lucretia. Landon's 1st wife was Catherine, 2nd wife, Prudence Putnam. Landon, John, Simon, Jr., and Bennett died in Gibson Co., In.

Elijah's family moved to Mo. about 1825, and settled at Keysville, near Steelville. The Keys were among the first members of Crooked Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Elijah, b. 7-10-1776, married Sarah Collins, 9-24-1799, Warren Co., Ky. Their children were Jeremiah, b. 1800, Mariah, b. 1802, Obediah, b. 1804, Catherine, b. 1807, Elijah and William, twins, b. 1809, Sarah, b. 1813, Lewis b. 1815, John, b. 1817, and Mary.

Obediah married Mary Ann Carter, 1-1-1825. Their children were Jeremiah, Emaline, Mary Jane, William Tandy, Elijah H., Sally Ann, Thomas M., Lewis and Mary Elizabeth. Elijah, Jr. married Matilda. Lewis married 1st, Eady Wood, 2nd, Sarah Dieson. Mariah Key married John Dunlap 1-19-1823. John Key married Elvira Dunlap Sadler 3-2-1840, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. Son, Andrew W. was b. 1-30-1842, Crawford Co. His mother became a widow before 1847, and married William a widower, brother of John Key, in 1847. William and Elvira reared 11 children. 1860 Census, Elm Grove, Union Township shows Robert, age 27, J.P.A., 21; S.E. and A.E. 18; E.J., 16; W.M.R., 14; M.A., 12; Elvira, 11; Mary, 8; M., age 6; Benjamin F., 4.

Andrew W. Key, a Civil War veteran, married Mary Susan Adams, 11-27-1870. Their children were Ida Alice, b. 1870, married Preston Gibbs, d. 1956; Samuel Otto, b. 1872, married Florence F. LaRue, d. 1944; Lavina Emmaline, b. 1875, married William Ulysses England, d. 1947; Adah Aline, b. 4-1-1877, married William Henry Cook, d. 3-15-1945; Richard, b. 1893, married Nettie; Bessie D., b. 1883, married Roy Palmer, d. 1930; Rose Coffee, b. 1886, married Otis Wilson; Ruth M., b. 1889, married Sam Veatch, d. 1939.

Henry and Ada Key Cook's children were Willis Raymond, b. 7-24-1894; Ernest Lee, b. 8-19-1896, married Irma Etta Beezley 11-30-1917; Arthur Merle, b. 3-18-1899; Olive Geneva, b. 7-25-1902; William and Lillian, twins, b. 9-8-1905; Harry and Hazel, twins, b. 9-15-1908; Jewel Andrew, b. 12-12-1911; Albert Israel, b. 8-24-1914, Margaret Marie, b. 9-19-1917; Fredric Preston, b. 7-16-1920. Descendants of Andrew and Susan Key are scattered to the distant corners of America - Submitted by Vesta M. Cook Lee

see for info <http://www.avalon.net/~jmartin/>

Will of Simon Key recorded in Warren County, KY, January 1801, Will Book A, pages 30-32

In the name of God Amen I Simon Key of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky being in a Weak State of Body but of Sound reason and perfect memory thanks be to God for the same do make Constitute and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First I recommend my Soul unto the hand of my God Creator and Blessed Redeemer and my body to the earth to be Decently Buried at the discession of my Executor hereafter named and as to my Worldly estate with which it ___ God to Bless me with after all my Just Debts and funeral Charges. I give and bequeath all as followith. It is also my Will that so much of my Estate be Sold (at Public Sale) as well. Satisfy and pay into the Treasury all the Sale Charges due on 140 acres of Second sale Land Obtained by a Certificate from the Commissioners South of Green river whereon I now live. Item) I give and bequeath unto my ___ and beloved wife Elizabeth Key all my whole Estate both personal and real during her life. Item) I give and bequeath unto my ___ beloved Son Bennet Key his heirs or assigns forever 140 acres of Land whereon I now live as aforesaid to come into possession of at the death of his Mother. Also a fifty Dollar Horse and my Saddle to come into possession as aforesaid. My Will is my Son Bennet shall pay unto my Daughter Luccacy Key after he has been in possession of the land 5 years the Sum of Ten pounds in property at its Value and if he Should not live to possess it. It will be sold at Public Sale and equally Divided among all my Children after my Daughter Luccacy Key Receives ten pounds of the Sale thereof. Item) I give and bequeath unto my daughter Luccacy a good Cow and Calf and 1 good Bed at the death of her mother. Item) I give and Bequeath unto my Son Simon Key and Son Obediah Key each six pounds in property at its Value to come into possession of at the death of their mother and all the residue of my

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personal Estate at the death of my Wife Elizabeth Key it is my Will that it shall be equally Divided among all my Children and lastly of this my Last Will and Testament Forever and Appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Key and my Son Obediah Key to be my whole and Soul Executors revoking and making Void all Other Wills heretofore by me made and Ratifying and Confirming this my Last Will and Testament as aforesaid.

Warren Co., KY Deed Book D4, 1808 - 1809, Page 208

LANDON KEY, WILLIAM KEY, SIMON KEY JR., ELIJAH KEY, BENNETT KEY, ELIZABETH KEY, widow, ELIZABETH HINTON and LUCRETIA KEY, Heirs at law of SIMON KEY, Deed, release to SAMUEL GARRISON all their right and title to 140 acres on west fork of Bays fork registered 3 Oct 1800. Dated 10 Mar 1809. Wit: ROBERT MCREYNOLDS, JESSE KEY, SALLEY KEY.

Deed of Sale of Simon Key's Estate, Warren Co., KY, Book D4, pages 208-209

Be it known that I Landon Key, William Key, Simon Key, Jr., Elijah Key, Bennett Key, Elizabeth Key, widow, Elizabeth Hinton and Lucretia Key all of the County of Warren and state of Kentucky Heirs at Law of Simon Key Deceased doth for Value received hereby relinquish and release to Samuel Garrison of this County and state all our rights titles claims property and Interest & demand to one hundred and forty acres of Land in said County on the West fork of Bays fork Obtained by the Commissioner in the year seventeen hundred and ninety Eight Number thirteen hundred & eighty three Registered on the third day of October Eighteen hundred Which One hundred and forty Acres of Land ___ the said Landon Key, William Key, Simon Key, Jr., Elijah Key, Bennett Key, Elizabeth Key, Widow, Elizabeth Hinton and Lucretia Key doth hereby release unto the said Samuel Garrison his heirs and Assigns forever all our rights as Heirs at Law of the Decedant and doth forever hereafter disclaim any rights title or claim to any part or parcel thereof as heirs at Law to the said decedant or any other pretence or Colour of claim Whatsoever by these presents sealed with our individual hand, & seal, this tenth day of March Anno domini Eighteen hundred and nine and of the Commonwealth the seventeenth.

Teste	Landon Key (seal)
Witness present	Elizabeth Key (seal)
Robert McReynolds	Elizabeth Hinton (seal)
Jesse Key	Lucretia Key (seal)
Salley Key	Bennett Key (seal)
	Simon Key (seal)
	William Key (seal)
	Elijah Key (seal)

Warren County Sct

I William Chapline clerk of the County Court for said County do hereby Certify that the Within Release was this day proved to be the Act and Deed of the Within named Landen Key & Others by the Oath of Robert McReynolds a subscribing Witness thereto, and that I have recorded the same together with this Certificate as required by Law. In Testimony Whereof I have set my hand the 8th day of August 1809.

/signed/ Wm Chapline

Simon KEY and Elizabeth were married about 1768 in VA. **Elizabeth**^{1,3} died after 1814 in probably KY.

1747 abt, Elizabeth b. in VA, source IGI

1768 abt, Elizabeth m. Simon Key in VA, source VA IGI

1800 TX, Elizabeth Key, Warren Co, KY, source AIS

1800 Elizabeth Key, Early Tax Lists of Warren Co., KY, Bays Fork, acquired from Simon Key

1802 Elizabeth Key, Early Tax Lists of Warren Co., KY, Bays Fork, acquired from Simon Key

1803 Elizabeth Key, Early Tax Lists of Warren Co., KY, Bays Fork, acquired from Simon Key

1804 Elizabeth Key, Early Tax Lists of Warren Co., KY, Bays Fork, acquired from Simon Key

1805 Elizabeth Key, Early Tax Lists of Warren Co., KY, Bays Fork, acquired from E Key

1806 Elizabeth Key, Early Tax Lists of Warren Co., KY, Bays Creek, acq. from Simon Key

1809 Mar 10, Elizabeth Key (widow) named on Warren Co, Ky deed for sale 140 acres above

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Simon KEY and Elizabeth had the following children:

- +2 i. **Landon KEY**, born abt 1763, Caroline Co., VA; married Catherine , bef 1792; married Prudence SKELTON, 28 Jun 1821, Gibson Co., IN; died 24 Aug 1821, Gibson Co., IN.
- +3 ii. **Simon KEY Jr**, born 1765; married Polly CRESWELL ?; died bef 6 Nov 1815, Gibson Co., IN.
- +4 iii. **William KEY**, born 17 Sep 1767, VA; married Hannah LOVELL, bef 1793, Warren Co., KY; married Deliah JOHNSON, 12 Dec 1807, Barren Co., KY; died 23 Oct 1855, Patoka, White River Twp., Gibson Co., IN.
- +5 iv. **Elijah KEY**, born 10 Jul 1773, Herndon, VA; married Sara (Sally) COLLINS, 24 Sep 1799, Warren Co., KY; died bef 1826.
- 6 v. **John KEY**¹⁻² was born about 1775 in VA. He died about 1801 at the age of 26 in Warren Co., KY.
1775 abt, John Key b. in VA, f. Simon Key m. Elizabeth, source KY IGI page 13,083
1790, John Key paid taxes in Fayette Co, KY, source AIS
1790 Feb 26, Jno Key paid taxes in Fayette Co, KY, First Census of KY 1790
1799 Aug 28, land grant 112a, Warren Co., Bays Frk, Book 13, page 88
1800 Mar 7, land grant 156a, Warren Co., Bays Frk, Book 13, page 78
1801 Aug 17, Warren Co., KY Court Order Book B, p63 - John Key estate - Elizabeth Key, Simon Key Adm., Elijah Key Security
1814 Jun 10, John Key (estate), Warren Co, KY, see paragraph below

WARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEED BOOK G-7, 1815-1817, Page 359

10 June 1814 ELIZABETH KEY, Adm., and SIMON KEY, Adm. to the estate of JOHN KEY, Dec, to JOHN JONES, Adm. to estate of WILLIAM HODGE (dec.), that Elizabeth Key, adm. of Warren Co, KY, and Simon Key, adm. of Gibson Co, Indiana Territory, for \$400.00 paid them by William Hodge in his lifetime, deliver to said Jones of Logan Co, KY for benefit of heirs of Hodge, 156 acres of land on Bays Fork granted by Court of Commissioners in 1798 to said John Key, assee JOHN BROWN, assee of BENJAMIN POU, being 112 acres, the 2 containing 260 acres. Wit: JOHN RAY, JEREMIAH HINTON, DENTON L PORTER
- +7 vi. **Bennett KEY**, born abt 1775, VA; married Sally MCCONNELL, 14 Aug 1807, Warren Co., KY; died bef 13 Dec 1813, Gibson Co., IN.
- +8 vii. **Elizabeth KEY**, born 9 Mar 1776, VA; married Jeremiah HINTON; died 23 Oct 1859.
- 9 viii. **Obediah KEY**¹ was born about 1777 in VA. He died about 1804 at the age of 27.
1777 abt, Obediah b., Warren, f. Simon Key m. Elizabeth Key, KY IGI (13,08)
1800 Mar 8, land grant 200a, Warren Co., Bays & Trammel Crs, Book 27, page 101
1804 Dec 3, Warren Co., KY Court Order Book B, p567, Obadiah Key Estate - Elizabeth Key, Elijah Key Adm.
- 10 ix. **Lucretia KEY**¹⁻³ was born about 1780.
1809 Mar 10, Lucretia named in sale of property from fathers estate
She had not married prior to 1809

Preparer:

1. Vesta Lee, Family group sheets (unpublished, Library in Princeton, IN).
2. Lane, Key and Allied Families.
3. Roger Key, gedcom (unpublished).
4. Vital Records Index, British Isles (LDS).

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