Elijah F. Campbell and

Nancy Sawyer(s).

Their children in the 1840 census appear as

1 male child under 5 (James 1836), 1 male child age 5 < 10 (Alonzo 1834),

1 male 10 < 15 (Samuel 1829), 1 male 15 < 20 (Thomas 1825),

1 female child under 5 (Mary 1838), 1 female 5 < 10 (Martha 1831), and

1 female child 10 < 15 (unknown 1825-1830)

This unknown daughter is old enough to have married by the 1850 census, though it is also possible that she died between the 1840 and 1850 census. This unknown daughter also appears with her family in the 1840 census spanning the time from 1820-1825, which would have made her slightly older. As Elijah and Nancy were married in 1824 I’m thinking that possibly she was a twin to Thomas (both born in 1825?) It is also possible that she was an orphaned daughter of a relative.

I have seen some people claim that she was Susan[nah] who married William Loucks in 1847, which would tend to agree with my theory that the unknown daughter may have married prior to the 1850 census, but there is strong circumstantial evidence that she may not be, which I will get into under Elijah’s daughter Mary.

The 1850 (Perry, Gallia, Ohio) census lists the family as:

Elijah F. Campbell, age 51, stone cutter, born in Virginia.

Nancy Campbell, age 52, born in Virginia

1. Thomas Campbell, age 25, clerk, born in Ohio
2. Samuel Campbell, age 21, cabinet maker, born in Ohio
3. Martha Campbell, age 19, born in Ohio
4. Alonzo Campbell, age 16, laborer, born in Ohio
5. James Campbell, age 14, born in Ohio
6. Mary Campbell, age 12 born in Ohio

The following is what I’ve found on this family. Elijah and Nancy both disappear following the 1850 census, it is presumed that they died and were buried at Patriot Cemetery where their stones leave no details other than “Eligah [sic] Campbell” and “Nancy Campbell”

1. Thomas (1825-18/19) Thomas appears to be Thomas S. (possibly Sawyer?) who lived in Raccoon Twp., in Gallia County, Ohio and married Nancy Gillespie January 21, 1855. My reasoning behind this is from his son’s obituary, January 24, 1927. “Harry Campbell of Thurman died… son of the late Thomas Campbell, and had lived in the vicinity of Thurman all his life… never married… only near relative are two sisters, Misses Maggie and Roma Campbell, of Thurman, Mrs. Mollie Tope and Frank and T.S. Eachus of this city, are cousins.” I am guessing that his name is Thomas Sawyer Campbell based on his maternal grandfather’s name being Thomas Sawyer, and his sister Martha Eachus named one of her sons Thomas Sawyer Eachus “Thomas Sawyer Eachus (the middle name was conferred in recognition of a family relationship and not because of the fictional character of that name)… . He was the older son of George and Martha Campbell Eachus.” Taken from T.S. Eachus’ obituary.

Mollie, Frank and T[homas] S[awyer] Eachus were children of Martha Bing Campbell and George W. Eachus, thus making them cousins. Providing, that is, that Martha B. Campbell Eachus is a daughter of Elijah which I will prove under her name.

Thomas’ family in the 1860 census consisted of the following:

Thomas Campbell 34, Nancy Campbell 28, Margaret 5, Rene [Roma] 3, and [brother?] James K age 23.

1. Samuel (1829-1861) In 1860 was living with Henry and Sophia Simmerman. While I can’t prove without a shadow of a doubt at this point, there is very strong evidence that this is Elijah’s son. First, the fact that in both 1850 and 1860 Samuel now shows up in Perry Twp., Gallia County. Secondly, in the 1850 census Samuel is listed as a cabinet maker, and in the 1860 he’s a tradesman living with a cabinet maker. And of course he’s listed as 21 in 1850 and 31 in 1860, that’s strong evidence in and of itself. I can find no evidence that he was married, but it’s always possible that I overlooked something. He was single in 1860 and will die in 1861, most likely ***not*** due to the US Civil War.
2. Martha (1831-1906) Is the best link we have to all these children being related to Elijah. Her obituary did make a mistake it listed her parents as Foster and Margaret. The Foster is no big deal since Elijah’s name was Elijah Foster Campbell, his getting the middle name Foster from his mother “Sarah Foster.” And the Margaret could have been Nancy’s middle name as well. Her mother being Margaret Rees Sawyer. That connection between Nancy Sawyer and “Thomas and Margaret Rees Sawyer” has been confirmed through a family Bible. And of course Martha does show up in the 1850 census under Elijah and Nancy.

“Mrs. Martha Bing Eachus died at Patriot, O., Friday, May 18, 1906. Her funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m., at the M.E. Church, of Patriot, by Rev. W.W. Weiser, the burial by Wetherholt following at Salem cemetery.   
Mrs. Eachus was the daughter of Foster and Margaret Campbell, and was born in this county 71 years ago, and was the widow of George W. Eachus, who died about ten years ago. She is survived by four children, Mrs. W. G. Tope, of Boggs P.O., this county, sons T.S. and F.F. Eachus, of this city and Miss Ida Eachus, at home. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Ruff, of Centerville.  
She had been a member of the M.E. Church at Patriot from childhood and was not only respected for her many virtues, but was beloved by all who knew her for her kind and womanly ways.” Gallipolis Daily Tribune Tuesday May 22, 1906”

1. Alonzo (1839-1857) I tried looking through “Marriage Records 1851-1900 Gallia County, Ohio” and he does not appear to have married. He was approximately 23 years old at the time of his death. His birth and death date comes from his stone at Patriot Cemetery, where he lies next to his father and brother Samuel. There is a contradiction in his birth date however. The 1850 census gives his age as 16, which would make him born in 1834. The 1840 census slash marks agree with the 1834 date. I do not know where the 1839 came from that is on his grave, if indeed he was born in 1839, it would make him only 18 at the time of death.
2. James K (1836-?) Can’t find much on him. Some have supposed that he was the James who married Rebecca Bridgman, in Gallia County on January 11, 1855, if this is true then Rebecca was deceased by 1860, as James was living with his brother, Thomas in the 1860 census, and there was no Rebecca living with them, only Thomas’ wife and children.

In 1870 James ***appears*** to be living in Jefferson, Jackson County, Ohio with the William Faulkner family. William is a hotel keeper, and has several people living in the house including James Campbell age 32 (1838) born in Ohio, and some sort of carpenter, and his soon to be bride Permelia Arthur age 20, born in Ohio, and a domestic servant.

1. Mary (1838-190\_) A while ago I had the pleasure of talking to [Alice Noble](mailto:danoble10@att.net) in Atlanta, GA about Mary Campbell who married Emanuel Darst (1869), and a Susan Campbell who married William Loucks. There is some strong circumstantial evidence that they are sisters, for example, they lived next door to each other in the 1870 census, and they're both buried in Loucks Cemetery, and were of course Campbells, add to that that Elijah had a daughter Mary born about the right time, and an unknown daughter from the 1840 census who would have been old enough to have married prior to the 1850 census -- so everyone assumes that was Susannah Campbell who married William Loucks in 1847. Fits perfectly, except... that's ***not*** the right Mary.

Despite almost every family tree on ancestry.com saying that Mary C Campbell was the daughter of Elijah and Nancy, it just isn't true. There are two Mary Campbells of approximately the same age running around Gallia County. Mary C Campbell who married Emanuel Darst on February 15, 1869, and Mary M Campbell who married Lieut. Joshua Ruff on December 2, 1858. Mary Melissa Campbell Ruff (AKA Roof) is the daughter of Elijah Foster Campbell. The 1850 census shows Elijah and Nancy living in Perry Twp with the following children: Thomas (25), Samuel (21), Martha (19), Alonzo (16), James (14), and Mary (12). Martha is my gg grandmother, Martha Bing Campbell Eachus. She didn't pass away until May 18, 1906, and in her obituary it states that "she is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Ruff, of Centerville."

Alice said that she now believes that Susannah and Mary may be the daughters of Ber[r]y Campbell who married a J[ane] Kean Nawlin in Gallia County on May 19, 1825. They had a daughter in the 1840 slash marks old enough to be Susannah, and in the 1850 census had an 18 year old daughter Mary. One thing that I find interesting is that Elijah and Nancy both disappear in the 1860 census, as do Berry and Jane.

The real Mary daughter of Elijah F. and Nancy Sawyer Campbell

Joshua and Mary M. Campbell were married in Gallia County on December 2, 1858. He served in the Civil War achieving either the rank of captain or 1st Lieut. His obituary found at <http://www.galliagenealogy.org/> states he received the rank of captain at the close of the war. However, the war records show that he was mustered out at the rank of 1st Lieut. His obituary also states that he served four years in the 69th and 61st Regiment O.V.I. while his war records state that he enlisted on March 20, 1864 to serve 3 years. He was mustered out with his company, Co. I 60th Reg. Ohio Infantry. The 1890 census gives his length of service as 1 year 5 months 8 days. The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors does not list a Roof or Ruff in either the 61st or 69th regiments. And finally his gravestone states he was Lt Joshua Roof. More investigation would need to be done to decide on the differing of opinions here. But he's not the main part of this investigation, so I digress.

The 1850 census has Joshua at age 19 and living in Greenfield, Gallia, Ohio. He was born in Virginia, and lives with a brother Joseph aged 15, and sister Elizabeth age 7. [1850 census on Ancestry.com](http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=8054&iid=4204439_00537&fn=Joshua&ln=Roof&st=r&ssrc=&pid=13630374)

The 1860 census shows Joshua living with Mary, his wife. He's age 28 and she's 20. They're living in Thurman, Raccoon Township, Gallia County, Ohio. [1860 census on Ancestry.com (line 25&26)](http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=7667&iid=4282511_00233&fn=Joshua&ln=Roof&st=r&ssrc=&pid=43328448)

Still have not found them in the 1870 census.

In 1880 Joshua was now 50 and listed as a laborer, Mary was 38, and they had four children: Frank age 19, Mary age 13, Edward age 10, and Albert age 8. [1880 census on Ancestry.com](http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=6742&iid=4243599-00594&fn=Joshua&ln=Roof&st=r&ssrc=&pid=23349428)

The 1890 census was lost, but there was a veterans census done that tells quite a bit about a veterans of the Civil War. For example, Joshua Roof is listed as having been a 2nd Lieut. in Company I, 60th OVI. He enlisted on Mar 20, 1864 and was mustered out on August 28, 1865 having served 1 year 5 months and 8 days. His post office was Thurman and he had chronic diarrhea and piles (hemorrhoids). He was mustered out at the rank of 1st Lieut Co "B." [1890 census on Ancestry.com](http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=8667&iid=OHM123_67-0345&fn=Joshua&ln=Roof&st=r&ssrc=&pid=593336)

The [1900 census on Ancestry.com](http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=7602&iid=004117732_00488&fn=Joshua&ln=Roof&st=r&ssrc=&pid=40088838) is the last time he shows up in the census. Joshua J Roof is listed as being born in WV in May of 1832. His father was born in eastern Virginia, and his mother in West Virginia. Mary M was born in Ohio, in July of 1838. Both her parents are listed as born in West Virginia. Joshua was a salesman in a dry goods store. From the 1900 census we also see that Mary was the mother of 6 children, 3 who were still living.

Joshua Ruff/Roof died February 25, 1904 1 Mary M Ruff/Roof born in 1838 in Patriot, Ohio. Died Oct. 12, 1907 in Centerville, Gallia County, Ohio. Her place of residence was Centerville. 2

1. Gallipolis Tribune Feb. 25, 1904. "found dead in bed at his home this morning..."

2. Mary M. Ruff death certificate, state of Ohio.