

Letter of Genie Armstrong

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buried Old Soldiers Cemetery
Tompkinsville, Monroe Co., KY
daughter of Rachel Ray Armstrong

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It was about the middle of the 18th century (1750's) that several family came from Scotland to America. Of the several families, I remember only two names, Anniar Carlisle and Valentine Kirkpatrick, heads of families. There may have been a family by the name of Sanders. When they landed they began a settlement, but were not satisfied with their location and decided to move to another section. Carlisle and Kirkpatrick were sent to look out a location. There were to have returned by a certain time. The time came, they were not there. The people waited several days and then decided to start, thinking they would meet Carlisle and Kirkpatrick coming back.

Those who were able to afford horses packed their belongings onto wagons, the other onto oxcart and started. Two men rode horseback a day or two ahead of the caravan. Late one afternoon these two men came to a farmhouse and stopped for the night. There was no one at home but a woman and some small children. She gave them some supper and assigned them to a room next to hers.

In the night her husband came home drunk and making a roughhouse, as Zane Grey would say. The woman told him to be quiet, there were strangers in the house. He began to question her as to whether they had money and the kind of stock they had. To the two men in the next room who were awake and listening, it seemed the man started toward the door opening into their room and said, Ill kill them and get their horse! The woman stepped between him and the door, saying, You are not going to kill these men, for the cries of the Carlisle and the Kirkpatrick children are still ringing in my ears.

The two men slipped out of bed, quietly dressed, made their way out of the house without making any noise, caught their horses and left. This is all that was ever heard of the disappearance of Valentine Kirkpatrick and Anniar Carlisle. The two men went back until they met the caravan then took another road to their destination.

William, one of Valentine Kirkpatrick's, sons married one of Anniar Carlisle's daughters. Enos Campbell, brother of Thomas, the father of Alexander Campbell, married Ellen, another daughter of Anniar Carlisle.

Prior to 1800, Enos Campbell, William and Moses (B.J.), sons of Valentine Kirkpatrick, and others located along the Cumberland River, near the Kentucky-Tennessee line. Hananiah Lincoln, who his descendants claim was the grandfather of President Lincoln, had settled here also. Davis Lincoln, one of the sons of Hananiah Lincoln, married Abigail, youngest daughter of Enos and Ellen Carlisle Campbell. Francis H. Armstrong, a carpenter from Pennsylvania, married Sarah, of the daughters of Davis and Abigail Campbell Lincoln. They were my grandparents.

(Signed) Genie Armstrong

The above was handwritten. Copy sent to _____ by Charles Kirkpatrick of Tompkinsville, KY, son of Price Kirkpatrick, grandson of Moses II, and great grandson of William Kirkpatrick who was son of Moses.