

McLean County Museum of History

Stubblefield Family Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
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Brief History

The Stubblefield family originated in England, with brothers Edward, William, and John emigrating to Halifax County, Virginia. John's son Robert Stubblefield moved to Fayette County, Ohio, after serving in the War of 1812. Robert's marriage to Sarah Funk, of Fayette County, Kentucky, formed the connection between the Stubblefield and Funk families. After Sarah's death, Robert married her sister Dorothy. The family moved from Ohio, settling in Funk township, McLean County, Illinois, in 1824.

Robert Stubblefield purchased land from the federal government and immediately built a log cabin. He accumulated land until he owned three thousand acres. Robert Stubblefield continued to live on the land in his original purchase and died on the front porch of the homestead in 1870. The Stubblefield family flourished.

Scope

The Stubblefield Family Collection consists of genealogical lists, recollections and memoirs of some family members (most in individual folders), and a few items such as business receipts and a memory book.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Stubblefield Family History and Genealogy Lists

- 1.1 Stubblefield Family History, photocopy of manuscript plus errata, author unknown, 7pp.
- 1.2 Birth and Death Dates of the Deceased Members of the Stubblefield Family, on letterhead of the C. W. Luckenbill Agency, 3pp.
- 1.3 Genealogy lists for Stubblefield family, 3pp.
- 1.4 Genealogy of the Houser, Rhorer, Dillman, Hoover Families, pp 131-137, listing of Stubblefields.
- 1.5 "Genealogical Sketch of the Houser-Stubblefield Families," Appendix *Memoir of Mrs. Ellisannah Houser Stubblefield, Wife of John Stubblefield of Funk's Grove, McLean Co., Illinois* (photocopy, original in Folder 6).

Folder 2: Stubblefield Family Members, Misc.

- 2.1 Recollections of Aunts and Uncles by Wilde Jean Stubblefield McCrossin, undated, 3pp typescript plus photocopy of group photo of Stubblefield family members, identified.
- 2.2 "Stubblefield Family Here Since 1824," *Pantagraph*, April 24, 1949.
- 2.3 "Stubblefield, Oldest Stanford Resident, Dies," July 11, 1965, and "95-Year-Old Didn't Retire Until 92," undated, about C. F. Stubblefield, *Pantagraph*.
- 2.4 "Wind-Whipped Flames," caption and photo of Miss Ollie Stubblefield's house, *Pantagraph*, April 1, 1968. "Fleecing His Flock, The Lusts of a Prairie Preacher," *Peoria Journal Star*, undated, about William H. Rayburn, husband of Sarah E. Stubblefield.
- 2.5 Photocopies (poor quality) of Robert Stubblefield and Dorothy Funk Stubblefield, source unknown.

Folder 3: Houser and Hoover Families

- 3.1 Fifth Annual Re-Union of the Housers and Hoovers held at Miller Park, Bloomington, Ill, September 13, 1888, photocopy of booklet, 8pp.

Folder 4: Robert Stubblefield

- 4.1 Listing for Robert Stubblefield from findagrave.com, October 9, 2023, 2pp.
4.2 Memoir of Mr. Robert Stubblefield, of Funk's Grove, McLean Co., Ill., by Rev. John S. Barger. "From Miss Olive Stubblefield, Funks Grove, Ill. 7-7-67" written on front endpaper. Printed by The Pantagraph, original booklet, orange paper covers. 5.5 x 8.25", 15pp.
4.3 Photocopy of Memoir, cited in 4.2. "Mrs. Mary. C. Stubblefield" handwritten on front endpaper.

Folder 5: Statement by John and George Stubblefield

- 5.1 Listing for John Stubblefield from findagrave.com, October 9, 2023, 2pp
5.2 Listing for George Maley Stubblefield from findagrave.com, October 16, 2023, 2pp.
5.3 Statement by Messrs John & George Stubblefield / Made July 31, 1899, original typescript, fragile condition, 19pp.

Folder 6: Ellisannah Houser Stubblefield

- 6.1 *Memoir of Mrs. Ellisannah Houser Stubblefield, Wife of John Stubblefield of Funk's Grove, McLean Co., Illinois, 25pp.* Original. Written on cover "Presented to The McLean County Historical Society by Geroge W. Stubblefield, April 2, 1898."
6.2 Photocopy of Memoir, cited in 6.1.

Folder 7: Oren L. Stubblefield

- 7.1 Treasured Memories book in memory of Oren L. Stubblefield (1890-1936). Record of his funeral on June 11, 1936, at M. E. Church, Funks Grove, includes officiates, bearers, family record, relatives attending, friends who called and/or sent floral tributes. This standard memory book, includes poetry. Brown leather embossed boards, bound in string, 6.5 x 10".

Folder 8: Business Records

- 8.1 Original Statement of Tax claim of M Pike 1862, for 1861 taxes.
8.2 Original Receipt from McLean County Clerk's Office certifying that Robert F. Betser purchased land on June 28, 1866.
8.3 Original Certificate of patent from General Land Office on Military Bounty-Land Warrant for 160 acres located at Springfield, IL, October 16, 1877.
8.4 Original certificate of promissory note that Charles P. McKisson agrees to pay \$1,000.00 to Gilbert & Gay, April 8, 1878, in fragile condition.

Folder 9: Funks Grove

- 9.1 "Funk's Grove in Early Times," condensed from pamphlet memoir of Robert Stubblefield by Rev. John S. Barger (See Folder 4). Handwritten original, 6pp, and typescript 4pp.
9.2 "The Old Springfield Road," handwritten original and two photocopies, one with note indicating the text was written by David Robert Stubblefield of Covell (1846-1939).

- 9.3 Recipe for Curing Meat (Pork) on stationary of Walnut Grove Home and Stock Farm, D. R. Stubblefield, Covell. Original.

Folder 10: Stubblefield Memorial Home

- 10.1 Program for formal opening of Stubblefield Memorial Home, February 24-25, 1940.
10.2 Ad for Stubblefield Memorial Home, *The Normalite*, July 2, 1965.
10.3 "Ivan R. Stubblefield, Funeral Director, Dies," *Pantagraph*, December 10, 1967.
10.4 Card with instructions for driving in funeral procession.