

The November/December Meeting Thursday, December 12, 2013, 3:00—5:00 p. m.

The Christmas Party

at the

Lindsey-Fitzgerald House in Pollard.

Bring your favorite finger foods and join the festivities.

ECHS will furnish drinks.

Hostess is ECHS Vice President Sally Finlay.

The Lindsey-Fitzgerald House



**This picture is from the dedication of the ECHS
historic marker for the house in April 2013.
The picture was made before the dedication and the
marker is shown covered.**

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Lindsey-Fitzgerald House

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The January Meeting

January 28, 2014

3:00 p. m.

in the

Thomas E. McMillan Museum

Program:

Election of Officers

Remember

**ECHS Society Dues are “Due” in
January**

ECHS Christmases Past



**The Donna and Gerome Brackin Home
(2006)**



**The Jane and Tom McMillan Home
(2010)**



**The Carolyn and Jim Hart Home
(2008)**



**The Suzanne Kirby Home
(2011)**



**The Ashley and Michael Feeley Home
(2009)**



**Leigh Place
(2012)**

News and Announcements

John David Finlay and Clara Jackson

These former members of ECHS passed away recently. In the past, John David presented programs for ECHS and Clara served as Treasurer for the Society.

More recently, John David participated in the dedication of the ECHS marker for Robbins and McGowin Department Store (2012), and Clara attended an ECHS meeting (2010), when her son Charles Jackson presented a program.



John David Finlay (on the left) at the Robbins and McGowin Marker dedication.

*Picture courtesy of the Brewton Standard
<<http://www.brewtonstandard.com/2012/11/12/robbins-and-mcgowin-marker-dedicated/>>*



Clara Jackson (on the right) is standing with her son Charles Jackson (in the center) and Cindy Jackson, wife of Charles (on the left).

The December Meeting of the West Florida Genealogical Society



John Appleyard shown here in the Alabama Room working on his book, History of Brewton, which was commissioned by ECHS President Tom McMillan.

The Society's December meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the West Florida Genealogy Library located at 5740 N. 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL. ([850-494-7373](tel:850-494-7373)).

The speaker is John Appleyard. The topic for the program, "Colonial Spain," includes the transfer of Florida to the U. S. from 1811-1821 and the War of 1812 (Andrew Jackson's two invasions of Florida).

For further information contact Cynthia Dean at [850-432-7072](tel:850-432-7072) or <cgdean@bellsouth.net>.

Fort Crawford Location

The University of South Alabama Archeology team which has been doing the "dig" to find the exact location of Fort Crawford continued work in November. A report of findings will be sent to ECHS President Tom McMillan. €

Strand Movie Theater Closes Doors after 84 Years



The Strand Theatre in Atmore
The theatre is believed to be the oldest continually operating movie theater in Alabama

The picture of the Strand, to the left, and the following article are reprinted with permission. The article was first published in the Atmore Advance (<http://www.atmoreadvance.com/2013/11/13/strand-movie-theater-closes-doors-after-84-years/>).

By Justin Schuver

The following article and the picture are reprinted with permission. The article was first published in the Atmore Advance on November 13, 2013.

A downtown landmark now sits empty for the first time in 84 years, as Atmore's Strand Theater closed its doors earlier this week.

Sheryl Vickery, executive director of the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce, said the Strand had been the longest continually operating theater in the entire state of Alabama.

"I remember going to movies there as a child," she said. "On Sunday nights, a group of our church youth members would always go there. It was a meeting place for our friends. It was really a part of our life, growing up here in Atmore."

On Sunday, the word "Closed" showed up in place of the usual new release titles on the theater's marquee, and all posters had been removed from their frames. The last film to play at the theater was "Free Birds," which ran last weekend.

Strand owner Wayne Kelley, whose family has operated the theater for almost 30 years, said it was a difficult decision to shutter the doors.

"I just can't afford to keep it open," said Kelley, who has owned the business for almost 11 years. "If I had kept it open for another six months, and business didn't turn around at all, I probably would have had to have filed bankruptcy. That's how bad it was. It was definitely a business decision more than a 'heart' decision."

Kelley said it was especially hard to close the Strand's doors, because he has either worked there or owned it since he was 14 years old. He said his uncle ran the theater for 13 years before his ownership, and a cousin owned it before his uncle.

"There's probably been a Kelley who's owned it for close to 35 years," he said.

Kelley was unsure of when the theater actually opened, but said he has heard from longtime residents that it likely opened originally in 1929. He said he has been trying to come up with ways to keep the business open — such as by showing cheaper second-run movies — but none of those options were feasible or cost effective.

"Everything that I looked into, even the most minimum option would have been at least \$50,000," he said. "It's just not possible to do it anymore."

Kelley said he is still making payments on the building, and will continue to do so for another three years. He is unsure what the future may hold for the location, but knows that many Atmore residents feel like a part of their past has gone away.

"I was actually walking through Walmart in Bay Minette the other day and I saw a girl who I graduated from school with," Kelley said. "She told me that she started crying because she drove by the theater and saw the 'closed' sign. I know there are people who have lived here their whole lives and have always gone to movies there. It's sad and it's hard; it really is."

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Kelley admitted that he did not believe the theater could stay in business and compete with the new entertainment center at the Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, which has eight screens with state-of-the-art projection technologies.

"I just can't compete with the casino," he said. "I'd be crazy to even try."

Vickery said she has visited other towns in the South who have found new uses for their old theaters, many of which now house live music events and other performances. She pointed out that Atmore

already has a community theater for the Greater Escambia Council of the Arts, but there is no reason that the Strand's building couldn't be used for a new purpose.

"I know there's a way that the theater could be used again," she said. "You'd probably have to step out of the box and try and look at it in a different way. I know people might see it as 'another empty building downtown,' but it's just a bump in the road and I know there will be a great new use for it." €

LIGHTS OUT? The Clock is Ticking for Small Rural Movie Theaters

By Mike Rosso

The following excerpt comes from the website Colorado Central Magazine at <<http://cozine.com/2013-october/lights-out-the-clock-is-ticking-for-small-rural-movie-theaters/>>. It summarizes the developments that have led to the demise of small town theaters

"Movie theaters have been around in the U.S. since the late 1800s with the invention of the Vitascope projector by Thomas Edison. During the Great Depression, millions of Americans took refuge from economic woes in local theaters. Movie houses were big business for much of the 20th century.

"Then came television, allowing families to be visually entertained in their own homes; this put a small dent in theater attendance, but the cinemas were still bringing in big bucks. The video home system (VHS) presented the next challenge to the movie houses, but a delay in the release of the VHS tapes still allowed the theaters to sustain attendance numbers.

"Next was the DVD and shorter release dates for new films. The advent of DVD dispensers, such as Redbox, and high-speed internet, which led to Netflix, along with the introduction of large, high-resolution flat-screen televisions made it even easier for folks to enjoy a cinematic experience in their own homes. All of these technologies took their toll on movie houses, especially in small rural areas, where

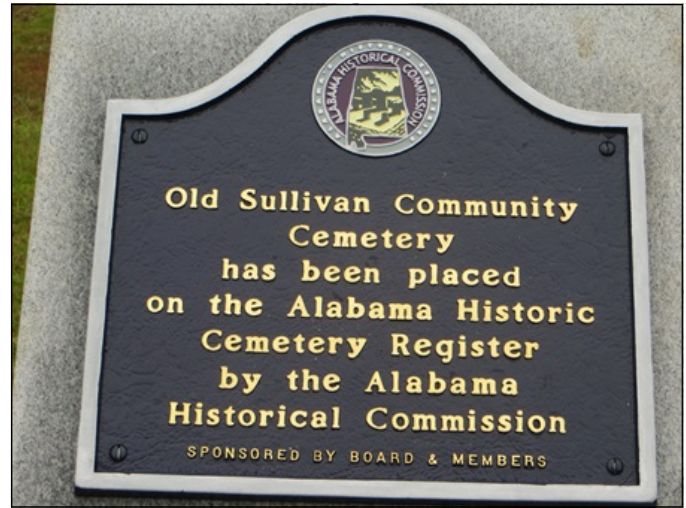
profits are based on the number of seats sold.

"But none of these has been a larger threat to the existence of the commercial movie house than the upcoming transition to digital films happening this year. Until now, theaters used film projectors employing a two-reel, 35mm system. The movies are delivered in film "cans" to the theater where they are threaded onto traditional projectors, shown and then shipped off to the next theater.

"One of the biggest disadvantages of traditional films is wear and tear. Who hasn't sat in a theater and watched a film abruptly stop and burn up in front of viewers? Film breakage and deterioration, plus the high cost of shipping, had film producers yearning for a more up-to-date delivery method.

"Now, with rapid advances in digital technologies, distributors are transitioning to digital projection. Instead of reel-to-reel film cans, films will be shipped on a small hard drive in digital format and projected using digital technologies. It sounds like a forward move for the film industry, but it may lead to the closing of many small, independent movie houses across the U.S. and worldwide, due to the high cost of conversion: approximately \$65,000 to \$85,000 per screen. Many theater owners are looking to shut down, not having the financial means to upgrade." €

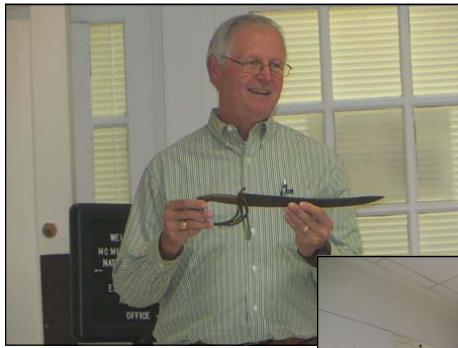
Snapshots of Sullivan Cemetery Marker Dedication



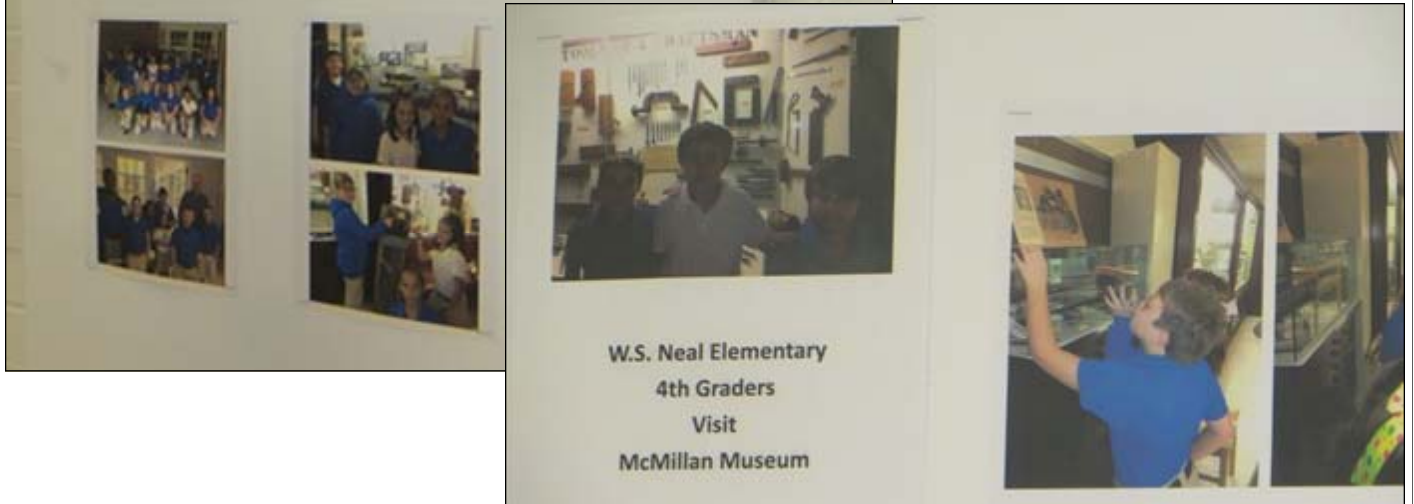
Snapshots: Show and Tell, ECHS October 2013 Meeting



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Snapshots: W. S. Neal Elementary Fourth Graders visit McMillan Museum



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Franklin Cemetery: Plans for Relocation and Restoration



At the Left, The Franklin Cemetery on the Georgia Pacific Grounds in Brewton
The century-and-a-half-year-old private cemetery is located in a place with difficult access. Graves are deteriorating and broken in some places. The planned move would restore the headstones (some 50) and graves, moving all remains and graves to Union Cemetery in Brewton. Plans are to place a fence around the relocated cemetery and add an historic marker. Picture from the [Brewton Standard](http://brewtonstandard.com/2013/10/16) (brewtonstandard.com/2013/10/16).

At the Right, Lucas Hill Cemetery Circa 1816

This restored and relocated cemetery in eastern Montgomery County, Alabama, serves as a model of what, hopefully, the relocated and restored Franklin Cemetery could look like. Some of the earliest settlers who established plantations and farmsteads in what is now Montgomery County are buried at here. The cemetery, which had fallen into ruin, was moved in 2005.



The following article by Kerry Bean, is from the [Brewton Standard](http://brewtonstandard.com) for Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013

County Approves Cemetery Move

“Devastating.”

That is how one descendant of those buried in a cemetery hidden amid industrial buildings at Georgia Pacific’s Brewton campus described the state of those grave sites, which GP hopes to move to Union Cemetery perhaps by early next year.

GP officials secured the next step in the process to move the old Franklin Cemetery Tuesday, gaining approval from the Escambia County Commission to declare the cemetery abandoned and unused. The next step is approval from the Alabama Historical Commission.

Attorney Helen Kathryn Downs, representing GP, said all but one of the 25 descendants GP officials have spoken with are in favor of moving the remains of their loved ones to a new location.

“If this process goes forward,” Downs told county commissioners Tuesday, “families will have much easier access to the gravesites. And they will have peace of mind that their loved ones will be treated with respect and that the graves will receive perpetual care.”

The City of Brewton has already approved the move.

If the historical commission approves a permit for the project, the moving of the remains will be overseen by archeologists from the University of Alabama

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who have already been involved in several such projects.

"The Alabama Historical Commission has very high standards," Downs said, detailing the process of removal.

The topsoil will be carefully removed, and each gravesite identified and mapped.

"Every family group will be kept together," said Downs, who noted that there are four main families with loved ones buried there.

Then, archeologists will carefully excavate each individual grave and move the remains to Union Cemetery, where they will be re-interred. A fence and historic marker will be erected to set the graves aside from the others at the cemetery.

Commissioner Larry White, whose district includes Franklin Cemetery and GP, said he appreciated the efforts of the company to contact descendants.

"It appears the overwhelming majority support this project, and it is in the best interest of the descendants" (www.brewtonstandard.com/2013/11/). €

Franklin Cemetery Listings

These Listings and photos are from *Find a Grave* (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gsr&GScid=2304945>).

Carlie Malinda Franklin



Birth: Feb. 20, 1880
Death: Feb. 18, 1914
In Escambia County
Gender: Female
Father's name: Riley Franklin
Mother's name: Margaret Franklin

Counell "Cooney" or "Kunnell" Harold Franklin



Birth: May 1, 1852
Death: Mar. 6, 1922
In Brewton
Spouse's name: James M. Franklin
Father's name: Henry Harold
Mother's name: Eva Dora

Edward B. Franklin



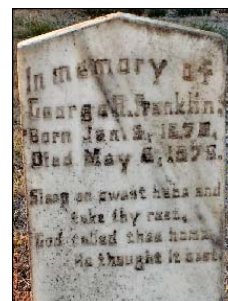
Birth: Apr. 16, 1871
Death: Mar. 2, 1899

Elizabeth Franklin



Birth: Mar. 12, 1843
Death: Jul. 11, 1917
Spouse: John D Franklin
(1839- 1903)

George R. Franklin



Birth: Jan. 6, 1875
Death: May 2, 1876

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Infant Franklin



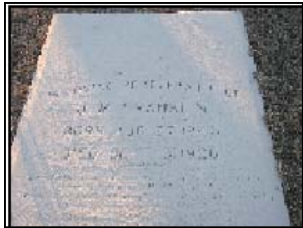
Birth: unknown
Death: unknown
Parents:
Wiley B Franklin (1828 - 1901)
Sarah J Franklin (1843 - 1895)

Johnie E Franklin



Birth: July 23, 1873
Death: Feb. 17, 1895
Father's Name: John D. Franklin
Mother's Name: Elizabeth Franklin

James Martin Franklin



Birth: Aug. 27, 1845
Death: Sep. 13, 1926
At Brewton
Marital status: Widowed
Spouse's name: Counell
(or Kunnell) Baeur Harold
Father's name: Martin
Franklin
Father's birthplace:
Carolina
Mother's name: D. K. (?)

Katie Belle Franklin



Birth: Sep. 10, 1888
Death: Mar. 14, 1922
At Brewton
Father's name: Jim
Franklin
Mother's name: Counell or
"Kunnell" Harold
Burial date: 15 March
1922

John D Franklin



Birth: 1839
Death: Nov. 14, 1903
Spouse: Elizabeth Franklin
(1843 - 1917)*
*Calculated relationship

Lula Anna Rivers Franklin



Birth: Oct. 31, 1885
Death: Nov. 30, 1939
Birthplace: Thomasville,
Clarke County, Ala.
Marital status: Widowed
Spouse: Richard D.
Franklin (1883 - 1934)

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Margaret R Harold Franklin



Birth: Aug. 26, 1842
Death: Jul. 23, 1895
Spouse:
Riley Franklin (1835 - 1899)
Children:
Stella Franklin Jernigan (1877 - 1970)*
Carlie Malinda Franklin (1880 - 1914)*
*Calculated relationship

Riley Franklin



Birth: Nov. 8, 1835
Death: Aug. 23, 1899
Spouse: Margaret R. Harold Franklin (1842 - 1895)*
Children:
Stella Franklin Jernigan (1877 - 1970)*
Carlie Malinda Franklin (1880 - 1914)*
*Calculated relationship

Minnie Ida Franklin



Birth: Oct. 3, 1875
Death: Oct. 16, 1881
Father: James Martin Franklin (1845-1926)
Mother: Counell Harold Franklin (1852-1922)



Sarah J Franklin

Birth: Jan. 6, 1843
Death: Sep. 13, 1895
Spouse:
Wiley B Franklin (1828 - 1901)
Children:
Infant Franklin*
John E. Franklin (1868 - 1943)*
*Calculated relationship

Richard Dees Franklin



Birth: Sep. 15, 1883
Escambia County, AL
Death: Dec. 20, 1934
Brewton
Birthplace: Escambia
Spouse's name: Lula Ann Rivers
Father's name: James M. Franklin
Mother's name: Counell Harold



Thomas J Franklin

Birth: July 4, 1879
Death: Sept. 3, 1885

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Wiley B Franklin



Birth: Apr. 1, 1828
Death: Jun. 29, 1901
In Escambia County, Ala,
Spouse:
Sarah J Franklin (1843 -
1895)*
Children:
Infant Franklin*
John E. Franklin (1868 -
1943)*
*Calculated relationship

William David Grant



Birth: Sep. 27, 1891
Death: Jun. 25, 1947

Annie Margaret Harold



Birth: Feb. 15, 1895
Death: Nov. 15, 1895
Daughter of: G.C. and A.M. Harold

Annie Pauline Harold



Birth: May 18, 1873
Death: Oct. 16, 1874

Arthur Harold



Birth: Nov. 2, 1892
Death: Jun., 1893

Eva Dora Harold

No Photograph of Headstone available
Birth: Aug. 3, 1819
Death: Sept, 1904
Spouse: Henry Harold (1809 - 1889)

Henry Harold

No photograph of Headstone Available
Birth: Apr., 1809
Death: Oct. 19, 1889
Spouse:
Eva Dora Harold (1819 - 1904)*
*Calculated relationship

Henry Harold , Jr.



Birth: Mar. 15, 1847
Death: Jun. 5, 1856

C.T. Jernigan



Birth: 1876
Death: 1928

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Franklin B. Jernigan



Birth: Nov. 29, 1906
Death: Dec. 13, 1931

Stella Franklin Jernigan



Birth: Jan. 3, 1877
Death: May 22, 1970
Father's name: Riley Franklin
Mother's name: Margaret
Harold

Infant Jernigan



Birth: Oct. 6, 1895
Death: Dec. 5, 1895
Note: Son of: Wilshire & Emma
Jernigan

Willie B Jernigan



Birth: Jun. 26, 1886
Death: Jan. 12, 1894

Wilshire Jernigan



Birth: Sep. 18, 1863
Death: Dec. 5, 1929

Katie Bell Jernigan



Birth: Mar. 19, 1888
Death: Sep. 9, 1897

Philip Earl Jernigan



Birth: Dec. 8, 1903
Death: Jan. 8, 1908

Alma Manning



Birth: Aug. 21, 1889
Death: Dec. 6, 1925
Note: Wife of: W.R. Manning

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Clara E. Franklin Massingill



Birth: Feb. 27, 1884
Death: Feb. 17, 1930
At Chapman, Butler County, Ala.
Spouse's name: G. A. Massingill
Father's name: J. M. Franklin
Mother's name: Counell Harold

George Howard Massingill



Birth: Oct. 27, 1877
Death: Jan. 4, 1930
At Chapman, Butler County,
Ala.
Father's Name: Walker
Massingill

Dora L. Mayo



Birth: Oct. 21, 1866
Death: Sep. 25, 1895
Note: Wife of: W. T. Mayo

The following additional listings come from a survey by Mrs. Annie C. Waters and Mrs. Evelyn Jernigan from April 14, 1973, typed and contributed by Lygia Dawkins Cutts May 19, 1997. This list can be found online at USGenWeb Archives (<http://files.usgwarchives.org/al/escambia/cemeteries/franklin.txt>).

1 Unmarked grave - child

1 Unmarked grave - adult

2 Unmarked graves

Jernigan, Infant daughter of W. J. & Lucinda Jernigan, 4 Jan. 19__ - 12 Mar 19

Fleming, Infant son of H.V. & E. L. Fleming 24 May 1912 - 24 May 1912

Fleming, Infant son of H.C. & E. L. Fleming 12 April 1911 - 12 April 1911

Harold, Infant son of J. H. & A. L. Harold (no dates)

Harold, Infant of G.C. & A. M. Harold (no dates)

Harold, Harold, April 1809 - 19 Oct. 1889 €

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Three Sisters Married Three Brothers: All are Buried in Franklin Cemetery



Three Visitors to Franklin Cemetery in 2008

Shown wearing the hard hats and protective glasses required for visiting Franklin Cemetery in its present location on the Georgia Pacific campus are (from left to right), Lee Ann Wofford, Mary Catherine Luker, and Sherry Johnston.

Lee Ann Wofford of the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance has presented programs for ECHS. ECHS member Mary Catherine Luker is mentioned as a descendent of the Franklin family, as explained below. ECHS member Sherry Johnston has also presented programs on cemetery preservation to ECHS and works with the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance.

Picture is from ECHOES, April 2008. €

Thanks to Ehelene Harold, Billie Jean Salter Schaller Parsons, and Ann Biggs-Williams for relating this story.

There were 3 Franklin boys that married Harold sisters.

The Boys were all sons of Martin Franklin. The Girls were all daughters of Henry Harold.

1. Riley Franklin married Margaret .R Harold.
2. John D. Franklin married Elizabeth Harold.
3. James M. Franklin married Counell (or Kunnell) Baeur Harold.

Mary Catherine Luker is a daughter of Louie Henry Franklin, son of Charles Hollie Franklin and Florence Higdon Franklin. Florence later married Millard Edgar Crawford.

Riley Franklin

Birth: Nov. 8, 1835

Death: Aug. 23, 1899

Spouse: Margaret R. Harold
Franklin (1842 - 1895)

John D Franklin

Birth: 1839

Death: Nov. 14, 1903

Spouse: Elizabeth Franklin (1843 - 1917)*

James Martin Franklin

Birth: Aug. 27, 1845

Death: Sep. 13, 1926

Spouse's name: Counell (or Kunnell) Baeur
Harold €

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