the said **Nancy Merady and her husband William Merady** who are the only heirs and distributees of the said Moses Skaggs deceased, all of whom your orators makes defendants to this Bill, may be compeled to appear and answer all and singular the allegations of the same on oath. That the said Blevin and Cavin answer and say how many children of the said Slaves has been born since they came into their possession as before stated what is their age, names and sex. That your Honer decree in favour of your orators against the defts Carter, John Meers and Charles Blevin for such sums as may be coming to them as afsd from the said William Jones deceased that was

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Page 7. applied to their own use that the said Moses Skaggs deceased left at his death four sisters to wit Susannah Skaggs had intermarried with one Richard Whit, Lydia who had intermarried with Mathias Harman, Elizabeth who had intermarried with John Hankins, and **Nancy who had intermarried with William Merady** and brothers towit John Skaggs, Henry Skaggs, Richard Skaggs, Charles Skaggs & Jacob Skaggs. That the afsd brothers all except John Skaggs have since the death of the said Moses departed this life intestate and without issue leaving the said John Skaggs and the afsd Susanah Whit and her husband Richard Whit, Lydia Harman and her husband Mathias Harman, Elizabeth Hankins and her husband John Hankins and **Nancy Merady and her husband William Merady** ~~and the said John Skaggs~~ their only heirs at law. That the said John Skaggs, Susanah Whit and her husband Richard Whit, Lydia Harman and her husband Mathias Harman, Elizabeth Hankins and her husband John Hankins, and **Nancy Merady and her husband William Merady** have also departed this life intestate leaving the following persons their children and heirs at law towit: the said John Skagg had one daughter named Susanah who is now the wife of William Quary and one other daughter named now the wife of Thomas York and one other daughter named now the wife of Laban Ellis and one other daughter named Rebecca Skaggs who remains unmarried. The only children and heirs at law of the said Richard Whit and his wife Susanah late Susanah Skaggs are Susanah Criswell, late Susanah Whit who intermarried with Criswell who after his marriage with said Susanah departed this life and Edmand Whit and the only children and

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Page 8. heirs at law of the said Lydia Harman and her husband Mathias Harman are Adam Harman, Henry Harman and Mathias Harman and one daughter named who is now the wife of Robert Beavers and one other daughter named now the wife of Moses Beavers and one other daughter named now the wife of Thomas Christian. The only children and heirs at law of Elizabeth Hankins and her husband John Hankins are one daughter named who is now the wife of Archabald Maloney, one other daughter named now the wife of John Mitchell and one other daughter named now the wife of John Howell and one other daughter named now the wife of Joseph Whit and Prathena Hankins, Lucy Hankins and Lydia Hankins and Joseph Hankins & Moses Hankins; and the only children and heirs at law of the said **Nancy Merady** and her husband **William Merady** are James Merady, John Merady, **Daniel Merady**, Mathias Merady and William Merady, that the afsd sons and daughters of the said John Skaggs and of the said Susanah Whit and Richard Whit her husband and of the said Lydia Harman and her husband, Mathias Harman and of the said Elizabeth Hankins and John Hankins her husband and of the said **Nancy Merady** and her husband **William Merady** are now the only heirs at law of the said Moses Skaggs deceased. They state that the widdow of the said Moses after the death of the said Moses and

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Page 9. before her death afsd sold and conveyed all her right title interest and claim in & to the Estate of the said Moses to the said Charles Blevin and that at her death she had no interest whatever in said Estate. Your orators state that the number names and sex of the afsd slaves that came into the possession of the said Jones and afterwards into the possession of the said Blevin and Cavin as the Administrators of the estate of the said Moses Skaggs deceased will fully and at large appear from the copies of the afsd inventory and appraisement made out by them and returned to the County Court of Green as afsd which is made a part of the Bill as afsd. They charge that there has been other slaves, children of the afsd slaves, born since they came into the possession of the said Cavin and Blevin as afsd. Your orators charge that they have recently purchased for a valuable consideration the intire interest right and title of the sons and daughters and the husbands of the daughters as before stated of the said John Skaggs, Susanah Whit and her husband Richard Whit, Elizabeth Hankins and her husband John Hankins and Mathias Harman and his wife Lydia

Harman and the said **William Merady** and his wife **Nancy Merady** who are now and was at the time afsd the purchase the only heirs & distributes at law

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THE REMAINING PAGES (10-64) of the transcription of Green County, Kentucky, Circuit Court Case #3871 are largely made up of depositions taken in both Green County, Kentucky, and Tazwell County, Virginia, to establish the heirs of Moses Skaggs. [Some pages in the file appear to have gotten out of their original order.] They contain only the following occasional, though significant, references to William and Nancy (Skaggs) Meredith and their family.

Page 24. Also the deposition [partial] of Peter Despain taken at the same time and place [Green County] and for the same purpose the deponent being of lawful age and sworn deposeth & says.

Question by complainant:

Were you or not acquainted with Moses Skaggs decd formerly of Green County.

Answer:

I was, I lived with in the State of Virginia, and came with him to this County.

Question by same:

Did he or not die in this county, and did he or not leave or ever have any children.

Answer:

He did die in this county many years ago. He never had any children. His father and mother died many years before Moses. He had however four sisters only towit, Susanah, Lydia, Elizabeth and **Nancy**. Susanah married Richard Whit, Lydia married Matthias Harman, Elizabeth married John Hankins and **Nancy** married **William Meridy**. He also had the following brothers towit, James, Henry, Richard, John, Jacob and Charles. Elizabeth, Susanah and Lydia with their husbands lived in Virginia, where I suppose their children are now living – [A brother James is mentioned by another deponent but not included among the brothers in the summary statement.]

Question by same:

Did or not Moses Skaggs die before any of his sisters and before John Skaggs –

Answer:

I do not know when the sisters in Virginia died – Moses however died many years ago and before his sister **Nancy Meridy** and before John Skaggs –

Page 42. (partial) [Depositions taken 27 July 1836 from Scaggs relatives Moses Hankins, Joseph White, Mathias Harman, Bird Lockhart, Joseph Hankins, Abel Hankins, William White, James White & John White residents of Tazewell County, Virginia.]

Moses Hankins being duly sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God and of Lawful age deposeth and sayeth

That he had seen & knew Moses Scaggs when deponent was a small boy. Scaggs then lived in what was then Washington County but now the west end of Tazewell. That Moses Scaggs, as deponent understands, moved to Green County Kentucky about the year 1790 or 1791 and that he understands Scaggs died there about thirty years ago. And that according to deponents information Scaggs had brothers & sisters living at his death whose names are as follows, John, Henry, Richard, Jacob, Charles, Susannah, Lydia, Elizabeth & **Nancy**.

Question by plaintiff:

Do you know who these several sisters married?

Answer. Susannah married, agreeably to the best information, Richard Whitt and that it was the common report of the country that they were man & wife & lived together; **Nancy** married **William Meredy** as deponent understands; Lydia married Mathias Harman and Elizabeth married John Hankins according to information. The deponent being too young at the time the above marriages took place to be

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Page 43. (partial). fully acquainted with the circumstances, is the reason why he does not state more positively as to the circumstances attending them, but, he verily believes that the above named sisters of Moses Scaggs were lawfully married as deponent know. They lived with the several persons named as their husbands. This deponent knows that Richard Whitt and Susanah his wife formerly Susannah Scaggs, John Hankins and Elizabeth his wife, formerly Elizabeth Scaggs, Mathias Harman & Lydia his wife formerly Lydia Scaggs are all now dead. And he (deponent) does not know whether **William Meridy & wife** are living or not. This deponent understands & believes that John Scaggs is also dead. The children of John Scaggs as this deponent understands & believes are Susan the wife of William Querry. There were one or two other children whose names deponent has forgotten.

The children of John Hankins are Mary the wife of Joseph White, Rachel the wife of Archibald Maloney, Lucy Hankins, Rebecca the wife of John Howell, Sally the wife of John Mitchell, Lydia Hankins, Parthena Hankins, Joseph Hankins, Moses Hankins.

The children of Mathias Harman & Lydia his wife are Henry Harman, Adam Harman, Mathias Harman, Katy the wife of Robert Bievers, Phebe the wife of Moses Bievers. The children of Richard Whitt and Susannah his wife are Hezekiah Whitt, Edmond Whitt, Richard Whitt, Susannah Creswell the wife of Henry Creswell. **William Meridy and Nancy** his wife had five children when they left this country but deponent does not know whether they are living or not. The foregoing are all the heirs now living of by the persons named above.

Moses Scaggs never had any children as far as deponent knows, and farther this deponent sayeth not.

Moses x (his mark) Hankins

Page 53. To the Honorable Judge of the Green Circuit Court in Chancery sitting:

The answer of Archibald Malony & Rachel his wife, John Mitchell & Sally, his wife, John Howell & Rebecca, his wife, Parthena Hankins, Lucy Hankins, Lydia Hankins, Joseph Hankins, Moses Hankins, Joseph White & Mary his wife, Susan Creswill, Hez. White, Adam Harman, Mathias Harman, Henry Harman, Robert Beavers & Katy, his wife, Moses Beavers & Phebe, his wife, & Thomas Christian to a Bill exhibited in said Court by Jeremiah Lewis & Aaron Lewis against themselves & others. Your Respondents, after the usual exceptions to said Bill, for answer thereto or to so much thereof as they are advised that it is material for them to answer, do now answer & say that it is true that Moses Skaggs alluded to departed this life many years since in Green County, Kentucky, was possessed at his death (as your Respondant has been informed) of a quantity of real & personal property. L t moreover as stated in said Bill that the said Moses Skaggs died intestate & without children, leaving his brothers, Henry, Richard, Charles, Jacob, & John, & his sisters Susannah, the then wife of one Richard Whitt; Lydia, wife of Mathias Harman, Elizabeth, wife of John Hankins, & **Nancy, wife of William Meridy,** his only representatives & heirs at law. All of these brothers & sisters & their husbands have departed this life; the four first, to wit Henry, Richard, Charles, & Jacob, died without any legitimate issue & intestate, & the remainder died intestate leaving the following children who are the surviving heirs at law & representatives of the aforesaid Moses Skaggs, to wit, four daughters of John Skaggs, to wit Susan, now the wife of William Quary, now the wife of Thomas York, now the wife of Laban Ellis, & Rebecca, who yet remains unmarried; the children of Richard Whitt & Susan, his

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Page 54. (partial) wife, who are your Respondents, Hez. Whitt & Edmund Whitt & Susan, who intermarried with Henry Creswell, said Henry Criswell being now dead; the children of Mathias Harman & Lydia, his wife, who are your Respondents Adam Harman, Mathias Harman, Henry Harman, Katy Beavers, wife of Robert Beavers, Phebe Beavers, wife of Moses Beavers, & Lovace, now deceased, who married your Respondent Thomas Christian; the children of John Hankins & Elizabeth, his wife, who are your Respondents, Rachel, wife of Archibald Maloney, Sally, wife of John Mitchell, Rebecca, wife of John Howell, Mary, wife of Joseph White, & Parthena Hankins, Lucy Hankins, Lydia Hankins, Joseph Hankins, & Moses Hankins; the children of **William Meridy & Nancy**, his wife, who are John Meridy, James Meridy, **Daniel Meridy**, Mathias Meridy & William Meridy, the only children of said **Wm. & Nancy Meridy** now living, the rest having died unmarried. The above named persons constitute all & each of the heirs & representatives of the aforesaid Moses Skaggs.

The following advertisement from **Page 29** appeared in the *Kentucky Register*, Elizabethtown, KY, from April 2 1836 to June 2, 1836.

I, J. H. Caulfield, printer and publisher, of the "Kentucky Register," a public authorised newspaper, published in Elizabethtown, Ky., do certify, that, the annexed order of publication in Chancery, wherein Jeremiah Lewis and Aaron Lewis are complainants against the heirs of Moses Skaggs deceased — defendants has been published in said paper for two calendar months, by successive weekly insertions, commencing on the 2 nd day of April last, and ending on the 2 nd day of June 18 36. Given under my hand this 2nd day of June 1836

J. H. Caulfield

Proprietor, Printer, & Publisher of "Ky. Register."

ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN Circuit court. Feb. term, 1836
Jeremiah Lewis and Aaron Lewis, complainants, against the heirs of Moses Skeggs, dec'd. defts.—*In Chancery.*

This day came the complainants and filed their bill, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendants James Meredeth, John Meredeth, Daniel Meredeth, Matthew Meredeth, Wm. Meredeth, Susanna Quary and Wm. Quary her husband, Thomas York and wife, Laban Ellis and wife, Rebecca Skaggs, Susanna Criswell, Edw. Whit, Adam Harman, Henry Harman, Matthias Harman, Robert Beavers and wife, Moses Beavers and wife, Thomas Christian and wife, Josiah Whit and wife, Archibald Maloney and wife, John Mitchell and wife, Joseph Howell and wife, Parthena Hankins, Lucy Hankins, Lydia Hankins, Joseph Hankins, and Moses Hankins, are not inhabitants of this commonwealth, and they not having answerd the complainants bill a greeably to law and the rules of this court, it is ordered that unless the aforesaid non-residents do answer the same on or before the first day of the next term of this court, the same will be taken as confessed against them. A copy test.

JOHN BARRET, Cl'k.

April 2—2m

This compiler is not aware of the outcome of the case, however, it is not significant to the Meredith/Skaggs history, as all the known beneficiaries of Moses Skaggs' estate had either been bought out by Aaron and Jeremiah Lewis or could not be located. An earlier transcription of the entire case file can be found at http://www.usgwarchives.net/ky/green/green.html.

1830 US Census, Weakley County, Tennessee. Series M19, Roll 182, p. 343.
National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

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SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to Kings

FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)

Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District.	NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES: Under five years of age	Of five and under ten	Of ten and under fifteen	Of fifteen and under twenty	Of twenty and under thirty	Of thirty and under forty	Of forty and under fifty	Of fifty and under sixty	Of sixty and under seventy	Of seventy and under eighty	Of eighty and under ninety	Of ninety and under one hundred	Of one hundred and upwards	FEMALES: Under five years of age	Of five and under ten	Of ten and under fifteen	Of fifteen and under twenty	Of twenty and under thirty	Of thirty and under forty	Of forty and under fifty	Of fifty and under sixty	Of sixty and under seventy	Of seventy and under eighty	Of eighty and under ninety	Of ninety and under one hundred	Of one hundred and upwards
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