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Boone Co., Marriages {4131}

1 May 1855	Price, Edwin W. Bradford, Kittie E.	#1525A1
8 May 1884	Head, Charles W. McElwrath, Elmon E.	#1527A5

Howard Co., Marriages {3912}

22 Mar 1818	Arnold, John Head, Caty by David McClain	#12216
28 Jun 1820	Head, Alpherd Herd, Margaret by Thomas Campbell	#12215
3 Apr 1821	Nelson, Samuel Head, Cynthia by Hezekiah Purdom, Preacher of the Gospel	#12263
24 Dec 1824	Blanton, Washington L. Head, Elizabeth by Thos. Rawlings, J. P.	#12217
14 Apr 1825	Head, William H. Hedrick, Orpha by Ebenezer Rodgers, Minister of the Gospel	
5 Jan 1826	Ridgway, Charles Head, Ibby by Thomas Campbell, Preacher of the G. P.	
27 Jul 1826	Head, William Rollands, Lucinda by Thomas Campbell, P. G.	#12218
22 Dec 1835	Blakey, Benjamin B. Payne, Marietta C.	#152272
1 Jul 1841	Arnold, John Head, Margaret (Mrs.) by Fielding Wilhoit, Minister of the Gospel	#12216/1 #12215/1
29 Feb 1844	Gray, John S. Head, Barthena M. by Fielding Wilhoit	
17 Feb 1848	Tyre, Abraham Chiles, Sarah Martha	#152571
23 Mar 1848	Head, James Hollon, Sally by David Piper, J. P.	

27 Sep 1849	Reavis, James O. Head, Manerva by Moses W. Payne, Preacher of the Gospel	
12 May 1853	Medley, James W. Blakey, Sarah W.	#15251B
24 Sep 1855	Hicks, James M. Payne, Panelope S.	#152271/1
12 Dec 1855	Ewing, H. C. Childs, Georgia E.	#152572
23 Sep 1858	Rucker, Franklin H. Thompson, Amanda Kate	#152553
19 Feb 1863	Hughes, Samuel T. Hughes, Laura C.	#1525341
22 Aug 1865	Gilkey, Benjamin T. Hughes, Lucy A.	#1525342
25 Apr 1866	Head, J. C. Wallace, Susan A.	#152566
8 Nov 1866	Wisdom, James R. Hughes, Hettie C.	#1525343
11 Sep 1867	Jordan, Charles H. Hughes, Fannie	#1525344
30 Sep 1868	Willis, Peter T. Price, Martha Stella	#1525A5
12 Jun 1872	Trent, T. E. Price, K. E.	#1525A11

* = date of bond/license

Howard Co., Will Book 1 (1818-1832), pp. 186-187 {34428}

“Be it remembered that [18 Sep 1824] Alfred R. Head [#12212] and David McQuitly [#12213/1] made application to the Clerk of the County Court of Howard County for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of William Head [#1221], deceased, which upon their executing bond with Andrew McQuitly and John Arnold [#12216/1], their securities in the penalty of [\$3,000] . . . are granted them, whereupon Ephraim Thompson, John Rawlins, and William Banter [?] are appointed appraisers of said Estate.”

Howard Co., Grantor/Grantee Indexes to Deeds

Year	Grantor	Grantee	Bk/Pg (Description)
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1818	Head, Alfred R.	Stapleton, George	C/21 *
1820	Berry & Gentry	Head, William	E/457 * (160A)
1821	Berry, Taylor & wife	Head, William	G/313 * (160A)
1826	Blanton, Washington L.	Head, William L.	J/128 * (interest in Estate)
1835	Head, Moses etc.	Gray, John	N/80 * (160A)
1839	Hurd, Jane	Head, Margaret	Q/417 * (80A)
1840	Head, James & wife	Wright, Chas. F.	S/79 * (2 lots in Roanoke)
1840	Head, James & wife	Blake, Otho	S/81 (3 lots in Roanoke)
	Head, James	Tinsley, H. M.	S/372
	Head, James	Althouse, Geo.	S/416
	Head, James	Thomas, Lawson B.	T/61
	Head, James	Wright, Chas. F.	T/570
	Head, James	Fallenstein, Chas. B.	T/611
	Head, James	Thomas, Lawson C.	U/112
	Head, James	Wayland, Wm.	U/448
	Bull, John	Head, James	V/95
	Bull & McClure	Head, James	V/95
	Head, James	Ober, Albert R.	V/135
	Head, James	Ganaway, Thos. B.	V/200
1845	Rawlings, Thomas & wife	Head, William L.	V/285 * (150A)
1845	Head, William L. & wife	Parker, Mary L.	V/287 * (160A)
	Head, James	Dunnica, Wm. F.	X/...
	Head, James	Mathews, Christian	Y/98
	Head, James	Wright, Chas. F.	Y/265
	Head, James	Draper, Geo. W.	Y/296
	Head, James	Johnston, V.	Y/314
	Glasgow, Jas. etc.	Head, James	Y/330

* = abstracted (see below)

Howard Co., Deed Book C (1818-1819), pp. 21-22

Date written: 14 Nov 1818

Date recorded: 16 Nov 1818

Grantor(s): Alfred R. Head [#12215] (of Howard Co.)

Grantee(s): George Stapleton (of Howard Co.)

Witness(es): James H. Benson & David Todd

Amount paid: \$146.66

Description: "all the rights, title, interest . . . in certain tracts or parcels of land in said County of Howard particular named and discribed in a certain deed of trust executed by Anderson

Woods and others unto Thomas Duley, Gerard Robinson, Taylor Berry, David Todd, and Richard Gentry”

Howard Co., Deed Book E (1819-1820), pp. 457-458

Date written: 10 Feb 1820
Date recorded: 23 Feb 1820
Grantor(s): Taylor Berry & Richard Gentry
Grantee(s): William Head [#1221]
Witness(es): George Tompkins & John C. Sullivan
Amount paid: \$960 (\$500 in cash, \$460 note payable 10 Oct 1820)
Description: bond for NE¼ of Section 26, T49N, R15W “on which said Head now lives”

Howard Co., Deed Book G (1820-1822), pp. 313-314

Date written: 22 Mar 1821
Date recorded: 20 Jul 1821
Grantor(s): Taylor Berry & Fanny W. (his wife) (of Howard Co.)
Grantee(s): William Head [#1221] (of Howard Co.)
Witness(es): H. R. Gamble & Charles Summons
Amount paid: \$960
Description: 160 acres of land in Howard Co., NE¼ of Section 26, T49N, R15W

Howard Co., Deed Book J (1825-1828), pp. 128-129 {34431}

Date written: 2 Jun 1826
Date recorded:
Grantor(s): Washington L. Blanton [#12217/1]
Grantee(s): William L. Head [#12218]
Witness(es):
Amount paid: \$100
Description: “my equal dividend in the Estate of William Head [#1221], deceased . . . as heir and legal representative of said Estate, also one bay horse and one bay mare, two bridles, 2 ket-tles, 2 lids & hooks, 8 chairs, 1 table, 1 trunk, 1 set of shoe maker’s tools, 1 falling axe, 1 set knives & forks, 2 dozen plates & dishes, 1 dozen spoons, 1 set of cups sawcers, 3 head cattle, 20 head hogs, also a crop of corn now growing & crop flax”

Howard Co., Deed Book N (1835-1836), pp. 80-84 {34432}

Date written: 3 May 1829
Date recorded: 5 May 1835

Grantor(s): Moses Head [#12211], Sally Hensley [#12215], Anthony Head [#12212] & Catharine [#12212/1] (his wife), Washington L. Blanton [#12217/1] & Elizabeth [#12217] (his wife), John Arnold [#12216/1] & Catharine [#12216] (his wife), William L. Head [#12218] & Lucy [#12218/1] (his wife), David McQuilty [#12213/1] & Mary [#12213] (his wife), & Alfred R. Head [#12215] & Margaret [#12215/1] (his wife) (all heirs of William Head [#1221], deceased)

Grantee(s): John Gray (of Howard Co.)

Witness(es):

Amount paid: \$265.60

Description: 160 acres of land in Howard Co., NE¼ of Section 26, T49N, R15W “on the north side of the Missouri River, and being the same quarter section of land on which William Head resided at the time of his death”

Howard Co., Deed Book Q (1838-1839), pp. 417-418

Date written: 16 Mar 1839

Date recorded: 18 Mar 1839 (proved 16 Mar 1839)

Grantor(s): Jane Hurd (of Cooper Co.)

Grantee(s): Margrett Head [#12215/1] (of Howard Co.)

Witness(es):

Amount paid: \$600

Description: 80 acres of land in Howard Co., west part of NE¼ of Section 33, T50N, R15W

Howard Co., Deed Book S (1840-1841), pp. 79-80

Date written: 22 Apr 1840

Date recorded: 11 Sep 1840 (proved 29 Aug 1840)

Grantor(s): James Head [#15253] & Sarah [#15253/1] (his wife) (of Randolph Co.)

Grantee(s): Charles F. Wright (of Randolph Co.)

Witness(es):

Amount paid: \$25

Description: 2 lots in the Town of Roanoke in Randolph Co. & Howard Co. “known on the plat of said Town as Lots No. One & Two in Block No. Three”

Howard Co., Deed Book V (1845-1845), pp. 285-286

Date written: 8 Jul 1845

Date recorded: 15 Aug 1845 (proved 14 Aug 1845)

Grantor(s): Thomas Rawlings & Easter (his wife) (of Howard Co.)

Grantee(s): William L. Head [#12218] (of Howard Co.)

Witness(es): Thos. Morris

Amount paid: \$1

Description: 150 acres of land in Howard Co., SE¼ of Section 33, T49N, R15W “being a tract of land purchased by Robert S. Barr at Sheriff’s sale and conveyed to him by Nathaniel Ford . . . by deed bearing date [14 Jun 1832]”

Howard Co., Deed Book V (1845-1845), pp. 287-288

Date written: 15 Aug 1845

Date recorded: 18 Aug 1845

Grantor(s): William L. Head [#12218] & Lucy [#12218/1] (his wife) (of Howard Co.)

Grantee(s): Mary J. Parker (of Boone Co.)

Witness(es): Thomas Morriiss, J. P.

Amount paid: \$1 (bond for \$200)

Description: 160 acres of land in Howard Co., SE¼ of Section 33, T49N, R15W “being land conveyed to Thomas Rawlings by Robert S. Barr by deed bearing date [3 Dec 1838] & by the said Thomas Rawlings & wife to the said William S. Head bearing date some time in the present month”

History of Howard and Cooper Counties (St. Louis, MO: National Historical Company, 1883) {3965}

Chariton Twp., pp. 456-486

June Williams [#152554/1]

"Who in youth attended Hon. James G. Blame's school in Kentucky, and was born and reared in that state, has been a citizen of Howard county since 1853, and is one of the substantial and highly respected farmers of the county. He was born December 3, 1830, and at the age of nineteen, in 1849, bid good-bye to the dear ones of his native home in Scott county, and started for the gold fields of California. He remained in the Aladdin land of the Pacific until 1851, when he returned to "His old Kentucky home, far away." But on his trip he had passed through Howard county, this state, and had become impressed with the fertility of its soil and its other superior natural advantages, and accordingly, in 1853, he came to this county, where he settled and engaged permanently in farming. His place is about four and a half miles from Glasgow, and contains 212 acres of the best quality of land. On the 18th of December, 1854, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Martha Rucker, of Randolph county, but formerly of Virginia, and they have nine children living - Junie, Granville, Archie, Dabney, James, Mattie, Horace, Rena and Carrie. One, besides, is dead - Sidney. Mr. Williams is a member of the Masonic order. His father, Merrett Williams, was a Virginian by birth, but was reared in Kentucky. Mrs. Merrett Williams, mother of June, whose maiden name was Eliza Smith, was of Fayette county, Kentucky."

Randolph Co., Marriages {4119}

30 Oct 1830	Dailey, James Medley, Sally	#152513
14 May 1833	Price, Sterling Head, Martha	#1525A
1 Jul 1834	Davis, Daniel G. Medley, Harriet E.	#152515
26 May 1835	Pulliam, Benjamin G. of Saline Co., MO Head, Sarah Margaret	#152531
13 Sep 1837	Hughes, Van C. of Howard Co., MO Head, Mary	#152534
13 Dec 1838	Clark, William Medley, Jane	#152516
28 Jan 1842	Tinsley, Henry H. Burton, Harriet A.	#152532/1
9 Feb 1842	Clark, (Dr.) William Medley, Cornelia	#152516/1 #152519
28 Apr 1842	Boniface, George Medley, Martha	#152518
19 Jun 1845	Thomas, S. [?] C. Head, Susan	#152541
8 Dec 1846	Freight, James Head, Hannah S.	#152542
5 Dec 1848	Boulmore, ----- Head, (Mrs.) Hardina P.	#15254/1
23 Dec 1852	Rucker, Joel W. T. McCampbell, Ellen E.	#152551
13 Dec 1854	Williams, James Rucker, Martha	#152554
9 Jun 1857	Beasley, William	

	Head, Elizabeth	#152562
21 Apr 1858	Smith, William Head, Florence	#152547
1 Sep 1859	Head, Thomas B. Patterson, Betty	#152546
10 Jun 1863	Rucker, James E. Smith, Kate	#152556
15 Oct 1863	Morehead, St. Clair T. Head, Texie	#152549
6 Apr 1864	Nash, William P. Boniface, Hattie F. father: George Boniface	#1525181
14 Feb 1865	Morehead, S. T. Head, P.	#152548
12 Oct 1869	Wight, William A. James, Laura G.	#1525421
28 Jan 1870	Snell, James C. Thomas, Kate	#1525411
5 Dec 1871	Sellers, William Burrns, Virginia	#152565
30 Sep 1880	Williams, Major Blackford, Mattie	#1525542
15 Nov 1882	Rucker, John F. Coates, Minnie	#1525531
21 Mar 1883	Pitts, J. A. Head, Florence H.	#1525461
18 Dec 1884	Head, James D. Wayland, Lizzie B.	#1525462
10 Mar 1885	Price, Sterling Walcott, Emma B.	#1525A12

History of Randolph & Macon Counties [Missouri] 1884, Chapter IX, Silver Creek Township {17430}

“Silver Creek is one of the four townships into which Randolph county was originally divided. It was made the smallest in extent of territory because it embraced the most thickly settled portion of the county at the time of its organization. This fact, taken in connection with its location along the border of Howard county, which was settled first, leads us to infer that it is the oldest township in the county. Although originally the smallest in area, it has recently given up 18 square miles of its territory to the newly organized township of Moniteau, and being without railroad or a railroad town within its borders, it still ranks sixth in population among the eleven townships into which the county is now divided, and shows a greater voting strength than four others which have railroads running through them. These facts show that outside of the towns and cities, Silver Creek township is still the most thickly settled of any in the county. It is situated in the south-west corner of the county.

...
The leading Protestant religious denominations, embracing Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterians and Christians, have places of public worship and hold regular services; the Missionary Baptists being the most numerous while the others are quite respectable in numbers. There are three churches in the township - three of which are Baptists and the other two are union churches.

...
There are two voting precincts in Silver Creek township, one at Mt. Airy and the other in that part of Roanoke which lies in this county.
Mt. Airy is located on the public road leading from Huntsville to Roanoke, about 7 miles from the former place and 12 miles from Moberly. There is plenty of coal in this township and the local demand is easily supplied, for which purposes only have the mines been so far developed. The indications are, however, that with proper facilities for transportation, a large business could be done in shipping this mineral to outside markets.

There are two corn and saw mills in the township, one owned by J. C. Head and the other by James Bagby. The latter is engaged also to some extent in the manufacture of flour.

OLD SETTLERS

Silver Creek has held on well to its old settlers, and quite a number who settled there before and about the time the township was organized are still living there in advanced age, while the descendants of most of those who have since died, yet cling to the homes of their childhood and linger around the graves of their fathers.

Among these are John Viley, who has been judge of the county court, Nicholas Dysart, George W. Dameron, once sheriff, Woodson Newby, James Goodman, Morgan Finnell, William Burton, William Thompson, William R. Burch, George Ellis, Newton Bradley, Jeff. Fullington, Samuel Cockrell, John Minor, Paschall Troyman, Leven I. Dawkins, John Vaughan, Cornelius Vaughan, Allen Mayo, John Alexander, William E. Walden, William Nichols, Roderick O'Brien, William Holman, Joseph Holman, Sr., John Sears, Sr., Hardy Sears, Iverson Sears, Allen Mayo, William Mayo, Valentine Mayo, John Rowland, Younger Rowland, D. R. Denny, Samuel C. Davis, Isaiah Humphrey, William Fort, Asa Kirby, John Head, Ambrose Medley, Basil Mc Davitt, Sr., Roger West, James Davis, Rev Samuel C. Davis,

Thomas Bradley, Tolman Gorham, Jr., Thomas Gorham, Ambrose Halliburton, William Morrow and Joseph Morrow.

...
About the year 1837, Capt William Upton, another old settler, opened a store at his place in connection with D. C. Garth, who lived at Huntsville, and had another store there. A blacksmith shop and a tobacco factory were soon after erected, and the place was first called Uptonsville. The enterprising people of the vicinity, however, were not long in obtaining a post-office, which was christened Mt. Airy, a name which has ever since borne. Capt. Upton, several years before the late war, sold out his farm and store and moved south of the Missouri river, where he still lives, so far advanced in years.

...
Judge James Head, one of Silver Creek's pioneers, a resident when the county was organized, and one of the judges of the first county court, founded Roanoke on the Howard county line in 1838. The place at first went by several names, as suited the fancy of the settlers, such as Head's Store, and Van Buren, the favorite and successful Democratic candidate for the presidency for the year. But when the post-office was established there, at the suggestion of Judge Head, it was named for the residence of a favorite statesman of his native State -- the celebrated John Randolph, of Roanoke. The Judge Head emigrated to Randolph county, from Orange county, Virginia, several years before the county was organized. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Fannie Medley and her husband, Jacob Medley, who settled near him, and was the first collector of Randolph county. Judge Head lived on his farm adjoining Roanoke, and carried on business in the town, until 1849, when he moved to Lockhart, Texas, where he died in 1875, at the age of 82 years. He was followed to this State in 1831 by his father and mother, and all his remaining brothers and sisters, except Mrs Minor Rucker, who came with her husband and family in 1837. They all settled in Randolph county. His father, John Head, and his brother, John Head, Jr. settled in Silver Creek, two miles north of Roanoke, the former on the farm where he resided until his death in 1852, and which the latter now owns and occupies. All the others settled in and around Huntsville. There were Dr. Walker Head, who was twice elected to the Legislature from this county, and at the time of his death in 1845, he had just been elected a delegate to the State Convention, to revise the Constitution. Mrs. Emily Chiles, Mrs. Sarah D. Allen, Mrs Amanda Garth, and Mrs Harriet Rucker were other members of the family. Mrs. Marsha Price, the youngest daughter, was single when she came to the State, and was married to General Sterling Price, at her father's residence in Silver Creek township, in the year 1833. Capt. John Head, who, as we have stated, resides upon his father's homestead adjoining the farm on which he settled in 1831, has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for 52 years. He raised a family of nine children - four sons and five daughters, seven of whom are still living. Capt. Head has always taken a lively interest in politics on the Democratic side, ever since the days of Andrew Jackson, for whom he cast his first vote for President in 1824.

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*Randolph Co., Higbee News, 29 Sep 1916, Obituary of James E. Rucker [#152556]
{12288}*

“JAMES E RUCKER DEAD--James E. Rucker, long recognized as one of Randolph county's most progressive farmers, as well as one of its most high minded, kind hearted and charitable citizens, died at his home just north of town at 9 o'clock Sunday night, Sept. 24, 1916, following an illness of several weeks.

Deceased was a son of Capt. Minor Rucker, a valiant soldier of the War of 1812, who moved to Missouri from Virginia in 1833, locating in what was then Howard, but is now Randolph county, entering and buying 1900 acres of land where Randolph Springs are. It was on this farm that James Edwin Rucker was born, Oct 3, 1839, and where he grew to manhood.

Being of a studious turn of mind, he was given a thorough education, graduating with high honors from Mt. Pleasant College in 1860 under the guidance of William R. Rothwell.

In 1863 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Smith, daughter of Joel Smith, one of the county's prominent farmers and capitalists. They were blessed with a family of eight children, all of whom, with the mother, survive, viz: J. Walker, Mrs. Wm. Higginbotham, Mrs. G. M. Nichols, Mrs. Wm. McGlothlin, Mrs. W. F. Spotts, Joel S., Mrs. W. L. Cave and Mrs. W. D. Burke.

Mr. Rucker had been a citizen of Moniteau township for almost fifty years, having resided continuously on the farm where he died since 1874. The township nor the county never contained a broader minded or more tender hearted man, nor one more willing to give of his time and means in the aid of any worthy cause or to relieve those in distress. He united with the Baptist church in 1884 under the preaching of the Rev. S. Y. Pitts, and had been an active officer in the church since its organization in 1886.

Funeral services were conducted at the church Tuesday afternoon by his former pastor, the Rev. L. M. White, assisted by Eld. E. Y. Keiter. Interment was made in the city cemetery, the Masonic fraternity, of which deceased had long been an honored member, having charge of the services. In the death of this good man the county as well as his family has suffered an irreparable loss, and the sympathy of all goes out to the bereft.”

St. Charles Co., Marriages {3856}

5 May 1812 Henseley, William
Head, Sally #12214
by John B. Callaway, J. P.

17 Aug 1815 Magill, John
Head, Phebe
by James Allcorn, J. P.

* = date of bond/license

St. Charles Co., Letters of Administration (1805-1828), pp. 26-27 {34425}

“Be it remembered that on [5 Oct 1818], Isaac Fulkerson made application at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Letters of Administration of the Estate of Joseph Head [#1226], deceased, who died intestate. And Agnes Head [#1226/2], his widow, haveing signed her renunciation to the administration on said Estate. Which, on the said Isaac Fulkerson giveing bond with Zachariah Moore & John Wilson Boone for [\$2,000] . . . Letters of Administration are granted him. And William Jones, Daniel Hays, & James Clay are appointed appraisers on said Estate.”