

ENOS AND MARY RHODES OF KENTUCKY

Enos Rhodes, believed to be the youngest male child of Beacham Rhodes, is the next direct ancestor in this Rhodes line. It is believed that he was born in 1803 or 1804 which is within the time frame of Beacham's residence in Nicholas County KY, on the land along the Licking River. By the time the family moved to Grayson Co. Enos would have been a young man of 15 or 16 years of age and therefore, he is probably one of the males in the 16-26 age range listed in the Beacham Rhodes household in the 1820 Federal census. The other teen age in that household is probably Enos' brother, Harlan.

In 1823 when the family moved to Hart Co.¹ along the Nolin River, Enos would be 19 or 20 years of age and probably would be living at home with his parents. Hart county adjoins Grayson on the eastern side. It is not known whether, Mary Forbes², his wife to be, was from Grayson or Hart county nor in fact it is not known when this couple were married. The first child that we have record of is Jane³, who was born on 4 Jan 1824, so it is likely that Enos was married in Grayson Co. at about the time they moved to Hart Co. He first appears on the tax list of Hart Co. in 1825⁴ which correlates well with the other assumptions.

Enos and his wife, Mary had three other children while they lived in Kentucky: John, born 8 Apr 1825; Larkin, born 24 Jul 1826; and Beacham C. born, 14 Apr 1829⁵. Beacham C. is the next ancestor in this Rhodes line, and he was probably born in Hart Co. The most likely time that the family left Kentucky for Illinois is in the latter half of 1830 or the first half of 1831. Beacham would have been from 1 to 2 years old.

It appears that Enos sold the Hart County land before the 1829 tax year, because although he appears on the 1829 tax list of Hart Co., he is listed without land. Since in 1830 Enos is listed on the Hart County Federal census, and also on the Grayson County census, it appears that he was in Grayson County on his way to Illinois. In those days people traveled in groups when they migrated to other places, so that they would have better protection. It is known that large numbers of people left Grayson Co. headed for Illinois in 1830⁶, so it is supposed that the Enos Rhodes family went to Grayson County in 1830 to join one of these groups.

It appears that with the departure of Enos from Kentucky, there were no other members of the Beacham Rhodes family left in Hart or Grayson Counties. Apparently Beacham had died in 1825 or 26 and Harlan had already left by 1827, probably for Vermillion County IN since he is on the census there in 1830. Beacham's second wife, Sarah, apparently left before 1829 and she probably went back to Nicholas County where some of her family still lived. Her home had been in Nicholas County for a number of years before.

There are indications that Enos died soon after coming to Illinois; probably in late 1831 or early 1832. This was during the time that the Black hawk war was being fought in Illinois. There is no record that has been found which would indicate that Enos took part in this war, but it seems possible that the Black Hawk war may have either directly or indirectly been the cause of Enos' death. There is an entry in the Governor's journal under the date of August 1831 showing that Enos Rhodes had been commissioned Justice of the Peace in Shelby County. This was probably only a few

months before he died or was killed in the war.

In October of 1832, there is record of a marriage of Mary Rhodes to Amon Daniel in Shelby County IL⁷. Also on a page from a bible which was among Sarah Rhodes', possessions when she died in 1954, the birth and death dates of Mary Daniel and the four Rhodes Children are listed⁸. Sarah Rhodes was the wife Enos A. Rhodes, one of the grandsons of, Enos Rhodes of Kentucky, Considering these facts, it appears Enos Rhodes of Kentucky apparently died soon after the family came to Illinois.

Amon and Mary Daniel are buried in adjacent graves in the Spain Cemetery in Shelby Co IL, and their graves are marked with stones. In the same row next to Mary Daniel's grave is a stone bearing the mark Enos Rhodes died Apr 183?. The last number is unreadable, but most likely it is 1832. Mary Rhodes married Amon Daniel in October 1832 which would be 6 or 7 months after Enos' death. It was not uncommon for widows to marry fairly soon after the death of their spouse in those days since the possibilities of their means of support was limited.

In the 1850 census of Shelby County IL, the family of Amon Daniel is listed. Since four of the Rhodes children were married and not in the Daniels household before 1850, the only other child of Enos Rhodes listed in the Daniels household is Allen. He is a male child who was 19 years old in 1850, so he would have been born in 1831, before the marriage of Mary Rhodes to Amon Daniel. There is other supporting data to indicate that Allen was really a Rhodes rather than a Daniel. This gives us a fifth child, of Enos Rhodes, who was born in Illinois shortly before Enos' death.

Amon and Mary Daniel apparently prospered and accumulated a fairly large estate. There were seven Daniel children born to this union. They were: William, Levi B., Eli J., Mary, Catherine, Sarah Elizabeth, and Selia Emaline.

Mary Daniel died on 17 Aug 1853, and a few months later, 9 Dec 1853, Amon also died. In the Circuit Court Clerks office in Shelbyville IL, there is a file in the clerk's order book showing the details of the settlement of the Amon Daniel estate. Larkin Rhodes was named administrator. After sale of the estate items was completed and all debts had been paid, the balance of the estate which amounted to \$1268.49, was distributed to the seven minor heirs. All of the Rhodes children, by this time, were adults and did not inherit. Records of the sale bill which appear in the order book⁹, show that all of the Rhodes children; Jane (Rhodes) Mahan, and John, Larkin, Beacham and Allen Rhodes all were purchasers of some of the estate items.

Also in the aforementioned Order book there is a record which shows that Larkin Rhodes made bond as guardian of the minor Daniels children. Larkin was appointed Guardian of the Daniels children in the January 1856 court of Shelby Co. IL.

The Rhodes children, Jane, John, Larkin, Beacham C. and Allen grew to maturity in Shelby County IL, and some of them lived the remainder of their lives there or in other nearby counties. Beacham C. Rhodes, the next Rhodes on our line married Sarah Hensley in 1849 in Shelby County, and on 25 Oct 1851, their only child, Enos A. Rhodes was born.

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1. Hart Co. KY Tax lists: Microfilm of original records on file in the Kentucky State Archives, Frankfort KY.
 2. Correspondence with Toni James and Barbara Daniel who researched the Daniel family shows that Mary=s maiden name was Forbes before she married Enos Rhodes. The marriage license for her marriage to Amon Daniel is listed as Mary Rhodes
 3. Bible Records: Leaves from a Rhodes Bible; Original records are in the genealogical files of Bruce and Hazel Turner, of San Bernardino CA. Bruce is a first cousin of the writer.
 4. op cit. Hart Co. KY Tax lists.
 5. op cit. Rhodes Bible.
 6. Rhoads J. Paul, The Family of Henry The Elder, Green Valley AZ. 1981: J. Paul Rhoads, Publisher.
 7. License for the marriage of Amon Daniel to Mary Rhodes. Mary was the widow of Enos Rhodes: Original record on file in the Shelby Co. IL Courthouse Archives.
 8. op cit. Rhodes Bible.
 9. Shelby Co. IL Circuit Court Probate Records; Sale bill for the settlement of the Amon Daniel Estate: Original records in the Shelby Co. IL Court House Archives