

PRESTON RAMSEY

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1810: Preston Ramsey born in Tennessee, by family tradition.

Father: James Ramsey

James Ramsey was Administrator of Preston's estate after Preston died at the age of 37. Also, Preston countersigned with James Ramsey, the marriage consent of Eleanor Ramsey, James' daughter, when she married William Colson.

1820 Fed Census, Wayne Co. IL Shows James Ramsey with two male children in his household less than 5 years of age. one of these is probably Preston

1830 Fed Census, Wayne Co. IL Shows James Ramsey with, among others, one male member of his household between 15 and 20 years of age. This could be Preston.

5 Sep 1836 Preston Ramsey and John Cregger were early settlers in the south east part of Prairie Twp. The first land entered in this twp. was on 5 Sep 1836.

30 Nov 1836- Preston Ramsey entered 40 acres of land in Shelby County, Big Spring Twp. Land description; Sec 18 T9N R6E. This is the same description given by James Ramsey, Preston's son, when he sold some land to James Mahan in 1854. Since James sold 1/6 part of the parcel, and Preston had 6 children it appears that the land James sold in 1854 was inherited from his father, Preston.

20 Nov 1837- The Marriage license for William Coleson and Elen Ramsey states that James Ramsey, her father gives his consent. The consent letter is attached and is signed by James Ramsey and Preston Ramsey.

1840- Census for Effingham Co. IL lists Preston Ramsey, James Ramsey and William Colson as Follows:

W. S. Colson 10001-/10001-

Preston Ramsey 21001-/10001-

John Baker

James Ramsey 12011001-/121101

23 Sep 1842: A deed in Shelby County shows that Preston Ramsey and "Sary" his wife sold land to William L. Roberson on 23 Sep 1842. The land was in Shelby County and described as follows: NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 18 T9N R6E consisting of 40 acres

26 Nov 1848: On page 217 of Will Book I, Preston Ramsey's widow is identified as Sarah Ramsey: Adm., James Ramsey appointed 26 Nov 1848: Appraisers, John P. Forleigh (Farly), T. D. Rentfrow, L. D.

Tarrant.

1850: A petition for dower by Sarah Ramsey, widow of Preston Ramsey was entered into court in Effingham Co. IL Jan term 1850, Judge W. G. Hankins presiding. The petition states that Preston died intestate in 1847, leaving heirs; J. Ramsey, E. Ramsey, M. Ramsey, B. Ramsey and M.G. Ramsey

Except for one child, Elander, these are the same children living in the Colson Household in Shelby County in 1850.

7 Jan 1850: Petition to Effingham court by Sarah Ramsey, widow of Preston, for an increase in her allowance from Preston's estate which is being administrated by James Ramsey. (Preston's father?)

4 Feb 1850: An accounting of the estate of Preston Ramsey by James Ramsey, Administrator. Mentions amount due Sarah Ramsey Widow of Preston. Others mentioned; John P. Farley (Preston's uncle?), N. E. Tarrant & T. J. Rentfrow.

18 Mar 1850: Bill of costs submitted by James Ramsey as administrator of Preston's estate.

4 Nov 1850: William Colson made an affidavit of compliance to administer the estate of Sarah Ramsey.

Apparently Sarah Ramsey, the sister of Wm. Colson, wife of Preston Ramsey and the mother of James Ramsey (II) died in 1850

29 Aug 1853: Receipt for \$21.00 for guardianship of Preston Ramsey's children to wit: Elizabeth, Michael, Benjamin, Mary Ellen & Margaret Jane. Paid to William S. Colson by James Ramsey administrator.

Apr 1854: A receipt signed by James Ramsey II to James Ramsey for \$20.83 in full as administrator of Preston Ramsey's estate. This receipt is dated April 1854, about the same time that James and Nancy sold their parcel of land in Shelby County.