

MOUSE FAMILY HISTORY

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## PREFACE

A Table of vital statistics for the Mouse family is provided at the end of this story, before the several Appendices. The table was initially built from the data provided by Regina Ann Kotowski, whose name is highlighted in yellow. Then as subsequent census reports, marriage records, obituaries, draft registration cards, etc., provided different data, the table was revised. We have tried to be comprehensive on the families; however, be assured, this family history is constrained to that portion living in Washington County, Maryland. This is a work in progress and new information would be most welcome.

We hope the readers will find the story interesting and contact me with additional information or corrections.

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The 1850 census reported Peter Mouse, age 57, occupation Farmer.<sup>1</sup> Living with him were: Catherine Mouse, age 57, his wife; John, age 25, Day Laborer; Lucy A., age 17; Isabella, age 21; Peter, age 18, Day Laborer; Thomas, age 17, Day Laborer; Mary, age 13; Jane, age 13; Philip, age 11; and Eliza I., age 10. Everyone in the family had been born in Maryland. Also living in the house were John Higgs, age 30, a Day Laborer; John D. Higgs age 3 and Lucy L. Higgs age 1, all born in Maryland.

The 1860 census reported Peter Mouse, age 65, occupation Farmer, with a personal estate valued at \$150, living in census dwelling 456, Clear Spring.<sup>2</sup> Living with him were: [Catherine] Jane, age 62; John, age 37; Philip, age 21; and Catherine J., age 22. Still living with them were: John D. Higgs, age 13 and Lucy L. Higgs, age 11.

The 1860 census reported Peter [M.] Mouse, age 30, a Farmer with Real Estate valued at \$2,750 and a personal estate valued at \$150, living in census dwelling 470, Clear Spring.<sup>3</sup> Living with him were: Mary, age 28, wife; Jane, age 5, daughter; Elizabeth, age 3, daughter; and Margaret, age 1, daughter.

An 1860 census report for Thomas Mouse has not been found. A report from the Washington County Free Library indicates that he was 27 years old, living in Clear Spring and was a Lock Keeper.<sup>4</sup>

The 1860 census reported Thomas H. Moore, age 27, a Farmer with a personal estate valued at \$25, living in census dwelling 449, Clear Spring.<sup>5</sup> Living with him were: Mary [Ann Mouse], age 22, wife; and Catherine, age 1, daughter. Two of Peter and Catherine Mouse's children were living near the home farm

The Civil War began on April 12, 1861. A U.S. I.R.S. Tax Assessment for Dec. 1864 for Peter Mouse listed his occupation as Transfer of Coal, i.e. he was a boatman, his boat was valued at \$1,320 on which he paid 2½% or \$33.00 in tax.<sup>6</sup> Since the tax was levied in the District of Columbia, he had probably delivered a load of coal.

The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865.

On June 12, 1868 Phillip Mouse, of Washington County, bought the Canal Boat *Peacock* from Henry Thomas Weld of Allegany County in consideration of \$1,150. The deed is provided at the back of this report. The *Peacock* was registered to operate on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on Oct. 19, 1868; however, trip data prior to 1874 has not yet been transcribed.

Peter Mouse, Sr. died on Sep. 7, 1868 in Indian Springs District, Washington County, and was buried in Mount St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery. His obituary remains to be found.

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<sup>1</sup> 1850 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., 4th Electoral District, enumerated 8/3/1850, p. 88.

<sup>2</sup> 1860 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 8/15/1860, p. 59.

<sup>3</sup> 1860 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 8/15/1850, p. 61.

<sup>4</sup> www.whilbr.org, Washington County, MD, Census Data - Canal Workers, 1850-1920.

<sup>5</sup> 1860 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 8/15/1850, p. 58

<sup>6</sup> U.S. IRS Tax Assessment List, District of Columbia, December 1864, p. 4.

On Oct. 28, 1869 Phillip Mouse, of Allegany County, bought the Canal Boat *Jack Topper* from Frederick Mertens, of Allegany County in consideration of \$2,000. The deed is provided at the back of this report. The *Jack Topper* was registered to operate on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on Mar. 1, 1873; however, trip data prior to 1874 has not yet been transcribed.

The 1870 census reported Jane Mouse, age 71, keeping house, in census dwelling 98, Indian Springs.<sup>7</sup> Living with her were: Philip, age 32, a Boatman with a personal estate valued at \$825; and Catherine, age 33. Living in the same house were: Thomas Mouse, age 37, a Boatman with a personal estate valued at \$100.00; Mary, age 36; John E., age 13; Mary A., age 11; Martha A., age 6; Annie J., age 4; and Charles T., age 2.

In the same census it was reported Peter Mouse, age 38, a Boatman with real estate valued at \$550.00 and a personal estate valued at \$2,850.00 was living in census dwelling 66, Millstone Point.<sup>8</sup> Living with him were: Mary, age 38, his wife; Geneva [Elizabeth], age 14; Mary E., age 12; Jacob F., age 9; and Peter H., age 5. Daughters Jane and Elizabeth Mouse had apparently died prior to the 1870 census, to be confirmed. William and Jacob Penner lived in census dwelling 67 and were Boatmen also.

Also in 1870 it was reported that Thomas Moore, age 35, a Farm Laborer with a \$2,000 personal estate was living in census dwelling 71, Millstone Point.<sup>9</sup> Living with him were: Mary A. [Mouse], age 34, wife; Catherine, age 11, daughter; Levi Ed., age 9, son; Jane F., age 8, daughter; Annie E., age 6, daughter; and Lucy, age 3, daughter. John Moore, living in census dwelling 72, was a Boatman.

On Sept. 16, 1872, Phillip Mouse, of Allegany County, bought the Canal Boats *E. Hadra* and *Jack Topper* plus right mules and their rigs and harness from Frederick Mertens, of Allegany County in consideration of \$2,450. The deed is provided at the back of this report. Both boats were registered to operate on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on Mar. 1, 1873; however, trip data prior to 1874 has not yet been transcribed. During the 1874 boating season *Jack Topper* departed from Cumberland on: 6/3, 7/19, 7/30, 8/11, 10/11 and 11/27.<sup>10</sup> The newspaper accounts for 1874 did not list the canal boat captains; nevertheless we have no basis to think any other person captained *Jack Topper* except Capt. Phillip Mouse. A listing of departures for *E. Hadra* was not found for the 1874 boating season.

On Apr. 24, 1874, Peter Mouse, of Washington County, bought the Canal Boat *Lucy Lee Mouse* from Frederick Mertens, of Allegany County in consideration of \$1,466.70. The deed is provided at the back of this report. The *Lucy Lee Mouse* was registered to operate on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on May 1, 1874 with Peter Mouse as the owner and captain. During the 1874 boating season *Lucy Lee Mouse* departed Cumberland on: 5/26, 7/12, 8/3, 8/14, 10/5, 10/22 and 12/1/1874. The data for 1874 is incomplete at best. The newspaper accounts for 1874 did not list the canal boat captains; nevertheless we have no basis to think any other person captained *Lucy Lee Mouse* except Capt. Peter Mouse.

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<sup>7</sup> 1870 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Indian Springs, enumerated 6/30/1870, p. 17.

<sup>8</sup> 1870 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Millstone Point, enumerated 6/29/1870, p. 11-12.

<sup>9</sup> 1870 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Millstone Point, enumerated 6/29/1870, p. 12.

<sup>10</sup> All trip and boat registration data may be found at: [www.candocanal.org/histdocs/index.html](http://www.candocanal.org/histdocs/index.html).

On Oct. 2, 1874, Phillip Mouse, of Washington County, bought the Canal Boat *Dr. Eliason* from Weld & Sheridan, of Allegany County in consideration of \$1,800. The deed is provided at the back of this report. A registration for canal boat *Dr. Eliason* to operate on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal during 1874 or 1875 was not found. During the 1874 boating season *Dr. Eliason* departed from Cumberland on: 7/16, 7/30, 8/13, 9/9, 10/1, 10/18, 11/26 and 11/30/1874. The newspaper accounts for 1874 did not list the canal boat captains but it is reasonable that Phillip Mouse captained the boat he owned.

During the 1875 boating season *Jack Topper* descended past Lock 75 on: 4/30, 5/17, 6/2, 6/16, 7/1, 7/22, 8/7, 8/19, 9/3, 9/21, 10/11, 10/28 and 11/28/1875. The Register of Boats Descending Past Lock 75 During 1875 did not list the canal boat captains; nevertheless we have no basis to think any other person captained *Jack Topper* except Capt. Phillip Mouse. A listing of departures for *E. Hadra* was not found for the 1875 boating season.

During the 1875 boating season *Lucy Lee Mouse* descended past Lock 75 on: 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/4, 6/26, 7/9, 7/29, 8/17, 8/29, 9/15, 10/7, 10/21 and 11/13/1875. The Register of Boats Descending Past Lock 75 During 1875 did not list the canal boat captains. In 1875 Peter Mouse was listed as the Proprietor of EVERETT HOUSE at Millstone Point [C. & O. Canal Mile Marker 118.90]; it was a chain of hotels in Martinsburg, Mechanicsville, Millington and Mount Airy, at least.<sup>11</sup> Looking at the Indian Spring map of 1877<sup>12</sup> we see the hotel, labeled P. Mouse, as the middle structure of nine structures between the canal and the highway, and a residence also labeled P. Mouse east of the village. It would appear that the wife and family ran the hotel, while Peter was boating, and they had a nearby residence for the winter. From the same 1877 map, there was a residence labeled T. Mouse at Four Locks.

During the 1875 boating season *Dr. Eliason* descended past Lock 75 on: 5/26, 6/8, 6/18, 6/28, 7/8, 7/18, 7/28, 8/9, 8/19, 8/29, 9/11, 9/24, 10/4, 10/16 and 11/16/1875. Note that many of the round trips were completed in only 10 days. The Register of Boats Descending Past Lock 75 During 1875 did not list the canal boat captains, so we can't say with certainty who captained the boat; also remembering a registration was not found.

During the 1876 boating season *Jack Topper* made 13 trips, typically taking 10 days round trip, usually with a Captain Snyder, although the last two were by Captain Myers. It is unknown if Phillip Mouse had sold the boat or hired others to operate the boat. No records have been found for *E. Hadra* in 1876.

The *Lucy Lee Mouse* made only six trips, departing Cumberland on: 5/28, 6/15, 6/29, 9/12, 10/11 and 10/27/1876 with Captain Peter Mouse. The *Samuel H. Davis* made fourteen trips, departing Cumberland on: 4/10, 5/7, 5/15, 5/31, 6/18, 7/1, 7/18, 7/27, 8/17, 8/30, 9/27, 10/8, 10/27 and 11/21/1876 all with Captain Peter Mouse except the 5/31 and 7/1 trips during which a Capt. Allison had the boat. Notice that on the 10/27 departure, Captain Peter Mouse had two boats. And on the 11/21 trip, Captain Peter Mouse also took *Frederick A. Mertens*.

The *Sallie E. Hassett* made twelve trips, departing Cumberland on: 5/14, 5/30, 6/21, 7/19, 8/6, 8/25, 9/8, 10/3, 10/13, 10/27, 11/9 and 11/22/1876 with Captain Thomas Mouse. On Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1878 the *Sallie E. Hassett* was registered as owned and captained by Thomas Mouse, a deed of

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<sup>11</sup> Boyd's Business Directory of the State of Maryland, 1875, p. 365.

<sup>12</sup> [www.whilbr.org/assets/maps/zoomifyimage.asp?imagefolder=IndianSpring1877](http://www.whilbr.org/assets/maps/zoomifyimage.asp?imagefolder=IndianSpring1877)

purchase has not been found. On the trip 11/22 departure, Captain Thomas Mouse also took *J. C. Stonebraker*.

During 1877 no trips were recorded for *Dr. Eliason*, *Jack Topper* nor *E. Hedra*, at all. During 1877 *Lucy Lee Mouse* departed Cumberland on: 4/6, 4/22, 5/4, 5/27, 6/15, 8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/14, 10/25, 11/8 and 11/22/1877 with Captain Peter Mouse on all trips except the departure on 6/15.

The *Sallie E. Hassett* departed Cumberland on: 4/9, 4/22, 5/17, 6/4, 6/20, 8/22, 9/2, 9/13, 9/25, 10/5, 10/18, 10/29 and 11/13/1877 with Captain Thomas Mouse on all trips except the departure on 9/13. Another boat, *Willie & Boatly Mills*, departed Cumberland on 4/22, 5/11, 9/12, 9/21, 10/3, 10/17, 10/28 and 11/20/1877 with Capt. Thomas Mouse. Notice the 4/22 departure was with two boats and the other departures fills in voids in his schedule or nearly match other departures with *Sallie E. Hassett*. The photograph to the right has been identified by George "Hooper" Wolf as being taken above 4 Locks with Tom Mouse as the man with the black hat, undated.<sup>13</sup>



The *Borden & Lovell* departed Cumberland on: 4/13, 5/2, 5/27, 6/12, 8/23, 9/2 and 10/21/1877 with Captain John Mouse. The same boat also departed on: 9/11, 9/23, 10/4, 11/2 and 11/22/1877 with Capt. Hassett. On Jan 1st, 1878 the *Borden & Lovell*, was registered with Capt. John Mouse, owned by D. Leshner and employed by Borden Company. So the owner could change captains based on availability.

On Oct. 29, 1877 Thomas Mouse, of Washington County, sold the Canal Boat *Sallie E. Hassett* and four mules with their harness and boat rig, to William Young, of Allegany County in consideration of \$398.67. The deed is provided at the back of this report. The original purchase deed has not been found; how did Thomas Mouse come into possession of the boat? While it was a Bill of Sale, at that price it must have been a mortgage or loan; Captain Thomas Mouse took the boat in 1878, as we shall see.

On Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1878 *Dr. Eliason* was registered as owned and captained by J. H. Ward. However, Capt. Moore departed Cumberland with the boat on: 5/21, 6/3, 6/14, 6/27, 7/11, 7/23, 8/6, 8/27, 9/9, 9/27, 10/11 and 10/29/1878; a ten or eleven days round trip in most cases. Since Thomas H. Moore was a Captain of a coal company boat, per the 1800 census, and a brother-in-law to Phillip Mouse the previous owner and captain, it is possible that Thomas H. Moore was in charge of this boat through the Oct. 29, 1878 trip.

On Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1878 *Jack Topper* was registered as owned by William Mouse and captained by Edgar Fink. The records for 1878 show that Capt. Fink, or someone else, departed Cumberland with *Jack Topper* on twelve trips, never a Capt. Mouse.

During 1878 *Lucy Lee Mouse* departed Cumberland with Capt. Peter Mouse in the early part of the season: 5/7, 5/29, 6/8, 6/26, 7/10 and 7/26/1878. The boat was taken on eleven other trips, nine with a Capt. Martin.

<sup>13</sup> *I Drove Mules on the C. and O. Canal*, by George "Hooper" Wolf, © 1969, p. 35 and 163.

During 1878 *Sallie E. Hassett* departed Cumberland with Capt. Thomas Mouse on: 4/22, 6/20, 7/27, 8/19, 11/11, 11/19 and 11/28/1878. The *Willie & Boatly Mills* with Capt. Thomas Mouse departed Cumberland on: 5/2, 5/23, 6/5 and 6/18/1878; the two schedules inter-leave quite well.

In 1878 the Board of School Commissioners met and appointed many gentlemen as Trustees of the public schools of Washington county; for Election District 15, School District 3, Robert Shives, David Dick and Peter Mouse were appointed.<sup>14</sup>

Available transcribed canal boat data for 1879 does not reveal any boats departing Cumberland with a Capt. Mouse. The transcription is undoubtedly incomplete.

By 1880 Peter Mouse, age 48, moved to Hancock where his occupation was: Keeping Hotel.<sup>15</sup> Living with him were: Mary, age 48, his wife; Virginia [Elizabeth], age 22, daughter; Mary E., age 20, daughter; Jacob F., age 17, son, Boating; Peter H., age 15, Boating; Lucy L., age 9, daughter; William M., age 6, son; and Mary Swain, age 3, granddaughter.

A 1880 census report for Thomas Mouse has not been found.

In 1880 Thomas H. Moore, age 45, was a Boss on a Company Boat, i.e. he captained a coal company boat.<sup>16</sup> Living with him were: Mary A. [Mouse], age 44, wife; Kate, age 24, daughter; Levi E., age 19, Boating; Jane, age 18, daughter; Anna E., age 16, daughter; and Lucy, age 13, daughter.

During 1880 no data was found for *E. Hedra* or *Jack Topper*. During 1880 *Dr. Eliason* departed Cumberland several times but not with a Capt. Mouse. During 1880 *Sallie E. Hassett* and *Borden & Lovell* departed with a Capt. Hassett every trip. No 1880 data was found for *Willie & Boatly Mills*. During 1880 *Lucy & Willie* with Capt. Mouse departed Cumberland on: 4/23, 4/27, 5/13, 5/26, 7/24, 8/4, 8/23, 9/1, 9/14, 9/23, 10/11, 11/4, 11/12 and 11/21/1880. Further research will be necessary to determine which Capt. Mouse took this boat. During 1880 a Capt. Moore took several boats, but further research will be necessary to determine if any of them were Capt. Thomas H. Moore.

A newspaper had the following announcement: "~~Married~~, Mouse-McLane - On January 18, 1882, at the pastor's residence, in Clearspring, this county, by the Rev. S. M. Fiery, Mr. John E. Mouse to Miss Mollie McLane, both of Four Locks, Md."<sup>17</sup>

Scheduled for the May 1880 term of the Circuit Court for Washington County, trial docket No. 88 was Thomas Mouse vs. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; assumpsit; \$737.93 and costs; Keedy and Lane for plaintiff. The results have not been found.

On Nov. 9, 1885, Martha E. Mouse became a single mother with the birth of her son, Jesse Theodore Mouse. Subsequently she met and married Aaron Luther Bartles during 1893. He

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<sup>14</sup> *The Herald and Torch Light*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 5/15/1878, p. 2.

<sup>15</sup> 1880 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Hancock, enumerated 6/21/1880, p. 40.

<sup>16</sup> 1880 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Indian Spring, enumerated 6/11/1880, p. 21.

<sup>17</sup> *The Herald and Torch Light*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 2/1/1882, p. 3.

adopted Jesse; as we will see in the 1910 census where Jesse T. Mouse is listed as Aaron's stepson.

In 1891 a newspaper reported: "**Collision of Freight Trains.** - A Martinsburg, W. Va., special June 3, says: A freight wreck occurred one mile west of here last night at Baker Brothers' lime kiln, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. A freight train, drawn by engine 397, driven by Engineer Harrison Miller, had been ordered to lay here for a short time. While waiting for orders another freight train, drawn by engine No. 400, driven by Peter Mouse, struck it, demolishing the caboose and knocking it fifteen feet from the track. The engine was thrown from the track, and about fifteen coal hoppers demolished. No one was hurt. The track was soon cleared."<sup>18</sup>

A newspaper reported: "**Two Arrant Cowards.** - William Mouse, son of Peter Mouse, formerly of Millstone, now a saloon keeper of Martinsburg, and William Freeze, of the latter place, viciously assaulted conductor Robert Martin at Brunswick. It seems that Mouse accused Martin who also resides in Martinsburg, of having reported him to an assessor and having his dog taxed. Mouse abused the conductor at the Martinsburg depot and Mr. Martin had him bound over to keep the peace. In order to get even and avoid the West Virginia law Mouse and his friend Freeze followed the conductor to Brunswick and cruelly beat him. They ran like cowards and were out of town before the police could be notified. Conductor Martin received bad cuts and bruises on the face, side and head from their kicks and cuffs. He was taken to a drugstore where his injuries were dressed."<sup>19</sup>

Later that month the newspaper reported: "Mr. Thomas Mouse, who is employed at the Government printing office, Washington, after spending his vacation of two weeks with his family last week, returned to resume his duties."<sup>20</sup>

Family tragedy struck in 1894 as reported: "**A Misstep Ends Fatally.** - Proctor Bowhay, while attempting to board a moving train at Sandy Hook, was caught between the cars, and had his right leg crushed besides receiving other injuries. Death came to him Tuesday night. Mr. Bowhay was about forty-five years old and a native of Hancock. He leaves a wife, who is a daughter of Peter M. Mouse, of Martinsburg, at one time a resident of Millstone and Hancock, and two little daughters. Mr. Bowhay was once a boatman on the canal. At the time of his death he was proprietor of the American House, Brunswick. Edward Bowhay is a brother."<sup>21</sup> He was buried in St. Peter's Cemetery, Hancock, Md.

The following incident was reported: "**IN THE LAW'S GRIP,** - J. C. Thompson, who shot William H. McKalvey, of Brunswick, a B. & O. engineer, at the saloon of Peter Mouse, Martinsburg, Thanksgiving Day, and was found guilty of assault and Battery at the recent term of the Berkeley county court, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$125."<sup>22</sup>

In 1897 Peter M. Mouse applied for a Liquor License at the corner of Virginia Lane and Laing Avenue, in Cumberland, Md.<sup>23</sup> The notice ran for two days

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<sup>18</sup> *The News*, Frederick, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 6/4/1891, p. 3.

<sup>19</sup> *The Herald and Torch Light*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 10/4/1894, p. 5.

<sup>20</sup> *The Herald and Torch Light*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 10/17/1894, p. 6.

<sup>21</sup> *The Herald and Torch Light*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 11/29/1894, p. 6.

<sup>22</sup> *The News*, Frederick, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 5/2/1895, p. 4.

<sup>23</sup> *The Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Tuesday, 8/3/1897, p. 3.



In 1899 Peter M. Mouse was boarding at Virginia Ave. Hotel, Cumberland, Md. and worked in a saloon at the corner of Virginia Ave. and 5th Street.<sup>24</sup> Mary Mouse was an inmate at the Home and Infirmary of Western, Md. Son Jacob F. Mouse was living at 8 Laing Ave., Cumberland and working as an engineer for the B. & O. R. R. Son Peter H. Mouse was living at 14 Laing Ave., Cumberland and was also working as an engineer for the B. & O. R. R. That same year a newspaper reported: "Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mouse, of the Virginia Avenue hotel, have a son who is now an engineer on the United States cruiser, Marblehead, in Asiatic waters."<sup>25</sup>

The Virginia Avenue hotel must have been a going establishment for in the 1900 census Peter Mouse, age 68, father and Mary Mouse, age 68, had over 40 boarders at their hotel.<sup>26</sup>

The 1900 census reported Thomas H. Moore, age 65, married 42 years, was a Clerk, Register of Wills Office, Hagerstown.<sup>27</sup> Living with him were: Mary A. [Mouse], age 64, wife, married 42 years, she had 5 children all of whom were then still living; Kate, age 40, daughter, a Dressmaker; Fannie, age 37, daughter, a Dressmaker; Annie, age 36, daughter; and Lucy, age 33, daughter.

The 1900 census reported Mary E. [Mouse] Bowhay, age 39, widow, she had 3 children 2 of whom were then still living, keeping a hotel in Cumberland.<sup>28</sup> Living with her were: Lillian M., age 11, daughter; and Juanita, age 8, daughter; Peter Mouse, age 69, father; Mary Mouse. age 68, mother; 47 boarders and 2 servants.

The 1900 census reported Jacob F. Mouse, age 39, married 14 years, and living in Cumberland.<sup>29</sup> Living with him were: Lettie [Loretta B.], age 35, wife, married 14 years, she had 7 children all of whom were then still living; Maggie P., age 14, daughter; Lloyd A., age 11, son; Pearl E., age 10, daughter; Rose B., age 8, daughter; William E., age 6, son; Francis C., age 4, son; Maude I., age 1, daughter; and Frances C. Ortman, age 75, mother-in-law. From this last entry we have Loretta's maiden name.

Then the 1900 census reported: Peter H. Mouse, age 35, married 16 years, an Engineer for a Railroad was living in Cumberland.<sup>30</sup> Living with him were: Ella [Mary Ellen], age 35, married 16 years, she had 8 children 6 of whom were then still living; Charles, age 14, son, a Day Laborer; Clarence, age 11, son; Eva, age 8, daughter; Juanita, age 3, daughter; Irene, age 3, daughter; and Mary, age 1, daughter.

The 1900 census reported: John Mouse, age 43, married 18 years, Boatman was living in Indian Springs District.<sup>31</sup> Living with him were: Molly, age 36, married 18 years, she had 6 children all of whom were then still living; Thomas E., age 17, son, William E., age 14, son; Mary C., age 12, daughter; Murphy W., age 8, son; John D., age 6, son; and Lucy E., age 4, daughter. Living in the adjacent house was his mother, Mary Mouse, age 66, married 44 years. Living with her

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<sup>24</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1899, p. 166.

<sup>25</sup> *The Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Tuesday, 12/1/1899, p. 4.

<sup>26</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Allegany Cty., Cumberland Ward 6, enumerated 6/8/1900, p. 13B.

<sup>27</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Hagerstown, Dist. 90, enumerated 6/5/1900, p. 4B.

<sup>28</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Allegany Cty., Cumberland Ward 6, enumerated 6/8/1900, p. 13A.

<sup>29</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Allegany Cty., Cumberland, enumerated 6/5/1900, p. 6.

<sup>30</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Cumberland, Ward 6, enumerated 6/20/1900, p. 31B.

<sup>31</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Md., Indian Springs, enumerated 6/20/1900, p. 14B.

were: Amanda, age 41, daughter, single; Samuel, age 21, son, a Day Laborer; Jesse, age 14, grandson, single; and Mary, age 7, granddaughter. Mary Mouse was listed a Head of the household.

The 1900 census reported: William Kratz, age 28, married 7 years, a Farm Laborer was living in Clear Spring, District 70.<sup>32</sup> Living with him were: Annie J. [Mouse], age 34, married 7 years, she had 3 children all of whom were then still living; Mary L., age 6, daughter; Thomas A., age 4, son; and Catherine J., age 1, daughter.

In 1901 Peter M. Mouse was still boarding at the Virginia Ave. Hotel.<sup>33</sup> Mary Mouse was still an inmate at The Home and Infirmary of Western Md. Jacob F. Mouse was living at 181 Grand Ave., working as an engineer for B. & O. R. R. Peter H. Mouse was living at 14 Laing Ave., working as an engineer for the B. & O. R. R.

In 1902 Peter H. Mouse was listed as the proprietor of and living at Virginia Ave. Hotel.<sup>34</sup> Mary Mouse was not listed, perhaps she died. Jacob F. Mouse was still living at 181 Grand Ave. working as an engineer for the B. & O. R. R. Peter A. Mouse was living at 167 Virginia Ave. William Mouse was living at 167 Virginia Ave. and working as a fireman for the B. & O. R. R. Charles E. Mouse, was living on Virginia Ave. near 5th Street and worked as a bartender.

Sadly, a newspaper reported: "Engine 1847, at Fawvers yesterday, while going west, pulled through the derail switch on the main track and was overturned. Engineer Jacob Mouse of Cumberland was crushed to death."<sup>35</sup> That left Loretta B. Mouse a pregnant widow; their last son, Paul J. Mouse, was born in 1904. Jacob F. Mouse was buried in Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Cumberland, Md.

The 1905 City Directory listed Peter M. Mouse as living at 167 Virginia Ave. with no occupation.<sup>36</sup> Jacob F. Mouse died Aug. 3, 1903 and his widow, Loretta B. Mouse, was living at 181 Grand Ave. Peter H. Mouse was the proprietor of Virginia Ave. Hotel and lived there. William Mouse was boarding at 167 Virginia Ave.

Later that year a newspaper had the following obituary: "DEATH OF MR. PETER MOUSE - Mr. Peter Mouse, one of the well known elderly men of South Cumberland, died this morning about 6:30 o'clock at the home of a relative, Mrs. Suman, on York Street. Mr. Mouse, who was 74 years of age, had been in feeble health for some years, but was as well as usual yesterday and rested well during the night, until about 5 o'clock this morning, when he became ill and grew speedily weaker until he died. Prior to the fire two weeks ago, Mr. Mouse and his aged wife resided on Virginia Avenue. The fire partly destroyed the house in which they lived and since then the elderly people had been boarding with Mrs. Suman, but were preparing to go housekeeping again in a few days. Mr. Mouse was a native of Washington county, Md., and when a young man engaged in boating on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. He followed the boating business for many years when the old canal was in its prosperous days and was well known among the people living along the waterway between Cumberland and Georgetown.

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<sup>32</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Md., Clear Spring, enumerated 6/6/1900, p. 5.

<sup>33</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1901, p. 213.

<sup>34</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1902, p. 193.

<sup>35</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Wednesday, 8/5/1903, p. 7.

<sup>36</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1905, p. 215.

After leaving the canal, Mr. Mouse kept a restaurant in Martinsburg for a time and in 1936 came to Cumberland. He is survived by a widow and the following children: Mr. Jefferson Mouse, of Missouri; Messrs. Peter H. Mouse and Wm. Mouse and Mrs. Augusta Kerns, Mrs. Joseph Weaver and Mrs. T. B. Meyer, all of Cumberland.

"Mr. Mouse also leaves three sisters living, namely: Mrs. Margaret Moore, of Hagerstown; Mrs. Isabelle Martin, of Mooresville, Md.; and Mrs. James Cardell, of Baltimore."<sup>37</sup>

Two days later the newspaper reported: "**Burial This Morning.** - The funeral of Mr. Peter Mouse was attended by a large congregation this morning. High mass of requiem was sung over the remains at St. Mary's church and after this service the body was conveyed to S.S. Peter and Paul's cemetery, where the burial took place.

"The pall bearers were Messrs. Jas. T. Mattingly, Robert L. Couter, Jas. Conway, Michael Gibson, Patrick King and L. F. Spicer."<sup>38</sup>

That same month we read: "**Card of Thanks.** - I desire thus publicly to express my most sincere appreciation of the kindness shown me by neighbors and friends during the bereavement incident to the death and burial of my late husband, Mr. Peter Mouse. To one and all my heartfelt thanks. Mrs. Mary M. Mouse"<sup>39</sup>

The next month Peter H. Mouse of 158 Baltimore St. applied for a Saloon License.<sup>40</sup> The announcement of all the applicants also ran on Monday, same newspaper.

That fall the newspaper reported: "Ex-Mayor Warren C. White, City Councilman Thomas F. Smouse, Mr. Charles E. Conley, Mr. Peter H. Mouse and Mr. John A. Farrin are on a two days' fishing trip on the South Branch."<sup>41</sup>

In Jan. 1906 the newspaper reported: "COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST, **Install Officers and Enjoy a Banquet,** - The Lady Companions of the Forest of America, No. 162 held their regular meeting Wednesday evening for the purpose of installing officers for the year 1906. . . .

"The visiting guests from the F. A. Court No. 17, were . . . and Peter Mouse."<sup>42</sup> The Foresters of America, started in 1813, provided sick, temporary relief, burial funds and an endowment of insurance fund, not to exceed \$2,000 for the benefit of widows, children or other dependents. The Companions of the Forest, started in 1885, was a National Women's Organization. Both are non-sectarian organizations.

In April 1906 Peter H. Mouse applied for a Saloon License at "The Columbia Hotel," 158 Baltimore Street, Cumberland.<sup>43</sup> The list of applicants also ran on 4/16/1906. Since the address was the same as in the 1905 application we surmise that the Virginia Ave. Hotel had burned down and Peter Mouse removed to this hotel about the same time as his father had died.

In July 1907 we read: "The two well known Boniface's, Joe Weaver, of the Arlington, and Peter Mouse, of the Columbian, left last night for a fishing trip. They leave the line of travel at

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<sup>37</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 3/9/1905, p. 5.

<sup>38</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Saturday, 3/11/1905, p. 2.

<sup>39</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 3/16/1905, p. 2.

<sup>40</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Saturday, 4/8/1905, p. 10.

<sup>41</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Friday, 9/29/1905, p. 8.

<sup>42</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/12/1906, p. 12.

<sup>43</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Tuesday, 4/10/1906, p. 5.

Hancock and from there will seek the speckled trout. Stories will be on tap when they return two weeks from now."<sup>44</sup>

In 1909 Peter H. Mouse was listed as living at George and Harrison Sts.<sup>45</sup> In April of 1909, Peter H. Mouse applied for a Saloon License, applicable at corner of Harrison and George Sts.<sup>46</sup> Did he change hotels?

In 1910 Thomas H. Moore, age 75, married once for 52 years, was working as the Clerk, Register of Wills Office, Hagerstown.<sup>47</sup> Living with him were: Mary A. [Mouse], age 74, married once for 52 years, she had 5 children 4 of whom were then living; Jane R., age 47, daughter, a Dressmaker; Annie E., age 46, daughter; and Lucy L., age 43, daughter.

The 1910 census reported: Loretta B. Mouse, age 44, widowed, she had had 9 children 8 of which were still living, she was sewing at home, at 9 Boone Street.<sup>48</sup> Living with her were: Margaret M., age 23, daughter, who was a clerk at the Dye Works; Pearl M., age 20, daughter, a Presser at Dye Works; Rose B, age 18, daughter, also a Presser at Dye Works; William E., age 16, son, a boilermaker at a repair shop; Frances E., age 13, son; Mildred I, age 11, daughter; and Paul J., age 6, son.

The 1910 census reported: Peter H. Mouse, age 43, married 25 years, and Keeping a Boarding House, which may not be the same as a Hotel.<sup>49</sup> Living with him were: Ella, wife, age 42, married 25 years, she had 11 children 7 of whom were then still living; Eva, age 18, daughter; Juanita, age 16, daughter; Irene, age 13, daughter; Mary, age 11, daughter; Grace, age 9, daughter; Gertrude, age 7, daughter; Charles, age 23, son, married 4/12 years, working as a Brakeman for a Steam Railroad; Georgia, age 20, daughter-in-law, married 4/12 years; and three male boarders, two of which were also brakemen and the third worked at the Rolling Mill; we can suppose the boarding house was for railroad employees. A newspaper reported: "THIRTY YEARS AGO - Peter Mouse, new dog catcher, rounded up three unlicensed dogs in [his] first trip around the city."<sup>50</sup>



In 1910 John Ellsworth Mouse, age 53, was a Lock Tender, living in Clear Spring.<sup>51</sup> That census report has not been found, however, the same source reports son Thomas. E., age 27, was a Canal Laborer; and son John D., age 17 was also a Lock Tender. Thomas Ellsworth Mouse married Mary Jane Sterling on Nov. 2, 1910. The adjacent studio portrait was probably taken then.

<sup>44</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 7/17/1907, p. 8.

<sup>45</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1909, p. 486.

<sup>46</sup> *Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 4/7/1909, p. 10.

<sup>47</sup> 1910 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Hagerstown, Dist. 146, enumerated

<sup>48</sup> 1910 Census, Maryland, Cumberland, Ward 6, District 43, enumerated 4/16&18/1910, p. 5A.

<sup>49</sup> 1910 Census, Maryland, Cumberland, Ward 5, enumerated 4/18/1910.

<sup>50</sup> *Cumberland Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, 8/5/1940, p. 4.

<sup>51</sup> [www.whilbr.org](http://www.whilbr.org), Washington County, MD, Census Data - Canal Workers, 1850-1920.

The 1910 census reported: Aaron L. Bartles, age 37, married once for 17 years, a salesman for a grocery store was living in Clearspring.<sup>52</sup> Living with him were: Martha E. [Mouse], age 48, married once for 17 years, she had 7 children 5 of whom were then still living; Mary L., age 15, daughter, Martha I., age 12, son; Thomas A., age 10, son; Ernest L., age 7, son; and Jesse T. Mouse., age 24, step-son.

The 1910 census reported: William H. R. Kratz, age 38, married 17 years, a General Farmer, was living in Clear Spring, District 126.<sup>53</sup> Living with him were: Annie J. [Mouse], age 43, married 17 years, she had had 5 children 4 of whom were then still living; Mary L., age 16, daughter; Thomas A., age 14, son, a Farm Laborer; William H., age 8, son, a Farm Laborer; and Charles M., age 3, son. Apparently Catherine J. Kratz had died earlier that year, 1910. An obituary remains to be found.

In 1913 a newspaper reported: "**Mrs. Mary C. Mouse** died this morning at her home, near Clearspring, of dropsy and heart trouble after an illness of a year, aged 79 years, 10 months and 24 days. She was a widow, her husband having died some years ago. Mrs. Mouse was a member of the Catholic church. She is survived by the following children: John, Two Locks; Samuel, Mrs. William Kratz and Mrs. A. L. Bartles, Clearspring, and Amanda, at home. Funeral announcement later."<sup>54</sup>

In 1913 Peter H. Mouse was listed under SALOONS, at 71 Front St.<sup>55</sup> Same for 1915.<sup>56</sup>

In 1915 Mary M. Mouse, the widow of Peter, resided at 9 East 5th Street.<sup>57</sup> Loretta B. Mouse, the widow of Jacob, was living at 9 Boone St. Living with her were her children: Maggie [Margaret] M., a clerk, Rose B., a nurse; William E., a boiler maker; Francis C. an apprentice; and Mildred I., still a presser. Peter H. Mouse was living at 235 Virginia Ave. and worked at a saloon at 71 N. Front St. Living with him were his children: Juniata, a nurse; and Mary B. His son, J. Charles, was living at 417 Grand Ave. and working as a flagmen.



The adjacent photograph, dated 1916, is of Thomas Ellsworth and Mary Jane Mouse, who is holding their daughter, Virginia Grant Mouse.

In 1917 a newspaper reported: "**John Mouse** died at his home, Two Locks, near Clearspring, on Saturday at 4:30 o'clock, from heart trouble superinduced by indigestion, aged 62 years. He kept on with his work during the day and attended to his duties as lock-tender until he was stricken. He had been in the employ of the canal company for a number of years.

"He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Mary Gray, Clearspring; Thomas, Four Locks; Murphy, this city; John, Myersville; Miss Lucy, Baltimore; and Peter and William, at home.

<sup>52</sup> 1910 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Md., Clear Spring, enumerated 4/15/1910, p. 2A.

<sup>53</sup> 1910 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Md., Clear Spring, enumerated 5/6/1910, p. 19A.

<sup>54</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 10/1/1913.

<sup>55</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1913, p. 490.

<sup>56</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1915, p. 452.

<sup>57</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1915, p. 270.

"Funeral Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Services at the house by Rev. W. K. Diehl. Internment in St. Paul's graveyard."<sup>58</sup> A similar obituary in *The Frederick Post*, Frederick, Md., reported that both sons, John and Murphy Mouse were popular conductors on the Hagerstown - Frederick Railroad.

By 1917 Mary M. Mouse, widow of Peter, had moved in with her son at 214 N. Centre St.<sup>59</sup> Her son, Peter H. and his wife Ella M. were living at 214 N. Centre St. and Peter worked at a saloon next door, 212 N. Centre St. Their daughter, Wanette [Juanita], a nurse, was living at home, 214 N. Centre St. Meanwhile, Loretta B. Mouse, widow of Jacob, was still residing at 9 Boone St. Living with her were her children: Margaret M., a shipping clerk; Rose. B., also a nurse; William E., still a boilermaker; Francis C., a machinist; and Mildred I, assistant to Dr. J. H. Spicer.

That same year Jesse T. and Olive Mouse were living in Hancock, Md. and he was working as a clerk at Exline Hardware.<sup>60</sup>

World War I came along and a number of the Mouse men registered for the draft:

**Lloyd M. Mouse**, age 28, born June 16, 1888, was a rubber worker at Goodyear Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.<sup>61</sup> He was married with one child, home address was 514 Bell St., Akron, Ohio. He described himself as tall at 5' - 9", stout at 150 lbs., with blue eyes, dark hair and not bald.

**William E. Mouse**, age 23, born March 10, 1894, in Martinsburg, W. Va.<sup>62</sup> He was living at 9 Boone St., Cumberland, Md. and he was a boiler maker for B. & O. R. R., Cumberland, Md. He was single, tall in height, stout in build, blue eyes, brown hair, not bald.

**Francis C. Mouse**, age 21, born July 16, 1896, in Martinsburg, W. Va.<sup>63</sup> He was employed by B. & O. R. R. Co., Cumberland, Md. His nearest relative was Mrs. L. B. Mouse (Mother), 9 Boone St., Cumberland, Md. His eyes were dark gray in color and he had bark brown hair. He was inducted on 8/29/1918 as a private, served overseas from 10/26/1918 to 8/31/1919, and was honorably discharged on 9/5/1919.

**Samuel Walter Gray**, age 34, born Nov. 23, 1883.<sup>64</sup> He was a Railway Trainman, for the Hagerstown - Frederick Railway Co. His nearest relative was Mrs. Samuel W. Gray (Wife) [Mary Catherine Mouse] of Maple Ave., Hagerstown, Md. He was tall in height, medium build, blue eyes and brown hair.

**Murphy Alexander Mouse**, age 25, born Aug. 18, 1891, in Four Locks, Md.<sup>65</sup> He was a Trolley Conductor for the Hagerstown - Frederick Railway Co. He was single, of medium height, medium build, with brown eyes and brown hair, not bald. He was inducted on 9/4/1918 as a private with Co. G, 7th Engineer Training Regiment, Humphreys, Va. He served Stateside and was honorably discharged 3/26/1919.

**Jesse Theodore Mouse**, age 32, born November 9, 1885, was a laborer for P. T. Little of Hancock, Md.<sup>66</sup> His nearest relative was listed as Mrs. Olive Pearl Mouse [wife], also of

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<sup>58</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, 10/22/1917.

<sup>59</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1917, p. 374.

<sup>60</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1917, p. 917.

<sup>61</sup> WW-I Draft Registration, Serial Number 5482, dated June. 8, 1917.

<sup>62</sup> WW-I Draft Registration, Serial Number 163, dated June 5, 1917.

<sup>63</sup> WW-I Draft Registration, Serial Number 57, dated June 5, 1918

<sup>64</sup> WW-I Draft Registration, Serial Number 2177, dated Sept 12, 1918.

<sup>65</sup> WW-I Draft Registration, Serial Number 63, dated June 5, 1917.

<sup>66</sup> WW-I Draft Registration, Serial Number 900, dated Sept. 12, 1918.

Hancock, Md. He described himself as short in height, slender build, dark brown eyes, with black hair.

**Aaron Luther Bartles**, age 45, born Sept. 16th, 1872, was a self employed merchant in Clearspring, Md.<sup>67</sup> His nearest relative was listed as, Martha [Mouse] Bartles, (wife), also of Clearspring, Md. He described himself as medium height, medium build, blue eyes, and light brown hair.

On or about Sept. 19, 1917 Thomas A. Kratz married and left his parents household. A wedding announcement has not been found.

In 1918 Lloyd M. and Elizabeth B. Mouse were residing at 352 Kling St., Akron, Ohio and he worked at Goodyear Co.<sup>68</sup>

Mary A. [Mouse] Moore, wife of Thomas H. Moore, died in 1919 and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Md. An obituary remains to be found.

The 1920 census reported: Peter H. Mouse, age 54, married an Engineer at the Power House was living in Baltimore.<sup>69</sup> Living with him were: Ella [Mary Ellen], wife, age 53, married; and Gertrude, age 17, daughter, a clerk at the Gas & Electric Co. Their son, [John] Charles Mouse, age 33, remained in Cumberland, on Grand Ave., and he worked as a Brakeman.<sup>70</sup> Living with Charles were: Georgia, age 29, wife; Chester, age 7, son; Virgil, age 5, son; Rose Zoner, age 27, sister-in-law [from which we determine Georgia's maiden name], who was working as a doubler at a silk mill; and Irene, age 23, sister. Their son, William Earl Mouse, age 26, had married Gertrude E. \_\_\_\_\_ in 1920 before the census, was taken as we determine from the 1930 census.

The 1920 census report for John Ellsworth Mouse has not been found, however, it has been reported that his son, Thomas L. [sic E.] Mouse was 37 years old, living in Indian Spring, and was a Canal Laborer.<sup>71</sup>

The 1920 census listed William H. E. Kratz, 48, a general farmer, living in Clear Spring.<sup>72</sup> Living with him were: Annie [Mouse], age 54, wife; Mary L., age 26, daughter; Henry, age 17, son, who was working at farm labor on the home farm; and Charles M., age 12, son. Son Thomas A. Kratz had married in 1917 and left this household.

The 1920 census reported: Mary E. [McClain] Mouse, age 55, widowed, was renting a house on Maryland Ave., Hagerstown.<sup>73</sup> Living with her were: William E., age 35, son, single, a Farm Laborer; and Peter, age 19, son, single, a Railroad Laborer.

The 1920 census reported: Aaron L. Bartles, age 47, married, owned a house, free of mortgage, on East Cumberland St., Clear Spring and was a retail merchant, grocery store.<sup>74</sup> Living with

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<sup>67</sup> WW-I Draft Registration, Serial Number 683, dated Sept. 12, 1918.

<sup>68</sup> *Akron City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1918, p. 1059.

<sup>69</sup> 1920 Census, Maryland, Baltimore City, enumerated 1/7/1920, p. 8.

<sup>70</sup> 1920 Census, Maryland, Allegany Cty., Cumberland, Ward 3, District 20, enumerated 2/19/1920, p. 5B.

<sup>71</sup> www.whilbr.org, Washington County, MD, Census Data - Canal Workers, 1850 - 1920.

<sup>72</sup> 1920 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 1/21&22/1920, p. 13.

<sup>73</sup> 1920 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Hagerstown, enumerated 1/22/1920, p. 21A.

<sup>74</sup> 1920 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 1/27/1920, p. 17A.

him were: Martha E., age 56, wife; Mary L. Shadrack, age 25, married daughter; Martha E., age 22, single daughter, working as a telephone operator; Thomas, age 20, son, working as a repairman in a garage; and Ernst L., age 17, son.

The 1920 census reported: Amanda Mouse, age 60, single, was renting a house on West Cumberland St., Clear Spring.<sup>75</sup> Living with her were: Mary, age 25, daughter, single, who was working in a stocking factory.

The 1920 census reported Charles Mouse, age 33, a Brakeman for the B. & O. R. R., living on Grand Avenue, Cumberland.<sup>76</sup> Living with him were: Georgia, age 29, wife; Chester, age 7, son, Virgil, age 5, son, Rose Zoner, age 27, sister-in-law [from whom we determine Georgia's maiden name]; and Irene Mouse, age 23, sister.

In 1921, Mary M. Mouse (widow of Peter M.), was residing at 9 East 5th Street, Cumberland.<sup>77</sup>

Loretta B. Mouse (widow of Jacob F.) was living at 9 Boone St. Living with her were: Margaret M. Mouse, daughter, who was a clerk at the B. & O. R. R.; Francis C. Mouse, son, who was a machinist for the B. & O. R. R.; and Mildred I. Mouse.<sup>78</sup>

Loretta's son, William E. and Gertrude E. Mouse, were rooming at 47 - 13th Street, Wheeling, W. Va., where he was a foreman for the B. & O. Railroad.<sup>79</sup>

Peter H. Mouse was then living at 9 - 5th St. and was working in a lab. His son, J. Charles Mouse, resided at 72 Union Street and he worked as a brakeman for the B. & O. R. R.<sup>80</sup>



In 1922 Thomas H. Moore, husband of Mary Ann [Mouse] Moore, died and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Md. An obituary remains to be found.

In 1922 Aaron L. and Martha E. [Mouse] Bartles were living on Main Street, Hagerstown; operated a grocery store in the same building.<sup>81</sup> Son Thomas A. Bartles was living with them and he was a mechanic at People's Garage. Son Ernst L. Bartles was also living with them and he was a student.

Amanda Mouse was also residing on Main St., Hagerstown and working as a domestic.<sup>82</sup>

By 1923 William E. and Gertrude Mouse had moved to 409 Jefferson St, Fairmont, W. Va. where he still worked as a foreman.<sup>83</sup>

<sup>75</sup> 1920 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 1/26/1920, p. 15B.

<sup>76</sup> 1920 Census, Maryland, Allegany Cty., Cumberland, ward 3, enumerated 2/19/1920, p. 15B.

<sup>77</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1921, p. 644.

<sup>78</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1921, p. 644.

<sup>79</sup> *Wheeling City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1921, p. 891.

<sup>80</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1921, p. 644.

<sup>81</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1922, p. 1006.

<sup>82</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1922, p. 1012.

<sup>83</sup> *Fairmont City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1923, p.433.



The previous photograph is of Murphy Alexander Mouse and his niece, Virginia Grant Mouse, circa 1924.

A newspaper had the following obituary: "William E. Mouse, formerly of Four Locks, died in Berkley, West Virginia yesterday from heart trouble, aged thirty-eight years. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Mouse, Washington, D.C., two sisters, Mary Gray, Hagerstown, and Lucy Mouse, Baltimore, and four brothers: Thomas, Four Locks, Md., Murphy, Hedgesville, W. Va., John, Myersville, Md., and Peter, Washington, D.C. Funeral services Friday morning at ten o'clock at the parlors of Suter Funeral home. Internment in Saint Paul's Cemetery, Western Pike."<sup>84</sup>

In 1925 Mr. William Kratz, Clearspring, purchased a Ford touring from Spickler Motor Co.<sup>85</sup> Then in 1926 we read: "SEE APPLE BLOSSOMS, Jacob Fahrney, Mr. and Mrs. William Peterman, Charles L. Smith, David L. Smith, William H. Kratz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hassett, Miss Elizabeth Hassett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hassett, the Misses Hassett, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ankeney, John and David Ankeney, all of Clearspring, motored to Winchester to see the Apple Blossom Festival."<sup>86</sup> Surely more than one touring car was required.

By 1926 Lloyd M. and Bertha E. Mouse had moved to 375 Doyle St., Akron, Ohio and he was then working for Firestone Co.<sup>87</sup> Their son, Sylvester, was a student and living with them.

1927 was a good year for Loretta B. Mouse (widow of Jacob F.) in that she was living at 9 Boone St, Cumberland, with her daughter Margaret M. who was a clerk; and son Francis C. who was a machinist at B. & O.<sup>88</sup> William E. and Gertrude Mouse had moved to Michigan Ave. (Mapleside) and he was a helper at B. & O. Paul J. and Frances Mouse were living at 525 Dilley St, no occupation given.

Then in 1928 we find the obituary: "**William H. R. Kratz**, William H. R. Kratz died early Thursday morning at his home in Clearspring of heart failure, aged 57 years. He is survived by a widow and the following children: Leila and Charles, at home; Henry, Clearspring; and Thomas, Hagerstown; sister, Mrs. Leonard P. Snyder, Clearspring. Funeral at 2 o'clock Saturday, services by Rev. W. K. Diehl, burial at St. Paul's Cemetery. The pallbearers will be from the I. O. O. F. lodge."<sup>89</sup>

In 1929 Loretta B. (widow of Jacob F.) was still living at 9 Boone St., Cumberland with her daughter, Margaret M. who was a clerk at the B. & O. R. R.<sup>90</sup> William E. and Gertrude E. Mouse were then living on Chestnut St. (Mapleside) and he was a boiler maker foreman for the B. & O. R. R. Paul J. and Frances J. Mouse were living at 607 Madison St. and he was a helper for the B. & O. R. R.

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<sup>84</sup> *The Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 4/3/1924.

<sup>85</sup> *The Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 2/26/1925, p. 8.

<sup>86</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/7/1926, p. 6 & p. 7.

<sup>87</sup> *Akron City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1926, p. 768.

<sup>88</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1927, p. 520.

<sup>89</sup> *The Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Friday, 2/10/1928, p. 16.

<sup>90</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1929, p. 510.

In 1929 Thomas [Ellsworth] and Mary [Jane Sterling] Mouse were living at 23 E. Salisbury St., Williamsport, Md. and he worked as a pumper.<sup>91</sup> Living with them was their daughter, Virginia [Grant] Mouse, a student.

In 1929 Amanda and Mary Mouse were listed as living on Cumberland St., Clear Spring.<sup>92</sup> Aaron L. and Martha Bartles were also living on Cumberland St, Clear Spring, where he operated a grocery store.<sup>93</sup> Their son, Thomas A. and his wife Mary Bartles, lived on N. Martin St., Clearspring and he worked as a machinist.

That same year Jesse and Olive P. Mouse were living at 433 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown and he was working as a clerk.<sup>94</sup>

On Aug. 22, 1929 Lucy Lee [Mouse] Myers died in Wilkinsburg, PA; the obituary read: "**Mrs. Lucy Mouse Myers.** - The remains of Mrs. Lucy Mouse Myers, 58, were brought from Pittsburg to Hancock for interment. Mrs. Myers was the wife of Benjamin T. Myers and daughter of the late Peter Mouse, a former resident of Hancock."<sup>95</sup> She was buried in Hancock, Md. on Aug. 25, 1929.

The 1930 census reported: Francis C. Mouse, age 34, single, a machinist on a steam railroad was living on Boone St in Cumberland.<sup>96</sup> He owned the home which was valued at \$3,000. Living with him were: Loretta B., age 66, mother, widowed; and Margaret, age 43, sister, single, who was working as an accountant for a steam railroad. For the same family, same census, William E. Mouse, age 36, owned his own home, valued at \$6,000, on Chestnut St. and he was a Boiler Foreman for a Steam Railroad [B. & O. R. R.].<sup>97</sup> Living with him was: Gertrude E., age 32, wife.

The 1930 census reported: Amanda Mouse, age 71, widowed, was renting a house in Clear Spring and working as a Servant, Private Family.<sup>98</sup> Living with her were: Mary R., age 37, daughter, single, who was not working.

The 1930 census reported: Aaron L. Bartles, age 57, married at age 20 years, owned his house in Clear Spring and was a Merchant, Grocery Store.<sup>99</sup> Living with him were: Martha E. [Mouse], age 66, married at age 29 years. Living in the adjacent house were Glen F. Shadrack, age 35, married at age 25, working as a mechanic in a Garage. Living with him was Mary S. [Bartles], age 35, married at age 25.

The 1930 census reported widow Annie J. Kratz, age 64, head of the household, a General Farmer, was living on the Williamsport Road, Clear Spring.<sup>100</sup> Living with her were: Mary l., age 36, daughter; and Charles M., age 23, son, working as a Deliveryman for a Bakery.

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<sup>91</sup> *Williamsport City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1929, p. 609.

<sup>92</sup> *Clear Spring City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1929, p. 667.

<sup>93</sup> *Clear Spring City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1929, p. 664.

<sup>94</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1929, p. 349.

<sup>95</sup> *The Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 9/5/1929, p. 16.

<sup>96</sup> 1930 Census, Maryland, Allegany Cty., Cumberland, District 22, enumerated 4/15/1930, p. 13A.

<sup>97</sup> 1930 Census, Maryland, Allegany Cty., Cumberland, District 69, enumerated 4/8/1930, p. 10A.

<sup>98</sup> 1930 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 4/10/1930, p. 5.

<sup>99</sup> 1930 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, enumerated 4/3/1930, p. 2A.

<sup>100</sup> 1930 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Clear Spring, District 29, enumerated 4/2/1930, p. 1A

The 1930 census reported Loyd M. Mouse, age 41, married at age 22, was renting a house in Akron, Ohio and was working as a laborer at a rubber factory. Living with him were: Bertha E., age 36, wife, married at age 18; and Sylvester L., age 17, son.

The 1930 City Directory listed John C. and Georgia Mouse as living at 1505 Bethel St, Baltimore and he was a packer.<sup>101</sup> Then the 1930 census reported Charles J. Mouse, age 44, was living in Baltimore.<sup>102</sup> Living with him were: Georgia T., age 38, wife; Charles [sic Chester], age 16, son, working as a helper in Wholesale Dry Goods; and Vartil [Virgil], age 14, daughter [sic son].

In May 1931 we read: "**Clearspring Letter.** - Mr. and Mrs. [William] Henry Kratz and son, Shady Bower, called in the home of his mother, Mrs. William Kratz, recently."<sup>103</sup>

By 1933 Lloyd M. and Ella Mouse had moved to 1415 Brown St., Akron, Ohio although he was still a rubber worker.

Back in Cumberland, Francis C. and Isabelle Mouse were still living at 9 Boone St. and he was a machinist to B. & O. R. R.<sup>104</sup> Living with them were his mother, Loretta B., and his sister, Margaret M. who was a clerk at B. & O. R. R. William E. and Gertrude E. Mouse had moved to New Hampshire Ave. (near Sanford) and he was a foreman at B. & O. R. R. Paul J. and Frances E. Mouse were living at 414 Furnace St. and he was a driver.

In 1935 Thomas E. and Mary J. Mouse were living at 32 E. Potomac St, Williamsport, Md. and he worked as a foreman.<sup>105</sup> Living with them were Mary G. (widow of John) Mouse; Lucy E. Mouse, a nurse (Baltimore); and Virginia G. Mouse.

Jesse T. and Olive Mouse were living at 2108 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown and he was a machinist.<sup>106</sup> Living with them were: Mary R. Mouse, their daughter, who was working as a clerk; and William T. Mouse, their son.

A newspaper reported: "**Mary Amanda Mouse** died last evening at her home in Clearspring at the age of 75 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Clearspring. She is survived by one daughter, Mary Regina Mouse, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Aaron Bartles and Mrs. Anna Kratz, both of Clearspring. Funeral services at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning from St. Michael's Catholic Church by the Rev. Fr. Ryan; internment in cemetery adjoining. The body may be viewed at the Snyder-Rowland funeral home in Clearspring."<sup>107</sup>

By 1937 the Cumberland Mouse family data was little changed: Frances C. and Isabelle Mouse still lived at 9 Boone St. and he was a machinist at B. & O. R. R.<sup>108</sup> His mother, Loretta B. Mouse still lived with them but Margaret M. was not listed. William E. and Gertrude E. Mouse

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<sup>101</sup> *Baltimore City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1930, p. 876.

<sup>102</sup> 1930 Census, Maryland, Baltimore (Independent City), District 549, enumerated 4/10/1930, p. 10A.

<sup>103</sup> *The Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Monday, 5/4/1931, p. 6.

<sup>104</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1933, p. 358 & 359.

<sup>105</sup> *Williamsport City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1935, p. 535.

<sup>106</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1935, p. 259.

<sup>107</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Tuesday, 1/22/1935.

<sup>108</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1937, p. 418.

lived at 100 New Hampshire Ave. and he was a foreman at B. & O. R. R. Paul J. and Frances E. Mouse were still at 414 Furnace St, although then he was a boilermaker for B. & O. R. R.

In 1937 Thomas E. and Mary J. Mouse were living at 32 E. Potomac St, Williamsport, Md. and he worked as a foreman.<sup>109</sup> Living with them were Mary G. (widow of John) Mouse; and Lucy E. Mouse, a nurse.

Later that year a newspaper reported: "**Mrs. Mary G. Mouse**, widow of John Mouse, died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of her son, Thomas Mouse, Williamsport, aged 71 years. She had been an invalid for several years.

"She was a member of the Lutheran Church at Clearspring and is survived by the following: Miss Lucy Mouse, Baltimore; Mrs. Mary Gray, Hagerstown; sons, Thomas, Williamsport; Murphy, Marion, Pa.; John Myersville and Peter Mouse, Washington, S. C.; sister, Mrs. M. G. Shives, Washington.

"The body was removed to the funeral home of C. M. Suter and Sons where services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. J. Edward Harms officiating. Internment in St. Paul's cemetery."<sup>110</sup>

A 1937 City Directory listed John C. and Georgia T. Mouse as living at 1622 E. Lanvale St., Baltimore and he was a brakeman for B. & O. R. R. [not blind!].<sup>111</sup> Virgil G. Mouse was living at home and working as a chauffeur. The same source listed Lucy E. Mouse working as a nurse at 868 Park Ave., Apt. 204, which was where she resided.

In the Social News, a newspaper reported: "Dr. and Mrs. I. M. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wooden, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mouse, of Williamsport, have returned from Baltimore where they attended the graduation of Miss Virginia Mouse from Mercy Hospital on Tuesday."<sup>112</sup>

The 1940 census reported Lloyd M. Mouse, age 51, was working as a Clerk in a Night Club.<sup>113</sup> Living with him was: Bertha E., age 46, wife. Apparently Sylvester had moved out.

Back in Cumberland for the rest of the family: Francis C. and Isabelle Mouse were still living at 9 Boone St. and he was still a machinist for B. & O. R. R.; his mother, Loretta B. still lived with them.<sup>114</sup> William E. and Gertrude E. Mouse had not moved although then he was a boiler superintendent at B. & O. R. R. Paul J. and Frances E. Mouse had not moved although he was back to being a driver.

In the 1940 census we read that Peter H. Mouse, age 76, widowed, retired from a Railroad, was a boarder at Oldtown Road, Route 4, near Cumberland, Md. Frances Pimm, age 66, widowed, retired from a Railroad, ran the boarding house.

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<sup>109</sup> *Williamsport City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1937, p. 595.

<sup>110</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Monday, 3/30/1936.

<sup>111</sup> *Baltimore City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1937, p. 875.

<sup>112</sup> *Williamsport Pilot*, Williamsport, Md., newspaper, 5/4/1939.

<sup>113</sup> 1940 Census, Ohio, Akron, enumerated 4/18/1940, p. 3B

<sup>114</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1940, p. 408.

The 1940 census reported Mary R. Mouse, age 47, was a patient at Mount Hope Retreat, Baltimore, Md.<sup>115</sup> About a month later a newspaper reported: "**Miss Mary Regina Mouse**, Clearspring, died this morning at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, aged 48. She is survived by two aunts. The body was removed to the Snyder-Rowland funeral home, where it may be viewed Saturday and Sunday. Services Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Catholic Church, Clearspring, Rev. Fr. Quinn officiating. Internment in Clearspring Catholic cemetery."<sup>116</sup>

The 1940 census reported: Jesse T. Mouse, age 54, married 8 years, a box stacker for a Railroad was living in Hagerstown.<sup>117</sup> Living with him were: Olive P., wife, age 50, married 8 years; and William T., age 25, working in an office at the airplane factory.

The 1940 census reported the widow Annie Kratz, age 74, was living on Clearspring Rt. 1, in her own home, owned and worth \$10,000.<sup>118</sup> Living with her was: Lila, age 46, daughter; and Charles, age 33, son, both working on the home farm.

By 1942 Jesse T. and Olive P. Mouse were living at 301 Summit Ave. Hagerstown, and he was working as a packer.<sup>119</sup> Their son, William T. Mouse, was living with them and he was a Product planner.

World War II came along and a number of the Mouse men registered for the draft:

**Lloyd MacElroy Mouse**, age 53, born June 16, 1888, in Martinsburg, W. Va.<sup>120</sup> He was living at the Anthony Wayne Hotel, Akron, Ohio and employed at Raleigh's Tavern, Portage Lake Dr., Akron, Ohio. A. J. Vachon, 415 Palmetto Ave., Akron, Ohio would always know his address.

**William Earl Mouse**, age 48, born March 10, 1894, in Martinsburg, W. Va.<sup>121</sup> He was living at 100 New Hampshire Ave., Cumberland, Md. and employed by the B. & O. R. R. as a Boiler Foreman, Back Shop, Cumberland, Md. Mrs. Gertrude Mouse, 100 New Hampshire Ave., Cumberland, Md. would always know his address. He was 5' - 11" tall, 180 pounds, gray eyes, gray hair, with a light complexion.

**Francis Clement Mouse**, age 46, was born July 16, 1896, in Martinsburg, W. Va.<sup>122</sup> He was living at 9 Boone St., Cumberland, Md. and employed by the B. & O. R. R., Cumberland, Md. Isabelle J. Mouse, 9 Boone St., Cumberland, Md. would always know his address.

**John Charles Mouse**, age 56, was born April 25, 1886 in Hancock, Md.<sup>123</sup> He was living at 1622 E. LaVale St., Baltimore, Md. and unemployed. Miss Juanita Mouse, Laurel Maryland Dr., Steward, Md. would always know his address. He could not write, he was 5' tall, 135 pounds, had brown eyes, gray hair, and a light complexion, he had a scar across the knuckles on his right hand and wart-like growths on each eyelid.

**Thomas Ellsworth Mouse**, age 59, was born Nov. 17, 1882, Washington Cty., Md.<sup>124</sup> He was living at 328 Potomac St., Williamsport, Md. and employed by Victor Cushwa & Sons,

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<sup>115</sup> 1940 Census, Maryland, Baltimore City, enumerated 4/5/1940, p. 7B.

<sup>116</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/10/1940.

<sup>117</sup> 1940 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Hagerstown, enumerated 4/23/1940, p. 12B.

<sup>118</sup> 1940 Census, Maryland, Washington Cty., Other Places, enumerated 4/9/1940, p. 3B.

<sup>119</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1942, p. 248.

<sup>120</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U275, date unknown.

<sup>121</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U1886, dated Apr. 26, 1942

<sup>122</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U1069, date unknown.

<sup>123</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U1098, dated Apr. 27, 1942

<sup>124</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U0618, dated Apr. 27, 1942

Williamsport, Md. Hilda Carter, 117 Conococheague St., Williamsport, Md. would always know his address. He was 5' - 6" tall, 150 pounds, blind, bald, light complexion and had a scar below his right eye.

**Murphy Alexander Mouse**, age 50, born Aug. 18, 1891, Four Locks, Md.<sup>125</sup> He was living in Guilford Twp., Franklin, Pa. and was employed by Potomac Edison Co., Hagerstown, Md. Mrs. Ida Mouse, Marion, Pa. would always know his address. He was 5' - 4" tall, 145 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair, and a ruddy complexion.

**John David Mause, Sr.**, age 48, born Aug. 21, 1893, at Clear Spring, Md.<sup>126</sup> His residence was Myersville, Dist. 16, Frederick, Md. and he was employed by Whitman, Requardt and Smith, Bethlehem Steel Co., Sparrows Point, Baltimore, Md. Mrs. J. D. Mause, Myersville, Md. would always know his address. The 2nd page provides a description of the registrant; but since it is stamped by Local Draft Board No. 2, Cumberland, Md. it possibly applies to another registrant. It was dated Apr. 26, 1942, which was the correct time frame.

**Jesse Theodore Mouse**, age 56, born Nov. 9, 1885, at Four Locks, Md.<sup>127</sup> His residence was 301 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, Md. and was employed by the Western Maryland R. R. Mrs. Edward Linebaugh, 25 E. Baltimore St., Hagerstown, Md. would always know his address. The 2nd page provides a description of the registrant; but since it is stamped by Local Draft Board No. 1, Cumberland, Md. it possibly applies to another registrant. It was dated Apr. 25, 1942, which was the correct time frame.

Ernst R. Messina enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserves, circa 1942. He received training as a Radio Technician and rose through the ranks to Chief Radio Technician on Oct. 1, 1945 while stationed on board USS Samar (ARG-11), a Luzon class internal combustion repair ship, then stationed in Hwangpu River off Shanghai, China. On Aug. 14, 1945 it had been announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, the formal surrender took place on Sep. 2, 1945 aboard USS Missouri; the Navy started downsizing immediately. On Nov. 1, 1945 Chief Messina was transferred to USS Orvetta, a barracks ship, then stationed at Shanghai, China, for discharge. In 1954 he married Virginia Grant Mouse, but we are jumping ahead in the story.

In 1943 Lloyd M. and Elizabeth B. Mouse were living at 555 Robinson Ave, E, Akron, Ohio.<sup>128</sup> The directory indicates that they owned Pennant Sports Shop, possibly lived in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

In 1944 a newspaper had the following obituary: "**Miss Lucy L. Moore** - Hagerstown, Md. Jan. 3. - Miss Lucy L. Moore, of 26 North Potomac street, died at the Washington County Hospital early Friday of pneumonia, aged 77 years. She was a daughter of the late Thomas H. and Mary A. (Mouse) Moore, and a sister of Mrs. Kate Cushwa, who died a week ago. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Sodality.

"Her father was an official of the Washington county courthouse for many years. She was a niece of the late Peter Mouse of Cumberland, who at one time operated boats on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

"Surviving is one sister, Miss J. Fannie Moore, who is critically ill at her home.

"The funeral was held this morning in St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rev. Francis Leary officiating."<sup>129</sup>

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<sup>125</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U1280, dated Apr. 27, 1942

<sup>126</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U1576, dated Apr. 26, 1942.

<sup>127</sup> WW-II Draft Registration, Serial Number U2677, dated Apr. 25, 1942.

<sup>128</sup> *Akron, Ohio, City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1943, p. 1721.

<sup>129</sup> *Cumberland Evening Times*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Monday, 1/3/1944, p. 5.

In 1945 Jesse T. and Olive P. Mouse were living at 436 Virginia Avenue and he was a machinist helper.<sup>130</sup> Their son, Thomas W. Mouse, was living at 14 R. Antietam St. and was a sheet metal worker.

In 1945 Aaron Bartles was employed as a helper at Statton Furniture Co., Hagerstown and his home remained in Clearspring.<sup>131</sup>

In 1945 a newspaper ran the following obituary: "**Thomas A. Kratz** - Thomas A. Kratz, 1164 Hamilton Boulevard, genial manager of Eyerly's Furniture Department, died suddenly at Eyerly's Store, Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after an illness of a few minutes, aged 48 years.

"Born and reared in Clearspring, he was the son of Annie Mouse Kratz and the late William H. Kratz. For 29 years he has been employed by the Charles H. Eyerly Department store and was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion.

"Besides his wife, Frances Scott Kratz, surviving are: Mother, Mrs. Anna J. Kratz; sister, Miss Lelia Kratz and brothers Henry and Charles, all of Clearspring.

"Body was removed to the A. K. Coffman Funeral Home where services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with the Rev. Dr. J. Edward Harms officiating. Interment in Rose Hill Cemetery."<sup>132</sup>

In Dec. 1946 Loretta B. Mouse died, her obituary remains to be found. The home at 9 Boone St. was probably sold with her estate settlement. In 1947, Francis C. and Isabella Mouse had moved to 30 N. Liberty, St. and he remained a machinist at B. & O. R. R.<sup>133</sup> The data for William E. and Gertrude Mouse was unchanged from 1940. Paul J. and Frances E. Mouse had moved to 420 Valley St. and he remained working as a driver.

The following year a newspaper ran the obituary: "**Jesse T. Mouse** - Jesse Theodore Mouse died at his home, 436 Virginia Avenue, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock of complications after an illness of a few hours, aged 61 years. He was born and reared in Clearspring district but has resided in this city for the past 20 years. He was in the employ of the Western Maryland Railway for over 16 years.

"A member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society. He is survived by his wife, Olive P. Mouse and daughter Mrs. Edward Linebaugh, this city; son, William T. Mouse, this city; grand-daughter, Linda Linebaugh; step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bartles, Clearspring; sisters, Mrs. Glenn Shadrach, this city; Mrs. Richard Rowland, Clearspring; brother, Thomas Bartles, Michigan; and Ernest Bartles, this city.

"The body was removed to the funeral home of A. K. Coffman. Requiem Mass will be held in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Friday morning at 9 o'clock, Father Simon Kenny officiating. Interment will be made in Rose Hill cemetery. The Holy Name Society will meet at the funeral home Thursday evening at 8 o'clock where prayers will be said."<sup>134</sup>

In the Social News, a newspaper reported: "Recent visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mouse, East Potomac Street, were Mr. and Mrs. George Roach and daughter, Mrs. Ella Roach,

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<sup>130</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1945, p. 298.

<sup>131</sup> *Hagerstown City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1945, p. 43.

<sup>132</sup> *Morning Herald*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Thursday, 11/15/1945, p. 10.

<sup>133</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1947, p. 585.

<sup>134</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, 4/23/1947.

Hagerstown; Mr. and Mrs. David Sterling, Miss Virginia Mouse, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Alexandria, Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. William S. Carter, Tammany Heights."<sup>135</sup>

In February of 1950 we read the obituary: "**Mrs. Annie Jane Kratz**, Mrs. Annie Jane Kratz, widow of William H. Kratz, Clear Spring, died at her home yesterday morning after a lingering illness, aged 84 years.

"Born at Big Spring, she was the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bear) Mouse. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Clear Spring. Surviving are sons, W. Henry Kratz, Charles M. Kratz; daughter Miss Leila Kratz, all of Clear Spring; and three grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Aaron Bartles, Clear Spring.

"The body was removed to the Rowland funeral home at Clear Spring. The body may be viewed at the residence after today noon.

"Mass will be said from St. Michael's Catholic Church, Clear Spring, Monday at 9 a.m. The Rev. Fr. C. J. Byrnes officiating. Interment will be made in St. Paul's Cemetery on the Western Pike."<sup>136</sup>

The adjacent photograph, circa 1950, is of Thomas Ellsworth Mouse taken in Williamsport, Md. in Byron Park, notice the building in background.

Apparently Peter H. Mouse, born 1/20/1867, died 5/7/1950 and was buried in Tasker Cemetery, Crosstown, Mineral County, West Virginia. The obituary remains to be found.

Apparently Murphy Alexander Mouse, born 8/18/1891, died 8/24/1950 and was buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Clear Spring, Washington County, Maryland. The obituary remains to be found.

A 1954 newspaper reported that: "**Miss Mouse Marries Ernest R. Messina**. In a quiet but lovely wedding ceremony at 10 o'clock in the morning, May 22, Miss Virginia Grant Mouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Mouse, 24 East Potomac Street, Williamsport, was united in marriage with Ernest R. Messina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Messina, of Baltimore.

"The couple were married by the Rev. Fr. Linus Robinson in the sanctuary of the St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church in Williamsport. Bouquets of white snapdragons and gladioli were placed about the church altar.

"For the ceremony, the bride wore a China blue street length dress, designed to feature a drape to the side of the skirt. The bodice was offset with trimming and three-quarter length sleeves. To complement her wedding ensemble, she selected a white flower hat, white gloves and blue slippers, to match the dress. At her shoulder she pinned a white orchid.



<sup>135</sup> *Williamsport Pilot*, Williamsport, Md., newspaper, 7/8/1949.

<sup>136</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Friday, 2/17/1950, p. 20.



"Miss Emily Ann Waring, Leonardstown, Md., was the maid of honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a street length dress of pink linen with white accessories. As a floral accent, she added a corsage of rosebuds.

"John Messina, the bridegroom's brother served as best man.

"To receive guests, Mrs. Mouse selected a dress of grey crepe with navy accessories. She wore a pink rosebud corsage.

"Immediately after the wedding service, there was a reception at the home of the bride. Lovely bouquets of roses decorated the home for the affair.

"Mrs. Winfield Schamel, Mrs. William S. Carter, Mrs. Russell Jordan and Mrs. LeRoy Moats assisted with the serving of the guests.

"When they return from their wedding trip through New York and Canada, the couple will reside at 1655 Northbourne Road, Baltimore.

"Mrs. Messina is a graduate of Williamsport High School and Mercy Hospital, Baltimore. She is presently employed with Dr. William Duffy, Baltimore.

"Mr. Messina has served four years with the United States Navy and is now employed with the United States Government Post Office, Baltimore."

Modest changes came to the Mouse family in Cumberland: Francis C. and Isabelle J. Mouse had not moved and no occupation was listed.<sup>137</sup> William E. and Gertrude Mouse had not moved although he was then working in a laboratory at B. & O. R. R. Paul J. and Frances E. Mouse had not moved since 1947 although in 1955 he was an equipment operator for the City of

Cumberland.



Five years later saw few changes to the Mouse family in Cumberland: Francis C. and Isabella J. Mouse were still at the same address although Apt. B-1 was added to their address, no occupation at age 64. William E. and Gertrude E. Mouse had not moved and no occupation was listed, he was 66 years old. Paul J. and Frances E. Mouse had not moved although he was working in a laboratory for the City Dept. of Streets, age 56.

The adjacent photograph was taken at the Thomas Ellsworth and Mary Jane Mouse 50th Wedding Anniversary, Nov. 2, 1960.

In 1959 a newspaper ran the obituary: "**Mrs. Olive P. Mouse** - Mrs. Olive Pearl Mouse, 69, widow of Jesse T. Mouse, died at the Martin Manor Nursing Home on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 of complications after an illness of four months.

"She was born in Fulton County, Pa., but spent most of her life at Hancock. She was the daughter of William and Sallie Shaw Vance. She moved to Hagerstown in 1927 where she resided until her death.

"She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

"She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Linebaugh, Hagerstown; one son, William T. Mousse, Hagerstown; one granddaughter; sisters, Mrs. Mary Jenkins, Martinsburg; Mrs. May Witmer, Shady Bower, Md.; Mrs. Virgie Rector, Hancock.

<sup>137</sup> *Cumberland City Directory*, R. L. Polk & Co., 1955, p. 278.

"The body was taken to the A. K. Coffman Funeral Home where it may be viewed. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. D. M. McGrath. Interment will be made in Rose Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home this evening after 7 o'clock."<sup>138</sup>

In 1966 a newspaper reported: "**Thomas E. Mouse.** Thomas Ellsworth Mouse, 84, of 24 East Potomac St., Williamsport, died Sunday at 11 a.m. at his home after a long illness.

"Husband of Mary Jane Sterling Mouse of Williamsport, he was the son of the late John and Mary McClain Mouse. He was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church, Williamsport and a retired Cushwa brickyard worker where he was employed for 30 years.

"Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Virginia G. Messina, Baltimore; brother, Peter Mouse, Raleigh, N.C.; sisters, Mrs. Walter Gray, Hagerstown, and Mrs. Lucy Frere, Baltimore; two grandchildren.

"Funeral services will be held from the St. Augustine Catholic Church Wednesday at 10 a.m., the Rev. Thomas A. Hardesty officiating.

"Prayers will be said at 8 o'clock tonight at the Leaf Funeral Home. Viewing will be from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Interment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Williamsport."<sup>139</sup>

Lucy E. Mouse Frere died 11/10/1969, her obituary read: "**Lucy M. Frere - BALTIMORE -** Lucy Mouse Frere, 74, wife of the late Thomas Frere, died Monday at the Bolton Hill Nursing Home.

"She was born in Clear Spring, the daughter of John E. and Mary McClain Mouse. She was a registered nurse by profession.

"She is survived by one brother, Peter Mouse of Snow Hill, N. C.

"Requiem Mass was held Thursday at Saint Ignatius Church. Interment was in Baltimore National Cemetery."<sup>140</sup>

In 1974 a newspaper reported: "**Mrs. Mary Jane Mouse.** Mrs. Mary Jane Mouse, 87, of 24 E. Potomac St., Williamsport died Friday morning at the Williamsport Nursing Home.

"She was born near Dam No. 5, Big Springs, and was the daughter of Daniel Lee and Virginia Sanders Sterling.

"She was a member of St. Augustine's Catholic Church, and an honorary member of the Sodality.

"She is survived by one daughter Mrs. Virginia Messina of Baltimore; one brother, Daniel B. Sterling of Hagerstown; and two grandchildren.

"The Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 9 a.m. Monday morning at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Williamsport. The Rev. Father Alfred E. Smith will be celebrant.

"The family will receive friends at the Leaf Funeral Home in Williamsport Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. The rosary will be said Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

"Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Williamsport."<sup>141</sup>

Apparently Peter Mouse, born 4/30/1901, died 9/25/1990 in District of Columbia, General Hospital. He had been living in Ayden, North Carolina. An obituary has not been found; place of burial not known.

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<sup>138</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, 4/6/1959.

<sup>139</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Tuesday, 12/17/1966.

<sup>140</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Friday, 11/14/1969, p. 13.

<sup>141</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Saturday, 8/31/1974.

A local newspaper ran the following obituary: "**Charles M. Kratz.** - Charles Mason Kratz, 78, of Rt. 4, died Wednesday at Colton Villa Nursing Home.

"Born in Clear Spring, he was the son of the late William and Anna Mouse Kratz.

"He was employed with Manbeck Bakery, retiring in 1972 after 45 years of service.

"H was a member of Morris Frock Post No. 42 American Legion.

"He is survived by his wife, Grace I. Kratz; one sister, Mary L. Kratz of Hagerstown; and two step-grandsons.

"Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Minnich Funeral Home, 415 E. Wilson Blvd. The Rev. Alfred E. Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Lawn Memorial Parl.

"The family will receive friends at the funeral home tonight from 7 to 9 p.m."<sup>142</sup>

On Mar. 6, 1986 Francis C. Mouse died; he was buried in Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Cumberland, Md. An obituary has not been found.

A newspaper posted the following: "On Thursday, August 16, 2001, VIRGINIA (nee Mouse) MESSINA, beloved wife of Ernest R. Messina, devoted mother of Regina M. Kotowski of Baltimore and Thomas F. Messina of Folsom, CA, grandmother of Daniel J. Kotowski. Friends may call at the Ruck Towson Funeral Home, Inc., 1050 York Road (beltway exit 26 A) on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. with a Vigil Service at 7 P.M. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, August 20 at 10 A.M. at the Oak Crest Village Chapel. Internment New Cathedral Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Gilchrist Center."<sup>143</sup>

The next year the newspaper reported: "On Wednesday, May 22,2002, ERNEST R. MESSINA beloved husband of the late Virginia G. (nee Mouse) Messina, devoted father of Regina M. Kotowski of Baltimore and Thomas F. Messina of Folsom, CA, brother of Julius Messina, Marie Messina, the late Vincent Messina, John Messina, and Lena Thornton, grandfather of Daniel J. Kotowski. Friends may call at the Ruck Towson Funeral Home, Inc., 1050 York Road (beltway exit 26A) on Saturday, May 25, from 9 AM until 11 AM the Funeral Hour. Internment to follow in the New Cathedral Cemetery."<sup>144</sup>

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<sup>142</sup> *The Daily Mail*, Hagerstown, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/31/1985.

<sup>143</sup> *Baltimore Sun*, Baltimore, MD, newspaper, 8/18/2001.

<sup>144</sup> *Baltimore Sun*, Baltimore, MD, newspaper, 5/24/2002.

MOUSE FAMILY VITAL STATISTICS

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Born in
<b>Peter Mouse</b>	hus	11/28/1792		9/7/1868	Maryland
Catherine Jane <b>Shadrach</b>	wife	1798		7/24/1877	Maryland
<i>John Mouse</i>	son	1825			Maryland
<i>Isabella Mouse</i> (Martin)	dau	1829			Maryland
<i>Peter M. Mouse</i>	son	11/1831	1856	3/9/1905	Maryland
<i>Lucy A. Mouse</i>	dau	1833			Maryland
<i>Thomas Mouse</i>	hus	1833	1856		Maryland
<i>Mary Ann Mouse</i> (Moore)	dau	8/1835	1858	1919	Maryland
<i>Catherine Jane Mouse</i>	dau	1837			Maryland
<i>Phillip Mouse</i>	son	1839			Maryland
<i>Eliza I. Mouse</i>	dau	1840			Maryland
<b>End of Generation 1</b>					
<b>Peter M. Mouse</b>	hus	11/1831	1854	3/9/1905	Maryland
Mary M.	wife	4/1832			
<i>Jane Mouse</i>	dau	1855	infant?	-1870	Maryland
<i>Elizabeth Mouse</i>	dau	1857			Maryland
<i>Margaret Mouse</i>	dau	1859	infant?	-1870	Maryland
<i>Mary E. Mouse</i> (Bowhay)	dau	1860			Maryland
<i>Jacob F. Mouse</i>	son	5/24/1861	1886	8/3/1903	Maryland
<i>Peter H. Mouse</i>	son	1/20/1867	1884	5/7/1950	Maryland
<i>Lucy Lee Mouse</i> (Myers)	dau	11/2/1870	11/29/1894	8/22/1929	Maryland
<i>William Michael Mouse</i>	son	1874			Maryland
<b>Thomas Mouse</b>	hus	1833	1856		Maryland
Mary Catherine <b>Bear</b>	wife	1834			10/1/1913
<i>John Ellsworth Mouse</i>	son	1/18/1857	1/12/1882	10/20/1917	Maryland
<i>Mary Amanda Mouse</i>	dau	1/23/1859	never	1/22/1935	Maryland
<i>Martha Elizabeth Mouse</i> (Bartles)	dau	1864	1893		Maryland
<i>Annie Jane Mouse</i> (Kratz)	dau	9/1865	1893		Maryland
<i>Charles T. Mouse</i>	son	1868			Maryland
<i>Philip I. Mouse</i>	son	1870		1880	Maryland
<i>David T. Mouse</i>	son	1873	infant	1875	Maryland
<i>Samuel Lewis Mouse</i>	son	10/1878			Maryland
<b>Thomas H. Moore</b>	hus	12/1834	1858	1922	Maryland
Mary Ann <b>Mouse</b>	wife	8/1835			1919
<i>Catherine Moore</i> (Cushwa)	dau	6/1859		12/1943	Maryland
<i>Levi Ed Moore</i>	son	1861			Maryland
<i>Jane Fannie Moore</i>	dau	6/1862			Maryland
<i>Annie E. Moore</i>	dau	2/1864			Maryland
<i>Lucy L. Moore</i>	dau	8/1866	never	12/31/1943	Maryland
<b>End of Generation 2</b>					
<b>Thomas Proctor Bowhay</b>	hus	1849		11/21/1894	
Mary E. <b>Mouse</b>	wife	1860			Maryland
<i>Thomas C. C. Bowhay</i>	son		infant		
<i>Lillian May Bowhay</i>	dau	8/1888		1973	Washington D.C.
<i>Mary Juniata Bowhay</i>	dau	8/1892		1980	West Virginia

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Born in
Jacob F. <b>Mouse</b>	hus	5/24/1861	8/18/1885	8/3/1903	Maryland
Loretta B. <b>Ortman</b>	wife	5/7/1865		12/1946	Maryland
<i>Margaret M. Mouse</i>	dau	5/1886			Maryland
<i>Loyd Macelroy Mouse</i>	son	6/16/1888		2/14/1967	West Virginia
<i>Pearl M. Mouse</i>	dau	12/1889			West Virginia
<i>Rose Beatrice Mouse</i>	dau	1/23/1892		9/15/1978	West Virginia
<i>William Earl Mouse</i>	son	3/10/1894	1920		West Virginia
<i>Francis Clement Mouse</i>	son	7/16/1896		3/6/1986	West Virginia
<i>Mildred I. Mouse</i>	dau	12/1898			Maryland
<i>Paul J. Mouse</i>	son	1904			Maryland
Peter Henan <b>Mouse</b>	hus	1/20/1867	3/18/1884	5/7/1950	Maryland
Mary Ellen <b>Kearns</b>	wife	5/1868		1921	Maryland
<i>John Charles Mouse</i>	son	4/25/1886			Maryland
<i>Clarence Day Mouse</i>	son	10/5/1888			West Virginia
<i>Eva Mouse</i>	dau	4/1892	1910		West Virginia
<i>Juanita C. Mouse</i>	dau	6/1894			West Virginia
<i>Irene Mouse</i>	dau	1/1896		1911	West Virginia
<i>Mary Mouse</i>	dau	9/1898			Maryland
<i>Grace Mouse</i>	dau	1901			Maryland
<i>Gertrude Mouse</i>	dau	1903			Maryland
John Ellsworth <b>Mouse</b>	hus	1/18/1857	1/18/1882	10/20/1917	Maryland
Mary (Molly) <b>McClain</b>	wife	5/6/1864		3/29/1936	Maryland
<i>Thomas Ellsworth Mouse</i>	son	11/17/1882		12/23/1966	Maryland
<i>William Edward Mouse</i>	son	6/27/1885	never	4/1/1924	Maryland
<i>Mary Catherine Mouse (Gray)</i>	dau	12/30/1887	1908	8/31/1974	Maryland
<i>Murphy Alexander Mouse</i>	son	8/18/1891		8/24/1950	Maryland
<i>John David Mause</i>	son	8/21/1893		9/4/1963	Maryland
<i>Lucy E. Mouse (Frere)</i>	dau	10/17/1895		11/10/1969	Maryland
<i>Peter Mouse</i>	son	4/30/1901		9/25/1990	Maryland
Mary Amanda <b>Mouse</b>		1/23/1859	never	1/22/1935	Maryland
<i>Jesse Mouse</i>	son	11/9/1885	1932		Maryland
<i>Mary Regina Mouse</i>	dau	1893		5/10/1940	Maryland
Martha Elizabeth <b>Mouse</b>		1864			Maryland
Jesse Theodore <b>Mouse</b>	son	11/9/1885	1912	4/22/1947	Maryland
Aaron Luther <b>Bartles</b>	hus	9/16/1872	1893	6/24/1947	Maryland
Martha Elizabeth <b>Mouse</b>	wife	1864			Maryland
<i>Mary L. Bartles (Shadrach)</i>	dau	1895	1920		Maryland
<i>Martha E. Bartles (Rowland)</i>	dau	1898			Maryland
<i>Thomas A. Bartles</i>	son	1900			Maryland
<i>Ernst L. Bartles</i>	son	1903			Maryland

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Born in
<b>William H. R. Kratz</b>	hus	8/1871	1893	2/9/1928	Virginia
<b>Annie Jane Mouse</b>	wife	9/1865		2/16/1950	Maryland
<i>Mary Leila Kratz</i>	dau	8/1893	never		Maryland
<i>Thomas Alexander Kratz</i>	son	2/7/1896	9/19/1917	11/9/1945	Maryland
<i>Catherine J. Kratz</i>	dau	10/1898	never	1910	Maryland
<i>William Henry Kratz</i>	son	1902	never	1973	Maryland
<i>Charles Mason Kratz</i>	son	1907		1985	Maryland
<b>End of Generation 3</b>					
<b>Loyd Macelroy Mouse</b>	hus	6/16/1888		2/14/1967	West Virginia
<b>Bertha Elizabeth Thompson</b>	wife	1893		1988	West Virginia
<i>Sylvester L. Mouse</i>	son	1912		1931	Maryland
<b>William Earl Mouse</b>	hus	3/10/1894	1920		West Virginia
Gertrude E.	wife	1898			Maryland
<b>John Charles Mouse</b>	hus	4/1886			Maryland
<b>Georgia Theresa Zoner</b>	wife	8/1890			West Virginia
<i>Chester G. Mouse</i>	son	1913			Maryland
<i>Virgil Mouse</i>	son	1915			Maryland
<b>Clarence Day Mouse</b>	hus	10/15/1888	12/1909		West Virginia
Georgia	wife	1890			Maryland
<b>Thomas Ellsworth Mouse</b>	hus	11/17/1882	11/2/1910	12/23/1966	Maryland
<b>Mary Jane Sterling</b>	wife	7/12/1887		8/30/1974	Maryland
<i>Virginia Grant Mouse</i> (Messina)	dau	5/23/1916		5/22/1954	8/16/2001
<b>Samuel Walter Gray</b>	hus	11/23/1883	1908	3/1985	Maryland
<b>Mary Catherine Mouse</b>	wife	12/30/1887		8/31/1974	Maryland
<i>Lucy Eileen Gray</i> (Grove)	dau	1913			Maryland
<i>Mary Eileen Gray</i>	dau	1916			Maryland
<i>Jesse T. Gray</i>	son	1920			6/17/2009
<b>Murphy Alexander Mouse</b>	hus	8/18/1891	1920	8/24/1950	Maryland
Ida M.	wife	1902		1969	Maryland
<i>Jenette M. Mouse</i>	dau	1925			West Virginia
<i>William Murphy Mouse</i>	son	1927			Pennsylvania
<i>Vallora Mouse</i>	dau	1929	1949		Pennsylvania
<i>John Mouse</i>	son	1934			Pennsylvania
<b>John David Mause, Sr.</b>	hus	8/21/1893		9/4/1963	Maryland
<b>Viola Poffenberger</b>	wife	1899			Maryland
<i>Virginia L. Mause</i>	dau	1917			Maryland
<i>John David Mause, Jr.</i>	son	1918			Maryland
<i>James R. P. Mause</i>	son	1922			3/9/2005

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Born in
Jesse Theodore <b>Mouse</b>	hus	11/9/1885	1912	4/22/1947	Maryland
Olive Pearl <b>Vance</b>	wife	1890		4/5/1959	Pennsylvania
<i>Mary Ruth Mouse</i> (Linebaugh)	dau.	1913		10/1996	Maryland
<i>William Thomas Mouse</i>	son	12/24/1914		11/6/2006	Maryland
End of Generation 4					
Ernest R. <b>Messina</b>	hus	10/6/1908	5/22/1954	5/22/2002	Maryland
Virginia Grant <b>Mouse</b>	wife	5/23/1916		8/16/2001	Maryland
<b>Reginia Ann. Messina</b> (Kotowski)	dau	3/9/1955	6/13/1981		Maryland
<i>Thomas F. Messina</i>	son	7/26/1956			Maryland

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book LBN 2, p 731, 6/15/1868.

At the request of H. T. Weld, the following Mortgage was recorded June 15<sup>th</sup> 1868.

This Indenture, made this twelfth day of June eighteen hundred and sixty eight, between Philip Mouse of Washington County, State of Maryland of the first part, and Henry Thomas Weld, of Allegany County, State of Maryland, of the second part. Whereas, the said Henry Thomas Weld has this day sold to the said Mouse, the canal boat called Peacock at and for the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars, which the said Mouse is to pay unto the said Weld, and his assigns, in installments of forty dollars each, for the first twelve trips and thirty five dollars each for every subsequent trip made by said boat from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria or Washington City, until the entire purchase money is paid, with interest thereon from this date, crediting the respective payments thereon, as of the time when such payments shall be made, and whereas, it was a part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said Mouse and the said Weld, that the said Mouse shall use the said boat in freighting coal from Cumberland to the points aforesaid, in regular trips, with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done, and to give a preference in freighting the coal of such company or person as the said Weld may from time to time direct, provided such person or persons are ready to load him at the current rate of freight payable by the large companies for a like service within a period of twenty four hours, exclusive of Sundays, after his reporting for loading and to keep said boat in proper repair; all of which said stipulations the said Mouse hereby covenants and agrees with the said Weld and his assigns to fulfill and perform, provided always, that if for any cause whatsoever said Weld shall not be prepared with coal within twenty four hours of the boat being reported by the Captain as ready to receive her load, then all claim of said Weld to the services of the boat for that trip is cancelled, except as far as his right to claim the trip money is concerned, and whereas the said Mouse is anxious to secure unto the said Weld and his assigns, the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money; and also to secure to the said Weld and his assigns, the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid, and the said Mouse is willing to execute these presents, now, this indenture witnesseth, that the said Mouse for and in consideration of the premises, hath granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, his executors, administrators and assigns, the canal boat called Peacock, to have and to hold the same unto the said Henry Thomas Weld, his executors, administrators and assigns forever, provided nevertheless, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents, that if the said Mouse shall well and truly pay unto said Weld, his executors, administrators or assigns, the aforesaid installments of purchase money, upon each and every trip as aforesaid, until the whole purchase money, with the interest as aforesaid, shall be fully paid; and if the said Mouse shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed, as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law, and this instrument further Witnesseth, that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid, that in case of any default upon the part of the said Mouse to make regular payments on account of said purchase money, as herein provided, or in case of a failure to make regular trips as aforesaid with said boat, or in case of a refusal or neglect on the part of the said Mouse to freight for the company or person designated by said Weld, or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat, as before mentioned, or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair, or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or recitals in this mortgage named, to be done and performed on the part of said Mouse, then, and in either event, the said



Henry Thomas Weld, or his assigns, is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat, and after ten days public notice thereof in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland, to sell said canal boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder for cash or on credit; and out of the proceeds of such sale pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement, and then the balance due to said Weld, or his assigns, of said purchase money and interest. In Witness whereof the said Mouse hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal, on the day and year first above written.

Teste: Joseph Harrison

Philip Mouse {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: I hereby certify, that on this twelfth day of June 1868, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said County, personally appeared Philip Mouse and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

Joseph Harrison, J.P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1868, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Henry T. Weld the mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as herein set forth. In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

Andrew Gonder, J. P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 30, page 375, 10/30/1869.

At the request of Frederick Mertens this Mortgage was recorded October 30th 1869.

This Indenture made this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1869, between Frederick Mertens of Allegany County, in the State of Maryland of the first part and Phillip Mouse, of Allegany County, in the State of Maryland of the second part. Witnesseth, Whereas the said Frederick Mertens has this day sold to the said Phillip Mouse the Canal Boat called "Jack Topper" at and for the sum of two thousand dollars, which the said Phillip Mouse is to pay unto the said Frederick Mertens and his assigns, in installments of thirty five dollars each for all the trips made by said boat from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria, Washington City, or any other port until the entire purchase money is paid, with interest from date, crediting the respective payments thereon as of the time when such payments shall be made.

And whereas it was part of said contract of purchase and sale that the said Phillip Mouse shall use said boat in freighting coal from Cumberland to the points aforesaid, in regular trips, both day and night, with as much expedition & regularity as can be reasonably done with double teams whenever required by the said Frederick Mertens, and to receive the loads of said boat promptly at each trip, with the coal of the Borden Mining Company, or such Company or any person as said Frederick Mertens or his assigns shall direct; and to freight the same at the lowest current rates which shall be paid by the American Coal Company, C. E. Detmold, and such other leading Companies as are now shipping Coal from Cumberland on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, to Georgetown, Alexandria, Washington City of other points on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and to keep said boat in proper repair; and run her regularly for said mortgagee during each boating season until said purchase money is paid, all of which said stipulations the said Phillip Mouse hereby covenants and agrees with the said Frederick Mertens and his assigns, to fulfill and perform.

And whereas the said Phillip Mouse is anxious to secure unto the said Frederick Mertens, and his assigns, the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money, and also to secure to the said Frederick Mertens and his assigns the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid, the said [Phillip Mouse] is willing to execute these presents.

Now, this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Phillip Mouse for and in consideration of the premises hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Frederick Mertens the Canal Boat called "Jack Topper" to have and to hold the same forever. Provided nevertheless that if the said Phillip Mouse shall well and truly pay unto the said Frederick Mertens or his assigns the aforesaid installments of purchase money, with interest, upon each and every trip as aforesaid until the whole shall be fully paid and shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

And this instrument further Witnesseth that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid that in case of any default upon the part of the said Phillip Mouse to make regular payments, on account of said purchase money as herein provided, or in case of a failure to perform any of the covenants named in this mortgage, then in either event the said Frederick Mertens, or his assigns,

is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat and after ten days notice thereof in a public newspaper printed in Cumberland City to sell said canal boat at public sale as mortgagee to the highest bidder for cash or credit, and out of the proceeds of such sale to pay the expenses of such sale and publication and the balance due said Frederick Mertens or his assigns, and if there be any overplus the said Frederick Mertens or his assigns are to pay the same to the said Phillip Mouse, or his assigns. In witness whereof the said [Phillip Mouse] hath subscribed his name and affixed his seal.

Teste: J. B. Widener

Phillip Mouse{Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1869, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, appeared Phillip Mouse and acknowledged the foregoing mortgage to be his act.

J. B. Widener, J.P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this 30th day of October 1869 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for Allegany County personally appeared Frederick Mertens the mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as herein set forth. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

J. B. Widener, J.P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 37, page 508, 9/16/1872.

At the request of Frederick Mertens this Mortgage was recorded Sept. 16th 1872.

This Indenture, made this 16th day of September eighteen hundred and seventy two, between Philip Mouse of Allegany County, State of Maryland party of the first part and Frederick Mertens of Allegany County, State of Maryland party of the second part. Whereas the said party of the second part has this day sold to the said party of the first part the Canal Boats called "E. Hadra" & "Jack Topper" also eight mules and the rigs on said boats and harness of said mules at and for the sum of twenty four hundred and fifty dollars, which the said party of the first part is to pay unto the said party of the second part, in installments and in the manner and upon the terms hereinafter mentioned, to wit: sixty dollars for each and every trip said boats shall make from Cumberland to Georgetown, Washington, Alexandria, or any other point until the entire purchase money, with the interest, is fully paid, crediting the respective payments thereon as of the time when such payments shall have been made.

And whereas it was part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said party of the first part and the said party of the second part, that the said party of the first part shall use the said boat exclusively in freighting coal from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria or Washington City, in regular trips, both day and night, with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done, and to receive the loads of the said boat promptly at each trip with the coal of such Company or person as the said party of the second part shall direct; and to freight the same at the lowest current rates which shall be paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, the Borden Mining Company, the Consolidation Coal Company, and the Hampshire & Baltimore Coal Company, and to keep said boat in proper repair; and that the said party of the first part will not during the continuance of this instrument of writing, assign, transfer or set over, or otherwise by any act or deed permit the said boat to be assigned, transferred or set over unto any person or persons whomsoever, without the consent in writing of the said party of the second part, or his authorized agent, all of which said stipulations the said party of the first part hereby covenants and agrees with the said party of the second part and his assigns, to fulfill and perform, provided always that if the said Company should not furnish loading for said boat within twenty four hours after the boat has been reported by the Captain at the place of loading ready to receive her load, then the said party of the first part shall have the right of loading wherever he chooses for that trip if such want of readiness to load the boat is caused by any default on the part of the said Company or its agents; but in case of a glut of boats, or in case such default either in loading or unloading happens from any other cause than a personal default of the said Company, or its agent, than all the boats carrying coal for it must take their turn in loading and unloading, and no claim shall be made for such detention.

And whereas the said party of the first part is anxious to secure unto the said party of the second part, and his assigns, the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money, and also to secure to the said party of the second part and his assigns the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid, the said party of the first part is willing to execute these presents. Now, this Indenture Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the premises hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part and his assigns, the Canal Boats called "E. Hadra" & "Jack Topper" stock of mules, rig of said boat & harness, &c. &c. to have and to hold the same unto the said party of the second part and his assigns forever. Provided

Nevertheless and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents that if the said party of the first part shall well and truly pay unto the said party of the second part or his assigns the aforesaid installments of purchase money, upon each and every trip as aforesaid until the whole purchase money, with the interest aforesaid, shall be fully paid and if the said party of the first part shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed, as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained, shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

And this instrument further Witnesseth that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid that in case of any default upon the part of the said party of the first part to make regular payments, on account of said purchase money as herein provided, or in case of a failure to make regular trips as aforesaid with said Boat, or in case of a refusal or neglect upon the part of the said party of the first part to freight for the Company or person designated by the said party of the second part or his authorized agent, or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat, as before mentioned, or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair, or in case of a transfer without permission as aforesaid, or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or recitals in this mortgage named to be done and performed on the part of the said party of the first part, then and in either event the said party of the second part, or his assigns, or any duly authorized agent, is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat and after ten days public notice thereof in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland, to sell said canal boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder for cash or on credit, and out of the proceeds of such sale to pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement and then the balance due to said party of the second part, or his assigns, of said purchase money and interest, and if there be any overplus the said party of the second part or his assigns are to pay the same to the said party of the first part. In witness whereof the said Philip Mouse hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written.

Teste: Jas. M. Beall

Philip Mouse {Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 16th day of September 1872, before the subscriber, personally appeared Philip Mouse and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

Jas. M. Beall, J. P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this 16th day of September 1872 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany County personally appeared Frederick Mertens, mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the considerations set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as herein set forth. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

Jas. M. Beall, J. P.

Washington County, MD, Deed Book WMcKK 6, page 132, 10/7/1873.

At the insistence of Weld & Sheridan the following Mortgage is recorded October 7<sup>th</sup> 1873.

This Indenture, Made this second day of October eighteen hundred and seventy three between Philip Mouse of Washington County, State of Maryland of the first part and Weld & Sheridan of Allegany County, State of Maryland of the second part. Whereas the said Weld & Sheridan has this day sold to the said Mouse the Canal Boat called Dr. Eliason at and for the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, which the said Mouse is to pay unto the said Weld & Sheridan and their assigns in installments of forty dollars each for every trip made by said boat from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria, or Washington City, and intermediate points, until the entire purchase money is paid with interest thereon from March 21<sup>st</sup> 1873, crediting the respective payments thereon, as of the time when such payments shall be made. And Whereas it was a part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said Mouse and the said Weld & Sheridan, that the said Mouse shall use the said boat in freighting coal from Cumberland to the points aforesaid, in regular trips with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done; and to give a preference in freighting to the coal of such company or persons as said Weld & Sheridan may from time to time direct, provided such person or persons are ready to load him at the current rates of freight payable by the large companies for a like service, within a period of twenty four hours, exclusive of Sundays, after his reporting for loading, and keep said boat in proper repairs; all of which said stipulations the said Mouse hereby covenants and agrees with the said Weld & Sheridan and their assigns to fulfill and perform. Provided Always that if from any cause whatsoever, said Weld & Sheridan shall not be prepared with coal within twenty four hours of the boat being reported by the captain as ready to receive her load, then all claims of said Weld & Sheridan to the services of the boat for that trip is cancelled, except so far as his right to claim the trip money is concerned. And whereas the said Mouse is anxious to secure unto the said Weld & Sheridan and their assigns the regular and due payment of each and every said installment of said purchase money, and also to secure the said Weld & Sheridan and their assigns the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid and the said Mouse is willing to execute these presents. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said Mouse for and in consideration of the premises, hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said Weld & Sheridan, their executors, administrators and assigns, the Canal Boat called Dr. Eliason to have and to hold the same unto the said Weld & Sheridan, their executors, administrators and assigns forever. Provided Nevertheless, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents that if the said Mouse shall well and truly pay unto said Weld & Sheridan, their executors, administrators and assigns, the aforesaid installments of purchase money upon each and every trip as aforesaid, until the whole purchase money with interest as aforesaid shall be fully paid; and if the said Mouse shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained, shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law. And this Instrument further Witnesseth that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid, that in case of any default upon the part of the said Mouse to make regular payments on account of said purchase money as herein provided or in case of a failure to make regular trips as aforesaid with said boat or in case of a refusal or neglect upon the part of said Mouse to freight for the company or person designated by said Weld & Sheridan or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat, as before mentioned, or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or

recitals in this mortgage named, to be done and performed on the part of the said Mouse then, and in either event the said Weld & Sheridan or their assigns are hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat, and after ten days public notice thereof in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland, to sell said Canal Boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder for cash or on credit; and out of the proceeds of such sale pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement, and then the balance due to said Weld & Sheridan, or their assigns, of said purchase money and interest. In Witness whereof the said Mouse hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written.

Test.: Philip Mouse {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit,

I hereby certify that on this second day of October 1873 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said County personally appeared Philip Mouse and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

W. H. Lowe, J. P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit,

Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1873 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Thomas Sheridan, one of the mortgagees in the foregoing mortgage and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide, as herein set forth. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

H. J. Flanagan, J. P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, Md., Deed Book 42, page 489, 5/1/1874.

At the request of F. Mertens this Mortgage was recorded May 1<sup>st</sup> 1874.

This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of April eighteen hundred and seventy four between Peter Mouse of Washington County, State of Maryland, party of the first part, and Frederick Mertens of Allegany County, State of Maryland, party of the second part. Whereas the said party of the second part has this day sold to the said party of the first part, the canal boat called "L. L. Mouse" at and for the sum of fourteen hundred & sixty six 70/100 dollars, which the said party of the first part is to pay to the said party of the second part, in installments and in the manner and upon the terms hereinafter mentioned, to wit: forty dollars for each and every trip said boat shall make from Cumberland to Georgetown, Washington, Alexandria or any other point, until the entire purchase money with interest is fully paid, crediting the respective payments thereon as of the time said payments shall have been made. And whereas it was part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said party of the first part and the said party of the second part, that the said party of the first part shall use the said boat exclusively in freighting coal from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria or Washington City; in regular trips, both day and night, with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done; and to receive the loads of the said boat promptly at each trip with the coal of such company or person as the said party of the second part shall direct; and to freight the same at the lowest current rates which shall be paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, the Borden Mining Company, the Consolidation Coal Company and the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company, and keep said boat in proper repair; and that the said party of the first part will not during the continuance of this instrument of writing, assign, transfer, or set over, or otherwise by any act or deed permit the said boat to be assigned, transferred or set over unto any person or persons whomsoever, without the consent in writing of the said party of the second part or his authorized agent, all of which said stipulations the said party of the first part hereby covenants and agrees with the said party of the second part and his assigns to fulfill and perform. Provided always that if the said company should not furnish loading for said boat within twenty four hours after the boat has been reported by the Captain at the place of loading, ready to receive her load, then the said party of the first part shall have the right of loading wherever he chooses for that trip – if such want of readiness to load the boat is caused by any default on the part of the said company, or its agents; but in case of a glut of boats, or in case such defaults, either in loading or unloading, happens from any other cause than a personal default of the said company, or its agents, then all the boats carrying coal for it must take their turn in loading and unloading, and no claim shall be made for such detention.

And whereas the said party of the first part is anxious to secure unto the said party of the second part, and his assigns, the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money, and also to secure to the said party of the second part and his assigns, the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid; the said party of the first part is willing to execute these presents. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the premises, hath granted, bargained, and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part and his assigns the Canal Boat called "L. L. Mouse" to have and to hold the same unto the said party of the second part and his assigns forever. Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents, that if the said party of the first part shall well and truly pay unto the said party of the second part, or his assigns, the aforesaid installments of purchase money upon



each and every trip as aforesaid until the whole purchase money, with the interest as aforesaid, shall be fully paid; and if the said party of the first part shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed, as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained, shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

And this instrument further Witnesseth, that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid that in case of any default upon the part of the said party of the first part to make regular payments on account of said purchase money, as herein provided, or in case of a failure to make regular trips as aforesaid with said boat, or in case of a refusal or neglect upon the part of the said party of the first part to freight for the company or person designated by the said party of the second part, or his authorized agents, or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat, as before mentioned, or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair, or in case of a transfer without permission, as aforesaid, or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or recitals in this mortgage named to be done and performed on the part of the said party of the first part, then and in either event, the said party of the second part, or his assigns, or any duly authorized agent, is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat and after ten days public notice thereof in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland, to sell said Canal Boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder, for cash or on credit; and out of the proceeds of such sale pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement, and then the balance due to said party of the second part, or his assigns, of said purchase money and interest, and if there be any overplus, the said party or his assigns are to pay the same to the said party of the first part.

In witness whereof the said Peter Mouse hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written.

Teste: H. J. Flanagan.

Peter Mouse {Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1874, before the subscriber, personally appeared Peter Mouse and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

H. J. Flanagan, J.P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1874 before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Frederick Mertens, mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide, as herein set forth. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name, on the day and year aforesaid.

H. J. Flanagan, J. P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, Md., Deed Book 42, page 489, 5/1/1874.

At the request of F. Mertens this Mortgage was recorded May 1<sup>st</sup> 1874.

This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of April eighteen hundred and seventy four between Peter Mouse of Washington County, State of Maryland, party of the first part, and Frederick Mertens of Allegany County, State of Maryland, party of the second part. Whereas the said party of the second part has this day sold to the said party of the first part, the canal boat called "L. L. Mouse" at and for the sum of fourteen hundred & sixty six 70/100 dollars, which the said party of the first part is to pay to the said party of the second part, in installments and in the manner and upon the terms hereinafter mentioned, to wit: forty dollars for each and every trip said boat shall make from Cumberland to Georgetown, Washington, Alexandria or any other point, until the entire purchase money with interest is fully paid, crediting the respective payments thereon as of the time said payments shall have been made. And whereas it was part of said contract of purchase and sale between the said party of the first part and the said party of the second part, that the said party of the first part shall use the said boat exclusively in freighting coal from Cumberland to Georgetown, Alexandria or Washington City; in regular trips, both day and night, with as much expedition and regularity as can be reasonably done; and to receive the loads of the said boat promptly at each trip with the coal of such company or person as the said party of the second part shall direct; and to freight the same at the lowest current rates which shall be paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, the Borden Mining Company, the Consolidation Coal Company and the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company, and keep said boat in proper repair; and that the said party of the first part will not during the continuance of this instrument of writing, assign, transfer, or set over, or otherwise by any act or deed permit the said boat to be assigned, transferred or set over unto any person or persons whomsoever, without the consent in writing of the said party of the second part or his authorized agent, all of which said stipulations the said party of the first part hereby covenants and agrees with the said party of the second part and his assigns to fulfill and perform. Provided always that if the said company should not furnish loading for said boat within twenty four hours after the boat has been reported by the Captain at the place of loading, ready to receive her load, then the said party of the first part shall have the right of loading wherever he chooses for that trip – if such want of readiness to load the boat is caused by any default on the part of the said company, or its agents; but in case of a glut of boats, or in case such defaults, either in loading or unloading, happens from any other cause than a personal default of the said company, or its agents, then all the boats carrying coal for it must take their turn in loading and unloading, and no claim shall be made for such detention.

And whereas the said party of the first part is anxious to secure unto the said party of the second part, and his assigns, the regular and due payment of each and every installment of said purchase money, and also to secure to the said party of the second part and his assigns, the regular, prompt and due performance of the covenants aforesaid; the said party of the first part is willing to execute these presents. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the premises, hath granted, bargained, and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part and his assigns the Canal Boat called "L. L. Mouse" to have and to hold the same unto the said party of the second part and his assigns forever. Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents, that if the said party of the first part shall well and truly pay unto the said party of the second part, or his assigns, the aforesaid installments of purchase money upon

each and every trip as aforesaid until the whole purchase money, with the interest as aforesaid, shall be fully paid; and if the said party of the first part shall well and truly do and perform all the covenants on his part to be done and performed, as set forth in this mortgage, then this instrument of writing and every matter and thing herein contained, shall cease and be utterly null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

And this instrument further Witnesseth, that it is mutually agreed between the parties aforesaid that in case of any default upon the part of the said party of the first part to make regular payments on account of said purchase money, as herein provided, or in case of a failure to make regular trips as aforesaid with said boat, or in case of a refusal or neglect upon the part of the said party of the first part to freight for the company or person designated by the said party of the second part, or his authorized agents, or in case of a failure or neglect to use all diligence, care and skill in making such trips with said boat, as before mentioned, or in case said boat is not kept in proper repair, or in case of a transfer without permission, as aforesaid, or in case of a failure to perform any of the stipulations or recitals in this mortgage named to be done and performed on the part of the said party of the first part, then and in either event, the said party of the second part, or his assigns, or any duly authorized agent, is hereby authorized to take immediate possession of said boat and after ten days public notice thereof in a newspaper printed in the City of Cumberland, to sell said Canal Boat at public sale, as mortgagee, to the highest bidder, for cash or on credit; and out of the proceeds of such sale pay first the expenses of such sale and advertisement, and then the balance due to said party of the second part, or his assigns, of said purchase money and interest, and if there be any overplus, the said party or his assigns are to pay the same to the said party of the first part.

In witness whereof the said Peter Mouse hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written.

Teste: H. J. Flanagan.

Peter Mouse {Seal}

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1874, before the subscriber, personally appeared Peter Mouse and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed.

H. J. Flanagan, J.P.

State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1874 before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Frederick Mertens, mortgagee in the foregoing mortgage, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the consideration set forth in the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide, as herein set forth. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name, on the day and year aforesaid.

H. J. Flanagan, J. P.

Allegany County Courthouse, Cumberland, MD, Deed Book 49, p 366, 10/30/1877.

At the request of William Young this Bill of Sale was recorded Oct. 30th 1877 at 9:50 A.M.

I Thomas Mouse of Washington County in the State of Maryland, in consideration of three hundred and ninety eight dollars and sixty seven cents, and three dollars for the expense and costs of the writing and recording of this Bill of Sale, paid me by William Young of Allegany County and the State of Maryland do hereby bargain and sell to the said William Young the following property: one Canal Boat "Sally E. Hassett;" two bay horse mules, eight years old; two brown mare mules eight years old; four sets mule harness; and one full boat rig with line and furniture complete.

Witness my hand and seal.

Teste: D. Blocher

Thomas Mouse {Seal}

Maryland, Allegany County, to wit: On this 29th day of October 1877 personally appeared Thomas Mouse before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County and acknowledged the foregoing Bill of Sale to be his act and deed. And at the same time personally appeared William Young and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the consideration set forth in the foregoing Bill of Sale is bona fide and true as therein set forth.

D. Blocher, J. P.