

The Abraham Booker Family
(Son of David and Dosha)

Chapter VI

Abraham Booker was born 29 August 1805 in Kentucky, probably in Jefferson Co., KY. (David Booker, his father, is on the Jefferson County, KY. tax list on September 2, 1805, residing on 47 acres near Floyd's Fork.) At the time of Abraham Booker's death on 10 January 1892 in Newton, IL., his obituary states he was born in West Virginia. If you look at each Census from 1850 through 1880, you will find that Abraham lists his birthplace as Kentucky, not West Virginia. It is more likely that when his family asked him where the Bookers came from, he probably answered that the Bookers had come from Western Virginia. As stated in Chapter I, his father and mother, David and Dosha, were married in Shenandoah County, VA. in 1791. Here is Abraham Booker's obituary as found in The Newton Press, dated January 13, 1892, page 5, fourth column:

"Abraham Booker died at his residence in Newton Sunday, January 10, 1892 at 3 A.M., aged 86 years, 4 months and 11 days. Deceased was born in Virginia [incorrect] August 29, 1805; moved to Kentucky when quite young and from there to Indiana 1818; in 1829 he was married to Miss Rachel Eeds who survives him. To this union eleven children were born, five of whom are living, two sons, Howell and Carroll, and three daughters, Mrs. T. [Thomas] G. Gambill, Mrs. Jennie [Rachael Jane] O'Neal, and Mrs. Sarah Willard. In 1882 he came to Jasper County and has resided here since. He and his wife have been members of the Christian (Disciples) Church for more than 60 years. Mr. Booker was a man of wonderful vitality, strong in mind, of generous impulses and gathered around him and the family circle hosts of friends. For more than three score years himself and wife have been traveling along life's journey together, exemplifying in their own actions the beauties of religion and teaching by their own conduct the moral precepts that fit the human soul for a home beyond the grave."

As mentioned in the obituary above, Abraham Booker married Rachael Jane Eeds in 1829 in Carlisle, IN. Rachael, born in Kentucky on 15 November 1811, was the daughter of Howell Eeds (born in Virginia) and Jane McClanahan (born in Tennessee). (Every Census lists Rachael born in Kentucky except 1880 which lists her born in Indiana.) Rachael's obituary from the Newton Press, dated 12 August 1896, front page, 5th column, is as follows:

"Death of Grandma - Booker

Rachael Eeds was born in Kentucky, November 15, 1811; moved to Indiana at an early age and was married to Abraham Booker in 1829. They lived happily together for 63 years, his death occurring Jan. 10, 1892. From a file of the PRESS we take the following: To this union...[see obit. above]...Mrs. Booker has resided with her son, Dr. Carroll Booker, in the southwest part of this city since the demise of her husband. Sunday morning she arose and prepared breakfast. In the afternoon she became ill and in the evening, about 6:30, passed quietly away. Deceased was a good woman. She was loved