

> Dear Alan  
> James Trimble was born about 1760 in Ireland or Scotland. Probably  
> Ireland. He was of the Catholic religion. James and a comrad came to the  
> U.S. on a merchant vessel. They were captured by a pirate vessel and James  
> and his friend were pressed into the service. The pirate vessel was then  
> captured, but by making it appear to the satisfaction of the public and  
> those in authority that they were not pirates but had to serve as  
> pirates their lives were granted them. When they got to America James and  
> his friend joined the service of the country in the struggle with  
> England to gain liberty. James was faithful to his post until he and his  
> friend were captured by and taken prisoners by the Indians. They were  
> with the Indians for a long time suffering all the hardships and  
> privations of captive life. They finally made the escape and wandered in  
> the wilderness and mountains of Kentucky without food, water or shelter. At  
> last they reached the Kentucky River where they were discovered by those  
> at the fort, crawling on their hands and knees through weakness. Those at  
> the fort thought they were Indians and were going to shoot them, but  
> James and his friend made signs of distress and the fort took them in. It  
> took a long time to get them nourished back to health. When they were  
> better they served in the service again against the struggle with  
> England until the war was over. James had 4 children. James born about  
> 1779 married before 1796 died 1830 Sull. Co. Ind. Mary born about 1780  
> married 12/17/1802 in Fayette Co. Kentucky to John William Cowden. Ann  
> Trimble married 8/12/1798 in Fleming Co. Kentucky to Edward Bird they had  
> 3 children Sally she had no children she married a man by the last name  
> Rice, James Bird 2m Sarah Solomon James had a daughter by 1m her name is  
> unknown. Nancy was Ann/Edward other child she married M.A. Essex I have no  
> other info. on this line. James born about 1760 had another daughter her  
> name is unknown but she married a man by the last name Matney. We come  
> from James to Mary who m. John William Cowden. John was married 2 times. He  
> 1st marr. Mary Trimble they had 5 children Martha Ann Cowden b. 1813 in  
> Ind. or Ky. she 1st marr. Robert Pleasant Posey This is my line Martha and  
> Robert were my 3rd great grandparents. I have this line completed. Nancy  
> another daughter born 1810 Ky. married Andrew Fredrick I have no more on  
> this line. Another daughter Eleanor Cowden 1st married John Simpson 2nd  
> married John Osburn I have no more on this line. Henrietta Ann Cowden  
> born 6/1/1808 in Ky. married Jacob Booker. Jacob's mother was a Howard  
> before she marr. a Booker. The Howard family is my mother's family. I have  
> Henrietta's line down several generations. The other daughter is your  
> Elizabeth Cowden b. 11/01/1797 died 4/23/1851 she is buried in the  
> Paxton, Ind. Cem. I would be glad to get any info on this line. I have alot

> but not all. I trace down every child I find. John 2nd married Rebecca  
> Richey 11/12/1815 in Knox Co. Ind. they had at least 7 children John  
> Cowden not sure of birth date married Sarah Carrico, Robert Cowden  
> married Marr. Caroline, Jane Cowden, Sarah Cowden, George Cowden married  
> 1/7/1851 in Sull. Co. Ind., Barthena Cowden moved to Texas, Margaret Cowden  
> also moved to Texas, Joseph Cowden married 1/7/1851. I have no other info  
> on the children from the second marriage but really haven't had the  
> chance to search. I have over 100 pages on the Trimble line.